



Exceeding height limits, again

Paul Bibby

A proposed holiday unit development in the heart of Byron Bay that has been twice knocked back by Council due to height breaches is set to get the green light at this week's Council meeting.

The unit block proposed for 43 Lawson Street originally came before Council back in 2015, but was refused because it breached the town's 9m height limit.

The developer brought it back six months later with a revised development application that was approved by Council.

Adding a fourth storey

However, eight years later, without a brick having been laid, the developer brought the project back to Council once again with an eyebrow-raising addition of a rooftop pool that effectively added a fourth story.

The modified application, which proposed a three-metre height breach, was given short shrift by both councillors and Council staff, who described it as having 'significant detrimental environmental impacts' and 'not in the public interest'.

'The proposal does not demonstrate it is in keeping with the predominant character of the area,

and would result in an intrusion when viewed from public land in the coastal foreshore locality,' Council Planner, Patricia Docherty said at the time.

Now, the developer is back again with yet another modified application.

All rooftop enclosures have been removed from the proposed development, and the rooftop terrace has been reduced in size.

'While the amended proposal still results in a non-conformance with the 9.0m height limit, the reductions in overall height result in a building that is at the same height as existing buildings on either side,' consultant planner Rob Van Iersel said in written comments in the agenda to this week's Council meeting.

'The removal of the rooftop enclosures significantly reduce the visibility of the rooftop facilities when viewed from adjoining areas.

'It is considered the proposal is acceptable in terms of the DCP provisions and this is no longer a reason for refusal.'

Should councillors accept Mr Van Iersel's recommendation it would pave the way for the development to finally get under way.

This would begin with the demolition of the existing building on the site, the Main Beach Apartments.

Shearwater rides the WAVE



The 23rd Shearwater WAVE (Wearable Arts Vision in Education), once again a breathtaking performing arts event, wowed more than 1,000 members of the community last week. Photographed is Macushla Bere wearing Natalie Hamblin's creation Green Lights.

'Shearwater's Wearable Arts event has built, over more than two decades, a true artistic interface

between high school and the world,' says WAVE Director Josh Rushton, who has been part of the event since its inception. '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.' Photo Jeff 'Life in the Limelight' Dawson

There are 212 children in prison in NSW

The Department of Communities and Justice revealed in NSW Budget Estimate hearings, that the per day cost of keeping a person under 18 in prison is \$2,700. This amounts to an annual cost per child of \$985,500 and with 212 young people presently in custody in NSW, the state is currently spending \$208 million per year on young people in prison.

Greens MP and spokesperson

for justice, Sue Higginson, said the department also disclosed that of the 212 children in custody, 129 are First Nations young people.

Ms Higginson said it was also revealed that of the 212 young people in prison, just 51 had received a custodial sentence and the rest are held on remand.

'The department admitted that children are often denied bail

because of a gap in services that would allow them to be released.

'The millions of dollars spent on keeping children locked up is money that should be invested in the broad expansion of diversionary programs and wrap-around services that keep children out of prison.'

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43 Lawson Street DA before amendment (pictured left), and after (right).

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How to deal with unauthorised dwellings?

Paul Bibby

How should Byron Council deal with unauthorised dwellings that lie on land that is not zoned for housing and is potentially susceptible to bush fire?

This is the question facing councillors this week as they consider an application from the owners of unauthorised dwellings on Settlement Road in Main Arm.

According to Council documents the owners of the unauthorised dual occupancy made an application to Council in September 2021 seeking to bring the dwellings back into the fold. The dwellings had been on the site since 1997 and 2009 respectively.

With the land in question zoned as RU2 Rural Landscape and C2 Environmental Conservation, a dwelling entitlement that amends the Byron Local Environmental

Plan is required for the dwellings to be approved.

This requires approval from both Council and the state government, a costly process that takes years to complete.

In his report on the matter, Council's Development Investigations Lead, Dylan Johnstone noted that the land in question was mapped as bush fire prone and contained a mix of high risk, low risk and medium risk vegetation.

'The existing dwellings are located within vegetation Category 3 with the hazard identified as grassland,' Mr Johnstone said.

He noted that Bushfire and Ecology assessments had been submitted which demonstrated that the establishment of the required Asset Protection Zones to comply with bushfire protection rules would have 'negligible

biodiversity impacts'.

Mr Johnstone has recommended to councillors that they proceed with the dwelling entitlement process, expressing the view that the issues were 'addressed to the satisfaction of Council'.

However, he noted that it was also within their remit to refuse the application.

