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A wordy weekend... with Grace

Activist, and advocate for survivors of sexual assault. Grace Tame, holds court with Amy Remeikis at the Byron Writers Festival. Photo Jeff 'Anything But Tame Since 1986' Dawson

Beautiful blue skies blessed last weekend's Writers Festival, held at its new venue, the Bangalow Showgrounds. Organisers say the festival attracted close to 10,000 patrons to 80 sessions, eight workshops, 12 feature and satellite events, and a

two-day schools program. Zoë Pollock, CEO and artistic director of Byron Writers Festival, said, 'What an incredible five days - our beautiful new site in Bangalow was absolutely singing with joy!' Pollock also announced the

festival received a pledge of \$1 million from the Vasudhara Fund. 'The gift, to be paid over the next ten years, will contribute to the ongoing viability of the festival and support the continued presentation of women writers and First Nations authors.'

Persecuted whistleblower to speak Aug 19

Afghan war crimes whistleblower, David McBride, will speak in Byron Bay on Saturday, August 19, at Marvell Hall from 6pm. Event organisers say, 'Former military lawyer McBride is facing a secret trial on November 13 that could result in him serving a life sentence for leaking classified information that formed the basis of *The Afghan Files*, a 2017 ABC exposé revealing allegations of misconduct by Australian special forces in Afghanistan.'

'During two tours in Afghanistan as a legal officer, McBride became concerned that the war was being dictated by politics, rather than the best interests of Australia and Australian soldiers. 'The rules of law and war were not being followed, and were being breached with complete impunity, because of the indifference of command. Leadership were avoiding tough decisions, because political careers were more important than people's lives.'

'He reported his concerns to the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Forces when he returned. However, when these concerns were ignored, he went to the media.' McBride's trial will be an expensive affair, say organisers. 'To support him, the Assange campaign is hosting the fundraiser on Saturday, August 19, at Marvell Hall at 6pm. *Declassified*, a short video about McBride and his prosecution, will be shown, and David McBride will host a Q&A.'

Buckle in for higher density, higher buildings, more homes

Hans Lovejoy

With the threat of losing their planning powers, councillors scrambled to respond to the NSW Planning Department at Thursday's Council meeting, approving a template to deliver 5,825 new homes for Byron Shire by 2041.

This exceeds the target set by the planning department of 4,522, and is part of fast-track reforms demanded by the planning department that are linked to Council's short term rental accommodation (STRA) proposal.

Minister Scully's delayed decision on the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) report recommendations on STRA appears to hinge on Council demonstrating it can improve housing supply.

Sweeping changes around building regulations, including height increases, higher density and more township infill are pegged to accommodate the targets.

According to the template, a *Residential Strategy Refresh 2023* is also planned, with public feedback, adoption and submission to the planning department to be completed within six months.

The reforms would include new permissible 'housing' types in residential and business zones, and 'dual key, multi-generation and eco-village opportunities'.

No 'affordable' target

'1,300 investigation areas' from the Reconstruction Authority's *Resilient Lands Strategy* are also mentioned, without further detail.

It is also unclear what percentage of new homes will be actually 'affordable' to essential workers.

During Council debate on Thursday, some councillors questioned the reasoning underpinning threats by Deputy Secretary NSW Planning, Marcus Ray to remove their planning powers. One reason to appoint an independent assessor, according to Ray, was that Council's development application (DA) processing times 'are among the slowest in the state'.

Another claim was that Byron Shire was 'falling well short' of hitting its housing targets.

Cr Asren Pugh (Labor) said the demands were sending Council down a 'rabbit hole', and it was not a major part of the IPC recommendations.

'It's almost a side note, which they have grabbed a hold of to have an excuse to say no to STRA', he said. Independent councillor, Cate Coorey added that Tweed and Ballina Shires have longer DA approval times than Byron.

Within Council's adopted motion, Council 'assures the Department of Planning that Council has always met and will continue to meet or exceed the implied dwelling targets required under the *North Coast Regional Plan*'.

Local MP, Tamara Smith (Greens) told *The Echo* she believes the planning minister does not intend to intervene with Council's planning powers, and supports the planning reforms.

She said, 'Our citizenry wants us to get on with it and deliver change - something has to give, because quite frankly, I don't know how we exist in the future as a community in Byron Shire if we don't deliver housing reform. I believe we are very close to getting a [STRA] cap per the IPC recommendations, and that is my focus.'

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Community funding helps homeless cottage, but more is needed

Paul Bibby

Urgently needed community support is starting to flow for the Fletcher Street Cottage homelessness service, but management says much more is needed to prevent cuts to its operations.

Earlier this month, *The Echo* reported that, without any ongoing government funding, the service was struggling to keep up with demand.

The Cottage, which comes under the auspices of the Byron Community Centre, has put out a call for community support.

In response, local op shop Global Ripple has stepped up, announcing that they will donate all of their proceeds from the entire month of August to the Cottage.

'We want to encourage those who have unwanted items to get them into Global Ripple op shop ASAP, to help

save Fletcher Street', Global Ripple's founder, Jacqui Boyette told *The Echo*.

Anonymous \$10k

Donations from the community are also beginning to flow, with one anonymous local giving \$10,000.

'It's been great to see the community get behind Fletcher Street', the General Manager of the Community Centre, Louise O'Connell said.

'But we've still got a long way to go. We're asking for \$350,000 to help get us through the next few months, while we agitate to the government to provide some funding.'

Despite Byron having the highest number of rough sleepers of any local government area in the state, the Cottage does not receive any state or federal government funding. 'Currently, we're not eligible for any funding for

our staff', Ms O'Connell said.

'It costs \$1 million a year to run Fletcher Street, so we're asking the government for five years worth of funding to provide some security for staff and for all of the people we're helping.'

Ms O'Connell said demand for the service had increased significantly in recent weeks, with more families coming to the community breakfast or using the shower and laundry facilities.

The centre has set up a special women's breakfast table for those who want to eat with other women. Children are also welcome at this table.

To donate, or support Fletcher Street Cottage, visit www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au.

To make a larger donation, contact Kate Love on 0448 141 490 or supporter@byroncentre.com.au.

Byron Surf Fest returns Aug 24

The Byron Bay Surf Festival (BBSF) is back from August 24 till 27, and again aims to be a showcase of surf culture, which draws enthusiasts and industry experts from all corners of the globe.

BBSF founder and director, James McMillan, says this year's festival will feature 'thrilling surf competitions and vibrant surf-inspired art exhibitions, live music performances, and educational initiatives that promote sustainability and environmental awareness'.

He says, 'Since its inception, the festival has attracted a remarkable lineup of talented surfers, influential



The longboard comp is just one feature of the BBSF. Photo supplied

figures, and industry pioneers who have left an indelible mark on the sport'.

Entries are now open for both the Wizards Longboard, Freestyle and Stoke Surf

Sessions, as well as the Cosmic Creek divisions, which is sponsored by Vissla.

For more info and tickets, visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au.

Calls for accountability on flood response

With the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) now subsumed into the newly formed Reconstruction Authority (RA), there still remains confusion and uncertainty from flood-affected residents who were promised funding.

Additionally, new mapping presented by the government cut eligibility for almost all of those flood-affected applicants in Byron Shire, as it excludes the 2022 flood.

Throughout its existence, the NRRC was criticised for its poor communication and performance, as outlined by NSW Labor MP Janelle Saffin and Greens MP Tamara Smith.

As a government-run corporation it is afforded protection from public scrutiny, and is only accountable to NSW Labor ministers Paul Scully and Jihad Dib.

There are currently two

petitions at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au, one of which was covered on page 1 last week.

NRRC failures

The other calls on the government to 'Acknowledge the failure of decisions which conflict with promises to first and foremost consider risk to people's lives; revise NRRC decision-making processes in consultation with expert data and analysis from Council and SES and others incorporating actual risk to life, health, and property; provide trauma informed training for those communicating with impacted community members; make public all information that has informed NRRC decisions; and make public full NRRC budget details'.

The petition outlines the NRRC's failure to deliver its stated aims, which include:

'accelerating return to normal life; prioritising community needs, reducing risk to life, 2,000 buybacks; fast tracking availability of land, expedite planning processes; prioritising house relocations over demolition and constantly promising "contact in coming weeks"'

Risk management principles ignored

It reads, 'Inconsistent, unreliable and contradictory contact, particularly in recent weeks, has compounded trauma causing frustration, anger, anxiety, depression and despair'.

'The NRRC has completely ignored Sendai risk management principles, local government and SES risk assessments'.

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Hundreds of placards were placed around the Apex Park on Main Beach over the weekend. Photo Jeff 'Jabby Jabs' Dawson

Hundreds of placards were placed around the Apex Park on Main Beach over the weekend, drawing the attention of Council enforcement officers.

The placards personalised covid vaccination injuries and deaths.

Sarah Nagel, Manager Public and Environmental Services, told *The Echo*, 'Officers spoke to the people in charge of the installation, and explained the approval process'.

'They advised officers that it was an art display and that they understood Council's position, and agreed to pack up and obtain appropriate approval for future art displays.'

'Council is supportive of all people exercising freedom of speech, but we require people to apply for approval to undertake events on land owned and/or managed by Council'.

Dog owners beware – bird breeding begins

Paul Bibby

Byron Council is calling on dog owners to keep their dogs strictly within designated dog off-lead areas on local beaches to help protect endangered shorebirds which are currently breeding.

As the region moves into an early spring, bird species such as the pied oyster-catcher, red-capped plover, and beach stone-curllew have

been busily breeding and nest-building across the Shire.

'If a mother bird has to stay off the nest for a long time, defending it from dogs or other animals she thinks are a threat, the chick will either starve or die from overheating in the sun,' Council's Biodiversity Team Leader, Liz Caddick said.

'It might sound bleak, but this is why Council is urging everyone to be aware of the

nesting shorebirds and to steer clear of them during the breeding and nesting season.

'This includes from dusk to dawn, when most beaches are quite empty, which is such an important time for native wildlife.'

Compliance increase

Council is determined to show that it has bite as well as bark this year, warning that those who allow their dogs to

roam free will face hefty fines.

Earlier this year councillors voted to increase its compliance operations, allocating an extra \$250,000 from its already over-stretched budget to hire two new compliance officers and buy a new vehicle.

Policing breaches in relation to dogs is one of the key compliance areas being targeted by Council, along with unauthorised camping.

Retrospective DA approved for Old Piggery

Paul Bibby

The owners of the Old Piggery in Skinners Shoot have been granted retrospective approval for an unauthorised dual occupancy on the site.

Following an extended debate on the topic at last week's Council meeting, councillors agreed to sign-off on a building approval for the two dwellings, which have stood on the site at 103 Yagers Lane since 2007.

The matter will now proceed to the NSW Department of Planning for final

approval, bringing to an end a drawn-out process lasting more than 12 months.

Relocated buildings

The owner of the property, Maggie Shriver, addressed the meeting and described how the buildings had originally been built with approval, but were then relocated to another part of the property that did not have a building entitlement.

'I was not aware that there was not a building entitlement, and I apologise for this lack of awareness,'

Ms Shriver said.

'It was only after [my ex-husband] Danny's passing that I became aware of the issue when I took over management of the property.'

The Skinners Shoot residents group opposed the application, conflating it with Ms Shriver's broader plans for the site.

These plans include the creation of a 45-seat restaurant, shops, and an artisan space showcasing the local food and drink industry.

The meeting heard that there was no link between the two.

The application was passed unanimously by councillors.

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Big names making big sounds



Jim Bonnefond (left) producing Hip Operation's new recording, with Greg Lyon on piano, Laura Nobel, Pete Wilkins and Geoff Wright. Photo Jeff 'Audiophilist' Dawson

SAE Byron Bay welcomed prospective students to their state-of-the-art Ewingsdale Road campus on Saturday.

The open day featured ARIA nominated producer, Jim Bonnefond, who

recorded local band, Greg Lyon and the Hip Operation, and talked about the 'Producer in Residence' internship he offers to students who study at SAE. For more info visit sae.edu.au.

Land values exceedingly high? Committee taking objections

Landowners who have seen their properties unfairly increased by recent Valuer General NSW valuations are encouraged to take their objections to the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General.

Local MP, Tamara Smith (Greens), told *The Echo* she has just been appointed chair of the committee, which oversees the Valuer General of NSW. Objections received will contribute to a potential parliamentary inquiry into the flood response, she says.

According to www.parliament.nsw.gov.au, 'The committee monitors, reviews and reports on how the Valuer

General carries out its land valuation functions'.

'The committee can look at methods used to conduct valuations, how valuation service contracts are negotiated and entered into, and the standard of valuation services provided under the contracts.'

'The committee can report to both Houses on any change needed to the Valuer General's land valuation functions, and on matters referred by both Houses'.

To submit your case, email Chair, Joint Standing Committee of the Office of the Valuer General at valuergeneral@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Pearson, O'Brien to hold local 'Yes' campaign events

A free community forum will be held at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Wednesday August 23, from 8.30am for a 9am start, as part of the campaign for the referendum on the Voice to Parliament.

Local MP Justine Elliot says she is hosting two local events, featuring Noel Pearson in conversation with Kerry O'Brien.

Lennox booked out

Owing to overwhelming community interest, her office says the August 22 Lennox Head event is at full capacity.

Elliot says the referendum

vote, to be held later this year, will ask whether First Nations people should be acknowledged in our Constitution and have a Voice to Parliament.

'This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape our country. This vote will be a huge responsibility, and local residents are telling me they'd like to understand the details better'.

Elliot says owing to high demand and limited seating, registration for this event is essential. Register via justineelliot.com.au/events or phone her office on 07 5523 4371.

Freedom of info refused on secret land deals

The government-run corporation that is now overseeing the flood response, Reconstruction Authority, has refused an *Echo* freedom of info request on details around secret land development proposals put forward for consideration under the Resilient Lands Program.

