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With the Surf Life Saving (SLSC) NSW season now underway (September 23, 2023 – April 25, 2024), the Byron Bay Surf Lifesaving Club are urging the community to be safety aware on beaches and waterways.

And both the Byron and Bruns Surf Lifesaving clubs are appealing for recruits to help make the beaches safe this summer.

‘Choosing a patrolled beach and swimming between the flags is the safest way to enjoy the ocean, and can save a life’, says Byron Club President, Paul Pattison. ‘Don’t forget to raise your hand if you’re in difficulty, so you can be seen.’

High drowning stats

‘In summer of 2022/23, there were 54 coastal drowning deaths, all of which occurred at unpatrolled locations. This equates to six drowning deaths every ten days of summer.’

‘Byron Shire has recorded one of the highest numbers of coastal drowning deaths since 2013–23, and is now considered a blackspot (an area with a high probability/risk of ongoing reoccurrence).’

‘Our coastline is a popular destination for tourists, and it’s essential to improve community awareness of



On the morning of this photo being taken, Byron SLSC rescued two Chilean travellers. SLSC member, Dan McCabe (pictured left), told *The Echo*, ‘They went looking for whales from Wategos Beach, and we found them after a member of the public called 000. They were 500m off Cape Byron, heading out to sea in an inflatable raft – next stop, New Zealand’. Photo Jeff ‘Sand Between The Camel Toes’ Dawson

our patrolled beaches.

‘We are hoping to recruit a further 20 patrol members to keep our beaches safe this summer.’

Members of the community who are interested in, or have previously held their bronze medallion are being encouraged to connect with

their local surf club’, Pattison said.

To get involved, visit byronbay-surfclub.org and www.brunswick-slsc.org.

‘Limited evidence’ STRA rules will work, says Stayz

With the NSW government’s endorsement of Byron Shire Council’s 60-day cap for short-term rental accommodation (STRA), online booking agency Stayz say it will only result in limited ‘accommodation options for tourists and income for mum and dad retirees.’

Eacham Curry, Senior Director, Government and Corporate Affairs from Stayz, told *The Echo*, ‘Introducing a 60-day rental cap on the number of nights short-term rentals can operate will not introduce more homes to the long-term rental market in Byron Bay.’

‘It will only limit accommodation options for tourists and income for mum and dad retirees.’

‘Stayz supports fit-for-purpose regulation of the short-term rental sector. The NSW government and Byron Bay Shire Council [sic] should allow the Code of Conduct and register that has been adopted to continue to operate as the best means by which to regulate behaviour and collect data that will inform longer-term policy.’

Despite Byron Shire’s housing stock estimated to be up to 14 per cent of unhosted holiday accommodation, Curry added, ‘Short-term rentals make up less than three per cent of Australia’s housing stock.’

Qld housing review

‘The Qld government’s recent Housing Review found that housing supply has the greatest impact on affordability and there is “no clear alignment between suburbs with the highest rent increases and the percentage of dwellings devoted to

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Mullum to Bruns cycle path inches forward

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has edged closer to finally building a cycleway between Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads, settling on a path that will essentially follow the main road route between the two towns.

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 staff investigated 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 the investigation found that this option had multiple issues, including the fact that the landowners in question vociferously

opposed the plan, and were never consulted about it.

Landowners, opposed, not consulted by Council

At last week’s Council meeting, a majority of councillors voted for a return to a simple route for the bike path that has been on the table for decades – an off-road, separated cycleway running beside Mullumbimby Street, along Gulgan Road,

and then Tweed Street.

The process of preparing designs for this route will now begin.

‘Going from Mullum to Bruns is really important for a lot of members of our community’, said Independent councillor Peter Westheimer.

‘I think it’s a shame that we’ve spent a lot of money exploring the northern route given the problems that were there.’

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Queer Family has a new Mullum home



The Queer Family have new Mullum digs. Photo Jeff 'Quivering Boards' Dawson

Aslan Shand

The Queer Family has run its first programs over the holidays at their new home, The Farmhouse, in Mullumbimby, after having been impacted by the 2022 floods at their previous location.

Thanks to a recent InGrained Foundation, Stone & Wood grant, they have been provided with 12 months free rent at The Farmhouse, and are looking ahead to the next 12 months of creating a safe space for anyone who is queer or questioning.

'We are starting up a range of events and activities like a book club, garden club, and activities to engage with young people and the broader queer community,' Queer Family managing director, Aiden Gentle told *The Echo*.

'Thanks to the Office of Regional Youth and Create NSW, we've been doing 'hangs' - creating a safe space in Ballina and Mullum for young people to hang, and meet other young people, and explore their identities.'

Aiden said that they have a great art studio and gardens

at The Farmhouse, and are excited about the potential co-creating programs and opportunities with the community.

'People can come and create the space with us and create the magic together,' explained Aiden.

'Our vision is around reducing social isolation, and building community.'

They are currently setting up, so people are encouraged to join the mailing list: queerfamilynorthernrivers@gmail.com, or find out more on their social networks.

Feros management open to expressions of interests

Eve Jeffery

Last Friday morning, Minister for Crown Lands, Steve Kamper, invited aged care services providers to lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) to manage Feros Village Byron Bay.

Tamara Smith MP said communications between Feros residents and the minister have proven to be a base for a positive outcome.

'The minister has been amazing, and to say Crown Lands have bent over backwards to support the residents, would be an understatement,' she said.

Recently, Crown Lands denied Feros's Change of Use application for inter-generational living at the facility, which was the basis for closing the facility in the first place.

Apollo Care have expressed interest in managing the facility in recent weeks. The Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre management say they plan to partner with Apollo Care and lodge an EOI.

It is also possible that Feros Care might apply.

Bipartisan effort

One of the best outcomes for Feros has been the bipartisan effort to have the elder folk of Byron Bay cared for.

Ms Smith said a lot was done across the board. 'I kept pushing on the floor. We got to Zoom with the minister and the residents - once he met with them he was hooked.'

'He had hoped that Byron Council would agree to take over as Crown land managers, but they did not agree to that, which was very disappointing.

'That's where Mullumbimby Neighbourhood

Centre has stepped into the breach, and they have a Memorandum of Understanding.'

In his release, Minister for Lands and Property, Steve Kamper, said that the highest priority is to ensure continuing care for the remaining residents in the village.

'Their welfare is paramount in deciding the future of the reserve from a Crown land administration perspective.

'An open Expression of Interest process is warranted as an alternate aged care provider has come forward to signal their interest in operating the site.

'The EOI will require all interested parties, including Feros Care, to demonstrate any proposed development on the site will comply with state and federal aged care legislation, planning requirements and industry health and safety standards.'

Feros board replies

With the announcement of the EOI the Feros Care board provided a media release to say it welcomes government support to find a solution to the ongoing dispute, yet that the EOI process by the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (Crown Lands) 'in no way ensures the eight residents who are refusing to leave will be able to stay, should an alternate operator for the site be found'.

A Feros board spokesperson said that in determining the future of the Byron Bay Marvell Street site, Crown Land's EOI process seeks a provider for the site's reserve purpose, namely seniors' accommodation, and not necessarily a government-funded aged care facility.

'Feros Care has repeatedly asserted to government authorities that the reason for the closure is the facility in Byron Bay, which was built as a low care hostel, is unsuitable and unsafe to remain as a government-funded residential aged care facility,' said the spokesperson.

'We will review the Expression of Interest, though our position remains unchanged, that the site in its current form is not suitable for government-funded residential aged care due to our obligations under the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and the planning and zoning constraints.

'Feros Care remains concerned for the expectations and wellbeing of the remaining eight residents who are clinically at risk, and are refusing to be re-homed in government approved facilities. Despite this, Feros Care has received regular assurances from the government regulator ACQSC [Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission] that we are handling the closure appropriately and safely.'

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Happy residents

When *The Echo* spoke to resident, Kate Smorty, and her daughter, Dianne Brien, they were elated.

'I'm really interested to see the outcome of the Expression of Interest,' said Kate. 'I feel like we've been waiting and holding our breath.'

'So now I can breathe and hope we have someone running our Byron Village who really cares about aged care and those who live here.'


Dianne was very relieved to hear the news. 'At last!' she said.



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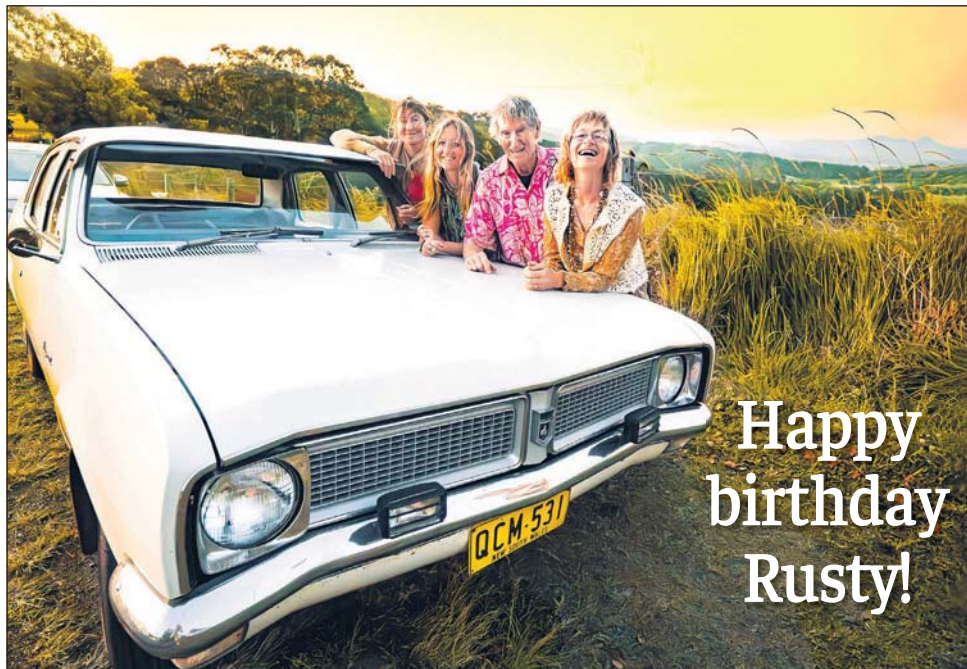




Save Wallum day, October 8

The community push to save a piece of endangered and ecological significant land in Brunswick Heads from urban development is underway, and a community art and culture day to highlight its importance is planned Sunday October 8 from 10am to 4pm at the Paddock Project.

Co-organiser, Chels Hood Withey, says, 'Join us for an inspiring day of art, music, dance, jarjum craft, workshops, nourishing food, and powerful speakers to activate and unite the community to protect Wallum!' Visit events.humanitix.com/keep-wallum-wild for more info.



Happy birthday Rusty!

Surfing legend Rusty Miller celebrated 80 laps around the sun with family, wife Trish, and daughters Courtney and Taylor, along with friends at Coorabell Hall last Saturday night. Photo Jeff 'Endless Sun Laps' Dawson

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Stays at odds with planning academic over STRA impacts

► Continued from page 1 short-term rental.

'The review found that there are several issues with night caps.

'First, there is no "magic number" supported by empirical evidence.'

Curry added, 'Various numbers have been trialled but have been found to be arbitrary. Most importantly, there is limited evidence to suggest that these would improve housing supply.'

Yet according to Dr Laura Crommelin, senior lecturer in

City Planning UNSW, 'There is a strong likelihood that short-term letting is taking away some properties that would otherwise be in the rental market, particularly in places with significant tourism appeal.'

Return to rentals

She said in a UNSW press release last week, 'There is at least some proportion of existing housing stock used for Airbnb that would return to the rental market if short-term letting were a less

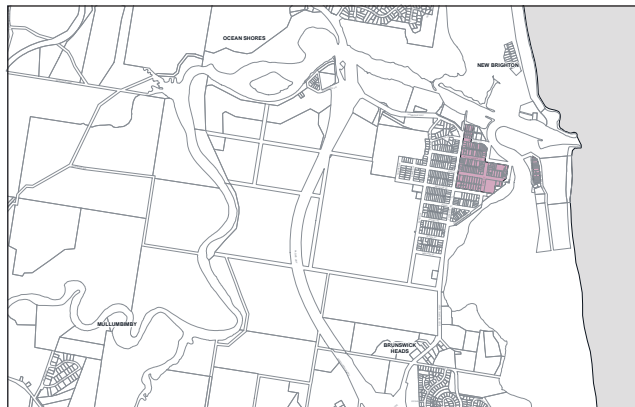
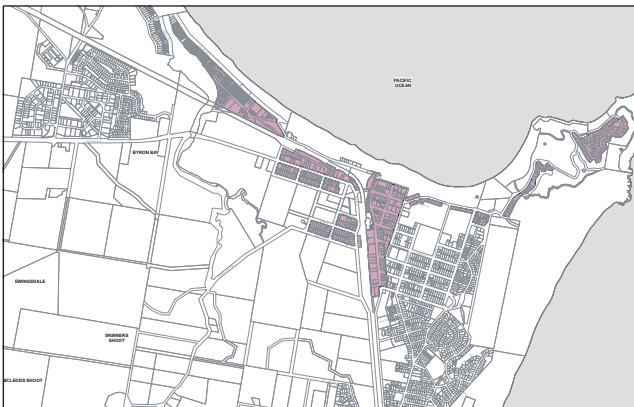
attractive proposition. However, there will still be some owners who would prefer to leave their property vacant rather than ever use it for permanent rental housing.'

'There is a much bigger discussion to be had around how broader housing policies, like negative gearing, capital gains discounts and a lack of social housing construction, have led us to the situation we're in right now,' Dr Crommelin says.

Ben Knight from UNSW adds that, 'Many cities

overseas have introduced strict regulations to protect local housing supply, including outright bans on commercial-style short-term rentals.

'For example, New York has just introduced new regulations that effectively prohibit "unhosted" short-term rental listings, meaning listings are only allowed if the host is also living in the property. By comparison, the approach across Australia has been relatively permissive and hands-off.'



The NSW Labor government have granted Byron Shire Council a 60-day non-hosted STRA cap for the entire local government area (LGA), with the exception of two 365-day mapped precincts in and around Byron Bay town centre and in Brunswick Heads (pictured). It will come into effect on September 23, 2024, 'providing a 12-month transition period for the community and industry to prepare', according to www.planning.nsw.gov.au. Photo www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au

Mullum to Bruns cycle path inches forward

► Continued from page 1 'It's time to deliver something. Let's hope that we can walk away with this cycleway at least being started [at the end of the current Council term].'

Despite the plethora of problems with the more scenic northern option, Councillors were not willing to toss it away completely.

They expressly noted that their resolution did 'not exclude a northern option being looked at in the future'

However, there was an

acknowledgment that any such consideration should take into account the interests of landowners, and must not include a route travelling through 41a Synotts Lane, a property that would have effectively been dissected by the original northern route.

Earlier, during the public access section of the meeting, local bike path advocate, Garth Luke, said the Gulgan Road option was far superior because it was flatter and less isolated.

'The northern route is incredibly isolated,' Mr Luke said. 'And while that's fine for middle-aged men in their cycle gear and people in groups, it is not fine for children and it is not fine for women cycling on their own.'

'The [Gulgan] road route offers passive surveillance... If something goes wrong... there's car access to get assistance.'

However, fellow cycling advocate, David Michie, said the road route via Gulgan Road was 'unappealing,

unprotected and unsafe.'

'Bikes will be next to 80km/h traffic, it involves many road crossings and intersections, and it's no shorter than driving.'

Mr Michie said, 'You have to ask, is it worth doing?'

Mr Michie said he did not believe the northern option should be closed off forever, because landholders could change, and Council still required a sewage transfer pipeline from Synotts Lane to Smokey Valley Way through private land.

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Celebs found in Tintenbar

James Edwards explored the world of wearable art and celebrity culture at Sprung Dance Theatre's recent costume making workshop. Under the guidance of artist and designer Sarah Lewis, 15 blind, deaf and/or disabled artists helped to prepare for Sprung's new annual disability community ball, Dis-Co Ball. It will take place at Lennox Head Cultural Centre on November 12. For more info, visit www.sprung.org.au. Photo Jeff 'Yes It's Spring' Dawson

Inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia

With Macquarie Bank announcing it is going fully cashless on September 14, a federal Senate inquiry into bank closures in regional Australia has wrapped up its hearings, and will table its report in December.

The Australian Citizens Party (ACP) say the NSW Riverina town of Junee sparked the Senate inquiry,

'by putting up a fierce fight to stop CBA from closing their only bank'.

ACP's Robert Barwick said, 'Under the scrutiny of the inquiry, CBA has announced a three-year moratorium on regional bank closures, which saves the Junee branch until at least 2026 - except the branch is only open one and

a half days a week.

'By their words, the big four banks aren't going cashless, but by their actions, they are forcing Australians down the cashless path'.

He says these banks are 'the main disseminators of cash from the RBA, and they have created an artificial cash "drought", reducing the flow to a trickle'.

Rebuilt Mullum Tennis Club is back, and it's better than ever

Simon Haslam

The Mullumbimby Tennis Club has been rebuilt after the floods, and is now welcoming all new players, both young and old, to the club.

Local players started fundraising to build the Mullumbimby Tennis Club back in 1992, and by 2000, work on six courts and a clubhouse had been completed.

But in February 2022, most of the community facility was destroyed by the devastating floods.

Fast forward 18 months, and Byron Shire Council has funded, organised and managed the rebuilding of six brand-new courts and associated lighting, and the club is back in business again.

Gratitude to Council

New club president, Dale Emerson, says the club owes a great debt of gratitude to Council for their work.

'We have a couple of excellent resident



The new tennis club committee, from left: Adam Jeffrey (Social chairperson), Bronwyn Leeson (Vice President), Dale Emerson (President), Carol White (Treasurer) and Jonathan Hartland (Publicity Officer). Absent is Felicity Mackenzie (Secretary). Photo Jeff 'It's A Racket' Dawson

coaches at the club,' says Dale, 'who coach juniors who play in Saturday competitions throughout the Northern Rivers'.

Night comps

'Our courts are available to hire through our website, and we also have adult social competitions at night during the week, adult coaching, and other social events planned.

'Whatever your skill level, the club can help you to

enjoy tennis and have fun.

'On Friday October 13, from 5.30pm, we have a social get together planned followed by a mixed round-robin tennis competition starting at 7pm.

'This will lead to a new regular mixed social tennis competition on Friday nights.

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Untrained police strip searched music festival patrons: report

A collaborative review undertaken by the NSW Police Force and the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission has found improvements in training for police attending music festivals, but gaps in the training roll-out.

The report, *Review of a sample of NSW Police Force strip search records 2021-2022*, found police have clear training and processes for searching music festival patrons.

‘But less than half of the officers who carried out strip searches at the music festivals in the sample had completed the specialist music festival training’.

The report also found that officers performing searches at the festivals had not used a ‘music festivals field processing form’ designed to help police comply with person-searching law and policy.

The NSW Police Force said they acknowledge these ‘deficiencies’, and attributed the results from the 2021 to 2022 review to a change in organisational priorities owing to Covid-19 public health orders and restrictions.

First Nations initiatives awarded grants

A recent Women’s Giving Circle, run through local philanthropic organisation, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), has awarded funds to two local projects supporting First Nations initiatives.

Held at Newrybar Hall, organisers say the \$25,000 Empowering Women and Girls Grant was awarded to The Returning Indigenous Corporation, with Kirilly Dawn pitching her project of culturally safe postpartum care for First Nations women.

NRCF Development & Engagement Manager, Lisa Machin, said, ‘The program includes consultations with dieticians and bush tucker knowledge holders to support 15 mothers and babies and 75 family members with nutrient-dense postpartum meals. Program referrals will be made from Aboriginal maternal infant health midwives.’

A second grant of \$15,000 was awarded to The Big Scrub Orchestra, with their Girls Rock Cabbo (Cabbage Tree Island) music program. Amanda Dumesny pitched the project, and said, ‘It was such a wonderful feeling to



Amanda Dumesny and Kirilly Dawn. Photo supplied

have the support and backing of this group of strong and accomplished women who are so passionate about lifting the opportunities for women and girls in the Northern Rivers’.