The application is the latest test for Council's strategy for dealing with unauthorised dwellings.

Back in June 2018 Council asked staff to prepare an unauthorised residential accommodation policy.

The subsequent policy was then relegated to the status of 'guideline document' as a result of issues raised during the public submissions process.

The strategy proposed for the Settlement Road property is in keeping with the guidelines.

Celebrate 25 years of the Big Scrub Rainforest Day

Big Scrub Rainforest Day celebrations will have over 15 events, scheduled for November 23-26.

The 25th instalment of the event will feature Science in the Pub at the Eltham Hotel, a multi-school community planting day, seed

propagation workshops and guided walks in Lismore Botanic Gardens, Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery, Dorrobee Grass Reserve, Booyong Nature Reserve, Victoria Park Nature Reserve, Bangalow Parklands and Cape Byron Distillery.

'This year marks a quarter of a century of bringing the community together to celebrate the work done to save the Big Scrub,' said Dr Tony Parkes, president of BSR.

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Save Wallum activists stop slashing at Wallum Estate

Aslan Shand

Save Wallum activists took to the heathland last Friday afternoon after it was reported a tractor was on site slashing at the Bayside Wallum Estate site near Brunswick Heads.

The site was approved for 127 residential lots and three small medium density sites by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) in May 2023. Following the approval a group of locals have started the Save Wallum group in September and have been highlighting the range of threatened and endangered species that are on, or access, the site.

As a result of community action the developers, Clarence Property, have been asked to self refer under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)* due to the potential significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

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. However, the Save Wallum groups say that 'The housing subdivision



Activists were quick to take action when a tractor was spotted slashing the Wallum Estate last Friday saying that the developers need to wait until the EPBC determination has been completed. Photo Alsan Shand

proposes to clear and fill about half the site, removing scores of old growth scribbly gums and swamp mahogany trees, key habitat and feed trees for species such as koalas and glossy black cockatoos'.

Threatened species

The Save Wallum group say that the 'nationally and state-listed protected species on the site will not be able to co-exist with the planned development'.

'Not only are the glossy

blacks and koalas at risk by the development, two species of endangered frogs and a range of other threatened species and ecological communities also live, feed and travel through this critically important area,' said James Barrie, coordinator of Save Wallum.

When community members came onto the Wallum Estate site the tractor ceased work and police attended the scene. Police were quick to de-escalate the situation and seek confirmation

from the activists that they would remove themselves from the site if police asked the developer to cease any further action on site until the conclusion of the EPBC investigations to which they agreed.

The community campaign to Save Wallum has grown to over 4,100 members and seeks to have the area gazetted as a conservation reserve.

Clarence Property were asked for comment but did not respond prior to going to print.

Wilsons Creek Public School gets hands-on with conservation

There are 5.3 million pet cats in Australia and 2.8 million feral cats and they kill a lot of native animals.

Students from Wilsons Creek Public School were highlighting this devastating impact in their school poster that was picked up on social media by national organisations including the Invasive Species Council.

The poster was designed to raise awareness about the impacts of pet cats on wildlife, and to encourage responsible pet cat ownership.



This was part of their broader school science curriculum that has seen the 22-strong student school 'achieving amazing things for conservation and the environment over the past

year,' said Sarah Legge, one of the parents assisting with the science program.

'The students have been improving the habitat quality of the school grounds by erecting nestboxes on trees.

'Local possums have gratefully taken up residence. They've also been building a large wetland area for frogs and other aquatic life, and are due to complete the planting of the gardens around the wetland.'

The students even got a recent visit from Priscilla O'Bryan, the Animal Education and Enforcement Officer from Byron Shire Council who brought along a bagful of goodies from the RSPCA for the kids because they were so impressed by the feral cat poster.

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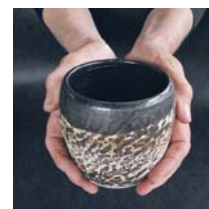
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Are you ready to join the Muffs?

Aslan Shand

The Darling Muffs of May have launched a women's health initiative with a bit of fun thrown in. The idea is that during the month of May each year participants make a pledge to raise money for that year's health focus by either joining in the Muff (who wants to be Muff the Magic Dragon!) and art exhibition at the end of May or coming up with an alternative pledge (making muffins, doing something with ear/oven muffs, etc.) that friends and family can sponsor them for and raise money for the nominated charities.