As previously reported, there were closed door land deals between mayor Michael Lyon, Council's General Manager, Mark Arnold, and the now defunct and discredited Northern

Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRRC) to fast-track residential land developments.

The Reconstruction Authority subsumed the NRRRC's operations on July 1.

Vague maps under the NRRRC's program indicate that 800 dwellings could be built near the Bruns highway interchange at Saddle Road, while between 340 and 500 dwellings are pegged for a large area just south of Bangalow. Both locations appear to need rezoning.

Not in public interest

Among the eight reasons for refusal under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, the Reconstruction Authority 'decision maker' said the request did not serve the public interest because it could 'prejudice the supply to an agency of confidential information that facilitates the effective exercise of that agency's functions'.

Historical society celebrates 40

This Saturday, August 19, Brunswick Valley Historical Society (BVHS) is celebrating 40 years of collecting, collating, displaying and publishing the region's history.

All are welcome to a special ceremony, which will be held at the back of the shed at midday, says BVHS Treasurer/Secretary, Susan Tsicalas.

It will coincide with the monthly market on the corner of Myokum and Stuart Streets.

Tsicalas says, 'We would love to see anyone who has had anything to do with the Historical Society and/or the museum over the last 40 years. Spaghetti Circus is providing stilt walkers, and a play space for kids to add to the fun and colour of the day'.

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Request to reduce Wategos height limit denied

Paul Bibby

A majority of Byron councillors have voted against reducing height limits at Wategos Beach, a change that was intended to curb the ongoing overdevelopment of the iconic location.

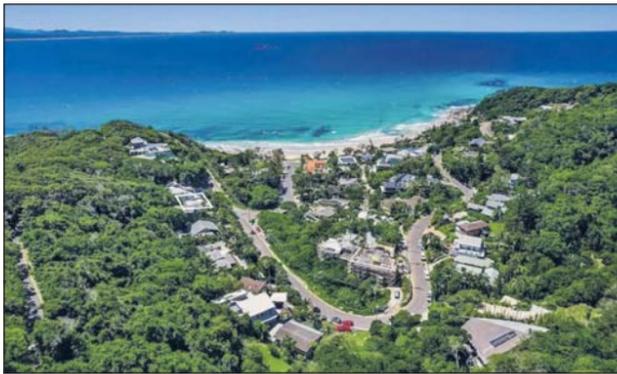
Council staff had proposed that the maximum building height at Wategos be reduced from nine to eight metres as part of its regular 'housekeeping' in relation to local planning rules.

They suggested the amendment after meeting with the Wategos Progress Association, which supported the move.

'Wategos is the most eastern residential area within Australia, is surrounded by a State Conservation Area, and has steep topography,' staff said in a report to last week's Council meeting, which advocated for the reduction.

'To minimise the impact of the built form on the environment and visual/public realm, it is proposed to reduce the height limit in this area from 9m to 8m'.

A short walk around the streets at Wategos reveals the extent of the



A request to lower Wategos height limits, made by residents and Council staff, has been rejected by councillors. Photo supplied

overdevelopment at the spot.

Property owners are not only building right up to, and in some cases over, the current height limit, they are also excavating back into the hillside to increase the size of their houses.

'They are massive mansions - they're huge,' said Labor councillor Asren Pugh, who spoke in favour of the height reduction.

'Because of the amount of money that's being spent on these houses there, our planning rules are not up to scratch to deal with them'.

'So you're getting these massive houses that are not appropriate to the site, they're not appropriate for our Shire.'

But Mayor Michael Lyon disagreed, saying that he 'couldn't see the logic' of reducing the height limit for one part of the Shire.

'I know we've had some issues with people trying to exceed the height limit, but that to me is a separate issue to reducing the height limit for the whole of Wategos.'

'I don't see that I would ever support that [Wategos amendment] when the entire Shire's at nine metres, and we're talking about moving just this area to eight metres.'

Cr Lyon later indicated that he was 'open to having a conversation' about addressing the issues at Wategos, but that it was not

appropriate to do so as part of the housekeeping amendment process.

Won't make a difference: Cr Swivel

Cr Lyon's position was supported by Councillor Mark Swivel (Independent) who said he did not think reducing height limits would make any difference.

Councillor Peter Westheimer (Independent) also backed the mayor's stance, arguing that, given the pressure Council was under from the Department of Planning over meeting its development targets, it was the wrong time to be 'fiddling with height limits and making the possibility of extra housing stock more difficult'.

Councillors who voted against reducing height limits in the Shire were Cr Lyon, Cr Swivel, Cr Westheimer, Cr Sama Balson, and Cr Alan Hunter.

They agreed to bring the matter to a future councillor workshop for further discussion.

However, that workshop is unlikely to take place until next year.

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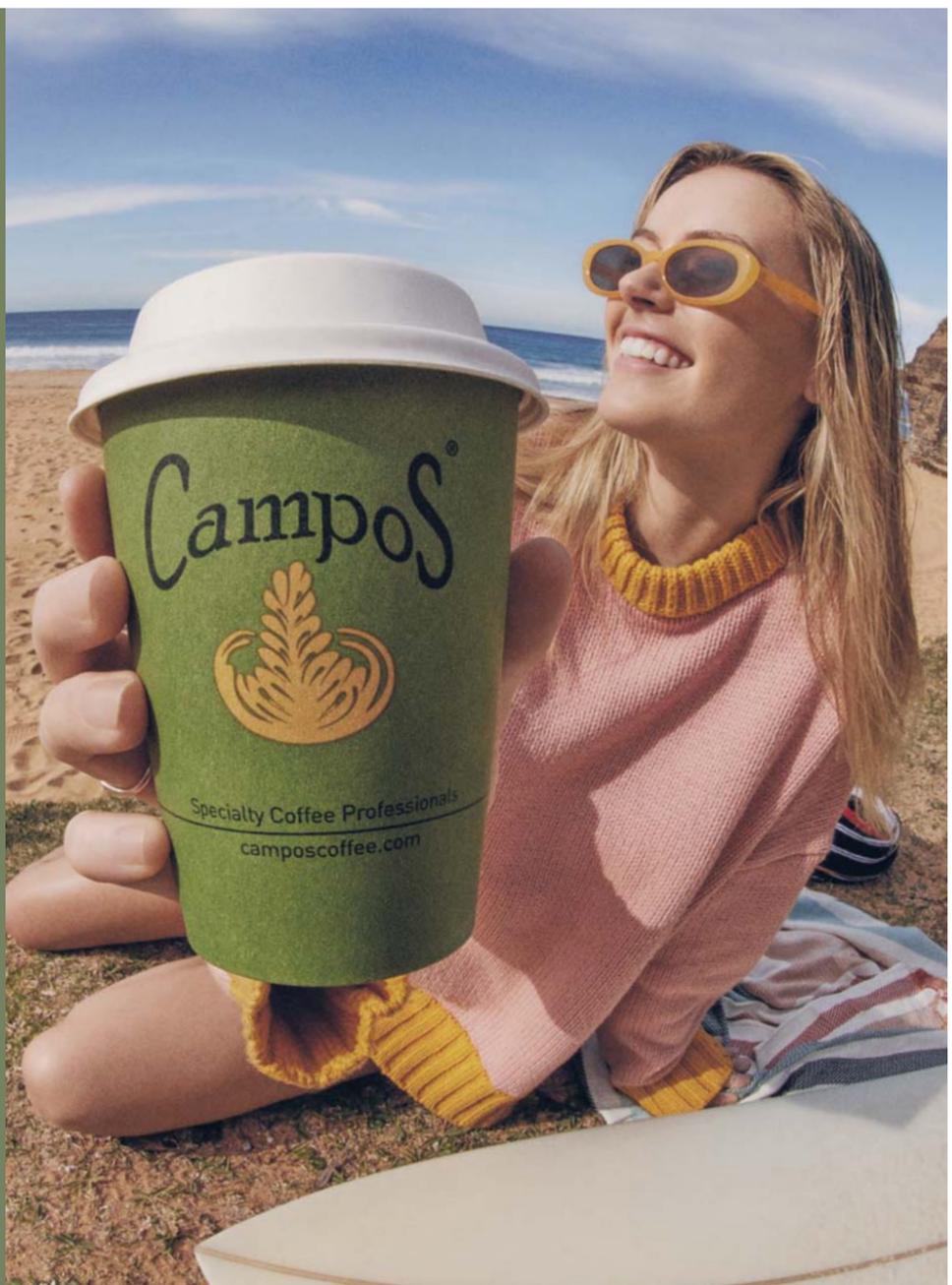
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Flood recovery projects completed in Ballina and Lismore

Residents and visitors have had safe road access restored after the NSW Government completed more than \$85,000 in flood repairs on two Crown roads in the Ballina and Lismore regions.

Tweed Council encourages connection to combat conflict

Tweed Shire Council is encouraging residents to get to know their neighbours as part of a new campaign aimed at tackling a rising number of neighbourhood disputes across the Tweed.

Ballina volunteer wins award at RESCAs

Long-serving Marine Rescue Ballina volunteer Phillip Causley has taken out the Marine Rescue NSW agency award at the 2023 Rotary Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards, held at Bankstown Sports Club.

Lismore Council looking at the future of Monaltrie koalas

A staff report on a rezoning planning proposal for land around koala habitat at Durham Road, Monaltrie Lane and Wyrallah Road in Monaltrie, came before councillors at last night's monthly meeting of Lismore Council.

The 2024 Ballina Shire Council community grants breakdown

Community carols, termite treatment, hall hire and a new rugby grandstand are some of the projects to receive funding through the Ballina Shire Council's latest community groups grants scheme.

Wardell to serve more than tennis on tiny town court

A lack of venues in the Ballina Shire town of Wardell has inspired a change of upgrade plans for the local tennis courts.

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Will Lismore Council purchase RTRL land?

Eve Jeffery

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library Committee (RTRL) has resolved to sell vacant land at 1 Lancaster Drive, Goonellabah.

On Tuesday, August 8, Lismore councillors voted unanimously to try to purchase the area which is surplus to the library's requirements.

The Council considered a report on this matter at its July meeting.

The report, from a workshop, recommended that Council advise the RTRL its preference is: 'a) to purchase

all member Council interests in the vacant land at 1 Lancaster Drive, Goonellabah; b) that the purchase be through direct negotiation, and c) that the purchase amount be based on an independent market valuation.'

One would imagine land at that location might be worth a bit.

Cr Darlene Cook slightly conflicted

Cr Darlene Cook said that as Chair of the RTRL, she was slightly conflicted about the matter.

She said, 'As a representative of Lismore [Council] on RTRL, as is Cr Colby, all we can do, if this motion is passed, is take this recommendation from Lismore to the meeting of our RTRL.'

'You must remember that the Lismore Council is only one of four councils – the other three councils have all expressed their opinions, which is to approve the possible sale, though they haven't reserved an opinion yet as to whether that is in a public auction forum or otherwise.'

'But, Cr Colby and I can take the wishes of Council to

RTRL however, we are two councillors – there are eight councillors on RTRL and so the other six councillors [two each from Ballina, Byron and Tweed councils] will have quite a large impact on the outcome of a RTRL decision.

Different ideas

'While we may advocate for Lismore [Council's] position, the other councillors may have a different idea, and may much prefer to go to open auction, and if that's the way the vote goes, that is the way the vote goes.'

'It is an independent

organisation, with an independent committee that will make that call.'

Cr Cook said Council cannot offer guarantees that the wishes expressed by Lismore Council will be taken on board by the other three councils. All we can do is advocate. We can do our best, but it is out of our hands entirely.

'It would be greatly advantageous to Lismore [Council] to acquire this land if it was at all possible, but the outcome of the meeting will be made by a totally independent committee.'

Tweed Council could ban caravan parks on RU2 rural land

Tweed Shire Council (TSC) have decided to continue working on a planning proposal to prohibit caravan parks on land zoned RU2 Rural Landscape, rather than heeding a state government request to wait until finalisation of the Growth and Housing Management Strategy (GHMS).

The state government had responded to the Council's update on Planning Proposal PP23/0003 to prohibit caravan parks in RU2 zones by saying that they were unlikely to support it in that form and they would like TSC to finalise the GHMS first.

However, Tweed Mayor Chris Cherry supported the staff argument to move forward prior to the completion of the GHMS, highlighting the fact that caravan park legislation is being abused by basically creating manufactured home estates in areas where they are prohibited.

'There is a loophole in law that allows caravan parks to have moveable dwellings, that includes manufactured homes,' she told *The Echo*.

'Caravan parks are often built in floodplains,



as you assume residents won't be there [when it floods] because they would have moved. We are very conscious that the legislation, as it stands, is allowing manufactured home estates to be built in rural locations. And at this point we've got no control over that.'

Manufactured home estates

Cr Cherry also highlighted the importance of not building manufactured home estates in rural areas where there is no infrastructure and services.

'It is allowing those manufactured home estates to be built under caravan parks legislation. Caravan parks traditionally offer a very affordable type of

housing and we want that to continue; but until the legislation is changed we need to stop them being built in inappropriate areas.'

With 35 caravan parks in Tweed Shire, Cr Cherry said 'that is enough for the demand that we have. Manufactured home estate houses are retailing between \$900,000 and \$1.1 million. You don't own the land and still have to pay site fees forever. That is not affordable housing in anyone's book. At the end of the day what we want is for urban parks to be located close to infrastructure, close to those services that the people who live in them need.'

The motion was carried with conservative councillor Warren Polglase voting against.

Proposed vets hub gets \$50,000 grant

RSL LifeCare Veteran Services will get a \$50,000 grant from the federal government to develop a business case to establish a Tweed/North Coast hub.

The grant comes following a successful application, supported by RSL NSW.

The business case will outline the operational and management plans for a new hub for veterans and their families, tailored to the needs of the local community.