‘The Northern Rivers is one of the most beautiful parts of the world, yet there are still so many people doing it tough in so many ways. This gives those who are more fortunate the opportunity and satisfaction of sharing some of their resources to help lift our communities overall. There is a real joy that can come from that flow of giving and receiving that can build quality of life for people on both

sides of the equation.

‘The wonderful partnerships and relationships that are formed can enrich both parties’, Dumesny said.

Pooled funds

Members of the Giving Circle each make a tax-deductible donation and the funds are pooled to create the annual Women and Girls Grant Program, with two finalists pitching their projects to the Circle.

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Glimmer of hope for more community tree planting

Paul Bibby

A new site for school tree planting that could provide a space for generations of local kids to engage in regen education has been earmarked by Byron Council.

A report prepared by Council staff discussed at last week's Council meeting identified two potential parcels of land that could facilitate pilot tree planting programs.

One of them was a 10,000m² site located on a bend in the Brunswick River just north of Mullum, known as the 'Horse Paddock'.

Following submissions from local school tree planting advocates at last

week's meeting, councillors voted to confirm this site as the 'preferred location for a proposed tree planting pilot program'.

Long-term potential

'It's an extraordinary block of land... and we want to favour that because it has long-term potential,' one of the advocates, Ray Moynihan, said.

'A generation of children could be involved in environmental education at that site, just down the road, as successive waves of planting take place.'

Councillors also went some way to addressing the fact that there is no money in Council's kitty for essential

maintenance works on such a project.

Greens councillor, Sarah Ndiaye, successfully moved that the project be referred to the September 30 quarterly budget review to see if funding could be identified as part of that process.

Subject to identification of a budget for maintenance, Council endorsed continued investigation into options for future tree planting programs for the Horse Paddock area including a high-level strategic review and concept landscape design.

'I really support the opportunity for our students to learn more about regeneration,' Cr Ndiaye said.

Mary Donnelly celebrates 100



Mary Donnelly turned 100 on September 28, and to celebrate, a lunch with family and friends was held at the Mullum Courthouse Hotel on Saturday. Around 100 family members attended. Mary's daughter, Maree Leeson told *The Echo* that her father Les and mum moved from Kyogle in 1951 to Billinudgel then to Mullum, where she was born. 'Dad had a cream carrying business and also carted bananas', she said. 'Mary had six children, and now has 13 grand children, 28 great grand kids, and three great great grand kids. Photo Jeff 'Aint That Grand' Dawson

Paramedic boycott looms over pay dispute

With NSW paramedics pushing for professional pay comparable to other states, the union that represents the sector, the Health Services Union (HSU), is organising a boycott of re-registering paramedics this year.

According to www.hsu.asn.au, 'all public sector wages have been restricted by the 2.5 per cent wage cap', and despite 'massive improvements in paramedic scope of practice since 2010 - more than any other

profession, NSW paramedics are among the most qualified in the country; however, we are the lowest paid'.

The HSU says paramedics are now registered as health practitioners. For more info, visit www.hsu.asn.au.

Illegal dumping has huge financial, social and environmental costs

A survey on Council's website is asking residents for their ideas and thoughts on how to best tackle litter and illegal dumping.

Zoe White, Resource Recovery Education and Compliance Officer, said litter and illegal dumping

not only costs money to clean up, but the cost to our natural environment is enormous.

She says Council already has a range of initiatives in place to help people do the right thing when it comes to disposing of waste,

including: two \$50 annual waste disposal vouchers at the Byron Resource Recovery Centre; free trailers available to Byron Shire residents; and free disposal of problem household waste.

The survey is available at tinyurl.com/yck8hjvm.

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Vision for Burringbar Street sought

Over the next few months, Council staff say they will be out talking to the Mullumbimby business community and wider community, about a 'concept design' for Burringbar Street - the priority project of the *Our Mullumbimby Masterplan*.

'The purpose of developing a concept design is so that we have a shared vision for Mullumbimby's main street - one

that is shaped by what the community wants,' Council's Place Planning Co-ordinator, Andrew FitzGibbon, said.

'Council can then use that high-level design to see what simple permanent changes can be made in the short-term, while also looking for funding for more significant changes if they are identified,' he said.

'The concept design

will consider ways to make Burringbar Street a more accessible, safe, inclusive, vibrant, and enjoyable place to be - a main street fit for the colourful, diverse, and active community and businesses of Mullumbimby'.

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Weed exit and smiley koalas get support

Weed and smiley koalas were on the minds of Tweed Shire Councillors and staff at last week's council meeting (21 September) as councillors discussed the regular obscuration of the 'T' in the 'Tweed Heads' sign at Kennedy Drive exit and how a smiley koala face slows traffic.

Ballina Shire Council to consider relinquishing conservation zone powers

The future of conservation zones in the Ballina Shire could be left to private landowners in a council vote expected this week.

What is the future for Lismore Regional Gallery and Museum? Have your say

The Lismore Regional Gallery and the Lismore Museum (Richmond River Historical Society) want to hear from you. If you are an artist, creative, arts worker, business or First Nations person or anyone with an interest in the future of these two organisations it is time to bring your ideas to the table.

Pearces Creek Bridge to be replaced – road closure

The replacement of Pearces Creek Bridge has led to the temporary closure of Eltham Road, at Pearces Creek Bridge for one month from Monday, 23 October.

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It's time! Tweed capsules of memories on view

Fifty years ago Tweed Shire residents gathered at the site of the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre and library and buried two time capsules before construction began, and now it's almost time to open them up.

The capsules are being prepped for exhumation and are currently available for public viewing in situ before they are retrieved in a few weeks.

One of the capsules was placed by Tweed Shire Council and the other by the Murwillumbah branch of community service organisation, Apex.

Apex Life Member Garry Smith, who was present at the sealing of the Apex capsule, said the service club's capsule contained messages from the NSW governor, the Tweed Shire president, other local dignitaries and the community.

'Members of the public were encouraged to write their own messages in specially-printed envelopes and add them to the Apex time capsule, creating a



The two capsules are still in the ground and available for viewing beneath Murwillumbah Library before they are retrieved in the coming weeks. Photo supplied

mosaic of voices from the era,' said Mr Smith.

'Before commencing the process to retrieve these memoirs of yesteryear, Apex has joined with Council to make the capsules available for public viewing while still in their resting place, in the ground under Murwillumbah Library.'

A lot has happened in Murwillumbah in the last 50 years

Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Naomi Searle said half a century

has passed since these capsules were buried in the dirt below the foundations of Murwillumbah Library, with very little protection from the elements. A lot has happened in Murwillumbah in that time.

'We've had a major flood in 1974 which inundated the Library site and others in 1989, 2001, 2008, 2017 and 2022. We've also experienced periods of extreme heat and high humidity, so we will investigate the condition and safety of the contents before considering next steps.'

Pledged: \$5m for Lismore's Two Rooms project

Paul Bibby

The state government has pledged \$5 million in funding for Resilient Lismore's Two Rooms project.

The Two Rooms project began in the aftermath of the 2022 flood, as a practical way to get Northern Rivers people back in their homes. The idea was to build two rooms' worth of walls to give people a safe, secure and warm place to live in.

The crews spend about 20 hours a week on each job, over three days, sheeting walls and making other running repairs to ensure the space is liveable.

They also provide

outreach and referrals to community support services. Priority is given to vulnerable people and those who cannot afford to pay for repair work themselves.

The government says more than 350 flood-affected homes in the region will now be able to be repaired thanks to the additional funding.

Premier Chris Minns joined Minister for Planning and Public Places Paul Scully, Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib, Minister for Housing Rose Jackson, Parliamentary Secretary for Disaster Recovery Janelle Saffin and Resilient Lismore Executive Director Elly Bird in Lismore last Tuesday

(September 26) to make the announcement.

'We know there are no simple fixes in the Northern Rivers,' Premier Minns said.

'This package and our Community Restoration Flood Fund is an acknowledgement that we are standing by communities for the long haul.'

Member for Lismore and Parliamentary Secretary for Disaster Recovery Janelle Saffin said the additional injection was a welcome start on the wide range of recovery and reconstruction work that still needed to be done across the Northern Rivers.

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Class action considered over cancelled house and land contracts

Mia Armitage

Nearly 50 local Intrapac house and land buyers at Ballina Heights may need to take Supreme Court action to avoid being short-changed and priced out of the region.

Intrapac has taken advantage of a legal loophole allowing it to cancel 47 contracts for stage 10 and 11 Banyan Hill estate lots and potentially re-sell the land in smaller lots for hundreds of thousands of dollars more per lot.

The company on Thursday told *The Echo* it understood 'how disappointing the cancellation' was for impacted buyers and hadn't taken the decision 'lightly'.

'We are responsible for ensuring our projects are financially viable and that we do not jeopardise the delivery of the remaining 500 lots of this project,' a spokesperson emailed, citing an arduous development application process and increased costs.

Intrapac said the impact of natural disasters, material and labour shortages, and state legislation changes had increased the cost of development by around 50 per cent.

'In future, we will only be selling lots once the DA is in hand and we have a clearer line of sight to completion timeframes,' the email concluded.

Developer denies lot increase

The Ballina Shire Council didn't officially receive a DA for stages 10 and 11 of the Banyan Hill estate until April 2022 despite Intrapac having sold lots off-plan in 2020.

The developer took millions of dollars in house and land deposits from mostly

local, young families desperate to stay in the region where they work, study and have community support.

But a so-called 'sunset clause' in Intrapac sales contracts with Banyan Hill customers showed it could terminate agreements if the project's DA wasn't approved within 18 months of exchange.

A letter from Intrapac to customers said the company made 'best efforts' to have the DA progress but Greens Ballina Shire Councillor Kiri Dicker said it included significant changes in the proposed design, not least of all an extra 20 lots compared to the original scope for 70.

Intrapac denied the allegation

'We have not withdrawn the DA, and there has never been any intent to amend the as-yet-unapproved DA to create more lots,' Intrapac said, 'any suggestion otherwise is false'.

Intrapac said it ran 'a lengthy pre-lodgement process with the council, beginning in October 2020, to resolve as many issues as possible upfront to increase the speed of the formal DA approval'.

Greens Ballina Shire Councillor Kiri Dicker said she'd like to see Intrapac offer impacted families a chance to either maintain their contracts or 'some sort of guarantee that they'll be able to buy in at a reasonable price'.

'My understanding is they do have the option to challenge inside the Supreme Court,' Cr Dicker said, 'they're considering a possible class action'.

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Time to have your say on future housing supply

Paul Bibby

Could the Byron golf course be relocated to make way for a new housing development on the edge of town?

Last week's Byron Council meeting heard that the board of the golf course had written to the Council expressing an interest in the picturesque site on Broken Head Road being used in this way.

The matter was raised by Mayor Michael Lyon during a discussion about Council's new housing options paper.

'There has been a move from the board of the Byron Bay golf course - to potentially move the golf course to another area and within that area where the course is now, for that to provide housing,' Cr Lyon said.

'It's located in town, it would remove congestion from the Ewingsdale Road corridor [and] it means that people who work in the town can also live in the town.'

'I think that's an exciting opportunity and I'd also like to see that develop.'

The possibility of new development on the golf course site came as Council formally confirmed its

support for the broad strategies contained within its new housing options paper.

Target exceeded

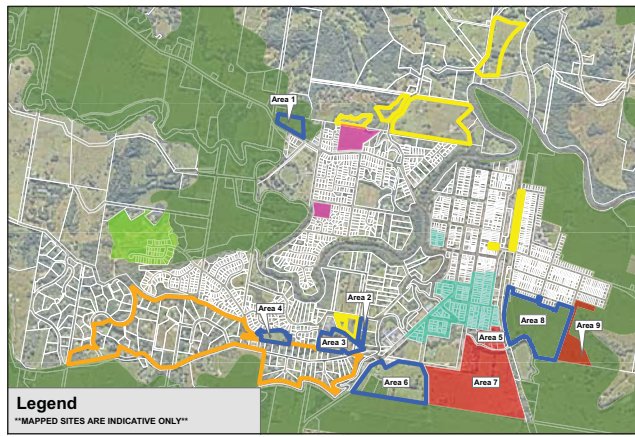
As reported in last week's *Echo*, the strategy would, if adopted, see up to 6,695 new homes built in Byron Shire over the next 20 years.

This exceeds the target of 4,522 new homes set by the state government.

Council is intending to achieve this through the combination of infill development (1,840 homes), new land releases (3,470 homes) and developing vacant land that is already zoned for residential (1,385).

With Council confirming its support for this approach, the housing options paper will now go on public exhibition from October 9 to November 6. Four in-person consultation sessions will be held in Byron Bay, Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Bangalow on October 30 and 31. Residents have the chance to view the maps which set out Council's proposed plans for their town, suburb or village.

During the ongoing debate about housing



The 'Mullumbimby Housing Opportunities' map, as published within Council's housing options paper. The colour-coded areas indicate what is proposed, and also what has been removed (in red) because of flooding risks.

strategy within Council, it has become clear that it is motivated by an ultimatum from the Labor NSW government that Byron must meet the target of 4,522 new houses or risk being stripped of its planning powers.

'I know that there are some sections of our community that want to keep Byron as it is, and believe that it's a special and unique place that shouldn't be developed,' Cr Lyon said during last week's meeting.

'But that's not going to fly with the state government.'

'That's going to see us lose

our planning powers, and result in developments that we may not necessarily have any input into, or have any desire to see.'

However, Cr Lyon said that to meet the target, Council needed to identify excess land for development beyond what was required.

'The Department of Planning target of 4,522 dwellings... is worked out by looking at demographics, expected changes in our population, and details coming from the North Coast Regional Plan,' Cr Lyon said.

2022 floods not taken into account

'But what it doesn't take into account, for example, is the floods or the impacts that's had on our housing supply. It also doesn't take into account the recent migration that we've had to the region from the cities because of Covid.'

'I think we need to respond on that, we need to identify more housing than what's been considered.'

Cr Lyon also argued that not everything that was zoned residential ended up being developed. 'No one is forced, when they've got a residential zoning, to develop their properties,' he said.

'So I think we need to over identify lands, just as we did with the business and industrial land strategy, somewhat safe in the knowledge that they won't all be developed.'

In formally confirming its support for the broad strategies contained in the options paper, councillors also agreed to investigate additional land being included in the areas identified for additional development,

following requests by owners of these sites. This included land on Buckleys Road Tyagarah, 75 New City Road Mullumbimby, and 64 Corkwood Crescent Suffolk Park.

It also agreed to investigate the possibility of development on all suitable Council-owned land, including land at Vallances Road, Mullumbimby.

While all councillors vote in favour of confirming Council's support for the broad strategies contained within the options paper, Greens Cr Duncan Dey expressed concerns about the fact that some of the areas identified by the strategy were flood-prone. He also argued that Council should not be 'cow-towing' to the State government.

'We should be telling the state what we want and we should be harnessing the energy of our many thousands of voters to not allow the state government to take away our planning powers,' Cr Dey said.

'On the other hand, we should not be going slow in identifying the right places to develop'.

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The have yachts

Australia's image of 'a fair go' has waned over the past two decades, with the gap 'blowing out' between those who have lots, and those without much.

This is according to the peak body for the community services sector, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

Their latest report (at apo.org.au), is co-authored with UNSW Sydney, and claims the average wealth of the highest 20 per cent is 'growing at four times the rate of the lowest'.

ACOSS say, 'From 2003 to 2022, the average wealth of the highest 20 per cent rose by 82 per cent and that of the highest five per cent rose by 86 per cent, leaving behind the middle 20 per cent (with a 61 per cent increase) and the lowest 20 per cent (with a 20 per cent increase)'.

'The overall increase in wealth inequality over the period was mainly driven by superannuation, which grew by 155 per cent in value owing to compulsory savings property investment.

'Contrary to the public image of 'mum and dad' property investors, investment housing is very unequally shared: the wealthiest 20 per cent hold 82 per cent of all investment property by value'.

An alien's perspective

If a friendly, highly advanced alien were to arrive on the planet, and by chance they landed in Australia, what would they say?

After consuming all the information available on the

internet, and asking around a bit, it's plausible that they might make some observations like this:

'Humans have the ability to solve the problems of which they have created themselves.

'Yet greed, fear and conformity has blinded those few who have control of the masses.

'This includes the political/bureaucratic class who control policy levers, and those who manage large volumes of cash, the biggest on the planet being US investment firms BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street.

'Wealth equality and education is the best insurance against poverty and misery.

'It protects the wealthy from fear of invasion, and creates a fairer, more advanced society because it creates opportunity.

'How many great minds, with great ideas, have toiled away their lives as slaves?

'During the global Covid pandemic, Australia's government showed that poverty is a choice.

'The government made the choice to financially support the poorest and most vulnerable.

'After the optics of the pandemic ebbed away, the government chose to return the policy levers to again exploit that section of the community.

It looks like everyone forgot that rather quickly.

'What a shame for those who continue to toil away their lives as slaves, and for human society as a whole.'

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Empower councils for a fairer share

As Collingwood and Penrith fans celebrate two cliffhanger wins, the Byron community has scored their own equally hard fought twin victories.

The NSW government's long-awaited planning regulations have finally seen short-term rental restrictions imposed in Byron Shire. The aim is for affordable long-term rental returns to again be competitive with windfall holiday rental. It promises fairness for investors while improving housing affordability. Unlocking up to 14 per cent of Byron housing which stands empty, waiting for holiday makers, can only help alleviate homelessness which has doubled in the Shire.

The second Byron win was one of the sweetest I can remember.

Elderly residents of Feros Village who have been resisting eviction from their Marvell Street home for months, achieved a Nathan Cleary-style comeback in their epic battle with Feros Aged Care, who hoped to develop this prime real estate.

Thanks to an incredible campaign by residents, their families, the local community and backed in by Byron Council – the NSW government has removed Feros Aged Care as trustee of the Crown Lease and opened an Expression of Interest process to appoint a new manager to operate an aged care service on the site.

Make no mistake, this is one of the biggest David vs Goliath wins I have ever seen. Sure, it was the right decision, but it was against the odds and required enormous faith and solidarity to get this outcome.

The Byron community has a proud record of standing up for its values and fighting to protect the character of its villages and towns. But should it have to be this hard and stressful?

How can we get fairness and logical outcomes for community as a matter of course? Without having to go to the barricades for commonsense?

I have got myself into hot water in the past, believing the Northern Rivers needs a more powerful voice, and suggesting this could be achieved via Council amalgamations. I quickly dropped that idea after treading on too many toes, and being briefed by every Council that they did not want to amalgamate with the folk next door. Or they wouldn't



'Hunter Valley councils get a financial return from mining. Why not allow the Northern Rivers a return from tourism?'

Catherine Cusack

mind stealing a slice of this part of their neighbour's territory, but not that territory. It was clear that amalgamation would create turmoil across the region.

However, the aftermath of last year's floods reinforced for me a more powerful voice for the Northern Rivers is needed.

Essentially, the Qld Labor government was able to force then Prime Minister Scott Morrison to co-fund a \$741 million flood resilience package, which included buy-backs in flood plains. This agreement was reached just six weeks after the floods.

Meanwhile, it's a year and seven months later in the Northern Rivers – and we still have not got a similar funding agreement.

Why not? For once, I do not think it was bloody-minded politics.

A really big problem has been the patchy capacity of our local councils to do the planning work and package the data needed to apply for and secure, an innovative program of funding.

We are not like Brisbane Council, with an office block full of highly paid planners responsible for an entire river system.

We need funding just to apply for the funding – and even then, we cannot put forward a Richmond River catchment plan because there are five different council areas in the basin.

And none have the staff capacity to collaborate, let alone lead. It was much easier for Brisbane (one council) and Gold Coast (one council) to have the resources and the mandate to do that work, and get faster decisions which make better use of funding.

If the Northern Rivers wants to have that same capacity (and our flood experiences make it screamingly obvious that we do), but we don't want amalgamations, then we need to restructure our governance so that our councils can work as a region.

Having a bigger voice means that the state and federal governments

will be forced to listen. Whether it is flood recovery, coastal erosion, border closures or Airbnb, our communities have special issues, and we should not keep having to go to war for fairness and common sense.