Elle Marinucci, Aslan Shand, Mel Saunders and Sally Matrick are the four muffketeers who have developed The Darling Muffs of May project that will be raising money for Northern Rivers charities that support older women who are homeless. Photo Tree Faerie

'Women's health and well-being is something we are all passionate about,' said one of the founding muffketeers Mel Saunders.

Raising money

'This year, from the aftermath of the floods and Covid, we wanted to direct our attention to the many women suffering from homelessness.'

The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) has auspiced the project and will be one of the six recipients for the

money raised by the Darling Muffs of May project.

The other groups receiving money are Fred's Place in Murwillumbah, Fletcher Street Cottage in Byron, Women Up North based out of Lismore and a domestic violence service based in Ballina. CASP (Country Arts

Support Program) have provided funding support for both the final Muff exhibition and a merkin making workshop in early 2024.

Ambyr Johnston, Manager of the Women's Resource Service for the MDNC told *The Echo* that in their experience 'the leading cause of

homelessness and/or the risk of homelessness in women accessing our service is domestic and family violence (DFV).'

The Women's Resource Service (WRS) is a specialist DFV service.

36-45 years most impacted

'In the last financial year approximately 30 per cent of our clients have experienced an immediate risk of homelessness or have become homeless,' explained Ambyr.

'Overall, 34 per cent of WRS clients in the last year have been between the ages of 36-45 years. An additional 24 per cent have been between the ages of 26-35 years. In the last year, the largest cohort of women we have worked with who have been at immediate risk of homelessness or are homeless have been in the 36-45 age bracket,' explained Ambyr.

To find out how to get involved in the Darling Muffs of May project check out their website at: www.darlingmuffs.com.au, find them on Insta: @darlingmuffsofmay, or find them on Facebook.

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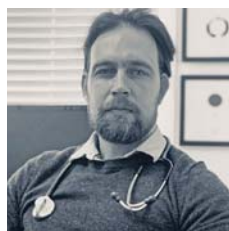
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Waiting to see your GP?

Paul Bibby

A significant proportion of Northern NSW residents are struggling to get a GP appointment and some are waiting a week or more to see their local doctor, a recent survey has found.

Going to emergency instead of GP

As the nation-wide shortage of healthcare workers continues, a survey of local residents undertaken by Amplar Health found that nearly one in three respondents had to wait a week or longer to see their doctor.

This was more than double the national average, which stood at 13 per cent.

The survey also found that the challenges of getting in to see a GP in a timely fashion were forcing some locals to present to a hospital emergency department with a non-urgent ailment.

Close to a quarter of survey respondents said they had been to the emergency department for a non-urgent medical problem during the course of their lifetime.

The survey was

conducted electronically via an external research agency, with nearly 630 Australians surveyed, including those both in and outside the Northern NSW catchment.

Dr Peter Baird, Senior Medical Advisor with Amplar Health, said he was unsurprised to hear that more than a third (40 per cent) of locals were concerned about accessibility to healthcare.

'The survey findings are consistent with our engagement of local clinicians and community members,' Dr Baird said.

'Northern New South Wales locals are concerned about healthcare access and are in favour of additional healthcare services to address non-urgent medical needs.'

24-hour telehealth service

The survey findings were timed to coincide with the launch of a new 24-hour telehealth service – North Coast Connect.

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the phone or via online chat.

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Eligible residents must be based in or around Northern NSW, a full list of available suburbs can be viewed on the organisation's website.

A Care Workforce Labour Market Study commissioned by the Australian government in 2021 predicted a gap of more than 200,000 full-time care workers across Australia by 2050.

Health Workforce Australia verified this estimate to confirm a shortage of more than 100,000 nurses and more than 2,700 doctors within the next three years.

The 2021–2031 National Medical Workforce Strategy, published by the Australian government Department of Health and Aged Care, has prioritised actions to rebalance the maldistribution of doctors, reform medical training pathways, and build generalist capability in the incoming medical workforce.

Enough is enough – it is time for peace

Last Sunday around 250 people gathered in the pouring rain at Main Beach, Byron to show support for the people of Palestine and to join the millions of people worldwide asking their governments to pressure Israel for a ceasefire.

Rally organiser Subhi Awad, a member of the Byron Palestinian community said 'The foundation of this meeting is all human lives are equally precious, that all people deserve equal human rights.' In calling for a ceasefire he condemned Hamas and told the crowd: 'Let's be clear, the attack in Israel on October 7 is an atrocity and a war crime. Release hostages.' All speakers at the event condemned the actions of Hamas and called for release of hostages.

