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IT'S HARD TO FLY LIKE AN EAGLE WHEN SURROUNDED BY 'NO'
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Main Arm tunes up for its big day

Storm and Remi were half dead after a full-on afternoon of raging at Saturday's Music In The Valley, held at the Upper Main Arm School. The day featured jumping castles, circus acts, pony rides, magic bus rides, food, and music by Harry James Angus, Greg Sheehan and Emily Lubitz, to name a few. The school was badly impacted by last year's catastrophic floods – the rebuilding of infrastructure and grounds is expected to be fully completed in the next few months. Photo Jeff 'Zombie Wiggles' Dawson

Homeless service receives one off funding

Hans Lovejoy & Mia Armitage

The NSW Labor government has come good with their promise to find emergency funding for Byron's Fletcher Street Cottage (the Cottage), yet it will not prevent the service from reducing its services, say management. The vital homeless hub assists the growing number of homeless people in Byron Shire, the shire with the highest homelessness rate in the state.

Minister for Homelessness, Rose Jackson (NSW Labor), said in a statement last week, 'The one-off funding [of \$125,000] is an initial step to strengthen the homelessness response in Byron and is

in addition to the government's 2023-24 \$11 million investment for homelessness services in Northern NSW, which covers the LGAs of Ballina, Byron Shire, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed'.

Federal Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, says the funding falls short of the funds the Cottage needs to keep their doors open five days a week.

She said, 'I'm backing [Greens] state MP Tamara Smith's calls for the federal government to come to the table with funding for the Cottage, so they can continue to support the most vulnerable'.

Local federal MP, Justine Elliot (Labor), told her social media

followers that it's the first time a NSW government has ever provided funding for this service.

Byron Community Centre General Manager Louise O'Connell welcomed the funds and told *The Echo*, 'I don't know how they allocated those funds, but I'm just so grateful that we can have some more funding to help our frontline workers provide support to people experiencing homelessness, living in cars, couch surfing, sleeping rough'.

The funding is 12.5 per cent of the million dollars Ms O'Connell says the hub is expected to cost to run for another year.

'We recently did a fundraising
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Byron bucks 'No' trend

While nearly all the nation's states and territories rejected the referendum question of an Indigenous Voice to parliament (except the ACT), Byron Shire bucked the trend with the 'Yes' votes claiming all booths on Saturday.

Byron Shire is part of the seat of Richmond, which also includes Ballina and Tweed shires.

Despite some close counts in various booths, those surrounding shires recorded a 'No' majority.

Seat of Richmond

On Tuesday, according to www.tallyroom.aec.gov.au, the Richmond booths recorded 41,020 'Yes' votes, and 52,506 'No' votes in the booths.

There were 1,378 informal votes out of a total of 94,904 votes with 123,584 enrolments.

The postal vote count recorded 2,309 'Yes' votes to 4,451 'No' votes.

Byron Shire booths

- Bangalow: 845 'Yes', 374 'No'
- Billinudgel: 316 'Yes', 206 'No'
- Brunswick Heads: 945 'Yes', 544 'No'
- Byron Bay (three polling booths combined): 5,011 'Yes', 2,487 'No'
- Coorabell: 211 'Yes', 95 'No'
- Ewingsdale: 120 'Yes', 47 'No'
- Federal: 225 'Yes', 93 'No'
- Mullumbimby (two polling booths combined): 1,873 'Yes', 951 'No'
- Ocean Shores (two polling booths): 1,505 'Yes', 845 'No'
- Suffolk Park: 680 'Yes', 232 'No'
- Wilsons Creek: 145 'Yes', 57 'No'

Outside Byron Shire, Lennox Head (Ballina Shire) recorded 1,290 'Yes' to 736 'No' votes.

The combined booths in Kingscliff recorded 1,016 'Yes' votes to 1,250 'No' votes.

▶ See Dr Ray Moynihan's article on page 10 for more detail on the referendum results.



A bush fire on Saturday had, by Sunday, engulfed a large section of the Tyagarah Nature Reserve, located between Belongil and Grays Lane. As of Tuesday, it had jumped containment lines and was moving north. Private property is not currently at risk, say police and the RFS. Photo Benjamin Gilmour

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Repair Day celebrated Oct 21

With International Repair Day on Saturday October 21, Repair Cafe Mullumbimby will be hosting an all-day event between 10.30am and 4.30pm at the Shedding Community Workshop, located at 18 Prince Street in Mullumbimby. Organisers say all are welcome to join the gathering and bring a plate to share in the potluck lunch. The Shedding Community Workshop's Sophie Wilksch says a crew of dedicated

volunteers get on the tools every Saturday from 1.30 to 4.30pm. She also says a newly donated trailer from Solo Resource Recovery (Solo) will be used to assist in the pick-up of salvaged building materials, and large-scale donations of equipment and machinery. 'We have discovered that when we invite our community to get "hands-on" with power tools and

salvaged waste materials, we empower them to create and discover real tangible outcomes. 'As a result, we now support communities far and wide, seeking to replicate and share our salvage, recovery and repair services. 'The Repair Cafe Mullumbimby is part of an international network and organisation, www.repaircafe.org, which has 2,812 registered branches worldwide.'

Homeless Outreach program announced

► **Continued from page 1** campaign and our wonderful community donated \$400,000,' Ms O'Connell says. Ms O'Connell says there is still a funding gap of over \$400,000. 'Unfortunately, from October 23, we're reducing to four days a week.'

Recurrent funding obstacles, expense

Ms O'Connell says the Cottage operators can apply for recurrent funding, but must carry out a daunting 'ASES' red-tape exercise to meet requirements.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) announced at the end of August that homelessness providers must have accreditation with one of four programs by the end of June next year to be eligible for state funding.

The Australian Service Excellence Standards is the first listed and comes from South Australia's Department of Human Services.

Housing providers such as Social Futures already have ASES accreditation, Ms O'Connell says, but the Cottage is a newer service, having only been in operation 18 months.

Ms O'Connell says the accreditation process takes 12 months, 'let alone all the preparation work'. 'I've got to take out resources to actually do this accreditation process,' she says.

The DCJ says it has grants of \$16,000 per organisation available for first-time accreditation applicants with less than \$5 million revenue.

Help needed

Anyone wanting to donate time or money to the Cottage via the community centre is welcome, Ms O'Connell says. 'We've got one patron

who donates \$7 a week and that goes to a breakfast for somebody,' she says, 'we're always looking for volunteers to help with laundry, with cooking, with cleaning, etc.'

But while she appreciates continued community support, Ms O'Connell says 'long-term sustainable funding' is needed so Cottage staff can focus on helping people, 'rather than me spending my time lobbying government and begging for money on the street'.

Assertive Outreach program announced

Additional to the one-off funds, Minister for Homelessness Rose Jackson announced Byron Shire would have its own Assertive Outreach program, something that is already in place in Tweed Shire.

It follows on from a request by Byron Shire Council to establish one.

The *Echo* asked the DCJ what its budget will be, and how many staff would be employed for the Assertive Outreach Program for Byron Shire, and whether it is comparable to the Tweed Assertive Outreach program.

A breakdown was also sought regarding the 'government's 2023-24 \$11 million investment for homelessness services in Northern NSW'.

No budget supplied

A DCJ spokesperson replied, 'The \$11 million funding allocated in 2023/24 in Northern NSW for Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) [is] to be delivered by lead providers Social Futures Ltd and Third Sector Australia Ltd t/a Momentum Collective. This covers the LGAs of Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed'.

'DCJ is currently working towards the development of an Assertive Outreach program in the Byron Shire providing a multidisciplinary team including specialist homelessness services case-workers and health worker to deliver intensive case management and supports to people sleeping rough'.

Minister for Homelessness Rose Jackson's media release reads, 'The devastation from the Northern NSW floods and population increase since Covid-19 have squeezed housing availability in the Byron Shire LGA.'

'In the 2023 street count, 300 people were counted sleeping rough in the Byron Shire LGA, accounting for the largest group in the state'.

She said, 'We acknowledge Northern NSW is really feeling the pinch from housing supply and cost of living pressures and while we work to address these challenges, this funding will ensure this vital service can continue to provide much needed help for the community'.

'Extending our Assertive Outreach team in the region is a crucial part of our work to ensure experiences of homelessness are rare, brief and not repeated.'

'This will take time, as we know there is a lot of work to be done'.

Tamara Smith MP, Member for Ballina (Greens) said, 'I welcome the NSW minister's decision to support the Fletcher Street Cottage as they get ready to apply for ongoing funding'.

'This result is a testament to the advocacy of the manager and staff of the Byron Community Centre, and members of our community'.

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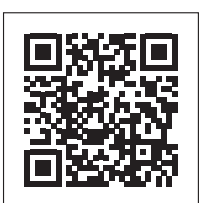


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The scramble to save Wallum

Hans Lovejoy

With considerable public interest in the imminent loss of threatened and diminishing native habitat for an urban subdivision in Brunswick Heads, councillors passed a unanimous notice of motion (NoM) last week to seek legal advice and federal and state government intervention.

Wallum Estate (DA 10.2021.575.1) by Clarence Property was approved by the Northern Regional Planning Panel in May, bypassing Council as a consent authority.

It proposes 123 residential lots and three small medium density sites.

And while it had Council staff support, some councillors have said they were unaware of the significance of the land, owing in part to the DA being advertised during the height of Covid.

According to wallumbrunswick.com.au, the 'premium land estate' will see almost 18 acres (60 per cent of the site) rehabilitated for flora and fauna habitats. It is expected to be launched in 2023, with lots expected to start at \$720,000.

Yet community group Save Wallum, headed by ecologist James Barrie, says the ecological reports that underpin the development are inadequate and out-of-date, and as such, threaten a unique strip of coastal habitat.

Luciana Bowen, legal representative for Save Wallum, told *The Echo* she doesn't hold much hope the decision would be reversed, yet said, 'Things can be won in strange ways'.



Rainbow bee-eaters at Wallum. Photo Mac Maderski / Save Wallum Facebook page

She told *The Echo*, 'The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) advice was that the Land & Environment Court are very restrictive when it comes to appealing after a decision is made (i.e. granting leave to appeal)'.

'Environmental laws are weak compared to planning laws', she said, adding, 'developers get much more latitude within the court system'.

'This is pristine land, and Australia has some of the highest extinction levels in the world. Why clear their homes for ours?'

'We are not opposed to housing developments – there is an abundance of already cleared and degraded land within the Byron Shire that would be far more suitable for housing than the Wallum site, as it is critical habitat for endangered and

threatened species.

'Also, we are in the midst of an affordable housing crisis, and there is nothing affordable about this development'.

In June 2021, Clarence Property's managing director Peter Fahey declined to comment to *The Echo* on whether they would commit to 'providing a portion of the lots to affordable and/or social housing, in perpetuity'.

Feds step in

Meanwhile, NSW Greens MP, Sue Higginson said in a media release on Tuesday that, 'The federal minister for the environment has contacted the proponent for the Wallum Development to remind them of their legal obligations under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) to notify

the federal government when undertaking activities that are likely to have significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)'.

Higginson says this was a result of her request that the federal minister for the environment to focus on the proposed development.

'Under the national environmental law, any action that will have or is likely to have a significant impact on a MNES must be referred to the minister as a controlled action'.

'The presence of species that are threatened with extinction and threatened ecological communities on the site proposed to be developed mean that it is likely that the proposed action should have been referred to the federal government as part of the application process'.

NSW govt to start work on treaty

Mia Armitage

Work towards a NSW treaty between representatives of European colonisers of Australia and First Nations peoples in the state is to start before the end of the year.

The first NSW Minister for Treaty, David Harris, said in July the Labor government would be advertising work on a treaty 'quite extensively through Aboriginal communities'.

'It's envisaged that we will be setting up the framework towards the end of this year,' Mr Harris said, 'and then consultation will start next year, probably mid-year because we don't want

people to get consultation burnout, we've obviously got the Voice referendum at the moment'.

Labor's two treaty questions

Mr Harris said work on a treaty was part of Labor's state election campaign.

'What we took to the election was a commitment to go to people, Aboriginal people, across NSW after the Voice referendum and ask them two important questions,' he said.

'One is, do they want a treaty?' he said, 'and the second one is, if they do, what should the process look like?'

'That consultation will

open the discussion,' he said.

'This is not going to be a short process, we want to make sure that we get the views of Aboriginal people 100 per cent heard.'

Mr Harris, also the NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, said in the interview with Bay FM's Community Newsroom he didn't think a NSW treaty would 'look the same as other states'.

'We have Aboriginal Land Councils, we have Aboriginal land rights, and we have the Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations,' Mr Harris said.

'So we have a whole lot of really good infrastructure already, as well as native title holders and traditional

owners,' he said.

But the minister said the state needed a legislated way for Aboriginal communities to negotiate with the government on issues important to them and for agreements to be made.

'Governments, when they change, would still have to respond to those agreements,' Mr Harris said.

'We want to hear from Aboriginal people, from those traditional owners, the native title holders, what they want, and how they see the process working,' he said.

■ Mia Armitage is also EP of Bay FM's Community Newsroom

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Children share flood and landslide stories

Mia Armitage

‘From the top of the mountain, all the water was coming down our creek, a landslide, there was a whole boulder coming down,’ a child’s voice is heard saying.

‘It was like a miniature tsunami,’ another child says, ‘with brown water just powering through the trees’.

‘I just kept on thinking, like, what if the walls came down and just crashed down on us?’ a third child says.

No child is reported to have suffered serious physical injury in the floods and landslides that devastated the Byron Shire hinterland and beyond in early 2022.

But the experience was ‘really scary’, as one child says, and likely unforgettable.

Young legends: flood stories of Main Arm is a podcast trilogy capturing stories of child disaster survivors in Main Arm and Upper Main Arm, in the hills behind Mullumbimby.

It’s ‘definitely difficult for me to hear some of the things they’re saying,’ assistant principal, and year five and six teacher, Christian



Rasela Torise with Main Arm Public School students. Photo supplied

Tranberg, says at a class listening party for episode one, ‘and really beautiful to hear some of the other things they’re saying and to see the humour’.

Made a difference

‘I could see how much difference that has made to them, to have that opportunity to express themselves,’ Mr Tranberg says.

Around 50 students participated in the 18-month project, produced with thanks to combined funding from the NSW Office of Regional Youth and

Community Broadcasting Foundation.

Listening back for the first time in their freshly furnished classroom, the students laugh at memories of being allowed to watch lots of movies, while adults frantically prepared make-shift spaces for the school after it was largely destroyed.

Podcast co-producer, Lealah Shostak, was born and raised in Main Arm, and has fond memories of attending the tiny local school.

‘I work at the Byron Youth Service [BYS],’ Ms Shostak

says, ‘we did two days of radio programming, different activities and recording, like a recovery response when the school was not actually in the school and it was completely shut down in the three weeks following the initial floods, so that’s how it kind of was born’.

‘I made sure to end each conversation with a positive or strength-based question,’ the youth worker says, ‘so you’re really focusing on not so much that trauma reliving but learning experiences’.

Streamed on radio

Ms Shostak and the BYS also facilitate youth radio project YAC Radio, broadcast and streamed via Bay FM Community Radio every Thursday afternoon, enabling her to turn to longtime local community radio producer Rasela Torise for help creating the podcast.

Ms Torise seized the chance to expand the project’s potential by including her mentee, local high school student Monet Shortland, as the presenter.

Young legends: flood stories of Main Arm can be heard via bayfm.org.

Natural disaster resilience funds announced by Labor



North coast mayors with federal MP, Justine Elliot and NSW Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin. Photo supplied

More than \$121 million to fund 52 local projects has been pledged by local federal MP, Justine Elliot (Labor).

‘The joint state and federal government funding is through the Infrastructure Betterment Fund and Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Package – Community Assets Program,’ her media release reads.

‘The Infrastructure Betterment Fund is focused on building back essential public assets, such as roads, bridges and drainage impacted by the storm and flood events in 2021 and 2022, as well as the 2019/2020 Black Summer

bushfires. Funding will mean assets are repaired to a more resilient standard that can better withstand future natural disasters.

‘The Community Assets Program is repairing and building back community assets, including parks, walkways, community buildings, and tourism and recreational facilities, impacted by the storm and flood events in 2022’.

Mrs Elliot added, ‘The floods last year were devastating for our region, and more than a year on, we know there is still so much work to be done’.

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Local sparky suffers serious accident

Eve Jeffery

Local tradie, Jamie Gluyas suffered terrible injuries in a workplace accident on September 28, and he and his family are still coming to terms with the repercussions and trying to navigate the next few months.