Unnecessary struggles

I have become exasperated by so much unnecessary struggle. It should not be this hard to deliver disaster relief, and build resilient infrastructure. The NSW government needs to let go of micro-managing our communities (they are doing a really bad job) and hand stronger authority and appropriate resources to councils so they can do the job.

It is ridiculous that it has taken so many years just to achieve a cap on Airbnb in Byron Shire. The difficulty is government needed to make rules for the state, and it is hard for them to work out a patchwork of rules that suit individual shires.

The solution? Let local communities make those decisions themselves, through their councils.

The same is true of Crown land management. Give councils management of all public land and let them derive income, subject to state oversight. Third, allow councils to derive income from local economic activity.

Hunter Valley councils get a financial return from mining. Why not allow the Northern Rivers a return from tourism?

Cities all over America and Europe have bed taxes hypothecated to support tourism marketing and infrastructure.

These ideas as a package would enable us to be stronger, sustainable and more resilient.

My point is our local governance arrangements need a lot of improvement – let our councils be panthers, not wallabies. Then we can fully tackle these issues.

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 Some days, I feel the guilt/shame more than others; though I'm only a party 2 Genocide by being handed many acres 2♥, Cherish + Care4.

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David McBride: Declassified – the right way to serve your country?

Eve Jeffery

How does one prepare for the possibility of going to jail for telling the truth? The fact is that it's not truth-telling that David McBride is being charged with, it's which truth, and to whom it was told. McBride bit the hand that fed him and now is being charged with telling truths that are deemed to be damaging to national security. He did this by giving journalists information.

David McBride's vocation has always been the Defence Force. He pursued an education in the law to further his career in defence; but on November 13 the Defence Force, and the law, plan to turn around and bite him back – very hard.

McBride joined the Australian Defence Force in 2005 after gaining law degrees from both Sydney and Oxford universities and doing a stint in the British army.

What he saw in the Australian Army when he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 and 2013 was enough to compel him to make allegations of war crimes committed by Australian forces. Then in 2017 he supplied classified information about the allegations to the ABC – he's a whistleblower.

In 2018 and 2019 McBride had charges laid against him. Last year he and his lawyers tried to get the prosecution dropped by applying for protection under Australia's whistleblower laws, with no luck.

When *The Echo* spoke to McBride last week he was biding his time, spending time with his daughters, pondering life behind bars and walking his dog Jake.

'Jake's a bit annoying. He wants to go for a walk every hour. But he's such a good buddy to me,' he told *The Echo*.

Put him away

McBride says the waiting game sees his stress levels go up and down. 'I'm ready for it to be finalised. I know when I get in the courtroom, stress will be pretty high. No matter how much front and bravado you have outside the courtroom once you get inside and there's a whole team of lawyers up against you in the quiet courtroom, it's confronting.'



David McBride will be speaking at the Star Court Theatre on Thursday, October 12 at 6.30pm prior to his case going to trial. Photo supplied

McBride agrees they are out for his blood. 'They're not there for any other reason but to put me in jail for a long time.'

McBride also agrees that they are probably pretty pissed off with him at the moment.

'They would be getting more and more pissed off with me. They were so close to convicting me about four years ago, and now, since then, things keep going in my favour, so they would be getting more and more angry.'

McBride says the standout issue in his time with the Defence Force was the bendiness of the truth to suit a purpose.

'They make heroes out of people who aren't heroes and they make villains out of people who aren't villains. This is how it all started.'

'I'd had enough when they were trying to railroad someone into jail. This was after Ben Roberts-Smith – my theory is that they heard about him (Roberts-Smith) and they thought, "Shit, everyone's talking about it. We need to put someone in jail, but not him, because he's so big, he's our star player, and if he goes down, everyone's gonna go down. Let's find some schmuck, and demonise him".'

'I was over there and I thought, hang on – we've got all these allegations of 30 murders the year before, and you didn't do anything, and now you have this guy as "public enemy number one" and you're trying to railroad him and he doesn't even meet the parameters of an investigation?'

McBride says something had shifted. 'I got more and more suspicious because I had questions about this guy – a man who didn't meet the parameters for a charge, yet [they] were charging him. The only advice I got was basically "Shut up. It's above your pay grade". I'd had enough.'

It may sound like a spy film but this real life drama has seen McBride lose a lot of things including a marriage. The looming jail time makes it hard to plan ahead.

One would think that winning this case is McBride's ultimate goal but he says his goal is to fix the problem, even if that means going to jail.

McBride says a great outcome for him would be to go back and work as a consultant with the Defence Force.

'That is actually the best outcome. I really like the Defence Force, I like serving my country and I can see the problems that we have with public servants and soldiers when they're trying to get ahead in their careers and therefore becoming "Yes" people.'

'[I'd like to help] work out how we can change the system slightly so it's not so conducive to just covering up whatever the government wants; no matter how questionable it is.'

'In the defence force, it can't be like that. I hope that we can help them get some safeguards where they feel a bit stronger to say "no minister", if something really isn't right.'

David McBride: Declassified

During the lead up to his trial McBride has made some documentaries and written a book which will be ready for the public the day he goes to court. He will also appear at a screening in Lismore next week.

The Films For Change doco *David McBride: Declassified*, will be screening at the Star Court Theatre on Thursday, October 12 at 6.30pm. It will be a double feature screening with *Incident in Baghdad* and a Q and A with McBride, John Sipton (Julian Assange's father) and local lawyer Eddie Lloyd.

For more about McBride and to pre-order his book (which will help his case), visit: davidmcbride.com.au.



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Decision time for the Voice to Parliament referendum

■ The heroic and courageous efforts of locals who took to their boats and saved lives and communities in the 2022 flood will never be forgotten.

We look to our governments for support and assistance at such times yet, as the Flood Inquiry found, the official rescue and recovery effort was not up to scratch.

If locals have a proper and enduring voice, outcomes are much better because simply, locals know best about matters that affect them.

This principle is what the referendum on October 14 is all about. First Nations people deserve to be heard about matters that affect their life outcomes. This basic and fundamental principle should not be subject to the whim of governments to chop and change. It belongs to the people. That is why it belongs in the Constitution, which only the people can change.

We can do this by voting 'Yes' to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a Voice.

Stephen Wettenhall
Nunderi

■ Consider the Voice in the context of recent revelations of the lack of transparency in government which, amongst other things, threatens government revenue raising and expenditure.

There are daily reports of rorts. Accounting firms share sensitive tax information with clients, politicians repeatedly authorise massive spending in their favoured electorates, Robodebt 'recoveries' breach the law, a prime minister has himself signed into a portfolio unbeknown to the actual minister, expensive enquiries expose ministers behaving badly.

I raise this because I feel people are being blindsided by the talk of Voice costings, without consideration of the essence of the Voice proposal. The Voice will have 'presence' and 'purpose'.

'Presence' in that it will be subject to constant surveillance by us as electors and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), which provides:

'The design principles [of NACC] include that members of the Voice would fall within the scope of the NACC. In addition, members would be

sanctioned or removed from the Voice in cases of serious misconduct.'

The Voice will also have the constant scrutiny of its principal 'purposes': to close the gap in Indigenous health education, housing, and employment. So all the large budget allocations in these areas are put to more effective use.

It's a very simple equation. You want transparency and better outcomes in these respects then give the Voice a chance.

Frank Lynch
Mullumbimby

■ Some Aboriginal Australians want a constitutionally enshrined 'Voice' in parliament, beyond the right to vote and to make representations to parliament through their elected MP, or privately, like everyone else.

They don't just want the Constitution to acknowledge their existence. The Uluru convention – misleadingly called 'the voice from the heart', taking the moral high ground – rejected that idea.

No other racial group in Australia has such a Voice. Would it be fair to grant one racial group a Voice and not

others? All Australians are equal under the law and subject to it. We surely don't want apartheid, with one set of laws for Aboriginal Australians and one for all others.

They want to be heard on matters affecting them. Don't we all?

Any responsible government should take heed of sound advice relevant to any issue in hand, whether housing, health, education, child care, alcoholism, drug abuse, etc, and from any racial group or individual.

But do they? And will changing the Constitution make any difference? The powers that be will retain the right to ignore any advice they wish to ignore. And, politicians are not elected on their intelligence and integrity, but on their popularity and skills of rhetorical manipulation. Ignorance and prejudice tend to rule, not sound facts and rationality.

I, an Anglo-Saxon Australian, agree wholeheartedly with pantheistic spirituality, which identifies Aborigines with the land, each being within the other. But that spiritual basis is inconsistent with the roots of Western

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► Continued from page 13 materialism, which separates 'the owner' from 'the land'. Therein lies our problem. And we won't solve it by changing the Constitution. Consciousness must evolve. That will change everything. The money spent trying to change the Constitution would have been better spent on the problems the change is meant to address.

John Jennings
Numinbah

■ Imagine in the near future, a foreign power which deemed itself racially and culturally superior to ours, invaded Australia.

They moved across the land as an irresistible force, killing millions of us with their weapons, poisons and disease. We Australians who survived were rounded up and taken off our land. Our language, culture, and religions were outlawed and our beloved footy and all team sports were forbidden.

We were enslaved to do menial work and paid with flour, sugar, tea, tobacco and grog. The occupying force saw the entire continent as their land and devised new laws. They wrote a constitution, leaving out any mention of we Australians who had lived here over 200

years. Our kids were stolen and taken to re-education camps and we lived as fringe dwellers, wretched and malnourished on the margins of this strange new world.

The trauma of dispossession echoed down the generations, particularly affecting our health, education, housing and rate of incarceration.

But generations passed and over time, many of the occupying force became contrite and better informed. We asked to be recognised in their constitution. We also asked if we could form an advisory body permanently enshrined in their constitution, to consult with government and achieve better outcomes on matters directly affecting the wellbeing of we Australians.

It seems little enough to ask... just imagine.

Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

■ I received two pieces of propaganda in my mail box over the weekend. One was from Yes23 Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition and included the Uluru statement. Nice.

The other was addressed, 'Dear Neighbour' but did not have any details as to whom it was from... I was annoyed

by this as it was directed at me because I have two 'Yes' signs on my fence – and yet this person or group did not identify themselves.

My response to the 'Dear Neighbour' is as follows:

Dear Neighbour, please have the courtesy and conviction of your beliefs to name yourself. How dare you assume that my decision to support the Voice to parliament is not considerably well thought through. I have listened to First Nations people, both for and against the Voice and have made my decision. I find your words shallow, sensationalist and wrong! I am not a communist, I am a socialist!

Karen Hodder
Mullumbimby

■ It seems likely that a significant portion of Australians intend to vote 'No' in the upcoming referendum because they are suspicious of government motives, are following the guidance of someone they respect, or because they believe that Indigenous Australians already receive their fair share of recognition and respect.

This includes a significant minority of Indigenous Australians who also oppose the referendum.

The processes leading to and from the Uluru Statement of the Heart have been wide-ranging, but have not incorporated all Indigenous people. Indigenous Australia is not homogenous and unified, any more than non-Indigenous Australia.

In addition, the last 200 years have given precious little reason to trust government of any kind. It is also not at all hard to see how appalling it must feel to have the immigrants who have settled here since 1780 voting to decide whether to recognise the existence of those who have lived here for thousands of years.

There are also questions about how the Voice could possibly represent the diversity of Indigenous Australians, and on top of all this, questions about whether this process could cede sovereignty in some way that precludes more concrete legal opportunities in future.

Given all of this, it is understandable that many people are questioning the intentions of the government in holding this referendum.

My understanding is that the impetus for the Voice referendum arose from the same process that produced the Uluru Statement from

the Heart. On election night last year, the current prime minister, caught up in the elation of an unexpectedly successful result, was moved to commit his leadership to enshrining it.

His government has subsequently followed through with this, supported by enthusiastic groups of people Australia-wide, yearning for greater recognition of Indigenous Australia, and the opportunity to live in a more unified and mature nation, one of which we can all feel proud.

They do not see it as an alternative to 'Treaty', but as a more immediate path towards greater self-determination, while treaty processes continue to proceed.

I will most certainly vote 'Yes', even though the polls confirm that the referendum is unlikely to succeed, the 'No' vote having the support of the same coalition of parties that have been in government for most of the last 25 years. (Historically, referenda have tended to fail, even with two party support, and this one has become party-political.)

One can also readily imagine that mining giants would want to see the referendum fail, wishing to avoid

any political shifts that could potentially threaten their future interests. (If I were CEO of one of these organisations, I would consider it prudent to dedicate a chunk of spare change towards paying savvy influencers to frighten people away from voting 'Yes!')

The high likelihood of failure makes it easy to see running this referendum as misguided and unwise. However, it has already succeeded in widely publicising the Uluru Statement from the Heart, has spurred widespread discussion about the status of Indigenous Australians, and has consolidated relationships amongst those eager to see a more constructive relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

My hope is that the heart of this Statement from the Heart is strong enough to remain beating strongly through whatever shenanigans may accompany the remainder of this referendum process and well beyond it. This will allow us to continue to move towards the worthy goal of forging a more coherent, mature and unified basis for Australian nationhood.

Dr Jacqueline Morris
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Cosmos Magazine

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That maximum area of sea ice that formed around Antarctica was recorded on September 10 – 16.956 million km² – about 1.289 million km² less than 2022's previous record low.

For comparison, that's an area larger than the size of the Northern Territory missing in a single year.

Compare this year's record low to the peak from 2021, the area bulges to 1.884 million km² – more than the size of Queensland.

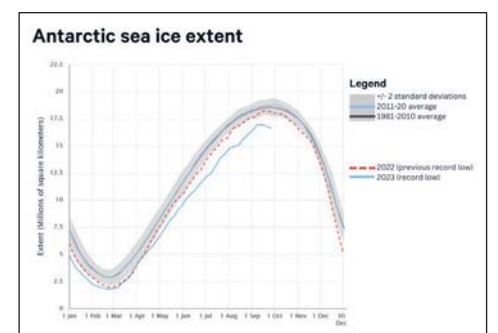
That failure to form is troubling many scientists who have warned of the impacts record levels of human greenhouse gas emissions are having on atmospheric and ocean warming.

'We have never seen a year like this,' says Dr Edward Doddridge, a physical oceanographer at the University of Tasmania.

'It feels like a step change. The ice has been below average since 2016 when it dropped really suddenly over 2015-2016, but this year it was like another jump down... there's a huge gap between anything we have seen before.'

In conjunction with fellow Antarctic researcher Dr Ariaan Purich, Doddridge earlier this month described a 'regime shift' driven by atmospheric and ocean conditions surrounding Antarctica. They connect subsurface ocean warming to shifts in sea ice formation.

Recently, an Australian Senate inquiry was convened to look at the decision by the Australian Antarctic Division to cut its



operating budget by a sixth. In his submission Doddridge described the prospect of cuts during a year of record sea ice decline as 'devastating,' and he called for dedicated fieldwork to understand the shifts underway on the continent.

'In order to be able to understand what's going on with the sea ice, we need people down there measuring how thick it is, the snow on top, and the ocean underneath.'

The Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society – the professional association of the nation's climate scientists – echoed that view, suggesting compromises to Antarctic research would diminish Australia's reputation.

'Australia's international standing as leader in Antarctic science will be negatively impacted if its Antarctica and Southern Ocean science capabilities are reduced,' AMOS says in its submission.

'The only gateway to Antarctica for Australian and many international scientists is through the Antarctic Division. Reducing field work capabilities over the near term will mean a shift away from Australia for these logistical capabilities. This is likely to limit future opportunities for collaboration and innovation.'

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Weaponising 'knowledge' and other foibles

Richard Hil

It was a pleasant morning: crisp, and bright. Birds tweeting. People smiling at each other. Buskers doing their thing. Cafes abuzz. This was downtown Mullumbimby on a sunny, spring day.

I was in a great mood until, that is, I got involved in an exchange about the Voice with a rather humourless middle-aged man. Chest out, eyes fixed, he launched straight into a tirade against the campaign, informing me that I was variously 'ignorant', 'ill-informed', 'stupid' and 'naive'. He further advised me to 'do your research', which, I understand, is a common refrain from those in-the-know.

Having been positioned as a gullible type with 'no idea' (of what, I'm still not sure), I was given little reprieve from the insistent blasts of weaponised, yet undisclosed knowledge. Initially, I was a little intimidated by the boundless self-confidence and cyclonic verbal conditions.

At the risk of sounding self-righteous, I was



Around 600 supporters marched through Tweed Heads on September 17 to promote a 'Yes' to the Voice vote on 14 October. Photo Jeff Dawson

reminded of Bertrand Russell's observation that, 'The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts'. Not that I was about to offer this pompous insight to the belligerent one.

I kept asking, without success, if he'd mind explaining his thesis to me. Frustrating? You bet.

When I finally decided to pull up stumps by informing my detractor that the

exchange was a fizzer, he chastised me for being 'patronising' and 'condescending'. It really was a no-win situation. The whole drama ended with the self-appointed sage storming off in a last-ditch flurry of barely concealed expletives.

High-octane attacks

None of this should come as a surprise to those Mullumites who, circa 2020, got entangled in vaccine and 'freedom' conversations. Verbal fisticuffs were

commonplace, as were relationship breakdowns. Some of the town's denizens were banned from hairdressers and cafes, while others (like yours truly) chose to exile themselves. These were all unpleasant reminders of where differences of thought and opinion can lead.

Disempowerment

But it's a lot more complicated than that. The personal, high-octane attacks many of us have witnessed are symptomatic of issues wrapped up in personal identity and the sense of political disenchantment and disempowerment.

Peoples' beliefs are integral to who they are, to how they see themselves in relation to others, and to how they feel the world ought to be. It's why appeals to 'rational' discussion and sense-making fall over so easily.

Given our emotional investment in personal beliefs, we can feel affronted when faced with counter opinion. Our reaction is often visceral, angry. This is as much a function of ego as it is of the beliefs themselves. It's why, when fronted by radical conspiracy theorists (and I'm talking here of the more florid sort, rather than those that have some foundation in falsifiable assertions) there's such immediate annoyance and even hostility.

Listen with respect

But where does civility figure in all this? It's a quaint sounding notion which dinosaurs like me hang on to. In practice, I suppose, it means being able to listen intently and with respect to what another person is saying. It suggests a kind, even compassionate disposition. Easier said than done, of course.

Potential harm

The problem with this approach is that if we know that certain views can cause actual harm in the real world, then listening respectfully becomes very challenging.

I'm ashamed to admit that, on more than one occasion, I have invited people with whom I profoundly disagree to 'get f*****', or I've walked away with a brisk adieu of the 'whatever' or 'get a life' variety.

These days I'm more inclined to stand there, listen and ask a whole bunch of looping (rather than loopy) questions in the hope that a seed of doubt might be sown.

I employ a heavily diluted version of the Socratic method in an attempt to find some common ground: places where we can begin to listen and talk to and fro. But for this to occur, considerable patience is required. On the other hand, self-care may require me to simply walk away.

That said, and here's the optimistic finale: I have witnessed many of my friends engage with people in a mutually respectful exchange of ideas, without rancour, sometimes with an agreement to disagree, and very occasionally ending up on the same side.

Kindness, patience and a willingness to listen and engage seem to work wonders in such cases. Better surely, than using mysterious bodies of knowledge to bludgeon one's detractor.

Long live civility!