Ex-magistrate David Heilpern stood as an Australian of Jewish heritage. 'I support the right of self determination for Palestinians in the face of decades of oppression,' he said. 'But most urgently I support the rights of the civilians in Gaza and Israel to the most fundamental right of all. To live, to grow and to flourish and not to be cut down in a horrible act of vengeance.'

'The bombing of Gaza must



Palestine peace rally held at Byron Bay. Photo Jeff Dawson

stop and must stop now. That statement is not anti semitic. In fact the very essence of Judaism is "Thou shall not kill" and "do unto others as you would do to them"'

Greens candidate for Richmond, Mandy Nolan called out the failure of the Labor government to condemn the Israeli government's ground invasion of Gaza or call for a ceasefire. 'There is something very wrong when our government won't call for an end to the killing of innocent women and children and civilians.'

Member of Byron For Palestine Duncan Shipley-Smith shared his belief that 'It is not possible to isolate the civilian population from this kind of violence. Israel has now cut off water and power and denied access to urgent food and medical supplies.'

Earlier in the week members of the The Loud Jewish

Collective stormed the office of Deputy PM and Defence Minister, Richard Marles, locking on and declaring 'not in our name'. Collective member Gem Stone was at the Byron rally to represent those in the Jewish community who are calling for a ceasefire. The distinction that Judaism is not Zionism was made, in fact 'their goals are fundamentally opposed,' she said.

Speakers said that those opposed to a ceasefire believe that it will not end the violence, but there is credible evidence from around the globe where a ceasefire has been the pathway to peace.

Irish singer songwriter Aine Tyrrell said 'in Ireland we had a situation that seemed unsolvable but it was a ceasefire called by the international community which has resulted in 20 years of relative peace.'




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On behalf of Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW, Katy.Johnson3@det.nsw.edu.au, the proponent) GML Heritage (GML) seek registration from local Aboriginal groups and people with respect to conducting an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the Lennox Head Public School project. This ACHAR will support a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) under Environmental Planning and Assessment 1979 (EPA Act).

The land subject to SSD approval is located in in Lennox Head, in the Ballina LGA area and within land bounded by Snapper Drive to the north and Montwood Drive to the west. The study area includes Lot 5, DP 1239938. Figures 1 and 2 show the location of the study area.

The proposed development involves the construction of a new public school at Lennox Head to accommodate 600-800 students. The exact nature of the works is yet to be finalised but may involve the construction of several buildings, associated landscaping, and infrastructure works.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist SINSW in the preparation of an ACHAR and to meet the requirements of the project SEARs.

In accordance with the DECCW's *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* GML is required to compile a list of Aboriginal people who may have an interest in the proposed project area and hold knowledge relevant to determining cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places.

GML invite local Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the study area to register an interest in community consultation regarding the proposed activity. If you wish to register please provide in writing (a letter or email) a brief statement clarifying that you wish to be involved in future Aboriginal community consultation and how you will assist with the assessment of cultural significance associated with the subject land.

All registrations should be received by GML at ach@gml.com.au no later than 22 November 2023. Alternatively, registrations can be posted to:
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Please be advised that the details of all parties who register an interest will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless it is specified that these details should not be released.

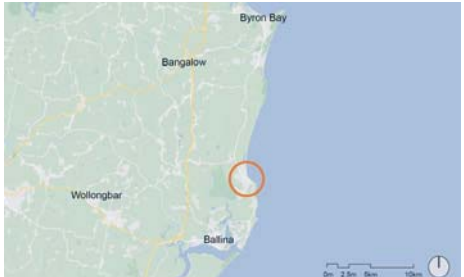




Figure 1: Location of the study area (Source: Google Maps, GML Overlay)

Figure 2: The boundary of the proposed development identified as the study area. (Source: Nearmap with GML overlay)



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Aslan Shand

It has been a challenging five years for most people in the Northern Rivers, from drought to the Black Summer fires of 2019/20 followed by the pandemic and then the 2022 floods. As difficult as it has been for the average person, it is even more challenging for people with a disability.

'I was saddened to see that after the Black Summer fires and the 2022 floods there were no emergency plans put in place for people with disabilities, the elderly and vulnerable,' long term Rural Fire Service (RFS) firefighter and community education officer Murray Drechsler told *The Echo*.

Taking note of the lack of preparedness Mr Drechsler decided to take action and took on training developed in conjunction with Sydney University called the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness Toolkit.

'This is a personalised plan to meet people's specific needs designed by people with a disability for people with a disability,' said Mr Drechsler.

