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Bowling for a hundred

Twenty-seven Byron Bay bowlers got together in 1923 to form the Byron Bay Bowling Club. One hundred years later, it's time to celebrate the milestone. On August 4, there will be a Centenary Reunion for past and present members and guests from 5pm at the club in Marvell Street. And the club is not just for the bowlers – the club has supported many other community and sporting organisations throughout those hundred years. Pictured front is Bev Gawned, and from left, up the back is Ivan Easten, Robert Rays, Greg Daniels, Pat Bigg, and Bob Macaulay. Photo Jeff 'Sure, I'll Give Bowling A Whirl' Dawson

'Technical issues' stalling holiday cap decision

Mia Armitage

With the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) report on Byron's holiday letting still sitting on the desk of NSW planning minister Paul Scully (Labor), *The Echo* asked when residents could expect a decision.

In early May, the IPC's report was released, which recommended a Shire-wide 60-day annual cap on unhosted holiday letting.

Mr Scully was in Lismore on July 11 as part of a ministerial visit around the flood funding debacle.

'A couple of weeks ago, we received some initial advice from

Byron Shire about what might be able to be done, we're looking at that at the moment,' Mr Scully said.

The minister said the recommendation from the IPC for a Shire-wide 60-day annual cap on unhosted holiday letting could 'run into some issues with respect of having to do large rezoning of areas that already exists.'

Mr Scully said his department also had to contemplate 'existing use permits on properties.'

The IPC, in hearings earlier this year, quizzed Byron Mayor Michael Lyon on why Council wasn't prosecuting property owners breaching

development consent conditions related to affordable housing in second dwellings being replaced with holiday letting. Council has since announced it is investigating breaches and pursuing legal action where necessary.

Mr Scully said, 'We're working through some of those technical issues at the moment, the bottom line is though, in all of these areas, whether it be as a result, or contributed to by short-term rental, by flood, or by anything else, we have some acute housing pressures in the Northern Rivers that we have to deal with.'

NSW Labor ministers mute on flood funding

Mia Armitage

NSW Labor ministers responsible for the newly formed NSW Reconstruction Authority failed to clarify when a second tranche of Northern Rivers recovery funds will be delivered, and how much, when visiting the region last week.

Tuesday's media conference (11 July) by Emergency Services Minister, Jihad Dib, and Planning Minister, Paul Scully, was resumed in Lismore MP Janelle Saffin's office, after it was interrupted by rowdy protesters outside the Memorial Baths.

Protesters had followed the pack to Ms Saffin's office, and continued to yell and play sirens outside, at one point banging on the building repeatedly. Three police vehicles and around six officers were on standby outside the building after the conference.

Labor NSW Premier, Chris Minns, promised a ministerial visit earlier this month, after thousands of disaster survivors received official letters advising their applications for recovery funding had failed. Mr Minns also promised to visit the region himself at a later date.

The former coalition state government announced round one of funds under a Resilient Homes and Lands Program.

Labor Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin, has maintained that the \$800 million package was merely a 'down payment' for a larger recovery funding pool to be delivered via at least one more tranche. Saffin says that when in opposition, NSW Labor agreed in principle for

a second tranche of funding.

But instead, her government colleagues have accused their predecessors of misleading the public over available funds, saying no money was allocated.

The flood-affected Northern Rivers community is still reeling from the shock of learning recently that only 1,100 homes are expected to be eligible for buybacks, and fewer than 400 have been approved for retro-fitting.

Greens Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith, says the government needs to 'cut loose' people's hopes and expectations by revealing there isn't enough funding for the 6,000 homes originally quoted in the program announcement.

No funding for Byron

Ms Smith says nobody in the Ballina electorate (Ballina and Byron Shires) should expect to receive any more funding, aside from the few who have already. She told *The Echo* that fewer than 20 buybacks had been completed in the Ballina electorate.

She says the process of assessments and allocations has been a 'bureaucratic bungle' and there isn't enough money in state coffers for the scheme to continue in its promised form. The Greens member says she is pushing the federal government to contribute more and has suggested the state government start means-testing grant applicants.

Speaking in Ms Saffin's office, neither Mr Dib nor Mr Scully would commit to anything on the matter of future funds other than more advice.

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A closer peek at Franklin's pre-election promise failure

Hans Lovejoy

NSW Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin, has avoided taking responsibility for an unfulfilled \$6M funding promise he made just prior to his party losing the state election in March.

As reported last week, the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital (BBWH) faces possible closure, after a NSW government panel deemed the facility did not demonstrate 'value for money' in its funding application.

This is despite the panel recognising the hospital's 'expertise and experience in the provision of veterinary and rehabilitation services for injured native animals.'

The decision was supported by NSW environment minister, Penny Sharpe (Labor) 'at arms length.'

Sharpe's office told *The Echo* at the time that the NSW Labor government never promised the funding, and instead says it supports action on dwindling koala numbers.



NSW Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin is now President of the NSW Legislative Council.

Yet it is unclear what other government assistance is afforded to other native and endangered animals on the North Coast.

Franklin, who is now President of the NSW Legislative Council (upper house), told *The Echo*, 'Prior to making the announcement, I was advised that the funding had been secured through the Expenditure Review Committee (ERC).'

'However, as I advised on the day of the announcement, several administrative steps remained to be taken before

the funds were to be made available.'

He added, 'I'm disappointed that the incoming government hasn't taken these steps.'

Missing admin steps

Yet in his February 6, 2023 press release, there is no mention of any remaining 'administrative steps.'

Foundation veterinarian at Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital Dr Bree Talbot was instead quoted as saying the certainty of NSW government funding can help grow their 'capacity to deliver the highest standard of care to more wildlife.'

The Echo asked Nationals candidate for Ballina, Josh Booyens, 'Given you were the candidate and part of this announcement, do you think all candidates should ensure election funding promises, such as this, are "signed off on", so that the public's trust can be maintained?'

He replied, 'Being a candidate, I was removed from the machinations of

the bureaucracy, and wasn't aware these additional steps hadn't yet been completed until the day. Up to that morning, I was under the impression the funding was signed off.'

He says he and his campaign team 'fought tooth and nail to finalise this funding before the government went into caretaker mode.'

'Sadly, the bureaucracy won.'

Booyens added BBWH's economic impact study 'makes for compelling reading, and [shows] exactly why the BBWH is more than deserving of the funding.'

'This episode makes the case as to why ministers, who are on the ground, should have the power (supported by accountable, transparent, and published reasoning) to override the decisions of faceless bureaucrats who have never set foot in our region. Unfortunately, it's the only way regional NSW and organisations like BBWH will get their fair share of funding.'

Pensions cut as rural land values soar

Elderly homeowners are seeing their pensions cut or denied as rural property values soar, according to Simeon Michaels, director of North Coast Corporate Advisory (NCCA).

Michaels told *The Echo*, 'We've been helping elderly families in dire straits.'

'Pension-age homeowners are allowed combined assets of \$419,000 before their pension is reduced on a "cents per dollar" basis up to \$954,000, when the pension

is cut entirely. The family home is excluded from the assets test, to a maximum of two hectares. Any acreage beyond two hectares is valued, often unfairly, and included in the assets test.'

'As property values increase, more and more pensioners are caught.'

He told *The Echo*, 'A elderly couple with a nine hectare property tried to claim the pension, but were refused.'

'Centrelink ran them around in circles, until they gave up. They lived below the poverty line for two years, before confiding in their nephew, who engaged us to help. It took us three months, dozens of calls, and reams of form-filling to find

a way through Centrelink's bureaucratic maze.'

'A second elderly couple applied to Centrelink for a small loan to repair their home. As part of the application, they submitted a property valuation. Instead of being granted the loan, Centrelink cut their pension entirely,' said Michaels.

Exemptions to the two hectare rule do exist, he says. 'Basic information is available online, and Services Australia and charities such as the Salvation Army and St Vincents may assist via their free financial information/counselling services.'

'Nevertheless, many pensioners lack the resources to see a Centrelink application

through. We've been helping a limited number of people in this situation – on a minimal cost/success fee basis where necessary, but I suspect the problem is far more widespread,' says Michaels.

'If you own a house in the suburbs, the government doesn't say: "hey, you've got a big backyard, prove you can't build a granny flat on it or we'll take your pension off you." Yet, that's how they treat rural property owners.'

'The onus is on them to jump through hoop after hoop to qualify for an exemption – or lose their pension.'

'It's highly prejudicial.'

NCCA's contact details: simeon.michaels@gmail.com.



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Fallen troops remembered on Aug 3

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

August 3 marks 60 years since the arrival of the Australian Army Training team in South Vietnam, and 50 years since the withdrawal of combat troops.

Five hundred and twenty-three Australian soldiers were killed in action in Vietnam.

The federal Labor government will mark the occasion with a televised service on August 18, from the Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial in Canberra – but many Vietnam vets feel there needs to be more. On the day, across the country, vets and family members will stand beside the graves of the fallen. In Mullumbimby the community is invited to join RSL members at the Mullum cemetery on August 3 at 11am.



Mullumbimby RSL Sub-branch Secretary Neville Watts and President Brian Bamblett at the Mullumbimby cemetery graveside of Private Geoffrey 'Rick' O'Shea of the Special Air Service Regiment, who died on October 1, 1967 in action in Vietnam. O'Shea was 20 years of age.

After the floods, Mullum ambo station still closed

Paul Bibby

Eighteen months after the Mullum ambulance station was damaged in the floods, the vital local service remains closed, awaiting repairs.

The station provides an important base for ambulance services in the northern half of the Shire, allowing paramedics to reach people quickly in an emergency.

But it has been fenced off for more than a year, meaning that local paramedics must either be based at other stations around the Northern Rivers, or at the Mullumbimby Fire Station.

Twelve months ago, a spokesperson for the NSW Ambulance told *The Echo* that it had 'engaged a central government agency to project manage the repairs

to Mullumbimby [ambulance] station.'

Yet, it appears that, other than installing a new roof, no other work has been done, raising the question of whether the state government intends to reopen the station at any point in the future.

A sign on the fencing surrounding the site states that the Cudgen-based company Hucks Building is responsible

for the repair works.

When contacted by *The Echo*, Richard Hucks said work would be 'commencing soon.'

'We're just waiting on some consultants,' Mr Hucks said. 'It should be completed in 16 weeks... if everything goes according to plan.'

The Echo contacted Ambulance NSW for comment, and is awaiting a response.

Old Byron Woolies DA back before public

Paul Bibby

A \$57.2 million mixed-use residential and retail development planned for the heart of Byron Bay is back on public exhibition, after the owners decided to modify their plans.

'The Bohemian,' a three-storey 7,093 square-metre structure proposed for land adjacent to the old Woolies site has drawn a mixed response from locals so far.

One unimpressed resident described the project, proposed for 90-96 Jonson Street, as 'Gold Coast lite', while another said it was 'a greedy undertaking.'

The Development Application (DA) has already been approved by Council, but has recently been resubmitted with a number of significant modifications and is now on public exhibition. This includes reducing the number of proposed apartments from 54 to 44, and increasing the number of living and private open space areas.



An artist's impression of 'The Bohemian' from the DA.

The number of units may have shrunk, but The Bohemian remains a sizeable proposal, including basement car parking for 168 vehicles, ground floor retail and food premises with two levels of two- and three-bedroom apartments above.

More rooftop pools

In keeping with the current trend in Byron Bay, the proposal includes a rooftop

club featuring a 25m heating swimming pool, gym, spa and sauna.

The developers have also said there will be an 'activated laneway' with food and beverage offerings called Spice Alley.

While a number of public submissions in the original DAs were positive, one resident lamented the further 'Goldcoastification' of Byron Bay.

'If the proponents were serious about reacting to "community needs" they would use this development as an opportunity to address the chronic housing shortage in this town, and not come up with a totally unwanted, unneeded greed-driven appeasement to the wealthy capital city investors,' they said.

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Federal Labor tightens procurement regs on consultancy firms, as PwC scandal deepens

Hans Lovejoy

With the revelations that large consultancy firm, PwC, had misused government information for commercial gain, *The Echo* asked local federal MP, Justine Elliot, whether she supports a 'royal commission into the consulting industry and to formally ban firms that breach legal and ethical standards?'

According to www.theguardian.com, a former KPMG partner is asking for just that.

Another large consultancy, Deloitte, has also admitted misuse of government information.

Mrs Elliot told *The Echo* 'The Albanese government is horrified about the PwC revelations. Treasury has referred the matter to the AFP and it is currently under investigation.'

As way of background, she says 'The Department of Finance has already taken a number of actions under the Commonwealth Procurement Framework to strengthen our systems following the disclosure of the PwC emails'

'Secretaries have been reminded that ethical behaviour must be taken into account as part of the value for money assessments which underpin decisions

under the procurement framework.

'PwC has been directed to stand down employees who were involved in, or had knowledge of, the tax matters from government contracts, until the Switkowski investigation is completed, and the department is satisfied that the direction can be lifted.

New clauses

'New clauses will be included into the standard government procurement contracts to further strengthen the ability of the government to cancel these contracts in response to such behaviour in the future.'

Terror Nullius free screening on July 21

A free screening of *Terror Nullius*, a controversial hour-long film that 'makes a radical critique of Australian masculinity, refugee policy and the treatment of the Indigenous Australians,' will be held at The Byron School of Arts in Mullumbimby on Friday July 21, from 6pm.

Its synopsis says: 'Apocalyptic desert camps of *Mad Max 2* become the site

of refugee detention; flesh-eating sheep are recast as anti-colonial insurgents, and a feminist motorcycle gang goes vigilante on Mel Gibson.'

Local filmmaker, Darius Devas, is organising the screening and says, 'It's one of my top five Australian films of all time, their ability to repurpose iconic Australian imagery to hilarious and cutting effect, it is unlike

anything I've seen. Also the fact they received the coveted Ian Potter grant to make the film and then the organisation removed themselves from being associated with the film, speaks volumes to it touching a deep nerve on our so-called Australian identity.'

He says there is limited capacity, so booking is essential: [instagram.com/being.here](https://www.instagram.com/being.here).

How did the Chinny Charge begin?

Book your spot for the upcoming race and walk on September 16

Aslan Shand

It all began with an Ugly Man competition! That's right, in 1950, the Ugly Man Competition raised \$1,221 towards the building of 'proper learn-to-swim facilities' in Mullumbimby.

According to *Mullumbimby Happenings*, by Reg Byrnes, many 'local male identities raised funds on the basis of three pence (2 cents) per vote.'

From there, it was a range of fundraising events and carnivals that eventually became the Chincogan Fiesta, including Matron of the Mountain, Queen competitions and Maid of the Mountain.

First run in 1960

The first Chinny Charge was run in 1960, and the second race was run in 1967, which was won by Mullumbimby local Colin Creighton.

Once the Mullumbimby Memorial Baths were opened in 1967, the first Chincogan Fiesta followed in 1968.

The fiesta ran annually, raising funds for all sorts of community needs, from the provision of a car for the



The Chinny Charge Kids race from 2021. Photo Tree Faerie

community nurse in 1972, to supporting local preschools and Coolamon Villa Home for the Aged.

The race and fiesta ceased in 2002, but the Chinny Charge race was resurrected by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce in 2017.

Apart from the two years when it was cancelled owing to covid, it has been running each year as a walk and race up Chincogan Mountain.

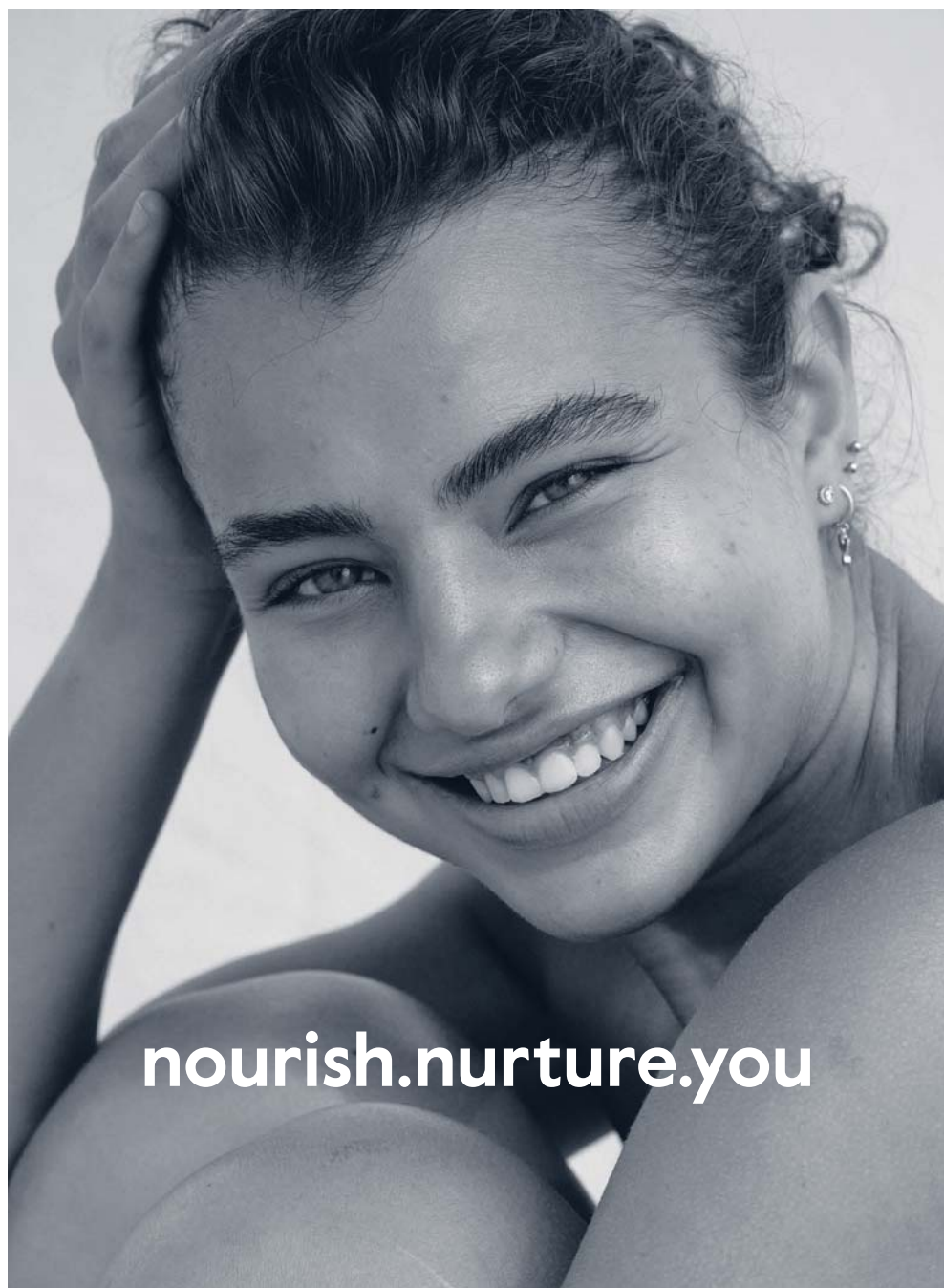
This year, the Chinny Charge will take place on Saturday, September 16, and it is the one day of the year that the access up the mountain is open to the public.

It is a great opportunity to either test your endurance in the run, or just enjoy a lovely afternoon walk with friends.

There is the open adult race, as well as the children's race, from Mullumbimby to the bottom of the mountain and back with multiple prizes on offer.

All participants are asked not to take single use plastics onto the mountain. No dogs allowed.

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Request for stamp duty waiver for flood-affected residents denied

A local flood-affected resident contacted *The Echo* around their disappointment that a request was denied by the NSW Labor government to have stamp duty waived on new purchases for flood victims who were saying 'yes' to a buyback.

As previously reported, buyback offers made by the the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) are at post-flood market rate, and there is little transparency around the appeals process. The NRRC's responsibilities were transferred to the NSW Reconstruction Authority on July 1.

The resident, who wished to remain anonymous said, 'At our most vulnerable time,

when we need support now more than ever, not only are NRRC failing to aid the recovery process, but the NSW state government are also failing to read the room.'

They said the NSW Treasury Department replied, 'Unfortunately, under current legislation there is no discretion for the government to waive or reduce a stamp duty liability that is properly payable. This is important to the integrity of the law, to ensure that it applies consistently and without prejudice or favour.'

The resident said, 'Does the NSW state government really need to make profit from flood victims? When does the madness end?'



Quilts to kids in need

View Club Treasurer, Margaret Keating, and President, Rita Strong with homemade quilts that will be sent to Sydney. Photo Jeff 'Wrapped in Duck Feathers Since 1986' Dawson

The Brunswick Valley View Club is supporting seven students through the Smith Family's Learning for Life, Program. The club and Quilts 4 Kids (www.quiltsforkids.org) donated seven quilts which, with the help of local NSW MP Tamara Smith's

office, will be sent to Sydney for distribution.

The Brunswick Valley View has speakers at its monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

For info email; thes-trongs@bigpond.com.

Four-storey hotel redevelopment slated for Waves Hotel

The landowner of the Waves Hotel, located diagonally opposite from the library, has released plans via their architect for an 'ultra-luxurious sanctuary' 76-key hotel, 'spanning four meticulously curated levels and 1,410 sqm'.

The press release by Plus Architecture says they drew inspiration from Byron Bay's renowned 'barefoot luxury' lifestyle.

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Plus Architecture director, Danny Juric, describes the design as a 'symphony of serenity,' where 'materials and finishes harmoniously blend, embodying the gentle embrace of nature.'

The Echo has asked when the DA will be submitted, and who the developer is.



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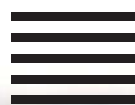
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Council committee member resigns in disgust

Hans Lovejoy

An experienced and well-regarded local architect has resigned from Council's Affordable Housing Committee and Place Planning Collective (PPC), claiming Byron Council is ignoring their input with the creation of 'affordable housing' policies.

David Brown's letter to Mayor Michael Lyon and Council's chief planner, Shannon Burt, also says the mayor is ignoring the community-led Mullum Masterplan by pushing for a car park to be built opposite Northern Rivers Auto Care on Argyle Street.

This would compensate for the community losing a busy car park - Council is planning, behind closed doors, an 'affordable housing' project between the former Hoopers restaurant and Milk & Honey restaurant.

The mayor also wants to house Council staff there.

Mr Brown says, 'While I acknowledge the need for additional parking, the site was identified in the masterplan as a "green entry" to our town'.

Cr Lyon was contacted for comment, but none was

received by deadline.

The Echo put Mr Brown's question to the mayor: 'Why can't Council put another deck on its own car park?'

Mute mayor

'Is Council considering developing its own car park as "affordable housing", and if not, why?'

Furthermore, Mr Brown also believes Council's Affordable Housing Contribution Policy is fundamentally flawed, and supplied detailed data to support his view (see page 9).

The resignation letter also includes his disappointment that an 'affordable housing' proposal in Myocum he was involved with was knocked back by planning staff, something that he claims would help alleviate the chronic shortage of accommodation.

In conjunction with Christopher Dean, Mr Brown submitted plans for 1247 Myocum Road (near the Mullum Golf Course) for 'Dual Occupancy Detached Dwellings with Expanded Dwelling Modules'.

