

All you need is... a love sign



The LOVE is back in Mullum! Pictured is Paddock Project owner, Karen Gross, with Vikki Kite and Steve Rosewell from Studio Kite, who created the new sign with their 3D printer. The Paddock Project is a working market garden which employs 20 people with disabilities. For more info visit www.paddockproject.com. Photo 'Jeff 'Paddock To Plato' Dawson

Urban increase blueprint unveiled

Hans Lovejoy

Extensive plans have been published by Council staff for the upcoming September 28 meeting that, if eventually adopted, could see upscaled urban development across the Shire via 'infill, new release, existing zoned vacant land and living differently'.

A 'relaxation/variation' of current policy that 'protects farmland of state and regional significance' is also recommended by report author, Shannon Burt, Director Sustainable Environment and Economy.

She writes, 'This is necessary to facilitate planning proposals for this land to meet Council's housing target response to the Minister for Planning [Paul Scully]'.

Before Council adopts such a policy, it needs to go on public exhibition, which has been flagged from October till November.

The Byron Shire Housing Options Paper and the 'Residential Strategy Refresh process' is in response to pressure applied to Council in August after then NSW planning chief, Marcus Ray, threatened to take Council's planning powers away

unless it could be demonstrated how revised and higher dwelling targets could be achieved.

The Byron Shire Housing Options Paper sets 'a policy framework for how and where future housing in Byron Shire's urban residential areas will be delivered for the next 20 years'. It pegs a number of 6,695 new homes.

So will this 'refresh' of planning instruments facilitate meaningful change for those who cannot afford a home, let alone those who can't find a rental?

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60-day cap granted

New holiday letting rules announced

The NSW Labor government has approved a new cap on non-hosted short-term rental accommodation (STRA) for most of Byron Shire for 60 days per year, reducing it from 180 days per year.

A press release on Tuesday morning by NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully, says the decision was in response to the Independent Planning Commission's recommendation, and Byron Shire Council's planning proposal 'to encourage homes to be returned to the long-term rental market'.

A 12-month transition period was also announced, and Council will be 'responsible for monitoring compliance with the policy.'

Scully's press release says, 'Some precincts in Byron Bay and Brunswick Heads with high tourism appeal, near beaches and services, were identified by Council to operate without a cap – allowing for year-round use'.

Exact precinct locations are yet to be released by the minister.

Scully's press release went on, 'Hosted short-term rentals (where the host resides on the premises during the stay), are unaffected by this decision, and can be undertaken 365 days per year.'

Local state MP, Tamara Smith (Greens), told *The Echo*, 'This is a huge win for our community and a testament to people power'.

She said, 'We will be pushing for it to come into effect sooner than 12 months in consultation with Council, as quite frankly, we don't have time to wait given the extreme housing crises we are in'.

'For over a decade the Greens

have relentlessly pushed for the community to be able to rein in unfettered short-term holiday letting.

'I'm so proud of our community for not giving up. We are very grateful to the minister for seeing sense on this issue. It won't be a panacea, but it will make a difference, and it is a lighthouse moment for councils across the state struggling to shift whole homes away from short-term online platforms into the long-term rental market', Smith said.

Byron a special case

Scully's press release continues, 'Byron Shire's housing pressures are different to other NSW locations, with the percentage of short-term rentals exceeding that of similar destinations'.

'The return of non-hosted short-term rental properties to permanent residency is only one part of helping to address housing supply and affordability issues in the Byron Shire, as noted by the Independent Planning Commission.'

'Before endorsing the Shire's planning proposal, the NSW government asked Council to detail how it intended to improve housing supply, in addition to introducing the rental cap.'

'The Department of Planning and Environment will now work with Council to monitor its commitment to increase housing supply, over the coming year to achieve its broader housing supply commitments to deliver over 4,500 houses by 2041'.

A broader STRA review will be undertaken later this year, he added.

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Homeless hub forced to cut vital services

Byron's only homeless hub says it has to reduce services owing to an increase in demand and a lack of government funding.

Fletcher Street Cottage management say regrettably they are 'faced with the necessity of reducing its services from five days to four days a week, operating from Tuesday through Friday'.

They say, 'This decision is owing to the lack of government funding causing a significant funding shortfall, jeopardising the crucial support provided to our community's most vulnerable'.

Since its establishment in April 2022, the cottage says it has received over 13,000 visits by locals seeking help.

'Byron Shire has the largest cohort of rough sleepers in NSW, higher than the City

of Sydney', they say.

'The rapid increase in demand for homeless services underscores the critical role this facility plays in addressing the housing crisis, rising cost of living and rental stress experienced by many in the region'.

Byron Community Centre General Manager, Louise O'Connell, emphasised the importance of addressing these issues, stating, 'Byron Shire is grappling with a severe affordable housing crisis, which is exacerbated with each passing day'.

'We urgently seek government support, and sustainable funding to continue assisting the growing number of people in need'.

She says the reduced hours will commence from October 23, 2023.

'The facility currently has no ongoing state or federal government funding, and relies solely on grants and the generosity of donors and partners to assist Byron's homeless community'.

Louise stressed the urgency of the situation, adding, 'We are seeing people who have never come to Fletcher Street Cottage before'.

'Families, young people and older women who have nowhere else to turn.

'Though the organisation successfully raised \$400,000 through its emergency appeal, regular donors and generous support of the community, this funding falls \$600,000 short of the required annual amount'.

To get involved or donate go to: www.giveheart.au.

The office of Rose Jackson provided *The Echo* with a statement on the issue. Ms Jackson is the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for North Coast.

Homelessness MP

A spokesperson said that 'We're still in discussion to see what the state government can do to support with funding'.

NSW MP, Tamara Smith (Greens) told *The Echo* her party recently joined a campaign for the government to fund services at the Fletcher Street Cottage, but Ms Smith said the call appeared to have been ignored in the recent budget.

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and the master of a fool'**

Roman Stoic, Lucius Annaeus Seneca
(ca. 4 BC – 65 AD)

School raises funds for Cottage

Every little bit counts: Byron Bay Community Primary School raised nearly \$700 to support the Fletcher Street Cottage last week.

Students, staff and parents collaborated to raise the funds at the event, which was called 'DUG's Day' as a celebration of the Shire's dads, uncles and grandfathers (DUGs).

School Principal, Tony Cross, said DUG's Day was a celebration of familial bonds and communal support in times of need.

He expressed admiration for the impressive turnout at the event, and the participation of the school's community.

Bay Leaf steps up

'It was truly heart-warming to witness everyone coming together with such genuine enthusiasm,' Mr Cross said.

'The spirit of our



Byron Bay Community Primary School presents a \$689.15 cheque to the Fletcher Street Cottage. Photo supplied

community, embodied by events like these, is what sets our school apart'.

Among the standout contributors was local businessman Dan Readman, proprietor of Bay Leaf, who provided coffees and a

barista. Attendees were also entertained by the members of a local drum circle.

Last week students Lola, Poesie, and Crusoe presented a cheque for \$689.15 to a staff member from the cottage.

Emergency agency warns of higher risk weather

A media briefing last Friday by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has advised that owing to the El Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole, there is an increased chance of below average rainfall in widespread areas and higher temperatures across the southern two-thirds of the country.

The briefing says, 'These climate drivers strengthen the likelihood of the warm and dry conditions forecast for large parts of Australia over spring and summer'.

'Owing to higher than usual levels of rainfall over the past 18 months, increased fuel load, and drier weather anticipated for the months ahead, we must prepare for the elevated risk of grass and bushfires during [this period], as well as possible heatwave conditions'.



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Urban upscale blueprint unveiled

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When asked ‘What assurances can Council provide that any new rezoned land would deliver true affordable housing?’, staff referred to the agenda recommendation (item 6) for councillors to support the Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme.

Affordability?

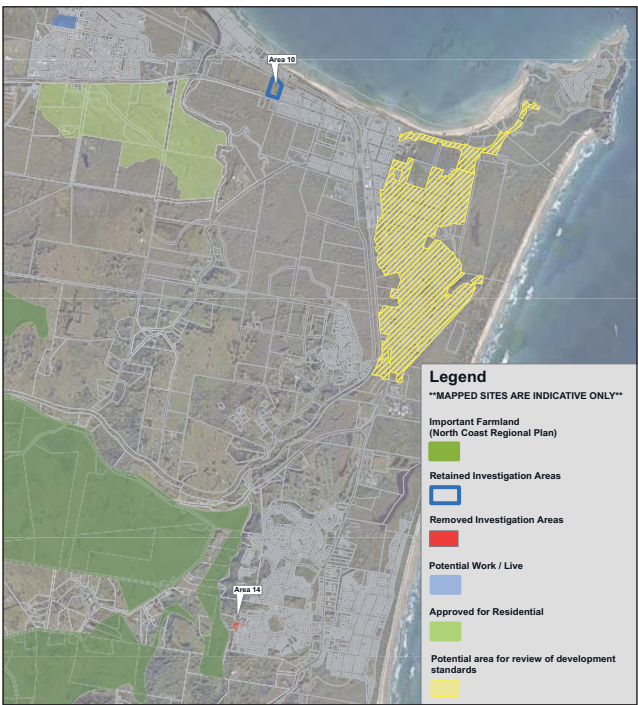
Council staff told *The Echo* that policy is not tied to the inadequate state environmental planning housing policy (SEPP) which is known to be ineffectual in addressing affordability.

Staff said, ‘An Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme is one way to generate affordable housing for our community. The scheme provides detail about how, where, and at what rate development contributions can be collected from landowners for affordable housing.’

Yet within the staff report (page 90) of the upcoming agenda, the scheme’s ‘intent in relation to affordable housing as they apply to the *Residential Strategy* states: ‘4.7 seeks the concurrent application of a SEPP 70 Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme clause over land subject to an upzoning’.

As a ‘growth management strategy’, Council’s *Residential Strategy* works together with the *Business & Industrial Lands Strategy*, and the *Rural Land Use Strategy*, and sits below Council’s Local Environment Plan (LEP) and NSW legislation, such as the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Council say on its website that the *Residential Strategy* was rejected by the NSW government after it adopted it in 2020. No reasons for the refusal are provided online, but on the webpage, staff say a peer review has



Council’s plans to review the ‘development standards’ in Byron Bay’s CBD are indicated on this map, as presented in its Housing Options Paper. Maps of Mullum, Bruns, Ocean Shores, and Bangalow are also included in the 42-page document, which is available within Council’s upcoming agenda.

been undertaken, and ‘Endorsement is required so that proposals for new land release opportunities may be progressed’.

On page 26, the Options Paper says, ‘Council will initially focus on providing new homes in existing urban towns and villages – emphasising densification and infill development in places that are considered safe and accessible’.

The Echo has asked Council staff whether this decision was a decision by councillors (via a motion) or made by staff. A reply will be published if it is received.

Mullum: 1,632 homes

Mullumbimby’s future development, according to the Options Paper, indicates large new areas for ‘investigation’, just north of the town, as well as the pod village along the rail corridor.

The former Mullum hospital site, along with

surrounding land is also considered as viable for development.

Some areas pegged for development have been abandoned owing to flooding risks. This includes Council land, Lot 22, south of the community gardens, as well as an area east of Ann Street to the east of the town. A large residential area between Council chambers and the public pool is considered too flood prone for infill.

An infrastructure capacity review by Council for Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads from July 2023 assessed the water and sewer infrastructure required to support future housing supply.

On page 14 of the Options Paper, the assumed increase dwelling yield of 979 homes on new release land and 227 homes from infill was, ‘subject to a satisfactory resolution being achieved in regards to the overall Mullumbimby water supply capacity

constraints and permanent Rous Water supply connection’. It reads, ‘The proposed growth can be serviced by the existing water and sewer network with some minor augmentation and connection works...’

Bruns

For Brunswick Heads, ‘The review assumed a projected dwelling yield of 1,597 homes for new release land and 137 homes from infill’.

‘The proposed growth can be serviced by the existing water and sewer infrastructure without the need to undertake any major pipeline or network augmentations’.

The entire area of Saddle Road is pegged for rezoning, which is part of vague plans by the NSW Reconstruction Authority (formerly the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation).

Bangalow

Around 905 new homes are flagged for Bangalow, with ‘Retained Investigation Areas’ located to the east and south east of the town, near the highway.

‘The infrastructure capacity review of Bangalow will be undertaken once the flood study is complete’, it reads.

‘Undeveloped Residential Zoned Land’ is earmarked to the north east of the town, while a large parcel, without any indication of size, is flagged to the south of the town. 340–500 dwellings are flagged, however. This is part of the *Draft Northern Rivers Resilient Lands Strategy*.


Another parcel, again without any indication of size, is located near the Bangalow Industrial Estate, and is part of the lands strategy. The numbers of dwellings are ‘unknown’ according to the Options Paper.



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Tyndall & Co lawyers will be running their tenth annual Pro Bono Cafe in Byron Bay next month.

It will be held on Mondays October 2 and 9, from 8.30am at the Ginn Jinn Cafe and Restaurant, located at Shop 3/11 Marvell St, Byron Bay.

The firm provides the local community with access to free legal services.

Solicitor, Jonathan de Vere Tyndall, told *The Echo*, ‘Last year’s Pro Bono Cafe was highly successful. A feedback survey undertaken by www.echo.net.au

all attendees demonstrated that 95 per cent of individuals found the Pro Bono Café was a “definite benefit”, “worthwhile experience” and that they had a better understanding of how to resolve their legal issues’.

‘At last year’s Pro Bono Cafe, at least 50 per cent of attendees came for advice on immigration law, 25 per cent on matters involving criminal charges, business start-ups, leases, wills and professional conduct, 15 per cent for civil disputes and 10

per cent for local policy and licence guidance.

‘Tyndall & Co aims to finalise the task at hand and give the client a written formal advice which they can progress themselves or take anywhere, including to another lawyer if they choose.

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Private property issue deflates bike path plan

Paul Bibby

The long-discussed plan for a cycleway between Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads has hit a pothole, with an independent report finding a raft of issues with the preferred route.

Local cyclists have been calling for a safe, separated bike path between Mullum and Bruns for decades, with the current route requiring a hair-raising ride along Gulgan Road as cars fly by at 80 km/h.

Following a survey testing the community's appetite for different routes, Council sought further investigation for a scenic path, heading north out of Mullum along the rail corridor, and then east through backroads and private property to Brunswick Valley Way.

But an investigation into this option by private consultants Burchills found that while it would be 'an attractive off-road' route, it had more holes than an old inner tube.

As a result, Council staff have recommended that Council shift its focus to a less scenic but more practical path, known as 'Option 2' that mainly runs adjacent to existing roads.

Among the major hills and hurdles faced by Option 1, according to Burchills, is the fact that it runs through the edge of a piece of private property.

Koala impacts?

The owner of the land in question does not support their land being used, saying it would disturb their peaceful enjoyment of the natural environment, and involve the unwashed masses trespassing on their land.

Burchills also found that the proposed route had the potential to impact koala habitat and 'high environmental vegetation' that could prevent the project from proceeding, and could face potential flooding issues.

Finally, it was found that the topography for certain parts of the route was not

ideal, requiring cyclists to negotiate grades of more than 10 per cent along two sections of the alignment.

'There is no doubt this section of the preferred route is heavily constrained by private property, environmental overlays, and topography generally unsuitable for a cycleway,' Burchills concluded.

They recommended that Council give greater attention to Option 2, which heads out of town on-road via Mullumbimby Road then takes a turn inland towards Hambly Rd, through sugar cane fields directly to Henderson Lane and Saddle Road.

Council staff agreed, recommending that Councilors vote to pursue this course when they vote on the matter at next week's meeting.

They have recommended that Council support designs being prepared for an off-road separated cycleway between Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads along Mullumbimby Road and Gulgan Road.

Tribute to Peter Pedals, founder of Rainbow Power Company

Max Pike

It is with great sadness that the Rainbow Power family shares the news of the passing of our founder, Peter 'Pedals' van der Wyk.

Pete was a true pioneer of the renewable energy industry.

Author of the seminal work on home made energy systems, *Energy From Nature*, his passion for renewable energy was a constant part of his life.

From his pedal-powered juicer, which saw him feature on 'That's Incredible' in the early '80s to the foundation of his 'dream child' with two mates in the late '80s.

That dream child was Rainbow Power Company. Long before the Clean Energy Council, Peter helped produce



Rainbow Power Company founder, Peter 'Pedals' van der Wyk (left). Photo supplied

the first off-grid solar accreditation, that gave many titans of the industry their first taste of renewable energy.

Even after retiring, he continued to pursue his passion, coming into Rainbow at least once a week to gather

components for his latest project.

He will be missed by all of the RPC family.

■ Pete's obit supplied by Max Pike from Rainbow Power Company.

Main Arm Upper School repair works nearly done

With repairs and major refurbishment works about to be signed off on at Main Arm Upper Primary School, teachers and the school's P&C invited parents to a gathering last Wednesday to see for themselves the transformation of the school.

Like much of the North Coast, the school was severely damaged by the 2022 floods. Bennett Construction have built new facilities and open spaces.

The completion of works comes just before the school's Music In the Valley event, to be held on October 15.