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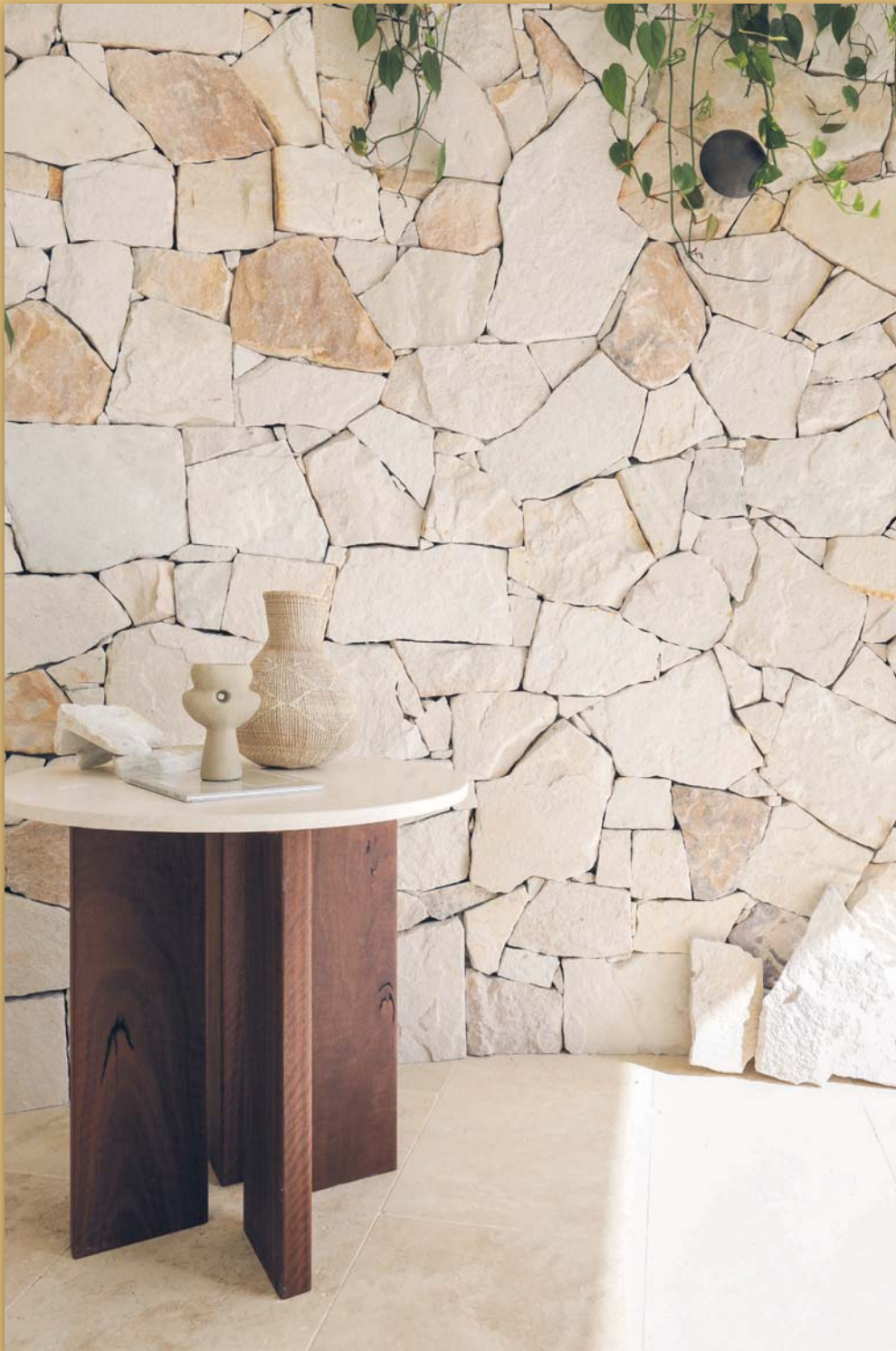
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BBFF returns to Bruns with Assange doco and locals showcase

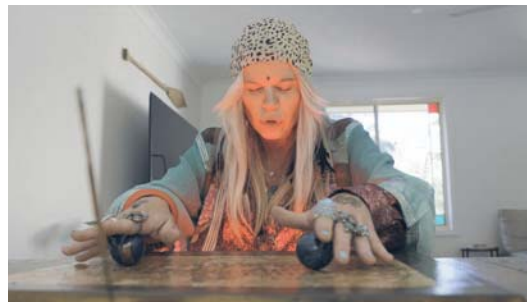
BRUNSWICK HEADS STARS as a Byron Bay Film Festival hotspot this month, with three outstanding documentaries and a Spotlight on Byron session that showcases nine locally-made short films all screening at the convivial and intimate Brunswick Picture House.

With a few exceptions, these sessions have a Byron Shire focus and it is fitting that a festival highlight telling the Julian Assange story was made by a local man, Kym Staton, given the support Assange has in the Shire. A second doco is a moving work from Ocean Shores filmmaker Susie Forster, and the third features the beloved Picture House in its footage.

The Trust Fall: Julian Assange

Screening on Saturday October 21, Staton's *The Trust Fall: Julian Assange*, is a forensic examination of the significance of the documents and footage that the Assange-founded WikiLeaks shared with the world, especially the 'Collateral Murder' files, and the Afghan and Iraq War logs.

The release exposed some of the war-zone crimes



Screening at the Brunswick Picture House as part of the Byron Bay International Film Festival (clockwise from top left): *Brand Bollywood Down Under*, *The Trust Fall: Julian Assange*, *Ghost Roommate* and *The Last Two Weeks at Longlee*.

committed by the US military that would otherwise have remained hidden. The murderous airstrike by US forces in Iraq which killed 18 civilians, including two Reuters journalists, is front and centre. We watch that massacre in all its appalling brutality.

The reaction of the governments affected by the leaks,

and the wider fundamental issues around press freedom, are also covered.

Trust Fall's essential argument is that Assange was doing the job he had signed up for – that of a journalist – and that his actions were in the interests of creating transparent and decent governance.

Assange risked everything to bring the truth to light, and he has paid a heavy price, including incarceration for the past four years in the maximum security Belmarsh Prison in England, where his mental and physical health have deteriorated to life-threatening levels.

Despite calls for his release and worldwide campaigns supporting him, he still faces the possibility of extradition to the US – effectively a death sentence.

Assange is one of the loudest voices for free speech of our times and *The Trust Fall: Julian Assange* is a passionate endorsement of his role as a peace activist, innovator and publisher.

It is a shocking and inspiring film, which invites viewers to decide for themselves the merits of Assange's case – a necessary understanding given that his life is hanging in the balance. Even if you think you know the story, this film fills in all the details.

An ambitious project, *The Trust Fall* includes animations and interviews, with progressive thinkers such as Daniel Ellsberg, John Pilger and Tariq Ali, and, movingly, with members of Assange's family, including his wife, Stella, his father, John Shipton, and brother, Gabriel.

The Last Two Weeks at Longlee

Another Byron Shire filmmaker's work tops the bill on the final Sunday evening of the Festival.

Susie Forster's *The Last Two Weeks at Longlee* is an intimate record of her mother's final days – painful, sad but ultimately a triumph, as her

final, defiant wish, to die at home, was fulfilled.

Forster's mother, the 82-year-old artist Lee Stephenson, is seen in footage shot 16 years earlier, as a vivacious, robust, determined woman with a zest for life – for animals, plants, and tennis! Seen in the weeks leading up to her death she is much reduced; emaciated, bedridden, hurting, addled by painkillers.

Her wish, she had informed her daughter by telephone, was to 'wake up dead' – as long as it is in her own home, Longlee in the Goulburn Valley, surrounded by nature and her own very beautiful paintings.

Forster joins Lee's husband Roger, other family members, including Forster's own daughter, Domini, and a dedicated palliative care team to nurse Lee until her wish is granted.

Music made and performed by Domini adds a tender and personal layer to the sorry business of her grandmother's passing, enhancing the sense of 'rightness' and dignity about this death.

As you'd expect, *The Last Two Weeks at Longlee* runs the gamut of emotions, but it avoids both fear and sentimentality – an attitude modelled upon Lee's own down-to-earth approach.

'Dying is not a bad thing,' says Forster. 'Mum wanted to die. She was very clear that she wanted to die at home, and it was enormously satisfying to be able to give her that.'

The film encourages us to make a choice around dying – to consider, whenever possible, how we die, and where.

Susie Forster is an all-round filmmaker with an extensive

record of documentaries to her credit, including as co-producer of the celebrated feature doco *The Bentley Effect*.

She will be at the screening for a Q&A afterwards, accompanied by local Deathwalker Zenith Virago.

Forster's film will be preceded by *Ashes*, a dark comedy about grief; and *Passing Through*, from America, which also deals with the complicated emotions stirred up by a loved-one's death.

Brand Bollywood Down Under

In a lighter mood comes the family-friendly *Brand Bollywood Down Under* from Anupam Sharma for the matinee session on Sunday, October 29, an account of Australia's love affair with the vibrant Indian film industry.

Like most relationships, it has had its ups and downs, and there's a serious documentary here, making it a must-see for film fans. But the footage from dozens of Indian films, many shot in iconic Australian locations, including Byron and the Gold Coast, ensures it is an absolute joy to watch: life-enhancing music, boisterous mass dancing, stunning fashion, passion and loads of very glamorous actors.

Locals showcase

On Saturday afternoon (October 21) comes a showcase of nine films that display the extraordinary, diverse talents to be found in Byron Shire.

They include: Dylan Kai Harris's *Doors Into Art*, a dance journey through the creative mind of local artist Lindi Nielsen; *The Secret Life of Bees*, an up-close and personal look at our buzzy brethren by Mirabai Nicholson-Mckella; *Small Town Mentality*, a character-based videopoem from Heath Lines; the comic *Ghost Roommate* by Kaia Joaquin Walton; *Kane*, a teen horror flick by 18-year-old Miro Salom; *Related*, a mum and daughter human comedy written by Suffolk Park's Emily Hutchinson; *The M Word*, a sardonic glimpse into the life of a hospitality worker by Shane Crosland; and *Bangay Lore*, a poignant look at one of the ways First Nations customs are crushed by 'whitefellas' rules, from award-winning filmmaker Jahvis Loveday.

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Struggles for Indigenous rights: A tale of two nations

Claudia Caliarì

In distant corners of the world, two nations grapple with the past and present, confronting the weight of history and the promise of change. Brazil and Australia, each with its unique Indigenous populations and landscapes, are currently engaged in pivotal struggles for Indigenous rights that have far-reaching implications for their societies and the global battle against climate change.

In Brazil, a controversial legal doctrine known as the 'Marco Temporal' has been at the heart of a heated debate over Indigenous land rights. This doctrine, with its ominous translation as the 'Time Limit,' asserted that Indigenous communities were only entitled to lands they physically occupied in 1988 when the country's Constitution was signed. This notion effectively erased the painful decades of forced displacement for more than 500 years (since the invasion), enforced in recent times during Brazil's authoritarian dictatorship leading up to 1988.

However, today is a day to celebrate, breathing new hope into the fight for Indigenous land rights in Brazil, for Indigenous people around the globe and for life on Earth. A majority on Brazil's Supreme Court voted against the 'Time limit,' safeguarding the rights of Indigenous peoples to claim and protect their ancestral lands. This historic decision reflects a victory for Indigenous rights and their vital role in preserving Brazil's invaluable carbon-sequestering forests.

But the struggle is far

from over. A parallel threat looms in Brazil's Congress, where Bill 490 (renamed PL 2903) leans heavily on the Marco temporal thesis. If passed, this bill would permit mining, water, and energy exploitation within Indigenous territories without requiring free, prior, and informed consent—an alarming violation of international conventions. The agribusiness lobby is racing to push this bill through Congress before the Supreme Court can rule, underscoring the urgency of the situation because they do have an active voice.

Global impacts

The impact of these political battles extends beyond legal doctrines and legislative chambers. Indigenous communities in Brazil have endured land invasions, lack of access to essential services, and a tragic increase in infant mortality. This is the same all around the globe, with minor variations. Illegal mining and deforestation within Indigenous territories have left scars on the land and its people, with mercury contamination causing severe health issues among Indigenous communities.

With many similarities, Australia grapples with its own legacy of more than two centuries of dispossession, social injustice, and discriminatory government policies that nearly annihilated the country's Indigenous peoples. The Voice to Parliament referendum offers a chance for change. This referendum, if passed, would grant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders the same rights as mining and agribusiness

corporations: a voice in the nation's decision-making.

Voting 'Yes' in the Voice to Parliament Referendum means opening space for Indigenous wisdom and connection to guide us through the climate change crisis. It signifies a step towards closing the injustice gap, the health issues gap, the dispossession gap, and the racism gap that have persisted for Indigenous Australians. It acknowledges that the history of dispossession and discrimination cannot be undone, but it can be rectified through a commitment to justice and equality that will last independently of the colours in government.

Both Brazil and Australia find themselves at crossroads in their respective journeys towards recognising Indigenous rights. These struggles are not isolated but interconnected with the global fight for Indigenous rights and against climate change. Indigenous lands, as some of the world's most secure carbon sinks, play a pivotal role in mitigating environmental degradation as the last resort for biodiversity.

As we look to the future, let us remember that Indigenous rights are not just a matter of justice but also an essential component of the broader mission to heal our planet. By supporting the rights and voices of Indigenous peoples, we take a significant step toward a more equitable and sustainable world—one where the wisdom of those who have lived in harmony with the land for generations can help guide us through the dark challenges of our time.



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Too many consultants

After 20-plus years working as a sewer operator, I witnessed exactly what Cr Dey is referring to as to the amount of consultants used by Byron Shire Council (BSC) staff and engineers.

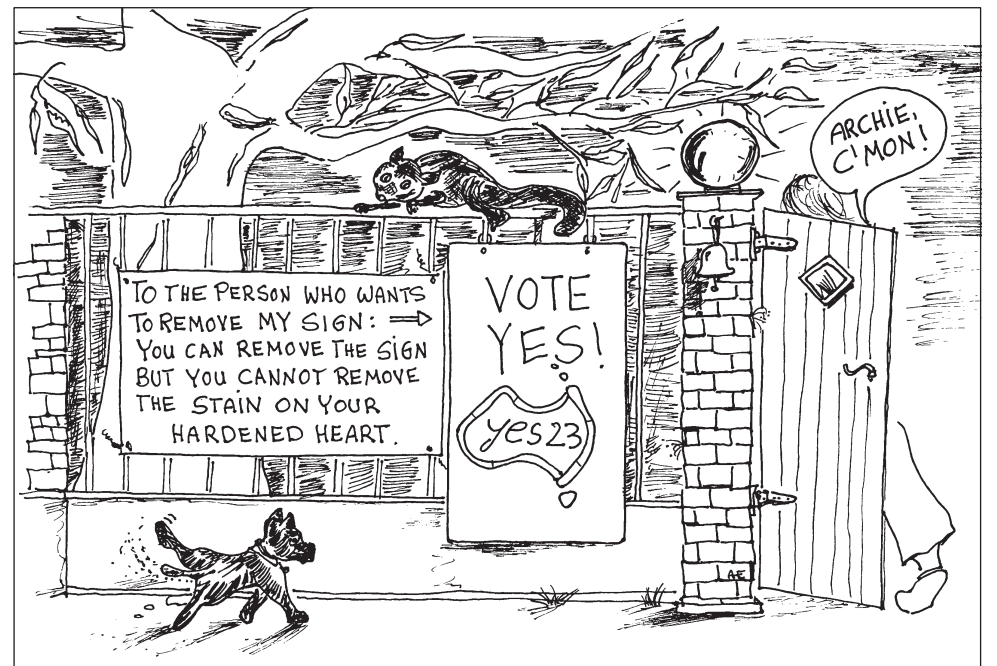
I witnessed on a number of occasions consulting companies being engaged to solve problems that should have been solved internally by Council staff.

I was asked by a Council engineer in the early nineties to go from South Byron STP to the West Byron STP to identify a problem with the plant as the EPA had stated they were going to start fining the council if the problem was not solved.

I took over the running of West Byron STP. I identified the cause of the problem through testing as being that the surface aerators were not capable of supplying enough dissolved oxygen for the plant to nitrify (convert ammonia). I submitted three written reports.

One of BSC's water and sewer engineers visited West Byron on three occasions telling me I was wrong. On one occasion he brought three consultants from Queensland who he claimed were experts in the field of wastewater treatment to also tell me I was wrong.

After eight months of nothing being done to solve this problem a consultant from GH&D arrived one day and told me he had been asked to come down and help solve the problem. He asked me what was happening to which I stated the plant was under aerating resulting in high ammonias leaving the plant and



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbeby

breaching its EPA licence.

Then the consultant stated 'your process monitoring shows that'. The result was that GH&D were engaged to solve the problem.

GH&D called for tenders for new surface aerators, a company called Bi Jazz won the tender and removed the three surface aerators and installed two new surface aerators. Within two weeks the plant which was decanting 43 Mgs/litre of ammonia was reduced to 2 Mgs/litre of ammonia.

This could have been completely done by BSC Water & Recycling without incurring a large consultant's bill, rather than solving a problem that we are meant to be experts in.

Alan Dickens
Ballina

Social housing

I fully support the government's attempts to build more low-cost housing in the nation.

Slo Mo talked a lot but did very little! Albo puts up a policy but it's 'all smoke and mirrors'. Albo knows it is. He likes making policy statements that give a warm and fuzzy feeling but never occur.

Where is all this vacant land? The housing is to be near established transport links, roads, hospitals, and education facilities.

Albo is a 100 per cent liar as the land doesn't exist in matching the agreed locations shown above. 1) The tradies to build do not exist. 2) There are not enough tiles, bricks, windows, sinks, doors, locks, taps, lights, dish washers, hot water systems etc. to build 10,000 new homes in Australia annually. 3) Albo and his mates in Canberra treat Australians like idiots. 4) As the nation owes over \$ 1trillion currently so all this is on the credit card. My grandchildren's children will still be paying this back. But if nil is built then no debt accrued!

Question: I am asking why

this nation is totally devoid of good trustworthy politicians in councils, state and federal government. Most are self-seeking opportunists.

The last real statesman in the country was John Howard. Since them we have had a stream of bad PMs – Rudd, Gillard, Turnbull, Abbott, Slo Mo and now Albo.

We deserve much better as a nation.

Erno Kritzler
Kingscliff

Railing on

In John Scrivener's letter (20 September), he speaks of the community's desire for progress.

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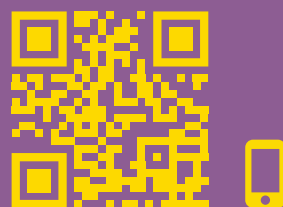


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The founders' ingenious idea was simple yet impactful - collecting coffee waste from local cafes and restaurants to cultivate gourmet mushrooms. These mushrooms would then be reintroduced to the community, forming a sustainable cycle that benefits both people and the environment. Over time, Life Cykel's vision expanded, evolving into something even more profound - the cultivation and extraction of premium-quality mushroom extracts for enhanced wellbeing.

Life Cykel's team of expert farmers and scientists ensure the highest quality in the growth and extraction of mushrooms. A patent-pending extraction process results in liquid-form products with superior bioavailability, maximising their effectiveness. When incorporated with native wisdom and the antioxidant profile of Kakadu plum, this addition elevates the health benefits of the mushroom extracts, providing a holistic approach to wellbeing.

Life Cykel collaborates with the Byron Bay Herb Nursery, a non-profit disability charity offering job opportunities and community engagement for individuals with disabilities. This partnership has led to the creation of Alkaline Greens and Bee Pollination Grow Kits, as well as seedlings for the 'Grow & Gift a Tree' program. Launched in September



2020, the 'Grow & Gift a Tree' initiative allows customers to contribute \$3 to their order, supporting the Byron Bay Herb Nursery's seedling growth, which is then gifted to local community groups.

Life Cykel's deep-rooted partnerships extend to remarkable individuals like John Smith Gumbula, a cultural ambassador and founder of BUR'AN, an Ethical Fairtrade Indigenous Social Venture Corporation. Collaborating with John, Life Cykel has developed outstanding products, including the Dreamtime Bush Tucker Box and Ancient Australian Activation Extracts, incorporating a range of native Australian ingredients.

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The original good food shop

From humble beginnings with original founders Marco and Rob selling produce and bulk wholefood staples out of the back of a ute in Upper Main Arm from 1978, Santos Organics has been supplying healthy and organic vegetarian food to the Byron Shire community for over 45 years.

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The Santos Organics team.

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Sourcing 'local first'

Organic awareness month at Mullum Farmers Market

As the month of organic awareness has come to a close, it is a lovely opportunity to celebrate and reflect on some of the work that happens behind the scenes at our farmers' market and why everyone talks about the 'Mullum vibe'.