It follows on from similar projects that Mr Dean has undertaken elsewhere,

which provide homes for essential workers.

Mr Brown told The Echo the DA has now been abandoned.

Mr Brown concludes the letter by accusing the mayor of 'smoke and mirrors proposals', and 'poorly researched and written policies'.

Smoke and mirrors

'You were briefed on the [Myocum] proposal, appeared supportive, and recently suggested such proposals, on rule, had merit.

'Then, instead of being properly assessed as a permissible, dual occupancy development, occupying just 2.6 per cent of the site with attendant environmental and employment benefits, it was incorrectly deemed to be a multiple occupancy development with flood and contamination issues.

'One can only conclude Council and Council officers are scared to step outside what they perceive to be in these inviolate rules when the land environment court has concluded that levels of flexibility can be given to the strict interpretation of a DCP'

What do Council committees do?

Council's voluntary advisory committees advise Council on matters such as town planning and other areas of policy.

Their meetings and subsequent minutes contain recommendations, which are noted/adopted at Council meetings.

Voluntary advisory committees also manage the Shire's many halls.

Currently, Council's 16 advisory committees function with community members, and some without. The Communications Panel lists only three councillors as members (no community or staff are mentioned), as does the Business and Industry Advisory Committee.

As previously reported, this committee, under mayor, Michael Lyon, operates without much transparency. They move out of committee session to invite unnamed business owners into the room. Who are they? Council won't say.

Rachel's Farm debuts July 25



Actor-director, Rachel Ward

A documentary that follows actor-director, Rachel Ward, in the regeneration of her northern NSW beef farm, debuts July 25 at Byron's Palace Cinema.

With the 6.15pm screening of Rachel's Farm selling out, a second 7.15pm screening, plus Q&A, has been added. Joining Rachel for the Q&A are Andrew Cameron, Mindy Woods and Lorraine Gordon.

Based in Nambucca Valley, Rachel's Farm shows the journey of Rachel and her husband and actor, Bryan Brown, as they go from 'wilful ignorance about the ecological impacts of conventional agriculture to embracing a movement to restore the health of Australia's

farmland, food and climate'.

Event organisers say, 'The 2019 Black Summer fires spared the farm, but the near-miss - and a first grandchild - set Rachel thinking hard about the future. [Her neighbour] Mick encourages Rachel to challenge established farming practices, and take on a new approach which starts from the soil up.

'It's hands-on hard work, but Rachel's determination, and her joy at finding solutions - not to mention dung beetles - is palpable.

'Rachel's Farm is about the environmental threats we face, but it's also the story of one woman's resolve to tackle them head on, intent on making a difference.'

Toni Childs music video plans back before Council

Paul Bibby

Much-loved local singer Toni Childs' plan to shoot a music video in the centre of Byron Bay is back on the agenda, after the artist's production team submitted a new proposal for the project.

The Emmy-award-winning artist and Byron resident had her first application to film on a section of Jonson Street knocked back by Byron Council at its June 22 meeting.

Council rejected the application on the grounds

that the plan to close the section between Lawson and Byron Streets between 6am and 2pm on Monday, August 7 would unduly impact traffic and businesses along the busy strip.

Road closure

'A request by a film production company may not be reasonable to close a busy road during peak hour,' Council staff said in relation to the original request.

'Even where a council believes exceptional circumstances apply, negotiations

with the film production over relocation, alternative times, or the imposition of appropriate conditions should be considered.'

Councillors voted to invite Ms Childs' production team, Big Mother Touring Company, to submit a new proposal with an alternate location and time for the film shoot.

The company has submitted a new application that appears to have acceded to half of that request, offering to shoot the video between 3am and 11am rather than from 6am to 2pm as

previously proposed.

The matter was due to be debated at Monday's meeting of the Local Traffic Committee.

Should the proposal be accepted by the committee, it will then be voted on at a future Council meeting.

Ms Childs made Australia, and Byron Bay, her home back in 2012.

She has put on numerous concerts and other offerings in the Shire since then, and has a show at Byron Theatre on August 12 called *Retrospective*.

Candlelight vigil and supper held for evicted Feros residents

On Wednesday, July 19, ten remaining residents at Byron Feros are being asked to vacate their rooms, yet residents of the facility, their families and supporters say they aren't going anywhere.

The Feros board claim the premises need to be vacated to redevelop the site, yet no plans have been provided publicly.

Subsequent public outrage has triggered an investigation by Crown Lands, who own the site on behalf of the people of NSW.

The community was invited by the residents to join the elderly residents for a candlelight vigil and supper on Tuesday night at the Marvell Hall (next to Feros). Dianne, daughter of staunch resident, Kate Smorty says.

'It's time to show our ageing community support.

'We need to keep our Feros Byron aged care village open for the "Tenacious Ten" elderly residents still there, and for our future elders who will benefit by having this community village.'



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Byron Writers Festival introduces a new \$35 pass for under 35s!

Byron Writers Festival 2023 invites audiences aged 35 and under to soak up the festival experience with a Saturday PM Under 35s Pass. This new pass gives access to twelve sessions taking place at the festival site from 2pm, Saturday 12 August for just \$35.

With a similar set-up to a music festival, pass holders can wander between five venues and choose what they want to listen to on the day. Sit down and hear from leading thinkers and changemakers spanning the big issues of misinformation, race, gender and sexuality. Or delve into the worlds of fiction, memoir and fantasy authors at the top of their game.

Read on for a closer look at the incredible conversations on offer Saturday afternoon...

It's 2023 and feminism has a new agenda. **The Feminist Trajectory** will explore how feminism(s) have changed over the years and what's possible for tomorrow. Featuring Michelle Arrow, Madison Godfrey, Nakkiah Lui and Tracey Spicer, this session is set to be an empowering one.

Madison Godfrey, who has performed at The Sydney Opera House, Glastonbury Festival and St Paul's Cathedral, will again be gracing the stage for **Dress Rehearsals**, a genre-blurring work that explores coming of age, gender euphoria and the complicated colours of memory and desire.

For those who want to hear from one of our most inspiring leaders in person, the 2021 Australian of the Year will discuss her bestselling memoir *The Ninth Life of a Diamond Miner* in her deep dive session, **Grace Tame In Her Own Words**. An intelligent, raw, and witty speaker, Grace Tame offers a vision for a better future for all of us, which, let's



L-R: Nakkiah Lui, Grace Tame, Antony Loewenstein, Amie Kaufman, Ellen van Neerven and Bertie Blackman.

face it, is what we all want and need. **Misinformation** is currently rife and wreaking havoc in Australia and around the world. In this mind-blowing session Monica Attard, Antony Loewenstein and Anke Richter will discuss with Misha Ketchell how and why misinformation and disinformation derail

public debate and what we can do about it. From cults, to weapons manufacture, to the impact of tech and AI on the media, this session will shift the way you think about the world.

Thankfully, mental health is a topic that is being more openly spoken about these days. **Fragile Minds**

will see a poet, memoirist and psychologist explore the big questions: who decides what is normal, is mental fragility necessary for creativity and is it part of our inner wildness?

Lovers of fantasy won't want to miss **Worldbuilding – an Act of Wild Imagining**, where Grace

Chan, Ben Hobson and *New York Times* bestselling author Amie Kaufman will explain how they build mind-blowing fictional worlds. From a virtual reality called Gaia, to Victorian goldfields and a magician's ocean journey, this session will transport and delight.

Fiction-aficionados can lose themselves in Kate Morton's **Homecoming**. The author will deep dive into the epic story that spans continents and generations, asking what would you do for love, how do we protect the lies we tell and what does it mean to come home?

Australians have always loved sport, but our relationship with it has become more complicated in recent years. Ellen van Neerven's session **Personal Score**, delves into the issues our country's sport has with race, gender and sexuality from a queer, First Nations perspective.

For the creatively and musically inclined, **Wild Notes** is a must-see. Bertie Blackman, the creatively gifted memoirist daughter of the legendary artist Charles Blackman, and Eliza Hull, a singer and pianist who advocates for people with disabilities, discuss in depth how they go about their craft.

With such an inspiring array of panellists and soulful conversation, the afternoon of Saturday 12 August is shaping up to be one wildly epic ride. Saturday Under 35 passes give access from 2pm for \$35, and are available via byronwritersfestival.com/tickets.

Get ready to party at the Voices in the Wild feature event

If anyone knows how to throw a literary party, it's the slam poets! Get ready for Byron Writers Festival's Saturday night feature event, **Voices In the Wild**, a cabaret of spoken word that will bring the house down.

This separately ticketed evening event will take place on Saturday 12 August at the Imaginarium (Bangalow A&I Hall). Featuring the powerful voices of poets, storytellers and wordsmiths Maxine Beneba Clarke, Madison Godfrey, Miles Merrill, Sarah Temporal, Jo Yang, plus winners from Poets Out Loud Slam and Australian Poetry Slam heats, and hosted by David Stavanger, guests are invited to grab a drink from the bar and kick back to enjoy the incredible talent and power of this fantastic spoken word line up.

Traversing topics such as race, climate change, gender and mental health with empathy and hope for the future, **Voices in the Wild** will take guests on a riotously unique journey, using language in its most



Pictured L-R: Sarah Temporal, Jo Yang, Miles Merrill, Maxine Beneba Clarke and Madison Godfrey.

commanding form of lyrical storytelling.

So, who's on the bill?

Performing writer Miles Merrill brought poetry slams to Australia from Chicago, and is back for Byron Writers Festival 2023. He is the spark for dozens of story sharing programs across the Asia-Pacific.

Sarah Temporal is a

prize-winning Northern Rivers based performance poet and the founder of Poets Out Loud. Her upcoming debut collection is *Tight Bindings*, which explores embodiment and the stories that bind us.

Also on the line-up is Jo Yang, a proud Chinese-Australian on a mission to connect people through empathy and humour. Jo is the 2022 Australian Poetry

Slam Champion, as well as a high school teacher, podcaster, writer, and poet.

Maxine Beneba Clarke is the author of over 10 books for adults and children and Poet in Residence at the University of Melbourne. Her recent poetry collection *It's the Sound of the Thing: 100 new poems for young people* celebrates the joy of language and features enticing

and relatable poems about everyday life.

Madison Godfrey (they/them) is a writer and educator who has performed at venues such as The Sydney Opera House, Glastonbury Festival and St. Paul's Cathedral. Madison is the author of *Dress Rehearsals*, which Artshub describes as a "fiercely punk and undeniably powerful" poetic manifesto,

exploring coming of age, gender euphoria and complicated colours of memory and desire.

Last, but certainly not least, David Stavanger will be hosting the event. A poet, performer, producer, and lapsed psychologist, David is also the co-editor of *Admissions: Voices Within Mental Health*. His latest collection *Case Notes* won the 2021 Victorian Premier's Literary Award.

Voices in the Wild is sure to leave every member of the audience emboldened by the change that individual and collective voices can make.

Saturday 12 August, 6.30pm at Bangalow's A&I Hall. Bar open from 5pm. Tickets are \$35 and selling fast, so don't delay. Get yours at byronwritersfestival.com/feature-events.



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2022 flood disaster recovery a disaster – community calling for reset

Reclaim Our Recovery (ROR) has invited the NSW Premier Chris Minns and local MPs to come together and listen to the community after the last 16 months of government failure to provide the support and recovery they need.

Birth trauma awareness event coming to Lennox

Over 450 Northern Rivers locals are coming together next week to support the conversation and raise awareness around perinatal trauma, with a free event at Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Tuesday 18 July at 10am.

Looking at Tweed coast and estuaries

In their latest quest to find out what the community wants for the Tweed Shire, Council is seeking feedback to help inform the development of a new coastal management program to help preserve and protect the much-loved Tweed Coast and its estuaries.

Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre reopening

There will be a community open day this Sunday 16 July to celebrate the reopening of the Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre, on the shores of the lake in Lennox Head.

Law & Order: Special Nimbin Unit

The previous Lismore Council looked at two issues involving the town of Nimbin, with both having speakers during public access. One would have been mistaken for thinking the speakers were in a court of law after the clearly hostile grilling they received from certain councillors in the chamber.

Rock fern causing toxicity in cattle

Farmers are being alerted to the risk of rock ferns in their grazing paddocks by Local Land Services who are urging livestock owners to be on the lookout for rock fern which can cause toxicity.

Big trees threatened in Ballina

A number of trees, including two very large figs, are going to be destroyed if a proposed child care centre in the car park near Ballina Central shopping centre goes ahead.

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Temporary roundabout for Lennox Village

A temporary roundabout has been installed at the intersection of Byron Street and Byron Bay Road (The Coast Road).

Councillor Eva Ramsey and local Jamie Hoile had raised the issue of a roundabout at this site with Ballina Shire Council recently and had started a petition to install a roundabout and reduce speed limits.

A press release from Ballina Council has stated that the temporary roundabout at Byron Street and Byron Bay Road (The Coast Road) was being put in place to assist with the expected increase in traffic due to the next stage of the Lennox Village Vision project.

'With the Byron Street/Ballina Street intersection now complete and fully reopened, Ballina Shire Council's crews will focus on Stage 5 of the Lennox Village Vision project

at the Ballina Street and Park Lane intersection from Monday 17 July 2023,' stated a Council spokesperson in the press release.

'Stage 5 works will include road and drainage upgrades, new paving, and landscaping. This stage is expected to take six weeks and will require the complete closure of the intersection to complete this work as quickly as possible.

'Northbound motorists will need to continue along The Coast Road to access the Lennox Head CBD via Byron Street.'

Other traffic arrangements

Motorists will be able to enter and exit Ballina Street via Byron Street. U-turn bays will be available on Park Lane and Ballina Street.

Access to businesses

on Park Lane will be maintained, however at times access may be changed or unavailable for short periods.

Motorists will need to use alternative parking on either side of the construction zone.

Pedestrian access will be maintained, however at times there may be pedestrian detours around construction zones.

Water outages may be required. Impacted properties will be advised before outages occur.

The bus stops located on Ballina Street (Lennox Park and Lennox Head Medical Centre) will be relocated to Pacific Parade, opposite The Lennox Hotel.

For more information about the staging of works and to register for emailed project updates, please visit ballina.nsw.gov.au/LennoxVillageVision.

Tweed Council wants free hospital parking



Tweed Valley Hospital construction. Photo supplied

Aslan Shand

In a surprising move at the last Tweed Shire Council, Labor councillor Reece Byrnes and conservative councillor Warren Polglase were both on the same page in relation to free parking at the contentious new Tweed Valley Hospital (TVH) near Kingscliff. Both councillors claimed they could confirm that there would be free parking at the site. Cr Byrnes said the Richmond federal member of parliament, Justine Elliot, had provided assurances that it would be free, as did Cr Polglase, his confirmation coming from Tweed's National Party MP Geoff Provost.

'My understanding is that yes, there will be a forthcoming affirmation,' said Cr Byrnes.

The '[health] minister has informed the state member who represents the people of Tweed that this will be the arrangement.'

Free in perpetuity

The concerns about the lack of commitment to free parking for all, in perpetuity, at the Tweed Valley Hospital have been repeatedly raised by the Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association (KRPA). They have pointed out that if parking isn't free then hospital visitors will park in residential streets, in the Kingscliff pool car park or at Kingscliff TAFE. This concern has also been compounded by the fact that the NSW government has pushed back the plan for free

parking at regional hospitals that was supposed to start on 1 July.

No public announcement

After some argy bargy between Liberal Councillor James Owen and Labor's Cr Byrnes, Mayor Chris Cherry moved the meeting forward to allow Cr Polglase to speak to the matter.

'I can confirm that what Cr Byrnes is saying is correct. Because I'm aware of it [from Geoff that] the minister did mention that that would be the case,' said Cr Polglase.

Liberal councillor Rhiannon Brinsmead then entered the fray pointing out that the issue was being politicised by other councillors. She said, 'all we needed was for the member for Tweed, the member for Richmond, or even better the health minister, to put it in writing and confirm it to make it official, to be honest that this isn't about politics.'

While there have been confirmed conversations between Mr Provost, Mrs Elliot and Health Minister Ryan Park that confirm the parking is free there has been no public announcement as yet.

'All I'm hearing is a load of bluff that maybe someone might have said something to someone else – and there's no transparency in that,' said Cr Owen.

The motion sought to write to the NSW premier, the NSW minister for hHealth, the NSW treasurer, and local state members of parliament 'expressing council's support for, and requesting that parking is free at the new Tweed Valley Hospital when it opens, and in perpetuity'.

The motion was passed four votes to three with councillors Polglase, Byrnes, and Dennis against.

■ Read longer version of this story on *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au.

Airport resurfacing works on home stretch

David Lowe

Essential works to resurface Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport's main runway have almost been completed, with a large team of workers doing a series of night shifts since early June to finish the mammoth task. The airport has continued operating normally during each day.

It's been ten years since the last runway overlay work was done, and it is expected that the current works will extend the lifespan of the runway for another ten years.

Airport Manager Julie Stewart told *The Echo* that Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport is the third busiest in NSW (after Sydney and Newcastle) and is expected to get even busier over the next few years, with a big boost to visitor numbers since the height of the COVID pandemic.



Airport resurfacing works. Photo David Lowe

She said the runway is 1,900 metres long, with the new asphalt being overlaid across the surface amounting to 15,500 tonnes. The specialist work crew has been laying about 1,000 tonnes each night, with 95 people on site per shift and a large number of vehicles also involved.

Big job

The cost of the project is approximately \$20 million, with \$5.54 million coming from the federal government

and the rest of the budget coming from the airport's capital works program. Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport is owned and operated by Ballina Shire Council. Raw materials for the work have been drawn from Teven Quarry.

Ms Stewart said that like many local employers, Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport is struggling to find enough workers to fulfil essential tasks, as visitor numbers to the region increase. 'We're actively looking for additional security screening staff to help us manage that process,' she said.

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Mullum takes up majority of pegged 'affordable land' in Council's Affordable Housing Contribution Policy

Hans Lovejoy

As reported on page 6, local architect David Brown has resigned from Council's Affordable Housing Committee, and the Place Planning Collective (PPC).

The PPC is a body of locals tasked with guiding Council with the development of Bangalow, Mullum, the Arts & Industry Estate and Federal.

Among his many reasons for resigning, he says Council's Byron Shire Affordable Housing Contribution Policy is 'fundamentally flawed'.

So what is it?

Both the 'policy and scheme' are available on Council's website.

Council say: 'One of our initiatives to help deliver affordable housing for our community is to collect contributions from landowners when their land is upzoned'.

'The Byron Shire Affordable Housing Contribution Policy sets out how landowners can make an affordable housing contribution using a planning agreement. The Affordable Housing Contribution Procedure provides more detail about how we operate the contribution framework. The other pathway we have for collecting contributions is through the Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme.'

The Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme, prepared by Judith Stubbs and Associates, was adopted by Council on August 11, 2022, and Byron Council is the only regional council to have one.

What's identified?

A viability assessment (Appendix B at Page 55) looks at sites in Byron Bay (one 1.8 ha parcel), Bangalow (9.7 ha), while Mullumbimby takes up a considerable amount of land at 62.4 ha.

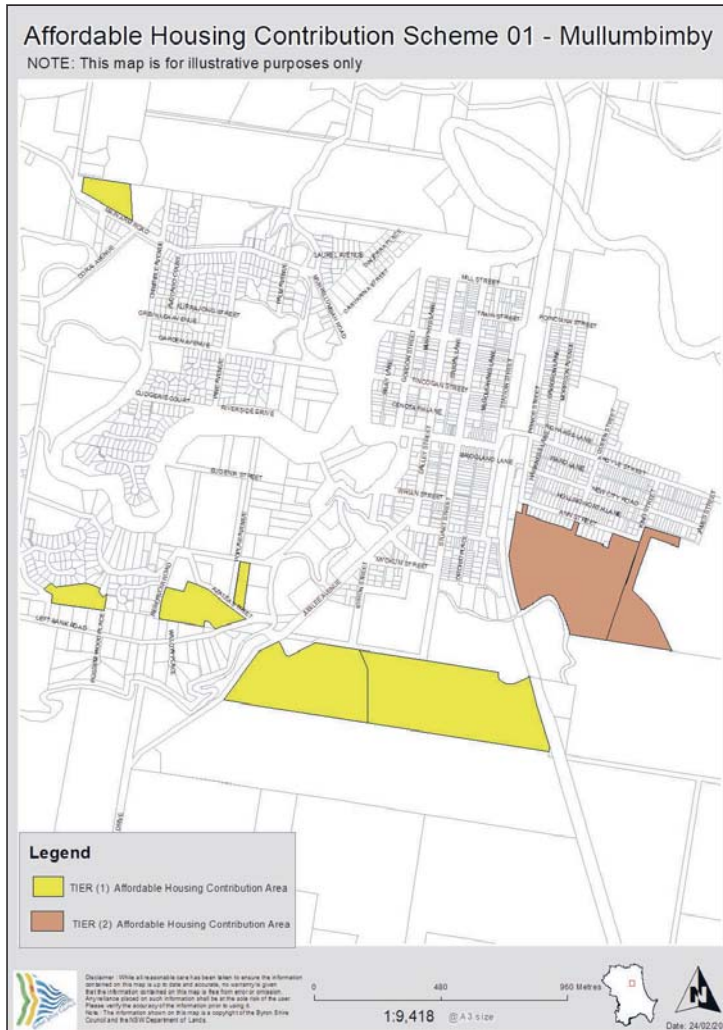
As for the Byron land, a small parcel is located on the corner of Ewingsdale Road and Kendall Street at Belongil.

Brown told *The Echo*, 'The Byron Bay land was noted as flood-prone, and likely to require two metres of fill. And we know all that does is exacerbate flooding elsewhere.'

As for the Bangalow land, Brown says it 'is generally flood free.'

'The Bangalow land is shown as possible land for residential in the Byron Shire Residential Strategy, and is probably okay for development.'

Yet Brown raises concerns



over the Mullumbimby map, which he compared with flood study maps.

Mr Brown says the map suggests that 'all but 11.4 ha of the stated 62.4 ha is potentially flood free, or not captured by DPI farmland protection recommendations.'

'So, from a total 73.9 ha stated in the policy, just 21.1 ha (Bangalow at 9.7 ha and Mullumbimby at 11.4 ha) might be flood-free, and suitable for development.'

Sharyn French, Manager Environmental and Economic Planning, responded to the claims made by Mr Brown:

1. Mr Brown says of the Mullum land pegged, 'all but 11.4 ha of the stated 62.4 ha is flood free, or not captured by DPI farmland protection recommendations'. Is this correct and if so, why is Council proposing that this land be developed - was the 2022 flood not included in this policy/scheme?

Ms French: 'The draft Mullum Residential Strategy has identified some 62 hectares for investigation. The plans were prepared prior to the 2022 flood. This is currently under review and a further update to the strategy will be reported to Council in the second part of 2023.'

2. Are Mr Brown's density projections reasonable in terms of '15 dwellings per hectare, you get a total of about 320 rather than 1,110 dwellings'?

Ms French: 'Depending on final zonings, the density projections can vary. A low density zoning may result in a yield of 15 dwellings per hectare. A medium density zoning could result in a much higher development yield.'