Jamie, who is an electrician, sustained serious injuries on a job near Kyogle, and was airlifted to the Gold Coast University Hospital, where he underwent immediate surgery.

Since then he has had another four surgeries, including a full facial reconstruction and jaw alignment and two operations to repair a crushed pelvis.

Ex-partner and close friend, Jessica Amaris, has been at his side since then – Jamie and Jessica co-parent their children, and though they live separately they are still a cohesive family unit.

Estelle is eight, Evan nine, and Mikayla is 17.

Jessica told *The Echo* it's hard to update his status and projected recovery – it's still early days. There are possibly nerve issues in one leg, and possible eyesight issues



Mullum local Jamie Gluyas, here with his youngest children Estelle and Evan, will need several months of medical care and rehab after a workplace accident. Photo supplied

to attend to. These have been 'small' in comparison to the bigger issues so far.

'He had two weeks of surgeries, and he is expected to be in hospital for at least another six to eight weeks, depending on his rehabilitation', said Jessica.

'He also suffered a brain injury, and has post-traumatic amnesia. He still has his personality, humour, wit and long-term memory, however, his short-term memory is not good at all, and he is confused at times.

This could take weeks to many months to resolve, and he currently needs assistance for all daily tasks like eating, showering and so forth.'

On hand to help

Jessica says that she has been on hand to help. 'I've been helping with his confused state, and speaking with all medical teams daily, as he can't remember what hurts, why, or how he felt two hours ago. I haven't left the Gold Coast. My kids

stayed up here in a hotel the first weekend but since then my mum has had them in Mullumbimby, so I can be Jamie's carer and medical advocate.'

Jamie is having further brain scans in the coming week to check the outlook on his post-traumatic amnesia and traumatic brain injury.

'It's so hard to find the balance between living day-by-day but also planning for the future with business finances and kids and caring for everyone.'

Jessica's sister, Chava, has started a GoFundMe page to raise funds to offset the out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by insurance to pay rent and bills, and hopefully allow the children to continue their extra-curricular activities to help maintain their routine during this time.

'It will be a challenging few months,' said Jessica. 'We just want to look after everyone and try to get Jamie back to as close to 100 per cent and as much independence as we possibly can.'

To find out more and see updates on Jamie's progress at tinyurl.com/JamieGluyas.

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Finding that hidden prize

The Mullum Art Drop is a new art initiative where community members are invited to look for art work hidden by artists (anyone who creates/makes) in the centre of Mullumbimby.

It took inspiration from the Murwillumbah Art Drop, now running six years strong, and an international movement.

How does it work?

Art Drop co-ordinator, Celine Massa, says artists choose a piece of art that they're happy to give away, and find a secret location around town to hide it.

'They then share a hint and a photo on Instagram and community members go searching for it. This year, Mullum Art Drop collaborated with Creative Mullum as part of their Ingenuity Festival and



Artist, Yolanda de Cuevas, with a linocut print she is about to hide as part the Mullumbimby Art Drop. She is with co-ordinator, Celine Massa and Celine's son, Tahiel. Photo Jeff 'Hiding In Public View Since 1986' Dawson

although only a handful of art works were hidden, next year they're ramping up to create a much bigger event'.

Celine added, 'An art drop is a chance to spread a bit of kindness and art around the community, making art

accessible for all. It's also a bit of fun searching for the pieces and something that kids enjoy getting involved in too'.

For more information and to stay informed about next year's event, follow @mullumartdrop.

Housing support limited in state budget, says frontline charity CEO

Mia Armitage

Labor's first NSW budget in more than a decade offers limited housing support, says Northern Rivers frontline charity Social Futures CEO Tony Davies, and even less for the homeless.

Mr Davies lists support for homeless people, families, children and young people as areas of concern.

The charity leader is calling for the recently passed federal Housing Australia Future Fund to include more money for new public and social housing.

The NSW government has agreed to plan for 900,000 new homes to be built under the federal government's accord with states and territories.

But details on what type of housing will be built are yet to be released.

50-year wait

The average wait time in the Northern Rivers for social housing is likely to be more than 50 years, Mr Davies says.

State figures as of June showed 3,500 people on the local region's public housing waiting list.



Social Futures CEO Tony Davies

Seven hundred were on a 'priority' waiting list.

September's Labor NSW budget features funding for social housing in the region as part of a \$96 million fund for the Northern Rivers disaster recovery, with details of where the new developments will be built yet to be revealed.

Greens Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith, last month said social housing funds outside the recovery allocation equated to around \$2 million per electorate.

But Mr Davies says that doesn't include more than \$35 million in specific funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families across the state through Services Our Way.

The budget also includes another \$35 million for

social housing critical maintenance.

In Lismore, \$5 million is allocated for the Two Rooms project, which helps people return to flood-affected homes.

'So there are some positives there,' says Mr Davies, 'what we would have liked to have seen in the budget, though, was more funding for homelessness'.

Modest increase

The budget features \$5.9 million for 'specialist homelessness services', which Mr Davies says is a 'very modest increase'.

'Given that statewide we've seen a real increase in demand for homelessness services, that probably isn't enough,' he says.

Mr Davies says the Byron and Tweed Heads areas combined represent more than a quarter of rough sleepers counted this year in NSW.

Last week, Minister for Homelessness Rose Jackson announced Byron Shire would have its own Assertive Outreach Program, something that is already in place in Tweed Shire.

See more on page 2.

New DA 'withdrawal guidelines'

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Labor government have announced new DA withdrawal guidelines for councils in an attempt to 'boost housing supply'.

In a media release last week, the office of Planning Minister, Paul Scully, said, 'Under the guidelines, councils will be required to accelerate DA assessment timeframes, and not request unnecessary information or unnecessarily ask applicants to withdraw DA proposals'.

'The guidelines also require councils to direct adequate resources to their planning and assessment teams to fast-track DA assessments.

'National Housing Accord data indicates the state has a projected housing construction shortfall of 376,000 homes over five years'.

The Echo asked Scully's office if these new guidelines

will come with additional funding to councils to meet this requirement.

No additional funds

His office replied, 'The guidelines are not supported with additional funding, however we are supporting council with programs such as the Strong Start Cadetship which provides grant funding to support apprentice planners. Councils involved are Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Lismore and Tweed'.

The Echo also asked, 'What measures are in place to assure that fast-tracking developments won't lead to substandard building (that can put lives at risk), and the removal of high value and rare ecological land (given NSW has poor records in land clearing)'.

They replied, 'All development is subject to determination by the relevant

consent authority'.

'Fast-tracked assessments reach the point of decision more quickly but remain subject to the same rigorous and comprehensive measures of quality and environmental protection'.

Meanwhile, the peak body representing NSW councils rejected the allegations that councils are responsible for the withdrawal of development applications.

President of Local Government NSW, Darriea Turley, said in a media release, 'To play the blame game with councils in the firing line is simplistic and disingenuous'.

'In fact, the NSW government's own official housing supply report points to shortages of construction material and labour, rising interest rates, and falling housing prices as the drivers of the decline in residential building approvals'.

Council's floodplain management up for review

A review of floodplain management, with a specific focus on the north of the Byron Shire, will be undertaken by Council after joint state and federal funding was secured.

Staff say Mullumbimby will not be included in the review, 'because the pattern of flooding in the town is very different to those areas closer to the coast'.

Instead, further funding has been obtained to investigate flooding issues for Mullumbimby, Bangalow, Suffolk

Park and to update flood risk management studies and plans for both Belongil and Tallows Creek catchments.

James Flockton, Infrastructure Planning Coordinator, said, 'We know there are some very strong views in the north of the Shire relating to reducing flood risk such as ocean outfalls, dredging of creek systems, modification of the Brunswick River training walls and bund structures'.

'While independent experts have not supported

these as viable in the past, we feel that we need to revisit all relevant options investigated in the adopted North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2020).

'This is an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to put forward their views on floodplain management with all feedback to be handed to [consultants] JBP for investigation and evaluation'.

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'A comedian, a deathwalker and a podcaster walked into the bush...'

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The three women are about to 'Take a Hike for Human Nature', a dedicated, innovative, nature-based mental health support program for young people.

Outdoor therapy

It focuses on youth empowerment through outdoor therapy and supports vulnerable youth across the Far North Coast of NSW.

Human Nature, whose ambassador is Mandy Nolan, has partnered with Inspired Adventures to take a small group of hikers on a walking adventure through the Scenic Rim in Queensland.

The hike is a three-day trek and will summit Mt Cordeaux and Mt Mitchell.

The trio will walk through ancient rainforests and



Danni Carr, Mandy Nolan, and Zenith Virago are taking a long walk for mental health.

waterfalls in the World Heritage Lamington National Park.

Nolan says she is passionate about the very important work Human Nature does.

'This is another organisation that does innovative and powerful work funded by philanthropy. I have known some of the young people who have accessed this non-clinical nature-based program. It has changed people's lives. If I can do a three-day walk to raise money and awareness, then I am in. I asked some friends to join me.'

Podcaster and founder of the *How I Quit Alcohol* program, Danni Carr, said that Mandy Nolan just asked

her to go for a walk. 'I said sure! Then she told me what it was all about. I thought it sounded like a great thing to raise money for - it's such a great organisation and something I want to support.'

Deathwalker, Zenith Virago, says she has known Human Nature founder Andy Hamilton and his work for many years. 'I'm happy to do the leg work with Mandy and Danni in the hope that people will support us, as we support such a great organisation.'

The trek runs from November 15 to 17 - you can find out more at tinyurl.com/DanniZenithMandy.



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Refusal of Broadwater floodplain development welcomed but risk of bird kills remain

The decision to refuse the development application to create a 60 lot residential subdivision on flood-prone land on Rileys Hill Road, Broadwater close to the Richmond River by Richmond Valley Council has been welcomed by locals.

Coffs, Byron, Le-Ba and Kingscliff head to nationals

It was a busy weekend in the surf at Coff Harbour with Macauleys Beach the scene of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle Northern NSW regional qualifier. After a huge Sunday of action-packed heats in two-foot playful peaks, Coffs Harbour Boardriders took the win for the region.

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Cudgen Connection continues to push development on State Significant Farmland

Aslan Shand

When the Tweed Vally Hospital (TVH) site was rezoned from State Significant Farmland (SSF) to allow the site to be developed for the new hospital the NSW government said they would not allow any further development on the SSF on the Cudgen Plateau.

The neighbouring property was bought by developer Allan Larkin in 2019. He began lobbying the state government to include the site in the new hospital development in early 2020. The government declined to include it in the TVH site development.

In February 2022 Centuria Capital Group and Digital Infratech then proposed Cudgen Connection at the site and have continued to push for the site to be rezoned and developed. This is against clear community opposition and repeated confirmation from the local MP Geoff Provest (Nationals) that the site was not open for development. This position was supported by both the then NSW Planning Minister Anthony Roberts and Minister for Agriculture Dugald Saunders in 2022.

At the time Mr Larkin started his campaign in 2020 to develop the SSF 'Mr Provest repeated his "iron clad guarantee" that no further SSF would be used for development purposes,'



Community consultation at Kingscliff over the weekend.

President of the Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association Inc (KRPA), Peter Newton, told *The Echo*.

Last weekend saw the Cudgen Connection group seeking Tweed residents' feedback on their \$300 million proposal that would see the SSF developed. Originally the proposal, on land that cannot be used for this development unless rezoned by the state government, was for a '\$250m health and education development' which is now a '\$300m health, education and essential worker housing precinct'.

Community values agricultural land

'Over the years, the Kingscliff/Cudgen community has fought off a number of proposed developments on this farmland,' explained Mr Newton.

'Our community wants to reach a point where we are not having to be continually vigilant or concerned that we are facing yet another battle

to save and protect an area that is supposedly already protected from development by legislation.

'The fact remains that this proposal is still on legislatively protected farmland that can only be used for agriculturally-related purposes, something the developer knew from the moment he bought it. That is the major flaw in the proposal and one that is completely unacceptable to not only our community but a raft of politicians including our state and federal members and Tweed Shire councillors.

'The protection of this land is enshrined in the North Coast Regional Plan 2041 and in the Shire's planning frameworks, which have been developed with significant community consultation.

'We still seek an unequivocal guarantee that the land remain protected and the community can stop looking over its shoulder for the next proposal from a land-banking developer,' said Mr Newton.

Lismore Council votes against flood support

At Tuesday's Council meeting in Lismore, Councillor Adam Guise moved a motion that Council hold a public briefing identifying existing and potential planning mechanisms that support flood-impacted residents to rebuild or relocate post-flood.

Councillor Guise noted that flood-impacted residents have been left in limbo, and have encountered challenges rebuilding, retrofitting or relocating their homes.

Though councillors seemed to like the idea of a

public event, and though no one spoke against Councillor Guise's motion, the motion failed with councillors Colby, Gordon, Hall, Jensen, Bing, Rob and Krieg voting against.

■ Read full story on *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au.

DA for the quarry at Monaltrie approved by Lismore Council

Eve Jeffery

Lismore's Santin Quarry ceased operation in 2021 after an attempt to extend the life of the quarry for 16 years failed. An appeal to the Land and Environment Court (L&EC) by Santin Quarry's owner Mick Santin was subsequently withdrawn. Yet another application to modify the development application (DA) to extend the life of the quarry at Monaltrie was approved at the last Lismore Council meeting (Tuesday, 10 October).

There were five speakers during public access. All outlined salient reasons for blocking extension, including dust and noise, and the fact that most of the conditions from the past 30 years had not been, or had not been fully, met.

Potential corruption

Nora Highfield, whose house is one of the closest to the quarry, spoke against the DA and questioned the legitimacy of voting by a number

of Lismore councillors who voted to approve the DA.

'I'd like to state that in October last year, I had a private conversation with one of the Council members here who informed me, despite everybody tonight declaring non-pecuniary and non-significant knowledge of Mr Santin [the owner of the quarry], that he was a friend of Santin, and had dinner with him regularly. He informed me that several Council members were also friends with Mr Santin,' said Ms Highfield.

'So to me this decision just seems like it's reeking of an undertone of nepotism, potential corruption, and the decision is too important to be made by a popularity contest of who has the most friends in high places.'

The DA to extend the life of the quarry at 72 Riverbank Rd, Monaltrie was approved for a maximum of 12 years subject to several conditions.

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Accusations of gerrymandering in Ballina Shire

Mia Armitage

Accusations of gerrymandering continue in Ballina Shire owing to divisions created by the controversial vote to change ward boundaries.

Independent Councillor Jeff Johnson has issued a statement headed 'political interference in Council's ward boundaries', referring to a recent move from Independent Cr Rodney Bruem to rezone wards.

Greens Cr Kiri Dicker told an extraordinary Council

meeting late last month the change would disadvantage Cr Johnson.

Cr Bruem's motion to change the map again came 'out of left-field,' Cr Johnson said.

But Mayor Sharon Cadwallader and councillors who backed and ran on her election ballot denied political motivations for their late change to proposed rezoning in the shire.

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Council wins in court – large Suffolk Park DA refused

Hans Lovejoy

A large mixed-use Suffolk Park DA proposed by Sydney-based property development company Denwol has been rejected in the Land & Environment Court after mediation failed.

The judgement, available at www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au, shows that Denwol made multiple attempts to amend the Clifford Street DA behind closed doors, but were unsuccessful in brokering an agreement.

Denwol commenced Class 1 proceedings on September 9, 2022, appealing against Council's refusal.

Council's refusal was based in part on the DA having, 'a serious and irreversible impact on biodiversity values' and failing 'to incorporate sufficient measures to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on biodiversity values'.

Those impacts included retaining 'an insufficient portion of the existing vegetation which forms part of the Coastal Cypress Pine Forest in the NSW North



According to www.denwol.com.au, Denwol is owned and controlled by Phillip Wolanski AM. Photo realestate.com.au

Coast Bioregion Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) Cypress Pine'.

'Further, there is uncertainty of the viability of the trees proposed for retention'.

In December last year, the Suffolk Park Progress Association (SPPA) appealed to councillors to be more engaged with the court process.

SPPA president, Donald Maughan, told Council at the time, 'Our Suffolk Park community's concerns relating to the Land and Environment Court cases are validated by the way the West Byron development went in that same court'.

'Decisions were made by

staff on advice from Council's external solicitors, with none of our elected councillors at the table.

'That outcome left community with a feeling of capitulation and no representation in the process'.

Conclusion

With the Denwol case, D Dickson, Commissioner of the Court, found in conclusion that, 'The likely impacts of the development are unacceptable on merit'.