As many of you might not know, our markets were set up by our local community and farmers, to enable our local farmers to make a living and sell locally grown fresh, nutritious produce at affordable prices. Of the farmers that attend our market, an increasing number, currently over 40% of them, are now certified organic. Some of those farmers are part of the team running our markets and play leadership roles in the organic farming movement.

David Forrest, from Forrest Organic, is a pioneer and farmer/educator in organic farming. He is also the current president behind TROPO and advisor to the committee that runs the Mullum Farmers Market. Sue Mangan is the secretary, writer and producer of the TROPO magazine and current president of our markets. Rod Bruin, from Summit Organics, has been the president of TROPO and president of Mullum's markets for seven years and remains an ordinary member of the committee.

TROPO stands for Tweed, Richmond, Organic Producers and is a grassroots organisation set up in the late 1980s to encourage the development of organic farming in the Northern Rivers.

Members include everything

from certified organic farmers to backyard gardeners and conventional farmers working toward conversion. They are committed to supporting healthy, locally grown organic food production. They run a number of regular activities that include meetings, workshops and field days that cover practical organic farming techniques and tips, as well as the wider issue of sustainable agriculture.

Education is a focus - they produce a biannual magazine with a wealth of knowledge,

including planting guides. They open up their farms for farm walks four times a year. These walks are an excellent opportunity to see the developments happening on organic farms and the constant adaptation required by climate change. They are used by the farmers as a great opportunity to share knowledge and answer any questions. The day usually ends with a delicious organic feast, all of which is offered to you for a really minimal donation.

It's truly inspiring to witness the commitment of these

organic produce and artisan products and supporting their local community of growers, suppliers, businesses, and customers alike, are the cornerstones of Santos Organics. The launch of the 'Grow the Growers' project earlier this year, supporting farmers to convert their farms to certified organic, signified their deep commitment to strengthening the local economy and ensuring food security for the Byron community in years to come.

Registering as an environmental not-for-profit social enterprise in December 2016 also formalised Santos Organics' longstanding focus on community and environmental projects through its donations totalling over \$337,000 and involvement in many valuable community and environmental initiatives.

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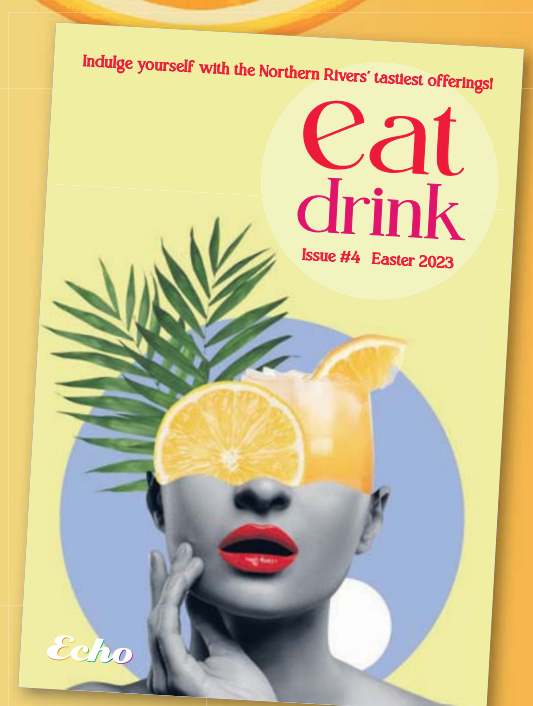
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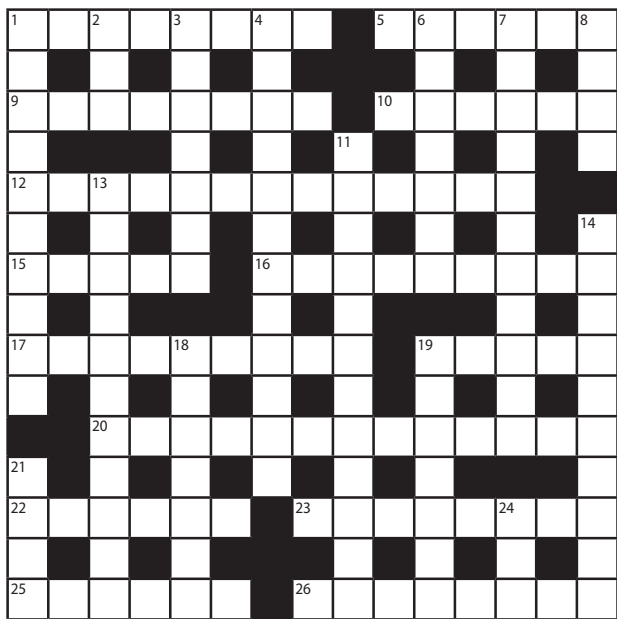
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Mungo MacCallum's Crossword #511



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Undefined date, thus encountered a single. I object! (8)
5. Policeman found in emergency services ranges (6)
9. Cast a spell on the door (8)
10. Wake up – circle and turn in your rear end (6)
12. Wild, raw gambolling – a result of 20 (6,7)
15. Cook, like in go off (5)
16. Futile exercise unfortunately locates us (4,5)
17. Finished an old photograph or a subdivision? (9)
19. Find a total for a nobleman (5)
20. Camel – it could be a threat to life as we know it (7,6)
22. Portable cooker, proper with America (6)
23. Use opals to enhance marriage (8)
25. Required, but ended badly around the East (6)
26. Captive advertising is a unit, right? (8)

DOWN

1. Winter excursion in a glider – he is excited (6,4)
2. Carpet graduate overtime (3)
3. Old East German car – time to raise ban on worker (7)
4. With trepidation, I place my will when the cat's away! (4,4,4)
6. From the heart – one account following, perhaps, a heart! (7)
7. Great French artist takes two turns around rebellious gulag in great distress (4,7)
8. Little, but came first – needed for 1 down (4)
11. Drag queen to make a transition, a theatrical helper (5,7)
13. Coral cave in danger – we need a protective measure! (4,7)
14. Be road trader for popular book (4,6)
18. Garland certain to produce recreation (7)
19. Illicit conspiracy about the noise of horns (7)
21. Zero enclosure, not closed (4)
24. Star, a small French one (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. One of these days! (8)
5. Famous Monkey trial! (6)
9. Way in (8)
10. Stimulate (6)
12. Worldwide temperature rise (6,7)
15. Bake (5)
16. It has no chance of success! (4,5)
17. Advanced; evolved (9)
19. Enumerate (5)
20. The cause of 12 across (7,6)
22. Camp stove (6)
23. Expression of support; adoption (8)
25. Necessary (6)
26. Convict (8)

DOWN

1. Transport mode for Santa Claus! (6,4)
2. Rug (3)
3. Old East German car (7)
4. It happens when the cat is absent (4,4,4)
6. Coronary (7)
7. Artist who lived and worked in French Polynesia (4,7)
8. Toboggan (4)
11. Female impersonator (5,7)
13. When ingested provides immunity to an infection (4,7)
14. Literary blockbuster (4,6)
18. Spare time (7)
19. What one is in when colluding! (7)
21. Candid (4)
24. Around which the planets orbit (3)

Last week's solution #510



Hug vax cures loneliness

We live in a world of over 8 billion people. Never in the history of humanity have so many people inhabited this planet. And yet many of us are lonely. How can we have so many humans so absolutely disconnected and sad?

Around 33% of people report they feel loneliness. By way of definition, loneliness is the negative feeling that occurs when your needs for social connection aren't met. Loneliness isn't to be confused with being alone. Being alone can be a choice, it's like chocolate. It's delicious and kind of wonderful. It's not loneliness. Loneliness is the hand that pushes you down. It's the feeling of abandonment when you cry for your mother and she doesn't come. When no one comes.

There are three types of loneliness: emotional loneliness which is the absence of meaningful relationships; there is social loneliness which is a perceived deficit in the quality of social connections; and existential loneliness – a feeling of fundamental separateness from others and the wider world.

Loneliness can create inflammation throughout the body. It can be a source of depression and anxiety. It leads to low self-esteem and can affect your sleep. Health experts have likened its negative health impacts to smoking. In fact, it puts you at a 29% increased risk of heart disease and 32% more at risk of a stroke. Turns out when it comes to long-term health benefits, hugs are better than keto.

Chronic loneliness changes your brain. It can prompt changes that further isolate people from social contact. It doesn't just make people feel isolated. It actually changes their brain in ways that can hinder an ability to trust and connect with others. Chronic loneliness can make you eat more, feel angry, spend too much time on social media, it can certainly make you feel



Loneliness then is a kind of emotional starvation. A deep aching desert of desolation and despair. A giant hunger for human connection. A poverty of self.

hopeless. It leads to brain fog. Lonely people are more likely to get dementia. And people with dementia very often live in a state of constant enduring loneliness.

Humans survive and thrive through social exchange. Loneliness then is a kind of emotional starvation. A deep aching desert of desolation and despair. A giant hunger for human connection. A poverty of self.

Most of us have felt loneliness at some point. It hurts. In fact, scientists are finding that loneliness has serious medical consequences. Our brain sees loneliness as pain. A brain imaging study showed that feeling ostracised activates our neural pain matrix. Studies have also shown that ostracising others hurts as much as being ostracised. Wow. We are meant to be connected. We are meant to be kind.

So much loneliness right in plain view. I often walk past those rooms full of pokies and feel the sadness. Gambling

machines that offer some sort of electronic communion. Some sort of momentary hope. The pretty flashing lights and the happy noises seem to underline the misery. Lonely people gamble. Lonely people can be more prone to addiction. Loneliness can be a predictor of later suicidal ideation and behaviour.

Loneliness is more prevalent among vulnerable older adults. Especially those with dementia. Minority groups experience loneliness. It's more highly reported in LGBTQIA+ communities. Stigma, discrimination and barriers to care are all contributors to the loneliness epidemic. It's not Covid that is killing us. Or even cancer. It's our sadness. Our sense of being unloved, uncared for and unimportant.

So here's a solution. Connect. Take out your ear buds and speak to that person on the plane next to you who is desperate for a chat. Visit an older person in your street. Reach out. When it comes to loneliness we are both doctors and the medication.

Prescribe love.

Dosage: one hug three times per day.

STARS BY LILITH

Definitely the week to tune into Mercury joining the sun and Mars in peace-loving, sweet-talking Libra, sign of gracious communication...



LIBRA THE SCALES

ARIES: In this week's energetic light and shade, the balancing of opposites is Aries' most important ask. Tune into your mentor planet Mars, who's currently assisting with lessons in how to practise the fine art of diplomatic negotiation, of negotiating solutions with Venusian charm, grace and persuasion.

TAURUS: October warms up to an enjoyably social start with Uranus, currently on staycation in your sign, suggesting you find ways of maintaining your sense of joy and purpose in the face of planetary changes. This week is likely to get better results from agreeing to disagree rather than arguing it out.

GEMINI: This week's astral energetics suggest taking inventory of the people you surround yourself with. And your mentor planet Mercury, in the sign of relationship, reminds you of the benefits of listening to the other person's viewpoint before leaping to conclusions or expressing your own opinions.

CANCER: If last month was challenging, let's not spoil now with the memories of then. Because this spritzly spring week's buzzwords are beauty and balance, or more specifically, rebalancing. Is something looking like it's simply not right for you at this time? If in doubt, wait it out.

LEO: Let this week's regulating energy guide you in deciding when to push a little and when it's advisable to pull back. The outer planets' slower pace suggests there's no need to race into rash decisions, so take a break and apply yourself to designing a more satisfying work/pleasure balance.

VRGO: Nobody's perfect. We're all artworks in progress, so be less demanding of yourself this week. With your mentor planet Mercury in the sign of aesthetic intelligence for the first half of October, you'll bring the voice of reason to any mediation. Pro tip: the most elegant solution is likely to be the best.

LIBRA: Libran wit Oscar Wilde once observed that the making of a good salad requires diplomacy, as in knowing exactly how much oil to mix with your vinegar. With the radiant sun, passionate Mars and flirty Mercury in your sign, you Venusians should get excellent results from his recipe this week.

SCORPIO: If you're wondering whether this is a good time to have 'the talk', astral indications say wait. This week's people are likely to want to keep things light, so if possible postpone for a couple of weeks till Mercury's in Scorpio and your concerns are more likely to be heard.

SAGITTARIUS: With Mercury moving into the sign of equity, it's possible that reconsidering a hardline decision might yield better results. Normally your mentor planet Jupiter favours candid conversations to discuss differences of opinion, but this week will be more responsive to a less direct, more diplomatic approach.

CAPRICORN: This week's artistic star lineup recommends the 'beauty way' – the practice of dedicating each day to receiving beauty into your life. To seeing and appreciating the beauty in yourself and others: in a stranger's smile, a flower beginning to bloom, a happy child or animal... and then sharing it.

AQUARIUS: As collective uncertainty and eco-stress fracture life as we've known it, new ways of contributing and communicating spring up through these cracks. Standing up for causes that support truth and justice has always been the Aquarian way, and this week an important issue calls for your engagement.

PISCES: September stimulated organisation and downsizing, this month's about making life beautiful. And ideally, doing that with someone else. With October's astral energy in the fair-minded sign of joint ventures and partnering, this week calls for an equitable distribution of workloads and contributions.

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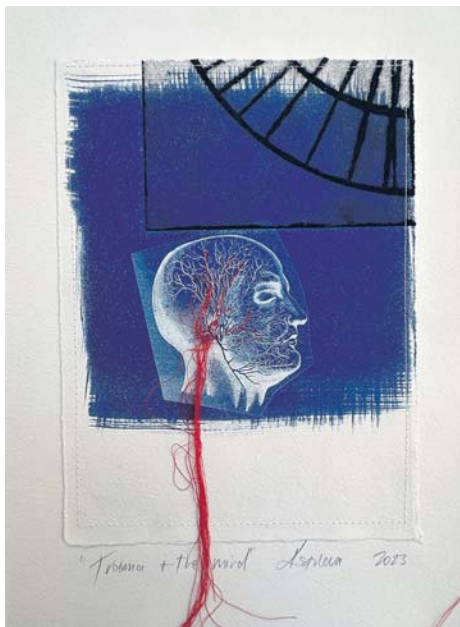
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THE ARTS

ARTIST IN FOCUS



Katie Alleva

Tracing Threads from Mullum to Melbourne

It's not every day a Mullumbimby printmaker gets the opportunity to exhibit at the leading body for printmaking in Australia. The Print Council of Australia is the peak body representing and connecting our national communities in printmaking and works on paper.

Alleva's show, 'Tracing Threads', was exhibited in the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in March/April this year. It is the creative outcome of her recently completed degree at Griffith University, for which she achieved First Class Honours. The exhibition explores the re-writing of the personal migration story of her Italian Alleva family. Katie says, 'By exploring my family history with a focus on oral stories, old photographs, cartography, and archival objects, I confront ancestral

intergenerational trauma, and explore my own position within this entangled web and migration narrative'.

Exhibiting at the PCA is an exciting opportunity to connect with a broader audience, especially Melbourne's large Italian migrant community. This project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia. Opening night is on 5 October at the Print Council of Australia Gallery Melbourne.

Katie runs Botanical Blueprint workshops in Mullumbimby and Burleigh Heads.

Check out her website for more details.
www.katiealleva.com.au

Edenglassie

Melissa Lucashenko
in conversation with
Kerry O'Brien

BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL

Wed 1 Nov
6pm
Byron Theatre

Delve into award-winning Bundjalung author, Melissa Lucashenko's latest novel, Edenglassie; A brilliant epic which torches Queensland's colonial myths, while reimagining an Australian future.



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byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on



LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY



Where they walked

Kylie Caldwell, Nickolla Clark, Luke Close, Jenn Rowe
30 September - 28 October 2023

Lismore Regional Gallery — pop-up space
46 Magellan Street, Lismore
www.lismoregallery.org

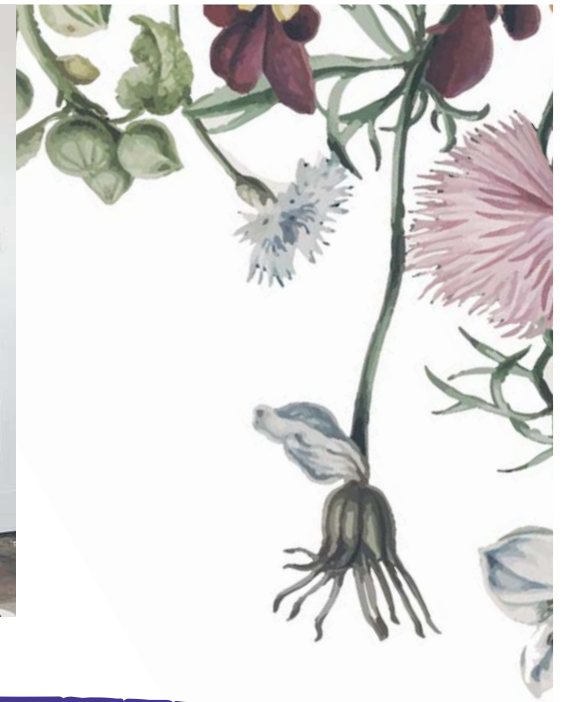
Kylie Caldwell, My nan used to weave! 2023 (detail)



Applications for BSA long courses now open

BSA year-long courses offer support for emerging and established artists as well as an encouraging platform for those seeking introduction to the field. Their courses incorporate studio programs designed to help students acquire the knowledge, skills and experience needed to form an integrated understanding of contemporary ideas and art practices.

byrnschoolofart.com



Where they walked: Lismore Regional Gallery pop-up space 30 September – 28 October 2023

'Where they walked' is an exhibition of four First Nations artists: Kylie Caldwell (Bundjalung), Luke Close (Githabul), Nickolla Clark (Arakwal) and Jenn Rowe (Trawlwulwuy). Much Indigenous history has been tragically erased by colonisation. In this exhibition, the artists summon the voices of their ancestors, reclaiming lost traditional knowledge. In this recovery, the artists advocate for gentler, more sustainable custodianship of the land.

Lismore Regional Gallery is a creative initiative of Lismore City Council supported by the New South Wales Government through Create NSW, the Australian government through Creative Australia, its arts funding and advisory body, and the Friends of the Gallery.

Open Tues–Sat, 10am–4pm, and Thursdays 10am–6pm.

46 Magellan Street, Lismore lismoregallery.org



Jenn Rowe, The Messenger – King Crow

Ingenuity Sculpture Exhibition

Celebrate the beauty of sculpture and creativity at the 'Ingenuity Sculpture Exhibition', within the historic grounds of the Mullum Museum. With free (or by donation) admission, this event is a must-see for art enthusiasts of all generations.

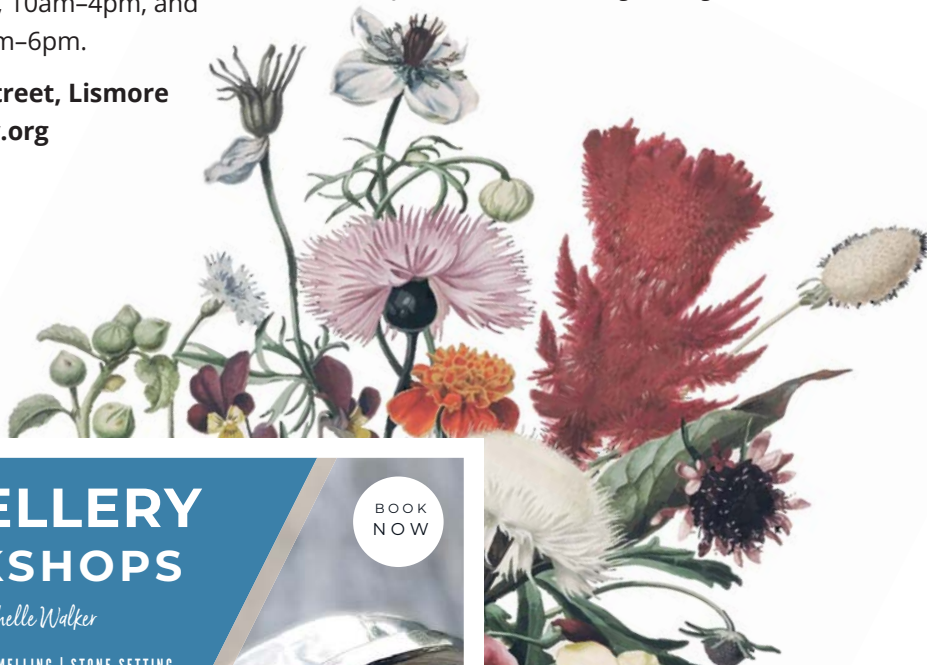
Join them for the launch event on October 7, opened by Mayor Michael Lyon. The evening will feature the sound of the Parrot:Baartz Project jazz ensemble, setting the stage for something unforgettable for the Museum's 40th birthday.