From left: Principal Ms Pav, Tom Ahern (NSW Public Works project manager), young Nussy, Megan Johnson (Director Educational Leadership), Petra Campbell (Community Engagement Manager from School Infrastructure NSW) and Allen Eggins (Asset Management Unit). Photo Hans Lovejoy

Disaster management needs different approach

Paul Bibby

Disaster funding must favour social capital and community building, rather than just 'mopping up', the head of the philanthropic organisation, Northern Rivers Community Foundation, says.

As the region prepares for the possibility of yet another natural disaster in the form of bushfires, Sam Henderson said a re-evaluation of Australia's approach to disaster preparation and management was essential.

'The stark reality is that we are spending a disproportionate amount on response and recovery - 97 per cent compared to getting ready - three percent,' Mr Henderson said.

'In a world where climate change is exacerbating the frequency and severity of disasters, this imbalance is unsustainable.'

A 2021 Deloitte report estimated the costs of natural disasters in Australia to be \$38 billion each year on average, climbing to a staggering \$73 billion by 2060.

However, only three per cent of this budget goes towards building community preparedness and capability.

Mr Henderson said events such as the

2022 Northern Rivers floods demonstrated just how undervalued social capital and 'soft infrastructure' was.

'When the hard infrastructure and services were delayed in arriving during these crises, it was the community response that saved lives,' he said.

'During the Lismore floods, community response prevented potentially tens or even hundreds of lives from being lost.'

'Without this communal spirit and dedication, the consequences could have been catastrophic.'

Mr Henderson said that when the entire spectrum of disaster management was considered, it became clear that the immediate crisis response was just a small fraction of the whole.

'Investing in community resilience, social capital, and preparedness is not just a moral obligation; it's a pragmatic necessity,' Mr Henderson said.

'It's time to recognise that building resilient communities is not just a noble pursuit - it's a life-saving endeavour, and it deserves a more significant share of our resources and attention.'



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Brian Mollet

The strange urge to play cricket has a rich history in our local area.

Back in the day, there was a thriving social cricket scene in Mullum, bearing in mind, if you can, that these were the days when to be up for a game did not have a Facebook description, to be queer meant you were slightly offbeat, and men were men, unless they chose to identify as small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri.

Teams from Billinudgel, Durrumbul, and Wanganui, among other venues all played socially, and the pitches are still there to prove it. *The Echo’s* founding editor, Nick Shand, a keen but at his stage of life marginally inept cricketer, would every year put together a team of bewildered and browbeaten journalists to take on the Mighty Wanganuians, who boasted a couple of first grade players, and would inevitably smash all challengers off the park.

The first *Echo* team to win a game at Wanganui took

many years to happen, but is still immortalised in photo form in *The Echo’s* front office in Mullumbimby.

Nick Shand’s untimely death prompted a cricket series to be held as a memorial to his undoubted impact on his community.

Teams from throughout the Shire took guard, donned their boxes and had a go for the sheer fun of it.

Like so many other cultural pursuits it hit the wall with Covid.

By popular demand, it has been suggested that perhaps the time has come when old warriors and young up and comers alike should dust off their boxes, measure their run ups and pretend, for a glorious afternoon, that all is well in the world and we should all go out and play some sport.

Sunday October 15 has been set as the date, at the newly refurbished Lomath Oval in Mullumbimby (by the community gardens and tennis courts), and all who love the great game or just want to cheer the protagonists along are welcome.

New principal appointed to Cape Byron Steiner

Kelly McBurnie, former principal of Cairns Hinterland Steiner School, has been announced as the new principal of Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School.

A press release by the school reads, ‘Change is in the air at the school, and it’s not just our hinterland and coastal vistas bringing new life as we enter spring.’

‘We are delighted to introduce our new principal, Kelly McBurnie, who is set to infuse our school with a fresh dose of enthusiasm, experience, and a touch of Queensland sunshine!’

‘Before joining us at Cape Byron Steiner, Kelly made her mark as the principal of Cairns Hinterland Steiner School, where she brought innovative ideas and a genuine passion for Steiner education. With a master’s degree in educational leadership, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our community.

‘But that’s not all! Kelly also boasts an impressive stint as the Head of the Speech and Language School at Mancel College in Brisbane. Her background in speech and language



Kelly McBurnie. Photo supplied

development and special education, adds an exciting dimension to our already vibrant curriculum.

‘Kelly’s journey in education has been as diverse as the students she will be leading. From the lush rainforests of Cairns to the bustling city of Brisbane, her leadership has touched the hearts of many, and now it’s our turn to benefit from her experience.

‘With a penchant for creativity and a deep appreciation for nature, Kelly aligns perfectly with the Steiner philosophy. She believes in nurturing not only the minds but also the spirits of our students, fostering a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

‘When she’s not busy inspiring our future generations, you might find Kelly exploring the local Lennox Head markets or taking a dip in the crystal-clear waters of our beloved coastline. Her love for the outdoors mirrors our own appreciation for the natural beauty that surrounds us.

‘As we usher in this exciting new era at Cape Byron Steiner, we extend a warm welcome to Kelly McBurnie. Her boundless energy, innovative ideas, and commitment to Steiner education promise to take our school to even greater heights. So, keep an eye out for the rays of sunshine she’s sure to bring into our lives – both literally and metaphorically!’

Restrictions lifted on Council investments in fossil fuels

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council has been freed from a set of state government-imposed rules that had effectively forced it to invest with financial institutions linked to fossil fuels.

Council has been bound by the rules since mid-2019, when it took out the first of four loans with the NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) totalling \$27 million.

This included a requirement that at least 70 per cent of Council’s investment portfolio be invested in

institutions with a credit rating of A+ or higher.

Most financial institutions with credit ratings of A- and above have links to fossil fuels through lending, or other means.

Credit ratings are predominantly provided by three main international rating agencies, namely; Standard & Poor’s (S&P), Moody’s Investor Services (Moody’s), and Fitch IBCA (Fitch), although there are others.

Council’s Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services, James Brickley said

in the agenda to next week’s Council meeting, ‘The NSW Treasury Corporation loan condition restrictions has resulted in Council being required to invest funds with financial institutions with links to fossil fuels contrary to Council’s policy objective.’

In response to multiple requests from Council, TCorp has now agreed to lift its restrictions on Council investments.

The matter will come before next week’s Council meeting for final adoption.

‘NSW Treasury

Corporation are now allowing Council to rely on its Investment Policy for the basis of investments,’ Mr Brickley said.

‘This is a very positive change, and will see Council over time improve the proportion of its investment portfolio not linked to financial institutions supporting fossil fuels and to pursue environmental and socially responsible investment opportunities as they come to market or invest with financial institutions that do not have links to fossil fuels.’

Lennox roundabout pledged by federal Labor MP

Federal funding to build a new two-lane roundabout at the intersection of Byron Bay Road and Byron Street, Lennox Head has been pledged by local MP Justine Elliot (Labor).

She says it will cost \$1,533,144 and is funded as part of the Australian government’s Black Spot Program.

‘We all know how risky and dangerous it can be driving in and out of Lennox. Our community has been calling for this roundabout – and Labor is delivering!’, Mrs Elliot said.

‘As your strong voice in the Albanese Labor government, I’m proud to announce this important funding to fix this dangerous intersection.’

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Bleakley's films a hit in Broken Head



Recent Broken Head screenings of Terry Bleakley's films *Life on the Farm*, and *One Flood, One Family*, were a great success, says the filmmaker. A vintage fashion parade was also held in the hall, with young models wearing dresses owned by a couple of the 'stars' of the film Jean Armstrong (90s) and Mabel Adams (80s). Bleakley says, 'Mabel also demonstrated a couple of dances with her daughter Michelle Ebbott'. For those that missed the films, they will be shown again at Heritage House Bangalow on Friday October 13 from 6.30pm. Bring a plate to share, BYO, \$5 per head. For reservations, contact Trisha Bleakley 0429 882 525. Photo Lyn McCarthy from Niche Pictures

DV awareness run Oct 15

'I Run For Her', an annual community event held by Got Your Back Sista, aims to spark critical conversations around domestic violence on a national scale, and for the first time will host events across Australia on October 15.

Got Your Back Sista Founder, Melissa Histon, says, 'Let's talk about it,

Australia. Let's take a close look at prevalence of family and domestic violence and ask why in 2023 this is still happening'.

'Let's take practical steps to make our communities a safer place'.

To register for the October 15 run, visit www.mycause.com.au/events/irunforher23.

NSW budget fails on social housing: MP

Mia Armitage

'Basically, I get less than \$2 million for my electorate for social housing,' Greens Member for Ballina Tamara Smith said in response to last week's state budget announcement.

'We don't actually know where that social housing money will be invested in the regions, but a simple maths of about 60 regional seats works out to be less than two million per seat,' Ms Smith said.

The member for Ballina was unimpressed with the government's social housing investment in Labor's first NSW budget in more than ten years, contrasting it with the recent Labor budget in Victoria.

'In their budget this year, five point something billion,' Ms Smith said of the Victorian Labor government, 'and the NSW Labour government, that's less than \$100 million'.

Last week's budget showed 30 per cent of a \$300 million investment in state-owned house building that agency Landcom dedicated to affordable housing.

'I don't think they're taking

it seriously', said Ms Smith, 'it's a drop in the ocean of what the actual need is'.

The Ballina MP said there were 50 social housing units delivered in the Tweed electorate two years ago 'without any fuss'.

Tweed social housing

'I keep saying to the premier, give me a hundred,' she said, 'give me 50 in Ballina Shire and 50 in Byron Shire.'

'Let's greenlight this and really make a difference.'

Other references to social housing in the budget came under a \$224 million Essential Housing Package.

Funds for debt financing, including for social housing, amounted to more than \$70 million. The government allocated more than \$35 million for critical maintenance of social housing.

There were also significantly lesser amounts allocated to mental health housing (\$20 million), urgent priority housing and homelessness (\$15 million) and temporary accommodation (\$11 million).

But the Greens MP said frontline charities in her electorate were missing out.



State MP for Ballina, Tamara Smith (Greens)

The Greens recently joined a campaign for the government to fund services at the Byron Bay community-led charity Fletcher Street Cottage but Ms Smith said the call appeared to have been ignored in the budget.

The cottage provides a range of wrap-around services for people sleeping rough and / or at risk owing to local housing pressures but Byron Community Centre General Manager Louise O'Connell says it costs a million dollars each year to run.

'The issue that we have at the moment is some key social organisations like the Fletcher Street [Cottage,] like Mullumbimby [District] Neighbourhood Centre, like Wardell

CORE, and others, cannot get any funding for wages for salaries for their operational costs,' Ms Smith said.

Election promise?

'Labor went to this election saying that they will absolutely deliver recurrent funding for organisations like that,' Ms Smith said.

The NSW Labor government has recently announced a new rent-to-buy scheme, allowing renters to have their rent contribute towards the cost of buying their abodes.

But the Greens member for Ballina said the party was unimpressed with the detail.

'What the proposal is, is to use Crown land, so 100 per cent public land,' Ms Smith said.

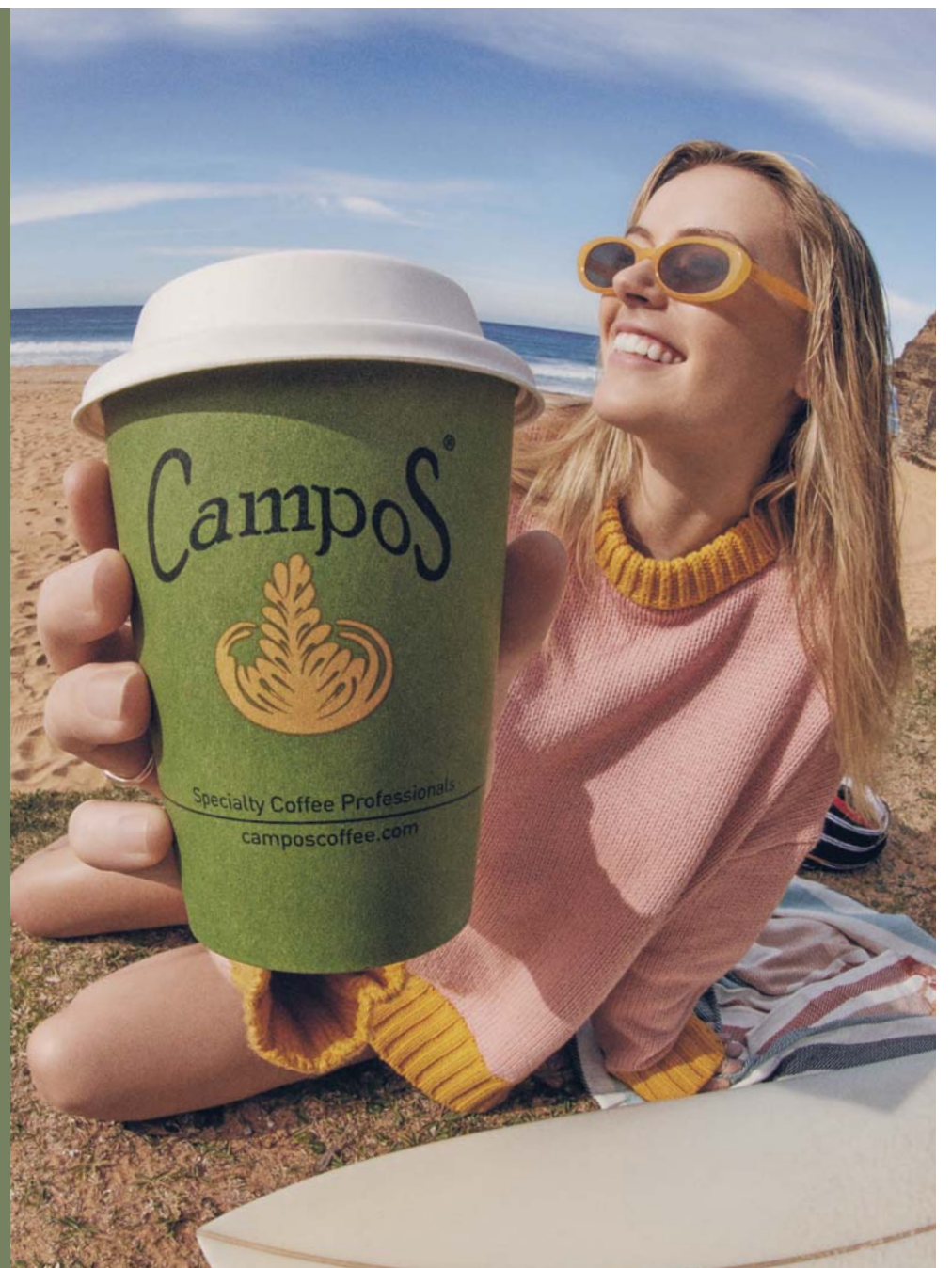
'Seventy per cent is private,' Ms Smith said, explaining property developers would be allowed to build on public land 'for free'.

The remaining 30 per cent would be used for social housing, Ms Smith said.

'We think that it should be 100 per cent social housing,' she said, 'and the government could easily give those developers an incentive'.

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Kids' tree planting project stumped

Paul Bibby

The kids of Mullumbimby and surrounds are champing at the bit to plant more trees in their local neighbourhood, but will little green thumbs be forced to remain idle until sunnier financial times?

A community planting event last September on Council land on the Chincogan Estate at Azalea Street, Mullumbimby saw 800 trees planted by around 50 school students.

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

But attempts to find a new Council-owned tree planting site have hit rocky ground, with Council staff indicating that while potential sites are available, there is no money in the kitty for essential maintenance works on such a project.

A report prepared by Council staff to be discussed at next week's Council meeting has found that two potential parcels of land to



Students and a teacher from Byron Bay Public School taking part in a tree planting day on Council-owned land. Photo supplied by Regeneration

facilitate a pilot tree planting programs have been identified.

This includes an additional 4,000m² parcel of land on the Chincogan Estate (Azalea Street, Mullum), and a larger 10,000m² site known as the 'Horse Paddock', which is located on a bend in the Brunswick River just north of Mullum.

The report notes that potential funding opportunities to enable initial plantings have been identified, and the sites, when combined, could allow for planting projects to continue for the next 14 years.

However, Council would reportedly need to take over maintenance once planting is complete.

'Maintenance activities require chemical handling and high-level skills in plant identification to ensure juvenile native seedlings are protected,' Council's Manager Open Space and Facilities, Malcolm Robertson, said in his report to next week's Council meeting.

'These tasks cannot reasonably be assigned to school groups.'

Mr Robertson found that the cost of maintenance was estimated at around

\$1.48 per tree per annum for the first five years of the program, reducing from that point as the canopy took over.

Given that Council would need to continue maintaining the sites for up to 17 years, the combined maintenance costs, though reducing over time, would still end up being in excess of \$144,000.

Caution with expectations

'There needs to be caution about establishing community expectations through commitments where a specific resource has not been identified in advance,' Mr Robertson said.

'Without identification of funding this additional work to maintain new planting areas is not possible.'

'Unless a decision was taken to reprioritise the adopted budget by reduction in expenditure in another area, funding of this new initiative cannot currently be achieved.'

The findings be discussed at the next Council meeting on September 28.

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What do you think of the Wade Park masterplan?

Many of the Lismore LGA's assets were damaged in last year's floods, and the process of rebuilding is creating an opportunity to do things differently.