'People with a disability face a unique set



Murray Drechsler has been a member of the RFS and community engagement officer for 22 years. He is helping vulnerable members of the community develop personal emergency plans. Photo Jeff Dawson

of challenges in an emergency. A Person-Centred Emergency plan (PCEP) provides them with a plan on how to respond in a given emergency, knowing what to do, where to go or who to call for help. Having the plan in place also gives individuals and families a peace of mind.'

What are your risks?

Heatwaves are one of the biggest killers and something as simple as power outages might impact phones, lifts, heating and cooling facilities and other services without which the disabled or elderly can be put at risk.

The PCEP program takes about two hours a week for

around five to six weeks and takes an in-depth look at the needs and requirements of the individuals in a range of emergency situations.

'It is designed to address the personalised challenges that each individual faces,' explained Mr Drechsler.

'We look at where the accessible emergency services are, if they have pets where they can go, when it is the right to stay in place or leave, etc. It gives people ownership over how they respond in an emergency.'

For more information call Murray on 0481 754 869, email: murraydrechsler@gmail.com, or look up the program online at: www.collaborating4inclusion.org.

Treasures sold at Saturday clearout



Chrissie and Lulu of Ocean Shores were just two of hundreds of householders that opened their carports on the weekend for the North Coast's biggest day of garage sales – Second Hand Saturday. Early rain threatened to put a dampener on the weekend but despite that that it was a big day for buyers and sellers. Photo Tree Faerie

Elements apply for extra 40m of geobagging

Elements of Byron is planning to add an extra 40 metres of sandbags to its existing coastal protection works at Belongil Beach.

In an application to be determined by the Northern Regional Planning Panel, the resort has applied to extend the works to 'manage ongoing coastal erosion issues'.

Located next to the public beach access at the northern end of the resort precinct, the site already has 210 metres of geobags. But this

was reportedly not enough to prevent significant erosion from occurring last year.

According to the State-ment of Environmental Effects (SEE) the extension will have a 'negligible' environmental impact.

'Potentially adverse impacts are able to be mitigated sufficiently to ensure that direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity values will be avoided and minimised,' the SEE, prepared by Planners North, states.

'The proposed works are not anticipated to have a significant impact on the landscape or scenic quality of the locality.'

'The existing geobag wall demonstrates that on completion the works are not intrusive in terms of the visual impact on the coastal location.'

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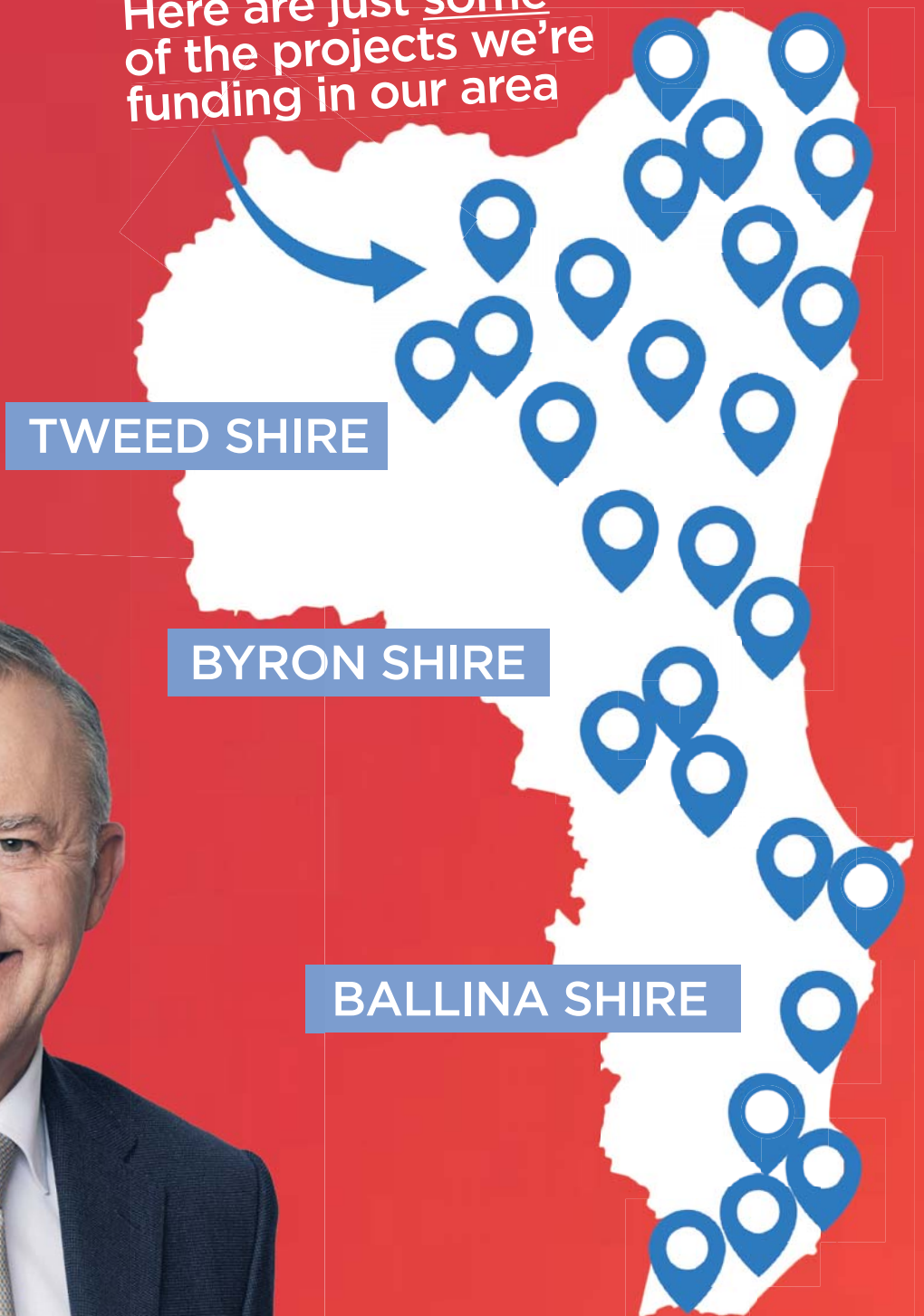
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Award for former Byron SAE student