Hub services may include mental and physical health services, wellbeing support, advocacy, employment,

housing and homelessness support, and social connection.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Matt Keogh, said the grant means RSL LifeCare Veteran Services will be able to undertake further consultation with key local veteran, family and service provider stakeholders.

'This will allow them to identify local needs and opportunities and maximise benefits for veterans and families across the Tweed/North Coast region of NSW.'

For more about veterans and families' hubs visit www.dva.gov.au/vf hubs.

Landcare-led flood resilience projects announced

A 'landmark \$12.9 million funding announcement for three community and Landcare-led flood resilience projects in the NSW Northern Rivers' has been welcomed by the National Landcare Network (NLN).

The peak representative body for community Landcare groups across Australia says: 'Two projects were funded as a result of the Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program, a federal and NSW government commitment of \$150 million to deliver on flood mitigation

and resilience projects across seven LGAs impacted by the devastating 2022 flood events.'

The successful projects are Heal the Rivers Flood Recovery and Landscape Restoration Proposal (\$5.45 million), and Riparian Revegetation and Reforestation for Flood Resilience in the Clarence, Richmond, Tweed and Brunswick catchments (\$5.45 million).

The third Landcare-led project is Nature Based Solutions – Building Flood Resilience in the Lismore Catchment (\$2.8 million).



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Just say know

Let's briefly unpack the 'No' campaign rhetoric for the upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum!

Voters will be asked later this year whether they agree to enshrining an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the Constitution.

If adopted, it would mean an 'independent and permanent advisory body' would be established. This advisory body would be called the Makarrata Commission, and according to www.voice.gov.au, they would give advice to the federal government on matters that affect the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. And it would have no veto powers.

The lack of detail around this body has been criticised by those opposed. Yet this ambiguity, it seems, is because future governments will fund the commission in accordance with their policies and priorities.

All sides of politics seem to agree: attempts to 'close the gap' across a range of socioeconomic, health, incarceration and education indicators, for example, have failed to improve the lives of First Nations people.

Under pressure to propose something else, Liberal opposition leader, Peter Dutton, has promised that if elected, his government would push for symbolic-only recognition of Indigenous Australians in the Constitution and establish regional advisory bodies.

Yet 'Yes' advocate, Kerry O'Brien says, 'When a government is voted out, a new one changes or waters down Indigenous advisory groups'.

If you try and scroll through the 'No' campaign talking points, there is quite a lot of fancy side-stepping needed to avoid the overt racism, misinformation and fear.

But there's a few who are trying to provide an honest alternative, namely former Labor MP, Nyunggai Warren Mundine. He is chair of www.recogniseabetterway.org.au.

Mundine says, 'Poverty, disadvantage and despair is not caused by lack of a voice. It's caused by lack of economic participation'.

He goes on to say that mining jobs could empower First Nations people, a position that is perhaps not entirely supported by other mobs.

What is perhaps missing from the entire debate is hearing what more elders have to say.

The Uluru Statement from The Heart has come under fire for not consulting enough across different mobs.

Other talking points against the Voice include it becoming a costly, complex and unwieldy bureaucracy. That's a fair call.

Another is that it will further divide the nation, and further entrench First Nations people as 'victims'. Race should not be in the Constitution, they say.

If we were honest, cultural and economic divides already exist, because we all pay a different rate of tax. The boxes to tick if you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander have been included in all levels of bureaucratic forms for decades.

Yet this is a worthy conversation to have: how can First Nations people be genuinely empowered to live their best lives?

Fortunately a suggestion has been provided, and can be enacted by voting 'Yes' in the referendum.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Revealing your personals in court

We should all be concerned about an underreported development in the Bruce Lehrmann rape trial fallout.

To get the context, it is important to remember that the complainant is not a party to the proceedings.

The term 'complainant' is pedantically the correct word with all the terrible connotations of those who complain as whingers – so I'll just say 'victim'.

The victim is just a witness, without legal representation for their interests in the proceedings.

The prosecutor represents the Crown, and there are times, as we have seen, where those interests can, do and should differ. Very often in the lead-up to a sexual assault trial, the victim is required to give their phone, computer and other digital data to the police, the prosecutor, the court or the defence.

Sometimes this is because there is a subpoena from the court – an order that this material be produced. More often, the police get it to follow-up the allegations, or to investigate counter-claims from the defence, and then the court orders the police to provide all that information to the defence.

Usually, the victim has very little say over any of this and with technology and clouds today, simply deleting stuff does not prevent recovery or production later on.

There are some limitations, for example, sexual assault counselling notes, which are protected, but the usual communications we all do every day, and many in response to a traumatic criminal event, are in the hands of lots of people including the police, the courts, the prosecutors and the defence team.

And yes, that generally includes the actual defendant, who can smugly read every tasty morsel.

My own records, if seized, would be such boring reading that a special app could be developed to assist with insomnia. I imagine my yawning 'I'll be home soon,' or 'what do you feel like for dinner' would not end up on the front pages of the media.

Nevertheless, it would really sicken me to have more personal, financial, web-browsing, health or relationship communications spread all over the newspaper. An obsession with the weather can be embarrassing.

And back to the Lehrmann matter.



'Private information in the Lehrmann case has been reproduced in the Murdoch press, the Daily Mail and on Channel 7.'

– David Heilpern

Somehow or other, all the victim's records provided by her have ended up in the hands of several media outlets.

Feigning responsibility, they glibly comment that they are exercising discretion as to which ones they publish, but then print ones that cause real pain.

That includes communication with supportive friends, family background; records relating to employment and communications with her fiancé.

Saying that they have other private data smacks of signalling control.

There is a doctrine that should stop this, called the Harmon Principle.

Under that obligation, material produced via a court order, and not tendered in a trial, cannot be published by a party, and to do so is a contempt of court. And you can see the reason for this – it is to protect victims and other producers of information, but also to encourage compliance.

And yet here we have it – private information in this case has been reproduced in the Murdoch press, the *Daily Mail* and on Channel 7.

The material was never produced at trial, because it was utterly irrelevant to the sexual assault allegation. The source is shrouded in mystery with the journalists and editors hiding behind the desk-thumping statement that 'we will never disclose our sources'.

Despite tut-tutting from some commentators there has been deafening silence from most quarters.

The courts have taken no action regarding contempt, the politicians have been silent and the representative bodies of the legal profession have been noticeably mute. Investigations seem to be thwarted by the absence of proof as to who is the leaker.

Why is this important? Because there are very few people as boring as me.

Some people have (or have had) evidence on their phones of previous crimes such as drug taking.

They may have photos that they

would not want their parents or kids to see. Yikes! They may have said things via SMS that they now regret, or stated opinions that have now varied. Imagine if every reporting sexual assault victim was handed an information sheet that said – 'by the way, if you proceed with this allegation, all your social media, texts, emails and web browsing history could be in the hands of the accused, and if reported by the media, nothing will be done'.

How many would continue with their complaint?

The last 20 years has seen real strides forward for victims in the criminal justice system – they can generally give evidence by AVL, they have the right to be consulted at each stage of the process, and where there is a conviction they can give an impact statement, read to the court in the presence of the offender. There are now serious limits on cross-examination, including the ability to ask questions about prior sexual history, or aggressively or offensively.

These are important reforms that have encouraged victims to come forward, and somewhat lessened the trauma of criminal trials. It is tragic to see these steps forward countered by a huge leap backwards on the rights of privacy for victims. To those not versed in the industry like me, sometimes the words 'journalistic ethics' seem like a contradiction in terms.

But in what world is it ethical to publish private messages in this way, especially when the victim has a well-publicised history of poor mental health including hospitalisation during the trial?

For what – political point scoring, titillation, embarrassment, to further your own scoop or career? Maybe I am missing something, but wasn't that what the *News of the World* hacking scandal and Murdoch's grovelling apology was all about?

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Rather disturbing

On top of the staggering after-tax annual profit of \$10.16 billion announced by the Commonwealth Bank, it was also made public that the CBA's CEO is sitting on a \$10.4 million annual salary package.

I'm not really known for my math but I believe that settles at a rather disturbing amount of (give or take a few pennies) about \$200k per week. Yep, per week! WTF does this guy do? Jump tall buildings, whilst saving old ladies' lives? Fight alien wars single-handedly for the good of humankind? Or perhaps donate money into infrastructure to help those struggling? Have I got this right? Because if I have, I think there's something so very, very wrong with our whole monetary system.

The sheep keep grazing as the chefs sharpen their knives.

Jon J Bradley
Byron Bay

Canadian salmon

I watched a riveting show on ITV today called *Coextinction*. The program was made in Canada and was an exposé of the Norwegian salmon farms on the rivers leading to the sea. Some of these farms can breed up to 1,000,000 salmon for profit.

The farms excrete their pollutants into the rivers and build huge weirs which stop and kill the migratory salmon and interfere with their breeding habits, which is decimating the wild population.

A lot of the native people who rely on the salmon are now getting sick with diseases like diabetes.

The orcas, seals, and grizzly bears are starving and the smaller organisms that eat the byproducts are endangered as well.

Sea Shepherd and other wonderful environmentalists and the traditional people are doing their best and fighting hard to stop this exploitation - more power to them. I'm not much of a crier, but fair dinkum my eyes got wet thinking about the terrible harm that humans do to our fellow planet-sharers, mostly for money. Just another brick in our wall of devastations and I just want to throw my arms up in despair sometimes.

For intelligent beings we are just so bloody stupid. We have to learn (quickly) to live more simply, more locally, to want less and to do as little harm as possible, or not only is our entire natural environment fucked, but we are too.

Hanna Grace
Ocean Shores

Byron Council committees

Diane Hart's letter (*Echo* July 26) is very true as to how community members are treated on committees supposedly supplying advice to the elected Byron Council. I was invited to join the Water Waste & Sewer Advisory Committee by then-mayor Simon Richardson.

My qualifications for a seat on this committee were over 20 years working for Byron Shire Council as a sewer operator in charge of wastewater treatment plants, working on gravity sewer mains, operating the Laverty's Gap water filtration plant and relieving the coordinator of Water & Recycling

(W&R) when the permanent coordinator was on leave.

I lasted under 12 months on this committee, that had four councillors on it - Cr Lyon, Cr Ndiaye, Cr Coorey and Simon Richardson. I don't believe the four councillors have any idea about wastewater treatment or the mains system that exists to transport the sewage to an STP.

I have always stated the major problem facing Council in W&R is inflow infiltration occurring in the gravity mains sewer system, the obvious example of which is Brunswick Valley STP. This plant was commissioned in 2011 with a capacity of being able to treat 3,800 KL/day (seven times dry weather flow). The problem is each time a significant rain event occurs in Mullumbimby the plant is hydraulically overloaded.

I continually raised this issue, but was told, and it was even placed on top of one of our agendas, that I/I (Interflow to inspect) was not part of this committee's charter.

I know the amount of investigation that was carried out by Council staff in the 80s and 90s but none of this data was made available to the committee.

In August I wrote to every elected Byron councillor and asked for what proof had been supplied to them that the five-year contract awarded to Interflow to inspect and reline the gravity mains had made to the I/I problem, I received auto responses that the councillors were on winter break, 'call this number'. Mayor Lyon has never responded. The only councillor to

respond upon returning was Alan Hunter who after communicating with me and the director of infrastructure, referred this to the audit committee, and I thank Cr Hunter for his action.

I sat across from the director of infrastructure during the committee meetings and not once did he offer an opinion on the I/I problem; the option put up to the committee was to bring in Interflow to inspect and reline the sewer gravity mains.

This was never stated as being selected gravity mains it was put forward as being all the gravity mains, in Mullumbimby. The director of infrastructure now indicates the gravity sewer mains in the CBD of Mullumbimby will have to be replaced. Unbelievable.

Alan Dickens
Ballina

LLS like Robodebt

Following the recent release of the Royal Commission findings about the illegal and devastating Robodebt scheme, the New South Wales government's new Labor Minister for Agriculture and Regional New South Wales, Tara Moriarty, has begun a long overdue review into the Local Land Services after a decade of their unsubstantiated rates and levies.

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Russell Preston
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The Voice and what letter writers think about voting 'Yes' or 'No'

Mute voice

If the Voice referendum proposal is passed, the Indigenous will have no more voice than they have today. The Indigenous already have the right to be heard, by letter writing, and the Voice wording makes no obligation on the government to enforce any request made by the Voice.

The Voice is therefore a mute voice. Furthermore, the vagary in the wording could allow non-Indigenous, even foreign vested interests, to exploit those loopholes, to advantage themselves, at the expense of the Indigenous and the rest of us.

There is a more rational way, that would actually give a real voice; the creation of

Indigenous senators, one from each state or territory, to be voted on, only by people of Indigenous descent, verified by blood test if necessary. They could then bargain with their votes, to obtain real benefits for their people.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

'No' opportunists

I ask myself what happens if the referendum records a 'No' vote? Consider what the alternative might be if the 'No' vote gets enough support to sink the referendum.

Who do we turn to then? There is rank political opportunism amongst politicians pushing this outcome such that given the double

majority hurdle the 'Yes' vote faces (majority of voters AND, critically, a majority of states), we could end up with a minority of voters standing in the way of reform. Amongst these naysayers we have politicians who would alarmingly use Indigenous affairs in an attempt to shore up their own shaky political positions.

Consider this: three states (WA, SA and TAS) with a total 'electors enrolled' population of just 20.4 per cent of the Australian states combined population (AEC statistics July 2023), could sink the referendum. That is if the 'No' case gets > 50 per cent of the vote in each of those three states the referendum doesn't succeed. If Queensland were substituted for

Tasmania in the above figures a 'No'-vote majority in each of WA, SA and Queensland could involve about 40 per cent of enrolled state-based electors of Australia to defeat the referendum. Actually if just over half of these percentages (the 20.4 per cent and 40 per cent above) would mean the referendum would fail.