Among his reasons for refusal, Dickson writes, 'the applicant has failed to demonstrate in the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) sufficient or appropriate measures to avoid, minimise or mitigate impacts on Coastal Cypress EEC that will arise from the proposed development of the subject site.'

'Pursuant to s 7.16(2) of the BC Act, given the finding that the proposed development is likely to have a serious and irreversible impacts on the Coastal Cypress EEC, the consent authority must refuse consent'.

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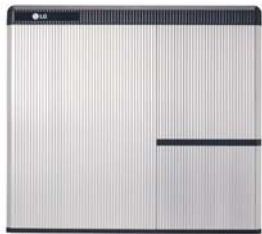
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From devastation comes determination

Let's get the disclosure out of the way early.

I was one of the 60,000 'Yes' volunteers who set up stalls, handed out leaflets, and helped the campaign create a local presence and profile.

Mostly, the volunteering was joyful, and it deepened connections with local Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike.

I respectfully engaged with those uncertain how to vote, all in the generous spirit of the Uluru statement, which offered the chance to walk together on the road to reconciliation.

There were even grim attempts at humour on the campaign trail.

As I was handing out 'Yes' material at the polling booth last Saturday, a middle-aged man politely declined a leaflet, looked me in the eye, and said earnestly: 'I'm with Telstra.'

It took me a moment to realise the 'No' voter had his tongue in his cheek, and wasn't actually employed by a telecoms company.

The resounding success of the 'No' vote is of course no joke.

As *Echo* readers would be acutely aware, for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the referendum result has brought disappointment and devastation.

'It's a sad loss for all involved', says Charline Emzin-Boyd, Bundjalung woman and the state field officer who helped lead the 'Yes' campaign in this region.

'The enormity of the heartbreak and loss is overwhelming.'

Analysing the strategic errors of the 'Yes' campaign, or problems with the original referendum question, is valuable, but beyond the aim of this column.

There are plenty of people raking over the mistakes and missteps of the campaign, including those who didn't lift a finger to help it succeed.

Similarly, there are others more qualified than I who can identify and expose some of the dirty political tricks employed by elements within the 'No' campaign, including the fateful decision to kill off bipartisanship.



'What's most pressing now is finding ways Australia can help inoculate itself against the tactical use of disinformation.'

Dr Ray Moynihan

What's most pressing now is finding ways Australia can help inoculate itself against the tactical use of disinformation in the future.

'Disinformation' is something deliberately designed to deceive, and it clearly stoked fears that help deliver the huge 'No' vote.

Two-thirds wrote 'Yes'

Before the prescription though, let's take a moment to note that around two-thirds of voters across this Byron Shire wrote 'Yes' on their ballot papers – according to results from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

In Brunswick Heads 'Yes' won 62 per cent. Ocean Shores and Lennox were 63 per cent. Byron and Mullumbimby, 65 per cent, and Bangalow, 68 per cent.

Small booths in Coorabell, Durumbul, Ewingsdale, Suffolk Park and Federal hit around 70 per cent for 'Yes'.

'I reflect on the thousands of people who have worked so tirelessly through this campaign', Charline Emzin-Boyd told *The Echo*, offering congratulations to the 'Yes' volunteers, locally and across the nation.

'I am absolutely blessed to have met them and will continue to have connections to them. They should be proud we fought so hard.'

While the 'Yes' vote was only 40 per cent nationally, a few electorates pushed to 60 per cent or more.

One was Kooyong in Melbourne, the seat held by conservatives since federation, and won by a Teal independent in the 2022 federal election.

As others are observing, the success of Peter Dutton's 'No' advocacy may not help him to win back those critical seats the Liberal party lost to the Teals last year.

Modest proposals

For me, there are three key reforms that could help improve the quality of Australia's political discourse and make it easier to have more rational debate about much-needed change.

First, the Commonwealth could introduce 'truth in political advertising' laws, creating big fines for deliberately making misleading claims, like the 'land grab' lies. South Australia already has a workable model, and the Australian Capital Territory recently adopted it.

Second, our school system could develop strong curricula to help students navigate the new world of digital disinformation, bringing multiple benefits for our democracy.

For almost a decade, Finland has had specific curricula to help primary school students identify fake news.

What's more, in Finland's education system, promoting critical skills to deal with digital disinformation is a core part of the entire national curriculum.

Third, and much harder to achieve, is tougher regulation of media new and old, to reduce the concentration of media ownership and the anti-democratic tendencies of monopolies. Think Murdoch, and some of those hip tech billionaires.

For Bundjalung woman, Charline Emzin-Boyd, it's too early to plan the next steps on the walk to reconciliation, but her resilience is rock-hard.

'We will take time to process this' says Charline, 'but we will get back up and continue to fight for our rights and justice, for the next generations.'

■ Dr Ray Moynihan was one of the 60,000 strong 'Yes' volunteers.

Submission on Council's Housing Option Paper

Byrone Shire Council is asking residents to comment on its Housing Options Paper, which is currently on exhibition at www.byron.nsw.gov.au until November 6.

It proposes 'a new target to deliver 4,522 homes' by 2041.

The majority of land put forward by Council staff for rezoning in the options paper are in Mullum and Bruns, some of which is considered high value agricultural land.

I respectfully submit that this options paper is not a fit for purpose document for public exhibition, and should not proceed in its present form, owing to the following:

No 2022 flood data

Most importantly, Byron Shire Council have not asked the NSW government to inform its community with the 2022 flood data – which is yet to be released – within this options paper. While staff say, 'future rezoning of land will be subject to detailed site analysis that will include consideration of flooding', it is a waste of time and money to pursue land rezonings that are later found to be flood-prone.

Reconstruction Authority

NSW government corporation, Reconstruction Authority, is the latest in a long list of bloated, unaccountable corporations.

Like the previous actors they have replaced, they ignore media questions around transparency and process, and have failed to supply the public with clear and equitable plans for the future of the region.

Given they are co-ordinating much of the rezoning/development, residents should be very wary as to whether the Reconstruction Authority will act in good faith in the future.

Infrastructure capacity

On page 14 of the options paper, the assumed increased dwelling yield of 979 homes on new release land and 227 homes from infill in Mullum was, 'subject to a satisfactory resolution being achieved in regards to the overall Mullumbimby water supply capacity constraints and permanent Rous Water supply connection.'

Up to 800 dwellings are slated for Saddle Road, and 500 for Bangalow.

The Byron CBD would also be subject to increased density and height limits, but there are no details.

Much more information needs to be supplied to provide confidence that this level of development is sustainable.

'Affordable housing'

It's unclear how Council's Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme will genuinely address those who cannot afford to live here. It is well documented that the metrics around 'affordable housing' are broken, and the solution is social housing investment. Affordable housing is a myth.

Biodiversity hotspot

As we have seen with the Wallum development in Brunswick Heads, councillors dropped the ball on being informed around its environmental significance and the outcome. They did the same in 2022 with Linnaeus Estate in Broken Head.

According to www.epa.nsw.gov.au, 'Biodiversity on the north coast of NSW is among the highest of any areas in Australia.'

If we want to maintain this level of biodiversity, councillors need to adequately instruct Council staff about community expectations, and also adequately inform the community.

Hans Lovejoy, *Echo* editor



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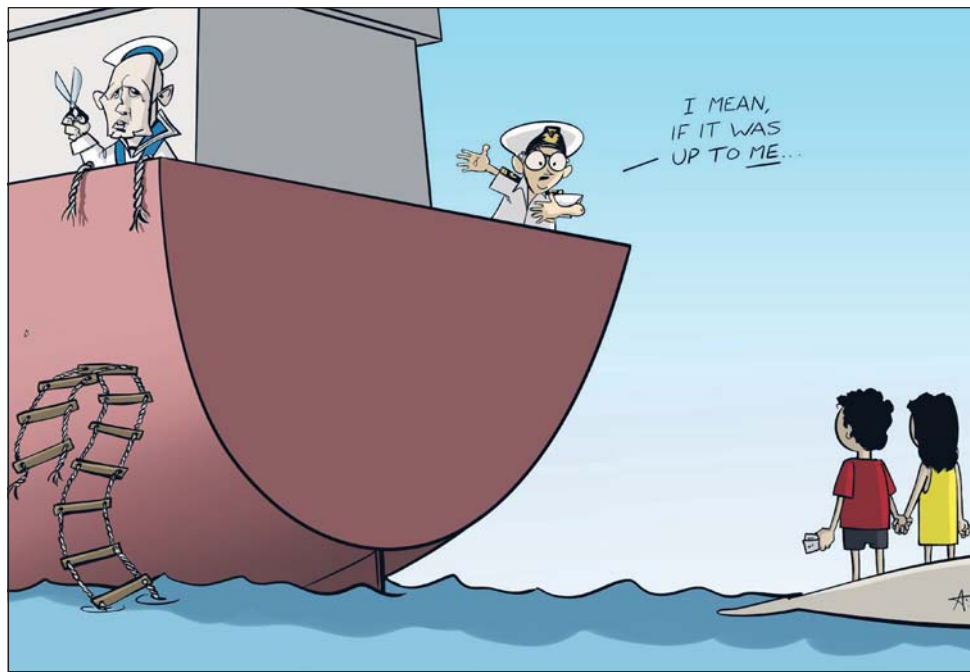


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Time to test

We lost two young lives through untested ecstasy use at a festival in Sydney a few weeks ago. What an unnecessary loss, especially when we remember that free drug testing for the participants (free of costs for the government and festival organisers) was offered years ago, and Gladys Berejiklian refused it. What a dreadful decision that was and now the new Labor government in NSW is following the same policy again.

It's just the beginning of the festival season and we are expecting a hotter than usual summer this year, which will impact on the hydration levels of festival-goers. While in the ACT we have seen the successful use of drug testing, NSW drug policies are stuck in the old way of thinking, the war against drugs.

Maybe it's important to mention that alcohol is the worst drug being used in our society with the

biggest health and financial costs to our society. It is a huge money maker for the government. I'm begging the NSW government to allow free drug testing at festivals immediately to save the lives of our young innocent festival attendants.

The time is now and not after a drug summit some-time next year.

Chibo Mertineit
Lillian Rock

Thanks

Firstly, may I address the cynics out there and assure them that this letter is not a subtle advertisement for the Greens. It's merely a 'pat on the back' for a job well done and greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank MP Tamara Smith and Ballina Shire Cr Kiri Dicker, as well as General Manager of Ballina Shire Council, Paul Hickey (and staff) for their endeavours to preserve our native wetlands from obliteration at the hands of adverse development, by trying to implement

'Conservation Zones' within our Ballina Shire for future Australians to be able to enjoy. I'm not going to document their individual efforts here, just say they 'played hard, done good!'

I can tell you I have never voted for the Greens in my life, and have always looked at both the state and federal elections in terms of choosing one of the 'big two'. However, in retrospect, I'm wondering if I really want to now support 'those' associated with prioritising the spending of \$38 billion on nuclear submarines to 'shirt-front' China, or friends who 'quite frankly m'dear, "do" give a damn', and help preserve our local pristine ecological environment and quality lifestyle from any local 'hidden' would-be 'belt and road' wannabes? (You know, next time I might just give Albo the elbow and of course, nuttin' for Dutton.) But hey, if you're into nuclear submarines, take no notice of me, both the 'boys' will look after you there, be that

in say, 2030 or so! Depending on if we're still all here after the next flood or two in the meantime.

Meanwhile, the 'battle for paradise' is not over yet! And it's not in the lap of the gods either, it's now in the lap of the lawyers, who are really just overpaid jockeys on racehorses (both wearing blinkers), completely indifferent to any principle at stake, other than the winning-fee they'll get from their successful 'owners'.

Remember, 'Darrell' was only successful in saving his castle with the help of his (otherwise unaffordable) mate, the QC.

So if, and when, the billionaires appeal the Land and Environment Court decision, might I now ask: 'are there any generous retired QCs out there with some time on their hands and looking for something to do?' (like saving our planet!).

That said, the primary theme of this letter remains one of gratitude to the aforementioned persons who put their hands up and walked the walk, not just talked the talk. Irrespective of whether their efforts are successful against the 'mighty dollar' or not!

Laurence Johnstone.
West Ballina

Suffolk Park DA's refusal

The message from the refusal of the development application (DA) for the mega, mixed development at Suffolk Park by Commissioner Dickson last Thursday is 'Don't give up!' Developers do not always win, but it is imperative to get key stakeholders on board.

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Currently I understand there R a LARGE # of State Police Depts. and Federal + State M.P.'s **tearing their hair out** because Fatafs have not only stopped their dramatic Fall, but this year look like **going UP!**
I believe the numbers have **bottomed out**, WELL DONE AUSTRALIA! But we R now left with causes of death being **more** in the realms of Substance Abuse, Inattention, Domestic Violence (Murder), and Mental Health Issues; while driving. These R **so much harder** to Prevent by Advertising, Policing or Legislation!

A Large # of people including the Medical Profession, Suicide Prevention Organisations and Researchers appear to have been ***ASLEEP AT THEIR WHEELS*** 4 the last 4 decades. I totally agree with Ms Kate Carnell's Quote (25.3.14) as then CEO of *beyondblue*, that this loss of life is a ***National Tragedy***

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Written by sheep farmer Tim Barritt. Barossa Valley, S.A.





The answer is 'No'

David Lowe

Does the resounding defeat of the Voice referendum on the weekend show that Australia hasn't changed much since the bad old days, or have things just become much worse?

Despite its many flaws, it's always been difficult to improve the Constitution of this country. Knowing this, Anthony Albanese must have believed he was in with a chance after Labor's big election win, and following years of bipartisan support for constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, in some shape or form. But the addition of a permanent Voice, even one that didn't have to be listened to, was a bridge too far for some.

Enter the unelectable duo of David Littleproud and Peter Dutton. Like all vandals, unable to create anything positive, they decided they would destroy the hard work of others. The dividers would accuse the 'Yes' side of division. What followed was the greatest campaign of lies and misinformation this country has ever seen, driven by fear, and relying on the wilful ignorance of history.

Disgusting campaign

As Thomas Mayo put it on Saturday night, Peter Dutton's chosen approach was 'a disgusting campaign'.

Ignoring the actual substance of the referendum request, vast swathes of



Australia said 'No' to the Voice. Image Cloudcatcher Media

ordinary Australians were led to believe that their legal system, wealth and property were at risk, despite the weight of evidence to the contrary. Others decided their sovereignty was under threat from the UN, or white-fella law, or the Labor Party.

Carefully designed and targeted social media campaigns targeted the fears of particular minorities, with the whole thing underwritten by the usual suspects, including Clive Palmer and the Murdoch family, and a few newly imported contributors, such as the Conservative Political Action Network.

The 'Yes' campaign seemed unprepared for this assault. The once-worshipped Farnesy and Barnesy were no match for the fear mongering, even when they were joined by sporting legends including Cathy Freeman, Johnathan Thurston, Darcy Moore and

Nathan Cleary. In 2023, feel-good influencers couldn't compete with old-fashioned scare tactics.

The success of the 'No' campaign, following early experiments with the same approach from Abbott to Trump, and Brexit to Bolsonaro, suggests this is likely to become the defacto way of doing opposition politics in this country, which is now part of the pan-continental United States of Stupidity. Never mind that no solutions are being offered, and societies become steadily more fractured as a result, the old and powerful retain their power, and that's apparently all that matters.

Dirty politics

By politicising an issue that should have been above politics, it's clear that the political faces of the 'No' campaign hoped to reap a dividend of some kind, having offered no meaningful approaches to closing the gap, just more of the same.

Presumably their shadowy backers are happy, but after inflicting untold damage on the most vulnerable people in Australia, Peter Dutton is no closer to being Prime Minister, and Jacinta Nampijinpa Price is no closer to being his deputy.

The latest Newspann, which accurately predicted the outcome of the referendum, suggests Labor is still comfortably ahead on a two-party preferred basis, despite the relentless attacks, and Anthony Albanese is preferred by half the electorate, compared to Dutton's 30 per cent.

In the end, the 'Yes/No' numbers on the weekend broke very similarly to the last referendum, on the republic, back in 1999,

with voters who had both education and a bit of economic security being prepared to take a chance on changing the country for the better, and everyone else opting for the status quo. Traditional political divides were less significant, illustrating the real divide in Australia. As cost of living pressures bite, this one is deepening to a chasm.

What now?

The Labor Government could create another ATSI, or a temporarily legislated Voice-type body, but it doesn't sound like they have any intention of doing that.

As Senator Lidia Thorpe pointed out on referendum night, there's nothing to stop Anthony Albanese moving to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, in full.

There's also nothing to stop the states moving forward with their own treaties and truth-telling processes. Don't hold your breath if you live in a resource-rich state like Queensland or Western Australia though.