Cameron Drew and Tim Alexander. Photo supplied

Successful Byron SAE Creative Media Institute graduate Cameron Drew has been recognised by the global SAE community for his outstanding work on the Kia Seltos international advertising campaign, winning Best Film & TV Production at the 18th annual SAE International Awards held in Cologne, Germany.

'I was super stoked,' said Cameron.

'It's pretty wild and quite an honour to say I've been recognised by the SAE

international community.' The Kia Seltos advertising campaign, which featured the music of American rapper and singer Jack Harlow, was played globally at the start of 2023. The editing process, which took two weeks to complete, Cameron explained, was far from straightforward.

'It was a fun project to be a part of, but it was also the toughest job I've ever worked on,' Cameron said.

'The director and I had about 60 hours of footage

to go through, and it wasn't scripted either. When you watch the ad, it has a cool flow to it, but it took a lot of time to get it down to under a minute.'

After completing his study Cameron said 'it was incredibly tough, as the pandemic had just begun, but things started to pick up and I've been busy ever since. Over the years I've built some good relationships with directors, and they're the ones that ultimately employ you.'

20th Ocean Shores art show



Mick Stovin won first prize with *Unite a Nation* (above) and Sharon Shostak took out second prize with her mosaic *The Many Sentiments of Variation* (right). Photo Jeff Dawson

The Ocean Shores Art Expo celebrated its 20th anniversary with the appropriate theme 'Celebration'. This year there were 172 art works entered in the open category from over 150 artists. There were 99 primary school works, and 158 secondary school works, entered and exhibited in the main hall of the Ocean Shores Community Centre.

The judges stated the

works were of a very high quality for a local community art exhibition. Over 250 patrons came through the door for opening night with many more over the following two days.

The Expo's many performers included very young talented dancers from the Brunswick Valley School of Dance and the magnificent vocalists of The Songbirds, all showcasing

their creative talent.

The highest prize of \$2,000, the Frank Mills Award, was won by Mick Stovin with a charcoal on paper, *Unite a Nation*. 'The Women's World Cup and the Matilda's success united us in so many ways, bringing together people of all ages, sexes, and sporting preferences regardless of a win, loss, or draw. A fantastic display of collective unity and celebration,' said Mick.

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Om Fest transformative success



Over 1,000 people attended Om Fest at the Bluesfest site, coming together to ‘bask in the transformative power of meditation, yoga, music, and a shared celebration of love and connection,’ said organisers. ‘Our volunteers, the unsung heroes of Om Fest, worked behind the scenes to ensure that every aspect of the event ran smoothly. Their commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment allowed participants to fully immerse themselves in the experience, free from distractions.’ Photo Jeff Dawson

Byron Community College students blitz the YAC

Byron Community College’s (BCC) permaculture students recently undertook a ‘Perm Blitz’ at Byron Youth Activity Centre (YAC) to restore its permaculture garden. The students were responsible for the design, planning and implementation of the blitz which is part of their annual project work.