This stark constitutional reality, a legacy of federation, is what the supporters of the Uluru Statement face. They have bravely pushed on.

'The Uluru Statement is a hand outstretched, a moving show of faith in Australian decency and Australian fairness from people who have been given every reason to forsake their hope in both.' [Graham Perrett,

Federal Member for Moreton, 21/11/22].

Would our Indigenous brothers and sisters be able to turn the other cheek and press on in a post-referendum environment gutted by a 'No' vote? Would the politicians who advocated for a 'No' vote step up with solutions (and an alternative way to advance Indigenous affairs?) or would we just be left in a policy vacuum on Indigenous matters?

Even state-based representative councils for Indigenous people (e.g. the Victorian First Peoples' Assembly) would be hamstrung by the lack of an over-arching federal Voice, noting that much of Indigenous affairs relies heavily on federal initiatives and budgeting.

It is easy to run a 'No' campaign for politicians facing dwindling support and wishing to shore up their positions. Why should we let them succeed? Despite the easy route to 'No', I have the audacity to hope that there is a wellspring of positive energy in the Australian population that will carry the 'Yes' vote through. So let's do it for our Indigenous brothers and sisters!

Frank Lynch
Mullumbimby

Arrogance

An edict to every sporting club, charity, mining company, insurance company, bank, etc. You know who you are. It is the height of arrogance that these organisations spruik their support for the Voice. I suggest they take this view as they depend on either handouts, contracts, or favours from the government. Do they really think any of their employees support the highly questionable Voice?

On the contrary, I suggest the opposite is reality. These arrogant non-consultative organisations take it upon themselves to speak for the individual without asking for their personal opinion. What fools they are - little do they know.

I suggest their employees do not agree with them and in many instances will take the opposite stance.

Albo is as usual living in his little extremely left world, no one would dare disagree with the 'best-ever' prime minister. Well Albo, I have news for you. You do not understand the Australian people, they are not all green

lefty socialists like yourself. Your incompetent ministry pushes your misguided ideas with no apparent support. You are such a loser Albo.

The organisations that pander to Albo will regret their actions, they will have egg on their faces for eternity. They will reap what they sow.

Greg MacDonald
Pimlico

Are we crazy?

PM Albanese at the Garma Festival (*Echo* 4/8/23) told Australians he would push for the call of the Uluru Statement in full - namely, grant Recognition, a Voice, and a Treaty. He said a 'Yes' vote would show what the referendum might look like.

'Might look like!' Either he's not letting on what it will be, or he doesn't know where it will lead! That's scary enough to vote 'No' in the coming referendum - we don't know where he's taking us - we don't know the implications of a 'Yes' vote.

By Aboriginal descendants wanting a treaty, it means they do not believe the land of their ancestors was conquered; indeed, they say this land is still theirs because no treaty was signed.

By and by, no treaty could have been signed in 1788 because as neither the British nor the natives knew each other's language communication was impossible. Besides, the Sydney natives could not speak for the countless native nations said by Aboriginal descendants to have existed throughout the land. On that note, an Aboriginal spokesman that same day said it would take a very long time to negotiate a treaty because there are so many Aboriginal nations to negotiate with, and each one may want something different.

If we accept that there should be a Treaty we are accepting our Anglo-Saxon ancestors did not conquer this land but stole it, and that raises a right hell of a mess.

There cannot be, under our justice system, a law for Anglo-Saxons and another for Aboriginal descendants.

Our law is that if my watch was stolen, and the thief sold it to Bob, and he sold it to Peter, the watch is still rightfully mine because a thief cannot give good title to stolen goods - hence if this land was stolen our monarchs had no right to issue land grants and title

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► deeds, and no right to allow for the formation of an Australian government – thus our titles to property are worthless, and we Anglo-Saxons even have no right to be here.

(A saving grace perhaps is that as our Aboriginal descendants some 50 years ago requested and were given Australian citizenship then by that act they acknowledged their ancestors were conquered, and have acknowledged governance).

Recognition in our constitution is unnecessary. Captain Philip wrote in his journals that natives were here in 1788, and our history books record so too. Pursuant to their court action we have given Aboriginal descendants ownership of nearly 50 per cent of Australia's land mass, and rights over our minerals. What better recognition is needed?

Let's value our Anglo-Saxon heritage. Sure, history has not always been noble, but if not for Anglo-Saxons we would still be rubbing sticks to make fire and living in bark shelters. Imagine! No electricity, no TV, no phones, no cars, no planes, no roads, no police force – nothing – but a puff of smoke awaiting another defenceless invasion.

They're damn lucky us Anglo-Saxons beat Hitler and the Japs otherwise those two aggressors would be in possession of this land today with no hope of entertaining claims for Recognition, a Voice, and a Treaty. Rather, such agitators would likely be poisoned or go missing as is done in Russia today.

Just as we were not told 50 years ago that by allowing Aboriginals to be citizens of Australia it would give them access to our Anglo-Saxon court system to claim and be granted land rights and mineral rights we don't know

what this new constitutional change will end up being, but as the Aboriginals are represented by Australia's largest law firm you can bet there's mighty big money involved.

Don't risk a right proper mess. Vote 'No', or be prepared to pay, at best, an occupational rent.

Ian Pratt
Bilinga

Neoliberal politics

The current Australian debate addressing the Voice now seems lost in neoliberal politics. Media organisations are falling over themselves to maintain exploitive and divisive structural social complexities, lacking historical colonial/genocidal/incarceration information.

An obvious strategy of social manipulation to dumb down consciousness. As a young woman in the 1970s and 1980s, researching for a documentary on land rights and self-determination in Australia I was adopted and mentored by warrior woman, 'Mum Shirl'. A revolutionary woman/saint who changed Redfern forever, an area rich in an Indigenous community, poverty, over-policing, drug dealers, homelessness, trauma and distrust of white people.

I watched Shirl stand up in court cases and beg the representative magistrate for systemically brutalised Indigenous children be sent to her, with mob support, rather than to state prisons.

Father Ted Kennedy, from the Redfern Catholic Church gave a large church space to Shirl. This space was lined with beds and in my old bomb of a car, I drove Shirl to many op shops as she gathered bedding, clothes, etc.

Over the years 64 children were saved from prisons.

On one occasion Shirl had to go to the Redfern Police Station to get the children. Waiting outside for her and the children,

I heard angry voices, on top of this terrifying noise I could hear Shirl yelling. After approximately 15 minutes Shirl appeared, minus the children, running towards the car. She had been badly beaten by the police and had a swollen face, cut and bleeding knees. She had fought back physically. I viewed the legacy of the Redfern police.

Shirl then tirelessly worked to establish the Redfern Medical Centre, and Redfern Legal Centre plus a daily food hub for homeless folk.

Shirl was a frontline woman who took no shite. Her black eyes pierced through any point of any contention with a razor-sharp mind. In 1983, at the Pine Gap demonstration, Shirl and I were in the central desert one starry night which was to be an 'aha moment' for me. Shirl, who could not read or write, explained the connectedness of Mother Earth to the greater starry cosmology. I learnt that 'all is connected', as the greater cosmology in the sky travels, the dynamic emanations so impact all ecology on Mother Earth.

I saw no neoliberal star, no Johnny Howard/Dutton star, no Rupert Murdoch star, no Western corporations' star (tho' much junk in the sky). I saw a constellation of 'deaths in custody' stars. I faced my own ignorance, it seemed colonial/Western philosophy and social relations remain in infancy, a primitive mind-seat with a greed trigger point. At that point, prisons entered my life. Another tragic story of Indigenous terror.

Folks who feel 'No' in their consciousness, view Gerry Bostock's film *Lousy Little Sixpence*. It will help with historical understanding. I have waited 50 years for a 'Yes' vote – accountability please.

Jo Faith
Newtown

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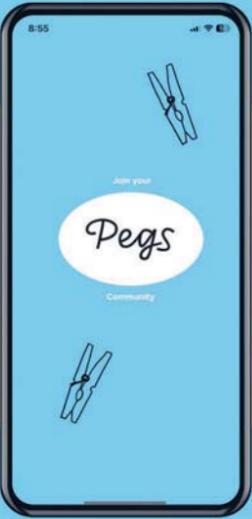
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Lismore loudly reclaims its recovery

David Lowe

On Friday night, the Star Court Theatre in Lismore was the location for a much needed public conversation about what's happened since the 2022 floods, and how the recovery process could be better managed into the future.

Members of the large audience, who came from Lismore and the wider Northern Rivers, spoke about their ongoing trauma, the injustices of government decisions to date, and community-centric solutions for what might happen next, as Lismore MP Janelle Saffin and Sue Higginson MLC listened and took notes in the front row.

Filed for decision-makers

The entire event was professionally filmed, so that decision-makers who couldn't be there could hear directly from community members. The collective trauma was tangible in the room, but so was the indefatigable Lismore spirit, which has survived major challenges before and will no doubt do so again.

The event was in two halves, focusing on the past and the future, with Red Cross volunteers present to help with psychological first-aid.

How bad is it?

Facilitator Sarra Robertson opened the conversation with three questions. 'Number one, what is the main reason you think the recovery program has failed up to this point, and what impact has it had on you? Two, what has been damaging or needlessly difficult? Three, what experiences have eroded your trust in the process?'

A roving mic then went into the audience. The first speaker talked about how many were dealing with rebuilding community infrastructure as well as homes, with responsibilities ill-defined and people overstretched.

Another man said that for the first weeks after the flood the recovery process was fantastic, thanks to 'local anarchy', but as soon as things were taken out of the hands of communities and talk of buybacks began, things went downhill.

'I would recommend that



Bungawalbin resident Deborah Johnston said she was isolated for six weeks. Photo Tree Faerie

the buybacks more or less cease at this point, and any further money should be devoted to fixing the houses of people who have been hanging out for buybacks and didn't get one,' he said.

'If you remove half of the population from the Northern Rivers, you've removed half the customers for the businesses that have to remain.'

United front

Another speaker, Noelle from Mullumbimby, emphasised that all the community members across the region needed to 'work together, as the Northern Rivers, to get more strength.'

She said that in her region landslips brought their own challenges, but there was no assistance forthcoming. She went on to say that after numerous meetings and community engagement sessions with the NRRRC, almost the whole shire of Byron Bay had been rejected for assistance to become more flood resilient, on the basis of 1-in-20-year flood estimates, with only ten properties identified for buyback and 14 raises and retrofits out of the 2,200 properties identified as having been flooded.

'Only then did we realise that we'd been strung along - putting off repairs so we could retrofit or raise - our lives on hold waiting for something that wasn't coming. And I would like to acknowledge that we have been lied to,' she said.

'They continue to spend money on information sessions and encourage us to appeal, but these things do not help us become resilient... I guess that they are just not very good at their job.'

Intermission music for the event was provided by the wonderful Bella Frankie, led by Ajita Cannings, who premiered several pertinent new songs, including a very clever reworking of *The Road to Gundagai* which made mention of the Gundagai and Lismore floods.

How good can it be? The reset

Opening the second half, Aidan Ricketts said, 'The thing that really moves me is that we already are an empowered community. We have shown that so many times. And the kind of reset I want to see is one in which we really draw on that strength and have government recognise that strength, instead of trying to work over the top of it.'

'We know if we're empowered we can do it ourselves,' he said. 'And when government comes along, we need them to get in behind with their big dollars and help our organisations and our community self-organisation, and help us.'

'It's so sad that we've spent all this time losing our way because we're broken into individuals and broken that capacity of the process. [They] need to say, you are the people who know best how to do this, and how to get it done.'

Lyndall from Evans Head then gave an example of this, talking about a community-driven project which set out to get vulnerable flood-affected people from tents, caravans and insecure accommodation back into warm housing, so far completing 21 homes, with 53 to go, having fund-raised \$62,000 to do the work.

Solutions

Speaking of solutions, another speaker said, 'I know someone in this audience who has a safe warm place where they live out of the flood, they have a partner. And their flood house, they're not going to take the buyback. It was in a really poor state and rundown, but they have handed it over, rent free, to essentially a caretakers agreement.'

'And so there's a 10-year-old and a 50-plus-year-old, warm and safe in a house and everyone's happy. It's mutual aid, I think.'

Get involved

Maddy-Rose Braddon said that she would encourage anybody to get engaged with flood recovery support. 'Please keep reaching out to those who have been flooded. Please offer your help to advocate, to appeal, to help them do the paperwork. Sit with them and help them carry that burden, because hope is not lost.'

Late in the meeting, there was a strong 'yes' consensus (via show of hands) for the following questions:

1. Do you want the grassroots community to lead in this recovery with adequate government funding?
2. Do we need more transparency from the process?
3. Do we agree we need 100 per cent of tranche two funding?
4. Should good houses not be demolished?
5. Would you all like to try and do this again, and make it bigger?

Once again, the answer was 'yes'.

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Mullum's future water supply: Wilsons Creek or Rous?

Ben Fawcett

Since the 1940s Mullumbimby's water supply has come from a concrete weir on Wilsons Creek, at Lavertys Gap, piped by gravity through a treatment plant perched beside Wilsons Creek Road, to two concrete balancing reservoirs above the old Mullumbimby hospital on Azalea Street.

The future viability and reliability of this supply has been under review for about 20 years, since the drought of 2002-03 caused water shortages. However, in 2005, consultation with the Mullum community demonstrated a strong desire to maintain the local supply.

Several problems with supply

A recent consultant's report (Hydrosphere 2022) has highlighted several problems with the present supply: the treatment plant is aged and needs quite urgent replacement in order to maintain water quality; projected population growth will result in a 67 per cent increase in total demand for water by 2050; and climate change is expected to increase the frequency of drought conditions and hence reduce flow in the upper reaches of Wilsons Creek, affecting reliability of the supply to Mullum.