After months of fighting about what was always a modest referendum proposal, it would be nice if the federal parliament could address, or at least discuss, some of the massive problems confronting the country when they return to Canberra today. Post-Covid, post-referendum, post-truth, it may be possible to run an opposition by wrecking ball, but you can't run governments like that, unless you want to end up like Israel.

■ Read David Lowe's political comment every Monday on *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au/articles.


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An open letter from Byron Bay Feros residents

Thank you to the NSW Minister for Crown Lands Stephen Kamper MP, Tamara Smith MP, Byron Shire Council, Justine Elliot MP and all their staff. We all know how hard everyone has been working to investigate our complaints about Feros Village Byron Bay and since the Expression of Interest (EOI) for a new aged care provider was announced on 29 September 2023 it has given us great relief.

We are furious about Feros' response in their media release, printed in *The Echo* (11 October), stating that they were happy about the EOI and comments about seniors' accommodation. The Crown Lands Minister explicitly stated that any aged care provider for the site will continue the 'designated purpose of "Homes for the Aged"' and that under a long term lease the provider will 'ensure it meets Aged Care Quality Standards and complies with the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997'.

In a letter to us on 31 May, via Feros' lawyer Minter Ellison, they advised us that: 'While it is closing the government funded residential aged care facility at the site, Feros, as Crown Land

Manager will be redeveloping the site for homes for aged people outside of the Commonwealth framework for funded aged care'.

It seems clear that Feros' intentions do not fit within the EOI framework.

The reserve purpose of this Crown Land is not 'seniors' accommodation' and all attempts by Feros to change the reserve purpose of the land, as well as all concepts they have proposed (there have been no actual plans) have been rejected by Crown Lands. There has never been any approval to redevelop this site. Nor has any aged care authority verified any regulation or compliance issues with the Byron Feros Village.

We understand that Byron Shire Council did not refuse to become Crown Land Manager, they remain open to that, while the state government has decided to offer a direct lease to the eventual 'winner' of the EOI.

Meanwhile, Feros have gone to great lengths to try to convince people we are lying about the dreadful quality of food and lack of services at the village over the last months. We were given microwaved food for a month

until we complained. The ACQSC government regulators recent visit to the village supports our complaints and Feros are now 'working with the commission' to rectify the matter.

On 25 August we wrote a complaint to Feros about the quality of the food and removal of services. We also lodged a 19-point complaint directly with the Seniors Rights Advocacy Service and we know that the National Manager of ACQSC and the CEO of the national Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) are considering these complaints.

We may be older but we will not be gaslit or intimidated by Feros' tactics. We will continue to stand up for our rights. As the younger generation says - 'we have receipts'!

We have spoken with various aged care providers over the last seven months and they all say that none of us should have been asked to leave our home. All of them say that if they were to take over running the village we will be able to stay in our home.

This community worked hard to create this aged care

accommodation and the need for aged care is only increasing. Our shire has an ageing population above the Australian average and we are already behind on available accommodation for them.

To attempt to remove our existing aged care home from our community is a disgrace, especially when it was this community that created the opportunity for Feros to be formed in the first place!

Again, our community is answering the call for help by providing us with fresh and nutritional food each week. We wish to thank Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre, Liberation Larder, Legends Pizza, A Little Peace of Cake and the others who are providing food to us.

Lastly, we have asked numerous times and we ask again: Feros please return our coffee machine. It was donated by the community of Byron Bay for the residents of the Byron Village. It is not yours and we want it back.

Residents of Byron Bay
Feros: Bernadette Dean, Rhonda Strand, Kate Smorty, Henning Jensen, Mick Eddings, Sybil Redden, Jo Wooldridge, Charmain Podesta

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Israel and Palestine – what is the solution?

■ Dear Premier Minns, I am writing to express my disappointment and sorrow at your decision to light the Sydney Opera House in support of Israel, weighing in on *one* side of a complex political debate, particularly at a time of violence and loss on *both* sides.

Please explain to the people of NSW, *all* the people, how this decision came about?

The Sydney Opera House is a universally loved, iconic neutral place of arts, a safe and peaceful bastion, for all NSW citizens. The Opera House is not a political billboard. This corruption of purpose is highly inappropriate, and completely unnecessary.

This decision achieves nothing positive and only creates more vitriol, self-righteousness and more grief, further escalating tension. What are you thinking?

I myself am a Jewish woman of European descent. If I can manage to speak moderately, act with kindness and empathy to those with strong views on both sides, why can't politicians of the highest office in the state of NSW?

Quite frankly, I am disgusted by the lack of leadership this decision shows. It reveals a repellent poverty of spirit and lack of insight. Shame on the NSW government for this damaging decision. You do not represent me in this.

Lanie Loughlin
Brunswick Heads

■ Like the Prime Minister, I support Israel's right to exist and detest the extremist

religious group Hamas who advocate 'pushing the Jews into the sea'. But, like many people I'm not surprised by the current escalation of the conflict.

Since the assassination of peacemaker Labor PM of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin in 1995 and subsequent death of the other peacemaker, Yasser Arafat, Israel has lurched to the hard right and the current Israeli government even contains the racist Arab-hating extremist, Ben-Gvir. The Jewish radical who assassinated Rabin succeeded in derailing the peace talks for an entire generation.

It's a sign of how far Israel has gone down the rabbit hole, that its behaviour since 1995 has lost it the support of countless supporters all over the world. In the meantime the moderate Palestinians who support Israel's right to exist, have received no rewards for their stance such as the promised Palestinian state or an end to the Israeli occupation of their lands seized since 1967.

To add to their demise, the moderates have been undermined by Western nations, most notably US President Trump, who cut all funding to the Palestinian Authority at the request of the American religious right. In the vacuum, the now-impotent moderates have been upstaged by the extremist Hamas backed by the vile Shiite regime of Iran. As for their timing, the imminent treaty between Iran's chief rival, Saudi Arabia, and Israel may have something to do with it.

All this geopolitics aside, it's time the West, including Australia, genuinely support the moderates on both sides.

Most Jews and Arabs want peace. War is hideous, but sometimes forces solutions to seemingly intractable problems. Let's hope this war is a wake-up call and we recognise that the extremists on both sides must be sidelined.

The illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank must be stopped and the Palestinian Authority must be allowed to give its suffering people something substantial to counter the call of Hamas extremists. It's time to make peace great again!

Simon Alderton
Murwillumbah

■ What the hell did Israel and its supporters expect when Palestinians rose up and attacked it, after enduring a never-ending catalogue of crimes by this fabulously weaponised apartheid regime?

We could all see the conflagration coming, just like the experts in Libya who warned repeatedly that the Derna dams could not contain floodwaters. When the floods did come the dams crumbled and a 2m-high wall of water hit the 90,000 people, sweeping entire neighbourhoods into the sea.

Similarly, the floodwaters of 75 years of Palestinian pent-up rage and despair burst over Israel. The government of Israel, and its supporters, are directly responsible for the appalling violence meted out to Israelis and for the unfolding

genocide in Gaza, which Israel describes as 'mowing the lawn'!

As Nelson Mandela said, 'It is always the oppressor, not the oppressed who determines the form of the struggle'. Palestinian civil society urged the non-violent campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, but this initiative was ignored by the US and its morally decrepit supporters. The authorities are determined to silence the voice of Palestine by banning protests and ordering the Sydney Opera House and Parliament House to emblazon themselves in the colours of the Israeli flag.

We have been attacked for speaking for Palestine, our car damaged and last night, the Palestinian flag was ripped from my bicycle. Byron Friends of Palestine express our sincere condolences to our Jewish community and hope they will join hands with us in helping to secure a one, truly democratic state, where Jews and Palestinians can live together in peace, as equals, like they did, before the foundation of the Israeli state in 1948.

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

■ Now the world can finally see the nature of Hamas. Could humans really carry out these atrocities in Israel, butchering 1,500 people (almost all of them civilians) in the most personal and inhumane ways possible, and severely wounding several thousand more Israelis, many of whom are

on death's door and will pass away over the weeks to come?

Hamas is nothing more than an Islamic extremist death cult who have never had any interest in peace or saving Palestinian lives, but quite the opposite. They want as many of their people to die as possible as it makes headlines, and their only policy is to murder all Jews (not only Israelis, but all Jews. Don't trust me, Google their charter, they are proud of it).

They are made up of ISIS collaborators, and not only is their intention to murder all Jews and Christians, but also non-extreme Muslims.

Now Israel needs to do everything it can to oust Hamas as *any* country in the world would do, and the poor Palestinian people will again pay the price for the savage actions of Hamas. Israel is at war with Hamas *not the Palestinian people*, and unlike Hamas, do not target civilians.

But Hamas fires many thousands of huge rockets into Israel's civilian areas causing death and destruction, intentionally using their (and now Israeli) children as human shields, hoping that Israel will return fire to those sites.

Israel informs the local population to evacuate before they attack Hamas positions but Hamas terrorists force their own civilians, at gunpoint, to remain. The Palestinians are terrified of Hamas and know that if they protest when they set up fighting positions within

schools, kindergartens and mosques, they will be killed.

The Palestinians need to finally rise up with Israel and destroy Hamas, and replace them with leaders who actually look after the interests of the Palestinian people. They have tried to do this many times over the years, but every time, they are murdered in public displays.

Jews do not celebrate when Palestinians are killed, but Islamic extremists and their useful idiots have once again shown public displays of elation that so many Israeli civilians were murdered, even though they are fully aware of the savagery of the murders.

I was living in kibbutz Kfar Aza in Israel whilst travelling some years ago. It was so beautiful, just like a Club Med resort with a massive swimming pool, many non-Jewish volunteers who were having the time of their lives, and even a nightclub. According to most estimates over 100 civilians were butchered there alone, by Hamas this week – some people were beheaded in front of their families, some were locked in their homes and burnt alive, some were shot, stabbed and others were also kidnapped and taken to Gaza. Many of the bodies were mutilated. What level of delusional hatred does a person need to have to actually do this?

It is time for Israelis and Palestinians to unite against Hamas and create peace moving forward.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

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What's on this week at the Byron Bay International Film Festival?

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20:

BBFF2023 Opening Night
Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
6:30pm Red Carpet Gala Party
8pm screening



Step into the spotlight at the Byron Bay International Film Festival's Opening Night Gala, a dazzling evening bursting with style and glamour where you're the star on our red carpet! The evening starts with a fabulous party, where you can rub shoulders with the talent behind the films that will screen across our region over the next 10 days – filmmakers, actors and screen creatives of every sort – and be treated to fantastic live music from Yazmindi, enjoy fine wines, quality aperitifs provided by Papa Salt Coastal Gin and Fever-Tree, tasty Gage Road beer and delicious local treats and canapes from our Catering Partner: The Olive Place.

The party is followed by the world premiere of Josh Fox's new film *The Edge of Nature*, a multifaceted work from the Oscar-nominated, Emmy-winning eco-champion. Alternately alarming, sad, funny and humane, *The Edge of Nature* is ultimately a stirring and heartfelt call to action.

Fox's film *Gasland* had a profound effect on the Byron/Northern Rivers community, spreading awareness of fracking and helping to build the resistance both locally and worldwide. As a filmmaker Josh Fox is a changemaker; he is able to convey the importance of each individual being part of the change and taking that message to the world. With Australia already in drought and the threat of bushfires at extreme levels, this film is the rallying cry we need right now.

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

Tickets have been selling fast and this is always a sell-out event, so be quick! Your ticket includes VIP entry and a drink on arrival at the after-party at Lovers Lane, 6 Lawson Street.

The weekend is jam-packed with a stunning array of films and activities, including:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21:

12pm-5pm, free,
The Beach Hotel
Technology Talks

New realms of possibility are opening up every day in an ever-evolving space! Join us for an exploration into the interaction and inspiration that technology, Extended Reality (XR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) offer to traditional artists and creatives in the film and screen industry.



Made possible through the support of Festivals Australia, BBFF will present an afternoon of free talks for artists, creatives and filmmakers looking to deepen their understanding of emerging technologies and how they might utilise them to unleash their creativity and productivity.

Although this is a free event, spaces will be limited so register your interest today.

12.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year

Join us to check out the work of some of Australia's most promising young filmmakers – screen creatives on the cusp of success. Each year BBFF nominates the 10 best films submitted by young Australians in a competition that encourages emerging filmmakers and acknowledges those who dare to dream big.

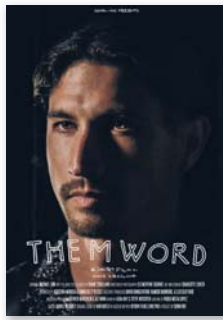


► A shortened session of the Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year competition showcase will also screen at The Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah, on Friday October 27 at 7.30pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21:

2pm, Brunswick Picture House
Spotlight on Byron

A showcase of nine films that display the amazing diversity of talent to be found in Byron Shire. Included are: *Hiraeth* (Alexander Wardrop starring Philippa Bennett); *Doors Into Art* (Dylan Kai Harris); *The Secret Life of Bees* (Mirabai Nicholson-Mckella); *Small Town Mentality* (Heath Lines); *Ghost Roommate* (Kaia Joaquin Walton); *Kane* (Miro Salom); *Related* (written by Emily Hutchinson); *The M Word* (Shane Crosland); and *Bangay Lore* (Jahvis Loveday).



3pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Let's Get Lost (Ailleurs Si J'y Suis)

Australian Premiere

One afternoon middle-aged Mathieu, fed up with trying to balance the pressures of work and a failing marriage, takes a walk into the woods near his home in the French countryside, likes what he sees and decides to stay there. His astonished friends gradually see the sense in his unconventional declaration of independence.



5.15pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Freedom is Beautiful

Byron premiere + Q&A

A documentary feature from Lennox Head artist Angus McDonald about captivity and the power of music and art. Kurdish refugees Mostafa Azimtabar and Farhad Bandesh fled persecution in Iran, searching for safety, freedom and a brighter future, only to be treated callously by the Australian government.



► *Freedom is Beautiful* also screens at The Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah on Saturday, October 28 at 5.15pm, followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker.

6pm, Brunswick Picture House
The Trust Fall: Julian Assange

NSW premiere + Q&A

A searing documentary that investigates the significance of the official documents released by Julian Assange's Wikileaks and the price he continues to pay. Detained, silenced and hidden from public view in maximum security Belmarsh Prison, multi-award-winning Australian journalist and publisher Julian Assange has become one of the loudest voices for free speech of our times. This session kicks off with a live performance from Kyle Lionhart.



7.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Under Streetlights

World premiere + Q&A

World premiere of a drama from Alice Springs made entirely with local cast and crew telling the tale of star-crossed music collaborators Izak and Ella, whose passion for music and resilience sends a message of hope.



Under Streetlights is a heartwarming ode to hope, connection, and the melodies that bind us. Experience a film that will uplift, inspire, and leave you humming its tunes long after the credits roll.

Cast and crew members are joining us from Alice Springs. ► *Under Streetlights* also screens on Sunday, October 22 at 3.30pm at Lennox Cultural Centre.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22:

12.45pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Seeds of Inspiration – Mother Earth Educators, Refugia, and Between Earth Sky + Q&A

A special session bringing together three films with common themes of connection, rejuvenation and nature's profound but too often ignored impact on our lives. It's a cinematic journey that shines a spotlight on the resilience of the human spirit and the undying bond we share with Mother Earth. *Refugia* director, Liana Cornell and *Earth Educators* will be present to discuss their experiences of making their films.



3pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Fantastic Machine
Byron premiere

An often hilarious whirl through the wild world of image-making with this documentary, a winner at Sundance and Berlinale 2023. From the first-ever photo (which needed a 10-hour exposure) to the instantaneous selfie era, this film zips through 200 years of pictorial history, sprinkling in tech advancements and iconic images. It's a cheeky, enthralling, and sometimes jaw-dropping peek into the ever-changing spectacle of imagery through time.



5pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Mutiny in Heaven: The Birthday Party
NSW premiere

The story of Nick Cave's anarchic punk band The Birthday Party's ascent, apex and inevitable collapse is a thrilling tale of epic struggle, artistic genius and total drug-crazed dysfunctionality. Told in the group's own words, with loads of live footage from their infamous '80s concerts in Australia and Europe.



► *Mutiny in Heaven* also screens at Palace on Saturday 28 and at The Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah on Saturday, October 21 at 7.30pm.

6pm, Lennox Cultural Centre
Point of Change
Australian premiere + Q&A

An island community dramatically changed forever by the 'discovery' of the 'perfect' wave in the 1970s. The remarkable and previously untold true story of the first surf pioneers to experience the point on the isolated Indonesian island of Nias and the devastating social and ecological repercussions for the people and place that followed. A contemporary, cautionary tale of paradise lost.