Tweed Council receive \$197,000 for black cockatoos and bush stonecurlews

Tweed Shire Council accepted a \$197,044 grant at their 7 September meeting to assist in the restoration and rehabilitation of the habitats of the endangered bush stonecurlew and vulnerable glossy black cockatoo.

Running the NY Marathon for type-1 diabetes research

Southern Cross University student Georgie Collis has type-1 diabetes but this won't stop her running in the New York Marathon in November to raise funds for research.

After school is extra fun in Kyogle, Grafton, Goonellabah and Tweed

Go4Fun is a free, after-school, healthy lifestyle program for primary school-aged children who are above a healthy weight, that kicks off in term 4 in Kyogle, Grafton, Goonellabah and Tweed.

Wollumbin Street bridge reduced to one lane

As part of the sewerage upgrade in Murwillumbah, Tweed Shire Council is urging motorists to plan ahead and seek alternative routes between the CBD and South Murwillumbah for up to four weeks from Monday, 25 September.

Tricky traffic on Terania as rail bridge repairs go ahead

In what is rumoured to be an indefinite closure, motorists have been advised that Terania Street, Lismore, will be closed to all traffic between Tweed and Peate streets from 7pm today as a result of damage to a rail bridge.

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Cumbalum residents left wanting as estates fail to provide basic services

Mia Armitage

Plenty of housing has been built in the Ballina Shire in recent years but Cumbalum residents are still waiting for services including childcare, groceries, dog parks and decent reception.

The Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) has heard this month of a lack of plans for an enclosed off-leash dog area in the Ballina estate perched above the eastern side of the Pacific Motorway.

Meanwhile, people living in areas impacted by floods last year continue to face the risk of a lack of phone services during emergencies, with the council unable to confirm when Telstra will

install a promised tower.

Cumbalum features hundreds of developer-designed contemporary luxury homes, often referred to as 'McMansions', as well as more modest brick-and-tile abodes.

But living high in the hills of a Northern Rivers coastal paradise is no guarantee of convenient access to goods and services.

The Echo has previously reported on Cumbalum's fraught plans for a shopping centre and a potential general store in Ballina Heights/Banyan Hill, a lack of child-care services and inadequate playground facilities.

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Liberal councillors walk out during Tweed mayoral election

Aslan Shand

Liberal councillors James Owen and Rhiannon Brinsmead walked out of the extraordinary Tweed Shire Council (TSC) meeting (21 September) in protest against the way the mayor of Tweed Shire is elected.

This follows Owen and Brinsmead's failed Notice of Motion (NoM) at the 17 August TSC meeting where they sought to have a referendum on how to elect the Tweed mayor.

During the 17 August TSC meeting Cr Owen highlighted that he had received almost 25 per cent of the primary vote and that many people had questioned why he had not become mayor.

A number of issues were raised by councillors as to why they would not support the NoM brought forward by Owen.

Cr Cherry said, 'I think having a popularly elected mayor does leave that role very vulnerable.'

'As Councillor Dennis has

raised, whoever has the most money in a campaign will become mayor.'

Owen and Brinsmead walkout

There was some confusion in the packed gallery at the 21 September meeting when Councillor Owen exited on his phone and was joined by Cr Brinsmead. However, it soon became clear that they were refusing to participate in the election of the mayor.

Cr Owen and Brinsmead have since stated in a press release that they 'chose to abstain from the vote as they do not support the current process of electing the Tweed Shire mayor.'

Traditionally those abstaining from a vote will state that intention rather than simply leave a meeting.

Councillor Cherry was then reelected unopposed at the extraordinary meeting.

This is Cr Cherry's third term as mayor.

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Car crashes through door at Ballina Coles

On Tuesday, 20 September a vehicle crashed into the Ballina Coles supermarket. The elderly driver was accompanied by a male passenger.

The Toyota Corolla entered the store at around 12.30pm and stopped short of the aisles.

Emergency services and police attended and were told a Toyota Corolla had crashed into the supermarket before allegedly striking a woman.

It is understood that the driver and another woman in her thirties were both taken to hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

'The driver of the car, a woman aged in her 70s, was taken to hospital for



A car crashed into Ballina Coles last Tuesday. Photo Facebook

the treatment of shock and injuries believed to be minor,' said a NSW Police spokesperson.

The male passenger did

not report any injuries to police.

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Iron Gates development at Evans Head: application to 'amend' DA refused

On Monday, 18 September 2023 the Land & Environment Court (L&EC) rejected an application to amend a development application for a satellite residential development at the controversial Iron Gates site at Evans Head.

The application from Goldcoral Pty Ltd (in receivership and administration) was opposed by Richmond Valley Council and Ms Simone Barker from the Bandjalang community at Evans Head. The court refused the amendment on the grounds that it effectively constituted a new DA (see judgement at Goldcoral Pty Ltd v Richmond Valley Council [2023] NSWLEC 1540).

The court ordered that: (1) The application for leave to amend the development application is refused; and (2) The notice of motion is dismissed.'

Previously refused by NRPP

The L&EC court case followed the refusal of the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) to approve a development application (DA) at 240 Iron Gates Road Evans Head for a large and controversial concept residential development.

The site has been subject to DAs for 30+ years and the community has fought since that time against the inappropriate development of the flood- and fire-prone site.

Refusal recommended

The NRPP refusal followed significant public submissions



Iron Gates Evans River Estuary. The Iron Gates property is on the right. There was once a 10ft waterfall here but the Ironstone cap blocking the river was blown up in 1894. Photo supplied

against the proposal and two independent expert assessments that recommended against approval.

Following his application to the L&EC, developer Ingles put the Iron Gates land on the market for sale. It was withdrawn from the market in early 2023 and on 1 February 2023 Goldcoral Pty Ltd was put into receivership and a manager was appointed.

New DA required?

Three hearings were held subsequently by Registrar S Froh in the L&EC in Sydney.

In her decision Registrar Froh noted that the DA '... had a long history' and that while the parties to the case appeared to agree that the 'proposed amendment remains a subdivision', the question before the court was whether the changes made in amendments to the DA '... constitute[d] a development for which a fresh application was required'.

The registrar said that she was required 'to consider the cumulative effect of the whole of the proposed amendment' and

had concluded that the amendments had 'pushed past' a 'tipping point' as they were 'more than minor'. 'Accordingly, I am satisfied that the proposed amendments are, as a matter of fact, so different as to constitute a new development application'. 'The consequence is that I must refuse the application'.

The refusal by the L&EC of leave to amend the DA means that the original DA refused by the NRPP will now go before the L&EC for review in October.

'Nearby land in the same flood plain has been taken off the list of lands for future residential development by council,' explained one local.

'This land should follow suit with appropriate compensation for the developer less the costs of land rehabilitation from damage created by earlier activities of the developer which are the subject of L&EC court orders from 1997. these court orders need to be executed.'

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Feros slaps ban on media visits

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On Saturday, on the way to visit Feros Byron Bay residents, *The Echo* was told via text and email from a Feros Care media spokesperson that, ‘Unfortunately we have a policy of no media on site. We are more than happy for you to meet the residents off-site but no media is allowed within the facility.’

Residents Kate Smorty and Jo Wooldridge braved a cold and rainy day to meet *The Echo* out the front.

They say that there was a recent visit from federal agency, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC), which also prompted a ‘visit’ from the Feros CEO and some managers, who have not been on the premises for many weeks.

They said they brought with them the Feros chef, who has also been off-site for weeks, and they had a visit from a doctor the day before the monitors arrived – something that has also not happened for a while.

Welfare concerns

When asked about the resident’s claims, the Feros rep replied, ‘Because of our ongoing concern for the welfare of the remaining eight residents, who have refused to leave the facility, Feros Care reached out and engaged with Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission’.

‘Three senior Commission advisors inspected the village, and met with the remaining residents, Feros Care management and families onsite on September 14 and 15.

‘Following that inspection, Feros Care received assurance from the Commission that despite, “the complexity



Recalcitrant Feros resident, Kate Smorty.

of the closure, no clinical risk was identified in the continuity of care to the residents. The clinical care provided is safe, best practice and supports consumer needs with no major clinical changes in consumers identified by the assessment team.”

‘Feros Care management are regularly at the facility.’

Meanwhile, one resident complained that the food is ‘atrocious’, and others say they have to rely on charity to get fresh food.

They have been eating commercial meals, prepared off the premises and fresh meals via the generosity of the Liberation Larder in Byron, the Mullum Neighbourhood Centre and GoFundMe.

Feros management replied, ‘Some remaining residents are at times making choices to eat food prepared by others, which in our view is very generous, though unnecessary’.

‘Every day, the Feros Village Byron Bay chef makes meals for the eight remaining residents at our kitchens in Bangalow. These meals are prepared by the same experienced, and long-standing chef... Residents are offered a choice of two meals at each serving, complemented by a daily selection of sandwiches,

salads, cakes, and fresh fruit.’

Two of the children of residents say this is simply not true. Maree Eddings said there have been no salads of any description since August 6, as is the case with the ‘two options’.

‘My dad had to see a speech pathologist, as he was choking regularly and she noted that he was not given enough choice of food. She told Feros that. The second “choice” are pre-packaged sandwiches.’

Conflicting claims

Dianne Brien says her mum would love a salad.

‘My mum doesn’t get any options – it’s either what they offer or a sandwich.’

As far as the ban on media, solicitor Mark Swivel told *The Echo* that this is a clear breach of the resident agreements with Feros, and the Charter of Rights and Responsibilities under the *Aged Care Act 1997*, which protects all legal, civil and consumer rights for aged care residents.

‘Access to media is a basic legal and civil right, and in this context a consumer right,’ said Swivel. ‘Also, residents are able to invite anyone they wish to visit them at their home. Like any of us’.

Another wallaby death on beach prompts calls on dog owners

A Byron local says a dead wallaby found on Belongil beach last Saturday had all the hallmarks of a dog attack, and is calling on the public to be more vigilant and for authorities to step up to help protect native wildlife.

Steve Medcalf told *The Echo* that he found dog prints surrounding the wallaby’s body, which ‘had its neck chewed out and the poor body disembowelled’.

‘I am a resident of Sunrise, and have been for the past 20-odd years, and take daily walks along Elements beach’.

‘Unfortunately, there have been a number of previous similar incidents involving dogs chasing and attacking wallabies, as well as other native wildlife including nesting shorebirds. There was actually an incident with two dogs which I witnessed, which was published in *The Echo* back in 2019’.

Met with hostility

‘I continue to see dogs off the leash frequently while on my walks near Elements beach. I have approached owners (who are of all ages) on many occasions explaining that dogs are banned here and why (so as to protect wildlife) and I tend to be met with hostility.

‘I’m largely ignored and they continue to walk their dogs off the leash around the sand dunes and down onto the beach’.

Medcalf says that despite a move to tighten up compliance around dogs, ‘so far, I am yet to see any ranger or Council member at our end of town to indicate Council are addressing the issue’.

‘If it is a wild dog attack (as some have



Steve Medcalf with a dead wallaby.

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questioned), then I think that National Parks should be involved and distribute 1080 baits’.

On September 19, Council published a media release: Tide turning on responsible dog ownership in Byron Shire, in which it said, ‘Ten months on from the launch of Council’s *Dogs in Public Spaces Strategy*, increased enforcement and more education and signage is helping people to do the right thing when they’re out and about with their dogs and at our Shire’s dog beaches and foreshore areas’.

Manager Public and Environmental Services, Sarah Nagel, said, ‘While we cannot be everywhere at once, our approach is to ensure our patrols include an element of surprise’.



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Bee mite ‘eradication’ abandoned for ‘management’

Following the recent decision by the National Management Group (NMG) to transition the Varroa mite emergency eradication response to a Management Response Plan, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) say it will operate ‘under an interim management strategy’.

According to www.outbreak.gov.au, the mite ‘attacks European honeybees (apis mellifera). It’s thought to be one of the greatest threats to Australia’s honey and honey bee pollination plant industries’.

After the mite was detected by NSW Bee Biosecurity Officers at the Port of Newcastle in 2022, it has made its way as

far north as Kempsey.

A National Management Plan for Transition to Management is being developed, says NSW DPI Director General, Scott Hansen.

Interim strategy

NSW DPI Deputy Director General Biosecurity & Food Safety, Dr John Tracey said under the conditions of the interim management strategy, the whole state will either be in a Suppression Zone or Management Zone.

Dr Tracey said the interim management arrangements are designed to balance risk with business continuity.

Meanwhile, the Biodiversity Council say that while

establishment of the mite will have ‘major impacts’ on Australia’s bee-keeping industry, it may deliver benefits for Australian wildlife.

Biodiversity Council member, Associate Professor Patrick O’Connor, said in a press release that ‘the Varroa mite is likely to inadvertently deliver substantial benefits for Australian wildlife’.

‘Competition from feral honeybees is recognised as a key threatening process to native wildlife. If the mite spreads through the massive feral bee population in our native ecosystems and knocks it down, it will give many native animals a chance of recovery’, he said.



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It's a done deal!

Congratulations to Council staff and Mayor Michael Lyon on convincing the NSW Labor government that Byron Shire is a unique place, and as such, it will now have a tailored holiday letting policy – see page 1.

While clearly this will not ease any housing stress overnight, it could be considered partly addressing the issue, as Planning Minister, Paul Scully, points out. His media release also points out his government's demand that Council deliver its 'commitment to increase housing supply... to deliver over 4,500 houses by 2041'.

So over the next 18 years, 250 houses will be built per year.

Anyway, while politicians pat themselves on their backs, what the public are not privy to are the closed door deals, made on your behalf.

It seems very coincidental that in the same week of the 60-day cap announcement, councillors will presumably vote to publicly exhibit an extensive development blueprint at this Thursday's meeting.

It aims to create more housing than previously planned – see page 1.

Did the mayor make a secret agreement with the planning department/and or minister to increase Byron's housing capacity in exchange for a 60-day cap?

Get ready for a public relations campaign where we are told this level of growth is inevitable.

Part of Council's public relations campaign appears misleading.

In a press release last week entitled 'Housing Byron Shire's future population – how and where', the mayor again conflated the need to appease the NSW Labor government's demands to increase development with the chronic homelessness problem.

He said, 'We have the highest rate of rough sleepers in NSW; we have

a community still reeling from the floods; we have people who cannot find affordable long-term housing and we have businesses who can't find staff because workers can't afford to live here'.

Will increased dwellings address that? On the face of it, perhaps somewhat, yet it's unclear who essential workers on stagnant, low incomes, will get a home.

It's a complex issue that has much more to do with social housing.

Building more houses, which are generally used as investments to generate wealth, does not provide a home to those without one.

Social housing is generally funded by state governments, but hasn't been in decades, especially in NSW.

As pointed out on page 8 by local MP Tamara Smith, last week's NSW budget did not include much in the way of social housing.

And any mention of 'affordable housing' should be considered with scepticism, because the metrics that facilitate it are not fit for purpose.

That includes Council's Affordable Housing Contribution Policy, which is aimed at securing roughly 20 per cent of a greenfield site, which would be retained by Council to be presumably passed onto a affordable housing provider to develop and manage.

The Affordable Housing Contribution Policy is tied to the SEPP 70, which defines 'affordable' on median household income for the Sydney Statistical Division, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Currently that's \$2,077. A 'very low income household' is defined in the SEPP as less than 50 per cent of that.

So – will all this development lead to more social equity, or will it further enable those with investment properties to expand their portfolios at the expense of those who cannot get into the market?

Hans Lovejoy, editor

A short history of cruelty

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese went to the last election promising to end live sheep exports from Australia.

This rubbery promise has since been rolled back to his government's second term (assuming they get one).

The independent panel's long-awaited report to the federal government on the issue has now also been delayed, from this week to late October.

The last time a Labor government did anything brave on the animal export issue was in 2011, when Julia Gillard's Agriculture Minister, Joe Ludwig, banned live cattle exports to Indonesia, following evidence of extreme and widespread cruelty recorded by the charity Animals Australia.

That ban lasted only a month, but led to very expensive lawsuits, allegations that the minister had overstepped his authority, and no lasting improvements in the lives (and deaths) of the animals concerned.

Whistle-blowing

Animals Australia have since continued their courageous whistle-blowing, spearheaded by their Director of Strategy, Lyn White AM, who spent 20 years in the police force and appears to be quite undaunted by threats from those who believe money is more important than suffering.

In New Zealand, the export of all live animals has recently been banned (following the deaths of 41 crew members and 6,000 cattle in a 2020 shipwreck), but in Australia these practices continue unabated, mostly out of sight and out of mind, as the industry prefers.

The animal export trade has a long and inglorious history here, firstly between the colonies, then to neighbouring countries, and later to the far side of the world. During one week in 1864, 120 cattle from a cargo of 180 died on one ship, 140 out of 171 died on another, and 130 sheep were lost from 200 on a third vessel – and that was just crossing the Tasman.

In 1877, after the deaths of



'Large numbers of animals, particularly sheep, continue to die en route or after delivery in appalling conditions, and the limited protections of Australian law vanishing once the animals leave our shores'.

David Lowe

numerous sheep on a train, a correspondent to the *Brisbane Courier* said confining animals without adequate food or water was 'as gross a case of cruelty as it is possible to conceive'.

In the 21st century, stories of mass deaths of transported animals owing to extreme heat, thirst, overcrowding, injuries and equipment failure have become commonplace.