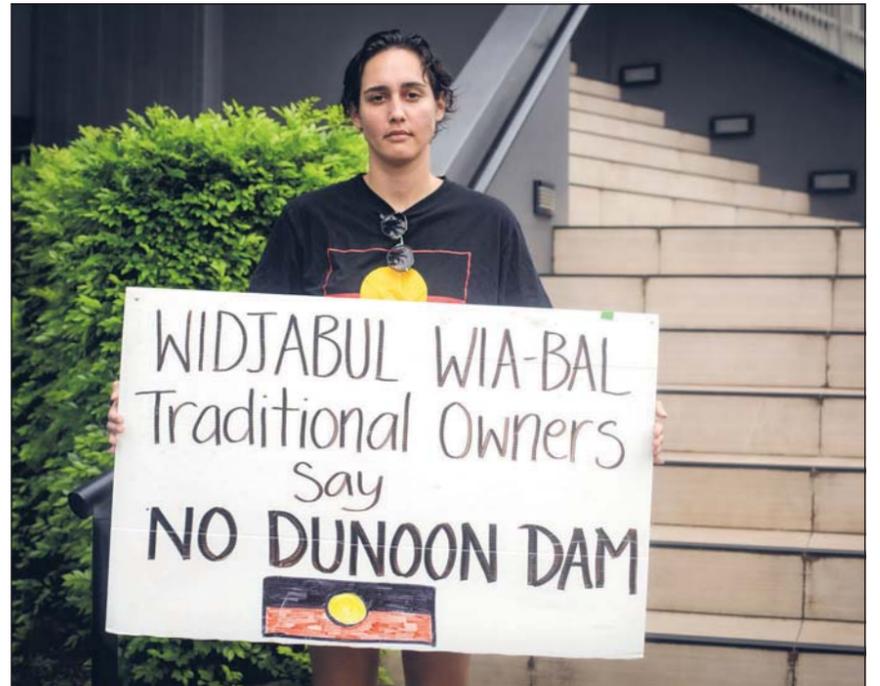
Council staff, councillors and community representatives on the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee agree that action is necessary to ensure a reliable water supply.

Two basic approaches are under discussion.

The local approach includes building an 'offstream' storage reservoir in the valley between Lavertys Gap and the Azalea Street reservoirs, to provide backup



The two concrete balancing reservoirs above the old Mullumbimby hospital on Azalea Street. Image Google Earth



The possibility of constructing the Dunoon Dam as a water supply is still under consideration, despite strong opposition. Photo Tree Faerie

storage during drought conditions.

Such reservoirs are being built to help to drought-proof water supplies to several regional areas in NSW, including in Walcha Shire and the MidCoast Council area.

Also, constructing a new water treatment plant between this offstream reservoir and the Azalea Street reservoirs.

The regional approach comprises abandoning the Wilsons Creek supply and attaching Mullum's network to the Rous County Council supply.

Rous currently supplies three neighbouring Council areas as well as the other towns in Byron Shire, but the future reliability of this supply, chiefly from Rocky Creek Dam, is under review, with various options to increase supply.

The possibility of constructing the Dunoon Dam is still under consideration, as is the contentious use of groundwater from the Tyagarah

coastal aquifer in our shire.

In the meantime, the pipeline that connects the Rous CC supply mains at Uncle Toms to the eastern end of Mullumbimby (built in 2003) is to be extended to the Azalea Street reservoirs, for use throughout the town, but only in emergencies.

Future drought conditions

Given that future drought conditions will affect all water supplies in the region, water supplied during an emergency comes at a financial cost. When supply from Wilsons Creek was greatly reduced by drought conditions, in December 2019, the emergency supplementary supply was used for the eastern part of Mullum at a cost of \$62,000 for a month.

Rous were asked recently to enumerate the potential

environmental and social costs of adding Mullum to their supply network. They replied that this addition 'will have a minimal overall increase in the total demand for water for the RCC bulk water supply'.

They say that they would not have to update their current strategy regarding future water security plans to provide for Mullumbimby's future water needs. Nevertheless, if Mullum's water is to be supplied by Rous CC this will add about 12.5 per cent to the projected extra demand on the Rous network by 2060.

Rous CC's future augmentation options all have environmental, social and economic impacts. Mullum's needs would add to those impacts.

Further investigation

At their meeting on 23 April 2023 councillors agreed to carry out further investigations into

potential offstream storage sites, the hydrology and impact of climate change on Wilsons Creek, and infrastructure needs and environmental impacts for offtake, storage, treatment and delivery to the town's reservoirs.

However, no decision has yet been taken as to whether to hand over Mullum's water supply to Rous, adding to the burden on that network, and at unknown cost, or to maintain a viable, independent supply from Wilsons Creek, albeit one which would require capital investment to achieve reliability for at least the next half century. Community consultation should be the next step.

■ Ben Fawcett is a water and sanitation engineer with worldwide experience and has been a community member of the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee since 2018.

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The politics of sport: waltzing with Matildas

David Lowe

As the Matildas have advanced through the World Cup, it's been an unedifying spectacle to see one politician after another turning into an enthusiastic women's football supporter, even if most of them probably couldn't explain the offside rule or pick out Caitlin Foord in a lineup a few days ago.

Anthony Albanese has floated the idea of a public holiday if the Matildas manage to win the cup. Even if they don't make it that far, other sports (and nations) should pay attention to the closing of the gender pay gap which the Matildas and Socceroos have pioneered. Although equity isn't entirely there yet, it's getting close, and the Matildas have already achieved far more than their male counterparts on the field.

As for the politicians, even Peter Dutton is on the Matildas bandwagon, abandoning his usual negativity to say it was 'a great honour' to be at the game against Denmark.

No matter how unsporty the politician, it's hard to succeed for long in this country if you don't at least pretend to be interested, as Paul Keating learned too late. John Howard had his cricket, ScoMo had the Sharks and Albo has the Rabbitohs.

Bob Hawke set the enthusiasm bar high with his delirium over the America's Cup, a yacht race for extremely rich people that few Australians had heard of until Alan Bond and the winged keel. The Olympics of 1956 and 2000 were heavily exploited by state and federal politicians, providing unity, focus and distraction in the time honoured tradition of bread and circuses, while the athletes did all the hard work in the gladiatorial arena.

Players and polities

Over the years, there have been numerous Australian sportspeople who used their fame to become politicians, including the legendary cyclist Hubert Opperman, Hockeyroo Nova Peris Kneebone and tennis player John Alexander, who regained John Howard's seat for the Liberals after his shock loss to Maxine McKew.

The problem is that the lustre quickly seems to fade when there's a transition from sporting glory to parliamentary compromise, as David Pocock may now be finding out.

The recent Commonwealth Games debacle has shown it can be politically costly to be too closely associated with a sporting event when things go pear-shaped. Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews said



Who is that masked man in green and gold?

Image by Cloudbatcher Media with Midjourney AI

schools and hospitals were more important. It's yet to be seen if the electorate agrees with him.

Complicating matters, unsurprising victories aren't very useful for politicians, as the national netball team the Diamonds discovered when they won their World Cup a few days ago (for the

12th time), only to be ignored by almost everyone in favour of the Matildas. The battling Aussie underdog myth needs to be respected, even if it doesn't bear very close examination.

Across the Pacific, the United States has different myths about itself, which made the responses of

current and former presidents to the unexpected early departure of their national women's team from Australia's World Cup illuminating.

Donald Trump targeted retiring soccer star Megan Rapinoe, who inexplicably missed a crucial penalty, declaring with caps-lock emphasis; 'WOKE EQUALS FAILURE'.

Joe Biden said to the team, 'I'm looking forward to seeing how you continue to inspire Americans with your grit and determination - on and off the field.'

Back home in Australia, things have never looked so bright for women's football. The Matildas have united a divided country with their heroics in the World Cup. As Albo said, the team has been inspiring the nation.

In both sport and politics though, winning is everything. The current excitement around the Matildas might vanish like a mirage if the Australians go down against England this week. Still, it feels like the ground has shifted. A meaningful political response would be an increase in funding for women's sport across the board, matching what's spent on men, rather than another public holiday.

Whatever happens next, we can thank the Matildas for temporarily distracting us from politics, and other awful realities.

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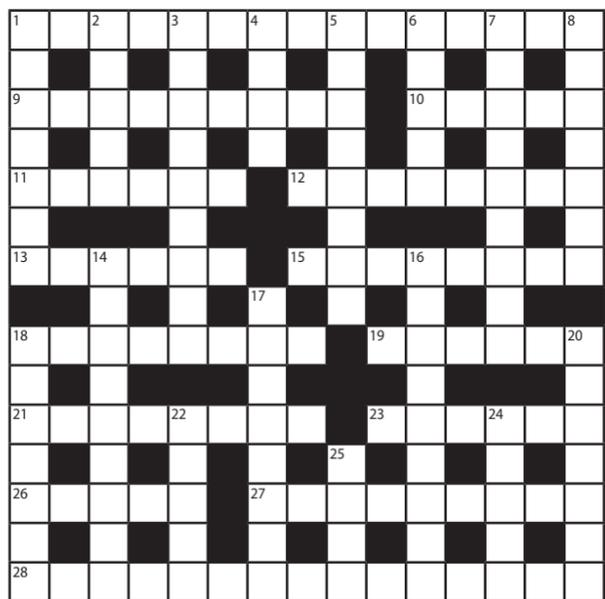
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Holiday in the US - Y? (3,6,2,4)
9. Carrier for a beetle? He throws away rubbish (6,3)
10. Medical officer unwell at training (5)
11. Imitate dad, go off? About right! (6)
12. Last, in spite of everything (5,3)
13. Take for granted, idiot - bird is returning! (6)
15. Overcoming Gardner with a fish! (8)
18. Be noticed - also beer around! (5,3)
19. Time allowed for payment for America with new church (6)
21. First person reported collapses - but they're meant to improve vision (8)
23. Stabilisers around Australian line for deciding matches (6)
26. Presses clubs (5)
27. Court oil deal by mistake (3,6)
28. M used to be time for fireworks (5,2,8)

DOWN

1. Antelope without number crossed the flower of New South Wales (7)
2. Trees demolished for chemical (5)
3. Running east, moored clumsily with very sparse accommodation (3-6)
4. Steal English dress (4)
5. Celebration for stoned basketball team (4,4)
6. Fake sweet stuff (5)
7. Place of higher learning, train a confused advocate of central government (9)
8. You will record a memory of Christmas past (4,3)
14. Sacred - but chased away! (6,3)
16. Bring action to bear on one new roadway, with a single I entrance! (9)
17. Kills devotee around silly Poms (5,3)
18. That woman with a repeated refrain - a law officer (7)
20. Non fiction writer - a trier! (7)
22. Old brewer concerned with small church (5)
24. Promotion for Australian conservative - but it isn't planned (2,3)
25. Promotion act for African elephant park (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. US Independence Day (3,6,2,4)
9. Garbage dropper (6,3)
10. Military training (5)
11. Monty Python's dead bird! (6)
12. Nevertheless (5,3)
13. Suppose (6)
15. Benefitting (8)
18. Prominent (5,3)
19. Usage (6)
21. Conjunctivitis treatment (8)
23. Last games in a tournament (6)
26. You can have several of these in the fire! (5)
27. Where serious crimes are tried in London (3,6)
28. Guy Fawkes Day (5,2,8)

DOWN

1. A species of Waratah (7)
2. An organic compound (5)
3. Studio apartment; bed-sitter (3-6)
4. Gown (4)
5. Slap palms with another (4,4)
6. Falsify (5)
7. A Christian who rejects the trinity (9)
8. Large piece of wood burnt at Christmas (4,3)
14. Spooked; frightened (6,3)
16. Initiate (9)
17. Murders (5,3)
18. Pat Garrett was one! (7)
20. An attempter (7)
22. A German beer (5)
24. Impromptu (2,3)
25. African elephant park (4)

Last week's solution #503



Action to Stop Extraction



Ryder is a forest activist. After the floods he spoke at a climate rally in Sydney in front of 5,000 people where he called for an end to fossil fuels. He is a forest protector who runs 'tree listening' tours in our local forests and was part of the citizen scientist group that found giant trees that had not been protected in Doubleduke State Forest. This led to the Forestry Corporation having to stop logging. Ryder is 10 years old.

How can we not be moved when a child leads the way? How do we hold our heads high when it is a child who must step forward, abandoning their toys and their innocence to know the truth about the world, and to call out the senseless greed and destruction? How can we sit idle when children take action?

Last Saturday around the country people gathered to end native forest logging. More than half of the forests and woodland in NSW that existed before European invasion are gone and over a third of what is left is degraded. Species that depend on the forest have been sucked into what has been called an extinction vortex, these include koalas, long-footed potoroos, long-nosed potoroos, southern brown bandicoots, and the south-eastern glossy black cockatoo. It is a shameful fact that Australia has one of the highest extinction rates in the world.

And don't defend logging with 'jobs'. Forest preservation and conservation creates more jobs and saves money. According to a report by ANU, ceasing native forest logging would return an economic benefit to NSW of around \$60 million while also reducing net greenhouse emissions by almost 1 million tonnes per year. Native forest



Destroying forests is like shooting your own army at a time of an invasion by a conquering violent force. The conquering force is climate change and forests are our quiet protectors.

logging provides few jobs. It is a shrinking industry. In Victoria, each full-time equivalent job in native forest logging costs \$5,041,000 in infrastructure investment.

It seems insane that at a time when the world is burning, when nearly 100 people have died in a wildfire right now in Maui, when our own country has burned and flooded at catastrophic levels, that government continues to fail to defend our forests. Our climate change defence force. Our frontline against global warming. Trees lock up carbon for decades, even centuries. When forests are cleared or burnt, stored carbon is released into the atmosphere. Deforestation contributes 12-20% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Destroying forests is like shooting your own army at a time of an invasion by a conquering violent force. The conquering force is climate change and forests are our quiet protectors.