► The screening will be followed by a panel moderated by Tricia Shantz with Rusty Miller, Wendy Adcock, Dick Hoole, Thornton Fallander and Kevin Lovett.

7.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Olas Y Ondas – Waves and Swells

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23:

7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Anatomy of a Fall
Byron premiere

A taut courtroom drama focusing on the trial of a wife and mother whose husband takes a mysterious fall to his death. Director Justine Triet's cinematic brilliance, underscored by haunting steel drums, earned this film the Cannes Palme d'Or 2023, making it an unforgettable watch.



► *Anatomy of a Fall* also screens at Palace Byron Bay on Friday, October 27 at 4.40pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24:

7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Ground Swell: The Other Side of Fear
Byron premiere

Facing fear isn't just for those riding mountain-sized waves. Narrated by Josh Brolin, *Ground Swell* delves into the universal challenge of confronting our deepest fears. Follow the journey of surf legends like Nic Von Rupp, Kai Lenny, Matt Bromley, Torrey Meister, Vini dos Santos and Bianca Valenti as they tackle the world's fiercest waves. Their courage transcends surfing, reminding us all that true discovery lies just beyond our own fears.



► *Ground Swell* also screens at Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Sunday October 29 at 6.30pm.

Virtual Reality Sessions

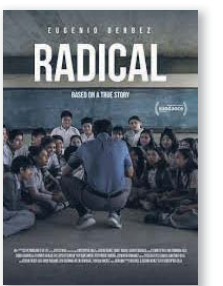
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BBFF Virtual Reality activations are always popular – you can explore new dimensions in storytelling and immerse yourself in innovative narratives that break the boundaries of traditional filmmaking and art. Check the bbff.com.au website for times, tickets and details of the experiences being shared.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25:

7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Radical
Byron premiere

Children at the struggling Jose Urbina Lopez Elementary face not just academic hurdles but also violence and poverty. Hope emerges with Sergio Juarez, played by Eugenio Derbez, an innovative and enigmatic teacher who ignites their passion for learning. Based on a true story this winner of the Sundance Audience Award 2023 captures hearts at festivals worldwide.



► *Radical* also screens at Palace on Sunday Oct 29 and at The Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah on Sunday Oct 22, 3pm.

8.30pm, Beach Hotel, free
Music Video Showcase
After-party at Lovers Lane

Join the party at the Beachy for a blast of this fantastic selection of music videos from around the world, including our own Tijuana Cartel. Music videos inspire collaboration and are a vital calling card for talented directors and you get to see some of the most innovative here. Dancing is inevitable.



MORE SESSIONS NEXT WEEK:

The 17th Byron Bay International Film Festival runs October 20-29

Screenings from Thursday, October 26 to Sunday, October 29 include a doco on art renegade David Bromley, an inspirational story about rugby league restoring hope to a troubled PNG community (*Kaugere*), an upbeat exploration of life in contemporary Cuba (*Habana Shakes*), a chilling drama about when 'conscious eating' gets out of hand (*Club Zero*), an encore screening of *The Edge of Nature* in Lennox Head, and a boisterous look at Australia's romance with Bollywood and much more. PLUS! On October 27, join us for a magical evening under the full moon at our outdoor screening at Denning Park.

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Interested persons are invited to make a submission on the Draft Policy within 28 days.

Submissions will open 11 October 2023 and close 8 November 2023.

Submissions must be made by visiting Councils website at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the ‘Lodging a Submission’ section within Councils website.




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 Denwol Suffolk ignored our community’s expressed objections to the original plans, and forced us to two hearings at the Land and Environment Court (L&EC) in marked contrast to Cadre at Bangalow, for example. For us, fighting this DA’s outrageous overdevelopment and its modified plans, modified again during the hearing, involved galvanising and sustaining community pressure for over two years.

Without Byron Shire Council’s (BSC) preparedness to see the DA off after the appeal process was initiated, Suffolk Park and its unique character would be doomed. The units turned over from the much vaunted ‘affordable housing’ to short-term rental accommodation. Public safety was at further risk with the developer’s objection to the provision of a footpath and associated infrastructure. Still more ‘retained’ trees were to be removed from the frontage of Clifford Street, due to their lack of viability.

The decision by the Commissioner represents a huge win for us and the environment. This was judged to be at risk of serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values. The clearing of the Coastal Cypress Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) ‘is likely to contribute significantly to the risk of [it] becoming extinct by continuing the pattern of clearing for urban development’. Addressing this pattern of clearing in the L&EC is very heartening in the context of the current fight to save Wallum and its precious ecology from luxury development.

It is not over yet. The developer has 28 days to lodge a further appeal against the Commissioner’s decision refusing consent. I have the expectation this does not happen, given

what we’ve already been put through.

I thank BSC, in particular Cr Duncan Dey, for supporting us throughout these proceedings. Also, the Suffolk Park Progress Association. Above all, the general community’s indefatigable activism and diligence, without which this story would be very different.

Lynne Richardson
 Suffolk Park

Rough sleepers

A number of months ago I was privileged to take Rose Jackson, the NSW Minister for Housing and the North Coast, to meet with the wonderful people running Fletcher Street Cottage and to hear from Council staff on the need for more support for those sleeping rough in our shire. This followed the then shadow minister’s visit to Fletcher Street before the last NSW election.

With the latest street count finding that Byron Shire has the largest number of rough sleepers of any local government area in the state, these services are desperately needed.

Last Thursday, Rose announced funding for both of these services. \$125,000 for Fletcher Street Cottage and an extension of the Assertive Outreach Program into Byron Shire. The Assertive Outreach program works with rough sleepers where they are, providing support and referrals to services when needed.

This comes on the heels of the NSW government finally delivering a 60-day cap for short-term holiday letting after a long community campaign.

What a difference a change of government makes. It is great to have a minister that recognises the needs of our community and delivers.

Asren Pugh
 Byron Shire Councillor

Juvenile drivers

There is an increasing incidence of catastrophic events caused by youngsters driving stolen or ‘borrowed’ vehicles creating devastation to the families of those maimed or killed due to their inexperience and arrogance.

Apart from their ultimate police action, their eventual issuance of a driving licence should depend upon the severity of their actions, i.e. if fatalities have occurred, life ban on securing a licence.

Whilst I acknowledge that such offenders would not even be aware that you might publish this letter, perhaps any responsible parent might take it on board and instil in their offspring the threat they are causing to their own future and the safety of other people.

Peter Walters
 Ballina

Brilliant David Lowe

Thank you for the wonderful article ‘A short history of cruelty’ by the brilliant David Lowe (*The Echo* online, 25 September: www.echo.net.au/articles).

Those who profit most from this terrible trade in animal suffering are some of the richest people in this country. The government needs to give jobs to Australian workers, rather than furthering enriching the coffers of Australia’s wealthy, including the mining and beef queen Gina Reinhart.

They would process the meat in Australia. Reinhart holds the most land. She controls 9.2 million hectares, or 1.2 per cent of Australia’s landmass, through three different corporate entities, according to data compiled by *Guardian Australia* (Ben Butler 17 May 2021). The government would also save Australian taxpayers money in subsidies. These traders also benefit from insurance payments when thousands of animals die in transport.

Another profitable racket.

The former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Animal Welfare (nicknamed by some as Minister for Animal Cruelty), Barnaby Joyce, was also the live export industry’s biggest cheerleader. He scrapped the department’s animal welfare branch in 2013. He angered many Australians with his disregard for animal welfare, and his jokes.

He is mates with Gina Reinhart. It was then reported on the evening news that she helped him financially with his election. Not long after, Gina Reinhart was given the opportunity to buy, together with her Chinese business partner, Shanghai Cred Corporation, Australia’s second-largest cattle property, the Kidman cattle empire. This meant they could send more of Australia’s cattle to China, to be tortured (the Chinese wrongly believe the more an animal is made to suffer the better the meat) and slaughtered.

Reinhart feels encouraged to expand her empire, buying more and more cattle and sheep stations. She has already stated that she will increase the number of cattle on one of the stations by 6,000 and is determined to export 30 million cattle to China. China’s animal welfare standards are non-existent and almost impossible to control.

Politician Bob Katter, who spoke out against the Kidman deal, called it a cheap con. This was reported by Bidda Jones and Julian Davies in *The Sydney Morning Herald* in an article about live exports controlled by a small band of multinational companies. It is time Labor stopped being fearful of voters in Western Australia. They, and Gina Reinhart, will never vote Labor.

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The truth

How much money would have been saved over the years if the Byron Shire Council engineers and senior management had applied the expertise and knowledge they were employed for instead of calling in consulting firms to solve the problems for them?

The infiltration problem in the Mullumbimby sewer gravity mains has existed for 25 years, there are engineers who have worked for BSC in this area the whole time without making any attempt to solve the problem. It was more important to get the moratorium lifted in Mullumbimby than to fix this problem of raw sewage escaping the sewer mains and entering the groundwater estuaries in Brunswick River.

The main focus of the reuse policy put in place by the Byron Shire Council was to get effluent leaving wastewater treatment plants out of our waterways.

If you believe the misleading information on Council's website this has been achieved. Total rubbish, it is easy to put percentages up such as for Byron Bay showing out of one hundred per cent of effluent leaving West Byron STP – seventy-six per cent goes to the Byron Bay Golf Course. The fact is a large amount of reuse flows out of the golf course under Bangalow Road and into the swamp. Is the delivery pump to the golf course turned off during substantial rain events?

Council's website still shows the two Main Arm farms as being major reuse recipients. The reuse figures from Brunswick Valley STP show this to be untrue. The majority of effluent that is leaving our wastewater treatment plants is still entering our waterways.

BSC still employs consultants to tell them how to fix the flooding

throughout the shire, no one has been totally honest and said 'no can do' without raising all of those areas about four metres.

Alan Dickens
Ballina

Proud Ocean Shores

Once upon a time, Ocean Shores was a very proud town as all houses were to be built brick, garages large enough to occupy all vehicles, washing lines were not to be visible from the road and fencing disallowed and there had to be one representative from Ocean Shores on Byron Shire Council (BSC).

What do we have today? Utter shambles and it even makes one cry. Houses being built with whatever, footpaths hardly exist as they were loaded with parked cars and caravans and ugly fences have appeared everywhere.

Ocean Shores incidentally does not have one representative on Council. Once we applied to the Tweed Heads Council (THC) to be included in their shire. The Tweed Council members came down to Ocean Shores and inspected it carefully and decided that it was too decadent to join their shire.

Now we have a larger population than Byron Bay. No representative on Council. We do not have the closure of shops being experienced in Byron. Reading down the BSC's achievements for the year, Ocean Shores had absolutely zero money spent on it to make it a more liveable town.

What was laughable to me was that BSC spent over \$2m on a skateboard park. Who for? Not really the local kids but to attract hundreds of tourists' children. My Council rates, probably like everyone else in Ocean Shores, were \$3,740. Surely they can wake up to themselves without having to have one member from Ocean Shores on

Council to see that this town has its roads resurfaced, footpaths remade and force residents to remove cars and caravans off their footpaths?

Let us hope and pray that next year we will see some money really spent in the largest populated town in Byron Shire.

Wiff and Barb Sprengel
Ocean Shores

Scrivener's world

I felt *The Echo* was quite insulting to John Scrivener by labelling a letter 'Scrivener's Ukraine' (3 September).

As I write this, the entire Russian population is currently sheltering underground, in nuclear fallout shelters.

Oddly, Australians and Americans do not believe they are at war with Russia, yet every Russian believes Russia is indeed at war with the USA and its allies, including Australia.

Under Gough Whitlam, the left opposed war, today the left promotes war – but for 'good reasons'. Anti-war Tucker Carlson, from the right, who gets 100 million views of some of his talks says, 'the Ukraine war will become a hot war between USA and Russia in 2024'.

We continue to stumble into a nuclear minefield. Those who promote the war in Ukraine, place at risk, the lives of everyone.

Forbes, (2 March, 2023) suggests: 'Five Ways The Ukraine War Could Become A Nuclear Conflict' and Russia's most senior military strategist, Major General Alexander Vladimirov says nuclear war is the inevitable conclusion of the Ukrainian invasion. War is outdated: there are no winners in war, just endless suffering and lucrative weapons sales. Proponents of war are driving this world toward its final conclusion.

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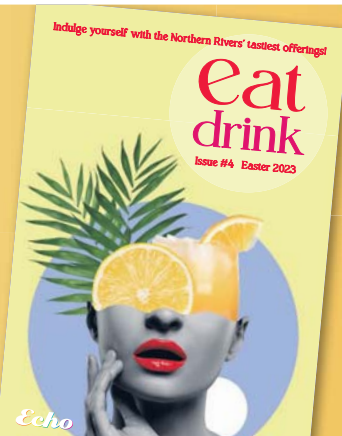
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Good Life

Conscious meat 'People are coming back to meat.'

Victoria Cosford

I'm chatting to Nick Tallas, manager of new-kid-on-the-block Conscious Ground, purveyor of grass-fed beef and pork. I'd been curious to know how, in a region as dedicated to veganism as this one is, their products are received. 'When you offer people an alternative to something that's good for the planet, that's when you get a lot of ex-vegans now eating meat.'

On 240 acres of land at Myocum, owner Richard Togsrud started his business about five years ago 'with the intention,' Nick tells me, 'of educating people as well as producing organic food.' Of those acres, 110 are for grazing while on another 20-30,



Conscious Ground's Nick Tallas (on the left) and Felix Vergara

pigs are rotated. The cows are 100% grass-raised and finished and, unlike grain-fed cattle with their higher methane output, more carbon is locked into the soil. Management is holistic and the animals are moved around regularly, which offers a means of controlling pests in conjunction with the organic apple cider

vinegar they are fed, used for internal parasites.

It's a great challenge maintaining their ACO organic status ('those internal parasites in a sub-tropical environment,' Nick tells me, deter a lot of other farmers from going fully organic) and yet the selective rotation of animals, the many water

catchment areas on the property and its holistic management all assist. 'Running a diversity of animals - the pigs running around - in that natural environment brings so much joy,' Nick says.

From the little grill set up, he and fellow stall-holder Felix offer samples of meltingly tender beef on toothpicks - for a high vegan customer base the proffered plate seems to empty in seconds! I myself come away with fat Italian pork sausages I devour that night with mashed potatoes, relishing their coarse rustic texture and their very hot spiciness.

Conscious Ground are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7 to 11am.

Stone & Wood 'Drag Trivia'

The popular Stone & Wood Drag Trivia is coming back for another round next Thursday 26 October, after their sold-out event earlier this year. If you think their pilot batch beers push the boundaries, you should try this!

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Tickets from \$15 +BF, doors open at 5.30pm, so head down for fresh beers and delicious meals and snacks being served up by the local foodie legends, 100 Mile Table. Trivia set to shine at 6:30pm

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Love letter to Byron



Dear Byron Bay,

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Thank you Byron Bay, from Leslie and the Red Ginger Team.

Debra has a whey with cheese!

You can thank a blind date for ultimately leading to the birth of Cheeses Loves You, a regular stall at Byron Farmers Market with local cheesemaker Debra Allard at the helm.

Debra's mum set her up on a date with Jim, a fifth-generation dairy farmer, and the rest is history. Deb swapped a life in marketing and accounts for farming in Burringbar.

The 80-hectare farm, which has been in the family since 1895, was changed from dairy cattle to beef cattle a number of years ago when the bottom fell out of the local dairy industry, so when Debra and Jim decided to convert it back so they could use their own milk to make cheese, there were big shoes to fill.



Debra Allard at Byron Farmers Market.

'It was a lot of pressure!' Debra says. 'But I knew value-adding was worthwhile. I had been making cheese for a number of

years, and had travelled the world learning about cheese, but I had been using other people's milk.

'It made sense to be producing our own milk, so we started milking 20 cows seven years ago and it's taken us seven years to build up to milk a consistent 90-100 cows.'

And it's these cows that are the key to the success of Debra's range of cheeses and dairy products, including cultured butter, kefir, yoghurt, soft, white-mould, semi-hard, hard and blue cheeses. Debra also sells her Jersey milk and cultured buttermilk, which is in high demand, at the farmers' market.

'Our cows are beautiful Jersey cows that produce high-fat content milk, which makes everything creamier and it's also high

in good bacteria. It really is a superior milk.'

But it's not just the quality of the milk that sets Debra's products apart from their mass-produced counterparts found in supermarkets.