3. Mr Brown says after all the flood-prone land is taken away from the total land pegged, he estimates 320 dwellings, with 80 affordable housing dwellings (25 per cent), leaving 280 or so that are not. Is that correct?

Ms French: 'This would depend on how the land is zoned.'

4. Also there is no timeframe for such developments, Mr Brown says. He writes: 'Rezoning, development approvals and construction could take years! And Council cannot force the issue beyond rezoning the land as, apart from the Mullum Hospital site, private ownerships are involved, and they may choose not play the game until the market starts to rebound'.

Ms French: 'Once land is rezoned, the future development of the land would be in the hands of the landowner in terms of timing.'

Mr Brown concludes by saying, 'Then you have Council's "escape clause" from detailed scrutiny, such as expediting the NRRC rezoning proposal for Bangalow and Saddle Road. "Sorry yer honour, it weren't me!"

Page 63 of Council's Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 01 for Mullumbimby. There are two tiers of 'Affordable Housing Contribution Areas'. Tier 1 is indicated by the yellow areas, while tier 2 is the brown area, just to the south of Ann Street near the disused railway line. The old Mullum Hospital site, located on the corner of Azalea Street and Left Bank Road, is pegged for the scheme, along with nearby land parcels. The largest tier 1 area, between Jubilee Avenue and the disused railway line, is just south of Council's abandoned plans for Lot 22 (located left of the railway), and is considerably larger in size.

might be Council's response. And the NRRC might choose not to include this land in a contributions scheme.'

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Tackling autobesity

About ten years ago, the four-wheel drive car, useful in rural areas with poor roads, began to lose ground to the larger sports utility vehicle (SUV).

The SUV has since become very popular, even in cities, and because of its view-blocking profile, some people buy them in self-defence, just as you have to stand up at a concert when everyone else does.

The standard SUV is irritating if you drive a conventionally shaped car, ride a bicycle or venture on to the street as a pedestrian. Its bulk obscures the traffic conditions from other road users, its engine generally emits more pollution than smaller vehicles, and in accidents it is more deadly.

Careless drivers can be deceived by the elevated seat: the higher the driver position, the slower your speed seems to be. There are more blind spots on SUVs than on lower cars, and they roll over more easily.

Nevertheless, SUVs have long been accepted as intrinsic elements of our traffic ecology. They are useful for large families, handily survive collisions with smaller vehicles, and give their owners the illusion that they will one day drive across the Simpson Desert.

However, there is now a trend towards super SUVs, monster vehicles that have no justification whatsoever, unless you are invading Iraq. These machines consume vast amounts of energy and their appearance at a time when fossil fuel companies are hell-bent on increasing their output, heedless of the climate crisis, is probably not a coincidence.

Is the market responding to a genuine need for these behemoths, or are consumers being mesmerised into wanting them by clever

marketing? Whatever the case, the benefit from super-sized SUVs, which mostly consists of increased self-confidence in the penile inadequate, is tiny compared to the harm they cause.

The greater weight of these vehicles inflicts massive damage on anything they collide with. Whereas modern saloons have been designed to minimise injury to pedestrians, even when they are struck by the front of the bonnet, the sheer cliff-face front of these monster SUVs ensures instant fatality, except at extremely low speeds.

Our roads are designed to carry a much higher number of light cars than heavy trucks. When ordinary cars turn into trucks, the roads become chaotic, harder to drive on and harder to maintain.

It is already difficult to reverse out of a parking spot between two SUVs; if they are monster SUVs extending into the street the manoeuvre becomes dangerous. But the space between two such vehicles is not wide enough to hold a car anyway. The brutes sprawl over normally marked spaces and jut into the lanes of parking lots.

Not everyone is giving up without a fight. The City of Paris has decreed that from next year SUVs will be charged more for parking than ordinary cars. Another French city, Lyon, has followed suit.

I fear we are not as smart as the French. Do not be surprised if the next trend in autobesity coming from the USA is people buying tanks. A mammoth machine equipped with a big gun, just what monster SUV owners dream of.

David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder
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Cruelty of rental crisis now centre stage

The crisis of unaffordable and insecure rentals here is not news, but right now there's a real opportunity to help fix it.

Nationally, the federal Senate is investigating the 'worsening rental crisis.' A tripartisan committee wants to hear the first-hand experiences of renters. They want to know what can 'reduce rents or limit rent rises', how leases can be longer, and 'renters' rights' improved. Submissions close next week.

At the same time, the NSW government wants submissions on how to make rental laws fairer.

Given this region is among the least affordable and most unfair in the nation – where renters suffer the toxic inflationary cocktail of holiday-letting, covid migration, and floods – those inquiries want to hear from us.

'The rental crisis is real and it's happening in Ballina, Lennox, Byron, and Bruns', says Cathy Serventy, general manager for housing at local non-profit Social Futures.

'We'd been in crisis for years, and then a natural disaster turned it into a catastrophe.'

'In Byron, even people who work at Social Futures can't afford to rent a place by themselves,' Serventy told me.

She and colleagues see families with children forced to leave schools and friends, to chase affordable rents. People facing the humiliation of invasive lease applications, and the brutality of eviction and homelessness.

Byron now has the highest number of rough sleepers in the state, surpassing even the City of Sydney. But even for renters with a roof over their heads, stress can breed sleeplessness and suffering.

Just ask any friends or family unlucky enough to be trying to make a home in the local 'rental market'.

A third of Australian households now rent. Out-of-control rent rises directly damage the quality of their lives. In Byron Shire, rents have risen by around 60 per cent in six years.

A staggering 50 per cent of tenants here are in 'rental stress', defined as more than 30 per cent of



'Fundamental change to address the depth of this rental crisis is inevitable, if fairness means anything at all in Australia.'

– Dr Ray Moynihan

income going on rents.

While there are complex causes, the rise of Airbnb, Stayz and other platforms is clearly a key factor.

Just months ago, the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) held hearings about Council's push for a 90-day cap on short-term rentals. A local professor famously described the crisis as 'almost dystopian... undermining the fabric of society'.

The key expert report to the commission was damning, finding that in Byron, 'Airbnb is equivalent to 83 per cent of the total rental stock'. In 2022, there was a massive 34 per cent drop in availability of two-bedroom homes for private rentals, at the same time as a 20 per cent increase for Airbnb.

'We can call it a crisis both in terms of affordability and availability' wrote authors from the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute. Essential workers including those in cleaning, hospitality, teaching, and nursing 'will be increasingly unable to live and work in the township,' they wrote, echoing what every local already knows.

The evidence and the community spoke. The commission listened. It recommended an even tougher 60-day cap, to incentivise the return of houses to long-term rental.

An expert on both Airbnb and the wider crisis is University of NSW's Dr Chris Martin, who argues there's been 'far too much accommodation of landlords and property owners' in housing policy in Australia.

'We need to change our renting laws and give tenants greater security,' Martin told me this week, 'and there's an absolutely sound case for having regulation of rent increases for existing tenancies', and letting the market set the price of new ones.

The current political context is the Greens' push for rent caps, Labor's resistance, and national cabinet due to meet soon on improving renters' rights.

The wider structural context is the decline in affordable housing, as boomers like me benefited hugely from obscene inflation of housing prices, rather than from any special effort or skill.

One per cent of Australians reportedly own nearly a quarter of investment properties, with most investors over 50 and most renters under 35. Housing has become for-profit, not for-people.

In my years reporting from the late 1980s onwards – from the *7:30 Report* to the *Australian Financial Review* – housing affordability was seen as boring. Journalists – also growing rich through housing – sought the limelight of the political beat, not the shadows of the housing round.

But change is coming. This week an influential giant of Labor's left, former Deputy Prime Minister, Brian Howe, publicly promoted longer leases and limits to rent increases.

'There is a sound case to investigate some form of intervention in the private rental market,' he wrote in *The Guardian*, '...the federal government should put pressure on the states to ensure rental prices are moderated.'

With home ownership impossible for millions, a third of us renting, and the cruelty of unaffordability under the spotlight, fundamental change to address the depth of this rental crisis is inevitable, if fairness means anything at all in Australia.

■ Dr Ray Moynihan is an honorary Assistant Professor at Bond, who's worked for ABC *Four Corners* and been a Harkness Fellowship at Harvard. Currently a Greens volunteer, his views are his own.



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Funk erosion

Recently I became involved in house buying and selling and I noticed this: every house 'on the market' gets spruced up before sale. This gentrification means that the 'funk' that used to be so attractive around here is eroding away.

As beach cottages get replaced by million-dollar mansions the 'funk factor' slowly disappears leaving bright shining new properties. Ugh!

What to do? Don't buy or sell, just exist; or figure out your own solution.

Andrew Hall
Ocean Shores

Challengers should pay

Any developer who challenges local Council land permits and building regulations should have to also cover Council legal costs, whether they win or lose.

That wouldn't prevent people from challenging regulations – maybe they need challenging, who knows? But it might just stem the tide by giving pause for thought.

If they initiate a challenge, it's only fair that they should bear the costs, not we, the community.

Tracey Stride
Coorabell

The Voice

I would like to see the success of the vote which is why I am raising suggestions, in light of perceived backlash in the mass media, and as told on the ground and reported up.

As far as any system of government on the face of the planet goes, is there really an across-the-board sense of confidence the people have in their governments? No.

Why would it be any different therefore in terms of how this constituency feels about a body which has no definition – no organisational definition regarding representation, and no constraints on what it would advise on – it is open slather.

And at what point do the colonisers get to call it a day in terms of making good on reconciliation? My major concerns are around homelessness, the cycle of violence, and mass incarceration, and the lack of hope for the Aboriginal people



caught up in the system, in education, and in health.

I would like to see the Voice address these concerns to ensure that no matter who is in or out of office, those areas are getting addressed to ensure equitable outcomes. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will, I fear, not see any movement on the dial of closing the gap and addressing system inequities if the Voice does not hone in on these critical areas and take leadership. Without some definition amid the backlash, I sense a familiar and nauseating sentiment of paternalism which emerged with the Aboriginal Protection Act.

Danielle Haliczzer
Ocean Shores

Barking up the wrong tree

There is an urgent need for a change to Jonathon De Wet's (Letters, 12 July) ignorance of semantics, of lexicography, and of the significance of context.

He obviously does not know the old dictum that words do not have meanings; we have meanings for words, and context reveals what the meaning is in any particular instance (think of 'kids' for

children and for baby goats, or 'row' for propelling a boat and for undignified noisy squabble – there are countless examples).

Streets and roads around here are named after – wait for it! – shrubs and trees. We locals know that – we live in Tuckeroo, Golden Penda, Melaleuca, Azalea, Brushbox, Willow and unsurprisingly, Hottentot. We even have the Tallowood locality.

It takes a fevered imagination to see other (let alone deviant or malevolent) meanings in the context of the road and street names hereabouts.

Therefore, my advice (through you, madam) to Jonathon De Wet is to open his mind and broaden his education.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

Cheeky Mungo

Such a pleasant surprise to find the name Mungo MacCallum arise as a solution, from an anagram of 'a calm column mug' in last week's cryptic.

Cheeky Mungo inserting himself as if signing off this puzzle from beyond the grave.

Robert Gibson
Byron Bay

The Last Daughter

Thank you to *The Echo* for alerting me to *The Last Daughter*, the story of Brenda Matthews (July 5 issue).

I watched this beautiful, incredible story – another heartbreaking, heart-wrenching First Nations truth-telling.

Poignant, painful and complex, yet resolved generously with love.

This is a 'must watch' to gain understanding, and any hope of reconciliation.

Josephine Wolanski
Byron Bay

Decisions

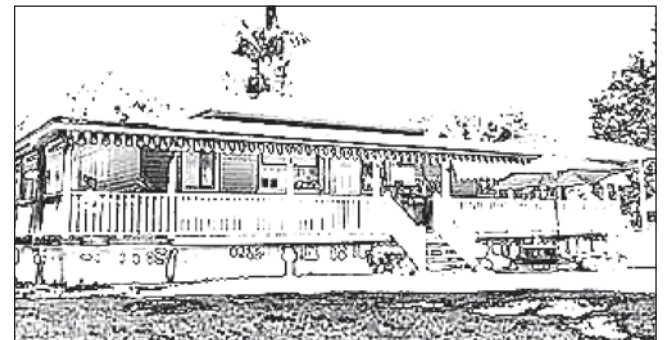
As we all know, the underlying principle of economics is 'supply and demand'.

Ok, let's say you're a business owner, either large or small and you and your family really enjoy living in a relatively small, idyllic town called 'Paradise', far removed from the 'concrete jungles' less fortunates have to live in to make a quid, and you make a good living 'supplying' your goods and services for the 'demands' of that community.

Out of the blue, a massive residential DA is proposed upon your pristine ecosystem wetlands which will adversely affect your now perfect lifestyle and could even increase the chances of flooding all of 'Paradise' itself.

On the other side of the 'mighty dollar' coin however, it's obvious that 'they' and their myriad of so-called imported 'essential workers', will need to draw on your productivity (supply) to achieve their goals (more demand = more money!).

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On top of that, after the construction is completed, and they move on to their next wetland job site, (I hope not), an estimated 300 to 400 new kids on the concrete block will then become my permanent potential customers, providing extra 'demand' and even more money!

So, do I 'openly' object or support the DA (you can't make an anonymous submission), or do I go with the flow and just lie doggo?

Decisions, decisions!
Laurence Johnstone
 West Ballina

At last

Thank heavens for the summary by Peter Hartcher on Coalition ministers in the last government (p32, SMH news review 9 July 2023). The article nails the important points associated with Robodebt.

And thank heavens for Bill Shorten bringing it to an end (see Hartcher's final paragraph).

What an appalling thing for an Australian government to have continued to do for years and years. Truly shameful. Let alone illegal.

Wasn't former minister Christian Porter a legal expert, even the top legal

man in Australia as the federal government's attorney-general for a time? Unbelievable.

Margrette Young
 Dorrroughby

Adults only

In January this year the federal minister for youth invited young people 16-24 to apply to join groups to advise on matters relating to youth. The NSW government already has a youth advisory council.

Don't they know that we grown-ups have been managing youth matters like mental health, education, and climate change perfectly well without that sort of interference?

Before you know it they'll be telling us to change the date of ANZAC Day and to replace it with a celebration of peace!

Sandra Heilpern
 Bangalow

Round and round

The proposed Byron Shire Water Strategy references again the importance of the reuse of treated wastewater. Such a strategy is important because it would reduce the demand on potable (drinking) water and reduce the amount of

Woke is an African-American adjective meaning 'well informed, aware and alert to racial prejudice and discrimination'.

effluent leaving the sewage treatment plants (STP) for our waterways.

Back in the nineties Byron Shire Council (BSC) supposedly had a reuse policy in place. Process monitoring was carried out weekly on wastewater operations to assist operators to improve the performance of their wastewater treatment plants and supply the best quality of effluent possible. To achieve that quality, testing was carried out at a NATA-registered laboratory owned by BSC. A substantial sum of ratepayers' money was spent to get this laboratory registered. The laboratory was a BSC asset. The potential for this laboratory not only to do work for Council but also to carry out testing for the private sector and thus generate revenue was self-evident.

So, why was the laboratory closed in 2008? The type of testing done by a NATA-registered laboratory is critical to monitoring the quality of wastewater destined for reuse.

I was invited to join the Water, Waste & Sewer Advisory Committee (WW&SAC) by Simon Richardson. The first meeting of the committee was held in 2017. I asked a question of the utility manager in W&R: 'Did W&R still have a reuse policy and was W&R actively pursuing new recipients to take reuse?'. The answer from the utility manager was: 'No'. Not one of the four councillors present asked: 'Why not?'

Anyone who wants to see the amount of reuse being generated from sewage treatment plants can go to the BSC Water & Recycling website, go to 'flows' and see the amount of treated water discharge compared to reuse being generated. The reuse figures are minuscule e.g. on 1.3.2023 treated effluent leaving BVSTP was 1,456.61kl/day and reuse for the same day was 58.93kl/day.

We are now back to square one. Are any of Byron Shire's councillors going to ask why we are back to square one?

Alan Dickens
 Ballina

Words matter

I looked up the word 'woke' after Florida governor and presidential candidate Ron DeSantis bragged: 'Florida is where woke goes to die'.

Woke is an African-American adjective meaning 'well informed, aware and alert to racial prejudice and discrimination'.

Somehow, half of America made 'woke' a pejorative word - and the same people made 'liberal' a dirty word!

And how about the American term 'minorities' when talking about other people? The indoctrination is so total, that even minorities refer to themselves as 'minorities'. And why are some Americans referred to as African Americans, Native Americans, Latin Americans or Asian Americans? As this is the case, surely pale-skinned people should be called European Americans. Or maybe everyone could just be Americans? It might make for a more cohesive society.

Black and white is a very divisive way of describing people. Most of us are shades of brown. Race is so superficial it's impossible to know somebody's 'race' from their DNA. In one family there can be a range of different features and pigments. As if it damn well matters.

And what about left and right to describe opposing political factions? The Latin word for left is 'sinister' and the left hand is considered the hand of the devil. For centuries Catholic schoolchildren have been punished for being left-handed. King George VI was naturally left-handed, and as a student was forced to write with his right hand, which caused his debilitating

stutter. Left means being left behind or forgotten.

Right on the other hand is correct and proper. So when the press refer to the political right, there is an in-built bias that this is the right side to vote for and identify with.

Right-wing think tanks come up with masterful weasel words to describe and justify the excesses of neoliberal economic policies. Take 'neoliberal' itself - what is there not to like? Neo means 'new' and liberal means 'generous'. Yet neoliberal economic policies are tearing society apart and causing an ever-widening wealth gap. 'Economic rationalism' is another weasel word suggesting that anyone opposed to neoliberal policies is irrational.

And how about negative growth? This oxymoron is used when an economy contracts - because the term 'negative growth' doesn't impact the stock market like the word 'recession' might. And when billions get wiped off the value of shares it's called a 'correction'.

To conserve something means to protect it from harm or destruction. But 'conservatives' are more likely to over-exploit resources. In the face of global warming, being conservative means business as usual. Conservatives might more correctly be described as radical reactionaries, while the so-called left might better be called progressives. Maybe it's time to rethink words that have so much impact on our lives?

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What's all this about the solar maximum?

Cosmos Magazine

A recent uptick in solar activity and its effects on infrastructure on and around Earth has raised concern about how the upcoming solar maximum will affect technology.

So, what's going on?

Our cyclic Sun

The Sun has an approximately 11-year cycle of higher solar activity driven by the flipping of its magnetic field. The beginning of these cycles is known as a 'solar minimum' – when solar activity is at its lowest – and the middle is known as the 'solar maximum' – when the Sun has the highest number of sunspots, solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CME) and, therefore is most active.

Our Sun, like all active stars, is a burning ball of gas and plasma. At its surface, temperatures can reach more than 5,000°C. At its nuclear fusion reactor core, the Sun is burning at temperatures greater than a million degrees.

So, it's no surprise that there are violent interactions taking place.

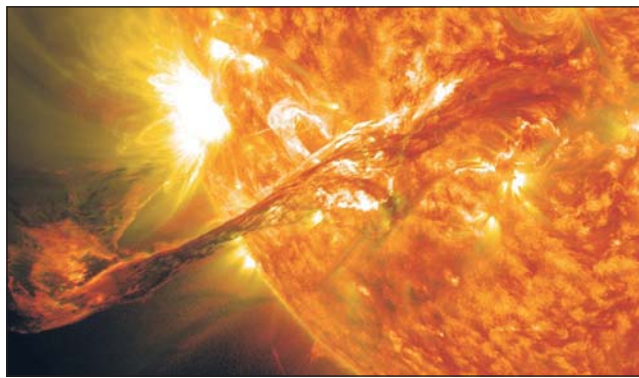
Among these outbursts are solar flares, which are large eruptions of electromagnetic radiation from the Sun's surface. These mysterious phenomena tend to take place in active regions in the presence of strong magnetic fields typically associated with sunspots.

CMEs are huge ejections of the solar magnetic field. These expulsions take with them huge amounts of plasma, ionising matter and shoot high-energy charged particles at great velocity into space.

Solar winds are streams of charged particles released from the Sun's corona – a layer of superheated plasma, mostly consisting of electrons, in the Sun's upper atmosphere.

Scientists have been tracking the solar cycle since 1755. We are now entering the solar maximum of Cycle 25 which is expected to peak in 2024–25. Solar Cycle 25 began in December 2019.

'At the moment, we're seeing the rise of Solar Cycle 25. And it's exceeded the forecasts that were made,' solar astrophysicist at the University of Sydney, Professor Mike Wheatland, tells *Cosmos*. 'It looks like it's on track to be about as



CME erupts from the Sun, 31 August, 2012. Photo NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

big as Cycle 23.' Cycle 23, 1996–2008, peaked in 2001.

Know your ABCs and Ms and Xs

When CMEs collide with Earth's magnetosphere – the region of space around the Earth that is produced by our planet's magnetic field – they can cause geomagnetic storms and aurorae.

These storms are rated G1 to G5. Disturbances from high-energy particles from solar activity can also cause radio blackouts which are similarly scaled R1 to R5.

Solar flares fall into categories labelled A, B, C, M or X where each subsequent letter represents a flare with 10 times more energy than the previous letter. The number following the letter marks the number of times stronger than the weakest solar flare in that category. For example, an X2 flare is twice as powerful as an X1.

Increased solar activity has already led to technological disruptions on Earth in the last 18 months.

February 2022 saw 38 of SpaceX's 49 'Starlink' satellites fall out of the sky due to a G1-class storm from a CME. An M8-class solar flare in September released a pulse of X-rays and extreme UV radiation which caused a shortwave radio blackout in Africa and the Middle East for up to an hour. Earlier this month, an X1 solar flare caused a 30-minute high-frequency radio blackout across the Pacific Ocean and western US.

Solar activity in history

The greatest solar flare incident of the last 500 years occurred on 1 September, 1859 and is known as the 'Carrington Event.' Scientists estimate that the solar flare that caused it was an X45 ejection.

Skies all over the planet were bathed in red, green and purple auroras, even in the

tropics. Telegraph systems were disrupted, and their operators electrocuted, setting telegraph papers on fire.

In 1972, a solar flare knocked out long-distance US telephone communication. A 1989 solar flare knocked out power for six million Canadians for nine hours. An X5-class solar flare in 2000 (as Cycle 23 was reaching its maximum) caused radio blackouts and short-circuited satellites.

Solar Cycle 25

Overall, the experts agree the peak of this cycle is expected to be 'moderate.'

'During the solar maximum, the Sun is expected to emit 4 to 6 flares of varying intensity and direction per day,' says Alister Graham, a professor of astronomy at Melbourne's Swinburne University.

'Predicting solar cycles is fraught,' Dr Marc Duldig, a physicist at the University of Tasmania, told *Cosmos*. 'I don't think it's going to be a particularly violent solar maximum. Nothing like we were getting in the 1960s or '70s.'

'Although we haven't reached the peak of Solar Cycle 25 yet, there's already more sunspots than the previous solar cycle,' says University of Newcastle physicist Dr Hannah Schunker. 'It's going to be larger than the previous one but in the big scheme of things, it's probably going to be fairly moderate.'