Australians love to point the finger at other countries in regard to animal cruelty, but the fact is that while you can't stuff a sheep into your car boot before sacrificing it here, like in Oman, you can literally get away with murder if the animal in question isn't a pet, as long as you do it behind a factory wall.

The hypocrisy around 'production animals' means industry interests trump animal welfare in every Australian state.

Mistreating and killing baby animals is essentially business as usual for industrial livestock farming, with examples including meat, chickens bred to grow so unnaturally fast that they can't naturally survive beyond a few weeks old, pigs gassed and then having their throats cut, calves being snatched from their mothers to aid milk and veal production, and ducks not being allowed to live on water in their natural state.

The live export situation is even worse, with large numbers of animals, particularly sheep, continuing to die en route or after delivery in appalling conditions, and the limited protections of Australian law vanishing once the animals leave our shores.

Fines for revealing the truth of commercial animal exploitation

have become increasingly onerous, with industry pressure leading Australia to follow the US, where in some states the penalties for revealing animal cruelty (even using drones) are now more extreme than those for actual terrorism against humans, under 'ag-gag' laws.

Draconian laws

Ironically, some of the hidden camera techniques used by Animals Australia overseas, on ships, and in countries to which we export, with the results then being shown on Australian television, are completely illegal if used here.

These are the films which forced the Gillard and Albanese governments to actually do something about the export trade.

In terms of live sheep exports, the independent expert panel set up by the Albanese government has now received 4,100 submissions, following 80 meetings with industry and other stakeholders (particularly in Western Australia), who have largely lobbied furiously for the status quo to remain, despite the decline of the live export industry.

It will be revealing to see whether the government acts upon delivery of the final report, creating a precedent, or loses its nerve and hopes Australia forgets about the ongoing cycle of cruelty, allowing sheep and other animals to continue being delivered to an awful fate.

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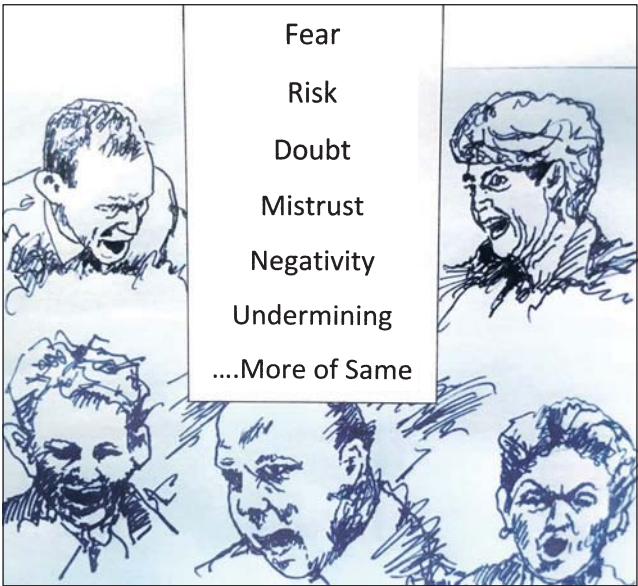
In addressing the topic of the names ‘Khoisan’ and ‘Hottentot’ and their implications for the indigenous people of South Africa.

Firstly, the name ‘Khoisan’ is not offensive to the indigenous people of South Africa. It is a term that has been used for centuries to refer to the Khoi and the San peoples and their unique linguistic and cultural heritage.

The Khoisan people themselves have embraced this name as a way to celebrate their rich history and ancestral connections. It is a term that recognises and acknowledges their presence in the land for thousands of years. On the other hand, the name ‘Hottentot’ given by the Dutch colonialists, meaning the ‘N’ word, boong or kaffir, is offensive and derogatory.

Historically, it has been used in a derogatory manner to demean and belittle the indigenous people. It carries a negative connotation and perpetuates harmful stereotypes.

Using this name as a street name, such as ‘Hottentot Crescent,’ is a constant reminder of the discrimination and disrespect that the indigenous



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

community has faced. We strongly believe that changing the street name ‘Hottentot Crescent’ to a more appropriate and respectful name is not only a good idea but a necessary step towards promoting inclusivity and acknowledging the rights of the indigenous communities. It is important to create an environment that fosters unity, respect, and cultural sensitivity. By changing the street name to a more suitable alternative, we can demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation, acknowledging past injustices, and promoting a more inclusive society. It is

crucial to listen to the voices of the indigenous community and respect their right to reclaim their identity and heritage.

There will be much appreciation in the community to considering supporting this change and advocating for a new street name that reflects the values of diversity, equality, and respect for all.

Together, we can create a more inclusive and harmonious community that honours the rich history and cultural heritage of the indigenous people of South Africa.

John Simons
Byron Bay

‘No’: bad faith argument

I have largely ignored the Voice campaigns but had just read the first argument put forward against the ‘Yes’ vote on page 13 of the Australian Government referendum booklet. It states: This would be the biggest change to our democracy in Australia’s history. It is a leap into the unknown. The Voice has not been road tested. There are no comparable constitutional body like this anywhere in the world.’

But just yesterday on SBS *Dateline* the blurb stated: ‘In 1989 Norway created a body to make representations to its government on matters impacting its Indigenous people. Similar bodies now also exist in Finland and Sweden, to represent the Sámi people. Representatives are elected every four years, voted in by Sámi people.’ So, the Voice ‘No’ campaigners are either ignorant or deceitful.

This is a disgraceful failure and act of bad faith on an important national issue mirroring 200 years of duplicity.

Peter Hanna
Byron Bay

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Sustainable and regenerative farming

Jordyn de Boer

Aussie farmers are a particularly fine vintage. In fact, the average age of an Australian farmer is between 50 and 60 years old. This is the result of a number of interconnected social, economic and ecological challenges that typically inhibit the success of aspiring farmers.

Becoming a farmer or grower is most often a lifelong commitment and requires an ongoing investment of time, energy and capital-intensive resources; one of the primary barriers to the emergence and success of young growers. If this remains the status quo, the future of our food security and the Australian agricultural industry as a whole will be facing a significant skills and labour shortage crisis.

Farmer's Footprint Australia, in collaboration with The Farm at Byron Bay and a small committed group of farmers, growers and local organisations, have formed the Northern Rivers Farmer Incubator Pilot Program. The program is being supported by Stone and Wood, The Farm, and Byron Shire Council.

Creating viable farming

The objective is to 'grow growers', creating pathways to encourage the retention of farmers in the industry by providing a range of non-typical support systems, access to resources and mentorship. Considerations and frameworks of the program have been specifically designed to ease the pressure of high costs and risks associated with farming in the region.

This 12-month pilot program is designed to foster two participants in the stewardship of a half-acre market garden business, utilising regenerative farming practices. Throughout their journey, participants Grace Ferrier and Rob Randall are



Grace Ferrier and Rob Randall, at Mullum Farmers' Market, are the two Farmer Incubator Pilot program participants. Photo supplied

being supported by a team of experienced farmers and mentors. They will participate in workshops and training that will help build their skills and experience, not only in growing food, but in establishing what it takes to create a viable and thriving farming business.

Supporters of the program throughout the community shared their insights on the potential that lies within the success of such a program and what a local regenerative farming future could look like in the Northern Rivers.

'The current and emerging generation of stewards are facing many challenges, across a range of areas. However, a few resounding messages that continually come through are how do we make it economically enticing to engage and remain in an industry that is not valued as it used to be,' said Georgina Johnson of Farmer's Footprint.

'How do we reconnect to those who have managed the land for generations, including our First Nations people who remain so disconnected, from those coming through onto the land - regardless of practice

preferences. There are decades of lessons and knowledge sitting there untapped. How do we ensure that the current and emerging generations are equipped with the knowledge and tools required to thrive in what is sure to be an ecologically and economically uncertain period ahead.'

Business development key

The Incubator Program team are establishing relationships with Mullumbimby Farmers' Market, along with local chefs and other market pathways. The intention is to embed the program at a very local, grassroots level, aligning with a community-centric focus and encouraging localisation.

As the Incubator Program shifts into the next phase, current participants, Grace and Rob, are dedicating a significant amount of their time and energy into the physical aspects of farming and growing in winter/spring, while establishing solid business foundations via collaborations such as the RCS Business Fundamentals Program.

In minimising some of

the main barriers to young farmers entering the industry, the program presents opportunities to support the establishment of new food and farming enterprises in the Northern Rivers Region, led by growers that are equipped and passionate about farming in a way that cares for the land, as well as the community.

'With the current knowledge and statistics around soil degradation, impact of conventional farming, the lack of new farmers entering the industry, as well as the staggering mental health statistics affecting these communities - it's a nexus of socio-environmental problems that beckons a sustainable and swift solution,' explained Jahdon Quinlan of Stone & Wood Brewing Co.

'I really think that the approach that Farmer's Footprint Australia is taking around training, mentoring and support, carving out a pathway for new farmers as well as equipping them with the skills and support network they need is a viable solution.'

Local food security for the Northern Rivers region, and subsequently every Australian consumer is dependent upon the presence and success of local growers. The program has the potential to inform and demonstrate what's needed across Australia, actively contributing to the creation of secure and resilient national food systems. It is showcasing how the collaboration between key local players - community, council, organisations and businesses - coupled with thoughtfully designed tools and frameworks, can support emerging generations of young growers across the region and beyond.

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A moment in history

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It is this that has lifted the ignorance and helped us understand the deeper nature of life, listening to our inner voices and living a simpler, gentler life respecting the sacredness of the land. In awakening to this truth and learning to understand these teachings we receive a sustaining, eternal gift, whereby we too then have a responsibility to share it, like ripples in the ocean.

It is our deep gratitude for this that needs to be expressed by all of us. All of Earth's wisdom keepers' teachings are what can save humanity from its mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual destruction if we listen to their voices. Ironic, isn't it?

Perhaps, in the bigger scheme of things it is our oldest people who hold the key to uniting humanity... boy oh boy, what a destiny.

This is how it feels to me! We need to honour their voices from the depth of our hearts.

I want to vote 'Yes' in the hope it is this awareness that is the eventual outcome.

Humbling, isn't it?
Julie Pretyman
Brunswick Heads

The 'No' vote

Giving Indigenous people a 'Voice' while simultaneously silencing Australians with the 'Combating Misinformation and Disinformation' Bill isn't progression; it's regression. If this government wanted

us to have a voice, they wouldn't be introducing legislation that silences speech that goes against the government-approved narrative.

The fact that the government and mainstream media are exempt from that legislation tells you all you need to know.

Joel Mcphee
Brunswick Heads

The Voice

We proudly display a 'Yes' poster on our house because we believe the Voice will deliver positive change for all Australia.

Today we received an anonymous typewritten letter alleging we support a communist agenda and should move to China. The writer asserts we are victims of media and government propaganda and misinformation, but then dives straight down that very same rabbit hole.

The writer, (we have the man on CCTV), provides links to three videos.

The first, by John Anderson, claims our Indigenous community have benefited from colonisation, that they are over-represented in government and implies they have been served better than other Australians. Anderson says Europeans should bear no responsibility and it's 'activists' who are stirring division.

It should be obvious to all that the Coalition are the ones fomenting division for political gain. Does anyone seriously believe they would deliver beneficial change for the most disadvantaged members of our community? The status quo serves them very well.

The second video is predictable conspiracy. It confirms that almost all Australia's top 20 companies back the Voice, yet then claims it's a communist plot, a security risk. It talks about

the KGB, critical race theory, pseudo history, and how Australians will be forced to pay rent.

The third video is Peta Credlin's discredited lies on Sky News, alleging 26 pages, reparations, treaty and the 'real agenda' behind the Voice.

This is fear-mongering propaganda at its most hateful, focusing on fabricated consequences while completely ignoring the reality that the Voice is merely advisory, with no veto power, and that parliament makes all decisions.

Whatever happened to the Australia of my arrival 43 years ago? Whatever happened to critical thinking? Why are so many of us untroubled by such punching down?

Michael Ryan
Bangalow

I'm voting 'No'

My head and heart say 'Yes' to supporting Indigenous communities and improving government engagement, but my intellect says 'No' to a permanent Indigenous Voice in parliament. A gap in health, education and social cohesion primarily exists in remote communities but a constitutional change for a permanent Voice to improve outcomes raises concerns.

Firstly, permanence assumes perpetual Indigenous disadvantage and victimhood. 'Yes' proponents point to poor outcomes, yet progress has been made, with Indigenous representation in every field of human endeavour from the arts to politics and the sciences. A temporary body that invites collaborative solutions leading to lasting improvement, can then be dismantled, allowing us to tackle new challenges.

Secondly, while acknowledging Indigenous heritage, we are the second most
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Review on remote Indigenous Australians sheds light on the Voice to Parliament

Zane Danesi

As a white man living on Bundjalung Country, I acknowledge that it is not easy to make the cross-cultural shift from a Western paradigm lens to comprehend and appreciate the rich diversity and complexity of 65,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' sociocultural and spiritual history.

My study's title is *Perceptions and Values of Climate Change – Insights from Remote Indigenous Australians: A Literature Review*. Seventeen qualitative and mixed-method peer-reviewed journal articles

were examined between 2010 and 2021 from remote northern parts of Australia, including the Torres Strait. The findings were organised into four main themes: climate change, plants and animals, Country, and knowledge.

Holistic approach

The findings showed that the respondents have a limited scientific understanding of climate change. Yet, they expressed their concerns about observed environmental changes such as sea level rise, flooding, and shoreline erosion (particularly evident on the Sabai, Poruma, and Boigu islands in the Torres Strait) and a weakening of flora and fauna on Country.

Most studies viewed climate change holistically and directly linked climate change to more pressing and urgent concerns. This included painful memories of colonisation, dispossession, cultural and spiritual losses, health concerns, socioeconomic issues such as poor housing and infrastructure, poverty, unemployment, excessive alcohol consumption and mining, which has degraded the landscape.

The *Closing the Gap* statistics between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples show these long-standing generational disadvantages.



Janet Kneale, Val Timms, Auntie Joyce Summers, Ellen Etock, Auntie Maureen Newton and Ruth Haige all worked tirelessly to encourage voters to support the 1967 referendum. These women and around 600 supporters marched through Tweed Heads to promote a 'Yes' to the Voice vote on 14 October. Photo Jeff Dawson

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW, 2022), compared to non-Indigenous Australians, the health of Indigenous peoples 'is poorer in almost every disease across the life cycle'. For Indigenous people living in remote areas, there is approximately a 14-year difference in life expectancy (AIHW, 2023). The Commonwealth government *Closing the Gap Report 2022* shows that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' suicide rates and incarceration are worsening. Indigenous incarceration accounts for approximately 32 per cent of all prisoners, yet they comprise about 3.2 per cent of the population.

History shows that during the British colonisation of Australia, Indigenous peoples experienced intense fear, violence, and death at the hands of the British, colonists, and free settlers. Here, Indigenous individual and collective trauma are identified. Furthermore, many of their descendants have directly and vicariously experienced intergenerational trauma. The forced removal of Indigenous children in Australia continued until 1969. These chronic problems erode Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' well-being.

Most of the 17 studies show that the respondents mistrust

governments' willingness to collaborate with them honestly and justly about climate change adaptation policy. This belief was based on their trauma of colonisation and policymakers' broken promises and unilateral decision-making, which led to procedural unfairness.

Status quo not working

Given the *Closing the Gap* statistics, procedural unfairness extends beyond climate change issues. The current status quo is not working! Enshrining a Voice in the Constitution is important to communicate to the parliament and the executive government about matters that can improve the lives of Indigenous peoples living in remote and other parts of Australia, whether about climate change, closing the gap, Country' and/or cultural issues. This can provide pathways to greater Indigenous intergenerational self-determination to be agents of change, resulting in progress towards much-improved practical outcomes and more effective use of taxpayers' money.

All the studies found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' understanding of Country encapsulates values around a narrative of interconnected and interwoven sociocultural and spiritual relationships associated with identity, kinship, and languages that sustain their communities on Country. They reported experiencing sadness because climate change is weakening Country and cultural practices. Most studies showed that despite climate change, there was a reluctance to relocate from

Country for sociocultural and spiritual reasons. Their wish is that policymakers respect those values. Although a few studies, one in North-East Arnhem land, found that when researchers framed questions around the hazards of climate change being unmanageable instead of using the word relocation, 66 per cent of respondents would likely relocate for safety reasons. However, they responded with the proviso of staying within 20 kilometres inland with the hope of someday returning to their homelands. This shows the importance of Indigenous interconnection between Country and place.

Collaboration




The studies show that Indigenous peoples seek genuine mutual collaboration with the Australian government on climate change-related issues. Similarly, the Voice seeks to collaborate with the pParliament and ministers of government on critical issues affecting their lives and communities.

Concerning climate change, the major obstacle may be a question of divergent values. Indigenous peoples' perspectives of climate change in remote areas are viewed primarily from their values related to historical, sociocultural, and spiritual connection to Country at a local level. This contrasts with a modern Western perspective whose values and cultural history have not been as entrenched with the natural environment and views climate change more from a global scale, with economic and political implications.

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The politics of the 2023 Voice referendum non-existent in 1967

Eve Jeffery

Australians voted in the 1967 referendum on May 27, 1967. Harold Holt was the prime minister at the time, a Liberal MP who led a Coalition with the Country Party.