Logging native forest is clearly poor economic management. As reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* over one

year ago, the state-owned Forestry Corporation suffered a \$20 million loss with NSW taxpayers forced to pay \$441 per hectare to log critical native forests. 'The cost of destroying 13,500 hectares of red gum, ironbark and cypress trees - largely for woodchip exports and firewood - was \$6 million, while one-off recovery costs following Black Summer bushfires soared to \$14 million.'

It's clear that it's bad business. So why keep doing it when softwood plantations can deliver almost \$4,000 profit for every hectare logged? Logging native forest is clearly not economically viable. It's also not viable for the survival of many species, including humans. So why do it? It's bad cultural practice. It's what colonisers do. We have to stop colonising. We have to learn from and listen to Country. We have to listen to kids like Ryder.

We have to stop logging native forests. And we all have to step up. Lock on. Blockade. Protest. Apply pressure. This coming Saturday, 19 August there will be a rally and march for native forests in Brisbane at Musgrave Park in South Brisbane.

STARS BY LILITH

With five planets in retrograde - hibernation, heart-opening, razzle-dazzle new moon in Leo on August 16 is this week's astral newflash...



LEO THE LION

ARIES: You have so much stage presence this week, making a memorable impression won't be difficult. Take advantage of Mars on the march through your work and service sector for the next fortnight to start shaping your visionary plans into something you can touch, taste, and take to the bank.

TAURUS: With expansive Jupiter and progressive Uranus in Taurus energising a makeover of habits, style, address or attitude, whatever the status quo has been up until now, this week is likely to see some changes made. And with midweek new moon in your home zone, this might be your starting point.

GEMINI: Geminis thrive on stimulation, and this week isn't short on supplying it. But stay mindful during heart-warming moments with friends, family or colleagues, that conflicts could heat up suddenly and unexpectedly. In which case, it may be best to call time-out for flaming feelings to chill down.

CANCER: The lunar lift of new moon on 16 August is all about revelry: sharing what you have to offer, letting that whimsical Crab out to play. So what if you can't sing, draw or have two left feet, the point is to dive in, unleash your creativity and find at least one thing to celebrate about yourself.

LEO: This week's sun and Venus in Leo offer your annual chance to show that real stars don't just draw applause, they also lift up the people around them. And new moon in Leo on August 16 issues a reminder to put your paws up and be rewarded with some luxury tribute from your adoring subjects.

VIRGO: Hosting the fiery red planet Mars in your sign can be both exhilarating and exhausting, and late week moon in Virgo might make it hard to find the stop button, so don't risk burnout by just soldiering on through. Be aware of your energy levels and take breaks to replenish them.

LIBRA: When your celestial mentor Venus is tracking backwards, you might find yourself hitting the rewind button on several levels. The retrograde of the planet of love and beauty is associated with creative self-expression, so this is a particularly rewarding time to revisit artistic skills you haven't used in a while.

SCORPIO: Relaxing the tendency toward judgment isn't easy for Scorpions. But there's no need to abandon your standards, just follow the planetary prompt of this week's Mars and be willing to investigate (one of your superpowers) a wider, more diverse and delightfully different range of characters to interact with.

SAGITTARIUS: Your ruling planet Jupiter stimulates mental concepts, while the planet Saturn focuses on concrete action. Jupiter's expansive, Saturn restrictive. Jupiter talks the talk, Saturn walks the walk. Jupiter influences what we believe in, Saturn what we actually do. This week's about getting these complementary energies in synch.

CAPRICORN: Forget trying to do everything yourself because you already know that can lead to resentment, which never works for anyone, including you. When August 16 new moon invites some of your less exercised talents to flower, even though you're busy, focus less on work, more on enjoying what makes you happy.

AQUARIUS: After an absence of two years, Mars in your zodiac zone of intimacy and shared resources could get emotionally intense. If so, Mars suggests that as an air sign you destress with your favorite al fresco exercise: bike rides to the beach, yoga in the park, laps in the pool, walking or just sitting outdoors.

PISCES: The current Venus retrograde encourages introspection and revision around relationships, what you value, how you make and spend money, what you find aesthetically pleasing. Think of this as changing gears, and make the process as pleasurable as you can - which, being a Pisces, is plenty.

Digging into Broken Head's farming history

Terry Bleakley

It was only when greeted with the ironic response 'diddums' by a service provider in Ballina when I said I lived at Broken Head did I think it was time to learn more about the place in which I live.

Broken Head has the reputation of being colonised by celebrities and the mega rich, but thinking of Broken Head this way, or as just a beach, ignores its very rich history and the pioneering lives of those who created community there.

An Indigenous presence

'Firstly, the area had an Indigenous presence, and although little is known about it, local farmers have found artefacts that suggest camping and hunting occurred on their properties.

Timber fellers arrived and were followed by dairy farmers, then beef cattle producers, bananas and other crops and more recently, macadamias.

Those in our community who grew up in these decades of substantial change have a lot to tell us about the deprivations of life on the farm, and how it was made tolerable by the great sense of community that came from farming



Members of the Armstrong family with a catch of fish from Broken Head. Dates of photo unknown but probably early 1940s.



Jim Armstrong Senior in a clearing at Broken Head. Photos supplied

people socialising together.

In those days, this would have meant dancing in the hall, playing tennis, attending the church, or helping out around the local school.

So what happens when the school closes, the church follows suit, and cars take over from more sedate forms of transport?

Some say it creates alienation, even if only in the sense of the distrust and suspicion that sometimes accompanies the influx of newcomers who don't earn their income from their land and the withering of

traditional institutions and forms of entertainment.

A community that honours its past

To learn more about this and to try and create a community that honours its past and respects the contributions of new settlers, I set out with Midgen Flat resident Robyn Armstrong to gather some memories from a handful of locals with long ties to Broken Head.

The result is a film, *Life on the Farm... Memories of Broken Head*,

comprising interviews conducted by Mick O'Regan and filmed and edited by myself.

The film shows what community consisted of in Broken Head when nearly everyone was a farmer.

It is hoped the screening of the film will be an opportunity for people to meet face-to-face in a social setting and an important step in preventing misunderstandings, and discovering that apart from their humanity, they have in common the good fortune to live in one of the most beautiful parts of our country.

Screening at Broken Head

The film will be screened at the Broken Head Hall on Sunday afternoon September 3 at 5pm.

Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$10 a family. Tea and coffee will be provided however people are asked to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. BYO if you wish.

There will also be a vintage fashion parade and a raffle. All enquiries, please message Robyn 0411 410 278. All proceeds from the event will go to the Broken Head Hall.

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To celebrate the 20th anniversary, the festival Director has curated a thrilling program that embodies the significant achievement of presenting world-class classical music in Bangalow to audiences from all over Australia for the past two decades.

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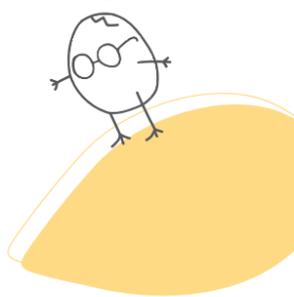
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3. 11:00AM
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A&I Hall, Bangalow

4. 3:00PM
A MUSICAL ENIGMA
A&I Hall, Bangalow

5. 5:00PM
**BITESIZE 2
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Bangalow

7:00PM
**QUARTET IN RESIDENCE:
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SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

6. 11:00AM
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The *Byron Healing Vol. 6 2023-24* magazine is out now! If you missed your copy keep an eye out for copies around the usual spots, or collect one from the *Echo* office in Mullumbimby.

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The Byron Yoga & Wellness Retreat

Held by Unearthed Retreats
Date: Friday 1st September
Time: 10am, 6 days
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Held by Byron Bay Detox Retreats
Date: 10th-16th September, 15th-21st October, 19th-25th November, 10th-16th December
Address: Tallow Beach, Byron Bay
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Held by Andreas Embodiment
Date/Time: 4pm Fri 22nd Sep, 2pm Sun 24th Sep
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Bangalow Hinterland Yoga Retreat

Held by Unearthed Retreats
Date: Thu 24th-Sun 27th September, 4 days
Address: Bangalow
unearthedretreats.com/experience/bangalow-hinterland-yoga-retreat

Weekend Reset Retreat

Held by Byron Bay Detox Retreats
Date: 3rd-6th November
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A word from the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce

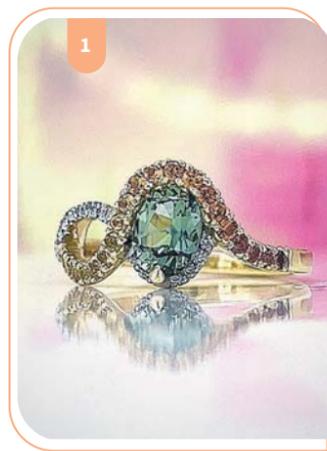
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Part of the spirit of Brunswick Heads are our wonderful local events. Entries for our Simple Pleasures Photo Competition are now open and close on the 15th of September. The theme this year is 'My Bruns' and we look forward to receiving beautiful shots showing how people see Bruns, be it the beach, the river, our eclectic range of shops and cafes, the iconic Hotel Bruns, the fairy trail or something different. What do you love about Bruns?

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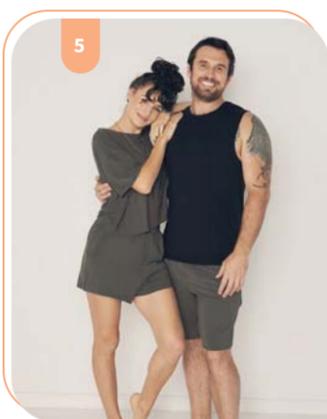
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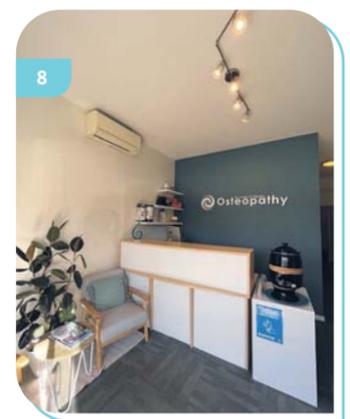


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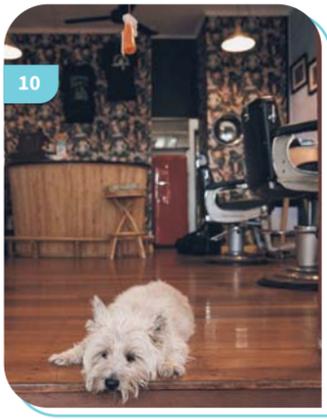
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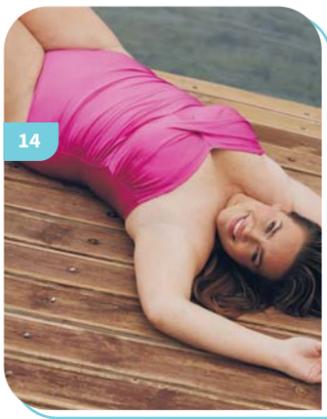


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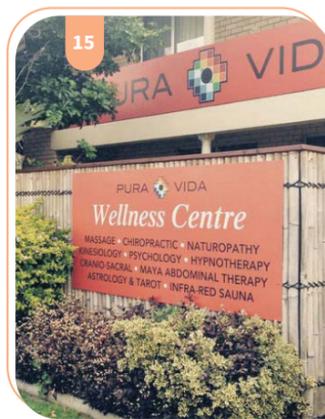
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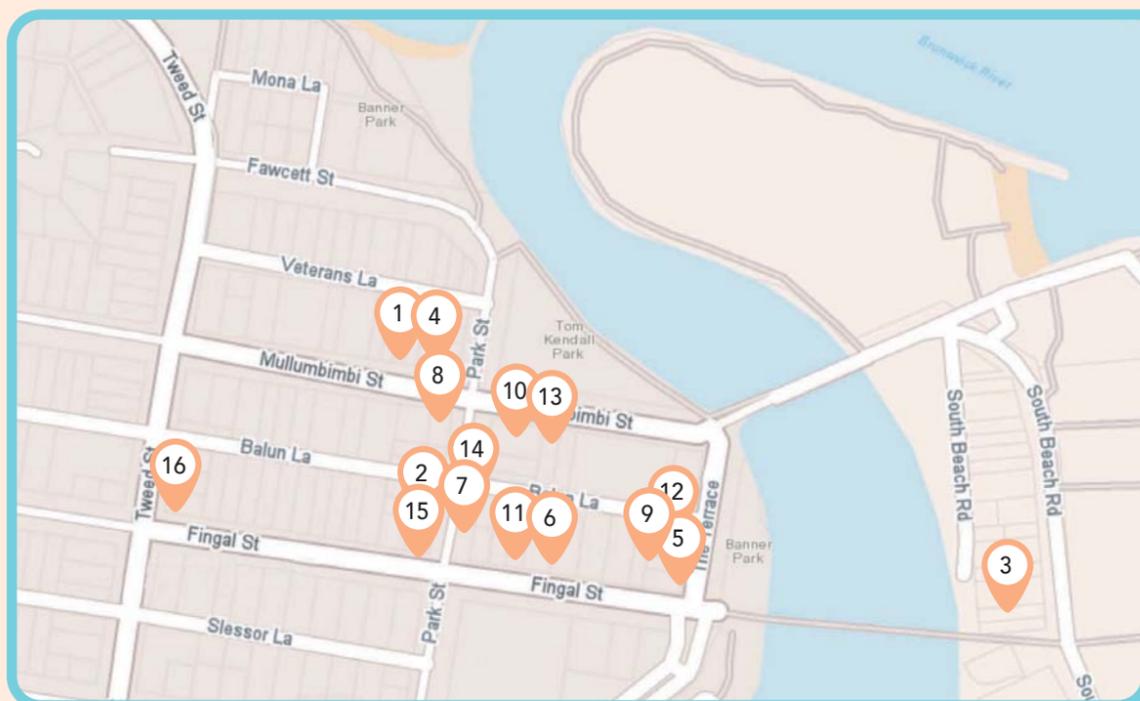
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10 The Terrace
12. **Brunswick Heads Pharmacy**
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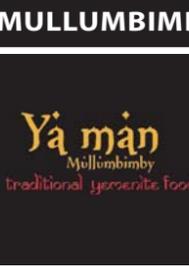
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Two local Brothers, Oli and Eli, are paying tribute to their Indian heritage with their pop-up stall Mr Maurice at the Sample Food Festival in Bangalow on September 2. Named after their grandfather, who migrated from India in the '70s, their stall offers vibrant Indian street food with an Australian twist. Born and raised in Byron, their passion for family recipes led them to craft a diverse menu capturing the essence of their Indian heritage, from flavour bomb pani puris to sizzling street kebabs. Through their food, they hope to promote cultural understanding and unity within their beloved local community.