'To get a severe space weather storm, there's a whole sequence of events that have to happen,' Wheatland adds. 'There could be a severe space weather storm occurring during this solar cycle, there could be a couple of them.'

Duldig notes that it 'is a bit of a probability game.'

'This is a really tough problem and we're working really hard on it,' Schunker notes. 'One of the issues is you can't make an experiment with the Sun.'

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Moments of truth puncture ABC's Budget Q&A – submarines and climate costs ignored

Jim Beatson

A tearful 15-year-old Charlotte was the showstopper on a recent Q&A, ABC TV program, this time examining the 2023-24 Federal Budget.

Charlotte, sitting with her four siblings and single mum, having just received their tenant eviction notice asked, 'What should we do?' This questioner, and several other tearful questioners left Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, the sole panelist, lacking practical responses.

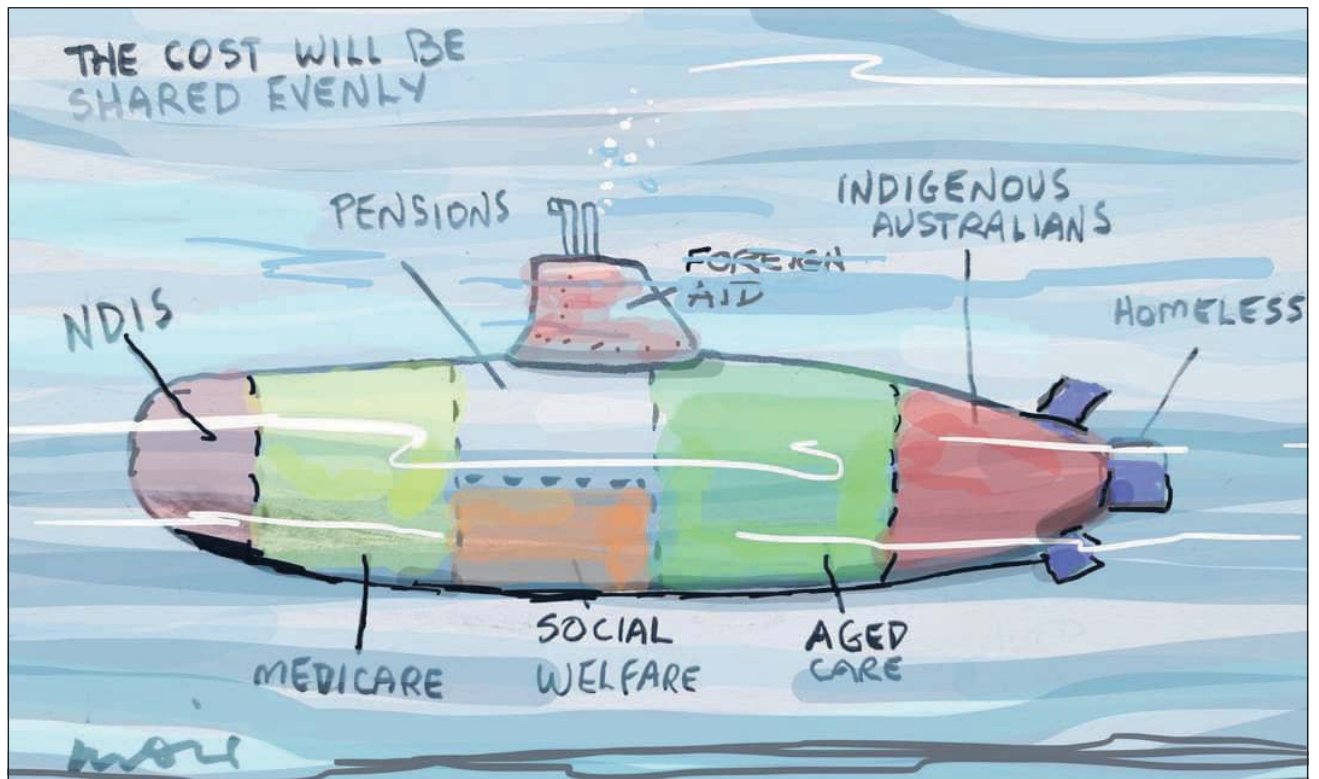
The engaged audience was clearly empathetic to Chalmers' inheritance of ten years of inaction by the outgoing Liberal-National coalition government. And to his clearly expressed sincerity over their sad problems. Yet neither satisfied his audience.

It was Chalmers' lack of practical answers which underwhelmed the audience. His comments contained only one sting, aimed at Greens MPs.

Chalmers attacked the Greens – threat to block Labor's housing legislation to build 30,000 homes this year at a cost of \$5 billion a year – as the Greens' first ambitious Parliamentary tactical claim. All because the Greens wanted more. It was the sole moment generating instant audience applause.

But no answers from Chalmers over community housing left questioners pleading for the government to invest at least \$5 billion a year to build public and affordable housing and commence clearing the waitlists for public housing. Nor answers to ensure rent subsidised homes for teachers, nurses and other essential workers who can't find an affordable home, especially in regional/rural areas.

The Greens latest revised gambit is to scale back their demands on housing, offering to pass Labor's future fund bill in return for \$2.5 billion a year of direct spending and \$1 billion a year to incentivise the rent freeze.



Cartoon by Alan Moir

This is likely to be discussed between the parties, behind closed doors next week.

Community-based critics of the Budget, like another Q&A questioner, asked why the Albanese government won't lift Jobseeker rent assistance payments above the miserly \$3.97 a day as part of the \$14.6 billion cost of living package.

Other questions over Centrelink and aged care, where government spending on health, aged care and sport is limited to \$137.6 billion in 2023-24, added to the Q&A audience's anger.

Nuclear subs

But the unacknowledged elephants in the ABC program were a lack of questions focusing on nuclear submarines and climate action costs.

No questions from Q&A's audience, to replicate questions by some mainstream journalists, plus former Labor leaders, Greens and Teal MPs who've asked if all these problems could be fixed by cancelling the gob-smacking \$386 billion for just eight nuclear subs. According to a recent *Four Corners* program this cost averages \$32 million per day, for the next 32 years!

Are the subs essential to our defence? The gGovernment received a resounding 'Yes' from military staff with vested interests in wanting more money for the late arriving nuclear-powered submarines. And more ticks from academic defence analysts who, like the military, earn

their living typically working within the defence postures of the military.

Celebrated investigative journalists, like Brian Toohey, doubt the value of Australia replacing Aussie-made Collins-class subs with eight nuclear subs based on the British Astute-class subs in the long term. Plus, before that, sometime in the 2030s, five second-hand US Virginia-class nuclear subs to fill the gap.

Brian Toohey, reports: 'The earliest Astute, laid down in 2001, showed key design and production facilities had atrophied, resulting in delays and cost overruns that continue... today. Basic drafting and engineering skills had deteriorated. Problems emerged with software. 'After entering service in 2014, the Astute crew suffered from excessive heat and ran aground during sea trials a month after delivery. While *The Guardian* reported in 2012 that during exercises that year a pipe carrying seawater from the back of the submarine to the reactor sprang a leak, because a cap was made from the wrong metal, but construction records said the right metal had been installed.

'A confidential Ministry of Defence memo obtained by *The Guardian* says extensive corrosion is "a cause for major concern". The memo said the damage means "severe problems" can be expected in future and warns that the submarines will have to spend more time than planned under repair.'

Toohey notes that 'secret US Navy documents, in *Newsweek* on 19 April confirmed earlier authoritative reports showing that only a quarter of America's Virginia-class submarines are operationally available at any one time, due to highly complex maintenance problems.'

It's a common joke among sub-mariners that cheap conventional submarines, like our Collins-class subs, are invisible when sneaking up alongside the extraordinary expensive nuclear-powered submarines. Nuclear-powered subs are excessively noisy because of the need to keep the nuclear core cool with powerful water pumps, so are unaware of unwelcome neighbours.

Albanese, spent only two hours examining the AUKUS deal in detail with naval experts before saying 'Yes', without Caucus approval. Clearly Albanese didn't want to be wedged by Morrison, with Shorten and Labor's anticipated victory at the previous election front of mind.

Climate change

Equally worrying is Australia's improved, but still lacking, funding policy to meet the climate emergency.

The transition from a fossil fuel economy to renewables needs massive investment and while Labor has allocated large sums to rewire the nation, and enable the distribution of

renewables, there are big questions about how quickly this can be achieved. Experts insist that there can be no new coal and gas if we are to avert climate catastrophe, yet Labor is pushing ahead with green lights for new coal mines including the massive Beetaloo gas reserve.

The Greens were able to extract a commitment from Labor to fund the transition of households from gas to electricity in order to hasten the transition to renewables. Yet while even a portion of our grid is generated by fossil fuels, we will continue adding fuel to the climate fire.

Australia continues to license more coal – and gas – fired power just as the world's leading climate change organisation, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) announced a month ago that the long-feared era of disastrous climate change has commenced.

This monumental report definitively linked greenhouse gas emissions to the type of disasters driven by a warmer climate that are touching every corner of the globe this year and are shown on TV bulletins almost nightly.

Should we all have to consider the conclusion section of Neil Barr and John Cary's 1994 book, *Greening A Brown Land*, noting Australia has moved from a convict colony of 'social survival to economic growth to environmental concern'. And now to a future global climatic collapse?

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In his mould – will Bullock address the issue of corporate profit?

David Lowe

The announcement of a new Reserve Bank governor last week will be cold comfort to the many Australians groaning under the pressure of twelve interest rate rises since May 2022, but the departure of Philip Lowe should take some political pressure off the Albanese government, even if he's not actually gone yet.

Treasurer Jim Chalmers told the media, 'Phil Lowe goes with our respect, he goes with our gratitude, and he goes with dignity, and I want to make that clear.'

After seven years in the top job, the governor's term was due to expire. The issue was whether his term would be extended again. Cabinet have now declared that his successor for the next three years will be Mr Lowe's deputy, Michele Bullock.

Philip Lowe will not formally step aside until mid-September, and he's going to accompany Treasurer Chalmers on one last junket, to the meeting of G20 money men in Gandhinagar, India, this week.

So what went wrong?

Mr Lowe was originally appointed governor of the RBA by Scott Morrison, who was federal treasurer in 2016. He's presided over the central bank during a

particularly turbulent time, which has included the COVID pandemic, war in Ukraine, and record inflation here in Australia.

One of the main jobs of the RBA governor is to put a trustworthy, human face on whatever interest rate percentage the bank decides to inflict on borrowers following its regular board meetings, which is where Mr Lowe has apparently fallen down, despite his best efforts.

In November 2021 Mr Lowe told the country that he didn't expect interest rates to rise from historic lows during COVID until at least 2024, which encouraged many Australians to go into heavy debt. Since then, the RBA has raised interest rates repeatedly (from 0.1 to 4.1 per cent) in an attempt to curb inflation. Having only one blunt instrument at their disposal, they used it, making life much more difficult for 1.2 million borrowing households.

The Reserve Bank has recently been through a major review, but Philip Lowe won't be around to see that through, or to benefit in the eyes of the borrowing public from the likely end of steep rate rises and a growing focus on employment. It looks like the end of a well-paid run for the bloke from Wagga Wagga who did a doctorate at MIT and has worked at the RBA on and off since high school.



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Incoming Reserve Bank Governor Michele Bullock. Wikipedia/RBA

Mr Lowe has been a significant mentor to his replacement Michele Bullock, who reportedly shares most of his economic philosophy, and will no doubt face further major challenges.

Her vaunted communication skills will be in demand as RBA reforms include eight press conferences a year (compared to Lowe's total of four in seven years).

Is there another way to deal with inflation?

The Australia Institute's Richard Denniss has been saying for some time that huge corporate profits are driving inflation, along with overseas supply factors, not wage growth,

and that raising interest rates is not dealing with the real problem.

The OECD, led by that well known leftie Mathias Cormann, is now in agreement, saying 'corporate profits contributed far more to Australia's rise in inflation through the past year than... wages and other employee costs'. So far the Reserve Bank has ignored this.

Economist Jim Stanford has shown that Australian businesses have increased prices by \$160 billion per year, over and above their higher labour and tax expenses, and over and above new profits generated by growth in actual economic output. He says that without the inclusion of these excess profits, inflation would have been halved.

Mr Denniss notes that government policies directly influence the cost of many things, ranging from gas to medicine to aged care to electricity to education – along with the opportunity to control associated inflationary pressures – if only big businesses (including the banks) could live with less excessive profits, and politicians were brave enough to take them on.

The gap between rich and poor in Australia is continuing to grow, as those who have assets become richer (especially as interest rates have risen) and those without fall away.

Australia Institute analysis shows there's been an almost perfect reversal of economic benefits in this country in the last 60 years, with 96 per cent of economic growth going to the bottom 90 per cent of income earners in 1950-60, as opposed to 93 per cent of growth going to the top 10 per cent in 2009-19.

The forthcoming \$250 billion of tax cuts for high earners will worsen this situation, along with inflation.

With the seat of Fadden swinging further towards the Liberals at Saturday's by-election, it's clear that cost of living pressures are the main concern for many Australians, and a major challenge for government, no matter who is in the big chair at the Reserve Bank.

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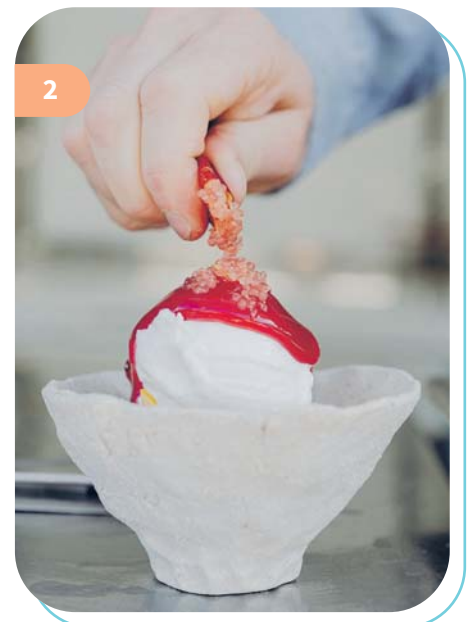
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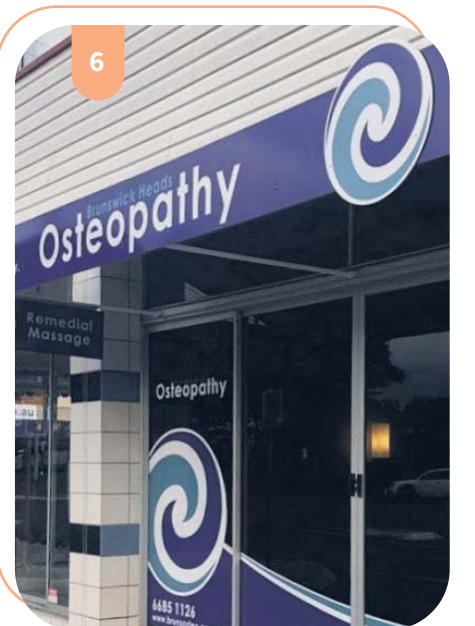
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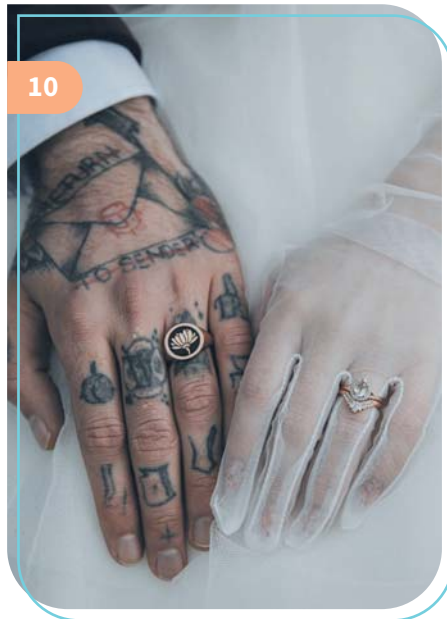
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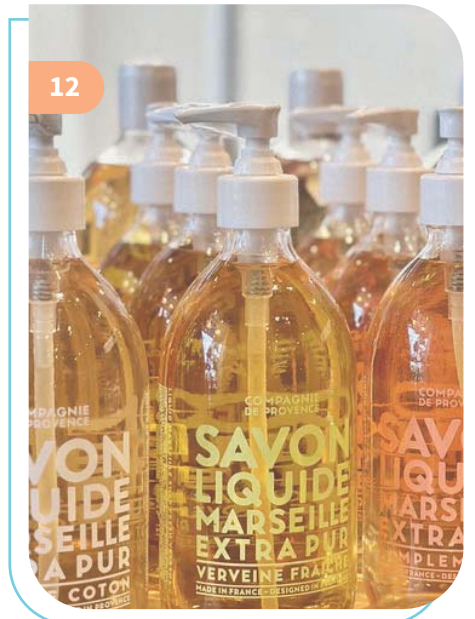


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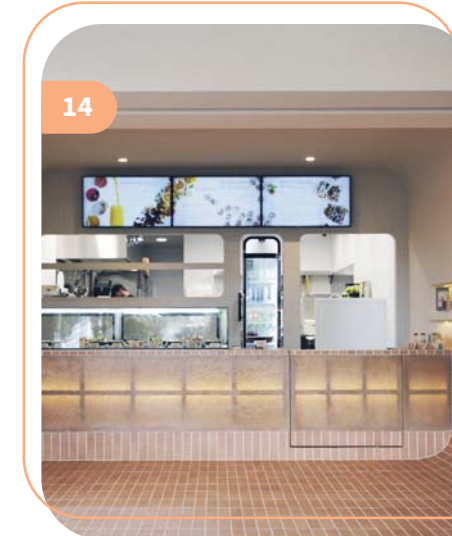


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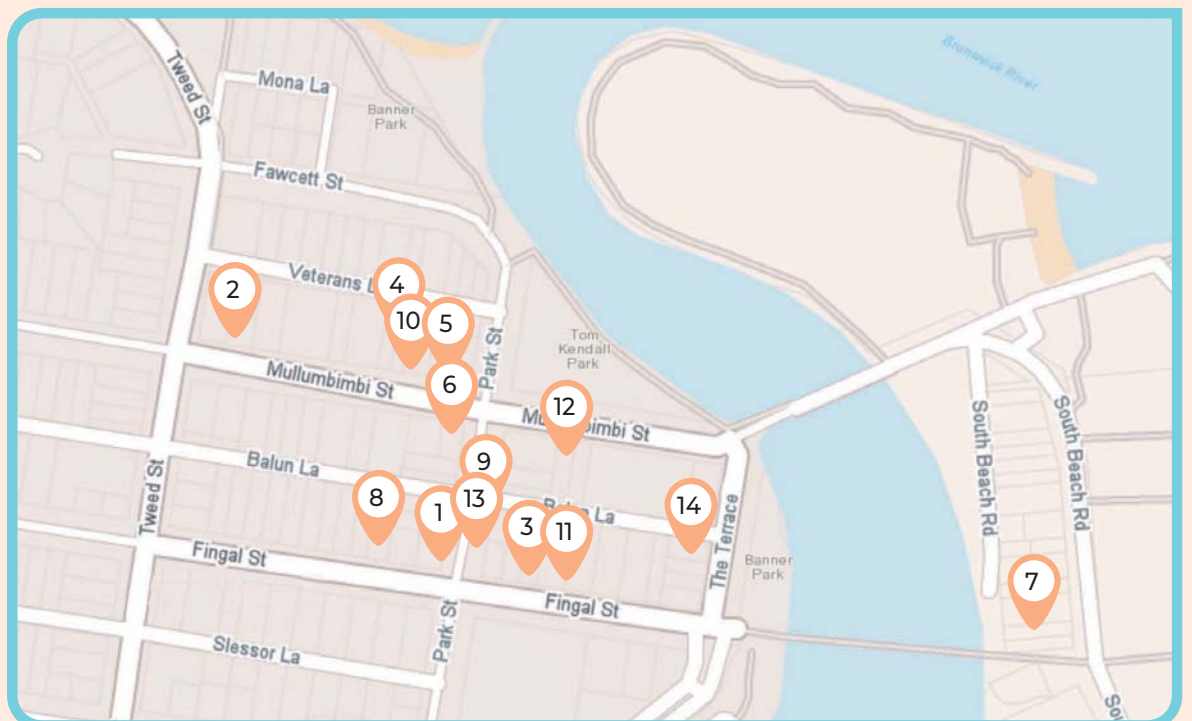
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5. **Mandorle**
Shop 1, 22 Mullumbimbi Street
6. **Brunswick Heads Osteopathy**
2/32 Mullumbimbi Street
7. **Rosefina's Place Cafe**
38 South Beach Road
8. **Byron Bay Singing**
21 Fingal St
9. **Oh My Goddess!**
1/7 Park Street
10. **Annelies Ellanora Jewellery**
Shop 3/28 Mullumbimbi Street
11. **BrunsBooks**
5/9 Fingal Street
12. **Brunswick Heads Pharmacy**
14–16 Mullumbimbi Street
13. **Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre**
7 Park Street
14. **Street Sushi Brunswick Heads**
10 The Terrace



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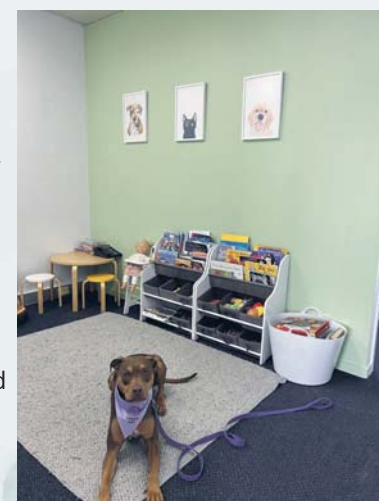


Little Souls Wellness Centre Bangalow Turns One!

Little Souls Wellness Centre has now been open in Bangalow for 12 months and in that time the team has enjoyed making connections with families in the Bangalow community. The Bangalow centre offers services in psychology, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The centre is open Monday to Friday and the team has created a welcoming space in the beautiful George Reading Queenslander well known to locals on Lismore Road. Little Souls Wellness Centre's head office is located in Tweed Heads and in addition to the services offered at Bangalow, they also offer physiotherapy, nutrition & dietetics, and tutoring. Maple is also a valuable part of the team as the Centre's Therapy Dog.