Throughout the exhibition a dynamic program of events, including engaging artist talks, hands-on workshops, and the thrilling 'Art Drop' scavenger hunt on October 14, will provide a unique experience for art lovers.

Be part of this cultural celebration at the Mullum Museum.



October 7–15, 10am–4pm
Full program at creativemullum.org.au
Mullum Museum, cnr Stuart & Myokum Sts



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Hele Ellis: 'Entering the Zone'

Local abstract artist Hele Ellis re-emerges after years of research with her solo exhibition 'Entering the Zone', showcasing her most recent work from September 28 to October 12 at Vampt, corner of Bayshore and Banksia Drive, Byron Arts and Industry Estate. She'll also offer art workshops on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October at Vampt on how to enter the zone.

0474 199 601

Bayshore/Banksia Dr, Byron Bay



Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre

'Silhouette of Memories' presents a collection of paintings by Bundjalung artist Michael Philp that explore personal history and a strong connection to family and friends. Each painting has been inspired by a memory or an old photograph.

'I grew up with a large extended family so the social and cultural connections run deep over many generations. I felt strongly about each painting and the emotional connections I had with everyone who was being depicted.'

I get to honour these people in some small way, some of whom are not with us anymore', says Michael.

This exhibition is the outcome of Tweed Regional Gallery's inaugural Bundjalung award, awarded to Michael Philp as part of the 2022 Wollumbin Art Award.

2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah
Photo: Michael Philp in his studio 2023. Kiff & Culture

Jewellery workshops with Michelle Walker

Looking for creative things to do in Byron? Join a silversmithing class with Michelle Walker!

Michelle's jewellery-making classes cover the key skills you need; perfect for anyone who would like to start the journey of making their own jewellery and for those seeking to advance their skills. In class, you will be guided through the process of crafting your

own unique pieces of jewellery – whether it's a stunning ring, pendant or earrings.

Class sizes are small and held in a beautiful, purpose-built studio.

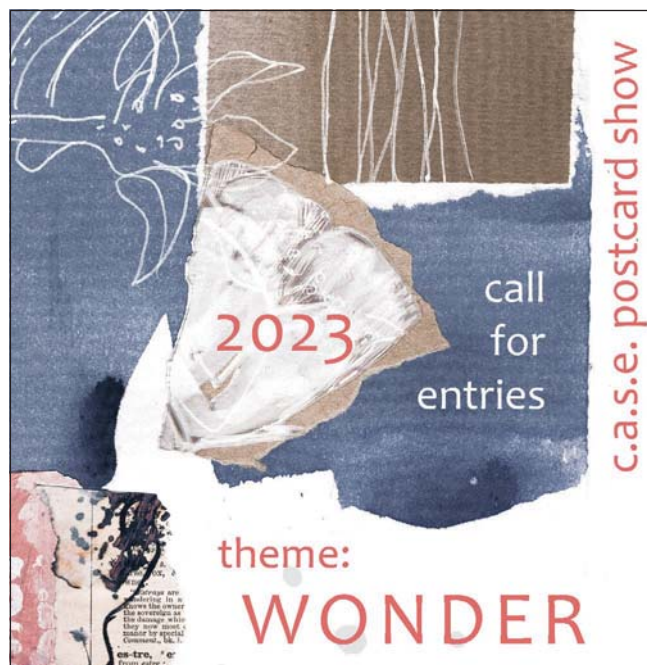
For more information, contact Michelle
michellewalkerart.com/workshops



C.A.S.E. postcard show

The 2023 'c.a.s.e. Postcard Show' launches Tuesday September 19 with this year's theme: wonder. The exhibition will be open over the weekend of December 15-17 2023, showcasing at the Byron School of Art in Mullumbimby. Their creative community continues to be stronger than ever with over 450+ entries received last year. Entries are welcome in all media/mediums, including video, that has been increased to 20 seconds.

Entries close on Saturday 18th November. Full details are up on our site www.caseartspace.com with links on our IG @c.a.s.e.inc



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THE PARROTT:BAARTZ PROJECT

LOCAL DANCING STARS SHINE

Cancer Council NSW are very excited about presenting the upcoming **Stars of Northern Rivers – Dance for Cancer**, a celebrated community dance gala event where you will see Northern Rivers locals dance in front of a massive audience.

Stars of Northern Rivers will feature eight local legends joined with professional dance instructors. They have had only eight weeks to learn a dance routine while also fundraising to help people in the community affected by cancer.

All our 'stars' will perform in front of an impressive judging panel, including Australian singer and entertainer, Normie Rowe, and compete for one of three awards up for grabs: Judges' Choice, People's Choice, and Highest Fundraiser.

Anne Briggs, Community Relations Coordinator at Cancer Council NSW's Northern Rivers office said she hopes that the local community will get behind the event. 'Stars of Northern Rivers is a truly unique experience for the

Northern Rivers community. The Cancer Council NSW has run the event across the state now for about 10 years, however, we haven't run it for a while in the Northern Rivers, but we are back on deck this year!

'The whole premise is that it's a fundraising event for cancer that's a lot of fun! We all come together for a couple of rehearsals.

'There's a great line-up of stars on board this year, matched with talented local dance teachers who have generously offered their time and expertise for this huge night.'

Funds raised by Stars of Northern Rivers will contribute to local Cancer Council initiatives such as the local Northern Rivers Transport to Treatment and Cancer Councils 13 11 20 information and support line, as well as provide practical and emotional support services and education programs on cancer prevention.

Byron Theatre Saturday October 14 from 5pm.
Tickets: byroncentre.com.au.

On Saturday, Creative Mullum presents the **Ingenuity Sculpture Festival** with a grand opening featuring sculptures (of course), food, drinks and live music by the region's most accomplished jazz quartet, **The Parrott:Baartz Project**.

The Parrott:Baartz Project represents a powerhouse of international talent now centered in the Byron Shire. Individually acclaimed and world-renowned, the quartet, co-led by Nicki Parrott (bass/vocals) and Martha Baartz (sax/flute), featuring Steve Russell (piano) and Dave Sanders (drums), culminates in an expression of both historical and modern perspectives for a 'perfect mix' of original music with toe-tapping tunes from the American Songbook. The band's engaging sound and stage presence invite the audience to enjoy a unique afternoon of solid, classic entertainment with a few surprises along the way!

All set in and around the grounds of the Mullumbimby Museum this will be a fun and entertaining day for art and music lovers of all ages starting at 4.30pm.

www.parrottbartz.com

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BYRON THEATRE
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THE ALMIGHTY SOMETIMES

The Almighty Sometimes opens the refurbished Drill Hall Theatre on Saturday, October 12.

The Drill Hall was built in 1916 as home to the Mullumbimby Platoon of the 41st Battalion. It was later converted into a theatre in the 1970s. Over the years the interior was modified with the addition of a stage and raked seating installed in 2016. Thanks to a grant from Regional Development Australia and support from North Coast Events, AAE Industries and JC Coastal Construction, it has now been converted into a modern Black Box Theatre.

To inaugurate this new space the Drill's Artistic Director, Liz Chance, directs a stellar cast in Kendall Feaver's brilliant, captivating and witty play about mental health, and the medication of children. It's real, it's relevant and a play that many youth and parents can relate to.

Anna, played by Nakeita Bradbury is a typical teenager: curious and excited about the future and she wants to explore her creativity as a writer and get to know her first boyfriend, Oliver (Rees Laird). However, she has taken psychiatric medication since she was 11 and now she wants to explore a life beyond the dulling effect of pills.

Since early childhood, she has been under the treatment of a psychiatrist, Vivienne (Mechelle Anderson), who understands Anna's desire to live without medication but knows the risks of sudden and unsupported withdrawal. Meanwhile, her mother, Renée (Rachel Gorman), is determined to protect her. She fears Anna risks throwing all her progress away for a personal experiment.

This funny and brilliantly observed piece about autonomy, mental health, and the medication of youth, guarantees Feaver's place as one of Australia's new generation of great writers.

There are 12 performances only from October 12 to 29 – Thursdays to Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 5pm.

Running time is approx. 150 minutes with an interval. Recommended for years 15+ (mature content and language).

Bookings: trybooking.com/events/landing/1101082 and drillhalltheatre@gmail.com

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EPIC BEATS IN OCTOBER

Epic beats and making a difference are what it's all about at October's **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink: The Ultimate Party with a Conscience!**

Get ready to groove across the dance floor at Nudge Nudge Wink Wink, your awarded community event.

October's incredible lineup includes guest DJs, **SHE J** and **Danco**, joining resident DJs, **Lord Sut** and **Dale Stephen**, guaranteed to lift you to the brink in their dancing rink.

World-renowned DJ/percussionist/producer, SHE J, will take you on a journey with seamless transitions spanning genres such as deep house, tech/house and ethereal/dub techno, combined with her signature sound to create a raw intimacy in her dynamic set, having been featured at Splendour, Bizarre Garden, Essential Intentions, Soiree, Electric Forest and others.

Making his Nudge debut is DJ Danco. Originally from the UK, Danco began making music 30 years ago, encompassing DJ'ing, live instrumentation, and music production. He has also organised and played multiple dance parties and events throughout Northern England. His blend of musical styles – deep house, through to trance and techno – takes you on a musical journey

across the rink. Danco, a recent convert to the Northern Rivers region, is excited to play his first Nudge.

Guaranteed to elevate your spirits on the dance floor, the beloved Cunning Stunts resident DJs, Lord Sut and Dale Stephen, provide the auditory bombs for your bodies to explode with joy. We can't wait for you to drink in their delicious tunes at this October's Nudge Nudge Wink Wink!

Nudge Nudge Wink Wink is more than a party; it's a FUNdraiser providing essential connection, charitable support, and a warming of spirit for all who attend. Once you've given it a nudge, you'll have to return. Wink wink!

Saturday 4pm, a ticketed 18+ event at The Billinudgel Hotel that is SOLD OUT. To ensure you get advance notification of future ticket sales, sign up to the e-newsletter cunningstunts.com.au/subscribe/.

Tickets: cunningstunts.com.au/event/nudge-nudge-wink-wink-07-10-2023/

The only legitimate site for purchasing any tickets available for resale is via [Tixel.com](https://www.tixel.com).

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BLUESFEST 2024 – HERE WE GO!

Festival Director, Peter Noble OAM, says it's Bluesfest Byron Bay's 35th birthday next Easter, and as usual they'll be rolling out multiple artist announcements over the coming months – here's a couple of names you might know...

Jack Johnson, Tom Jones, The Teskey Brothers, Matt Corby, L.A.B., Elvis Costello & The Imposters, Peter Garrett & The Alter Egos, Tommy Emmanuel, The Dead South, The Paper Kites, Drive-by Truckers, Newton Faulkner, Steve Poltz, 19-Twenty, Taj Farrant, Erja Lyytinen, Harry Manx, Here Come The Mummies, Clayton Doley's Bayou Billabong, Little Quirks, Hussy Hicks, Blues Arcadia and Rockwiz Live. But wait!

There's also **Tedeschi Trucks Band, The Cruel Sea, Taj Mahal** (exclusive), **Tim Finn, Ian Moss, Rickie Lee Jones, Dan Sultan, The Whitlams Black Stump Band, Coterie, Playing For Change Band, Lisa Hunt's Forever Soul, Jackie Venson** (exclusive), **WILSN, Caravana Sun and Women of Soul Collective.**

Noble says surfer, artist, filmmaker, humanitarian, and environmentalist Jack Johnson, who first played Bluesfest in 2001 as a virtually unknown artist, will return for one exclusive performance, the only one he is scheduled to play in Australia in 2024.

'Jack is one of the most loved artists to play Bluesfest, and with over 24,000,000 album sales since we first toured him, we can't wait to welcome him back. Jack last played Bluesfest in 2019 on our 30th birthday.

'Welsh national treasure Tom Jones has had over 100 million album sales, and 36 top 40 hits, including "It's Not Unusual", "Delilah", "Sex Bomb", "Green, Green Grass of Home", and so many more. The last time Tom Jones played Bluesfest was in 2016, and he had his manager personally contact Bluesfest to ask to return in 2024. We can't wait!

'There are so many other great Australian and International artists coming to perform, including the most requested artist to return to Bluesfest after their show-stopping 2022 performance: The Teskey Brothers. We also have: favourites L.A.B., Elvis Costello, Peter Garrett and Tommy Emmanuel; first-timers and internet sensations The Dead South; Drive-by Truckers are returning after a 15-year absence from our stages; returning by popular demand is 19-Twenty and so many more. Special mention to wunderkind blues guitarist and singer Taj Farrant, who, at the age of 14, has almost one million Facebook followers and just secured the number one single on the iTunes blues chart worldwide; he is going to be a superstar.

'I am so proud to bring this incredible gathering of the world's best artists to Bluesfest Byron Bay. Our line-up is shaping up to be one of our best. And we're just getting started!

'The Tedeschi Trucks Band was the most requested band by Bluesfest 2023 attendees to perform at our 35th-anniversary festival, so we are thrilled to be able to deliver on such a demand. In two days from now, Tedeschi Trucks Band will be headlining Madison Square Garden in New York. These guys are a big deal! We have Taj Mahal playing exclusively for his tenth time! Taj is a giant of the blues world, with his Blues Hall of Fame membership, his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Americana Music Association, and three GRAMMYS.

'Rickie Lee Jones is one of the greatest songwriters of all time – famed for writing, among others, "The Horses", which is such an Australian favourite. Talking about Australian favourites, we are so thrilled to have The Cruel Sea reforming and playing again, some 15 years after their last Bluesfest performance.'

Bluesfest 2024 is set to be an extraordinary celebration of music, bringing together a diverse array of artists and genres to create a unique and unforgettable experience for fans of all ages.

Bluesfest is on the Easter Long Weekend from 28 March to 1 April 2024.

Tickets for Bluesfest 2024 are for sale via Moshtix on www.bluesfest.com.au/tickets/.



LUCKY, LUCKY, FRIDAY THE 13TH ENCORE!

Experience the enchantment once again – *The Magic of the Mundane* returns to the Byron Theatre for an encore performance that promises to be nothing short of extraordinary. Written by the brilliant Mikey Bryant of **Mt Warning** and brought to life by the captivating Elodie Crowe, with the mesmerising accompaniment of Tara Lee Byrne on the cello, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Following the overwhelming success of its premiere in August, which saw every seat in the house filled to capacity, *The Magic of the Mundane* is back by popular demand, and for good reason. Mikey Bryant's thought-provoking script brilliantly captures the beauty hidden within everyday life, weaving a spellbinding narrative that resonates with audiences of all ages. With each scene, you'll find yourself drawn deeper into a world where the ordinary transforms into the extraordinary. Elodie Crowe's performance as the lead is nothing short of captivating. Her ability to breathe life into her character, infusing it with emotion and authenticity, is a testament to her remarkable talent. Crowe's on-stage chemistry with Tara Lee Byrne, whose cello melodies evoke a hauntingly beautiful ambience, is a highlight of the show that will leave you with goosebumps.

The Magic of the Mundane transcends the boundaries of traditional theatre, offering an immersive experience that challenges perceptions and ignites the imagination. It's a journey that will make you laugh, cry, and, most importantly, appreciate the magic that exists in the everyday moments we often overlook. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this theatrical phenomenon. Tickets for the encore performance are already in high demand, and just like the premiere, they're expected to sell out quickly. Secure your spot for this show and prepare to be enchanted by *The Magic of the Mundane* once again. This is not just a show; it's an unforgettable experience that will stay with you long after the final curtain falls.

Book your tickets today and be ready to be spellbound!

Lucky, Lucky, Friday the 13th – 7pm at the Byron Theatre. Tickets: byroncentre.com.au.



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IN THE YEAR 2055...

The Creator – against the backdrop of a war between humans and robots with artificial intelligence, a former soldier finds the secret weapon, a robot in the form of a young child.

In 2055, an artificial intelligence created by the US government detonates a nuclear warhead over Los Angeles, California. In response, the US and its Western allies pledge to eradicate AI from the earth in order to prevent humanity's extinction. Their efforts are resisted by New Asia, a country in Southeast Asia whose people continue to embrace AI despite outcry from the West. The US military launches an extensive military campaign against AI, seeking to assassinate 'Nirmata', the mysterious chief architect behind New Asia's AI advancements.

From director/co-writer Gareth Edwards (*Rogue One*, *Godzilla*) comes this epic sci-fi action thriller set amidst a future war. Joshua (John David Washington), a hardened ex-special forces agent grieving the disappearance of his wife (Gemma Chan), is recruited to hunt down and kill the Creator, the elusive architect of advanced AI who has developed a mysterious weapon with the power to end the war and mankind itself. Joshua and his team of elite operatives journey across enemy lines, into the dark heart of AI-occupied territory, only to discover the world-ending weapon he's been instructed to destroy is an AI in the form of a young child (Madeleine Yuma Voyles).

The Creator screens at Palace Cinemas at both Ballina and Byron this week.

For more information and tickets, visit: palacecinemas.com.au.

WEDNESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **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**

THURSDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DANA GEHRMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ZAC HUBBARD**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DONNY SHADES**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**, 7PM **SLOWLY SLOWLY & STAND ATLANTIC**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **ROYAL DUCK**

FRIDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOUL FISH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **BEN JANSZ TRIO + NO ID**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **DJ YASMIN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **RESONANT HAND**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MITCH KING + KANE MUIR & TASHMEEN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **RUSTY TUNES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- BANGALOW HOTEL **CROAKER & THE HONEYBEE**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **CARTOON**

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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **YOLAN**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **GLITTERATI RIOT**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7PM **NATHAN KAY + DJ MAGNUS**
- SMALL WORKS GALLERY, MURWILLUMBAH, 5.30PM **EXHIBITION OPENING – CATCHING THE GLOW**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **DANA GEHRMAN + GUESTS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **STEVE SAVAGE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **PSEUDO ECHO**

SATURDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **CHLOE JETT + FLIGHT FACILITIES**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7PM **BRIGHT LIGHTS PRESENTS FROZEN JR**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM **TIAGO FREITAS**, 5PM **DJ WILL CONNELL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **MOONTIDE ENSEMBLE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **GEED UP**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **CHEEKY CABARET**, 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- BANGALOW HOTEL **LACHLAN JACQUES**
- MULLUMBIMBY MUSEUM 4.30PM **JAZZ @ THE MUSEUM – THE PARROTT : BAARTZ PROJECT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK – DJS SHE J, DANCO, DALE STEPHEN & LORD SUT**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**

- SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, LISMORE, 12PM **ANEMOIA FESTIVAL**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **BELLA FRANKIE ALBUM LAUNCH 'CUT FOLK FABLES' + BILLY SMITH**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **GLITTERATI RIOT + DJ DEEP FRYER**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ NAT WHITE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **STOCKADE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 6.30PM **JESSE MORRIS & THE SHAKEDOWN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **SONGS IN THE KEY OF MOTOWN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM **SLOWLY SLOWLY & STAND ATLANTIC**

SUNDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **MADISON KAT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12.30PM **BEN WHITING**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **BELLY OF THE BEAST BOOK LAUNCH**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **KARUAH**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **THE RAINBOW TREE**, 6PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 4PM **ENCLAVE + LOOSE CONTENT + GALLERY OF VIOLENCE + BURNT TRASH**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BLUES CLUB – SCRUBBY PETE & THE BRILLIANT PRETENDERS + TROMBONE KELLIE**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **BEARFOOT**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 2PM **THE HILLBILLY SKANK**

- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **HENRY WAGONS**
- PEARCES CREEK HALL, PIERCES CREEK, 3PM **KARL S WILLIAMS & SALLY WIGGINS**
- DUNOON SPORTS CLUB 4PM **OPEN MIC 'PLUCKERS AND POETS'**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **LISMORE JAZZ CLUB – ROYDEN AINSWORTH AND THE WOYUNG MOTU SOCIAL CLUB**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM **MATT HILL**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BASIL SELLERS THEATRE, BOND UNIVERSITY, VARSITY LAKES, 2.30PM **GOLD COAST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – CLASSICAL GEMS**

MONDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TY LA MOONCHILD**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 5.30PM **IF NOT NOW... SING FOR THE VOICE & RABBIT-PROOF FENCE**

TUESDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **AKOVA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**

WEDNESDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JOCK BARNES**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, **LIVE POETS**

Session Times

Thurs 05 – Wed 11 October

PALACE CINEMAS
108 Jonson St, Byron Bay

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

A LITTLE LIFE (IC13)
FRI, SUN: 2:00PM
TUES, WED: 6:00PM

**THE CRIME IS MINE (M15+)
SPARKLING SESSION
TUES: 6:30PM

FAMILY FILMS

PAW PATROL: THE MIGHTY MOVIE (PG)
DAILY: 11:30AM, 1:50PM

RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN (PG)
DAILY: 11:15AM, 1:30PM

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (PG)
DAILY: 11:20AM, 1:40PM, 5:00PM

ALL FILMS

A HAUNTING IN VENICE (M)
DAILY: 11:00AM, 2:50PM, 7:15PM

BARBIE (PG)
THURS, SAT, MON, WED:
1:40PM, 3:40PM, 7:00PM
FRI, SUN, TUES: 1:40PM, 7:00PM

BLUE BEETLE (M)
DAILY: 11:00AM

EXPEND4BLES (IC13) (NFT)
DAILY: 4:00PM, 6:10PM, 8:20PM

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3 (PG)
DAILY: 1:30PM

OPPENHEIMER (M15+)
THURS, SAT, MON:
3:30PM, 6:00PM
FRI, SUN: 3:30PM, 6:15PM
TUES, WED: 3:30PM

PAST LIVES (M)
DAILY EXCEPT TUES: 11:30AM, 4:10PM, 6:20PM,
TUES: 11:30AM, 4:10PM

SAW X (M15+) (NFT)
DAILY EXCEPT FRI, SUN:
1:15PM, 8:15PM
FRI, SUN: 8:15PM

SHAYDA (M) (NFT)
DAILY: 1:45PM, 3:45PM,
6:00PM

THE CREATOR (M)
DAILY: 11:00AM, 4:00PM,
6:45PM

THE EXORCIST: BELIEVER (IC13) (NFT)
DAILY: 12:00PM, 3:30PM,
6:00PM, 8:30PM

THE NUN II (M)
DAILY: 8:30PM

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Iluka, the hidden coastal gem on the rise

Nestled along the pristine coastline of north eastern NSW, just 90 minutes south of Byron Bay, the picturesque town of Iluka is not just a hidden gem; it's a flourishing haven for those seeking the perfect place to call home. With its natural beauty, vibrant community, and a bright future on the horizon, Iluka has become an increasingly attractive destination for property buyers looking for more than just a house; they're seeking a lifestyle.

Iluka is blessed with some of the most breathtaking natural landscapes. From the stunning coastline, pristine beaches and fantastic vistas along the Clarence River to the UNESCO World Heritage Rainforest, world-class surf, and spectacular sunsets

that paint the sky in hues of orange and pink. With a lifestyle so closely tied to the environment, Iluka is a paradise for those who appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors. What truly sets Iluka apart is its vibrant and welcoming community.

Residents here don't just live side by side; they support and enrich each other's lives. The sense of belonging is palpable, with various community events and gatherings that bring everyone together. Whether it's the local markets, community



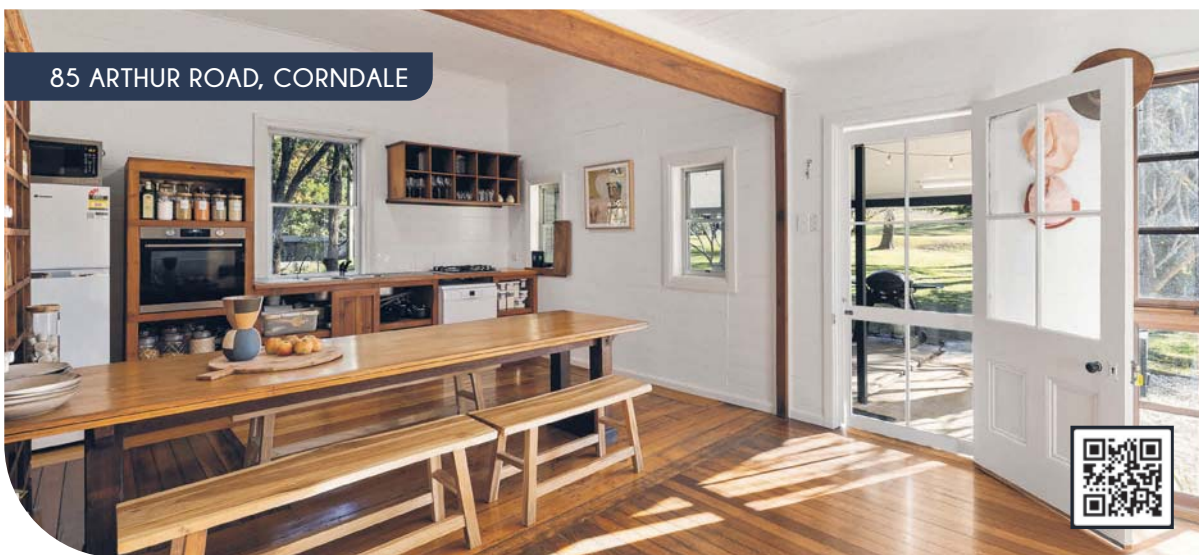
fundraisers, or the popular Iluka pub, there are countless opportunities to connect with your neighbours and build lasting friendships. The

town's warm and friendly atmosphere is something that newcomers instantly fall in love with.

Not only a town rich in natural beauty and community spirit, Iluka is a place of growth and opportunity. The property market in Iluka is thriving, and for good reason. As more people discover the charms of this coastal paradise, demand for properties here continues to rise. The median house price now sits at \$775,000, a 76% increase since 2019. Yet, even with the growing

interest, Iluka has managed to maintain its authentic and laid-back vibe. There are still plenty of opportunities for buyers to find their dream home, whether it's a cosy fisherman's cottage or a spacious family retreat.

■ To find out more about the Iluka Property market feel free to get in touch with Nick Potente, Principal at LJ Hooker Iluka.
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85 ARTHUR ROAD, CORNDALE

Property Will Be Sold!
37 Acre Ranch minutes to Clunes Village

4 beds 3 baths 2 cars 7

37 ACRE

- Circa 1900's farmhouse and original dairy bails
- Full-size tennis court with night-time lighting, spring-fed dam with jetty, and a barn-style shed
- Picturesque rural views and an abundance of frequent wildlife sightings
- Potential for further development on the site (STCA)

AUCTION | Sat 28th October 10am onsite
PRICE | Contact agent
OPEN | Sat 7th Oct, 9:30-10am



Sharon McInnes
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*Agent declares interest



19 KEATS STREET, BYRON BAY

Elevated Character Home in Prime Central Location

3 beds 2 baths 2 cars 2

678M²

- Original three-bedroom timber home minutes from Byron centre
- Charming original features including stained glass windows and timber flooring
- Elevated block with potential to capture vast hinterland and sunset views
- Conveniently located close to Byron's schools

PRICE | \$1.795M - \$1.895M
OPEN | Sat 7th Oct, 10-10:30am



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11 CHARLES STREET ILUKA Riverside Elegance

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643 sqm

For Sale
\$1,850,000

Prepare to be captivated by the unique blend of North African charm and contemporary luxury at this magnificent family residence. Set against the tranquil backdrop of the famous Clarence River, this property embodies sophistication, comfort, and timeless elegance.

Whether you seek a harmonious multi-generational living arrangement or investment potential, this property offers an exceptional living experience for your family. Immerse yourself in the splendour of 11 Charles Street and make it your forever home in Iluka.

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179 MAIN ARM ROAD, MULLUMBIMBY



'ROYSTONEA REGIA' Sublime Retreat with Convenience of Town Living

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🏠 4.65 ACRES

- Impressive family home on 4.65 acres of lush botanical gardens & views to Mount Chincogan
- Open-plan living, dining and kitchen space with exposed rafters and fireplace
- Large deck, with a gazebo and firepit area for alfresco dining
- Double garage, two huge sheds & designer studio

PRICE | \$2.5m - \$2.75m

OPEN | By appointment



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2/39 CHILDE STREET, BYRON BAY



2/39 Childe Street



High-End Beachside Living in Exclusive Belongil

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- Turn-key ready, high-end bespoke renovation directly across from the beach
- Features custom joinery, fixtures, and smart storage, perfect for a minimalist home
- A versatile loft space suitable for a home office or recreation.
- Ground floor, open plan living blends seamlessly with the outdoor patio

PRICE | \$1.65m - \$1.8m

OPEN | By appointment



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Jasmin McClymont
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388 COOPERS SHOOT ROAD, COOPERS SHOOT



7,600m²



Rare Opportunity to Build Your Dream Hinterland Home!

🏠 7838M²

- Rare two acre vacant block with ideal North orientation
- Sweeping views from mountains to Byron's famous lighthouse
- Sealed driveway, perimeter fencing, and power access ready for building
- Convenient location: short drive to beaches, town centres, and nearby schools and airports

PRICE | Contact agent

OPEN | By appointment



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111 BURNETTS ROAD, NASHUA



Soulful Byron Hinterland Retreat

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🏠 2.35 HA

- Unique and character-filled property with a soulful earth wall main residence
- Main residence features open-plan living, seven bedrooms, multiple outdoor areas, and a yoga hall
- Second dwelling offers northern hinterland views, open-plan living, and loft space
- Located in the heart of the hinterland with private native forest, suitable for a wellness retreat, family estate, or Bed and Breakfast operation

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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107 BATES ROAD, FEDERAL



Introducing 'Hill Top Abode' A Luxurious Acreage Retreat with Sweeping Condong Waterfall Views

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- 500-square-meter interior featuring stone textures, cathedral ceilings, and a wood fireplace
- One-kilometer tree-lined driveway, harmoniously merging the property with nature
- 14-meter mineral infinity pool and fully-equipped BBQ area
- All bedrooms have direct access to the spacious decks

PRICE | Contact agent
OPEN | By appointment



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21 PALM-LILY CRESCENT, BANGALOW



Beautiful Queenslander Home in Family-Friendly Neighbourhood

3 1 2 2

688M²

- Renovated home with high-quality finishes and a contemporary designer aesthetic
- Spacious yard with Council approval for a secondary dwelling
- Gourmet kitchen fully stocked with high-end appliances
- Heated magnesium swimming pool, enjoyable at any time of the year

PRICE | \$1.775m - \$1.85m
OPEN | Sat 7th Oct, 11-11:30am



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Renee Schofield
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3/64 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY



Sunlit Apartment in Byron Bay's Golden Grid

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- Elevated first-level apartment in a boutique block of four units
- Open-plan living space features raked ceilings and large windows for ample natural sunlight
- Covered balcony perfect for entertaining or enjoying a morning coffee
- Unbeatable location close to Byron's town, beaches, and schools

PRICE | \$1.295m - \$1.355m
OPEN | By appointment



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6/22 BAY STREET, BYRON BAY

6/22 Bay Street



Apartment in Iconic Beachfront Complex

2 1 2 2

- Situated just steps from Byron's Main Beach, offering easy access to the beach and the town's amenities
- Located in a private and quiet corner of a well-run complex, it provides community living benefits without sacrificing privacy
- Access to a crystal-clear pool, sunbathing deck, and barbecue area
- Premium amenities and a dedicated management team for convenience and comfort

PRICE | Contact agent
OPEN | Sat 7th Oct, 12-12:30pm



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6 AVALON AVE, CLUNES

51 TRISTANIA STREET, BANGALOW



Price Guide: \$1,500,000-\$1,600,000 4 2 3
Open: Sat 7 Oct 10:45 to 11:15am 1945m²

Price Guide: \$1,300,000-\$1,400,000 3 2 2
Open: Sat 7th Oct 9:15 to 9:45am 668m²

A spacious home on almost half an acre

A classic home offering peace and privacy

Coorabell Ridge
BYRON HINTERLAND LIFESTYLE



UNRIVALED LIFESTYLE

Large homesites - Registered land now selling \$1,200,000 - \$1,500,000

Make Byron Hinterland's most coveted community your new way of life.
Live amongst the trees, with sweeping hinterland views and private access to the flowing creeks and River.
Only 15 privileged residents will call Coorabell Ridge home.



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EAGLE PEAK RETREAT - THE FIRST LIGHT IN THE BYRON SHIRE



amir prestige

📍 170 BOOGAREM ROAD, KOONYUM RANGE

4 🛏️ 2 🚿 2 🚗 29Acres* 🏠 Disclaimer *≈ approx.

One of a kind Paul Uhlmann multi award winning architecture, rare escarpment living on 29 acres, 30 minutes to Byron Industrial, 20 minutes to Mullumbimby. Set on solid bedrock foundations 600 metres above sea level with panoramic views from Byron Bay lighthouse to the Queensland Border Ranges. The jewel in the crown of Byron, this escarpment build is a never to be repeated phenomena in Byron Shire, private - secure retreat set behind iron gates down a 200-metre asphalt driveway.

Built on ancient lava flow from Mt Warning with crystals abounding, you will be vitalised by the magnificence and vastness of spirit of this land. Front entrance presents a walkway bridge cascading "life truth change" water feature lotus pond as you enter through double opening glass doors. You step into the highest most easterly home in the nation, views which expand out into the Open Sea, the North Easterly aspect of this property is exquisite.

Inspection by Appointment

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A GORGEOUS EWINGSDALE LIFESTYLE AT "TERRA ROSSA".



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📍 146 MCGETTIGANS LANE, EWINGSDALE

5 🛏️ 4 🚿 5 🚗 8002m²* 🏠 Disclaimer *= approx.

Nestled amongst ancient fig trees and swaying palms, in the hidden sanctuary of Ewingsdale, lies "Terra Rossa".

'Terra Rossa' (Red Earth) is set in a rural landscape with deep red volcanic soil, and enjoys space and privacy, bordering expansive fields and farmland, without the isolation of country living. Simplicity is key here and Terra Rossa takes advantage of this with its meandering creek and many fruit & nut trees, and yet only minutes from the famous and beautiful beaches of Byron Bay.

The home is freshly painted and ready for it's new owners to move straight into. With various accommodation options, including the approved cottage, this property makes for an excellent country home with scope to develop it, or for those looking to buy and hold provides an excellent rental return.

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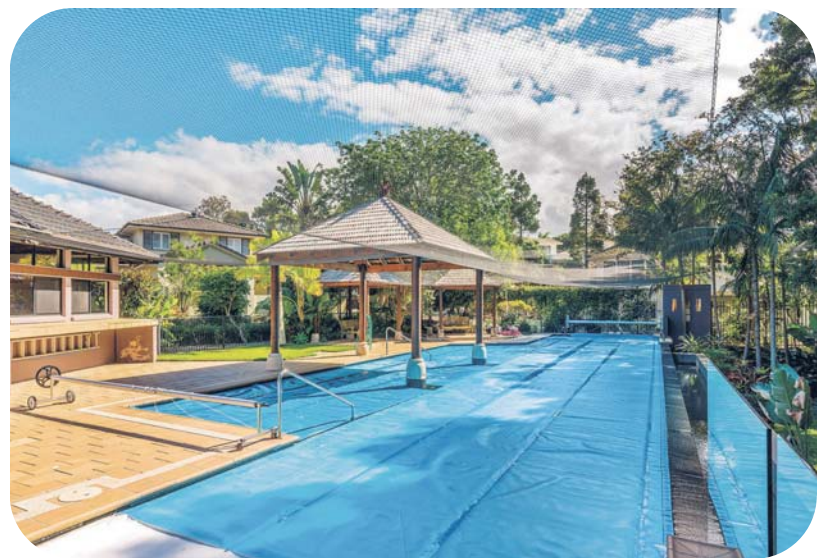
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BIRDSONG IN EAST BALLINA



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📍 1 THOMPSON CRESCENT, EAST BALLINA

4 🛏️ 3 🚿 2 🚗 400m²*  Disclaimer *= approx.

Located in the desirable Rainforest Ridge enclave in East Ballina, this fantastic home offers contemporary features and open floor plan. The Golf course, beaches and town centre are just a short drive away. Chances are you've driven past this estate and never noticed it. Both levels offer privacy for family members or overnight guests. On the ground floor there is a dream kitchen with quality appliances, open plan living and dining area that spills into a bright and breezy sunroom. The master bedroom has an oversized ensuite, 4th bedroom/study and a two car extra-large garage housing the newly renovated laundry with plenty of storage.

Upstairs there are two bedrooms, a bathroom and sun-lit sitting area. From here the abundant tree-tops are in full view. The courtyard is beautifully configured and envelopes the home on three sides with spaces to sit and enjoy listening to the birdsong.

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4 BED



4.5 BATH



4 CAR



1009 M2

Once-in-a-Lifetime Beachfront Luxury: A Masterpiece Beyond Compare

Expressions Of Interest

Prepare to be swept off your feet by an inspired architectural design that has seamlessly melded with the breathtaking coastal canvas, commanding unparalleled 180-degree views of the ocean.

Set on an expansive 1009m2 parcel of prime beachfront real estate, this residence basks in a brilliant northeast orientation. It's an architectural wonder that invites you to embrace the soothing rhythm of the waves and just a few steps to the beach.

Immerse yourself in the quintessential Lennox lifestyle within the walls of this sprawling family sanctuary that spans multiple levels. With floor-to-ceiling glass enveloping the interior, the boundaries between indoors and outdoors blur into insignificance, offering you a seamless connection with the natural beauty that surrounds you.

This residence is the ultimate testament to the power of a view.



Address: 27 Pinnacle Row, Lennox Head

Inspect: Saturday 12 - 12:30pm

Agent Contact: **Gail Fuller 0418 441 675**
Scot Fuller 0401 911 557

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'AVENEL' 187 BURRINGBAR ROAD, BURRINGBAR NSW

4-BED 4-BATH 2-CAR 39.59HA



A SLICE OF PARADISE

'Avenel' set on 39.59ha (approx. 97.5 acres) is a truly magnificent country estate, with Burringbar Creek meandering through this countryside.

Combining the best of both worlds, the timeless charm of a historic property and the modern amenities that cater to contemporary living. The property also offers a resort style experience with an in-ground pool that is picture perfect, a sauna for relaxation and a range of design details that add to the overall ambience. Perfect for equestrian pursuits boasting top tier equestrian facilities, including a state-of-the art, full-sized covered dressage arena with Clopf surfacing, providing an attractive option for horse enthusiasts. In addition this property is also suitable for many rural pursuits including cattle grazing, making it a great choice for those interested in livestock farming or simply wanting the perfect lifestyle property.



79B WALTERS ROAD, UPPER ORARA (COFFS HARBOUR) NSW

5-BED 4-BATH 3-CAR 21.8HA



'Simply the Best'

- A LUXURIOUS ESTATE IN UPPER ORARA VALLEY

An unparalleled luxury estate nestled on 21.8 hectares (approx 54 acres) of pristine land in the enchanting Upper Orara Valley (Coffs Harbour).

This prestige property redefines opulence and offers three distinct private quarters, making it the epitome of luxury living. Equestrian facilities for horse lovers, ensuring both you and your four-legged companions have the best amenities. Resort-sized swimming pool and gym, perfect for relaxation and exercise. The eclectic mix of international components is a result of its well-travelled owner, renowned architect Trevor Jamison and local builder Frank Maione. This collaboration of minds intended for the property to be built as a work of art, reflective of a lifestyle that mirrored and echoed the Australian culture and ethos, and one that could be appreciated by generations to come.