The referendum had three issues asked in two questions, regarding two bills to alter the Australian Constitution.

The first question sought to increase the number of members in the House of Representatives. The second question (*Constitution Alteration [Aboriginals] Bill 1967*) related to Indigenous Australians and was in two parts: voters were asked whether to give the federal government the power to make special laws for Indigenous Australians in states, and whether Indigenous Australians should be included in official population counts for constitutional purposes.

1967 campaigners

The amendments to the Constitution were overwhelmingly endorsed, winning 90.77 per cent of votes cast and having majority support in all six states. The Bill became an Act of Parliament on August 10, 1967.

Three women, in their early to mid-thirties, voted in that referendum. Each was the mother of small children and had experience in varying degrees with Aboriginal people.

Janet Kneale said that she was born into the sixth generation of a Queensland grazier dynasty.

‘Three generations of my family had Aboriginals working the land. The first two were just given food. The third generation, which was my mother’s generation, they paid them. But, when they came to work on our property, they weren’t sitting at the lunch table with us, they were put in a shed out the back.’

Cemented in Janet’s memory is a moment in time when she came upon one of the workers. ‘I saw Mick Cook. He was eating his lunch alone – on tumble-down chairs. Even though I was ten, I knew it was all wrong.’

‘I voted in 1967. When they announced it I thought “it’s about time”. I had such pleasure to write “Yes”.’

Liz Swain says the ‘67 event wasn’t even a blip on her radar. ‘I don’t remember the 1967 referendum at all. I have spoken to a lot of my friends who are the same age – none of them remember the referendum. There was just no opposition to it so it was non-controversial.’

Bipartisan approach

Val Timms says in 1967 she was surprised that they didn’t already have those things in place.

‘I knew about it, I was amongst the ones that were helping to organise it,’ she said.

One thing the three women agree on is that the vote and the lead-up, in their view, was not politicised. It was a bipartisan event that wasn’t about agendas. There was no opposition and almost 91 per cent of the nation agreed.

‘What’s happened?’ asks Liz.

‘It’s become so political. It is totally divisive. That’s confusing people. That’s the problem. Not just the fact that they’ve got this opposition but they’re making up all these things.’

Liz says if you don’t know about the issue then you need to go and find out.

‘Really! I was shocked when I heard the National Party came out and say they were going to vote “No”. This is shameful. It is totally shameful.’

Val Timms says she hopes today’s youth will get on board. ‘Young people are becoming more aware and they will fight – and I think they’ll fight for what’s right.’

Janet Kneale says her memory has played that scene with Mick Cook over and over.

‘I’ve carried that all my life. I’ve followed Aboriginals and what’s been going on with their meetings and trying to get a Voice.

‘Some might think me eccentric, I suppose, but I’ve been saying for a long time “there’s one more thing I’ve got to do before I go”, and I think this is it.’



Remembering the '67 referendum: Liz Swain, Charline Emzin-Boyd, Val Timms, Terry Timms and Janet Kneale. Photo Tree Faerie



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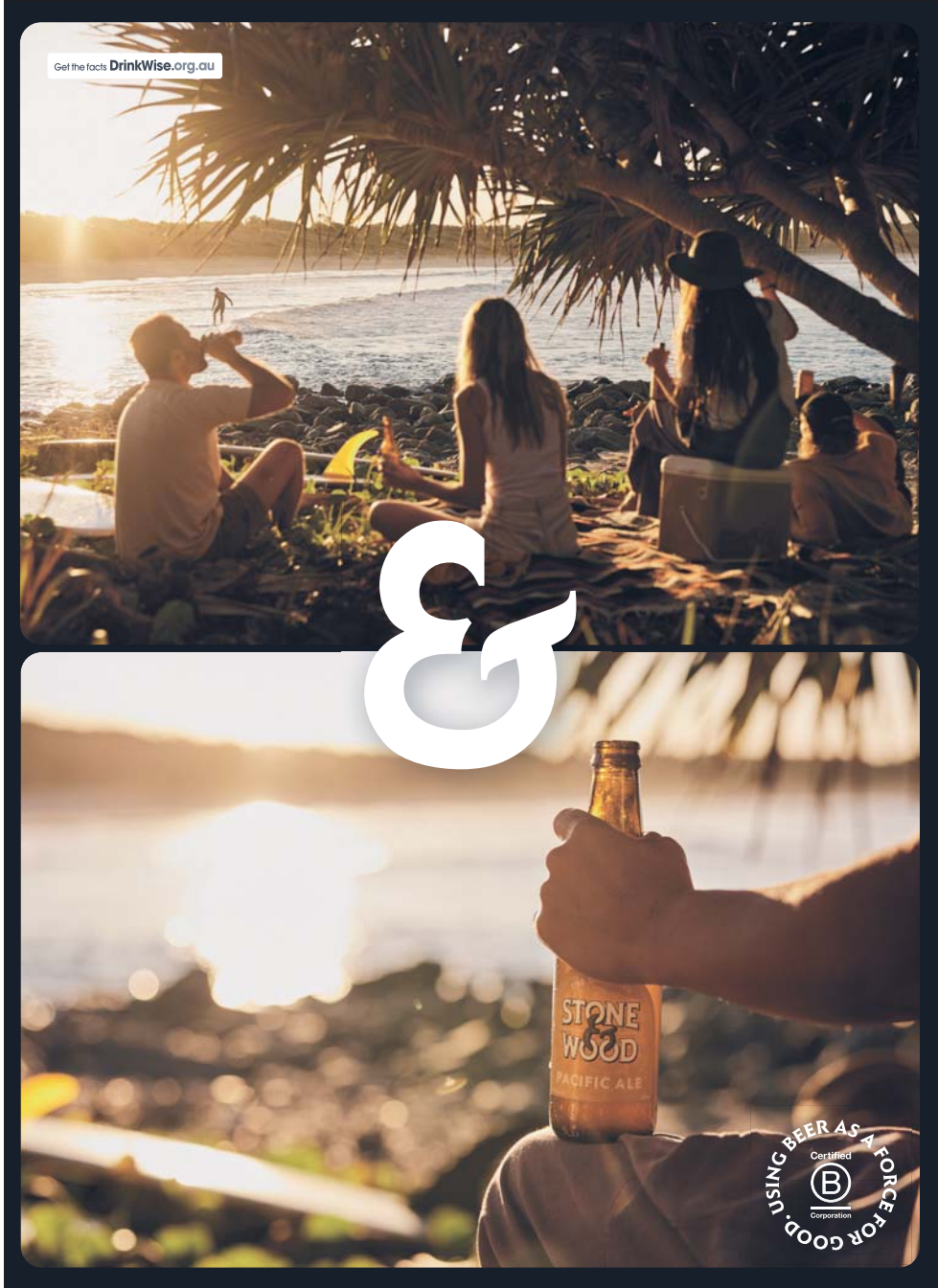


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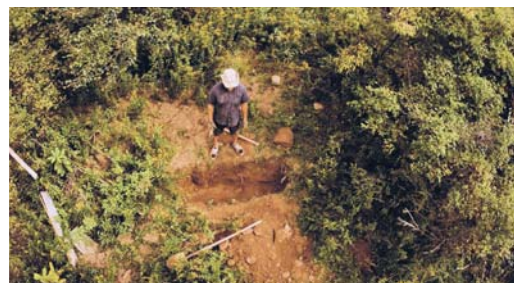
The world premiere of *The Edge of Nature* by Oscar-nominated, Emmy-winning filmmaker Josh Fox is the opening night film at the Byron Bay Film Festival at Byron Palace Cinemas on October 20.

FOX'S FILM *GASLAND* HAD A profound effect on the Byron/ Northern Rivers community. The film spread awareness of fracking worldwide and helped to inspire the local resistance which defeated the frackers at Bentley.

'As a filmmaker Josh Fox is a change maker; he is able to convey the importance of each individual in being part of the change, and take that message to the world,' says Festival Director J'aimee Skippon-Volke. 'With Australia already in drought and the threat of bushfires at extreme levels, this film is the rallying cry we need right now.'

'A world premiere is always a big event and this year's gala opening night is a great opportunity to support Josh and the other dedicated filmmakers before the screening, and to unite the community.'

Fox has a special connection with Australian audiences: 'I had the great fortune of being able to tour *Gasland* to Australia in 2010, and I witnessed the profound



strength of the environmental movement there,' he says.

'The anti-fracking farmers behind the Lock the Gate campaign were some of the strongest and most adamant activists I have ever met. I felt so at home, so welcome and so encouraged by their spirit and vehemence.'

Fox filmed some parts of *Gasland II* in Australia on subsequent trips and says he 'fell in love with the passion, energy and commitment of the people of Australia.'

'Byron Bay Film Festival is the perfect place for me to premiere this film because of the strong commitment of

the audience and the region to conservation and action to protect the Earth. We are building a worldwide movement to stop climate change, and that means we have to see all the things we have in common and build international solidarity.'

'I hope *The Edge of Nature* can spark a conversation about the philosophy that runs through our environmentalism like an underground spring – that we are a part of nature, that we are not separate from the planet, and we have to work in collaboration with the Earth and all living things. We are nature rising up to defend itself, and that struggle must resonate across the planet, on every continent.'

Fox will be flying in from New York to present his film, which is a unique and compelling hybrid – at once a record of a deeply personal journey through Covid, a nature documentary, an examination of intergenerational trauma, and a call to action.

In 2020, severely debilitated and suffering neurological symptoms such as brain fog from long Covid, Fox isolated himself in a tiny cabin in his beloved Pennsylvania forest, in the hope that simplicity and the forces of nature would heal him.

Accompanied only by his trademark banjo, the songs of Pete Seeger, a family of obstinate beavers and a restless creative impulse, he underwent a dark night of the soul, learning tough lessons in inspiration and resilience.

Alongside his awe at the tenaciousness and beauty of nature, his nine-month isolation and bouts of despair

brought up the legacy of the Nazi genocide that swept away most of his ancestral family – a trauma prompted in part by the distant sound of machine-guns being fired at night.

In *The Edge of Nature* Fox finds a parallel between this preparedness for violence – alarmingly on the rise amongst the far right – and the ecocide being practised by the insatiably greedy and expansionist industrial billionaire and corporate class.

At the same time, the pandemic delivered the anthropause, a time when planes were grounded, cars went undriven and populations were forced to live a simpler, quieter life. The skies and waters cleared, animals found a safe place to be. For the first time in history, world-wide emissions were reduced enough to halt climate change: the possibility of recovery became real.

While the premise of *The Edge of Nature* is the story of his healing from long Covid, Fox says 'it's not just about healing myself. The Earth, our forests, the climate, and all of our ecosystems are deeply scarred, sick and wounded. We are all traumatised and endangered by the worsening climate crisis. This film puts forth the radical notion that we cannot heal ourselves without healing the planet. And we cannot heal the planet without healing ourselves.'

'It has taken me a long time to be brave enough to understand what this film is really about. Until this year I was too scared, confused and traumatised to include my process of healing from long Covid in the

film. It has been a long road of recovery.'

But recovery did take place – made possible not only by the examples all around him of the tenaciousness of nature, but also Fox's humour, empathy, and a determination to stare down the darkness and endure through it to find light on the other side.

The film adds to Fox's substantial body of work. Internationally recognised as a leader on the issue of fracking and climate change, he has premiered three films on HBO, two on Netflix, and his work has been broadcast world-wide to hundreds of millions of viewers. He has appeared regularly on MSNBC, FOX, CNN, *The Daily Show*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, PBS, TYT and many other outlets as a commentator.

In 2017 Fox produced, co-directed and co-wrote *Awake, A Dream From Standing Rock* with indigenous filmmakers Doug Good Feather and Myron Dewey, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival.

They came together again for *The Edge of Nature*, the result of their intense six-year study of the question of recovery from intergenerational trauma – 'an alliance born of healing our mutual genocidal history – theirs as survivors of the American Genocide, and myself as a son of survivors of the Nazi Holocaust', Fox says. 'This film is also dedicated to Myron, who was brutally taken from us last year under suspicious circumstances.'

The Edge of Nature is a worthy gift to Myron, and to all of us – a triumphant artistic response to the scary and often overwhelming events taking place on a rapidly changing planet.

Despite the gravity of its subject matter, the film is ultimately a celebration of the human spirit, and a fitting choice to kick off the celebration of life on planet Earth that BBFF represents.

■ The 17th Byron Bay International Film Festival runs from October 20-29, with screenings at Byron Palace Cinemas, the Brunswick Picture House, the Lennox Head Cultural Centre, The Regent Murwillumbah and, for school sessions, Palace Cinemas Ballina.

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diverse nation on Earth. Historical wrongs have occurred within each group and dwelling on them alone hinders progress. We should aspire to equal access for all, rather than embedding a permanent voice for a single group.

Thirdly, the proposed Voice's functionality is unclear, risking conflicts between its requests and government actions. Conflicting views are human nature and predict regular stand-offs and constitutional issues.

Fourthly, a lack of in-depth analysis hampers progress. We should rigorously assess our current \$30b spending on Indigenous programs, reallocating, or expanding resources as needed to achieve the results we desire.

Fifthly, we already have many bodies advising governments on different issues, indigenous and otherwise. They all need to be heard and achieve effective progress. If not – make adjustments. The change is within governments' control right now.

In conclusion, while the heart desires support for Indigenous communities, my intellect advises against a permanent Indigenous Voice in parliament due to concerns about permanence, diversity, functionality, analysis, and cooperation. We must pursue collaborative, adaptable solutions that benefit all Australians while addressing historical injustice.

Ann Uldridge
Bangalow

■ Ed note: According to the ABC's fact-checking: 'CheckMate has previously clarified and provided crucial context about such claims, which relate to a 2017 Productivity Commission report on federal, state and territory spending.

'While the report showed that direct government expenditure on Indigenous Australians was \$33.4 billion in 2015-16, the vast majority (\$27.4 billion) of that was simply the Indigenous share of "mainstream expenditure" — that is, expenditure "provided for all people", including spending on schools, hospitals, welfare, defence and "public order and safety".

'The remainder (\$6 billion) was spent on "services and programs... provided to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community specifically"'

As CheckMate explained, 'per-person direct expenditure was roughly twice as high for Indigenous than non-Indigenous Australians, but this was largely due to higher levels of disadvantage among First Nations people.'

Student success

The Echo's story on Mullum High School students building a rainforest river trail is a reminder of the creative ways to better engage students and prepare them for life.

Sadly our education system is dominated by standardised testing. Despite almost every educationalist dismissing standardised testing as a waste of time, the Australian system has followed the American system down the rabbit hole of a test obsessed regime.

Since then education minister Julia Gillard sold out education to News Limited by publishing NAPLAN league tables, schools now spend a considerable amount of time 'teaching to the test', i.e. cramming kids full of largely forgettable information to pass a test. And what do NAPLAN test results show us... nothing we didn't already know.

Schools that do better in NAPLAN are in high socioeconomic areas, schools at the bottom of the table are in low socioeconomic areas. The only measure of a good education system is societal social mobility.

In contemporary Australia (in sharp contrast to Australia of the past), if you're born into poverty you'll probably stay there.

In Finland, if you're born into poverty you have a good chance of moving up the socioeconomic ladder in your lifetime. The Scandinavian countries have the highest rate of social mobility in the world. Why? Their education systems are a level playing field that give every child an equal chance to excel. The Finnish system doesn't test students in their early years, they don't give out homework and profiting from education is illegal, which effectively rules out private schools.

Its curriculum is decided on by teachers and students, not politicians. Yet Finland is considered the best education system in the world. As this program at Mullum High School has shown, local schools know what's best for their students. Politicians with their standardised tests... keep out!

Simon Alderton
Murwillumbah

Indigenous voices

I feel quite dismayed by the imbalance and rhetoric in reporting.

Nowhere is there a cogent letter from a constitutional lawyer or an Indigenous Elder or anyone with on-the-ground experience of Indigenous communities and the challenges they face.

It is time we listened to the informed opinions of respected Indigenous Elders and their communities. I feel compelled to give 'voice' to a respected Indigenous Elder by way of shedding some much needed light from a legitimate source with legitimate concerns on a pressing subject:

'Stop treating us like children and forcing inappropriate solutions upon us, that are propped up by mainstream propaganda and funded by corporations that have never cared for our self-governance, our liberty or our freedom.' Senior initiated clan leader of the Yolngu Nation of North East Arnhem Land, Rev Dr Djinyini Gondarra OAM provides more detail.

Duncan Shipley-Smith
Byron Bay

■ Ed note: we don't consider letters over 'reporting'. The opinions of local Indigenous leader Delta Kay (front page, The Echo 30 August) and Belle Budden (p15, The Echo 13 September) are worth reading if you missed them. Both are available on The Echo online: www.echo.net.au.

US support for Ukraine

Alan Watterson's recent ad hominem attack, under the absurdly inappropriate heading 'Scrivener's Ukraine' (Letters, 30 August), demonstrates uncritical acceptance of the mainstream narrative and contempt for anything else. He was triggered by a letter that he clearly didn't read, or else failed to comprehend, because it wasn't about Ukraine or Russia and had nothing to do with Wagner.