Good Life

Balcony oyster festival

Simon Haslam

While you can eat oysters all year round, they are particularly flavoured in the cooler months, which is why August is a great time for the Balcony Oyster 'festival'. During this special period, a favourite since it was first introduced in 2015, an 'oyster happy hour' takes place every day from 5pm to 6pm during August. Normally, the happy hour for oysters at the Balcony is just on Wednesday, when the oysters are half price, so this is a significant extension and you can bet that lots of oysters will be consumed!



Luckily, NSW produces a lot of oysters each year, about 70 million in fact, so we're unlikely to run out. Most of the oysters (about 80% of NSW oysters, and 40% of Australia's oysters) are Sydney rock oysters, a native species, so any Sydney rock oysters on your plate at the Balcony are most likely three to four years old (as they grow more slowly than Pacific oysters).

In fact, it's something of a miracle of numbers that oysters reproduce at all, with a survival rate of just 0.1% during spawning. Luckily, each 'male' oyster produces about 100 million sperm, and each 'female' oyster around 20 million eggs. Why the 'woke' inverted commas? Because the thoroughly modern oyster, as well as having a heart, changes sex during its lifetime



– according to some scientists many times a year.

Water purity is important for oysters, and around 1900 the oyster saloons of Lismore, Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Byron were famous for serving oysters from the Brunswick River, said to be the best in the country. Nowadays, why not enjoy them on the balcony of The Balcony?

The flavourings for your oyster meal are likely to be significantly more sophisticated than they were 115 years ago, when oysters were unlikely to be paired with 'aguachile jalapeno, lime, coriander and cucumber', 'ponzu, pickled ginger and salmon roe', or 'oyster mushrooms, iceberg and black garlic aioli', just to name a couple of the modern-day dishes available this month during the oyster festival at the Balcony, located on the corner of Jonson and Lawson streets in Byron Bay.

Bookings and info: balcony.com.au or phone 02 6680 9666

Wood-fired market bread



Gina Hutton sells glorious wood-fired bread.

When Jon and Gina Hutton from Crabbes Creek Woodfired go on holidays – the rare times they manage, that is – their mother comes along too. And before you start thinking what a noble, family-minded couple they are, let me hasten to explain that the mother in question is their starter dough, the 'essence' of all that glorious wood-fired bread they've been selling at farmers markets and elsewhere for over a decade.

I love their breads, the ancient grain ones like spelt and Khorasan, the sweet ones like fruit and pecan, but especially I love their ryes, the heft and solidity of them, their wonderful toastability, the hint of fennel. They do a dark one and a 'lite' one and it turns out the latter is both their favourite. 'The rye', Gina tells me, 'gives a nice sour tang but we use white flour in the mix to give it a lighter crumb.'

I want to know all about it: how you begin to make your own sourdough. It was something, at the height of Covid, that suddenly everyone wanted to do. Yet, 'making sourdough isn't for everybody', Gina says. 'It is

time-consuming and demands consistent care.'

So, starting with the starter, or mother: Simply mix 200 grams of unchlorinated water with 100 grams of the type of flour you prefer for your bread – white, wholemeal or whatever. Mix the two to form a wet batter and leave in a warm place, covered loosely, for two days. Bubbles will form. Throw out half then feed again, this time making the mix a little thicker, 200 grams flour to 200 grams water, and continue this throwing-out-half and feeding for a week, leaving at least eight hours between each feed. 'Once your mother is risen and full of bubbles, you are ready to use her', says Gina. I might try!

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From showbiz to the olive orchard

After working in post-production on shows such as MasterChef and My Kitchen Rules, Tim and wife Lynne moved to the Northern Rivers over a decade ago to be closer to Tim's ageing parents and for a treechange. They bought the Grumpy Grandma's Olives business in 2017 and haven't looked back since.

'It was a product that we had been buying at the farmers market for years and we knew the original owners – Denise and Alan – and when the opportunity came up to buy it, we went for it,' Tim says. 'Despite their help, it was a bit of a learning curve.'

Tim and Lynne didn't muck around. They enlisted the help

of family and friends to plant an initial 400 olive trees on their farm at Rosebank, mainly concentrating on Manzanillo and Arbequina, which are the two varieties that grow well in this area, plus their Kalamatas.

'I've never worked so hard in my life, but it's worth it,' Tim says. 'We get to live in this beautiful area and we get to work together, so we feel pretty lucky.'

As well as fresh olives and a range of olive oils, which Tim describes as 'very smooth, almost buttery and creamy', Grumpy Grandma's also offers semi-dried olives.

'The semi-dried olives have a sultana-like texture and are

fantastic added to salads, tossed into a pasta sauce, added to a cheese platter or just eaten as a snack.'

Tim says both the olives and the oils are available in barrels at the farmers market so people can bring their own jars, helping to reduce waste and plastic use.

You can find Tim and his range of Grumpy Grandma's Olives at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning and Bangalow Farmers Market every Saturday morning.

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



Olive farmers Tim Stone and Lynne Ziehlke in their olive orchard at Rosebank.

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'But that's not all – this event will also feature delicious food, refreshing drinks, and plenty of opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for love and acceptance. It's the perfect chance to make new friends and forge meaningful connections that will last a lifetime.'

'So mark your calendars and spread the word! Lovemore Lismore is the event of the year that you simply can't afford to miss. Grab your tickets now and get ready to experience a night of love, inclusion, and diversity like never before. Together, let's create a world where love truly lives. See you there!'

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Kim directed Nicole Kidman, Joseph Fiennes and Hugo Weaving in *Strangerland* (nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance), *Angel of Mine* with Noomi Rapace, Yvonne Strahovski and Luke Evans, and recently the Netflix hit *The Weekend Away* with Leighton Meester and Ziad Bakri (number 1 on Netflix worldwide for ten days).

The Raw Truth masterclass includes: scene work, detailed script analysis; how to give great meaning and visceral relationships to objects, people, places, issues, events and timeframes; how to find the subtext in a scene and differentiate with inner monologues; unique effective tools on how to move through emotional and physical blocks that prevent you from accessing all your emotional and physical instruments in service of character; and techniques to further find the depth, breath, masculine and feminine qualities in your characters.

This masterclass is open to all actors with either industry experience or professional training.

As a very special offering, Kim Farrant will also be running her Sexuality on Screen masterclass the following weekend. This masterclass is ultimately about empowering the actor to embody their birthright to their sexual energy and sensuality which can then be used in service of character. It is hugely empowering, fun, challenging, intense, and magical healing

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work. It must be noted that participants will need to have previously attended or audited Raw Truth in Performance and have professional training/industry experience to participate, or will be required to engage in a private Zoom lesson with Kim beforehand to attend this masterclass.

Raw Truth in Performance is on 22–24 September.
Sexuality on Screen is on 28–30 September and 1 October in Byron Bay.

The deadline to apply is 9am, 30 August for Raw Truth in Performance and 9am, 3 September for Sexuality on Screen.

For more information and to apply visit www.actorsroombyronbay.com.
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REMEMBERING SINÉAD FOR A GOOD CAUSE

When **Mandy Nolan** and **Áine Tyrrell** (co-founding witches of the Country Witches Association) are called, they rise – honouring Sinéad O'Connor's passing and legacy is something they feel passionate about.

It has been a particularly heavy week for Irish co-founding witch Áine Tyrrell; for Irish women, for any woman who has ever stood up for something, for rebellious women, for troublemakers, for witches, for women who have been labeled crazy, for women who have not followed the rules, for women who have been truth-tellers, leaders, mothers, activists, and musicians who have dreamt of more and better. Basically, any woman-ing work this week has felt heavier with the loss of a true queen, a Banríon, a trailblazer in every essence of that word.

Áine has been getting requests from the media to speak about her hero Sinéad's impact on Irish women, Irish society, Irish female musicians and to speak about the impact of this loss. It was her co-founding witch Mandy Nolan that she called to talk through the complexities of it all and deep dive. These conversations were powerful and it coincided with requests to put something on locally and to roar these songs out collectively. Both Mandy and Áine agreed that the Country Witches Association cauldron was the place to hold the songs and to hold important conversations to honour Sinéad's legacy.

This will be more than just a tribute to Sinéad's work; it will make visible the heavy lifting she did for many; and show how we can carry that legacy on, to continue to be a force of change. For that reason they couldn't think of a better cause to send the event profits to than the Grace Tame Foundation.

Join the witches on Sunday, 20 August at the Mullum Ex-Services Club. Tickets are \$25 and available at ainetyrrell.com/tour.

THREE VIEWS OF MONUMENTAL

From the award-winning Melbourne-based company A Good Catch Circus, Spenser Inwood is the director of the latest offering from Spaghetti Circus: *Monumental*. *Seven spoke to Spenser last week, along with co-musical director Melia Naughton and Jayson, a young member of the troupe, to find out a bit more about the show.*



Spenser, what are some of the inspirations for *Monumental*?

Monumental has grown out of a place of wanting to celebrate the overlooked people in our society's celebrations and recognitions – the unsung heroes, people who have said 'I can do this' even if they were told they couldn't. Like Rosalind Franklin, who discovered the Double Helix (DNA structure), but her discovery was stolen by another scientist and he got all the glory. Until recently we didn't have any information about her. Or even Vivian Bullwinkel who was the sole survivor of an attack during WW2 and is currently being honoured with a statue at the War Memorial in Canberra. Her likeness will be the first statue there to honour a woman and her contribution.

We have been talking to the kids about their own monumental moments, big decisions in their lives, and how they got to those decisions. We have looked at the journey to the monumental moments, the hoops you must jump through and the roadblocks along the way. We have also explored the monumental fails that need to occur to learn and grow.

What can audiences expect?

The show is like one long parade. Marching band, new statue unveilings and speeches of recognition. The kids take over the Brunswick Picture House like you haven't seen before.

They fill the space all the way from floor to ceiling, windows to walls – 15 young humans working together to help each other fly.

Melia Naughton devised an original score performed live with Sue Simpson.

Melia, what has been your process of composing for *Monumental*?

Improvising with fellow musician Sue Simpson. Sue is a phenomenal improviser and player and together we have shared musical ideas, spent a lot of time jamming and exploring motifs and thematic chord progressions that serve each part of the performance. The goal is to create a musical score performed live that supports the troupe and the monumental experience!

How many instruments will you be using live?

A menagerie of instruments! Lots of percussion, violin, guitar, piano, accordion, melodica and the human voice. There will possibly be a selection of xylophones, kazoos and even triangles.

What do you think is special about Spaghetti Circus and the performance troupe?

The energy is special. A troupe of young people challenging themselves physically is quite impressive. There is risk and danger and dynamism and joy.

What do you hope audiences will feel?

Uplifted and delighted. This show celebrates ideas and acknowledges women who have historically not been seen. I hope audiences feel moved by this original work made by many humans.

Jayson is 17 and loves being part of the troupe.

Jayson, what have you enjoyed about the process of making *Monumental*?

I enjoyed challenging myself, learning new skills and being coached by our guest directors.

How has circus helped you?

It's helped me immensely with developing a confidence in myself and a trust in my body and its abilities. The resilience I've needed to act like a clown on stage and enjoy it, has been a much-appreciated skill in my day-to-day life as well.

Why should people come and see *Monumental*?

You should come to see *Monumental* to see all our acrobatic monuments.

***Monumental* by Spaghetti Circus runs from 16 to 27 August at the Brunswick Picture House. Tickets: brunswickpicturehouse.com**



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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **CHELSEA SKYEATER**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**

THURSDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SAM BUCKLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **BEN WHITING**
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, 6PM **NICK DE MAN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BANGALOW VENUES **BANGALOW CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **SOMETHING ABOUT SONGWRITERS WITH REBECCA IRELAND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **WILDFLOWERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY (NRCG), BALLINA, 5PM **IMAGINING PEACE: IN CONVERSATION WITH MARK ISAACS AND BENJAMIN GILMOUR**
- AUSTRALIA HOTEL, BALLINA, 8PM **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **BLACK TRAIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **COMEDY ON THE ROCKS WITH STEVE ALLISON**

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SARAH GRANT**, 8PM **SUNNY LUWE**, 9PM **SESAME GIRL**, 10PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY**

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- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SAM MAC, MOHILAA & LAVERDE**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **KURILPA REACH + THE COLLIFLOWERS & THE SEEFELDS**, 10PM **DJ SIMBA**

- BANGALOW VENUES **BANGALOW CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MANOA**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS - MONUMENTAL**

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- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**

- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **DAN GRACE**

- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **RENEE & ROO + DJ THE WHO'S WHO**

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **LINDA STREET**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BRETT HEALY**

SATURDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **LUKE BENNET**, 6.30PM **INO PIO**, 9PM **DJ QUENDO**, 10.30PM **DJ JAMIE LOWE**

- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR, DJ TAI DANIELS & DJ QUENDO**

- BANGALOW VENUES **BANGALOW CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SUNDAY LEMONADE + MATT BUGGY**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM & 7PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS - MONUMENTAL**

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ JAKOB JON**

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- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY**

- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **TIM STOKES**

- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, LEVEL ONE 8PM **FORTUNATE SONS - CREDENCE TRIBUTE SHOW**

- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6PM **WHERE LOVES LIVES - LOVEMORE LISMORE**

- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ NAT WHITE**

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **BECK LAVELLE**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MR TROY**

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- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC**



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A FLOOD RECOVERY EVENT OF COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

Pianos for the People in partnership with The Paddock, presents CREDO - A Multi-Arts Manifesto, featuring Yantra de Vilder and The Ephemera Choir, celebrating and launching the installation of one of 15 pianos donated to flood affected homes and places in the Northern Rivers.