Over two days the

students revitalised a very unloved and out of control garden. Christian Tancred General Manager of the YAC said, ‘It was wonderful to see a groundswell of students and community members coming together to work on this garden which is an asset to the community. The YAC does not have the resources to stay on top of the regular

work needed so we are very grateful to the students and the team from BCC.’

This is the first collaboration of the YAC and BCC who plan on running an accredited ‘Work and Vocational Skills’ program commencing in 2024, for school leavers looking to explore career and study pathways.

Invasive weeds need removal

Following the 2022 floods there has been a significant increase in the weed known as giant devil’s fig (*Solanum chrysotrichum*) which can turn into shrubs or large trees and risks poisoning livestock and causing injuries.

‘Giant devil’s fig is becoming quite widespread and it is especially important that people manage infestations before mature plants fruit,’ said Sarah Angus, Weed Biosecurity Officer for Rous County Council. (See <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Giantdevilsfig>).

It has prickly stems and leaves, which are very hairy when young. Small, white flowers grow in clusters from autumn to spring and large lobed leaves.

The plant is native to Mexico and Central America and has been spread throughout south-east Queensland and coastal and central northern NSW.

It is important that people who have this plant growing on their property see to its removal promptly as it is flowering and fruiting and is spread by animals eating the fruit.



Above: Flowering giant devil’s fig. Photo Aslan Shand
Right: tropical soda apple fruit. Photo Bernard Dupont flickr.com

but also forests, roadsides, recreational areas, and horticultural and cropping areas.

Removal

Both plants can be either removed by hand or by use of a herbicide. They can then be burnt (check fire regulations and required permits) in a hot fire. Regular checking of the burn site is advised to check for regrowth.

‘If you find tropical soda apple, contact your local council weeds officer for advice and assistance to eradicate it. Tropical soda apple grows quickly and seeds prolifically. A few plants can form a hectare-sized thicket in six months. Inappropriate control efforts can accidentally spread this weed,’ states the Department of Primary Industries.

Tropical soda apple

‘We are also highlighting giant devil’s fig’s nastier cousin tropical soda apple (*Solanum viarum*),’ said Ms Angus. (See <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Tropicalsodaapple>).

‘Tropical soda apple is a reportable weed and one that we want to eradicate from the North Coast and stop it before it becomes as common as giant devil’s fig.’

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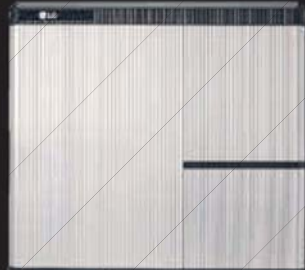


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House prices fall by over 16 per cent

Paul Bibby

House prices in Byron Shire and its neighbouring shires fell significantly in the 12 months to October 2023, new figures show.

The latest figures from the Domain House Price Report show that Byron's median house price fell 16.5 per cent to \$1,370,000 over the past year.

It was part of an ongoing decline in prices from the almost unfathomable heights reached during the lockdown years as city folk fled to the Northern Rivers in search of freedom.

But it is still a long way from erasing the price increases which occurred over that period, with prices still nearly 46 per cent higher than they were back in 2018.

Lismore see greatest fall in house prices

The recent downward trend was echoed across much of the Northern Rivers, with towns in our region taking four of the five spots in the list of NSW regional towns with the biggest price drops.

Lismore was particularly



The median house price fell in Byron Shire by 16.5 per cent. Photo Aslan Shand

hard hit, experiencing a 20.8 per cent decline over the past year to record a median of \$515,000.

Prices in Ballina also dropped, recording a 16.4 per cent fall to reach a median of \$920,000.

Richmond Valley also fell, making it the most affordable Northern Rivers shire with a median price of \$444,000.

Drop easing

Experts attribute the fall to a natural post-Covid correction, along with cost of living pressures, higher mortgage costs and changes to bank lending practices which have made it harder to qualify for a home loan.

However, they also

suggest that the ongoing decline may have already reached rock bottom and that prices are already beginning to recover.

'The depth of that decline [in Byron] has started to ease,' Domain's chief of research and economics Dr Nicola Powell told the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

'The peak rate of declines has passed.'