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UPCOMING BYRON HEALING CLIENT EVENTS

Introduction to Massage

Held by Byron College

Date: Thursday 27 July

Time: 9am-4pm (over 8 weeks/sessions)

Address: Byron Bay Campus, 107 Jonson Street

www.byroncollege.org.au/course/IntroMass3

Earth Love

Mental Health & Climate Crisis Course

Held by Mother Love Therapy

Date: Friday 28 July

Time: 10am-12pm (over 6 weeks/sessions)

Address: Byron Bay Campus, 107 Jonson Street

www.byroncollege.org.au/course/EarthLove

Women Exploring Through Tango

Held by Byron College

Date: Wednesday 2 August

Time: 6-8pm (over 6 weeks/sessions)

Address: South Golden Beach Hall

www.byroncollege.org.au/course/WomenExploringTango

Face Yoga

Held by Byron College

Date: Thursday 3 August

Time: 10am-12pm (over 4 weeks/sessions)

Address: Mullum Campus, Cnr Gordon & Burringbar St

www.byroncollege.org.au/course/FaceYoga

The Raddest Self-care Course Eva

Held by Byron College

Date: Thursday 3 August

Time: 2-4pm (over 5 weeks/sessions)

Address: Mullum Campus, Cnr Gordon & Burringbar St

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Free Facelifting

Held by Ozone Beauty & Medi Spa

Date: Thursday 3 August

Time: 5-7pm

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Pilates over 50s

Held by Byron College

Date: Friday 4 August

Time: 10-11:30am (over 8 weeks/sessions)

Address: Mullum Campus, Cnr Gordon & Burringbar St

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CrystalAwakening Level 1

Held by Byron College

Date: Saturday 5 August

Time: 9am-4pm (one day workshop)

Address: Byron Campus, 107 Jonson Street

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Reiki Level 1

Held by Byron College

Dates: Saturday 5 and Saturday 12 August

Time: 10am-4pm (over 2 weeks/sessions)

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Level 1 in Integral Sound Healing

Held by Lakshmi Sound Healing

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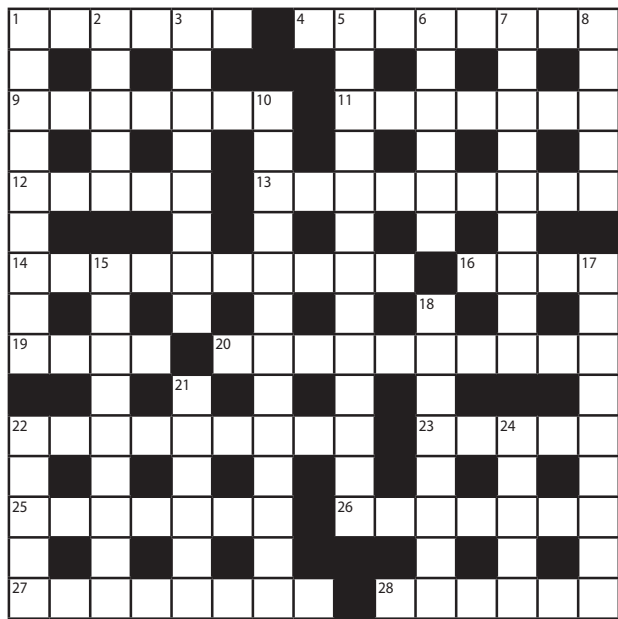
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Held by Andreas Embodiment

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. I am a kind of writer – like a measure of a line of verse (6)
4. East uncovers a new spy group in the South American ranch (8)
9. Is Indian king returning as a Middle-Easterner? (7)
11. Protective garment covering everything (7)
12. Cove wants a popular lease (5)
13. Trump's gift for a base instinct (9)
14. Pine with an academic for the author of Hiawatha (10)
16. Row about bungled rite (4)
19. Unknown mornings to produce root vegetables (4)
20. Philosopher John Stuart, master manipulator of an old source of power (10)
22. Trump sounds like something that must be followed (9)
23. Princess keeps trendy loincloth (5)
25. Follower of beer holds a job (7)
26. Rotten, but, went ahead – it irritated (7)
27. Three French overtake and break in (8)
28. Turn – more certain he's a Shylock (6)

DOWN

1. One new intelligence technology, with a single supporter – in the beginning! (9)
2. Ethical master of the mouth (5)
3. Exactly name problem – tidy, fine (8)
5. No real rooster required – and it's not urgent! (6,2,5)
6. Winner, with a twitch – it's the acid! (6)
7. Fierce sea-damaged truce (9)
8. Share a big offer in the auction (5)
10. Mini vessels – upswing from unplanned actions! (13)
15. First choice: more senseless, running with English (6,3)
17. About the sea – redback follows the rest (9)
18. Boss experts, but only learners (8)
21. Purest outcome – have a nap (4,2)
22. Plot time in a factory (5)
24. Greaser, about 50, I ring back (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Most common metrical foot in poetry (6)
4. Cattle farm (Spanish American) (8)
9. A sabra (7)
11. Comprehensive (7)
12. Bay (5)
13. Head of state (9)
14. US poet, Henry Wordsworth ... (10)
16. Layer (4)
19. Edible starch tubers (4)
20. Current of water that turns a wheel (10)
22. Exemplar; authority (9)
23. Male Hindu garment (5)
25. Disciple (7)
26. Continued to annoy (7)
27. Unlawful entry (8)
28. Loan shark (6)

DOWN

1. Originally (9)
2. Virtuous (5)
3. Pick out (8)
5. Eventually (6,2,5)
6. Of or like vinegar (6)
7. Armistice (9)
8. Assign (5)
10. Sudden, unthinking behaviour (13)
15. Primary; leading (6,3)
17. What's left over (9)
18. Scholars (8)
21. Take a break! (4,2)
22. It grows in the soil (5)
24. Someone who lubricates (5)

Last week's solution #499



Barbie girls claiming back their Barbie World



As a little girl nothing compared to the smell of a new Barbie. It smelt like love and ambition. It smelt like a new job. Independence. I remember the pink of the box. The shine of her blonde hair stapled to cardboard. Her tiny pointy feet pushed into stilettos. Her giant nipple-less breasts screaming to the world that she was an unashamed sexual icon who clearly wouldn't be breastfeeding. It seemed like a very sexualised toy for a kid. I think that's why I love her so much.

The feminist in me has carried some shame about my secret Barbie love affair. This unrealistic plastic rendition of impossible female beauty. This white privilege plaything. But now, thanks to the Barbie movie, and a re-think, Barbie may have in fact been our first feminist icon in a box. Barbie is cool. Pink is back. And I'm standing on my tiptoes in childlike excitement.

So what if instead of being a tool of the patriarchy to shame and enslave us, Barbie unwittingly became our first feminist hero? Barbie was smokin' hot. Had no husband. Barbie had a job. Actually she has had heaps of jobs. She could have run TURSA. In fact a google told me that Barbie has had over 200 careers, including more recent forays into the STEM field.

She's been an architect, an astrophysicist, an astronaut, a chemist, a computer engineer. She's also been a pastry chef, a game show host, an interior designer, a rock star, a violinist, a news anchor, a cashier, a Mary Kay consultant, and most recently she's had a food truck and been the US president. Barbie can serve. And most importantly Barbie



When I was a little girl I wanted to grow up to be just like Barbie. And weirdly, it kind of happened. Although I have nipples and pubic hair. And a tummy. I'm in the phase of my life that I like to call Menopausal Climate Change Barbie.

can lead. Barbie has been a girl boss before girl boss was even a thing. I think that's why I loved Barbie. I wanted to be a girl boss too. Ken just doesn't cut it in the powerful man department. He just isn't that interesting. Or capable.

Ken pretty well surfs and hangs out at Barbie's house. As far as I can remember I don't think Ken really has a job, except as Barbie's man accessory. He puts on a tux, or a pair of boardies and sleeps on her couch. In the Barbie house. It's a Barbie house – she owns the property AND the car. She's not staying in a Ken house. Or driving a Ken car.

Barbie was never about motherhood. She was a loner. Except for all the other Barbies. She ran with a pack of pointy-toed career women. Sure there was the moment when she had a clip-on pregnancy, but once that was over the baby was nowhere to be seen. She went back to her voracious lust for career change, and all the fabulous outfits that come with it.

I sometimes wonder if Skipper wasn't in fact her sister, but the secret fruit of Barbie's own teenage pregnancy. At least that was the game I used to play with my Barbies. I was raised by a single mum so when I played Barbies they all went to work, had careers and they were all single mums. Or lesbians. Ken rarely visited. On the odd occasion if a man did pop by it would be Steve Austin. The Bionic Man. And Barbie wasn't into him at all. In fact, my Barbies bullied Steve. He met his end when he failed the wheel of death challenge with my desk fan.

When I was a little girl I wanted to grow up to be just like Barbie. And weirdly, it kind of happened. Although I have nipples and pubic hair. And a tummy. I'm in the phase of my life that I like to call Menopausal Climate Change Barbie. In fact, when I looked at the corflutes from my tilt at the federal seat last election that's exactly what I looked like. Maybe this is the matriarchal uprising they never expected. Beautiful compliant resourceful women becoming ferociously successful arse-kicking social justice ninjas.

Put on the pink. Feminist revolutionary Barbie has arrived. She Guavara is here. Ken, get the car.

STARS BY LILITH

This week's sun and new moon moving from watery Cancer to fiery Leo could heat up human responses towards the steamier end of the emotional spectrum ...



CANCER THE CRAB

ARIES: This week's celestial sensitivity could have you a little edgy, defensive, huffy or easily offended, but if you feel slighted or overlooked, hold off on the knee-jerk responses. Mars at work in the sign of 'better safe than sorry' advises practicing the fine arts of diplomatic negotiation and emotional regulation.

TAURUS: A peak week for gathering with your favourite people, and putting your considerable planning skills to work playing entertainment director for your crew. Keep the mid-winter social calendar buzzing with picnics, film nights, trivia, dinners, and who knows: some may even go on to become a regular thing.

GEMINI: Jupiter's expansive influence currently stimulating your intuition, combined with solid Saturn's energy ready to manifest your aspirations into tangible form, equals a celestial recipe for making things happen – though as always, it's worth checking important decisions with trusted mentors or professionals.

CANCER: With the sun and new moon aligning in your nurturing, nourishing sign to light the Cancer clan's personal path forward, don't be surprised if this potent coupling paves the way for progress by first taking you down memory lane to heal some family history, long-standing concern or recurring issue.

LEO: As the new moon moves from Cancer to Leo and the sun speeds towards its annual four-week display in your flamboyant sign, this solar cycle declares open season for all things creative, romantic and showbiz – and your majesty's time to let down the mane and express your generous self to the max.

VIRGO: July really takes off for Virgos with action planet Mars blazing into your diligent sign, pumping adrenaline into your plans and projects, fuelling you with productive drive to improve every part of your life, from clearing out closets to hitting the spin bike to having 'the talk' during Friday's Virgo moon.

LIBRA: Planet Jupiter has you dreaming big, and planet Saturn makes the magic happen. With the celestial symphony featuring expansive Jupiter at its most practical, and structured Saturn at its least restrictive, you get to blend the best of both worlds in this week's Libran balancing act by combining the two.

SCORPIO: As astral energies quicken from flow to flame, changing circumstances may require your applying the emergency brake to avoid veering off course. In which case, and even if not, back-up your plans with solid market research, workable time lines, locked-in contracts and/or an updated financial strategy.

SAGITTARIUS: Candid conversations are your mentor planet Jupiter's specialty, and in its present practical placement, Jupiter supports talking through issues to negotiate suitable solutions for all involved. Yes, it may be challenging and take a while, but this week is an auspicious time to get communications started.

CAPRICORN: Jupiter is hanging out this year in your sector of enjoyment and creativity. Jupiter promotes growth and expansion, while your mentor planet Saturn is responsible for contraction. Jupiter helps set an intention, Saturn implements its step-by-step follow through, so have fun combining excitement and stability this week.

AQUARIUS: With Jupiter activating Aquarius' home and family zone, your free-spirited sign may be craving a bit more independence from nearest and dearest: perhaps just a bit of space to restore a balanced perspective. Meanwhile, this domestic lunation strongly supports redecorating or a feng shui declutter.

PISCES: Saturn has settled into its annual four-and-a-half month retrograde, this year in Pisces till early November. Whatever your beliefs, miracles can happen during this cycle by tuning in and asking your spirit guides, angels or inner wisdom for clear cues, signs and signals pointing you in the right direction.

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Splendour in the Grass is definitely the 'but-wait-you-also-get' festival - it's actually like a festival of festivals there is so much going on.

If you're there just for the music, you're going to get plenty of that - it cannot be denied that SITG is one of the biggest festivals in the country for music.

If you're there just for the art, there is SO MUCH of that, your boots will be full.

BUT, you also get: The Global Village presenting all things whimsical, healing; The World Stage to celebrate the cultural melting pot that is Australia's musical

landscape; the Bohemian Lounge where there's a side order of cabaret, performance art, and empowerment with your main festival experience.

This year the Ngarindindi Dance Ground presents a completely Indigenous-led program in the Global Village. This space will activate for three hours each day and showcase the traditional songs and dances of five regional dance groups as they share the stories that are at the heart of their culture.

The Forest is Splendour's favourite haven for underground and alternative beats, but you also get the Splendour Forums for interviews, panel chats and mindful mixers designed to spark debate and reflection to feed your curiosity.

If these tent talks leave you wanting more, this year you'll find Forum Live Podcasts, a companion piece to Splendour Forum where your favourite Australian

podcasters, including the crew from *The Betoota Advocate*, will be hitting the record button to create their programs LIVE in front of you!

As the sun sets on Forum, the Splendour Comedy Club takes over boasting a line-up of festival favourites and some of Australia's freshest emerging comedy talents.

There is also The Science Tent with curious adventures happening both inside and outside of the tent and the Rainbow Bar curated by Aussie queer party heavyweights...

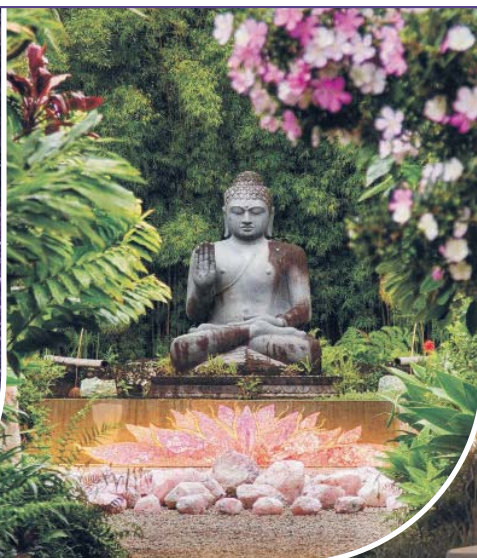
So for a music and art festival, there's a whole bunch of other things going on - you get the best of great stuff that other festivals have to keep you happy the whole weekend, even if you aren't into music or art (yeh, right what-eva).

AND THERE'S BEER! And wine, and seltzers, and tequila, and champagne, and...

- Entertainment Editor, Eve Jeffery



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ONLY AT SPLENDOUR...

At every edition of Splendour in the Grass there are always shows that you just won't see anywhere else and this year there are some blasters! Festival faves Flume, Mumford & Sons and 100 Geecs will only show their sweet faces at Splendour. Don't be fooled by their 'I'm too cool for this' PR shots, you need to be there!

FLUME

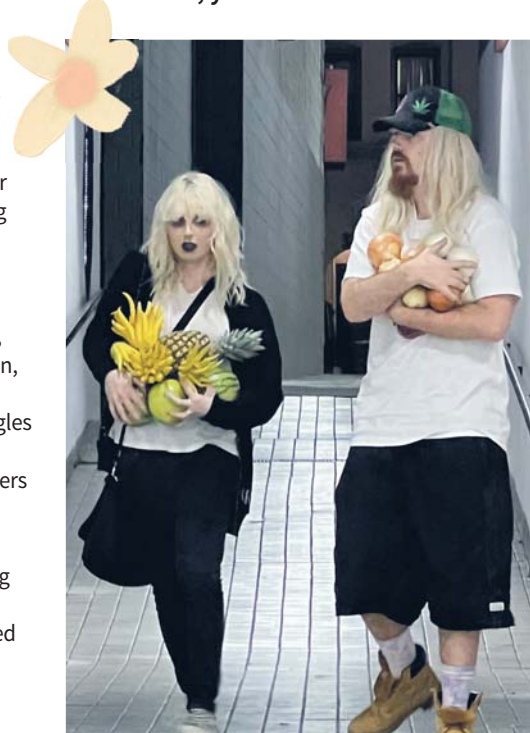
For the past decade, Flume has dominated the music world with his hypnotic and abstract compositions that awaken the senses. Born as Harley Edward Streten, the Australian producer has a fresh approach when it comes to building out an immersive soundscape that revolves around the pursuit of creative freedom.

Following the massive success from his 2012 debut album, Flume's sophomore album, *Skin*, earned him a Grammy Award in 2017. Since then, Flume has embarked on headlining tours in stadiums across the globe and many of his singles have topped the charts. On his most recent album, *Palaces*, the producer challenges listeners to switch gears and consider Mother Nature's point of view for a change.

Completed during the pandemic after returning to his native Australia, the thought-provoking project reflects this transition as he reconnected with nature and developed an even deeper appreciation for wildlife. His Splendour in the Grass 2023 set marks 10 years since his debut album Flume broke records in Australia for its influential sound.

Flume's talent knows no bounds as he further explores the vastness of his own man-made universe through complex arrangements and sentimental bangers.

Saturday 10.30pm at the Amphitheatre.



100 GECS

100 Geecs, the duo Laura Les and Dylan Brady, planted their flag on the proverbial pop culture moon with the release of the 2019 debut album *1,000 Geecs*. The innovative album captivated online fan forums and music literati alike with *The New York Times* calling it, 'some of the savviest pop music of the year,' and *Rolling Stone* dubbing it 'one of 2019's most exciting debuts.'

The years that followed saw the St Louis natives go from unlikely SoundCloud cult heroes to show-stopping wizard-cloaked pied pipers, covering magazines and selling out concerts across the globe. With the arrival of their long-awaited sophomore album, *10,000 Geecs*, in March 2023, 100 Geecs appear yet again to be two steps ahead of the curve on the ever-moulting pop music landscape. *Pitchfork* called it 'a perfect outro album for the end of the world' while dubbing it 'best new music' in their review. Equipped with stadium-sized anthems like 'Dumbest Girl Alive' and 'Hollywood Baby', the 10x sized album is road-ready as the band ventures to perform at Splendour.

Sunday 10pm in the GW McLennan Tent.

MUMFORD & SONS

Some 14 years ago, a few young men from London formed a band. It was a happy accident, with nothing unusual about how they got together; shared musical interests, an interest to both make and perform music whatever the occasion, and this comparatively unique passion for community and collaboration. They called their band Mumford & Sons and have jokingly regretted it ever since. You can't get everything right.

But there was plenty they did get right. The live show for one - they clasped those instruments like their lives depended on it. Leaving their hearts up on those stages and having won the hearts of all those in the crowd, the growing fervour around Mumford & Sons became inescapable. What followed is number 1 albums, Grammy Awards, BRIT Awards, Ivor Novello Awards, Q Awards, Billboard Awards, sold out arena tours, a debut US stadium tour, festival headline slots - being Bob Dylan's backing band, being backed by Bob Dylan, the same with John Fogerty, sharing riffs with Tom Morello, adventures with Baaba Maal, trips to Senegal, South Africa, Europe, America, South America, Japan, Australia ... it just goes on and on.

In 2018, Mumford & Sons released their substantial fourth album, *Delta*. Helmed by producer Paul Epworth, it's a record finding Mumford & Sons at their most adventurous. Men now, with responsibilities far removed from their day jobs, but men who feel at their most comfortable with who they've become. In a studio. On the road. Making music. Collaborating. Trying different things. Leaning on their strengths. Brothers. United. Mumford & Sons are a British rock band. With Marcus Mumford hinting at new music to come, their new chapter's just being written.

Mumford & Sons close out the festival at the Amphitheatre, Sunday 10.45pm.



MOST WANTED - IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

The Echo loves a good activist and we love the fact that **NADYA TOLOKONNIKOVA** holds the rare title of being an internationally famous artist while simultaneously being included on the 'most wanted' list of criminals in her home country.

She was the creator of **PUSSY RIOT**, a Russian feminist protest and performance art group based in Moscow that became popular for its provocative punk rock. Tolokonnikova has spearheaded a planetary feminist protest-art movement.

But she has paid a heavy price, incurring the wrath of a man who Riot say is the 'World's biggest villain', Russian President Vladimir Putin, serving time in prison and now living in exile.

In 2012, Pussy Riot gained a global following after Nadya was sentenced to two years' imprisonment following an anti-Putin performance. While in prison, Nadya continued to protest. She went on a hunger strike, raising awareness for the inhumane prison conditions and, consequently, was sent to a remote Siberian penal colony where she would continue to gain notoriety for her activism despite being forced to do hard labour. In addition to her activism, Nadya is also an award-winning artist. She's performed at major music festivals and events worldwide; her piece 'Punk Prayer' was named by *The Guardian* among the best art pieces of the 21st century.

Most recently, her NFT 'Virgin Mary, Please Become a Feminist' and the 'Putin's Ashes' installation at Deitch Gallery in January 2023 propelled her into a new criminal case and landed her on Russia's most wanted list.

Nadya might just be your 'most wanted' on Saturday - in the Forum where she chats live at 3.15pm with *The Project* host Hamish Macdonald, and with Pussy Riot on the GW McLennan Tent stage at 7.30pm.