121 FRASERS ROAD, MULLUMBIMBY CREEK

3-BED 3-BATH 1-CAR 2.48HA



ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER.

This 2.48 hectare parcel of land (approximately 6.10 acres) offers breathtaking views of the valley, mountains, and the ocean, stretching from Brunswick Heads to Broken Head, with Mount Chincogan gracing the Byron Hinterland.

Mullumbimby's identity as the 'Biggest Little Town in Australia', is tied to its strong community focus on lifestyle, holistic health, organic food culture and care for the environment. Its reputation attracts international visitors to enjoy its diverse shopping, food, entertainment and alternative ambience. Once the home of well-known local identity Brian Perkins, a founding member of Australia's first boy band, The Delltones. The home has a rich history, hosting memorable dinners and parties for some of the world's elite and well-known entertainers and musicians in a creative atmosphere. This property enjoys the ultimate relaxed environment.



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2364B Dunoon Road, Dorrroughby
\$1,895,000 – OFFERS INVITED

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- 15 acres (6.15ha)
- Total 7 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms
- Creek frontage
- Chapel, approved guest accommodation
- Spanish Moroccan home
- Separate guest studio
- Stables, established fruit trees
- 35 min to Byron Bay beaches and shopping



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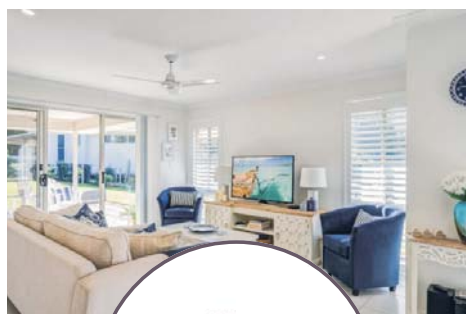
19 May Street, Dunoon
\$895,000 – READY TO NEGOTIATE

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- 3336m² (3/4 acre) block in beautiful Dunoon
- Room for BIG shed, pool or granny flat (STCA)
- 3 bed 2 bath 2 car, built 2018
- NE aspect – passive thermal
- Must sell!



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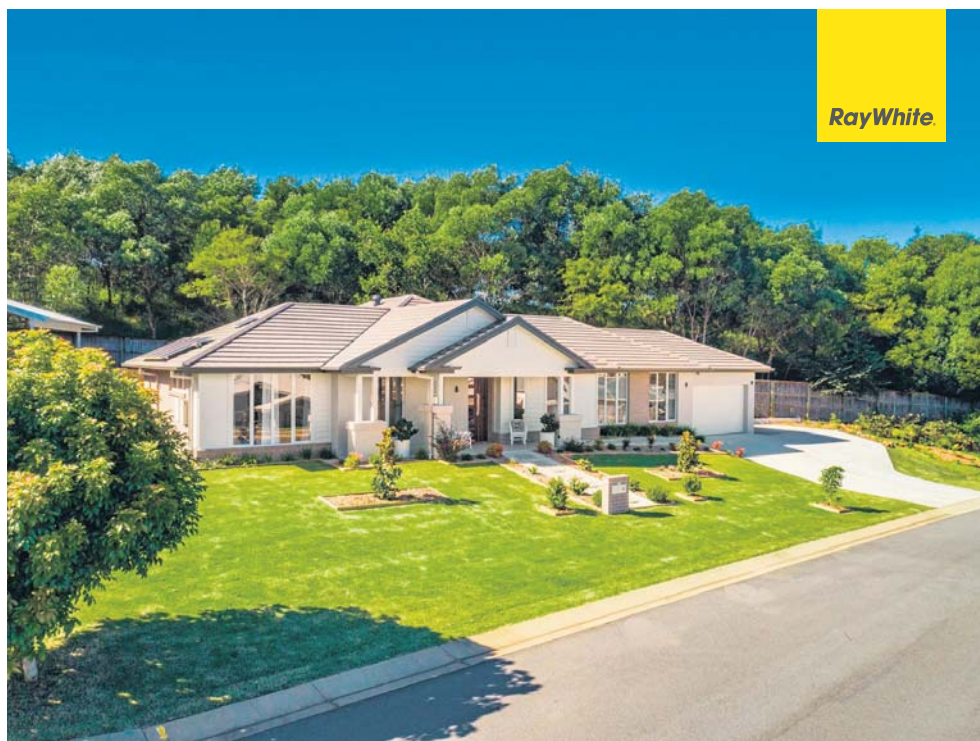
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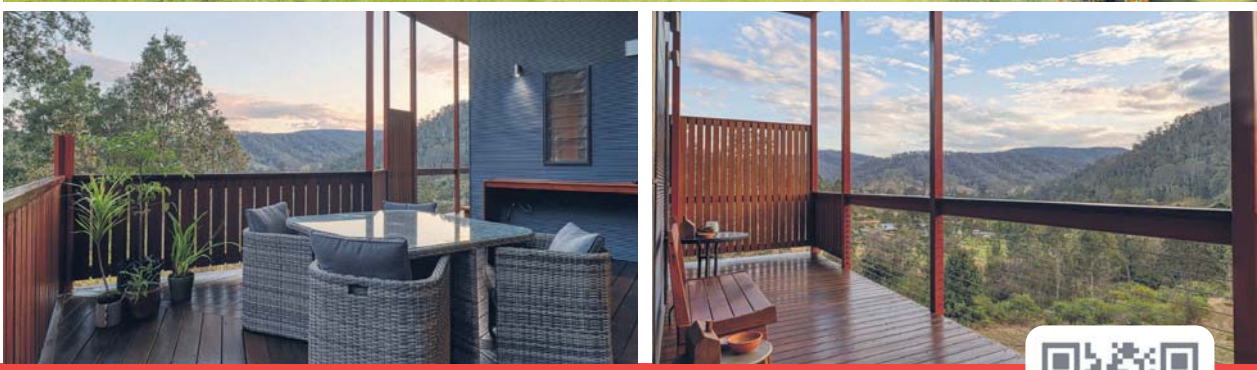
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The program aims to protect the breeding of threatened shorebirds by strategically managing Fox pests – which is a priority action of the NSW Fox Threat Abatement Plan.

Keep dogs and pets safe

During and after 1080 fox baiting, visitors to Crown land between Boundary Creek Road in the south and Richmond River Nature Reserve in the north should keep domestic dogs on a leash and prevent them from eating any unknown items on the ground. Muzzling your dog while in the area can help prevent accidental poisoning. If you suspect your dog has taken a 1080 bait, contact your vet immediately.

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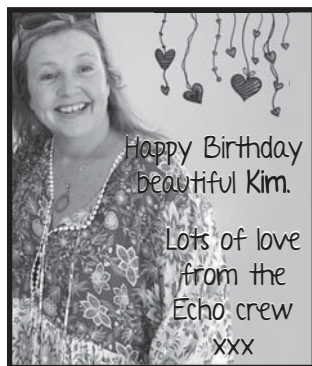
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BIRTHDAYS

Happy 50th Birthday Nharyan.

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From all those that know you and love you.



Happy Birthday beautiful Kim.

Lots of love from the Echo crew XXX

FUNERAL NOTICES

BEVERLEY MAY PORTER 1931-2023 of Byron Bay (formerly of Hamilton NZ)



passed away peacefully, 91 years young.

Beloved sweetheart of Ivan (dec'd). Loving mother and mother-in-law of John and Gabriella, Donna and Michael, Alison and Kevin, and Jillian. Adored Nana and Great Grand Nan.

'Forever in our Hearts'

Please join us to celebrate Bev's life, 12pm Thursday 5 October 2023 at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, 50 Tennyson St Byron Bay.

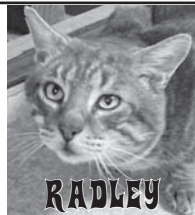
LIFE CELEBRATIONS



ALI (ALISON) FRIEDLAND 13/12/1972-11/08/2023

We invite community to come and join together in the commemoration of our beloved Ali at Broken Head Reserve from 3.30pm, Sunday 15 October. There will also be a paddle out with her ashes. Please bring a flower.

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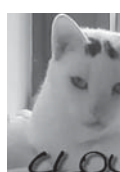


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DATE (Oct)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
4	W	6:21 18:47	9:24	1245 1.56	0547 0.29 1921 0.51
5	TH	6:20 18:48	0:03 10:13	0042 1.00 1339 1.48	0626 0.40 2037 0.57
6	F	6:19 18:48	1:02 11:06	0141 0.89 1443 1.40	0717 0.50 2200 0.58
7	SA	6:18 18:49	1:55 12:02	0318 0.85 1556 1.36	0833 0.57 2312 0.55
8	SU	6:17 18:50	2:41 13:00	0454 0.90 1705 1.37	1005 0.58
9	M	6:16 18:50	3:21 13:56	0556 0.99 1800 1.40	0005 0.49 1119 0.54
10	TU	6:15 18:51	3:56 14:52	0641 1.09 1846 1.45	0045 0.42 1215 0.47
11	W	6:13 18:51	4:27 15:46	0718 1.19 1926 1.49	0117 0.36 1300 0.40
12	TH	6:12 18:52	4:55 16:39	0753 1.29 2000 1.51	0146 0.30 1340 0.35
13	F	6:11 18:52	5:22 17:32	0826 1.37 2033 1.50	0213 0.25 1416 0.31
14	SA	6:10 18:53	5:49 18:26	0900 1.45 2105 1.46	0239 0.21 1454 0.30
15	SU	6:09 18:54	6:17 19:21	0934 1.52 2137 1.41	0304 0.19 1531 0.30
16	M	6:08 18:54	6:47 20:19	1009 1.57 2209 1.33	0331 0.18 1611 0.32
17	TU	6:07 18:55	7:20 21:20	1045 1.59 2244 1.24	0400 0.19 1653 0.35
18	W	6:06 18:56	7:59 22:23	1125 1.59 2321 1.14	0430 0.23 1741 0.40

Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Community at Work: On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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BV VIEW

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold a luncheon on 12 October, 2023 at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club at 10.20am for 11am start. Any members who cannot attend please ring Wena on 0449 563 580 or email: wjhunt@yahoo.com.au no later than Monday 9 October.

AIR

The next meeting for the Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) will be held on Friday, 6 October at the Ballina RSL Club, River St, Ballina. Arrival time 9.30am for 10am meeting. Morning tea will be served at this meeting followed by the guest speaker, Ben Sharkey from Ballina Wellness Centre, who will give an insight on how to keep fit and active as we age. Members and visitors are welcome. Enquiries to Secretary Bob Taylo: 0421 972 192.

Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 10am till 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club, Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group to experience the personal cancer stories told which give a great opportunity for all present to share, learn and benefit from each other. Partners and Carers are also most welcome to attend as family are very much involved with the process and treatment of those with this diagnosis. Enquiries phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

Friends of Libraries

Byron Shire AGM

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their annual general meeting on October 18 at Marvell Hall, Byron Bay at 10am. Author Rod Setterlund will then introduce his book No Mountain is Too High: Village Development in Nepal

Brun CWA market

Brunswick Heads CWA's next market day on Saturday, 7 October from 8am to 1pm at CWA room Corner of Park & Booyun Streets. Craft work, home made cakes, jams & pickles and plants & flowers. Come early to avoid disappointment. Cash only. For further info contact 0431 908 063.

Zonta Club

Northern Rivers Zonta Club monthly meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the Alstonville Bowling and Sports Club, 10-14 Deegan Drive, Alstonville. The focus of our club (and Zonta International) is to build a better world for women and girls. For more information contact Bobbi Crane, President, 0409 980 729.

Richmond-Tweed Family History Society

The next general meeting of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society is on Saturday, 4 November at Ballina Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina, 2-4pm. The presentation by Carmel Crosby is on 'Newspapers' and where else to look besides Trove. Enquiries: contact Victoria Evans at presidentrthfs1@yahoo.com.

BB Hospital Auxiliary

The Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary hold their monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month at the Byron Central Hospital at 1pm. All members and new members welcome. For further information please contact Maureen on 6685 3162.

Baby/toddler drop-in centre and clothes swap

Free drop-in centre and baby/toddler clothes swap each Friday, 10am-2pm at the Mullumbimby CWA Hall, Cnr Tincogan and Gordon Streets. Join us for a free cuppa and biscuits and chat with other mums and dads. Pick up some baby/toddler clothes, and leave any pre-loved clothes with plenty of life left, to share with the community.

Volunteer call out

Support for New Mums Inc. a Northern NSW community program are recruiting volunteers in the Byron Shire. We offer a free-of-charge, home visiting program for mothers with babies. For more information email Deb: newmums8@gmail.com.

BV Scrabble Club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club runs from 1pm to 3.30pm every Tuesday at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. More social than competitive. You don't have to be a champion! Come and join us. For more info phone 0407 844 718.

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am-12 noon, at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Mullumbimby potters & sculptors

Mullumbimby Clayworkers Gallery in the Drill Hall complex is open every Thursday to Saturday 10am-2pm with pottery and sculpture from community members for sale. Applications for studio membership open in January. All details at www.mullumclayworkers.com.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	0424 168 672
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each SAT 8-11am Durabah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911		
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764		
4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024		

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

Local sailing club wins state awards

The Richmond River Sailing and Rowing Club (RRSRC) based in Ballina has been awarded NSW 'Club of the Year' and head coach Michael Willey has been named 'Coach of the Year', by the country's peak sailing body Australian Sailing.

'These are very competitive awards and Ballina winning both is a major achievement,' RRSRC training coordinator Garry Bargh said.

'This puts both the club and the coach in consideration for the Australian club and coach of the year awards to be announced later in the year.'

The presentation of the awards was held in Sydney on September 16. The RRSRC took out the 'Club of the Year' award category B.

'Michael Wiley and the club's Commodore, Phil Robbins, made the trip to Sydney to attend the awards ceremony at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and were pleasantly surprised to find out that both awards had been taken out,' Garry said.

'The citation emphasised Michael's focus on the



'Fast, demanding, high speed sailing is on offer at the NSW club of the year - the RRSRC. Photo supplied

women's skiff training.

'This teaches adult women to sail fast, demanding, high performance, twin trapeze, sailing boats. It is a form of training unique in Australia and has been responsible for introducing a large number of women to this exciting form of sailing,' Garry said.

'The club has also managed to expand its

membership, partly through the skiff training, but also as a result of some innovative approaches to keeping students engaged after Learn to Sail classes.

'This was not withstanding the adverse effect of the floods and at a time when many clubs are fighting a reduction in membership' Gary said.

Burringbar Bandits go from zero to premiership heroes in one season



The Burringbar Bandits came through the final series undefeated, playing away from home, to win the first grade FFNC 2023 premiership. Photo Magdalena Hunt

The Burringbar Bandits would have settled for less in their first year back in competition, but they did a whole lot better by going all the way and winning the Football Far North Coast first-grade premiership.

'It has been a special year for the club, much better than we hoped,' said Kenta Shimizu captain/coach and president of the Burringbar Bandits Football Club (BBFC).

The season came to a head in early September when they beat the minor premiers, Byron Bay, in the grand final 1-0. The BBFC finished the regular season in fourth spot and during the

final series beat Goonellebah (3-2), Pottsville (4-1) and Byron Bay (3-0), in a major semi-final, before the main event.

All this in their resurrection year, after the BBFC officially folded in 2015.

The Burringbar Sports Club looks over some great playing fields, and to see them empty of organised team sport, was just too much for Kenta, a Burringbar local, who returned to his hometown in 2020 as Covid struck.

'When I was growing up here in the 1990s there was local football all day Saturday, from juniors in the morning all the way up to

seniors in the afternoon. To see the team fold was really sad,' Kenta said.

'They struggled for players and financial support.'

'We really wanted to get the club established again on a sustainable footing with sponsors and good player numbers. It was great to win the premiership, but the biggest thing was to see how much the local community got behind us,' he said.

Kenta starting moving to get the club going again in late 2022, and says it 'wasn't easy'.

'We are very happy to get football back in Burringbar, and especially happy to win,' Kenta said.

Lismore Masters Games: It's a wrap

The Lismore Masters Games included over 1,000 competitors across 11 sports and played out over the weekend of September 22-24.

The Games are considered one of the most entertaining multi-sports event in regional Australia and bring much needed economic activity to the area.

Sports on offer included: baseball, cricket, fitness challenge, football, five-a-side, golf, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, oztag, and softball.

The biennial event was started in 1999 and has become a popular fixture on the sporting calendar for mature-aged athletes from across New South Wales



Women's oztag was just one of the sports on offer for a 1,000 competitors at the Masters Games. Photo supplied

and Queensland.

The camaraderie, fun, and competitive aspects of these events attract participants from different walks of life. Typically, competitors are women aged 30 and

above and men aged 35 and above, though this age range may vary.

Lismore City Council has been the driving force behind the 12 Masters Games held so far.

Athlete clears hurdle to high performance centre

Blade Thompson from the Tweed Little Athletics Centre has been selected to be part of the National High-Performance Camp held in the Gold Coast this week.

Blade takes part in the long hurdles and finished first at the recent 2023 Little Athletics Queensland Championships.

The camp is designed to offer each athlete an opportunity to improve themselves, on the track, in recovery, preparation,

psychology and gain a better understanding of the journey and process that is required to assist with their own development, in the high-performance pathway.

Olympic Gold Medalist Glynis Nunn OAM who is the driving force behind the camp since it began 11 years ago said: 'I am always very pleased to be able to contribute to the development of up and coming Little Athletes and look forward to meeting them'.



Blade Thompson clearing a hurdle. Photo supplied

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Your input will be sought from Council – from next week – on what Byron Shire lands should be developed for future housing – see page 9. Yet their plans do not include the 2022 flood levels, because the NSW government haven't released that data (which you supplied them with). Will this doom future residents to flood-prone land risks with no option to insure their properties?

Water utility Rous is asking the Northern Rivers community to use less water now, to help delay the need for water restrictions. Rocky Creek Dam, which supplies most of the north coast with water, was at 84 per cent on Tuesday, according to rous.nsw.gov.au.

Mullumbimby-based rainforest restoration program, Rainforest Rangers, is recruiting volunteers for a new regeneration project in Goonengerry and Wilsons Creek. From Wednesday October 11, four enthusiastic volunteers are needed on four consecutive fortnights. Organisers say in return for their time, volunteers will receive expert education on best practice in bush restoration. Visit www.rainforeststrangers.org/volunteer for more info.

Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce are inviting retail stores in Byron CBD to get into the festive spirit by decorating their storefront windows. Prizes are on offer, and the chamber says winners will be announced at the Christmas Cheer in the Bay event on December 23. Visit www.byronbaychamber.com to get involved.



A National Geographic photographer captures the rarely seen birth of a double bass player. Meme from the interwebs

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation has highlighted new data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) which reveals there was a 9.1 per cent increase in the alcohol-induced death rate in 2022 – the highest rate recorded in over a decade.

Australia's annual growth of 2.2 per cent (563,200 people) is 'undemocratic and unacceptable' according to advocacy group, Sustainable Population Australia (SPA). They say ABS figures for the year ending March 31, 2023, show the growth comprised Net Overseas Migration (NOM) of 454,400 and natural increase of 108,800. SPA National President, Jenny Goldie, says 'NOM now makes up over four fifths of population growth'.

The BOM says 'A large number of Bureau stations had their lowest September rainfall on record'. Yet they say, 'The highest totals during the week were in NSW, with the highest weekly total (at a Bureau

gauge) of 69mm at Clunes, and the equal highest daily total of 68mm at Clunes and Rosebank, in the 24 hours to 9 am on September 29'.

Emergency services will be on show at the Brunswick

Heads Markets in Banner Park on Saturday October 7 from 9am until 3pm. Council staff say, 'Emergency Services Community Connect will offer the community a chance to come and meet local emergency response members and showcase some of the equipment used in an emergency'.

Psst: next time you attend a music festival and police want to search you, ask them if they have completed specialist music festival training. A recent report found that less than half of the officers had completed it. See page 5.

This week (October 4) marks 17 years since WikiLeaks launched, which exposed US government war crimes. And ever since, it's all been going really well for its Aussie founder, Julian Assange.

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