It was actually about Australia and America and the warmongering war-profiteering plutocracy that rules them. This tragedy in Ukraine was obviously instigated by Nuland's 2014 regime change operation and furthered via Biden's corrupt dealings in Kiev. Washington's goal is to harm Russia using Ukraine, just like it aims to harm China using Australia. America's self-entitled political elite, devoid of self-awareness, incapable of self-reflection, deluded by

hypocrisy and emboldened with odious arrogance, have clearly committed a colossal crime in Ukraine.

But one can hardly expect Alan Watterson to realise this, he's someone who employs the epithet 'antivax' to insult critics of the mass vax agenda. He admits that AUKUS is a waste of money and accepts that America's previous military adventures were all disastrous, yet he believes this time it's a worthy cause.

His opinion represents a win for the pro-war PR campaign.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Consultant costs

I attended the last Byron Council meeting in order to support a motion from Cr Duncan Dey.

Cr Dey questioned the costs of commissioning consultants and included as an example the recent Burchills railway corridor report.

I am part of a large group of locals working together towards running train services again in the Byron and Lismore shires. Accordingly, I was disturbed by the apparent lack of transparency in the choice of consultants to carry out the study.

At the meeting, in public access, I noted that Burchills has had previous experience with 'rail trails' (as backed up by the mayor, in defence of Byron Council's choice of the company) but not experience with railways.

Burchills' senior engineer had originally worked with Burchills years ago. They are known for their work supporting rail trails. He then got a job with Byron Council for six years. He then moved back to Burchills. Council then chose to award the commission to that company without, I believe, a public tendering process.

Their report stated that it was not feasible to have both trains and a bike trail within the railway corridor, north of Mullumbimby and west of Bangalow, and that a rail trail should take precedence.

Cr Dey noted that recent scrutiny at federal and state levels had resulted in disquiet at the number of consultants being employed, the 'revolving door' tendency, and costs to the taxpayer.

The question of conflict of interest and prejudiced decision-making really beg to be addressed when commissioning any consultant.

Lydia Kindred
Northern Rivers Railway

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Choose among promotions and votes to accept (6)

5. Anomalies: uneven one draws level in the end (8)

9. Eastern Russian fighter plane with speed to leave the country (8)

10. You and I like the Spanish rodent (6)

11. Home made products for worker with Indian boat (10)

13. Detest dreadful heat (4)

14. Leave out the girl (4)

15. Tripped over with a cry of pain – small joint for congenial company (10)

18. Concerned to bury crippled steed (10)

20. Pavlova has articles both ways (4)

21. Small landmass – I will report (4)

23. Severe, but not heavy – warning for the back of the vessel (5,5)

25. Fruit also over carpet (6)

26. Gives up from the French couples (8)

28. Demonstrates in favour of trials (8)

29. Low alien hound (6)

DOWN

2. Block the state? Hell! (9)

3. Temples for fathers around a deity (7)

4. Main bishop's preserve, they say (3)

5. Long time? An instant return for the last letter (5)

6. Repressed odd trend – now dismayed (11)

7. Educates, but set back over pain (7)

8. English opening – a happening (5)

12. Cafes damaged, so speech off (6,5)

16. Fate of a prophet (3)

17. Hope, train, work for a champion swimmer (3,6)

19. Stylish English supporter – a worker (7)

20. Back slam in a group of beasts (7)

22. Soldiers lose leader, retreat to trail (5)

24. Small tally with English and Icelandic works of literature (5)

27. Small stench returns? Weep! (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Embraces (6)

5. Quirks (8)

9. Move abroad (8)

10. Scumbag; betrayer (6)

11. Decorative object made by traditional methods (10)

13. Execrate (4)

14. Overlook (4)

15. Camaraderie (10)

18. Absorbed (10)

20. Star of Disney's Frozen (4)

21. Atoll (4)

23. It shines from the rear of the boat (5,5)

25. Popular type of sauce (6)

26. Abandons hope (8)

28. Challenges; objects (8)

29. Hunting dog (6)

DOWN

2. Perdition (9)

3. Gazebo (7)

4. Ocean (3)

5. The end (Greek) (5)

6. Persecuted (11)

7. Instructs (7)

8. Occurrence (5)

12. Small restaurants selling light refreshments (6,5)

16. Portion of land (3)

17. Five-time Australian gold medalist (3,6)

19. Graceful (7)

20. Creatures (7)

22. Animal scent or droppings (5)

24. Collections of Old Norse poems (5)

27. Bawl (3)

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



I'll admit it. I was a Russell Brand fan. I thought he was funny. I thought the sexually rampaging lothario image was just a clever comedic persona. I thought he satirised the privilege and legacy of rock stars. I thought it was a joke. Turns out, that is the joke. It's real. It's the Jimmy Saville secret.

Satire isn't satire when it's not satire. It seems Brand may have been just another predator hiding as they say, in plain sight. Yes, he was clever. But not for the reasons I thought. And I was fooled. A feminist groomed into thinking he was a harmless flirt, That because he wore eyeliner and heels that he was somehow less of a threat. Even he says in an interview that women think he's gay, and then he's in and next minute it's: 'pregnant' 'pregnant' 'pregnant'.

I can't believe we laughed at that. That I laughed at that. Comedy is a powerful and intoxicating tool. Charisma combined with humour is a Triple-A pass that gives men like Brand access to areas that should have been denied.

I thought he was funny.

Most of my comedy colleagues couldn't stand Russell Brand. He wasn't revered in our industry as a comedy great, more of a comedy grate. So this week, when *The Times* released the story of his alleged sexual assaults there was more of a sense of, yup. We saw it. We knew it. We were just waiting for the rest of the world to catch up.

But I wasn't convinced. I read his book. I saw one of his first shows in Australia. Then a more recent tour, after he'd morphed from comedian to wellness guru and truth seeker.

Halfway through the show I went to the toilet. There was another woman at the sink washing her hands. I said 'Are you finding this hard?' She was like 'Yep, he's a raging narcissist.'

It was in that show that I felt things weren't quite right. I'm a comedian. I know how to twist the narrative. I know how to bring people on the journey. I know the feeling of the seduction. Of how to make a room love me. To leave with a feeling that they know me. And Brand knows that at a mega level. It would be hard not to go mad with the power. Not to groom your audience into not just buying your tickets, but your story.

At the last show I saw, Brand was less funny. In fact he wasn't funny at all. He was banging on with the 'we are all one. There's no disconnection. It's not individuals, it's all of us. We are one'. I live in Mullumbimby. Oneness is old news. Not to this crowd. It was a revelation. Brand would bang out some culty oneness stuff and then

he'd show a video of himself being 'unfairly' treated by the press. While he was telling us 'we were all one' he only talked about himself.

That annoyed me. As a comedian all I could see was that the show didn't match the premise. And it was boring. For me that was the moment the mystique wore off. I wasn't being cultivated. Halfway through the show I went to the toilet. There was another woman at the sink washing her hands. I said 'Are you finding this hard?' She was like 'Yep, he's a raging narcissist.'

I left thinking the same, wondering what happened. Now I know.

He was creating his victim narrative, and selling tickets to his defenders.

So this week I felt groomed too.


I'm tired of these stories. Of alleged abuse, and rape and entitlement. Of powerless women being disbelieved when they call out powerful men.

Yes this is a story about truth tellers.

Women. Maybe it's time the world started believing us.

STARS BY LILITH

This week's astro flash is the flamboyant annual full moon in full-forward Aries inviting your most authentic, unapologetic self out to play...



LIBRA THE SCALES

ARIES: With this year's fiery Aries full moon on 29 September illuminating your various talents and versatile skillsets, this is your week for reaping results and receiving rewards. It's time to dress your best in red - your favorite, flaming power color - and boldly take your walk of fame.

TAURUS: As this week draws your attention to relationship dynamics, especially around money, that you mightn't normally question, full moon could make a line in the sand, sending life turning in a new direction as this lunar light brings the energetic clarity to release what no longer applies.

GEMINI: A peak week to market and promote your services, upgrade your promo, revamp your website, offer free samples or make an introductory offer of your product. To do some in-person communicating. No need to get salesy, just win people over with your cutting edge, contemporary styling.

CANCER: This week's straightforward, impatient and short-tempered people could easily cause offence unintentionally - but why get huffy or discouraged when its upside has so much to offer? Dwelling on negativity obliterates these benefits, so make the effort not to and you'll be glad you did.

LEO: Looks like your majesty's creativity is through the roof this week, and since you're no stranger to unabashed self-promotion, go ahead and flaunt it. If full moon illuminates a blind spot in interactions with a partner or colleague, it also shines a light on how you might remedy this.

VIRGO: This week's flashy and passionate full moon calls for an attitude shift, so forget blending into the background. Negative self-talk isn't on the current astrological menu Virgo, so no self put-downs. When anyone compliments you, receive it with justified gusto and thank them.

LIBRA: Happy birthday Venus people. More than any other sign, you know perfectly balanced scales are a fantasy, and that the fine art of equilibrium lies in a graceful choreography between fluctuating polarities. This week's full moon is requesting a fresh start in at least one area of your life.

SCORPIO: Full moons tend to accompany closure and turning points. An excellent ritual for this week's fiery full moon is writing a letter expressing extreme emotions you may be feeling for someone or something you have issues with. Then burning it and composting your favorite plant with the ash.

SAGITTARIUS: September's end of month full moon issues an invitation to let your hair down, go wild, and howl if you must. So embrace your inner show pony by all means, but try to tread the fine line between impulsive spontaneity on one hand, tact and diplomacy on the other.

CAPRICORN: This week's full moon invites you to celebrate what you love about yourself and your life, and let your inner wild child out to play. Then just for good measure, how about showering yourself with praise and appreciation, and giving yourself a really good hug while you're at it?

AQUARIUS: The current astro-cycle fosters partnership and compromise, harmony, justice and reason. Its focus is on we rather than me. This week's full moon in the zodiac's other independent sign besides your own, asks how can you balance serving the collective while doing your own thing?

PISCES: This week's fearless and feisty full moon resets your enthusiasm and *joie de vivre*, along with the drive and determination to honestly follow your heart's desires. To care less about what others think and do what pleases you, instead of behaving the way people say you should.

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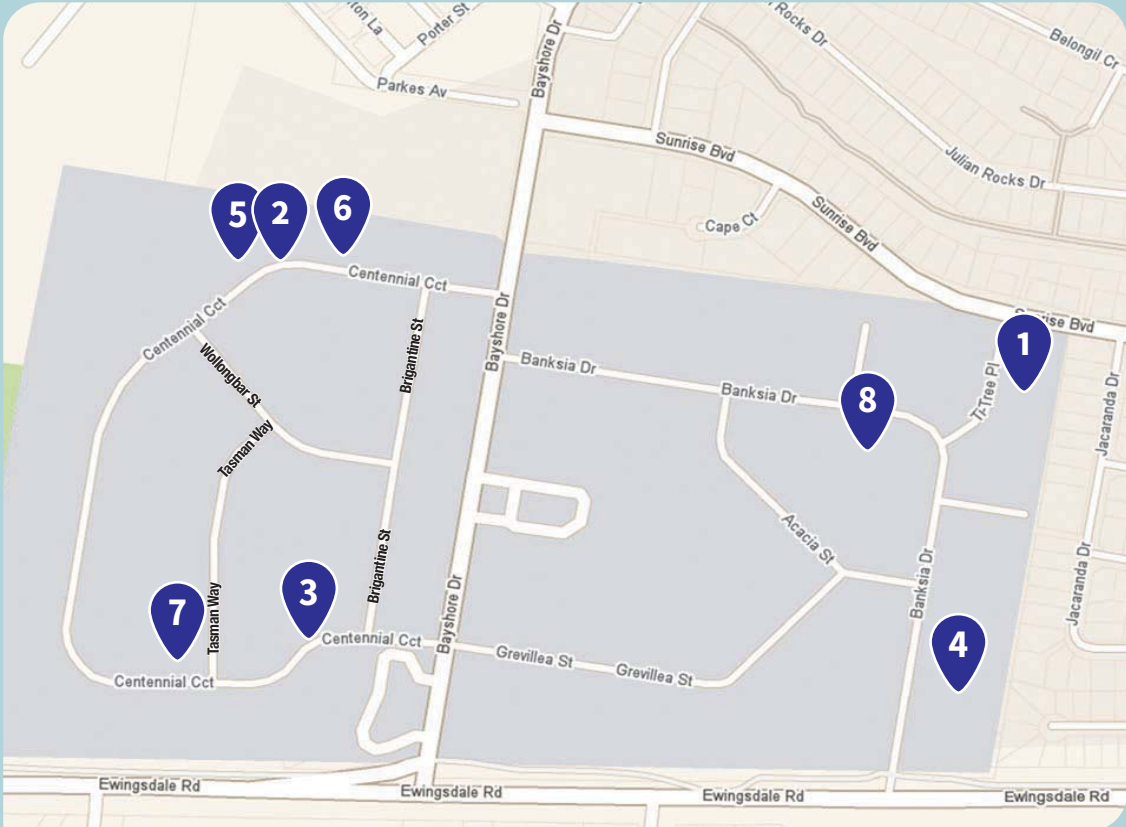
Have you found them in the Industrial Estate yet? Byron Bay Camping & Disposals moved from the old Woolies plaza site last year into their new building, located on the corner of Tasman Way and Centennial Circuit.

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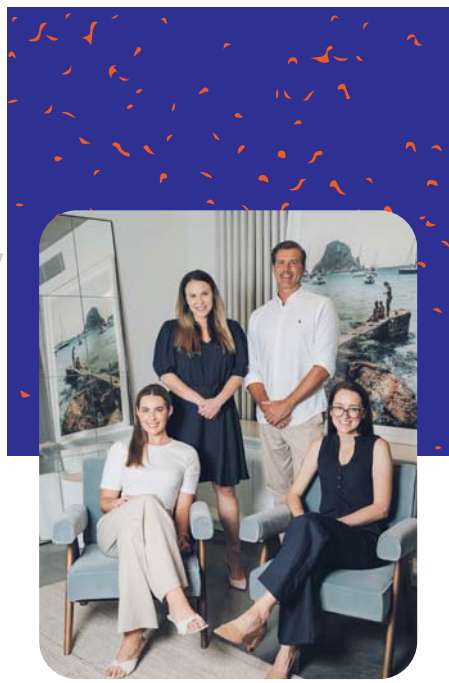


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Easy Street, Habitat



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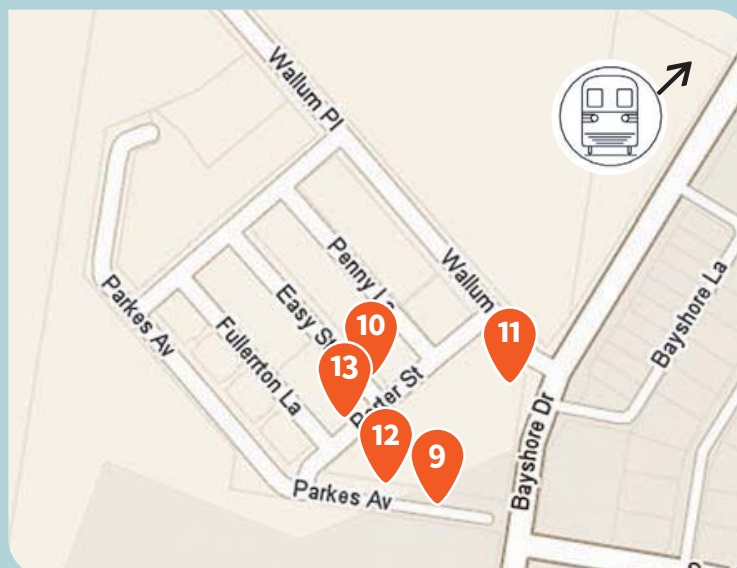
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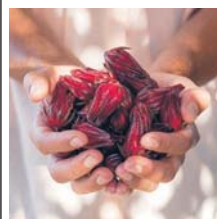
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It's a fun time for kids at the Mullum and New Brighton Farmers Markets during the school holidays. Story overleaf. ►

Good Life

Bangalow General Store

Simon Haslam

The concept of the Australian general store is an old one, dating back to the time when our population was smaller, and transportation much more difficult. The whole town and surrounding area would purchase their food staples, dry goods and sometimes basic home and hardware from the general store. Or, in a city suburb, an ordinary house would convert its front rooms to sell the basics that everyone could walk down the shops for.

There's a lot of love in Australia for general stores: they were often a meeting place where you could connect with the neighbours, they're much more enjoyable to visit than a brightly-lit supermarket chain with their copy-cat goods, and often their owners are a welcome part of the community. Plus, you can grab the essentials when you fill up with fuel.

Anthony (from Lismore) and Abbie (Ewingdale) are both locals who went to primary and high school in the area, who took a bit of a gamble when, with a newborn, they left careers as a builder and a vet to take over Bangalow's General Store two years ago.

'We still get people coming in saying, "When did this happen?"' laughs Anthony. 'It's Bangalow's best-kept secret. People just love the idea of the general store, and I think they also appreciate what we're trying to do to support the real, grass roots economy of the area.'

'Our focus is on supplying the community with local products, to help support the local economy and food chain and to help smaller businesses to get their products into the



community. This reduces food miles and our customers know directly where the products come from.'