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AMPHITHEATRE				DICE 1.30-2.00		SKEGSS 3.30-4.15	070 SHAKE 4.45-5.30		RUEL 6.00-7.00	OCEAN ALLEY 7.30-8.30	J BALVIN 9.00-10.00		LIZZO 10.45-12.00				
Mix UP STAGE		SUMNER 12.00-12.45	MOWGLI 12:45 - 1:15	GOLD FANG 1.15-2.00	MOWGLI 2.00-2.30	GALI 3.00-3.45	MOWGLI 3.45-4.15	MAY-A 4.15-5.00	TSEBA 5.00-5.30	SUDAN ARCHIVES 5.30-6.15	TSEBA 6.15-6.45	LOYLE CARNER 6.45-7.45	FOURA 7.45-8.30	HOOLIGAN HEFS 8.30-9.15	FOURA 9.15-10.00	DANNY BROWN 10.00-11.00	
GW McLENNAN TENT			WILLIAM CRIGHTON 12.30-1.15		MILKU 1.45-2.30	CLAIRE ROSINKRANZ 3.00-3.45		RVG 4.15-5.00	JACK RIVER 5.30-6.30		CUB SPORT 7.00-8.00		PALACE 8.30-9.30		BALL PARK MUSIC 10.00-11.00		
THE FOREST							THEMZY 4.00-5.30		ABEL TORO 5.30-7.00		TWITCH 7.05-8.30		GEZ 8.30-9.30		LILXBIT 9.35-11.00	UNSEEN DIMENSIONS 11.00-12.30	TAYA. 12.30-2.00
THE WORLD STAGE	BUNYARRA BUGALMA DREAMTIME MOVEMENTS 9.30-10.30	SOUND HEALING WITH LINDY SIMS 11.00-12.00	THAT'S MY JAM DANCE WORKSHOP 12.30-1.30	TROUBLE SAN DJS 1.30-3.00		TRUBLE SAN DJS 3.00-3.30	NANA'S PIE 3.30-4.30		ÁINE TYRELL 5.30-6.30		NARLI 7.00-7.30	DOBBY 8.00-9.00	SUB-TRIBE 9.30-10.30		TRUBLE SAN DJS 10.30-2.00		
BOHEMIAN LOUNGE		VILLAGE GREEN - 11.00-3.00 CIRCUS PLAYSACE • FLASH MOB ROVING PERFORMANCE • INTERACTIVE ART SPACE					SUNSET DRUMMING W/ HAPPY AFRICA 4.30-5.30	SUITABLE CIRCUS 6.00-6.30	BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE CHEEKY CABARET 6.45-7.45	HOT MESS IN THE FLESH 8.15-9.15	SOPHIE DELIGHTFUL PRESENTS DELIGHTFULLY DEBAUCHED 9.45-10.15		SACRED HEARTS 10.45-12.00				
SMIRNOFF SUNDAYS LEMONADE			KAKTUS 12.00-2.00			MERO 3.00-5.00		SAIE 5.00-7.00		OROSA 7.00-9.00	KATES BROTHER 9.00-10.00	JAY.X 10.00-11.00	BAO 11.00-12.00	FOONI 12.00-1.00	LURKE 1.00-2.00		
BYRON BAY BREWERY			THE GATLING GUN 12.00-3:30			EGGY 3.30-4.15	LAZY GHOST 4.30-5.15	THE GROGANS 5.30-6.30						CHelsea SHARNE 11.00-12.30	OPTICAL DISCO 12.30-2.00		
RED BULL UNFORESEEN										DJ KLASIK 6.00-8.00	JAZMINE NIKITTA 8.00-10.00	CAROLINA GASOLINA 10.00-12.00	SHANTAN WANTAN ICHIBAN 12.00-2.00				
FORUM/COMEDY/PODCAST	SO YOU WANNA WORK IN THE MUSIC BIZ? 10.00-10.45	PILL TESTING IS HERE TALK + DEMO HOSTED BY SAM KOSLOWSKI 11.15-12.15	PODCAST: THE BETOOTTA ADVOCATE 12.45-1.30	KINKY HISTORY W/ESME LOUISE JAMES 1.45-2.30	GENERATION F*CKED W/ MINISTER ANNE ALY SENATOR MEHREEN FAROOQI & MORE. HOSTED BY THE HOUSEWARMING DUO 3.00-4.15	COMEDY WITH SAM TAUNTON, CAMERON JAMES, HOT DEPARTMENT & MANY MORE 5.00-7.30											
SCIENCE TENT	SESSION: GENITALLY SPEAKING DR NAOMI KOHIL BELK, 許佳琪 AND DR HAYLO ROBERTS 10.30-11.30	LITS DEEP GREEN BIOTECH HUB PRESENTS: 2023 GREEN LIGHT STARTUPS 11.30-12.30	SESSION: LOST CREATURES DIVA ATTENBRA • DR PHOEBE MEAGHER VOW FOOD - SAM 'BONES' RATHBONE AND DR ISABELLE CAPELL-HATTAM 12.30-2.15	CYBERSECURITY TUNE-UP SCIENCE ON THE GO! 2.30-3.30	SESSION: DIGGING DEEPER: BONE DOCTORS W/ DR HAYLO ROBERTS BRIDGET THURN DR RACHEL BERRY 3.30-4.30												
RAINBOW BAR GIRLTHING			NAHAL 1.00-2.00			CHELA 2.00-5.00		JACQUI CUNNINGHAM 5.00-8.00		KRISSY JAMAN 8.00-11.00		CRESCENDOLL 11.00-2.00					
LITTLE SPLENDOUR		SOUND SYNERGY DRUMMING WORKSHOP 12.00-12.45	CIRCUS ARTS AERIAL SHOW 1.00-2.00			KIDDYWINKS PUPPET THEATRE 3.00-3.30	SHORTY BROWN IMAGINITIS 3.30-4.30	ENERGY ENTERTAINMENTS 4.30-5.15									

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LIZZO

Lizzo, the four Grammy Award-winning songwriter, rapper, flautist and singer will spread the gospel of self-love at Splendour armed with her biggest, boldest, and brightest revolution thus far: her hugely adored second full-length offering *Special*. She's maintained unstoppable momentum since 2019's now-classic, platinum-certified debut album, *Cuz I Love You*. The album is fuelled by history-making hits including the 7x platinum 'Truth Hurts', which ascended to #1 on Billboard's Hot 100, affirming Lizzo as the first black solo female R&B singer to claim the top spot since 2012. It also became the longest-running #1 by a solo female rap artist ever. Crowned 2019's 'Entertainer of the Year' by both *TIME* and *Entertainment Weekly*, Lizzo has adorned the covers of countless publications around the globe and has lit up the stage at the American Music Awards, the MTV Video Music Awards, the BET Awards, Saturday Night Live, and during her epic opening performance at the 2023 Grammy Awards, to name just a few. Bursting with chunky disco-funk beats designed to make you move, *Special's* spirited, charismatic anthems are her most adventurous yet. Lizzo has shifted the sound, soul, and spirit of popular music and culture. Set your watches for bad bitch o'clock, **closing out the Amphitheatre on Friday!**

YEAH YEAH YEAHS

Legendary trio Yeah Yeah Yeahs, makers of iconic indie hits like 'Heads Will Roll', 'Date with the Night', 'Maps', 'Sacrilege', and recent tune 'Burning', are ready to make their long-awaited Splendour comeback. Their appearance is off the back of the latest addition to their incredible canon, *Cool it Down*, their fifth studio album and first since 2013's *Mosquito*. With their sparkling hooks and high energy performances, Yeah Yeah Yeahs are front-runners for the title of best live band in the world. Be front and centre to experience the alchemy, the transformative magic that will happen when the Yeah Yeah Yeahs hit the **Amphitheatre 8.45pm Saturday.**

HILLTOP HOODS

Ten ARIA Awards. Six #1 albums. Over 60 platinum certifications. Sold-out arena tours and the #1 most-streamed artists on Spotify two years running, Hilltop Hoods are returning to Splendour to further cement their status as one of Australia's most enduring musical success stories. In 2022 they appeared with two brand new releases, setting them up for their first headline shows since 2019. Bursting straight out of the gate in 2023, Hilltop Hoods made triple j's Hottest 100 history with the title of the most song entries within the countdown to date. Charting both new releases on this coveted list, the group's Hottest 100 tally now totals 23 songs, taking the crown from previous record-holders Powderfinger and Foo Fighters. They've helped to propel hip-hop as a local genre in Australia, the legacy of Hilltop Hoods is undeniable. The Hoods return to the **Splendour Amphitheatre 9pm Sunday.**

J BALVIN

Global superstar, entrepreneur and committed mental health advocate, J Balvin, is a highly decorated music icon with wins across Billboard Music Awards, American Music Awards, Latin Grammys and many others. As a Latinx artist, he has steadfastly broken cultural barriers and become one of the top 10 most-streamed artists globally, developing legions of fans worldwide. His latest album, *José*, arrived on the heels of an eventful summer, following the release of chart-dominating singles. In 2022, Balvin teamed up with music icon, Ed Sheeran, with their two-song EP, which soared to the top of the charts. **Friday 9pm at the Amphitheatre.**

SAM FENDER

Sam Fender's debut album, 2019's *Hypersonic Missiles*, introduced a smart, streetwise British songwriter with a penchant for euphoric, hard-hitting guitar anthems, but it was 2021's peerless *Seventeen Going Under* that sent the Newcastle artist stratospheric. An acute observer, Fender turns the mirror not only on the streets he grew up walking, but on himself too. *Seventeen Going Under* is already a record that has taken Sam right across the globe, playing to bigger rooms and wider stages, whilst reaping a clutch of awards too (including BRITs, NMEs, Ivor Novellos, and a first Mercury Prize nomination). Having headlined his first festivals in the UK in the summer of 2022, Sam Fender has almost inadvertently become one of Britain's most celebrated and successful musicians of a generation. See him **Saturday 7.15pm at the Amphitheatre.**

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SATURDAY 22 JULY

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AMPHITHEATRE				TEENAGE DADS 1.45-2.30	MEG MAC 3.00-3.45	BENEE 4.15-5.15	KING GIZZARD & THE LIZARD WIZARD 5.45-6.45	SAM FENDER 7.15-8.15	YEAH YEAH YEAHS 8.45-9.45	FLUME 10.30-12.00						
MIX UP STAGE		HELLCAT SPEEDRACER 12.15-1.00	DJ MACARONI 1.00-1.30	BIG WETT 1.30-2.15	DJ MACARONI 2.15-2.45	KAYCYY 2.45-3.30	DJ MACARONI 3.30-4.00	TELENOVA 4.00-4.45	CAUCASIAN OPPORTUNITIES 4.45-5.15	PEACH PRC 5.15-6.00	X CLUB 6.30-7.45	CRYBABY 7.45-8.15	TKAY MAIDZA 8.15-9.15	CRYBABY 9.15-10.00	LITTLE SIMZ 10.00-11.00	
GW McLENNAN TENT		MIA WRAY 12.45-1.30		AUTOMATIC 2.00-2.45	SHAG ROCK 3.15-4.00	SLY WITHERS 4.30-5.30		JEREMY ZUCKER 6.00-7.00	PUSSY RIOT 7.30-8.30	ARLO PARKS 9.00-10.00	MARLON WILLIAMS 10.30-11.30					
THE FOREST						TRIP SYNDICATE 4.00-5.30	FR3AKY 5.30-7.00	R.I.A 7.00-8.30	CAPTAIN COOKED 8.35-10.00	MATJO 10.00-11.00	DYSPHEMIC 11.00-12.30	TWISTED SIBLING 12.30-2.00				
THE WORLD STAGE	ZENITH YOGA FLOW WITH LAUREN CUTBERT 9.30-10.30	SOUND HEALING WITH MATTY RAINBOW 11.00-12.00	TROUBLE SAN DJS 12.00-12.45	NGARINDINDI DANCE GROUND MIRRIINGI DANCERS • BIRIN DANCERS MUGGERA DANCERS • KINSHIP DANCERS 1.00-3.00		TROUBLE SAN DJS 3.00-3.30	TJAKA 3.30-4.30	SHAI SHRIKI 5.30-6.30	AUSECUMA BEATS 7.00-8.00	AERIAL PERFORMANCE 8.00-8.30	NARLI 8.30-9.00	LIQUIDELIC 9.30-10.30	TROUBLE SAN DJS 10.30-11.00	THE DANDYS 11.00-12.00	TROUBLE SAN DJS 12.00-2.00	
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SMIRNOFF		LOST SUNDAYS DJS	TONY VELVET 12.00-1.00	DAN MUZ 2.00-4.00	NICK VAN TIEL 3.00-4.30	JACQUI CUNNINGHAM 4.30-6.00	MARY MACARONI 6.00-7.30	LUCY B 7.30-9.00	LIKE GLUE 9.00-10.30	DJ SEB 10.30-12.00	LOST SUNDAYS SOUND SYSTEM 12.00-2.00					
BYRON BAY BREWERY			THE GATLING GUN 12.00-3.30		THE VELVET CLUB 3.30-4.15	OLD MERVS 4.30-5.15	ROYEL OTIS 5.30-6.30					ZED MERO 11.00-12.30	SHIMMY DISCO 12.30-2.00			
RED BULL UNFORESEEN								DIBBY DIBBY SOUND SYSTEM 6.00-8.00	DEEPA 8.00-10.00	SOJU GANG 10.00-12.00	C.FRIM 12.00-2.00					
FORUM/COMEDY	THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT W/ BRODIE BONEY, TONY ARMSTRONG, DEAN PARKIN & MORGAN 10.00-11.15	WEEDING OUT THE TRUTH: NEW CANNABIS LAWS SENATOR DAVID SHOEBRIDGE & MORE W/ SAM KOSLOWSKI 11.45-1.00	GREAT MOMENTS IN SCIENCE WITH DR KARL 1.30-2.45	NADYA TOLOKONNIKOVA (PUSSY RIOT) IN CONVERSATION WITH HAMISH MACDONALD 3.15-4.15	COMEDY WITH MICHAEL HING, BEC CHARLWOOD, DAMIEN POWER & MORE 5.00-7.30											
SCIENCE TENT	SESSION: HOOKED ON SCIENCE: A PROOF ALICE MOTION, ALEXIS WEAVER, DR TIM BYRON & DR JADEY O'NEILL 10.30-11.30	UTS DEEP GREEN BIOTECH HUB PRESENTS: ZO3 GREEN LIGHT STARTUPS 11.30-12.30	GPTCHAT MEETS HACKERS FROM HELL W/ DR SUELETTE DREYFUS, SHELLY MILLS, TROY HUNT & CHRIS GATFORD HOSTED BY ADAM SPENCER 12.30-1.30	CYBERSECURITY TUNE-UP SCIENCE ON THE GO! 2.00-3.00	SESSION: (MIND YOUR) DRUGS: MAGIC TO MEDICINE - HOSTED BY A/PROF ALICE MOTION, DR EMILY ROBBY, DR VINCE POLLITO, DR JACK WILSON 3.00-4.30											
RAINBOW BAR POOF DOOF		DRAG BRUNCH 12.00-2.00	NIC HOLLAND 2.00-3.30	ARGONAUT 3.30-5.00	JIMI THE KWEEN 5.00-6.30	JARRED BAKER 6.30-8.00	NIC HOLLAND 8.00-9.30	ARGONAUT 9.30-11.00	JIMI THE KWEEN 11.00-12.30	JARRED BAKER 12.30-2.00						
LITTLE SPLENDOUR	DJ SONICA-AYRE 12.30-1.00	TIPTOE GIANTS BOOK READING IN THE FIELD 1.00-2.00	RED ROCKET 3 2.00-2.45	CIRCUS ARTS AERIAL SHOW 3.00-4.00	TIPTOE GIANTS 4.00-4.40	ALL DAY SUPERSTAR DRAG TALENT: DAMMIT JANET, DANNI ISSUES, DAPHNE GAYE, JIMI THE KWEEN, KALIN KLEIN, KING, VENUS PAGINA										



IDLES

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In the five years since *Brutalism's* release English punk rock band Idles have gone on to achieve epic feats including a number one album, sold out tours and festival headline appearances around the world. Their follow-up album, *Joy as an Act of Resistance*, further propelled the band into the consciousness of the UK (and beyond), and paved the way for the colossal *Ultra Mono*, Idles' first UK #1 album. At every step of the way the band have garnered a wealth of dedicated supporters – it's your turn. **Sunday 7.30pm at the Amphitheatre.**

OCEAN ALLEY

Ocean Alley have captivated audiences around the world with their infectious melody lines and memorable blend of psychedelic-surf-rock. The band have solidified their position as one of Australia's most exciting touring acts, making their mark on the local and international circuit with their consistent touring schedule, selling out countless shows across North America, Europe, UK and New Zealand, as well as playing memorable sets in Australia at Splendour in the Grass, Groovin The Moo, Bluesfest and the triple j One Night Stand, as well as overseas at Reading & Leeds (UK), BottleRock (USA) and Sziget (HUN). October 2022 saw the release of the band's fourth album *Low Altitude Living*. The album showcases why Ocean Alley continue on their unstoppable rise as one of Australia's most exciting musical exports. **Friday 7.30pm at the Amphitheatre.**



LITTLE SIMZ

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Little Simz is a British rapper, singer and actress who rose to prominence with the independent release of her first three albums; *A Curious Tale of Trials + Persons* (2015), *Stillness in Wonderland* (2016) and *Grey Area* (2019), the last of which was shortlisted for the Mercury Prize and won the awards for Best Album at both the Ivor Novello Awards and the NME Awards. Her fourth album, *Sometimes I Might Be Introvert* (2021) received widespread critical acclaim, with several publications deeming it the best album of 2021. It went on to win the 2022 Mercury Prize and also earned her the 2022 Brit Award for Best New Artist. When announcing her latest album, *NO THANK YOU* Little Simz said: 'Emotion is energy in motion. Honour your truth and feelings. Eradicate fear. Boundaries are important.' Before her first appearance at Splendour in the Grass, Little Simz says: 'I'm excited to give my fans the experience they've been waiting for'. **Saturday 10pm, Mix Up.**

DANNY BROWN

Danny Brown's career is the uncompromising work of a virtuosic talent who understands how to use his unique personality as a vicious instrument. There is the lingering sense of paranoia, the requisite survivor's guilt and anxiety, but also hysterical punchlines and party anthems built to cause speakers to crumble into ashes. He is one of the most sought-after global performers and offers a unique contrast of best rapper alive, reflection and celebration in each performance. **Friday 10pm, Mix Up.**



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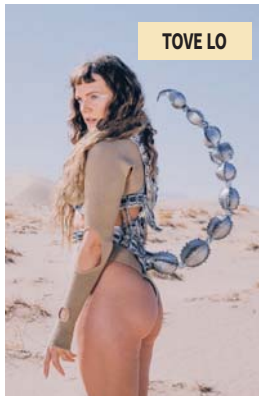
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bands of the last ten years with an incredible catalogue of songs that have soundtracked so many lives. **Friday 10pm, GW McLennan.**

IANN DIOR

Multi-platinum selling, chart-topping, Iann Dior has become one of the industry's fastest rising artists. Puerto Rican born, Corpus Christi-raised Dior found success with the first song he ever wrote. After uploading to SoundCloud, the song gained 10,000 plays in its first week and caught the ear of Internet Money founder Taz Taylor. Shortly afterwards, Iann Dior inked a deal with Elliot Grainge's label 10K Projects and released his project *Industry Plant*. Known as a highly versatile artist, his work has charted in alternative, pop, rap and electronic/dance genres and has earned him the #1 spot on Billboard's Emerging Artists chart. **Sunday 8.45pm, Mix Up Stage.**

KING GIZZARD

The stats on King Gizzard & the Lizard Wizard's colourful career are stacking up fast: 23 albums, 13 of them charting in the top 20 in Australia, where they are now arguably the country's most innovative, important and productive rock band. International critical acclaim. Headline festival appearances. And perhaps most importantly, a fervent worldwide fanbase who share endless memes, mixes, videos, graphics, theories and discussions, all through which they explore and expand what they have termed 'The Gizzverse'. **Saturday 5.45pm at the Amphitheatre.**

070 SHAKE

070 Shake, also known as Danielle Balbuena, is a rapper and singer hailing from New Jersey. With a unique style that blends elements of hip-hop, rock, and alternative music, Shake has quickly become one of the most exciting up-and-coming artists in the world. Shake first gained attention with her appearances on tracks by fellow New Jersey rapper Ralphy River. In 2020, Shake released her debut album, *Modus Vivendi* to critical acclaim. The album features

introspective lyrics and moody, atmospheric instrumentals, showcasing Shake's ability to craft deeply personal and emotionally resonant music. The album was hailed as one of the best releases of the year and helped establish Shake as an undeniable talent. **Shake it Friday 4.45pm at the Amphitheatre.**

PNAU

Pnau is the multi-platinum-selling, ARIA award-winning electronic act of Nick Littlemore (Empire of the Sun, Vlossom, Teenager), Peter Mayes and Sam Littlemore, famed for their extensive career born out of the underground clubs and festival dancefloors of Australia. With a catalogue of their own hits and multiple albums behind them, Pnau have enjoyed a powerful renaissance over the past few years, with multi-platinum hits 'Go Bang' and 'Chameleon' becoming inescapable on the airwaves and climbing the Billboard Dance charts in the US. Pnau joined forces with Elton John, giving him his first UK #1 album in 22 years, when they collaborated on the 2012 album *Good Morning to The Night*, a collab that has continued with their remix of Elton John and Dua Lipa's 'Rocket Man'. Prepare for an all-mighty banger set when Pnau close out the **Mix Up Stage on Sunday.**

RUEL

Having recently unleashed his debut album *4th Wall*, 20-year-old Ruel is ready to reignite his position as one of the world's most exciting artists. Three sold-out world tours deep, Ruel has shared stages with Khalid and Shawn Mendes; played Tyler, the Creator's Camp Flog Gnaw festival; and released collaborations with Denzel Curry, Jvke, Omar Apollo and Cosmo's Midnight. Add to this stellar collection of bucket list achievements (that most could only dream of), Ruel is also the youngest artist ever to win Breakthrough Artist at the ARIA Awards and the youngest artist to sell out the Sydney Opera House... twice. Since making his debut in 2017 at the age of 14, Ruel has fast become one of his generation's most influential artists. Sitting with over two billion global streams, 1.2 million Instagram followers, and five platinum records to his name, Ruel is both a seasoned global superstar and a record-breaking musician for tomorrow's generation. **Friday 6pm at the Amphitheatre.**

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ARLO PARKS

By the time she was 18 British singer-songwriter and poet Arlo Parks had already released her debut single 'Cola', which gained her some attention on the music scene. Known for her soulful and introspective music, her unique sound blends elements of indie-pop, R&B, and spoken word poetry, and her lyrics are deeply personal and relatable. When she won The Mercury Prize, Billie Eilish told *Vanity Fair* that Parks was one of her favourite artists and invited her to open for her at her concerts in London. Parks spent 2022 travelling the world, playing shows with Harry Styles, Lorde, and Florence and the Machine. Praised for her mature song writing skills, smooth vocals, and her ability to capture complex emotions with her music, Arlo Parks is an artist to watch. See her at the **GW McLennan Tent Saturday 9pm.**

BALL PARK MUSIC

Brisbane's melancholic pop masters Ball Park Music are made of five curious minds that thrive on musical experimentation. It has been a tremendous journey since they formed in 2008 while studying music at university. In ten years, they've produced seven albums - the last six having consecutively debuted in the Top 10 of the ARIA charts. Ball Park Music's latest album *Weirder & Weirder* is the band's third record to debut at #2 on the ARIA Charts and is the second album to be released under Prawn Records. Ball Park Music are truly proving themselves as one of Australia's biggest

A SPLENDOUR SPEED DATE...

There are way too many awesome shows at the 2023 SITG (well, not TOO many, but you know what I mean) so hold on to your hats while we speed through some of the best of the rest ...

Thelma Plum is a Brizby born Gamilaraay woman, musician and creator. Her debut album *Better in Blak* is a story about culture, heritage, love, and pain that captures so deftly what it's like to be a young Aboriginal woman in Australia ... Thelma looks forward to you buckling-up and joining her for the ride! Hometown heroes **Skeggs** return to Splendour with their catchy, punky, surf rock anthems ... **MC Loyle Carner** delivers his rhymes with an intentional, poetic flow, buffered by warm jazzy production ... **Benee** is a bona fide music star from New Zealand ... New Zealand singer/songwriter **Marlon Williams** has ditched the solemn, country-indebted crooner with the velvet voice - in its place is a playful, shapeshifting creature ... **Hooligan Hefs** is an Australian hip-hop artist and rapper who began his music career by uploading his tracks to SoundCloud. His unique style blends elements of trap, drill, and grime ... **Peach PRC** takes the things you only say on text to close friends (or exes) and turns them into pop that shimmers as much as it sings ... **Palace** have a reputation for mesmerising live shows ... **Tkay Maida**, Zimbabwe-born, Australia-raised has established herself as one of the most exciting voices in

alternative hip-hop, R&B, and dance ... **Noah Cyrus** is making her SITG debut ... **Sudan Archives** is a violinist and loop-maker who has gone from producing beats in her bedroom to inspiring divine, Black feminine power ... **Cub Sport** bring a powerful, must-see live show to their ardent fanbase ... this is **Meg Mac** in her most fully realised sonic and visual palette yet ... **X Club** have a desire to experiment and push the boundaries of modern club music ... **Claire Rosinkranz** turns idyllic days of a teenage summer, road trips, post-school adventures, and the butterflies of young love into breezy alternative pop anthems ... **The Smith Street Band** have been a powerhouse of Australian music for the last decade ... **Lastlings** are a pair with a deep dedication to their craft that has set them far and apart across today's musical landscape ... **Jack River** makes well-crafted pop songs that shimmer like melting highways and drip like strawberry ice-cream ... **Teenage Dads** create melodies and rhythms that collide at the intersection of disparate worlds ... **William Crighton's** 'bush psych' is steadily making him a name as one of the country's most exciting and innovative musicians and story tellers ...