'The beauty of me working half an hour down the road from the market is that I've made the products that week with milk that's come straight from our cows - it's still warm and contains all the good bacteria,' she says.

'And I don't add salt to extend shelf life because I want people to be able to experience the full flavour. Supermarket products also add cultures that contain preservatives to extend shelf life. I don't have to do that because I make small batches that are sold that week at the market, or within two weeks.'

You can find Deb and her range of locally made dairy products at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning.

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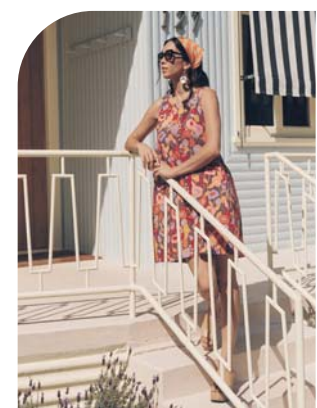
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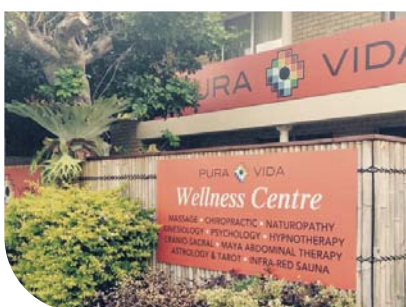


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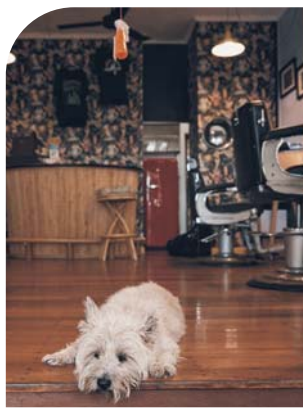
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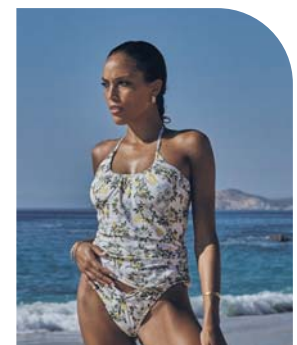
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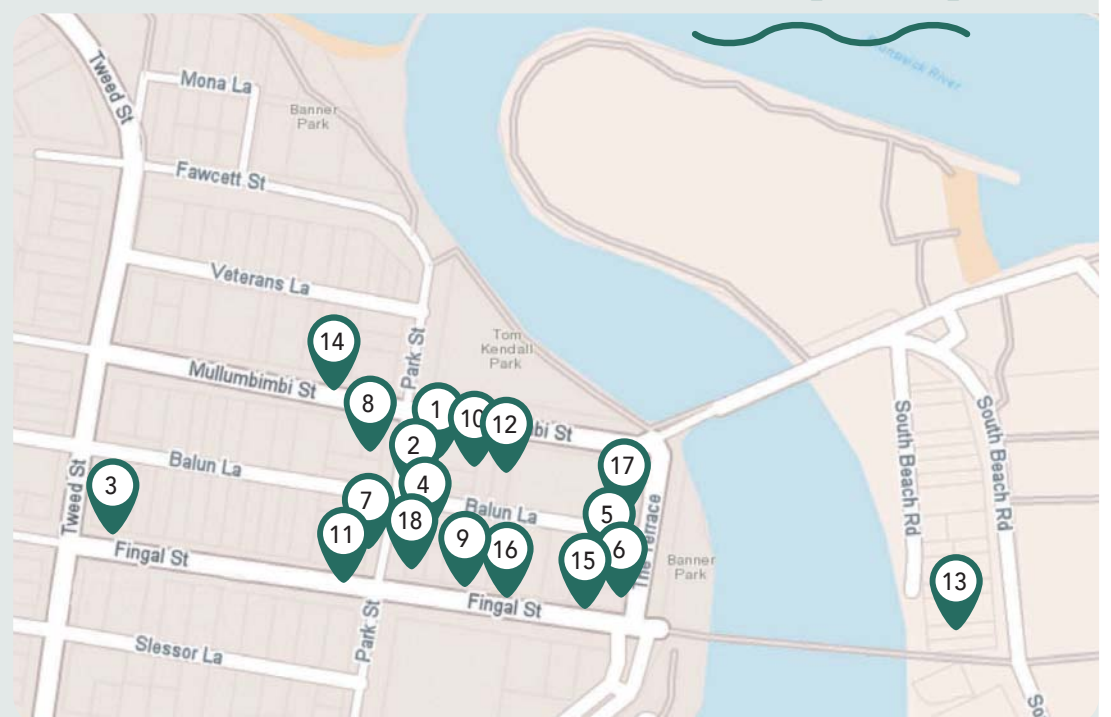
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Day of the Dead

Zenith Virago and our local charity, Natural Death Care Centre celebrates the Day Of The Dead'.

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Sunday, 29 October from 3pm for community art memento making with Sam Collyer. 4pm ceremony of love and remembrance with the Biggest Little Town Choir. This will be the 17th annual ceremony. Bring a blanket, and photos or mementos to create a communal sacred shrine.

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Byron healing is your guide to maintaining health and wellbeing in Byron and the Northern Rivers.

New listings recently added to **Byron healing**: Tapping with Jules, and Rentia Visser Alchemy - visit the website for full details on these businesses.

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



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UPCOMING BYRON HEALING CLIENT EVENTS

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Held by Byron College
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A Compassionate Lense On Anger course

Held by Byron College
Date: Starts Tuesday 24 October
Time: 9:30-11:00am (8 weekly sessions)
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Meditation and Menopause course

Held by Byron College
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Pilates Over 50's course

Held by Byron College
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Breath Of Life course

Held by Byron College
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Time: 10-12pm (6-weekly sessions)
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Booking contact: www.byroncollege.org.au/course/BreathOfLife

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Held by Byron College
Date: Starts Friday 27 October
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Reiki Level 1 workshop

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Held by Lakshmi Sound Healing
Date: 17-20 November
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Booking contact: www.lakshmisoundhealing.com/soundhealingtrainingandworkshops

Make Herbal Medicines with Jacinta McEwen ND workshop

Held by Om Healing
Date: Saturday 18 November
Time: 9.30 to 3pm
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Held by Ritual Pause
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Time: 10am
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Held by Unearthed Retreats
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Weekend Reset retreat

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Date: 3-6 November
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Seven Days of Entertainment



Shearwater's The Gatekeeper on a WAVE

The buzz is building at Shearwater and it's not just the bees – with two weeks to go until curtains up on WAVE 2023, the Mullumbimby Steiner School has hit term 4 running!

Tickets are on sale now for this year's **Wearable Arts** performance event, the school's 23rd, and it's entitled *The Gatekeeper*.

A highlight of the school's performing arts calendar, WAVE is embedded in the curriculum (and is also a ton of fun!), with around 200 students taking on roles as dancers, musicians, actors, writers, filmmakers and editors, lighting and audio technicians, carpenters, tailors, set and prop designers and builders, choreographers, photographers, stage hands, models and caterers.

WAVE Director, **Josh Rushton**, says it's always an exciting moment when the competition garments, created by students, staff and the wider creative community, begin arriving at the school!

'In this sense, Shearwater's Wearable Arts event has built, over more than two decades, a true artistic interface between high school and the world. A competition that goes out to the community; a high school production that builds an incredible show around an inspiring theme; and finally the integration of competition entries that brings the show to life.'

The performances will take place in the **Shearwater Hall** from **November 1 to 4**, starting at **7pm** with refreshments available from 6.30pm. Winners will be announced on opening night.

As part of Shearwater's 30th year celebrations, tickets this year are **\$30 for adults and \$15 for school students**, with family options available (not suitable for children under eight years).

Book your tickets via the WAVE website at shearwaterperformingarts.com or by scanning the QR code on our ad. All ticketing enquiries to wavetickets@shearwater.nsw.edu.au or phone Shearwater on 6684 3223.



Love and driftwood

'It has been four years since that morning, one of those fateful moments in time that would knit itself into the fabric of who I am today. This morning though, unlike many of the other pivotal moments through which I had been reluctantly forged by loss, grief, and heartache – this one morning became the gift I longed for in the midst of so much sorrow.

'A piece of driftwood in the shape of an eagle's beak lapped onto the shore by sea and swell and perhaps the hand of something far greater than I understood then. On any other day, I may have missed it, but on this particular day, I found myself seeking solitude on a long, empty stretch of beach to sit face to face with the long-held grief of my mother's passing. A simple gift from the ocean, a piece of driftwood, would serve to completely alter the course of my life. I was ten years old when I lost my mum – I was not prepared, not ready to be without her. She will be forever upheld in my memories as a strong, powerful and deeply beautiful woman who embodied such divinity. When she left, so too did my childlike innocence and wonder for the mysteries of the world. My imagination gave way to survival and my noticing dulled. I gave her ashes

to the ocean when I was 11 years old, and when I sought to feel her, that's where I would return. So there I was, alone on the beach, driftwood in hand, being transformed in a way I'm yet to properly articulate – not knowing, but somehow understanding the significance of this moment and the change that lay ahead.

'The dreaming in me began to stir from its 15-year slumber, led by what I believe to be the gentle hand of my beautiful mother. For the two months that followed, I remained on that beach collecting driftwood, reacquainting with all the lost parts of myself – childlike wonder and joy. My initiatory work, a wedge-tailed eagle titled *Reincarnate*, I named in honour of my father who passed away mid-way through the creation of this sculpture. He had always wanted to return as an eagle. My sculptures hold great love, great intention and grand meaning. I am blessed by their creation.' – Ben Hellewell.

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The wild life of Tex Perkins

Two great things are happening at the same time – the band’s getting back together and while they’re at it, they are raising funds for a really good cause.

Five-time ARIA award-winning Australian rock band **The Cruel Sea** will play their first show in ten years to headline **Wild Aid 2023**, a fundraiser for wildlife in association with **Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital** and Bluesfest.

The Cruel Sea will appear for an exclusive benefit gig on **Saturday** at **The Green Room** at **Byron Events Farms** a warmup to their recently announced national tour. The show aims to raise awareness of, and funds for, Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital’s life-saving veterinary treatment and care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife.

Seven caught up with **Tex Perkins** in the lead-up to chat about the band and wildlife.

The band’s back together! Can fans expect this to be a permanent arrangement?

We’re just enjoying what it is at the moment. I mean, we’ve committed to playing Bluesfest next year, but that’s as far as the horizon goes at the moment...

...Okay. Danny (Rumour) the heart and soul, the main sort of creative force of The Cruel Sea – he gave me a CD with demos on it, like he did in the old days. So there’s a possibility of new music. If that happens then the ball is well and truly continuing to roll, but at the moment, it’s just a celebration of the 30-year anniversary of *The Honeymoon Is Over* and doing a series of gigs with a focus on that moment. But, I think there’s life in the old dog yet.



Tell me what’s going to be exciting about this event for the wildlife fundraiser – are you nervous?

Well, it’s our first gig, and now that you suggest that I could be, or should be, yeah I am – I wasn’t nervous until you mentioned it!

It’s a bit of a big deal for us. But at the same time the anniversary was happening, the catalyst for this gig was funding for the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital. I am an ambassador for the wildlife hospital. When they contacted me asking me to film myself to help lobby the state government for funding, well, being a musician, in my community, whenever there’s a need or an issue, then we do a benefit concert – that’s our answer to everything.

I also want to mention how important Bluesfest has been to this project. They came on board pretty early – Peter Noble offered The Green Room as the venue and the staff have been very helpful putting it all together.

Is it a lot of pressure getting something like this up?

Well, we’re all there to support the wildlife hospital, so that’s the focus, but yes, it is the first time the crew’s been on stage together for ten years, so I’m trying to kid myself that there is no pressure.

Are you having enough fun?

Yes, I am. I’m having a lot of fun actually. Every day is fun. I’ve got a wonderful family, I have so many projects, so many stimulating things to do. I am having a lot of fun, and I’m prepared to share that fun.

Tickets are available at Moshtix: tinyurl.com/ydjr2tsf.

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Byron Ballet's artistic director, **Yvonne Hall**, says it's been over ten years since the company last performed this fun, but somewhat complex, production in its entirety. 'It's long overdue – our dancers can't wait!'

The story revolves around Dr Coppelius, an eccentric magician and toymaker whose latest automaton doll, 'Coppelia', captivates the lusty attention of dashing young Franz from the local village – much to the dismay of his jealous girlfriend.

Coppelia is one of the world's most loved and accessible ballets, and is artful entertainment for the whole family, from the very young to the discriminating balletophile.

Book now, there are four shows only on October 27, 28, and 29. Tickets from Byron Theatre: byroncentre.com.au.



Prayers For Peace

This event is an invitation for the community to come together, with the intention to share the frequency of prayer and connection, peace and healing.

Originally intended to be the celebration for the launch of **Amir Paiss's** new album **Shma** (Hear), following the recent events in the Middle East this evening turns into a call to gather and share songs for peace and healing.

Music and singing together are powerful tools for awakening our innate healing capacities and natural wisdom. Each song can be a drop of medicine for the pain and suffering we witness in ourselves and in the world.

This is a night of ancient and original poetry, and the weaving of culture and community. A gathering of prayer and heart, leaning into our strength and resilience, being a resource for one another.

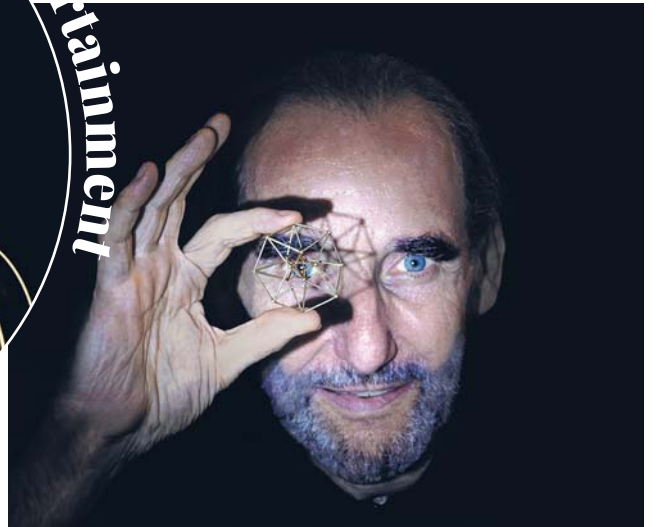
Join the community with your kind and compassionate heart, with your wish for a healthy world, and together we can send love to all those in need, beyond our political views, rooted in our shared humanity.

We all have the ability and voice to contribute to Prayers For Peace.

Hosted by **Amir Paiss, Avishai Barnatan, Shai Shriki, Willow Stahlut, Tsoof Baras** and special guests. Zorba Productions and Amir Paiss present: **Prayers For Peace**.

St John's Hall Mullumbimby, Saturday, October 28. Doors open at 7pm for connecting, dinner, dessert and chai. Music from 8pm.

Proceeds from the night will be donated to Mullumbimby Emergency Community Action.



Popup AI art exhibition

Local artist **Narada Vantari** is the author and illustrator of **Understanding Sacred Geometry and the Flower of Life**. His latest work explores AI's 'understanding' of archetypal beauty and multicultural spiritual symbology.

Vantari uses a mixture of text-to-image generators such as Midjourney.com and Leonardo.ai, and Photoshop, to create exquisite images focused on themes such as multicultural angels, portals, geometries, and the human form. As well as the visual beauty, each image reveals the AI's grasp of composition, colour, 3D depth, lighting, style, culture, and character.

The framed artworks have been locally printed on high-quality paper. They are very reasonably priced between \$12 to \$240 depending on framing and image size.

Also on display will be his handmade and 3D-printed geometries and jewellery, including original discoveries such as the toroidal projections of higher-dimensional platonic forms.

Evening presentations will cover the commonality of higher dimensional patterns to sacred geometry, AI and spirituality, plus, the incredible technological transformation of the world coming in the next handful of years.

This event is on **Friday from 11am to 9pm, Saturday from 4pm to 9pm and Sunday at 7pm** for the free evening multimedia presentations on sacred geometry, AI, and spirituality.

Room 3, Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College, corner of Burringbar and Gordon Streets, Mullumbimby.

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On the map with Drive-By Truckers

University of North Alabama roomies Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley began playing music together in 1985 but it wasn't until 1996 that they became the foundation of the Drive-By Truckers.

The band's current line-up is Patterson Hood (lead vocals, guitar), Mike Cooley (lead vocals, guitar, banjo), Brad Morgan (drums), Jay Gonzalez (keys, guitar, accordion, backing vocals), and Matt Patton (bass guitar, backing vocals). The line-up has undergone multiple changes since the band's formation – they love to collaborate – with Hood and Cooley serving as the sole constants throughout.