Bangalow General Store is just off the main street on Granuaille Rd, so it's easy to stop when you're heading through Bangalow, but it's also easy to access by foot or on your bike if you live in town. Whether you're after local meat, seafood, coffee, healthy snacks, or local handcrafts such as ceramics, roast macadamia honeycomb butter, artisan bread, delicious cheeses, flowers, gluten-free fresh pasta or sauces, oysters, salmon...

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School holidays: farmers' market fun

Victoria Cosford

It's an image still with me, the little boy dancing in front of the stage, face split into a smile of pure joy, orange balloon floating from his fingers, his father bopping alongside. At the farmers' market toddlers stagger, beautiful young mothers breast-feed on rugs, small girls solemnly wheel miniature trolleys, all in an atmosphere of such calm and harmony, and it's such a contrast to harshly lit supermarket aisles where children throw tantrums before distraught parents.

There is indeed no better place, to bring your offspring – always, but especially during school holidays – than the farmers' market, not only for the wholesomeness of the environment – children biting into apples; a cutie-pie in a stroller gnawing a carrot; a young boy helping his mother select potatoes – but also because there's a host of special events laid on. Spaghetti Circus will be at Mullumbimby with circus skills – tricks, juggling, stilt-walking – in the dedicated kids' area. Crafts and various other activities will be offered by two women from Rainbow Kids, while at both markets the wonderful artist Anna will be face-painting whatever round little faces present themselves.

It's a glorious family experience anyway, even before you get to the food, the punnets of Monty's strawberries (not to mention his ever-popular fruit flats and icy poles), or cherry tomatoes and fat juicy blueberries. Crunchy roast macadamias (from Nudgel Nuts or Rainforest Foods); thirst-quenching Rancho cordials in

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At both New Brighton Farmers Market (Tuesday 8–11am) and Mullumbimby Farmers Market (Friday 7–11am) there will be special activities and events specifically for children throughout the school holidays.



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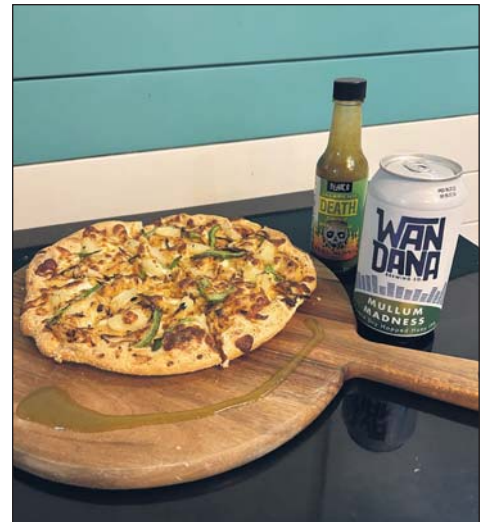
Legend Pizza

If you go back in time 32 years, Byron was very different, but Legend Pizza was already a massive favourite of locals. You'd have to be a bit of a legend to have a successful business that's been right in the middle of Jonson St for 30 of those years; that's been locally owned and operated the whole time. A couple of years ago, owner Scott Levy and his wife Gemma were given notice to make way for a luxury redevelopment, but they found a home around the corner in Marvell St, and their traditional gourmet pizzas are still super-popular with locals, and with cost of living pressures affecting many of us, they are great value (at the moment they have a special of \$15 large basic pizzas on Mon/Tues/Wed, and a happy hour 3pm–5pm, but stay tuned as the specials change from time to time).

In fact, Scott's philosophical about the move. 'The old place was a bit dated,' he says, 'and we've become fully-licensed because the new place lends itself more to having a drink with friends, and has a nice outdoor area for about 20 people which we're doing up. It's going to be great in summer, and in the future we hope to do some events with local suppliers, which will be fun, and Marvell St is becoming busier, with the hot bread kitchen and the new hotel across the road'. They've even got a few unusual elements, like a whisky display and a special cabinet for dangerously hot chilli sauces – be warned!

But some elements have stayed the same, like the laid-back atmosphere, the support of the local sporting organisation and charities, and using the same local suppliers.

'We've had the same F&V supplier for 28 years, and the same butcher for 30 odd years,' says Scott. 'It's so important, there's been some tough years with Covid, and the big drop in visitor numbers last year, but when you look after the locals we see how that connection sustains everyone.' Scott views it like a mosaic, where all the little sporting clubs and community organisations work together to create the community. They were one of the first to pitch in by contributing supplies to flood-affected people during the 2022 floods via their local supplier who was one of those few who were able to deliver to people in need.



'I grew up in a small town in Victoria that was flooded when I was 11 years old and we had three families living with us for months,' says Scott, 'and we've had tough times with a cancer diagnosis for one of our children so we know how important it is when the community helps each other out'.

'We're back now, and we'd love to see you in at Legend Pizza,' says Scott. And if you can't make it into town, they do deliver all around the Byron area.

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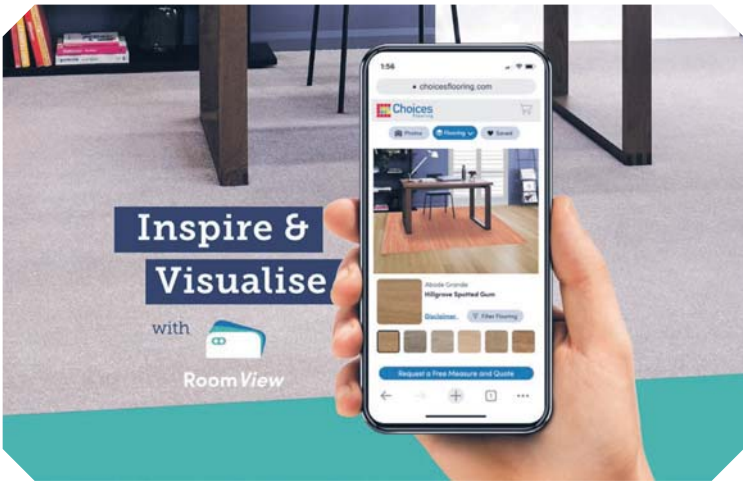
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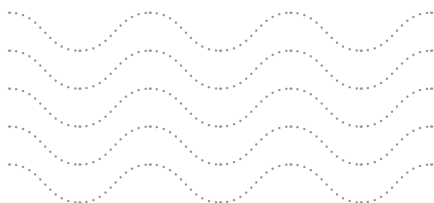
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CIRCUS, COMEDY, WTF?

It's that time again at the **Brunswick Picture House – The Cheeky Cabaret's** new season has just opened and this one is more hilarious, and sexier, than ever! The House invites you to let your hair down, get your friends together and join them for the wildest time you'll ever have in the Northern Rivers.

Since opening, the Cheeky has redefined a night out at the theatre, mixing together circus, comedy, vaudeville, burlesque and everything in between. The shows feature a different cast of troubadours, miscreants, delectable divas and cabaret queens every season, so no two shows are ever the same!

the house – the upfront Posh Seating – these sell out every time.

Arrive early and sample some of the delicious cuisine and sweet treats available before the show – **Kombi Collective** are back with their **Cheeky Cocktail Bar** in the garden, shaking up cocktails aplenty and serving wine, beer and bubbles for your enjoyment.

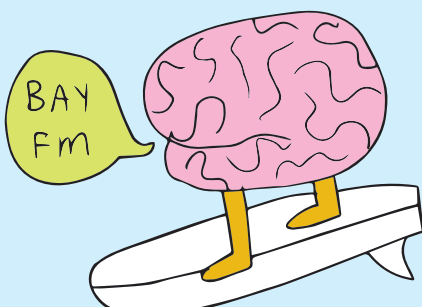
But the venue doesn't only cater for the adults. The all-ages circus show **Lil' Cheeky** is back on **Sunday, October 1 at 2pm** – taking inspiration from the much cheekier 'grown-ups' version, Lil' Cheeky is a mix of family-friendly circus,

cabaret and variety show entertainment. Also – **Aunty Bear and ZaZa** bring you a cabaret of songs written with children for children in the all-new show **The Rainbow Tree** on **Sunday, October 8 at 11am** – think farting unicorns, disco koalas and themes around inclusion, family and belonging.

Do you fancy priority seating and discounts on tickets? Reap the rewards of the Housemates membership program.


The kiosk, courtyard and box office are open one hour before all shows.

Find out more at
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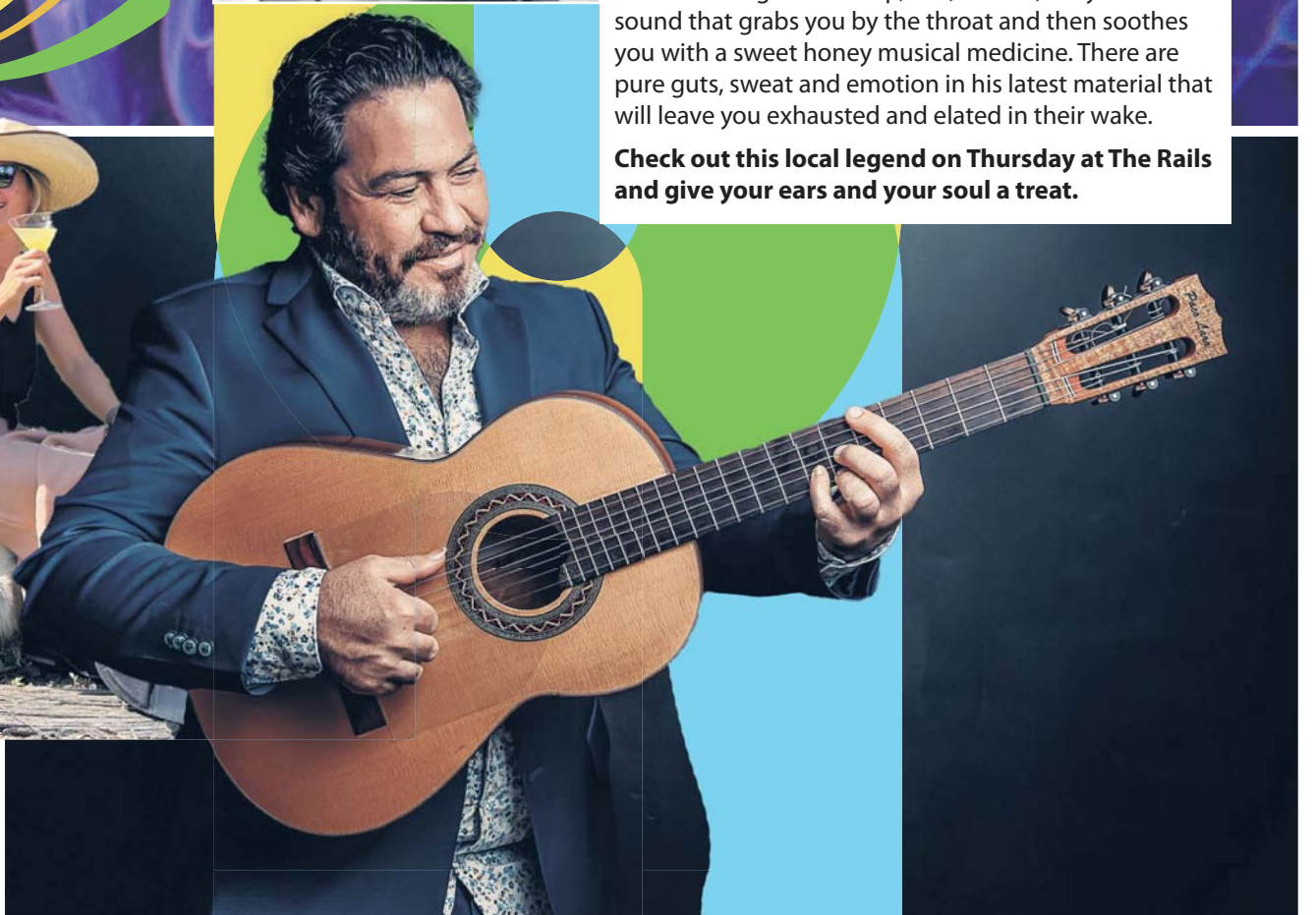
OKELL'S A LOCAL LEDGE

If you live in the Byron Shire area and you haven't seen **Marshall Okell**, then do you *really* live in the Byron Shire?

Okell is a local legend – he boasts a live crowd following that puts most working musicians to shame. He has played alongside the likes of John Butler, Ben Harper, Wolfmother, Buddy Guy, The Cat Empire, Jeff Lang, Gomez and Xavier Rudd.

Okell's catalogue is a deep, raw, honest, dirty blues sound that grabs you by the throat and then soothes you with a sweet honey musical medicine. There are pure guts, sweat and emotion in his latest material that will leave you exhausted and elated in their wake.

Check out this local legend on Thursday at The Rails and give your ears and your soul a treat.



BUSH BALL – BUT FANCY SCHMANCY

The beautiful A&I Hall is the setting for the inaugural **Bangalow Boujee Bush Ball** on **October 14** – celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Bangalow Community Children's Centre. This will be a party to remember.

A bush dance with a difference, this inaugural event is a little more fancy than your typical country hall bush dance, with hay bales, cocktails and disco balls combining to bring the Boujee element, all kicking off from **7pm**.

The original intention of a bush dance was less about complex footwork and more about bringing people together and that's exactly what the Bush Ball organisers want to achieve.

Guests are invited to dress in their boujee bush best, whether that's sparkly cowboy boots or cocktail dresses and Blundstones. Enjoy a delicious dinner provided by Il Carretto, drinks by Brookie's Byron Bay and Common People Brewery, before hitting the dance floor with local DJ Scradley (it might be a bush ball but there won't be any line dancing, we promise!)

Some incredible prizes are up for grabs – this is an opportunity for the local community to come together and let their hair down after the last few years in our region.

Tix available at <https://boujeebushball.eventbrite.com>.

PACO LARA DUENDE FLAMENCO

Bringing the soul and spirit of Spanish flamenco, the acclaimed Spanish flamenco guitarist **Paco Lara** will inspire and capture the imagination of Australian audiences with the release and launch of his new album *Duende*, a self-produced album of original compositions.

This show presents a stunning live performance of flamenco guitar with a fusion of music, song, and flamenco dance performed by Lara and his talented ensemble.

Paco Lara has toured internationally alongside some of the greatest artists and maestro legends of flamenco from Spain. In 2017 he migrated to Australia from Jerez, the heartland of flamenco in Spain, and now his style, halfway between traditional and contemporary flamenco, is contributing to the growing popularity and understanding of this musical genre in Australia, especially in NSW where the artist resides.

Flamenco was recognised internationally in 2010 as 'Intangible Heritage for Humanity' by UNESCO, demonstrating that this art form inspires people across the world.

Duende brings a unique international collaboration between Spanish and Australian musicians and shows the most emotional compositions of Paco.

With Lara's recent successes at the Sydney Opera House and at Adelaide Guitar Festival (2021 and 2023) and his national tour with the Andalusian Guitar Show in 2022, *Duende* promises to be an entertaining and popular show with Lara's flamenco guitar mastery showcasing his talent at the top of the Australian contemporary music and performance scene.

Duende will transport you to southern Spain with virtuoso guitarist Lara accompanied by a multicultural and dynamic ensemble of performers featuring: **Deya Miranda Giner**, flamenco dancer; **Angela Rosero**, vocalist; and **Byron Mark**, percussionist and pianist – this show will transport you to new heights through the energy of flamenco.

Paco Lara Duende flamenco show – The Regent Theatre, Murwillumbah, October 20 at 8pm. Tickets \$35/\$45: events.humanitix.com.

The Star Court, Lismore, October 21 at 7.30pm. Tickets \$35/\$45: starcourttheatre.com.au/events/95937.

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WEDNESDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, FELICITY LAWLESS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM KANE MUIR DUO
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM SHORTY'S NEON SPLASH PARTY
- BANGALOW BOWLO BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM SCREENING: LIVING IN THE TIME OF DYING
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM AUSTRALIAN SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION WAX LYRICAL
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM KINGY COMEDY – FEATURING JULIA WILSON

THURSDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, MARSHALL OKELL
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM SARAH GRANT + DJ THE 4'20' SOUND + KATCHAFIRE
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, 6PM ROD MURRAY – A TRIBUTE TO JAZZ
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM HAYLEY GRACE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM CHEEKY CABARET
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHT
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT – MC MATTY BORE, FEAT. JULIA WILSON + S SORRENSEN
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM & 7.30PM THE LONESOME BOATMEN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM SARAH GRANT + DJ THE 4'20' SOUND + KATCHAFIRE
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FRIDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, BULLETPROOF 2.0

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM BLADE HOPPER + JEROME WILLIAMS BAND + DJ JOEY TUCKSHOP + SET MO
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7PM BRIGHT LIGHTS PRESENTS FROZEN JR
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM DJ YASMIN
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM LUKE KIDGELL
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 8PM BASS TEMPLE FT. DJ DAKINI, DARPAN, FIONA LOUISE & DJ LO Q
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM NATHAN KAYE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM CHEEKY CABARET
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ ABEL EL TORO
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM BEN WALSH
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 9PM MARSHALL OKELL
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM ABBALANCHE
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM CODE BROWN, MATCHBREAKERS AND FLOATING WOK + DJ BEATDUSTA
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM MR TROY
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6.30PM TIN PARLOUR
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM BLACKBOI
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM DJ NIGHT RIDER
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM ED KUEPPER

SATURDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SOUL'D
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM DJ QUENDO + PANDAMONIUM DJS

- BYRON THEATRE 5PM S.A.S.H.
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM TIAGO FREITAS, 5PM DJ JR.DYNAMITE
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9PM DJ DANNY B
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM THE PACIFIC NATIONALS
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM & 7PM CHEEKY CABARET
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM THE 4'20 SOUND
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM DAX
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM THE DETECTIVES
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM SLIM PICKENS
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7PM LUKE BENNETT
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM THE TYLER DURDENS + DJS BIG RED AND DBLM
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM LEIGH JAMES
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM GREGG PETERSON, 7PM ELVIS – SOUNDS OF THE KING
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM WENDY MATTHEWS & GRACE KNIGHT
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM COOLY ROOTS

SUNDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SAM BUCKLEY & JESSE REDWIG
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM SUNDAY LEMONADE
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 9AM TIN PARLOUR
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12.30PM BEN WHITING, 4PM DJ KAI NOON
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DOPE LEMON – 'KIMOSABÉ'
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM 3030

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM THE SWAMPS
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM LIL' CHEEKY, 6PM CHEEKY CABARET
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM LUKE YEAMAN
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 10.45AM BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB, 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB WITH HUBCAP STAN & THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM FAT ALBERT
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM KAZYA K

MONDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JON J BRADELY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM BEN WALSH DUO
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM MARK USHER

TUESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHIN
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM THE LISTIES MAKE YOU LOL!
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM MARSHALL OKELL + DJ TAI DANIELS
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM OPEN MIC

WEDNESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, OLE FALCOR
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM KENNY SLIDE
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC

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BATTLE OF THE SEA FOLK

Yes, it's school holidays so there are lots of films with 'G' in the rating, and *Ruby Gillman – Teenage Kraken* is definitely on the list.