This is a grassroots community activation and resilience-building event after the floods, combining music and film projections with home-cooked food.

The choir's original songs and films were composed and created by de Vilder during the pandemic and the floods that followed in the Northern Rivers. These internationally award-winning music art films have been transformed into a live theatrical event, where the choir sing of the ultimate rise and unity of people and communities affected by the challenges of the last few years.

Yantra de Vilder says The Ephemera Community Choir is important socially and musically. 'It's so much more than just music - singing together increases oxytocin levels, weaving invisible strands of this feel-good hormone of connection.'

'Pianos are also an important part of my world and I am into recycling old pianos - I just love that trees become pianos, and now those pianos are being rescued and reclaimed as instruments of community engagement, peace and hope.'

'The Paddock Project in Mullumbimby is the perfect place to host a Pianos for the People, inspired by the resilience of this flood-impacted local community.'

Mullumbimby-based filmmaker Jane Hanckel, whose home was inundated by floodwater, is a grateful recipient of one of the first rescue pianos de Vilder organised for the Northern Rivers. 'Music is back in the heart of our living space,' says Hanckel. 'My son and his girlfriend came over after the piano arrived and played together on the piano and saxophone; it brought tears to my eyes. In our homes we've lost places for connecting, talking, playing and singing together as these activities have given way to screens.'

'I'm also on the team that filmed the arrival of the pianos to the flood-affected families in Lismore, hearing of the power of music to transform the wellbeing of families affected by the flood - it's wonderful to be part of this transformative project.'

CREDO - A Multi-Arts Manifesto at The Paddock on Saturday, August 19 from 5.30pm. Tickets for this event are available via Eventbrite: bit.ly/44n14Tr.

CREDO "Back to the Garden" inspired and featuring Mullumbimby! www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Yyequ5Dmwc

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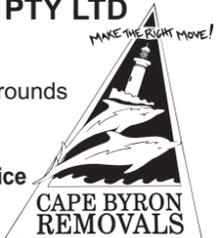
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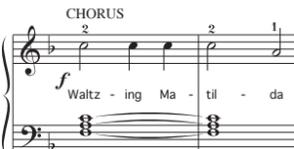
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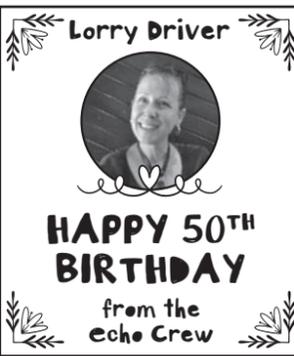
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BIRTHDAYS

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Lorry Driver



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DEATH NOTICES

CARDEN, MARGARET
 Died peacefully at Forest Lake, Brisbane with family at her side. Born in Adelaide and formerly of Brunswick Heads & Coraki.

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 Loved mother of Timothy, Michael, Kathleen, Jean, and Susan. Mother-in-law to Pam, Julie, Andrew & John.
 Granny to Tom, Jonathan, Angus, Simon, Claire, Ryan, Connor, Peter & their partners.
 Great grandmother to Hugh, Theodore & Noah.

Margaret will be missed by all.

A private family burial in Mullumbimby was held in accordance with Margaret's wishes.

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Community at Work
DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-4pm (closed from 12.30-1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include:

Flood Recovery Support Service: personalised, long-term support for those impacted by the floods.

Community support: Food parcels, meals, showers, assistance with electricity bills. Work Development Orders.

Listening Space: free counselling.

Free Yoga: every Tuesday 3-4pm.

More Than A Meal: Free Community lunch Tuesday-Friday 12.30-1.30pm.

Financial Counselling

Staying Home, Leaving Violence program. Information, referral, and advocacy

Gulgani affordable pantry shop: located at 3 Bridgeland Lane

Orange Sky: Free laundry service Mon morning & Tue afternoon

To enquire about accessing any of these services call reception 6684 1286, check our website www.mdn.org.au, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre

Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Fletcher**

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Byron Community Cabin: Seniors Computer Club (school term only), 9-11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au Phone: 6685 6807

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

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

1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

ACA

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

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

SUN, MOON & TIDES
 - TIMES FOR NEXT 3+ WEEKS

DATE (Aug/Sept)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
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17	TH	6:16 17:24	6:52 18:04	0849 1.23 2113 1.69	0303 0.35 1428 0.29
18	F	6:15 17:24	7:21 18:57	0922 1.26 2143 1.65	0330 0.34 1502 0.30
19	SA	6:14 17:25	7:48 19:49	0957 1.29 2213 1.59	0359 0.33 1538 0.35
20	SU	6:13 17:25	8:15 20:42	1033 1.31 2243 1.51	0427 0.33 1615 0.41
21	M	6:12 17:26	8:42 21:36	1113 1.32 2314 1.40	0456 0.34 1657 0.49
22	TU	6:11 17:26	9:11 22:32	1156 1.33 2348 1.29	0527 0.36 1745 0.57
23	W	6:10 17:27	9:43 23:31	1246 1.33 1349 1.35	0601 0.39 1845 0.64
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1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159		
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	0424 168 672
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8-11am Durabah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	6679 5530
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6629 7510
Mullumbimby	6629 7570
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6629 7500
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding...	132 500
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Mullumbimby)	6684 1286
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LIFELINE	131 114
MENSLINE	1300 789 978
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AL-ANON Help for family and friends of alcoholics	1300 252 666
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NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
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ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

Locals win national Para Surfing Titles

Mark 'Mono' Stewart has secured his fifth win at the Australian Para Surfing Titles, while Lennox Head's Joel Taylor picked up his first.

The event was held at Rainbow Beach (Bonny Hills) last weekend in small waves.

'Mono' added his latest Australian title (kneel division) to a trophy cabinet that includes world championship wins.

'The reason I keep coming back is my love for the sport and promoting it, especially among the youth. I genuinely believe it's the best sport in the world. It's fantastic that Surfing Australia organizes these events; they deserve credit for it,' he said.

'Unfortunately, accidents happen every day, and new people face difficulties each year. Our continuous involvement aims to keep the sport in the public eye. So if something goes wrong, people can remember us, out there in the surf despite challenges.

'We hold a responsibility to endorse it, encourage more individuals to return to the ocean, and that's what I'm here to do.'

Joel secured his Australian title (prone division) after three decades of surfing, and just his second attempt at the Para Titles.

'Winning this title has me



Joel has marked his return to the water with an Australian Para Surfing title. Photo Sam Walkerden / Surfing Australia

seriously pumped.

'I remember my first Australian Title entry back in 1993 when I was just 12 and passionate about bodyboarding. Now, 30 years later, I'm an Australian champion, and it's an awesome feeling.

'To share it with my family and friends watching on from the beach is even better.

'The waves were small, but I had trained hard and prepared well so I was confident. I knew if the waves came my way I was a good chance. Luckily they did.'

Joel is confined to a wheelchair, paralysed with a spinal cord injury he suffered while surfing as a professional bodyboarder,

at Pipeline in Hawaii in 2001, aged 21.

'I didn't touch the water for 20 years, but my love of the ocean, surfing and competing never left me,' he said.

World contest

Winning the Australian titles means the surfers are automatically selected for the Australian Team to compete at the ISA World Para Surfing Championships in Huntington Beach, California, this November.

'This will be my next competition and my first time travelling overseas since my accident in 2001. I hope to raise enough funds to take my family, my wife and two sons, aged one and four, too.'

Red Devils miss out on first-grade league finals

The Byron Bay Red Devils first-grade side has bowed out of the 2023 competition after losing to Ballina last Sunday, but Reserves and U/18s will play finals football this weekend.

Playing in Ballina the Red Devils top team needed a win to stay in the top six but were beaten 36-6.

The win gave Ballina the minor premiership for the season. The side has only been beaten once this season, but Bilambil are right behind them, with just two losses for the season.

Both teams rest this weekend before playing each other to decide who will host the grand final.

Northern United, Evans Head, Cudgen and Lower Clarence all made it into the top six, and will play elimination games this weekend.

On Saturday Evans Head



A Northern United player scores on the way to winning the women's tackle grand final. Photo Cee Bees Photos

take on Cudgen at Evans Head, while Northern United play Lower Clarence in Lismore.

In Reserve grade Byron Bay beat Ballina 12-10 to finish in fifth place. They take on Cudgen in an elimination final this Saturday at Evans Head.

In the U/18s Byron Bay also finished the regular season in fifth spot and take

on Northern United, to play for a semi-finals spot, on Sunday at Oakes Oval in Lismore.

Women's tackle

Lismore-based Northern United has won this year's women's tackle major premiership by beating the Lower Clarence Magpies 24-16 last weekend in Casino.

Byron Shire Rebels take minor premierships in senior rugby union

The Byron Shire Rebels have finished the regular season as minor premiers in first and second-grade rugby union, after the firsts won against Ballina last weekend.

Playing at home in the catch-up game the first graders romped home 69-5, scoring 11 tries to one against the Ballina Seahorses.

The win allowed Byron Shire (64 competition points) to leapfrog Wollongbar Alstonville Rugby (62) on the competition ladder, and gives them a major semi-final at home this weekend.

In the other catch-up game Casino beat Casuarina 57-50. The win for Casino (31) allowed them to claim fourth spot on the ladder, just nudging out Ballina (30).

Casuarina finished the regular season in third spot. This Saturday Byron



Not even the inclusion of Daragh Murphy and his son Kellen, both on first-grade debut, could help Casuarina to a win against Casino last weekend. Photo supplied

Shire take on WAR at Red Devil Park in Byron Bay from 3.15pm, while Casuarina travel to Casino to take on the Bulls at Albert Park, on Sunday August 20, at 3.15pm.

Second grade

In second-grade Byron Shire finished their season dominating Ballina 59-0. Byron Shire have one loss

for the season so far, and take on Casuarina in a major semi-final at Red Devil Park, this Saturday from 1.00pm.

In the minor semi-final WAR travels to Casino to take on the Bulls.

The Byron Shire Women will also play a semi-final, taking on Evans River at Albert Park in Casino this Sunday from 2.20pm.

Local tennis courts get rejuvenated

The Mullumbimby Tennis Club's courts will be out of action this week as resurfacing and the installation of new lighting gets underway.

The courts next to Mullumbimby's Community Garden were adversely affected by the floods and at least two have been unplayable since then, club president Dale Emerson said.

'Other courts have uneven surfaces which makes play

hard and all of the courts, to some degree, are mould-affected as well,' he said.

New LED lighting will also be installed this week.

The improvements are funded by grants as well as the club's sinking fund.

'The courts will be closed later this week as the lights go in,' he said.

Otherwise the plan is to have at least three of six courts in operation going

forward, as the resurfacing takes place in stages.

Work is expected to finish mid-September.

Suffolk Park

Across the Shire in Suffolk Park the tennis courts in Linda Vidler Park are also being resurfaced.

The two courts have been out of action since late July, but completion of the resurfacing is imminent.

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A Change.org petition to 'support a rail trail in Byron Shire' has attracted 3,542 signatures, started by councillor Asren Pugh (Labor). He says on the petition page: 'The rail corridor in Byron Shire has remained mostly unused for nearly 20 years. We have seen the amazing benefits of the Tweed Rail Trail that has benefitted locals, local businesses and tourists alike'. To sign the petition, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ys6sswx4>.

Rail advocates, Northern Rivers Rail (NRR), say a further licence has been granted by UGL and Transport for NSW to extend their degradation study beyond Byron Shire. NRR secretary, Lydia Kindred, says the track study and clearing will now include Bangalow to Lismore. Volunteer track clearers and support crews are encouraged to email training@northernriversrail.com.au.

Congrats to local building company, MRHBuild, who have been awarded Residential Builder of the Year at the Northern Regions Master Building Awards. For more visit www.mrhbuild.com.au.

Universal Medicine (UM) got the ABC TV 7.30 treatment recently; they claimed that a Gold Coast therapy clinic linked to the cult is profiting off taxpayer funding under the NDIS. In 2019, a NSW Supreme Court jury described cult leader, Serge Benhayon, as a 'charlatan who preys on cancer patients'. Benhayon lost that defamation case against Esther Rockett, yet continues to operate his esoteric healings, and sells related products and workshops near Lismore.



Local forest and wildlife protectors gathered at the office of local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, in Tweed Heads last Friday, to call for the immediate protection of remaining public native forests. Organisers say speakers at the rally 'highlighted the need to lock in real timeframes for transition away from native forest logging to a fully plantation-based timber industry'. They are calling on Mrs Elliot to support this position at the upcoming national Labor conference, 'so that her words get matched by real action on climate'. Photo supplied

From 2-3pm on Sunday, August 20, the Bangalow Historical Society is staging the first of a series of presentations on the topic of Eco Living. Organisers say home energy efficiency specialist, Sebastian Crangle, will reveal actions households can take to save energy at home, while also lowering their carbon footprint. To book, phone 0429 882 525 or email bangalowhistorical@bigpond.com.

ICYMI, the Bangalow Music Fest is on this weekend from August 17-20 (www.southernxsoloists.com/bangalow), as is the North Coast Mud Trail, which features 19 potters in 14 separate studios across Lismore and Byron Shires. See www.northcoastceramics.com/north-coast-mud-trail for more.