Seven spoke to **Patterson Hood** to find out just what the Truckers are all about.

My impression of Drive-By Truckers is southern-country rock-soul-blues-emo. Is that right?

I think you could probably throw all that in the blender and maybe add punk rock – don't forget punk rock. I think we're a punk rock band even though we don't sound like a punk rock band – but, there's like a storytelling kind of thing involved somewhere too. Almost like a Texas style of storytelling, even though we're not from Texas. You know, an Alabama style of storytelling.

We're pretty eclectic, our taste is all over the map. We're probably more eclectic as people than our music itself.

I think my voice, and Cooley's voice, kind of anchor us to a certain sound even though the band's kind of all over the map.

Our songs are probably more all over the map than our voices are able to express.

Not a lot of bands have two lead vocalists. Do you guys ever have a punch-up over who gets to sing?

No, no, not at all. As far as records go, it's kind of whoever wrote it sings it. There's one song I wrote that Cooley sings, although we never play it, I wish we did because I love what he does with it. As far as live shows, we generally take turns.

I mean, honestly, whoever plays the first song, the other one does a second. We don't

do a setlist, we decide on the first song right before we go on stage and then it just goes back and forth and sometimes trying to stump each other. You know, it's fun. There's really very little of the ego kind of thing with our band, as far as with each other at least. We've always kind of felt like that. If someone plays better than me in the band that just makes it a better band that I get to be in – I'm just trying not to be the weak link (laughs). I need to be good enough so they want to keep playing with me.

One of the things I love most about your music is the activism. I feel that artists have some modicum of responsibility to do that – what's your feeling on that?

I agree! We've always had a political aspect to our band, although it kind of got pushed to the forefront in the last decade or so, because of the rise of Trumpism and the racial situation in our country, but it's always been there. It's always been part of what we do. We all grew up loving punk rock and that's very socially conscious. I always feel like it's kind of part of the job – to me, that's kind of part of the duty of art.

You and I are both going to turn 60 I think in the next six months. How are you going? Are you still finding fresh things to write about or do musically?

I hope so. I mean, I still buy a ton of records – as many as I did as a teenager. I've never stopped being passionate about music. I do spend a pretty lopsided amount of my income buying music. I am still excited about it. I'm excited about coming back to Australia. I'm not gonna say 'music keeps me young' because nothing's gonna make me young again. But it keeps me alive.

What inspires you?

Meeting people and going to new places and returning to old places. I love travelling, I love playing, and the kids you know, the teenagers I get to hang out with because of my kids. I love that. I just want to be a little part of the conversation for as long as I can.

You can catch the Drive-By Truckers on Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29 at Bluesfest 2024.

Information and tickets: bluesfest.com.au.



Byron Music Society's Big Sing

Tickets are now on sale for **Mozart's Mass in C minor**, or as it is also known, **The Great Mass**, conducted by **Nicholas Routley**. The **Big Sing** choir, a massed choir of approximately 120 singers from all around the region, is joining forces with **Lismore Symphony Orchestra** to perform this towering masterpiece of classical music.

In 2015 Byron Music Society decided to add to their program an annual concert in which anyone who wants to, can come and sing. A concert by the community for the community. There are no auditions for the Big Sing, as this event has become known.

The first concert was a huge success and now it has become a major event in the community music calendar of our region.

The inaugural Big Sing in 2016 was Handel's *Messiah*, and it was conducted by Richard Gill, an inspiring galvaniser of musical activity nationwide, who is alas no longer with us.

Messiah was repeated in 2017, and in 2018 they performed Mozart's *Requiem*; both of these performances were conducted by Nicholas Routley, a local musician who was the founder of the Sydney Chamber Choir. Then in 2019 Emily Cox, from the Brisbane group Canticum, conducted Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and last year in 2022 Nicholas conducted *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms (Ein deutsches Requiem).

International soloists Gaynor Morgan and Patrick Donnelly, both now resident on the Gold Coast, will join the choir and orchestra, as well as local stars Geoffrey Webb and Gabby Diaz. Geoff recently relocated to Melbourne, but is returning to participate in the event. Singers are coming from as far afield as Bellingen, and some are even travelling up from Sydney to participate.

Ticket: \$60, \$55 BMS/LSO members, concession, \$50 students – trybooking.com/1115237.



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\$16.50/27.50/38.50

Free tickets for flood-affected members of our community!



Sonya & Christine

Saturday 11th November
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Above/Below

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAN HANNAFORD
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM ALLY PALMER
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM FUNNY MONDAY – SHAHAR HASON & YOHAY SPONDER
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM CORNERS OF THE EARTH – KAMCHATKA
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM AUSTRALIAN SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION WAX LYRICAL SHOWCASE
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM 30 YEARS OF STRUNG OUT W/ FRIENDS WITH THE ENEMY

THURSDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM JASPER O'MALEY
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM NIGHTS OF GRIEF AND MYSTERY
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, LUKE BENNETT
- VAMP VINTAGE, BYRON BAY, 6PM BEN HELLEWELL – EXHIBITION OPENS: WHERE MOVEMENT & STILLNESS COLLIDE
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM OLE FALCOR
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE ALMIGHTY SOMETIMES
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM BLACK TRAIN
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM COMEDY ON THE ROCKS WITH GREG SULLIVAN
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHT

FRIDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM PINK ZINC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM KANE MUIR, CHAPERONE & DJ QUENDO
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM DJ WILL CONNELL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM SCIENTIST

- BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM NARADA VANTARI AI ART
- BANGALOW HOTEL ROHIN KNIGHT
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM AARON LAGUADA
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM DJ JAX FAE, DJ POPPINS & DJ MAX WEINMANN
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ BALA
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE ALMIGHTY SOMETIMES
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM NATHAN KAYE
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 9PM BACKBEAT
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM OLIVE MAE, LEVEL ONE 7PM DRAG-O-WEEN

- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM & 7PM LIZ STRINGER
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM LINELOCKERS + DJ THE WHO'S WHO
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM PHIL GUEST
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM PACO LARA DUENDE FLAMENCO SHOW
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM ROCKIN' RON
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM DJ NIGHT RIDER
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM AKMAL – NOT DEAD YET

SATURDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, BACKBEAT
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM SUCK MY DISCO
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM TONY & THE THIEF, 5PM DJ KAI NOON
- THE GREEN ROOM, BYRON, 5PM THE CRUEL SEA – WILD AID
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM HARRY NICHOLS TRIO
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM BBFF2023: SPOTLIGHT ON BYRON, 6PM BBFF2023: THE TRUST FALL: JULIAN ASSANGE
- BANGALOW HOTEL STEVE GILBERT

- BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM NARADA VANTARI AI ART
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM DJ ABEL TORO
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE ALMIGHTY SOMETIMES
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6.30PM TIN PARLOUR
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM JB'S BLUES BREAKERS
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTELSTAGE 8.30PM DJ BEATDUSTA
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM BEN WHITING
- TWO MATES BREWING, LISMORE, 6PM THE HILLBILLY SKANK
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7PM PADDY MCHUGH + BRODIE BUTTONS + JIM MONGREL + DJ OVALS
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM PACO LARA 'DUENDE' ALBUM LAUNCH
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM JADE STODDARD
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM BRETT HEALY
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM ANTHONY CALLEA & TIM CAMPBELL

SUNDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE VERSACE BOYS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM DONNY SHADES + EDDIE C + SOLLYDASS
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM FLAVOURS OF SPAIN – KARIN SCHAUPP & ALEX RAINERI
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12.30PM TIAGO FREITAS
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM POP RADIO + LOVE BANANA
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM PAUL GEORGE AND JASON JANUS
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM SHIRE CHOIR COMMUNITY FEELGOOD TOUR
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM THE ALMIGHTY SOMETIMES

- BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM NARADA VANTARI – SACRED GEOMETRY, AI AND SPIRITUALITY
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM MAJESTIC KNIGHTS
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY (NRCG), BALLINA, 10.30AM BALLINA CONTEMPORARY ART MARKET – WELCOME TO COUNTRY W/ AUNTIE NANCY WALKE, DJ CHOP SUEY, PARADISE FM BUSKING COMPETITION, DJ CHOP SUEY, MYKI JAY & VERSACE BOYS
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB WITH FLAMING HANDS, 2.30PM BLUES CLUB – FLAMING HANDS
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM RESIN DOGS
- ELTHAM HOTEL THE PINK STONES
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 3PM OLIVIA GAMAGE
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM DMA'S

MONDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JOCK BARNES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM MADDY MONACELLI

TUESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, ISAAC FRANKHAM
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM GUY KACHEL
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM THE STORY SERIES WITH GOERGE AND LAURA

WEDNESDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, MARSHALL OKELL
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM SCREENING: BLACK COCKATOO CRISIS
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 6PM ART EXHIBITION 'HALLOWED GROUND'



Piano and poetry at The Con

Northern Rivers Conservatorium is pleased to be presenting its final concert in collaboration with Musica Viva Australia for 2023, **Sonya & Christine: Above/Below**. Conceived as a reflection on the cyclical nature of life, *Above/Below* pairs the poetic, lyrical vignettes of Tchaikovsky's *The Seasons*, Op. 37a (based on the 12 calendar months of the year) with the abstract mysticism of George Crumb's *Makrokosmos*, Book 1 (based on the 12 houses of the zodiac), weaving a beguiling journey through the calendar year.

Ukrainian-Australian pianist **Sonya Lifschitz** is at the forefront of cross-disciplinary collaboration in Australia. Innovative and fiercely creative, Sonya re-contextualises the classical canon and pushes the boundaries of conventional concert practice.

A pianist working across many contexts, with repertoire spanning from 15th century Faenza Codex to works written for her today, she is known for her fiercely imaginative, daring collaborations across theatre, dance, screen-based and visual arts, spoken word, and performance art.

Described as 'a life force of extraordinary density and capacity', Sonya's artistry combines bold adventurousness with 'miraculous keyboard technique and musicianship' (*Woodstock Times*) to create work that positions classical and contemporary art music at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary performance practices. She is active as a soloist, creative collaborator, artistic director, educator, radio personality and arts advocate.

Joining Sonya is renowned Australian performance artist **Christine Johnston** (known affectionately as 'Madame Lark'), whose uncanny ability to mimic Australian bird calls — along with her gift for narration — has seen her appear at festivals and concerts around the globe. In this concert, she'll play the musical saw, imitate the song of the lark, play lap steel guitar, and recite poetry as Sonya juxtaposes two widely divergent musical voices, allowing them to speak to each other in surprising and illuminating ways. Known for her particular bent on humour, and dramatic visual style, she is perhaps best known as co-creator of the multi-award winning, internationally renowned comedic trio The Kransky Sisters. Her recent international commission from *Imagine* and *Windmill TC* *Baba Yaga* (with Scottish artist Shona Reppe and director Rosemary Myers) toured the UK, Ireland, China, Norway and Australia and won the Critics' Awards for Theatre in Scotland, the Ruby Award, and Helpmann Awards nomination.

Tickets range from \$16.50 to \$38.50. The Conservatorium is pleased to be able to offer free tickets to flood-affected members of our community.

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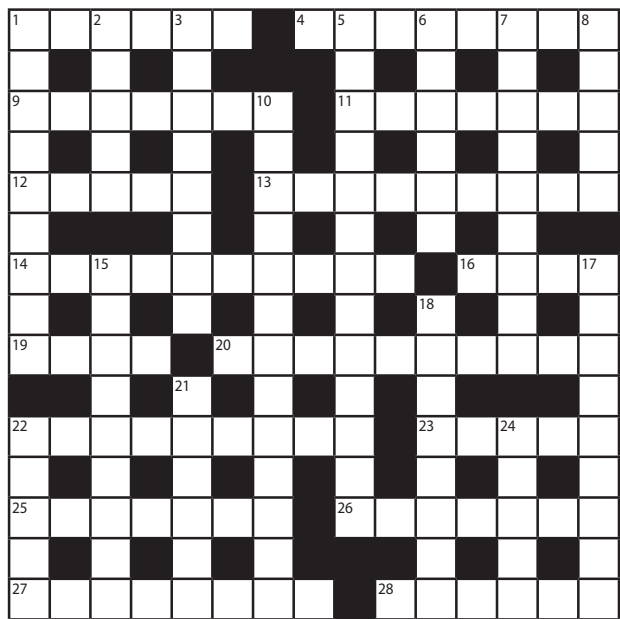
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RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRACKEN (PG) Thurs, Fri: 11:00AM Sat, Sun: 10:30AM	NYAD (R18) NFT Thurs, Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:10PM, 3:40PM, Fri: 12:00PM, 2:30PM Sat, Sun: 1:10PM, 3:40PM, 6:00PM	THE EXORCIST: BELIEVER (MA15+) Thurs, Fri: 1:00PM, 5:15PM, Sat, Sun: 8:30PM Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:30PM, 6:00PM
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Pitch prepared twice, incorporating potassium (6)
- The man with the water pot for a new age (8)
- Revenge – sperm returns to the islands (7)
- Take out the old leaflet (7)
- Outdo 40, so it's said (5)
- Trick with safe nuclear power? It's a muddle (9)
- Pennon employees to ceremonial poles (10)
- Turn around bites (4)
- Alkaline fruit (4)
- Contrast: French capital invested in firm with 1000 working (10)
- Actors assessed, and their balls cut off (9)
- Unsophisticated backwater (5)
- Monster Egyptian god follows ring (7)
- A law for representation – about time! (7)
- Make a note – not a central ingredient in bet (8)
- Directs cattle (6)

DOWN

- Low refund – remarkable, amazing (9)
- Funny firm, 1099 (5)
- No rest for report of EE minus (8)
- Old maid demands relentless speed, FAQ no use (5,2,6)
- Cat to perform a charade? (3,3)
- Italian grandmother links to stupidities (9)
- Posed with popular material (5)
- Small circle spies a line – dismissed actors and a pariah! (6,7)
- Notice with quest for entry (9)
- Feel smaller amount, stupid! (9)
- Negotiate gender-bender performance (8)
- Clergyman need for unhappy sprite (6)
- Two firms with a drink (5)
- Take effect for popular old city, English (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Hit it and you're out! (6)
- Nimbin festival (8)
- Arch-enemy (7)
- Excerpt (7)
- Surpass (5)
- Bafflement (9)
- Ensigns fly from these (10)
- Nibbles (4)
- A component of cement (4)
- An estimate of similarities and dissimilarities (10)
- Gelded (9)
- Ingenuous (5)
- Fire-breathing mythological creature (7)
- Ordinance (7)
- Comment on; explain (8)
- Bullocks (6)

DOWN

- Magnificent (9)
- Humorous (5)
- Having no relief (8)
- One of the black court cards (5,2,6)
- Dramatize something (3,3)
- Vacuous statements (9)
- Glossy fabric (5)
- Persona non grata (6,7)
- Confession (9)
- Pointless (9)
- Carry out (8)
- Cleric (6)
- Main ingredient of chocolate (5)
- Accustom someone to hardship or pain (5)

Last week's solution #512



Hearing the Truth

On 15 October I woke up profoundly sad. Like many people in this region, I'd been committed to supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart by campaigning for a 'Yes' vote. We ran a cohesive positive campaign that embodied the core value of truth-telling. But it wasn't enough. The results were deeply shocking. It felt hard to believe that this modest request could have become such a divisive issue.

Regardless of their position on the Voice referendum, the last few months have been painful for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. And Sunday was the day that over 80% of 'Yes'-voting First Nations people woke up to a 'No'. How did they walk back into their communities? Face their white colleagues? Neighbours? Doctors? Did they feel betrayed? Did they feel hurt? Was this referendum another trauma that we colonists have enacted on the sovereign owners of this land?

On Sunday I woke up in shame. The kind of shame that lives in every pore of your being. I texted my nephew, Levi, who wrote this column last week. Levi, a Wakka Wakka/ Kubi Kubi man who lives and works in Naarm, the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. When I messaged him I told him I was sorry. That I was very upset. I'd been crying all morning and hating that I was another white lady making this all about herself.

I was in my car outside the IGA when my phone pinged and Levi's message came through. With his permission I share the contents of his message with you.

'Aunt – regardless of the outcome either one of those results needed to happen. As uncomfortable as this is to hear – hearing that 'No' is also about truth-telling. Australia is now on the record for speaking its own truth. This changes nothing for those, such as yourself, who want better.