Sometimes the hero you are meant to be lies just beneath the surface.

This year, DreamWorks Animation dives into the turbulent waters of high school with a hilarious, heartfelt action comedy about a shy teenager who discovers that she's part of a legendary royal lineage of mythical sea krakens and that her destiny, in the depths of the oceans, is bigger than she ever dreamed.

Sweet, awkward 16-year-old Ruby Gillman (**Lana Condor**) is desperate to fit in at Oceanside High, but she mostly just feels invisible.

She's math-tutoring her skater-boy crush (**Jaboukie Young-White**), who only seems to admire her for her fractals, and she's prevented from hanging out with the cool kids at the beach because her over-protective supermum (**Toni Collette**), has forbidden Ruby from ever getting in the water.

But when she breaks her mum's #1 rule, Ruby will discover that she is a direct descendant of the warrior kraken queens and is destined to inherit the throne from her commanding grandmother (Jane Fonda), the Warrior Queen of the Seven Seas.

The kraken are sworn to protect the oceans of the world against the vain, power-hungry mermaids who have been battling with the kraken for eons. There's one major, and immediate, problem with that: the school's beautiful, popular new girl, Chelsea (Annie Murphy) just happens to be a mermaid. Ruby will ultimately need to embrace who she is and go big to protect those she loves most.

***Ruby Gillman – Teenage Kraken* is screening during the holidays at Palace Cinemas, including Byron Bay and Ballina. For more information visit palacecinemas.com.au.**

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BLUE BEETLE (M)
Daily: 4:00PM

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Daily: 10:15AM, 12:15PM, 2:15PM

RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN (PG)
Daily: 12:00PM, 2:00PM

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (PG)
Daily: 10:00AM, 12:30PM, 2:40PM

THE CREATOR (M) (NFT)
Daily: 9:45AM, 4:15PM, 7:00PM

THE NUN II (M)
Daily: 4:45PM, 7:15PM

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MC PREVIEW
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SONS OF SUMMER (MATS+)
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Daily: 11:00AM, 1:15PM, 4:30PM

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (PG)
Daily: 10:45AM, 1:00PM, 5:15PM

ALL FILMS

A HAUNTING IN VENICE (M)
Daily: 10:50AM, 1:30PM, 8:20PM

BARBIE (PG)
Daily: 10:50AM, 12:00PM, 3:50PM, 7:30PM

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Daily: 3:15PM, 6:00PM

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RETRIBUTION (M)
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SAW X (MATS+)
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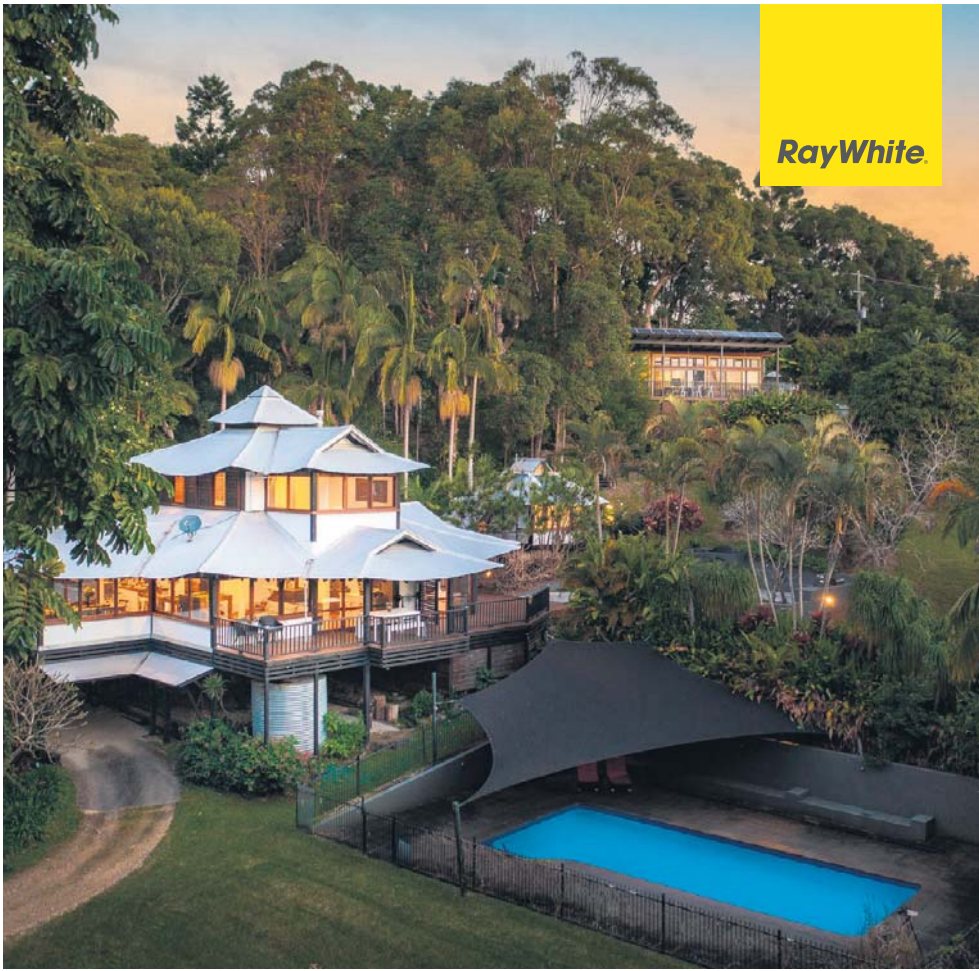
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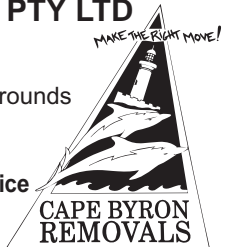
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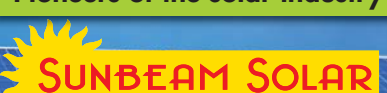
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DEATH NOTICES



SYLVIA SAPERSTEIN 28/12/1935-19/09/2023 Sylvia passed away peacefully after a long battle with dementia in the loving company of her daughters and friends. As a long time Upper Main Armian, Sylvia is part of the fabric and history of our community. She will be remembered for her passion for plants and helping others. Contact: halie@paperbarkdeathcare.com

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DATE (Sept/Oct)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
27	W	5:30 17:44	15:18 4:01	0626 1.27 1854 1.79	0034 0.21 1206 0.19
28	TH	5:29 17:44	16:27 4:40	0715 1.40 1939 1.81	0115 0.12 1300 0.12
29	F	5:27 17:45	17:35 5:16	0800 1.52 2021 1.75	0152 0.07 1349 0.09
30	SA	5:26 17:45	18:41 5:50	0845 1.60 2101 1.65	0228 0.05 1439 0.11
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 1 OCT 2:00AM					
1	SU	6:25 18:46	20:48 7:24	1030 1.65 2240 1.49	0403 0.06 1629 0.19
2	M	6:24 18:46	21:54 8:00	1115 1.66 2319 1.32	0438 0.11 1720 0.29
3	TU	6:23 18:47	23:00 8:40	1159 1.63 2358 1.15	0513 0.19 1816 0.40
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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 1 OCT 2:00AM

Champion golfers crowned in Mullumbimby

Adam Bullock and Julianne Ross have emerged as Mullumbimby Golf Club's (MGC) 2023 champion golfers after finishing on top after four rounds of the club championship that came to end on Saturday 16 September.

'Adam puts a lot of work into his game, and thoroughly deserves his win for the second year in a row,' said Alex Briggs MGC president.

A member of the club since 1994, Adam feels like he is playing the best golf of his life.

He has won three club championships and three foursomes championships.

The ladies also played a consistently high level of golf over four rounds, and Julianne Ross was able to retain the top spot



Count the championships: Adam will have his name on the cup again after his 2023 performance. Photo supplied

as Mullumbimby Club Champion for the ladies for a second year in a row.

Julianne joined the MGC as a junior golfer 40 years ago when she was only 12 years old, and won the championships nine times

during her teenage years and early twenties. She returned in 2021 after a 20-year layoff.

'She says she wasn't even sure if her game would still be competitive but with an obvious natural talent, she need not have worried.'

Close battle for Ocean Shores golfing glory

Will Fry held on through a gripping finish to claim the annual Ocean Shores Men's Golf Championships two weekends ago.

After four rounds of quality golf the A-grade championships saw three players in contention coming to the last hole.

Jake McNulty had held a good nine-shot lead with nine holes to go but was being pressured by Tyler Glavocih and Will Fry.

Will Fry had a great birdie on the 18th whilst Tyler had a small implosion involving water, leaving Jake and Will tied together on 312 strokes.

'A three-hole playoff needed to be played the following morning, where Will was able to par all three and to edge out Jake to become the 2023 A-grade champion,' Chris Hauritz, vice captain of men's golf said.

'Congratulations to all winners and to our many members who bravely took on four rounds of the challenging Ocean Shores Blue Markers.'



2023 club champion Will Fry and the patron of men's golf at Ocean Shores Merv Brady. Photo supplied

Results

A-grade: gross winner Will Fry, nett winner Jake McNulty.

B-grade: gross winner Mike Chambers, nett winner Garry Bourke.

C-grade: gross winner Geoffrey Spicer, nett Winner Wayne Dobson.

D-grade: gross winner Tim Hayes, nett Winner Craig Montgomery.

Byron basketballers score clean sweep

Jenny Ogle

The Beez basketballers were swarming at the Cavanbah Centre 'hive' scoring three out of three wins across the men's and women's rounds of the Sunshine Basketball Conference held last weekend.

The men's side easily defeated the Valley Braves Black team 116-60 on Saturday. Then on Sunday they also had a big win over the Ballina Breakers 96-43.

The men again gave their supporters quality, entertaining games with youth and experience on their side.

Women

The Byron Beez women also played a quality game, showing grit and determination to narrowly defeat Ballina Breakers in a nailbiter 61-60.

The lead see-sawed right from the tip-off, with both teams taking, then losing,



Beez player Tony Barlow lets one go during the team's win over the Ballina Breakers last weekend. Photo Jenny Ogle

then re-taking the lead throughout the game.

The home crowd were very proud of the Beez women starting their season off with a crucial win.

The Beez men are undefeated after four games.

The Beez men have three

more home games against the Grafton Vikings, Valley Braves White and the Lismore Storm on the 7th, 8th and 14th of October.

The women's next game is also at the Cavanbah Centre on the 14th of October against the Lismore Storm.

Bicycle racing at Lismore attracts over 100 riders

Byron Bay Cycling Club's (BBCC) inaugural closed road race through and around Lismore has been deemed a 'success' attracting 108 competitors and raising over a \$1,000 for the local rescue helicopter service.

'We had riders from Ipswich, Redland Bay, Yamba, Grafton, Inverell and of course the local region,' BBCC secretary Mat Johnson said.

'Competitors were aged six years to 71 years. Incredibly the 71-year-old won the C-grade rise over 50 kilometres, beating 46 other riders in that grade.'

Standard cycling club riding took place across four grades but the day also included beginners and e-bike categories.

'We had six competitors in the e-bike race, which is not a big deal, but we were breaking new ground. They are a very enabling machine,' he said.



Despite some early showers, cyclists were keen to get racing in the Lismore CBD last Sunday. Photo Angus Wood

Despite a wet start to the day, families did come down to the bottom of their driveways to cheer on the riders as they went past, and as the day progressed a crowd did begin to build at the finish line.

The racing circuit started in the Lismore CBD before heading north to Woodlawn and Numulgi.

The day also raised over \$1,000 for the local rescue

helicopter service.

There was plenty of positive feedback from the competitors and the Lismore mayor is also supportive.

'We will be looking to make this an annual event and a BBCC signature race,' Mat said.

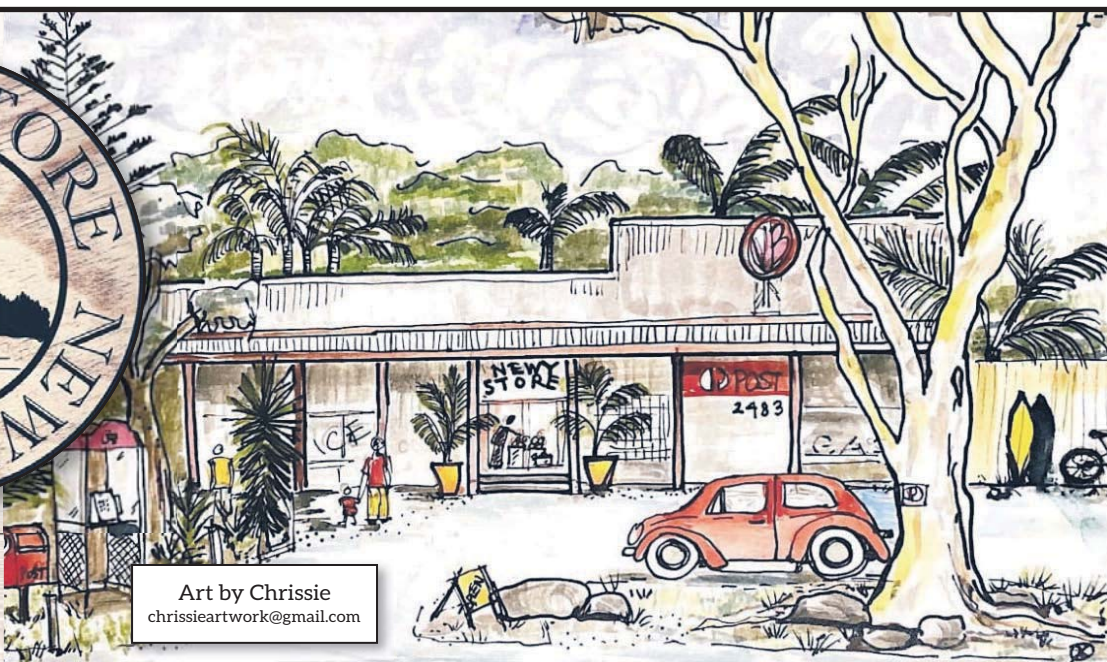
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Congrats to Off The Rails, Byron Bay, who were crowned winner of the Micro Business category at the Northern Rivers Regional Business Awards, held last Saturday evening at the Ballina RSL. They are heading to the State Awards in Sydney for November 9.

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Psst: National Australia Bank has been fined \$2.1 million for 'unconscionable conduct over account fees'. Corporate regulator ASIC says the Federal Court's fine was because NAB continued 'to charge periodic payment fees even though NAB knew it was wrongfully overcharging customers'.

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How wonderful for former Liberal treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, who has been named chairman of Goldman Sachs' Australian business, according to *AFR*. Investigative journalist, Anthony Klan, says that Frydenberg covered up an ASIC corruption scandal tied to the international bank.

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ICYMI: From 2025, the Victorian government will charge a 7.5 per cent levy on revenue collected by short-stay accommodation providers such as Airbnb and Stayz. The ABC reports: 'The revenue will fund the construction of social and affordable housing across the state. Any other local council charges being applied to short-stay accommodation will be removed when the levy takes effect'.

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While Rupert Murdoch makes his slow exit as Emperor Palpatine from the Death



Artist Verity Nunan is sewing together abandoned tents and she says she needs your help! She says, 'Just turn up to Summers Park, opposite Mullumbimby Museum from 10am till 2pm everyday, until Sunday October 1. This is a "drop in" style community workshop in a public space. Feel free to come by for five minutes or five days!' Donations of old canvas tents/tarps/pegs are also welcome, she says. Photo Jeff 'Pegged' Dawson

Star, climate scientist, Joëlle Gergis, says it's hard to think of a person who damaged climate action efforts more.

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