SPLENDOUR in the GRASS

SUNDAY 23 JULY

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AMPHITHEATRE			GIMMY 1.00-1.30	BALMING TIGER 2.00-2.45	LASTLINGS 3.15-4.00	DUNE RATS 4.30-5.30	TOVE LO 6.00-7.00	IDLES 7.30-8.30	HILLTOP HOODS 9.00-10.00	MUMFORD & SONS 10.45-12.00						
MIX UP STAGE		FOREST CLAUDETTE 12.15-1.00	CRESCENDOLL 1.00-1.30	MEMPHIS LK 1.30-2.15	CRESCENDOLL 2.15-2.45	HARVEY SUTHERLAND 2.45-3.30	CRESCENDOLL 3.30-4.00	VALLIS ALPS 4.00-4.45	LUEN 4.45-5.15	JAMESJAMESJAMES 5.15-6.15	LUEN 6.15-7.00	YOUNG FRANCO 7.00-8.00	LATIFA TEE 8.00-8.45	IANN DIOR 8.45-9.45	LATIFA TEE 9.45-10.15	PNAU 10.15-11.15
GW McLENNAN TENT		FULL FLOWER MOON BAND 12.30-1.15	DEL WATER GAP 1.45-2.30	ROYAL OTIS 3.00-3.45	THE VANNS 4.15-5.00	NOAH CYRUS 5.30-6.30	THELMA PLUM 7.00-8.00	THE SMITH STREET BAND 8.30-9.30	100 GECS 10.00-11.00							
THE FOREST						MOE ALOHA 4.00-5.30	DOPPEL 5.30-7.00	FRAKTAL FAERIE 7.00-8.30	JAMIE LOWE 8.30-9.30	YURINA 9.35-11.00	WILMA 11.00-12.30	Z.I.V 12.35-2.00				
THE WORLD STAGE	PRIMAL YOGA WITH SIMBA 9.30-10.30	SOUND HEALING WITH APRIL SWIFT 11.00-12.00	TROUBLE SAN DJS 12.00-12.45	NGARINDINDI DANCE GROUND MIRRINGI DANCERS • BIRIN DANCERS MUGGERA DANCERS • KINSHIP DANCERS 1.00-3.00	TROUBLE SAN DJS 3.00-3.30	DOBBY 3.30-4.30	SUNSET DRUMMING 4.30-5.30	MYLEE GRACE 5.30-6.30	KOOII 7.00-8.00	AERIAL PERFORMANCE 8.00-8.30	VERSACE BOYS 8.30-9.30	FIRE SHOW 9.30-10.00	DUBARRAY 10.00-11.00	TROUBLE SAN DJS 11.00-11.30	DJ DAKINI 11.30-1.00	
BOHEMIAN LOUNGE		VILLAGE GREEN – 11.00-3.00 CIRCUS PLAYSACE • FLASH MOB ROVING PERFORMANCE • INTERACTIVE ART SPACE				SUNSET DRUMMING W/ HAPPY AFRICA 4.30-5.30	SUITABLE CIRCUS 6.00-6.30	BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE CHEEKY CABARET 6.45-7.45	HOT MESS IN THE FLESH 8.15-9.15	SOPHIE DELIGHTFUL PRESENTS DELICIOUSLY DEBAUCHED 9.45-10.15	MOSESE PARKER 10.45-12.00					
SMIRNOFF DOCTOR DAYTIME		KIRA SUNDAY 12.00-2.00		HERSCHEL 3.00-4.00	DANSEN & RALPH 4.00-6.00	DAN DALTON 6.00-8.00	DEAN TURNELY 8.00-10.00	ELLIOTT CREED 10.00-12.00	MORDI 12.00-2.00							
BYRON BAY BREWERY		THE GATLING GUN 12.00-3.30		GHOST MUTT 3.30-4.15	GO-JO 4.30-5.15	COOL SOUNDS 5.30-6.30		CHELSEA SHARNE 11.00-12.30	CHUNKY N' CARTER 12.30-2.00							
RED BULL UNFDRSEEN							CAITLIN MEDCALF 6.00-8.00	RONA. 8.00-10.00	AYEBATONYE 10.00-12.00	HARVEY SUTHERLAND (DJ SET) 12.00-2.00						
FORUM/COMEDY/PODCAST	BURN GENTLY HIP HOP DOLC & PANEL PRESENTED BY APRIL ANCOS W/ DOBBY, N'FA JONES & MORE 10.00-11.30	SCIENCE VS W/WENDY ZUKERMAN, DR KARL & MORE 12.00-12.45	SPLENDOUR TOWN HALL: YOUTH MINISTER DR ANNE ALY W/ HANNAH FERGUSON 1.15-2.30	SOCIAL MEDIA X SEX W/ESMIE LOUISE JAMES, MADDY MACRAE, ONLY FANS STARS & MORE 3.00-4.15	COMEDY WITH DAMIEN POWER, MICHAEL HING, ALEX HUDSON & MORE 5.00-7.30											
SCIENCE TENT	RAPING HEAT IN THE TENT! W/EMILY STOCKING – 10.30-10.30 SESSION: CLIMATING INTERACTIVE LIVE DATING SHOW. FEAT. DR KARL & MORE 10.30-11.30	CYBERSECURITY TUNE-UP SCIENCE ON THE GO! 11.30-12.30	SESSION: WELLMANIA IDA TORNVALL, VICKY SULLIVAN & JULIE MARSH DR EMILY STOCKING 12.30-2.00	UTS DEEP GREEN BIOTECH HUB PRESENTS: 2023 GREEN LIGHT STARTUPS 2.00-3.00	SESSION: FROM LAND TO SEA MICHELLE HOBBS, ZOE CATTERALL, KATAYA BARRETT 3.00-4.30											
RAINBOW BAR SUNDAY/FUNDAY		DRAG BRUNCH 12.00-2.00	JACQUI CUNNINGHAM 2.00-5.00	DJ DOLLY LLAMA 5.00-8.00	JARRED BAKER 8.00-11.00	NIPSLIP 11.00-2.00										
LITTLE SPLENDOUR	FUNFIT HIP-HOP WORKSHOP 12.00-1.00	TIPTOE GIANTS SING IN THE FIELD 1.00-1.30	THE GUMBOOTS 2.00-3.00	CIRCUS ARTS AERIAL SHOW 3.00-3.45	BUNNY RACKET 3.30-4.20	DJ SONICA-AYRE 4.20-5.00										

A LITTLE BIT BLUE INTERVIEW WITH DUNE RATS' DANNY BEUS

After 12 years, the Dune Rats have gone from being a bunch of guys who party way too hard and play loud music for a bit of fun and beers, to being a bunch of guys who party way too hard and play loud music for a bit of fun and *even more* beers.

If you're a sensitive petal you're probably not going to go see them at Splendour in the Grass this weekend.

If you're a sensitive petal you're also probably not going to want to read this interview entertainment editor **Eve Jeffery** did with Dune Rats guitarist/lead vocalist **Danny Beus** in the lead-up to Splendour in the Grass.

You have you been doing this for about 12 years – it's my impression that you never in your wildest dreams imagined you'd still be playing this 'band' gig.

I didn't think we'd ever play Splendour – I think we've racked up a couple now. Yeah, just the fact that we're still getting gigs is pretty miraculous, for three dudes that started the band just to get a bit of beer money, it's turned into a little bit more than that. I don't try to think about it too much to be honest. We're pretty lucky.

Have you moved on from beer?

Naaaaaaah. We still play for beer money, we just buy more beer than we used to.

Has this unexpected success forced you to be a bit more serious about playing and your responsibilities, or are you still just banging it out?

When you've been in a band for as long as we have – when you first start, you kind of, you know, do the thing where you just get absolutely shit-faced and play gigs. And you do that for about three or four years till you either see some footage back of how horrible you were, or maybe, just as you play more as a band you get better.



Some of our first shows we were just more notorious about how wasted we'd get, over the actual music.

We've always had good people around us as well – we've had James from Violent Soho, Shane from DZ Deathrays, we've had lots of people come in and sort of give their two cents, it's a big team effort to screw up Dune Rats.

Have you found that the audience which were shit-faced with you, have moved along with you, or have you just got a new bunch of shit-faced people now?

I think it's really safe to say most Aussies get pretty shit-faced until they're pretty old. We've been pretty lucky to get people who are 18 to, fuck, some of the people we get are older than you!* They just come in and we get 65-year-olds getting pretty shit-faced at our show.

So it's pretty good. I mean, we're pretty liberal with drugs and have a good vibe. I think that sort of brought a lot of like-minded people – people that like to smoke a few joints. We've always had a pretty fun fanbase.

Some bands they have real rowdy pisshead fans that can get a bit intense, but we've always had really fun people. Everyone's there for a good time.

I see you wear a wedding ring – would that suggest that you're married to someone? Has your private and personal life matured beyond getting shit-faced all the time?

Ummmmmm. Luckily I found someone who puts up with me being shit-faced all the time. She's a primary school teacher so she's used to dealing with little kids. We've been together for a long time, she's been a part of the crew for a long time. We've always just been blokey blokes – we go out, get shit-faced, go back to an after party, smoke a bunch

of bong, drink beers and just sit on the couch.

We're pretty lucky – well lucky or stupid. I'm just doing a lot of the same shit I've done since I was 20. Probably don't do as many pingers as I used to, but other than that... it's same-same.

Is there new music in the works?

Yeah, definitely. If we're not touring and playing, we're writing and recording. So I think that probably by the end of the year, you'll hear new tunes.

Who are you looking forward to seeing?

I'm actually really into Arlo Parks at the moment.

What inspires you?

It's hard to say but it's this feeling that you get – anyone who's played in bands knows. It's when you're playing music together, and you feel like you're all really humming along at one time. It's just this feeling.

Also – I always think 'that's it', I've written my last song, I don't have any more songs in me. And then one day, you'll just hear a melody or a song will come through. It's that constant surprise that you have more in you than you previously thought. I think that's something that is very addictive. It's like in golf, you have to just have to have one good hit and it keeps you coming back to play, even if you had a whole shit round**.

You know, you can go on a 47-day tour and you can absolutely butcher a show, or have the worst day travelling and then it's just the best show ever – it's just a rollercoaster of emotions being in a band. So I think that's kind of what inspires me. Just being addicted to the lifestyle of it – and wanting to write fun stuff for people to dance to.

You can dance along to the Dune Rats this Sunday at 4.40pm at the Amphitheatre stage.

*Just for the record I'm 59. **See the sport pages for more on Danny's passion for golf (for a good cause).

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We wish to inform you that the **Splendour in the Grass** music festival will be held at **North Byron Parklands**, Yelgun on **Thursday 20, Friday 21 Saturday 22, and Sunday 23 of July 2023** with camping patrons arriving from 7am Wednesday 19 July and departing by 5pm Monday 24 July. The approved hours of operation are **9am to midnight on Thursday 20 July and from 9am to 2am on Friday 21, Saturday 22, and Sunday 23 July 2023. Please note, music will commence from 11am Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the main stages will cease operation at midnight.** Audio testing will take place on Thursday 20 July during event hours.

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

The **Splendour in the Grass Community Hotline** will be in operation from Wednesday 20 July to Monday 25 July inclusive. The hotline will be staffed during the event, and a recorded message service will operate outside of these hours. Please note, all calls to the Community Hotline are logged and recorded for quality purposes.

THE SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS COMMUNITY HOTLINE NUMBER IS 1300 899 440

Residents with any parking, noise or litter concerns during the festival period should contact the Community Hotline and we will have our Community Response Team assist you. The Community Hotline is not to be used for general event enquiries. Residents can also email community@northbyronparklands.com with any concerns.

Any venue related enquiries can also be directed to North Byron Parklands on community@northbyronparklands.com

TRAFFIC

A traffic management plan, prepared by an RMS accredited traffic engineer, was updated in late 2022 following an independent audit review, including consultation with state and local regulatory authorities to help minimise the impact of this event on the local road network and the immediate areas surrounding North Byron Parklands. Changed traffic conditions include:

- Temporary turning lanes along Tweed Valley Way into North Byron Parklands defined by delineation devices. This is to assist with the steady flow of through traffic. Please follow the directional signage. Please note traffic infrastructure will be in place from 9am Monday 17 July and will be removed by 5pm Tuesday 25 July.
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place along Wooyung Road in addition to Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way commencing approx. 100m south of the Yelgun interchange continuing along Tweed Valley Way to 300m north of Jones Road, as well as on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- To manage potential illegal camping or parking in the immediate surrounds of North Byron Parklands, Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road, Billinudgel Road and Jones Road at the Tweed Valley Way intersections.
- Traffic control staff will be in place along Wooyung Road in addition to Tweed Valley Way between the Yelgun Interchange and Jones Road.
- All traffic control will be managed by RMS accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for **POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS**.
- Camping patrons will begin to arrive from 7am on Wednesday 19 July and depart by 5pm Monday 24 July.
- For safety reasons, there is strictly **NO PEDESTRIAN** access into North Byron Parklands. NSW Police will be enforcing this requirement.

GETTING TO THE EVENT

The only way patrons can access the Event is via one of the following:

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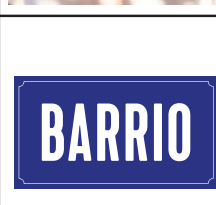
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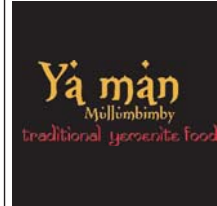
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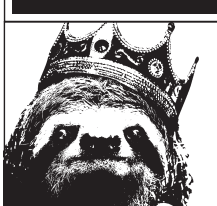


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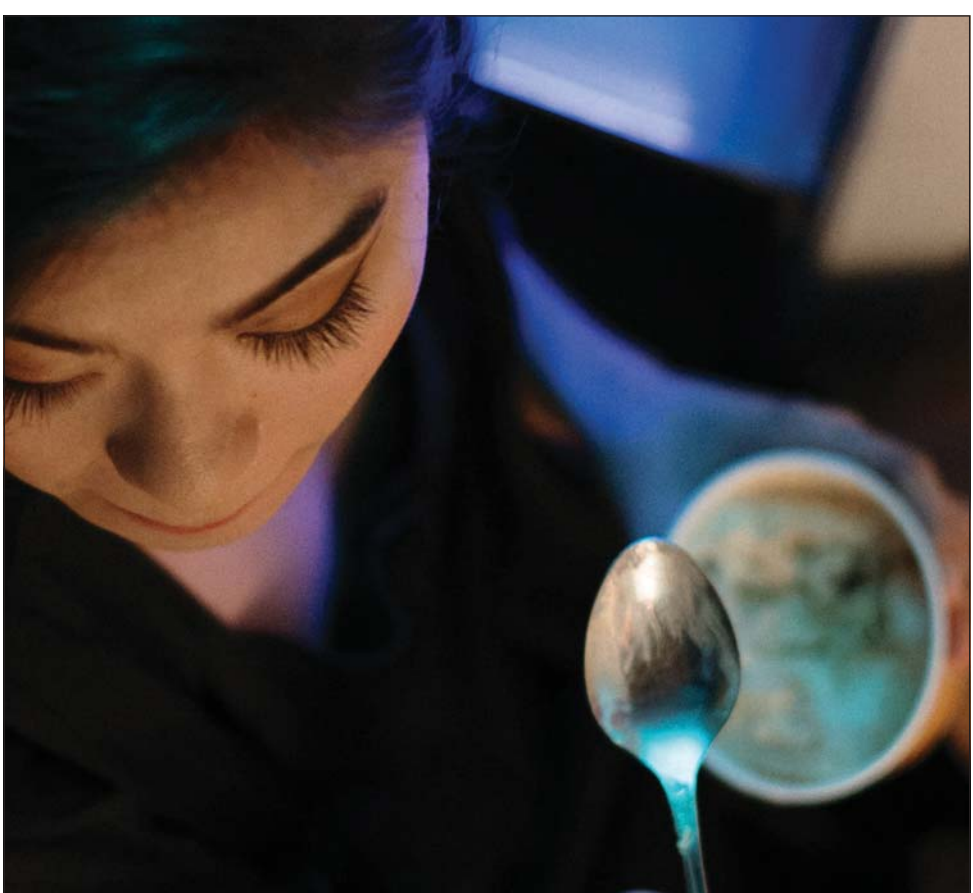
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Good Life

Love a sprout?

Victoria Cosford

The business name 'Sprout Lovers' could not be more apt: people really love these sprouts! 'They're illuminating!' exclaims one young woman who's approached the stall with a bevy of children as I stand chatting to Michael Rose. 'My daughter's face lights up as we walk up to the stall - they illuminate the soul!'

High praise indeed. Michael scoops out sprouts from their assorted containers, a blend he tips into

organic cellophane bags, topping them off with activated almonds. I'm to witness at least half a dozen more customers purchasing the same thing in the 15-odd minutes I'm there, and each one appears, if not illuminated, exceedingly happy.

Sprout Lovers is the creation of Mullumbimby naturopath Ruth Hanrahan and, apart from the almonds, it's all about sprouted legumes - adzuki beans, alfalfa, chickpeas and fenugreek,

mung beans, radishes and lentils. 'You're eating something that's alive, so you get maximum nutrition,' Michael tells me. 'Everything else you pick - a lettuce, for example - oxidises and loses its nutrients. Sprouts are an activated food, a radicalised food,' he grins. 'Very suitable for Mullumbimby!'

On the glorious Wilsons Creek property where Ruth lovingly tends them, only rainwater is used, which goes through seven filters and is tested every fortnight. 'We've never failed a test in 17 years,' Michael says. 'Ruth,' he continues, 'is up at 4am every morning to ensure

the sprouts are neither over-soaked nor over-rinsed. Ruth's spot on with her timings!'

I ask if there's a preferred sprout but Michael says that 98% of customers go for the mix. Another woman tells him, when he asks her what she likes to do with her sprouts, that they 'rarely make it out of the bag'; yet another makes a point of thanking him for being there. I had no idea - clearly I, too, have been illuminated.

Sprout Lovers are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday 7-11am

Michael Rose from Sprout Lovers



Beekeeper's sweet life



From The Beez To You, via local apiarist Tanya Grace.

Declining worldwide bee populations put our food security at risk because, according to the United Nations, one-third of the

world's food production depends solely on bees. Thankfully, local apiarists like Tanya Grace are helping to keep bee numbers healthy

in the Northern Rivers.

Tanya and her husband Ben have about 140 hives dotted around the region from Eungella and Hastings Point to Tumbulgum and Brooklet. 'Each of our hives house about 50,000 bees, which is a lot of bees and a lot of honey,' says Tanya.

Ben's father has been beekeeping for more than 50 years and the couple, who now run the family honey business, From The Beez To You, are not only passionate about keeping bee numbers thriving but also about ensuring locals have access to honey in its raw, natural state.

Every Thursday morning, Tanya brings tubs of raw honey, creamed honey and fresh honeycomb from her hives to Byron Farmers Market.

'Supermarket honey tends to be overly sweet and more runny than raw

honey. It's also pasteurised to extend shelf life, which reduces some of the nutrients,' Tanya says.

'Sometimes it is supplemented with imported honey from Argentina, India and China, so you don't really know exactly what is in the honey. Whereas all our honey is untreated. We extract it from the hives and leave it in its natural state, which means it has all of the good stuff such as pollen and propolis.' Propolis is believed to have a number of health benefits, including helping to heal wounds and fight infections.

From The Beez To You has four main varieties of honey: Brush Box, Ironbark, Rainforest and Coastal Heath. 'Coastal Heath, with its strong flavour and caramel undertones, is my favourite,' says Tanya, 'but if you are

looking for something a bit lighter in flavour then the Brush Box is a good choice. It's really delicious and mild.'

You can find Tanya and her range of raw honey at Byron Farmers Market every

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He returns to Australia for a season of solo concerts showcasing his beloved chosen instrument – the oud, an Arabic lute.

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Joseph has recorded in New York with US jazz luminaries including John Abercrombie (with whom he toured), Christian McBride, John Patitucci, Jack de Johnette, Mike Stern and Roy Ayers.

Joseph has received 17 ARIA Award nominations and won 7 ARIAs, including 'Best World Music Album'.

He recorded *Band of Brothers* in 2011 with James Tawadros and the The Grigoryan Brothers.

He also recorded *History has a Heartbeat* in 2022 with acclaimed Yidaki (didj) artist William Barton which won them an ARIA.

Joseph has performed his own works with the Australian Chamber Orchestra; BBC Symphony; Melbourne, WA and Adelaide Symphony; Ukraine National Orchestra; Camerata Salzburg, and the Morphing Chamber Orchestra and his *Concerto for Oud*; Orchestra with the Sydney Symphony was performed and released by ABC Classics, Australia in 2019.

He was also the first and only Australian composer to be performed by the Academy of Ancient Music in the United Kingdom.

2023 highlights include performing at the opening of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland and the premiere of his new work *The Three Stages of Hindsight* with the prestigious Britten Sinfonia and a sell-out Australian tour with the Australian Chamber Orchestra in March. He is also one of the 50 Australian composers to be chosen to write a fanfare celebrating the Sydney Opera House's 50th birthday.

Joseph was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for services to music in 2016.

He will be performing solo on Friday 28 July at Byron Theatre: doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm.

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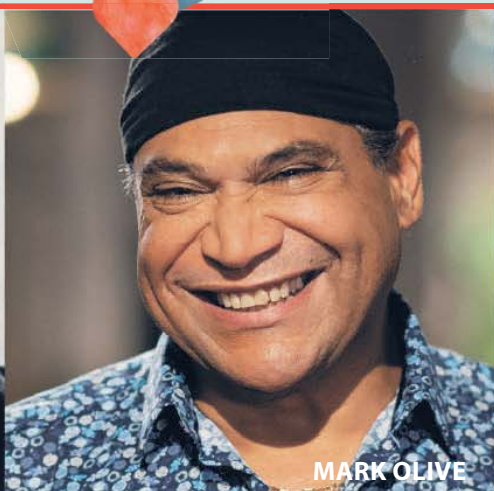
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Prominent Bundjalung director and curator, **Rhoda Roberts AO** has commissioned four Bundjalung writers to reflect on their experience of living with occupation. **Grace Lucas-Pennington** is a Bundjalung editor and poet living on Yuggera/Turrbal country. **Naomi Moran** is a Dunghutti and Nyangbal/Arakwal woman of the Bundjalung nation. She is CEO of *Koori Mail* and Co-Chair of *First Nations Media Australia*. Indigenous chef **Mark Olive** (aka 'The Black Olive') has hosted popular TV shows *The Outback Cafe*, *The Chefs' Line* and *On Country Kitchen*. **Kirk Page** is an acclaimed actor, director and writer and has brought many stories to stage and screen during his 29-year career.