'In the coming months and years that follow – it is the most visible tool at a global scale to hold our country to account and bring forth an alternative. I'm not being delusional – it's just that my world has ended a million times before and yet the sun continues to rise, as if its forgotten the memo. We



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– Levi Murray, a Wakka Wakka/ Kubi Kubi man

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'Clarity is kindness – even if it's not the outcome we wanted or needed, it gives us an astute understanding of where we are, how we carry ourselves forward. Best thing about love, solidarity and kindness is that we can always find more of it whenever we need it and for whoever needs it. I know you will be okay, as much as I know I will be – and as we all will be. I love you.'

I'm sitting in my car and I'm weeping. Giant salty tears. The beauty and the wisdom of my nephew's writing undoes my anger. His compassion and his immense capacity for insight, and forgiveness is transformative. His intelligence transcends the outcome. This is resilience. I have to read the text a few times. There are times that words are like water on a thirsty earth.

After I compose myself I leave the car. The streets of Mullumbimby are empty, except for one man. An Indigenous man on the phone. He's really upset. He's raging about white fellas to whoever is on the other end. I am so ashamed. This is a painful day. I must not forget this. When I come out of the supermarket the man is sitting on a bench just staring into space. I don't know if it's okay, but I go up to him and I say 'I am sorry. Everything you were saying on the phone is true.' Then, because I was overwhelmed with emotion I burst into tears. And this beautiful man stood up and hugged me. In an empty Mullumbimby street a middle-aged white woman wept and was comforted by a stranger. He said, 'Solidarity sister. Everything will be okay.' He couldn't maintain his justified rage at me as a whitefella. His compassion was instant. I was so humbled by his kindness. Here I was again, a white lady making it about herself, being comforted by an Aboriginal person on their day of pain and rejection. That's bloody humbling.

I drove home with my heart transformed. I understood. Love, kindness, compassion. That is the way forward. There are millions of us who voted 'Yes', tens of thousands who actually campaigned. No matter how you voted, if you voted to support First Nations sovereignty, for inclusion, and for a self-determination, then we unite on First Nations justice and we work together. Truth-telling. Treaty. We don't go back. We go forward.

STARS BY LILITH

With Venus in fastidious Virgo and Mars moved to exacting Scorpio, let's thank our lucky stars for this week's sun and Mercury in diplomatic, peacekeeping Libra...



LIBRA THE SCALES

ARIES: Being open this week to seeing both sides of any question could render decision-making difficult. Clear answers might be in short supply, so if you feel like you're fighting a losing battle, consider whether teaming up for a win-win might actually be your smartest strategy right now.

TAURUS: This week calls for fair-minded discernment, so best close the opinion polls, stop listening to everyone else and check into your own clear, first-thing-in-the-morning guidance. Also your celestial mentor Venus in healthy mode is suggesting it's time to reboot some of those wellness routines.

GEMINI: This week's sun and Gemini's planet guide Mercury in the stimulating sign of artistry and creativity could have you brimming with brilliant experimental ideas. Which suggests it's the perfect time to bring your unique sense of style into play with image, wardrobe, decorating or refreshing your brand.

CANCER: This week's astral energy in your domestic sector supports your favourite things, home and family – so shower your inner circle with attention and affection, and let them to do the same for you. And perhaps tackle some overdue home projects; a deep declutter and feng shui of your personal oasis.

LEO: With the sun and Mercury lighting up your astro-zone of hometown happenings, local is where it's going on for your majesties this week, so book those tickets before they sell out. And since this is your communications centre, you'll be blessed with Mercury's silver tongue for talking up – well, everything.

VIRGO: Feeling a tug-of-war between domestic and career concerns? Being constantly pulled between professional demands and loved ones' needs? Then tune into this week's celestial assist for establishing a more nourishing work-life balance. Time to give yourself an overdue dose of TLC, Virgo peeps.

LIBRA: Yes, maintaining boundaries can be tricky. You won't be able to please everyone this week, which fortunately gives a celestial master class on saying 'no' to inconvenient requests. Practise being okay with that, and coast on the power surge of your last week's season in the sun for 2023.

SCORPIO: Make the most of this week's preparatory downtime by taking a mental inventory of what you want to leave 'in the rearview' when your personal astro calendar resets next week. What have you completed or changed your mind about? What excites you most about your new birthday year?

SAGITTARIUS: This week's harmonising stars suggest pacing yourself, especially during late week moon in your speedy sign. Try not to do too much, too fast; think small, steady, progressive steps. It's worth researching background and doing your homework to avoid costly mistakes of judgement.

CAPRICORN: Pluto's five-month planetary intensive in your sign has activated deep decisions about people and patterns in your life, and now the dwarf planet's moved forward again in Capricorn you'll find it easier to begin following up on any promising new connections and severing those that no longer serve.

AQUARIUS: Even though yours is the sign of community, it can be hard for Aquarians to ask for support. But don't hold back from reaching out if you need to this week. Letting people know that you can't actually DIY everything by yourself gives them the opportunity to connect with your vulnerable side.

PISCES: With this week's sun and Mercury in your astrozone of mergers, you'll be in the mood to fuse. But if you're more concerned about someone else's current situation than they are, you already know the role of caretaker can become exhausting. Aim for a more equitable balance.

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509 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 11-11:30am
3/64 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11:30am
21 Palm-Lily Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11-11:30am
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13/42 Bilin Road, Myocum. Sat 9-9:30am
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5 Jarvis Street, Clunes. Sat 10:30-11am
26 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10:30-11am
18 Edward Place, Knockrow. Sat 10:30-11am
90 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11:30am
5A Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12:30pm
32 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12:30pm

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31 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Thurs 2-2:30 pm
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31 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9:30am
109-111 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9:30am
21 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10:30am
2/182 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10:30am
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Meeting Dates

Ordinary Meeting 26th October 2023, 11.00am,
Minjungbal Cultural Centre

Ordinary Meeting 30th November 2023, 10.30am,
Ocean Shores Community Centre

Ordinary Meeting 16th December 2023, 10.00am,
Minjungbal Cultural Centre

Minjungbal Cultural Centre:

Cnr of Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets, Tweed Heads South
Ocean Shores Community Centre:
55 Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores NSW 2483

Agenda Items include:

TBLALC Projects, CLBP, General Business, Membership

Contact No:

07 5536 1763 Authorised: Chairperson – Tweed Byron LALC

NOTICE OF TBLALC ORDINARY MEMBERS MEETINGS 2024

Meeting Dates

Ordinary Meeting 13th January 2024, 10.30am,
Ocean Shores Community Centre

Ordinary Meeting 16th May 2024, 10.00am,
Minjungbal Cultural Centre

Ordinary Meeting 21st September 2024, 10.00am,
Minjungbal Cultural Centre

Ordinary Meeting 14th December 2024, 10.00am,
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NOTICE OF TBLALC ANNUAL MEETING 2020/2021

DATE: 26th October 2023

TIME: 10am

PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre

AGENDA:

- 1 Welcomes/Apologies;
- 2 Annual Report Tweed Byron LALC 2020/2021
- 3 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for 2020/2021 financial year.
- 4 Meeting Closed.

Authorised: Chairperson – Tweed Byron LALC

This Meeting will be followed by the Annual Meeting for 2021/2022 financial year.

NOTICE OF TBLALC ANNUAL MEETING 2021/2022

DATE: 26th October 2023

TIME: 10.30am

PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre

AGENDA:

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- 3 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for 2021/2022 financial year.
- 4 Meeting Closed.

Authorised: Chairperson – Tweed Byron LALC

Annual General Meeting notice

The Annual General Meeting of Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is being held at 5.00pm on Thursday 14 November 2023 at the Ocean Shores Country Club, in the Boardroom.

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre asks that people who wish to serve on the committee please complete and return a nomination form to the centre by Thursday 3 November. Nomination forms are available at the MDNC reception.

In order to vote, you must be a financial member prior to AGM.

Members who cannot attend the Annual General Meeting can submit a proxy form which ensures each member's vote is counted. Proxy forms are available at the MDNC reception.

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Passed away peacefully with family at his side. Loved husband of Grace (dec). Loved father and father-in-law of Johnny (dec), Rocky & Renee and Antony & Tina. Loved by his five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mario will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
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18	W	6:06 / 18:56	7:59 / 22:23	1125/1.59 / 2321/1.14	0430/0.23 / 1741/0.40
19	TH	6:05 / 18:56	8:44 / 23:26	1208/1.57	0504/0.28 / 1837/0.45
20	F	6:04 / 18:57	9:37 / 23:26	0006/1.04 / 1300/1.53	0545/0.35 / 1947/0.49
21	SA	6:03 / 18:57	10:38 / 0:28	1402/1.50	0639/0.43 / 2107/0.49
22	SU	6:02 / 18:58	11:44 / 1:24	0230/1.93 / 1518/1.49	0755/0.48 / 2224/0.44
23	M	6:01 / 18:59	12:52 / 2:14	0403/0.98 / 1634/1.53	0926/0.48 / 2327/0.35
24	TU	6:00 / 18:59	14:01 / 3:06	0518/1.09 / 1739/1.59	1047/0.42
25	W	5:59 / 19:00	15:08 / 3:36	0616/1.24 / 1834/1.63	0016/0.25 / 1156/0.34
26	TH	5:58 / 19:01	16:15 / 4:12	0708/1.39 / 1924/1.63	0100/0.17 / 1255/0.26
27	F	5:57 / 19:01	17:20 / 4:45	0756/1.53 / 2009/1.59	0137/0.10 / 1349/0.21
28	SA	5:56 / 19:02	18:26 / 5:18	0842/1.64 / 2051/1.51	0214/0.06 / 1441/0.19
29	SU	5:56 / 19:03	19:32 / 5:53	0926/1.72 / 2132/1.40	0248/0.06 / 1531/0.21
30	M	5:55 / 19:04	20:39 / 6:31	1009/1.76 / 2212/1.27	0323/0.08 / 1623/0.26
31	TU	5:54 / 19:04	21:45 / 7:14	1051/1.74 / 2252/1.14	0358/0.14 / 1715/0.32
1	W	5:53 / 19:05	22:47 / 8:01	1133/1.69 / 2332/1.03	0431/0.22 / 1808/0.39

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Byron Bay basketballers dominate conference after winning streak

The Byron Bay Beez senior men's team has stamped its authority on the local Sunshine Conference by winning six of its last seven games, including a 91-64 win over the Lismore Storm last Saturday at the Cavanbah Centre.

The weekend before the Beez men had two home games that included their only loss for the season.

First up the Beez defeated Grafton Vikings 93-62. The Vikings stayed within reach for three quarters but the Beez ran away with the game in the last quarter.

But the following day the Valley Braves (White) got the better of the Beez, but only just. In an exciting score-by-score game the Valley Braves got the win 76-75.

Last Sunday also saw the Beez women hit the court for the second time this season, also up against the Lismore Storm. Despite a good all-round performance from the women they went down to the visitors 79-61.



The Beez swarm in defence to contain the Grafton Vikings in their game at the Cavanbah Centre. Photo supplied

The women have one win from two games.

The Beez travel to Ballina Indoor Sports Centre for their

next encounters on October 28. The women get things started at 5pm before the men hit the courts at 7pm.

Lennox Head cricketers go to the top early

The Lennox Head Pirates cricketers have had the early form, playing their way to the top of second and third grade in the opening weeks of the new 2023/24 season.

In last Saturday's home second grade game against Terranora Lakes, Lennox were 4/36, but recovered to be all out for 190, after the tail wagged through Blake Kernaghan's top score of 33 runs and Harrison Perkins 31no off 34 balls.

The visitors started their chase solidly getting to 2/56 before the middle order wilted away with six wickets falling for just 43 runs, and none reaching double figures.

Opener, Mitchell Sales, top-scored with 49 and watched from the non-striker's end as the wickets tumbled. Terranora were all out for 134.

It was Lennox Head's second win for the season after they beat Pottsville in the first round, the week before.

They sit on top with 14 points, ahead of Bangalow (11) and Byron Bay (10).



Owen (112no) and Brett (110) scored centuries when Bangalow beat Byron Bay in third grade last weekend. Photo Ross Kendall

In other games Byron Bay beat Tintenbar East Ballina last Saturday, when they chased down 170 inside 26 overs.

Bangalow shone playing away against Murwillumbah when they amassed 356 runs from their 40 overs, with five players making 50s. Top scorer was Reid Campbell with 63. In reply Murwillumbah were rolled for 170. Best of the Bangalow bowlers was Dan Bensley with 3/20.

Thirds

In third grade Lennox Head (Green) are also on top of the table with back to back wins.

Last Saturday they set the Ballina Bears a target of 247 at Frigg Oval, off the back of Scott Coster's 74no and Robert Dorey's 63.

In reply the Bears were bowled out for 143. Best of the Lennox bowlers was Levi Shouldice who returned 4/44 from eight overs.

Shand cricket returns to Mullumbimby with a post-Covid reboot

Last Sunday's sun lit Lomath Oval, Mullumbimby, like a beacon and social cricket's stalwarts came out of their collective closets to give their languid legs a lope across the green grass on the way to keeping alive the sputtering spark that was once a thriving sporting subculture.

Covid killed the Shand cricket series like many other cultural pursuits but now that citizens of a like mind can gather without fear of persecution or indeed prosecution, it was decided by the invisible committee that a game should be played.

Adeha (the world's oldest

teenager) was the first to rip his shirt off in the gathering heat and impressed with his wobbly outswingers and wicketkeeping.

Phil got a couple of boundaries away, much to his own delight, and Drew showed that a couple of off seasons has done nothing to diminish his skills.

Peter Wynn-Moylan, a friend of Nick Shand and holder of the cachet of most senior player in the series, cracked a couple of nice ones behind square. He was also celebrating 70 years of playing cricket.

Rosco swung so hard at



Trent swung willow and cranked the leather, as Shand cricket returned to Lomath Oval. Photo Jane Morgan

a short ball that he popped a rib cartilage and thus became the only retired hurt player in the game

(self-inflicted).

Anthony showed his obvious class and Saffron Shand bowled an over from

the southern end that left nobody doubting who the most inspirational player was.

Sean showed he has lost maybe a braincell or two but not much of his sporting prowess, and gained a son who gamely fielded at backward square for the game's duration.

Mick and Brian apparently won the game on the day despite both going out in their respective first overs with a score of 57 from their eight overs. Cricket is a strange game.

The invisible committee (currently Trent and Brian)

is seeking expressions of interest from all and sundry (c'mon Byron you can do it) to hold a proper Shand Memorial game later this season. The challenge, as it were, has been laid out.

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Professor Emerita at Sydney Uni, Anne Twomey, made the observation on www.theguardian.com that going by the 'No' Voice campaign's arguments, federation itself would have been defeated. She writes, 'Saturday's no voters would have rejected the federal constitution at a referendum because it did not contain sufficient detail, it made distinctions based on race, and it did not require people to be treated equally'.

The BreastScreen NSW van is coming to Byron, and will be at the Cavanbah Centre car park from October 18 to November 16. To book a free mammogram, visit book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au or call 13 20 50.

A Northern NSW service for women, children and young people who have experienced domestic or family violence or abuse is holding a fundraising gala on November 25 at the Metropole Hotel in Lismore. For more info visit Women Up North's website: wunh.org.au.

The Centre For Public Integrity tweeted: 'Under [Labor PM] Keating, in 1992/93 the government complied to 92 per cent per cent of Senate production orders. Under Albo, it is 20 per cent. This trend is concerning, and the opposite of the transparency messages touted when in opposition.'

Psst: Last Wednesday, NSW Labor Premier Chris Minns warned of a horror climate summer, and by Friday his government was assisting a coal mine to expand to 2049.

Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (the former Macadamia



Last Friday, the refurbished Drill Hall in Mullumbidgee opened its doors to a full house for Kendall Feaver's *The Almighty Sometimes*. The Australian play is about a creative teen who is curious to explore life without taking the psychiatric medication she's been on since she was 11. The play will run until October 29, Thursdays to Saturdays from 7.30pm and Sundays from 5pm. It is recommended for all ages 15 and over. Tickets are available from www.trybooking.com. Pictured are Reece Laird, Nakita Bradbury, Rachael Gorham and Mechelle Anderson. Photo Jeff 'In Need Of Refurbishment' Dawson

Castle) has been registered as a not-for-profit charity organisation by the Australian Taxation Office. General Manager Amanda Gorvin says, 'It means that every dollar we earn through retail, hospitality and offering visitor experiences can be re-invested into animal welfare'.

Council will review its floodplain management, with a specific focus on the north of the Byron Shire. See page 6 story or visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au. The closing date for submissions is November 17.

The NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) is inviting Northern Rivers community organisations and local services to engage with a new disaster preparedness project in the region. See www.flood-helpnr.com.au for more info.

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