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THE SWOOSHING OF GIMMY AT SPLENDOUR

Gimmy is the solo project of female artist **Gemma Owens**. Since the release of her debut single *Away For A While* in 2020, Owens has spent the last three years creating her own diverse palette of folk and indie rock, mixed with sways of energetic garage rock and surf guitar. Now a local girl, **Gimmy** is really really excited about her first big festival performance ... ever! *Seven* spoke to **Gimmy** last week ...

You have a very unusual voice – have you always sung like that?

I think I've always sung, since I was young. I used to write songs when I was like, you know, 10, 11, 12 all the way up through teenage years. I sung from my head a lot – and then when my confidence broke through I sung more from my guts, and that's kind of like where the power came from.

What are you looking forward to at Splendour?

I'm just really excited to be in such an amazing line-up and have the opportunity to perform on such a big stage. I've never performed on such a big stage before. So the nerves and the excitement are just swooshing around in there.

Is there someone else that you're looking forward to seeing?

I'm actually really keen to see Sam Fender and Marlon Williams.

For someone who's not done a big festival like this, how do you approach it – what's your preparation?

There is a rehearsal space out the back of Cabarita run by a lovely man called Paul. And he's decked out a huge warehouse and made it pretty much for people – mainly huge artists – who stop through and go to Splendour and Falls. The stage is huge, the sound is massive.

So I pretty much go there and rehearse a full festival ready sound.

Are you finding that since you're becoming more popular and more well known – do you think you're finding enough time for self-care?

Yeah, it's pretty essential for me to be honest. I feel it more as I'm getting known.

I have to say, you're pretty relaxed – are you always chill?

Yeah, well, what you see is what you get. I'm just gonna be as honest as I can be.

Do you feel like this has been a long road to get you to where you are now?

Yeah, it has but it's also been divinely timed. I believe you don't get presented something until you're ready for it. So it's definitely felt like a long haul. I was in a girl band for five years – we did heaps of traveling around and lots of shows everywhere – we did kind of a lot of hard work through that project. So, in a way it does feel like, 'Oh my gosh, finally there's



an opportunity here after all this hard work.' It's nice to see it coming to fruition after a very long time for sure.

Are you bringing anything to Splendour that your audience and your fans haven't already seen?

Yes! I'm working on an album at the moment. The band have chipped away about half of it. We're finishing it off in September. We have some of my favourite songs that I've ever written and I'm really excited to play them.

Are you starting to feel like a rock star?

I don't know about that. It feels like my passion and dreams are coming to fruition. It feels like something's conspiring above my head saying 'You're

on the right path. Keep going. 'That's for sure.

What inspires you?

There's a little fire-cracker sitting somewhere between my guts and my heart that won't leave me alone. It literally keeps telling me to keep doing music. It's the only thing that's stuck for me. Everything else has been subject to change, but I think music, for me, there's just something in me that has such a deep urge to create songs, and it just won't stop spewing out of me. And it hasn't since I was about 12.

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You can see where this is going can't you?

The movie bumbles along with seduction, animal shelters (naww) skinny dipping, drunken teenagers, stolen clothes, a police chase, a prom, ibuprofen, alcohol and pepper spray!

It all comes to a head when Percy finds out he said, she said and they said. It has a car crash and an adopted dog called Milo... really, what more could you ask for in a movie?

You can see *No Hard Feelings* at Palace Cinemas in Byron Bay and the new Palace at Ballina Fair. Visit: www.palacecinemas.com.au.

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- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM MATTHEW ARMITAGE
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM PHIL JAMIESON + ALLY PALMER + TIM STEWARD
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM USE MULLUM'S 12 BIRTHDAY - 'FRIENDS'
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHT
- AUSTRALIA HOTEL, BALLINA, 8PM SUPER ORBIT + APOSTLES
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM 5PM ROD MURRAY - A TRIBUTE TO JAZZ, 7.30PM POETRY COMPETITION
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM COMEDY ON THE ROCKS WITH ANN FERGUSON HOWE

FRIDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, EPIC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM ANIMAL VENTURA, 8PM IZAEAH MARSH BAND, 10PM DJ JOEY TUCKSHOP
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM DAN HANNAFORD + DJ KYRA

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM ISAAC FRANKHAM DUO
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ OREN SELECTA
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM BALCONY BEATS, 8.30PM KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ PUMAH

- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM PHANTOM LIMBZ ALBUM LAUNCH W/ JIMMY DOWLING
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM SHANDELL & DAVE
- LENNOX PIZZA 8PM RENEE SIMONE
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM BEN WALSH
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM KANE MUIR
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM HARRY NICHOLS
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM KELLY BROUHAHA
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6.30PM NATHAN KAYE + DJ BRENTON
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7PM SAM BUCKLEY + DJ MAGNUS
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM JADE STODDARD
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM STEPHEN LOVELIGHT
- DOLPHINS HARBOURSIDE HOTEL, TWEED HEADS, 6PM DAVE POWER

SATURDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, MATTY ROGERS BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM LUKE YEAMAN, 6.30PM JAY DEVU, 9PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM CORNERS OF THE EARTH : KAMCHATKA
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM MARK CHAPMAN + DJ SIMBA & DJ ZAC

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM BURGER JOINT + ZAC HUBBARD
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM CHEEKY CABARET
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM DJ OTORONGO
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM JOSH HAMILTON
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET
- LENNOX PIZZA 8PM MILO GREEN
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM HAYLEY GRACE AND THE BAY COLLECTIVE
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM INO PIO, LEVEL ONE 7.30PM LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7.30PM STAR TRIPPIN' '23, HPM, HILYTE FREEDOM BAND & MAXIMUM THRUST

- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM PUSH + DJ DIDGE NINJA
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM CATH SIMES BAND

- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, EAST OF WEST - ALBUM LAUNCH
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM MR TROY

SUNDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, CHRIS FISHER
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM FELICITY LAWLESS
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM ALEX TILLEY
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM BEN WALSH
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM Z-STAR TRINITY + TRILLA
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM CHEEKY CABARET
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM BEN WHITING
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM YOLAN
- LENNOX PIZZA 3PM LUKE BENNETT

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB WITH JAMIE ASHFORTH BAND
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM PISTOL WHIP
- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM AUSECUMA BEATS
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM MANDY HAWKES
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, THE TODD HARDY QUINTET

MONDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM MICKA SCENE DUO
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, OLE FALCOR
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM BUBBLE CHRISTMAS CRACKER

WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHIN DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM CHLOE JETT
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM SCREENING: I, CLAUDE MONET
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM KINGY COMEDY - FEAT TING LIM
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM FASTLOVE - TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MICHAEL

PALACE CINEMAS Session Times

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RACHEL'S FARM (PG) Q&A Event Tues: 6:30PM, 7:15PM	BARBIE (PG) Daily: 11:45AM, 1:00PM, 2:15PM, 3:30PM, 4:45PM, 6:00PM, 7:15PM, 8:30PM	OPPENHEIMER (CTC) Daily: 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 2:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 7:30PM
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FAMILY FILMS	INDIANA JONES & THE DIAL OF DESTINY (M) Daily except Sun, Wed: 11:00AM, 1:40PM, 7:10PM Sun, Wed: 1:40PM, 7:10PM	TRANSFORMERS: RISE OF THE BEASTS (M) Thurs: 11:20AM, 7:20PM Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 7:20PM
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2/38 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads

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AUCTION

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AUCTION

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AUCTION

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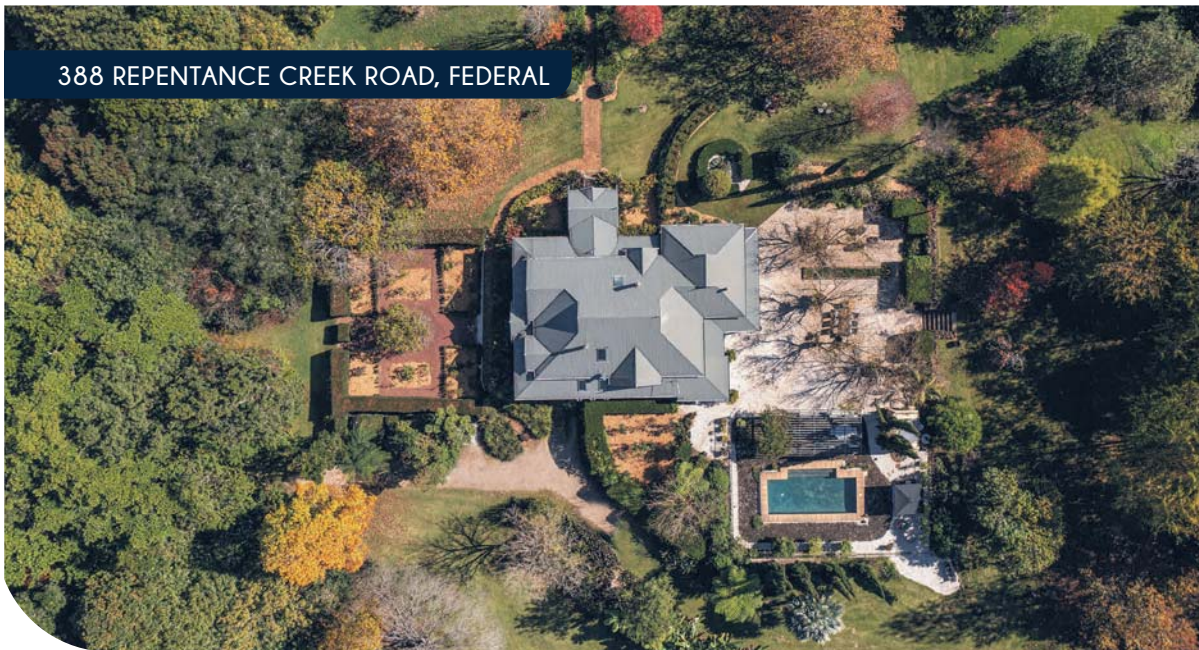
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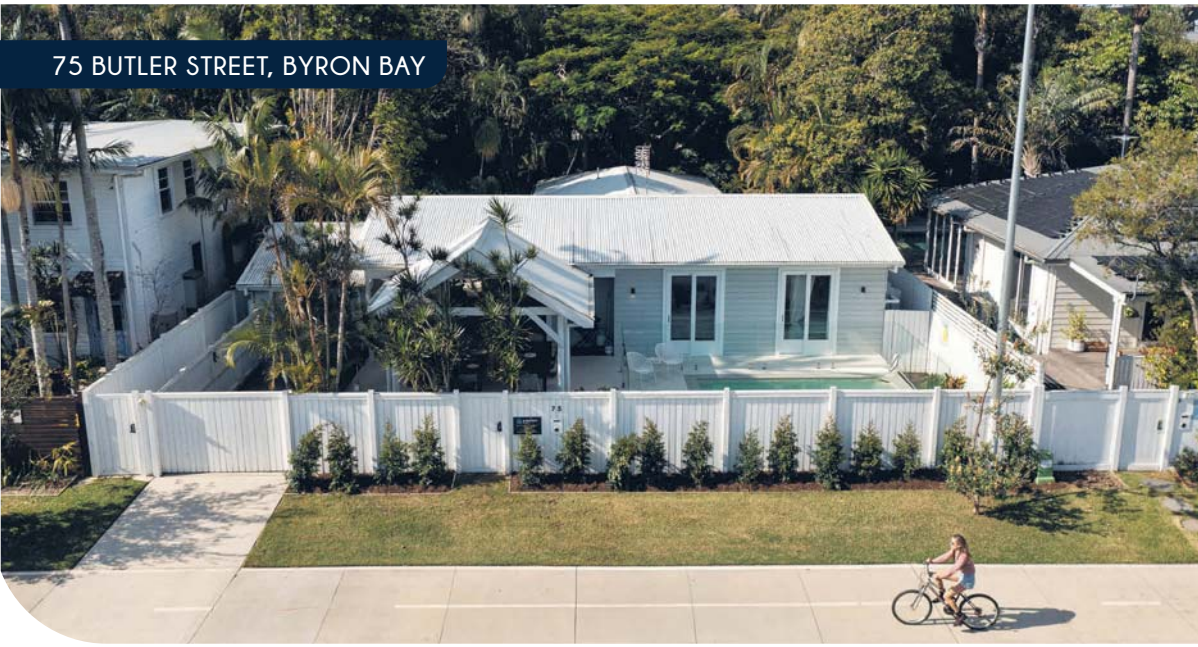
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- 53 Fig Tree Hill Dr, Lennox Head. Thurs 2-2.30pm
- 103 Goonengerry Mill Rd, Goonengerry. Fri 1-1.30pm
- 2 Coachwood Court, Federal. Fri 2-2.30pm
- 41 Bottlebrush Cres, Suffolk Park. Fri 3-3.30pm
- 1/31 Julian Rocks Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 3/75 Stewart St, Lennox Head. Sat 9.30-10am
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- 18 Ridgeland Close, Boat Harbour. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 2/5 Chinbible Av, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Dinjerra Pl, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 41 Gordon St, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 36 Warrambool Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30-12pm
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- 53 Fig Tree Hill Dr, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 12 Brandon St, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Burns St, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30-1pm
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- 2 Coachwood Court, Federal. Sat 2-2.30pm
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- 2/14 Barrett Dr, Lennox Head. Sat 10.45-11.15am
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- 3 Narooma Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 16/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am
- 10 Banksia Pl, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 6 Tristania St, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 151 Burnetts Rd, Nashua. Sat 10-10.30am
- 78 Owenia Way, Broken Head. Sat 11.30-12pm
- 33/12 Hazelwood Cl, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.15-10.45am
- 680 Cawongla Rd, Larnook. Sat 12.30-1pm

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- 14 Goolara Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am

Ray White Byron Bay

- 48 Jacaranda Dr, Byron Bay. Thurs 11-11.30am
- 31 Beachcomber Dr, Byron Bay. Thurs 12-12.30pm
- 109-111 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Thurs 1-1.30pm

- 11/183-205 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk. Sat 9-9.30am
- 31 Beachcomber Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 109-111 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk. Sat 10-10.30am
- 65 Currawong Way, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 48 Jacaranda Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 429 Wilsons Creek Rd. Sat 11-11.30am
- 39 Belongil Cres., Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 4 Argyle St, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 146 Cameron Rd, McLeans Ridges. Wed 1-1.30pm
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- 12 Ivory Curl Pl, Bangalow. Sat 10.30-11am
- 447 Eltham Rd, Eltham. Sat 11.30am-12pm

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- 11 Riverside Cres, Brunswick Heads.

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Ray White Byron Bay

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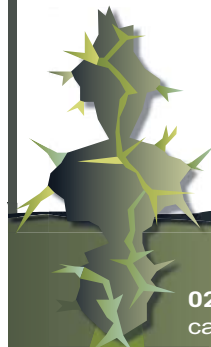
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Skullcandy junior surfing rocks Lennox Head

The 2023 Skullcandy Oz Grom surfing event concluded in Lennox Head last week with eight new champions crowned across six age divisions, as well as the World Surf League (WSL) Junior Qualifying Series (JQS) Pro Junior division.

The six-day event ran from 6 July to 11 July 2023 and included a World Surf League (WSL) sanctioned Pro Junior Qualifying Series (JQS) event as well as an elite competition for promising grommets in the 14, 16 and 18 year age divisions.

In all 270 surfers competed across the event.

Milla Brown (Bungan, NSW) won the coveted Pro Junior title as well as the U/18 girls division.

Rosie Smart (Sawtell, NSW) came second followed by Sierra Kerr (Coolangatta, Qld) and



Despite scoring the top ride in her U/14 semi-final local surfer Leihani Zoric didn't make it to the finals last week. Photo Ethan Smith

Isla Huppatz (Bilinga, Qld).

'This is the best day of my competitive career so far for sure,' said Brown.

Marlon Harrison (Coolangatta, Qld) scored a late wave to claim the win in the male Pro Junior division.

He nudged out Rico Haybittle (Burleigh, Qld), Tim Bain (Noosa, Qld) and Oliver

Ryssenbeek (Newcastle, NSW).

'A five-person judging panel comprised of current WSL Championship Tour and Qualifying Series judges were on-site as well as a live webcast that collectively sets this event above any other junior competition in the world,' organisers said.

Byron Bay puts Bangalow into second place

The Byron Bay FC's premier league men's side has come away with a good win and wrestled themselves into top spot in the competition by beating Bangalow 2-0, playing at the Byron Bay Recreation Grounds last Friday night.

Byron Bay scored each of their goals in the later stages of each half.

'It was a very close, tight game. It had a semi-final feel,' Bangalow Blue Dogs captain Joel Rudgley said.

'It was back and forth football and you got the feeling that whoever made the first mistake would concede a goal, and that was exactly what happened,' he said.

The Byron side defended well according to coach Jeremy Sutton.

'We made a good early save, without it the game could have been very



Byron Bay's top side with some young fans enjoying the winning feeling after last Friday's game. Photo supplied

different,' he said.

'Bangalow is one of those teams that always come with a lot of vigour. But we showed how much we wanted it in the second half.

'We also had a great home advantage with a strong, vocal crowd,' Jeremy said.

With just the one win to their disadvantage the

Blue Dogs have plenty left to play for with just four rounds left in the regular season.

'We are still hoping to finish on top of the table, it depends how we go over the next month or so, before the finals,' Joel said.

Behind Byron Bay (33) and Bangalow (31) on the table sit Alstonville (23) and South Lismore (21).

401 games and counting for rugby referee

Dedicated local rugby union referee Graham Cook achieved the remarkable feat of officiating at 401 first grade matches last weekend.

'I refereed my first match in 1989, as a way to keep active and to give something back to the game.

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'There is also plenty of work involved behind the scenes, keeping up the fitness levels and staying on top of the yearly rule changes.'

Of late he has probably been pulling out the red and yellow cards a bit more often than usual but that is a function of the new emphasis on player safety from the administrators.



Graham Cook was happy back in 2014, and is still looking for many more years behind the whistle. Photo supplied

If anything being well known to the players keeps things running more smoothly 'as they have learned which buttons not to push,' he said.

Graham has no plans to slow down and notes that there are officials running around who are 71 years old.

'I'm still agile enough,' he said.

'Far North Coast Rugby Union would like to thank Graham for his dedication to refereeing and rugby; rain, hail or shine, week in and week out over the last 35 years,' zone administrator Wayne Millane said.

Splendour musicians ready to play golf for charity

Thirty of the performers from Splendour in the Grass will be at the Byron Bay Golf course this Thursday 20th of July 20, to compete in the Music Industry Masters golf contest.

Last year in the inaugural event, the artists went down to the opposing team made up of industry professionals.

'It is always a bit scary doing something new, but it worked so we are doubling down this year,' event co-founder and band member with The Rubens, Sam Margin said.

This year the 'performers' are back with a team that includes members of Ball Park Music, Eliza and The Delusionals, Skeggs, AlibiBarter, Dune Rats, Kingswood, Bernard Fanning, Ruby Fields, Holy Holy, The Rubens and Grinspoon, at a minimum.

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Musicians will be trying their hand at golf this week in Byron Bay as a prelude to Splendour. Photo supplied

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The event is also a charity fundraiser and this year will be donating to the Go Foundation, Musicians Making a Difference and Hi Neighbour.

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With the highest temperatures in history being recorded in the northern hemisphere, will the federal Labor government undergo radical policy reversals and cut its cozy relationships with the coal and gas cartels, and properly prepare emergency services for this upcoming summer?

It must have been uncomfortable for Nats candidate, Josh Booyens, to answer the question on page 2. Of course, his mentor Ben Franklin was responsible for not ensuring his funding promise would be honoured. But instead of accepting that, Booyens said he should be given wider latitude to pork barrel. Whaaaaaa?

Volunteer call out: the 24-hour Vigil for Grief will be held July 29-30, from 4pm at the Fig Tree Grove. 'We are needing around another ten folks to assist with set up, vigil space holding and pack down. If you would like to consider volunteering please email ella@renewfest.org.au'.

'With the Age pretending a member of Australian Landlords Association is an "ordinary landlord" and Labor/Courier Mail attacking the Greens for pushing for public housing over luxury apartments in floodplains, it's clear the establishment is mobilising to protect their interests'. Tweet by Greens MP Max Chandler-Mather.

Calling on all singers: The upcoming season of *Australian Idol* - with a particular focus on Byron Bay - will be holding auditions over Zoom in August. To find out more, visit www.idolauditions.com.au/byronbay.

'The average resident of Mali has the same carbon footprint as a British kettle. The average resident of Nigeria has a smaller carbon footprint than an American fridge.' Tweet by Extinction Rebellion co-founder, Robin Boardman.

The 2023 Byron Bay Surf Festival is back from August 24-27, and entries are now open. Organisers say the three-day surfing comp will run at the end of The Pass, in front of Waves Cafe. The back-up location is Wategos Beach.

After the success of the Gold Coast marathon, the Off The Street On Our Feet team will now take on the Sunshine Coast Marathon on August 12-13. Donations that help the Fletcher Street Cottage assist the homeless can be made via www.byroncentre.com.au.

Is anyone else noticing that NSW Labor ministers are not very good at their jobs?

With the new RBA chief Michele Bullock thankfully taking over from Phillip Lowe (who was another dud Morrison pick), maybe she could make mention of the inflationary impact that Stage 3 tax cuts will have?

Psst: Government funding to private schools has increased almost twice as much as funding to public schools in the decade since the landmark Gonski review (source: *The Guardian*).

'Remember: It's only existentialism if it comes from the existentialist part of France. Otherwise, it's just sparkling anxiety.' Tweet by Aaron Paul Sullivan.



Apart from secondhand bargains and homemade lemonade at last Saturday's inaugural Tallowood community garage sale, residents of the Mullum suburb told *The Echo* it was great chance to meet new neighbours. Pictured are Amelia, Poppy and Bannen. Photo Margie Hannsons

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Louise King, cello

Roger Cui, piano

Music inspired by hope, war, peace, love and resistance, centred around Rachmaninov's magnificent cello sonata, with works by Arensky, Glazunov, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, plus arrangements of Sting, Radiohead, John Butler and John Lennon.

Sunday July 30

3pm | Byron Theatre

byron music society

ONE ROOF BYRON

TACKLING INVOLUNTARY HOMELESSNESS IN BYRON SHIRE

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON COUNCIL LAND!

Update: Council says that Resolution # 22-701 (due 30/6/23) will now be delayed by Council.

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Council will audit its own properties for use as crisis and transitional accommodation

2

Council will streamline the process to make it easier for Council properties to be used for accommodation by amending the Housing SEPP.

For more details, www.facebook.com/oneroof2481/
Also, open this link & scroll down to 13.11: (Our Proposal also there)
https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/12/OC_15122022_AGN_1481_WEB.htm