'They are moving into that stage of recovery.' Adding further weight to this argument is the strong increase in prices experienced by NSW as a whole.

The state hit a record median of \$735,000 during the September quarter as prices climbed in a string of towns.



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Northern Rivers locals remember Las Balsas

It's almost fifty years since the balsa rafts of the Las Balsas Expedition arrived in Ballina, after crossing the Pacific from Ecuador on their extraordinary record-breaking voyage.

\$17m apartment development in Kingscliff approved by Tweed Council

A \$17.4 million four-storey apartment development will be built close to the centre of Kingscliff under plans approved by Tweed Shire Council last week.

SCU enterprise agreement overturned by Fair Work Commission

The Fair Work Commission has found that Southern Cross University misled staff in an effort to have an enterprise agreement approved.

Help support farmers affected by bushfires

NSW Farmers has activated its natural disaster fund to accept cash donations to support farmers in Northern NSW affected by the recent bushfires.

Help NRAS help animals this Christmas

Northern Rivers Animal Services says there's no better way to give your holiday spirits a lift than to help some abandoned and surrendered furry friends while also being kind to the environment.

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Tweed Council on monopolies, textile recycling and refugees

Aslan Shand

A range of issues for Tweed Shire were addressed at last week's council meeting (October 26) from the lack of mobile and internet coverage at Pottsville to textile recycling and how best to welcome refugees.

Lack of mobile and internet telecommunications in Pottsville has been an ongoing issue for the area, leaving people without EFTPOS in shops, or able to connect with family in emergencies. At the June 1, 2023 council meeting the construction of a new Telecommunications monopole tower in Pottsville was rejected by Tweed councillors.

Highlighting the previous rejection of the monopole by Tweed Shire Council (TSC) a petition containing



Pottsville residents say patchy mobile and internet coverage is putting lives in danger. Photo Chris Newling www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

1,615 signatures, with 1,383 valid signatories, had been received by TSC on October 5 stating it was 'Time for Better Phone & Internet Reception in Pottsville!'

Councillor Reece Byrnes (Labor) who was the 'owner' of the petition said that it was 'time that this matter gets resolved. And we're aware of course that the

provider has resubmitted the application, I think, today.'

Responding to the petition, Cr James Owen (Liberal) – who has commented multiple times that the staff should be allowed to get on with approving and rejecting development applications (DAs) with less interference from councillors, 'because they are the professionals',

told the meeting that 'in this case, they got it wrong'.

However, Mayor Chris Cherry (Independent), who has family in the affected area, rejected Cr Owen's assertion that the council staff had previously 'got it wrong' to recommend rejection of the pole. Cr Cherry said that the council's 'staff were acting in accordance with the legislation that's required' with the provision of their advice.

She reminded the meeting that providing telecommunications was not the responsibility of the council but the responsibility of 'telcos' and that it was their responsibility 'to provide proper service to Pottsville and the surrounding area'.

Cr Cherry pointed out that previously the telcos had not submitted the required 'ecological studies that are needed to allow the staff to recommend it for approval'.

Councillor Dr Nola Firth (Greens) also pointed out that the pole needed to be moved approximately 18m so that it complied with the wetland protections.

Cr Cherry said she had repeatedly met with the telcos to clarify how to move forward with the application. The site for the monopole is also subject to a caravan park application so 'there's a lot of things in play here,' she said.

'I'm very glad that they [the telcos] appear to be finally committed to taking some action on Pottsville because until today we had no application on the table. Council [were] powerless to do anything to change the outcome here. So I think it's a positive step that they have finally submitted that review application.'

While Cr Cherry said the monopole would help in Pottsville she highlighted that it would not 'solve all of Pottsville's issues'.

All councillors noted the petition.

Textile waste

Councillors Firth and Meredith Dennis (Independent) brought forward a Notice of Motion (NoM) to investigate a trial partnership with local charities and textile recycling services.

Cr Firth highlighted that around 6,000kgs of textile waste goes to landfill every ten minutes in Australia and that much of this material contains plastic. Councillor Dennis highlighted that the local charity she works with 'would have a minimum of 50 very large bags every week' that are collected and likely go to landfill.

The NoM was supported by all councillors (Cr Warren Polglase was absent).

Welcoming refugees to Tweed

Cr Firth also moved the NoM that looked to provide welcome packs to refugees in the TSC area reminding councillors that in September 2015 the TSC had resolved 'that council joins the initiative of the Refugee Council of Australia in making a declaration that Tweed be identified as a Refugee Welcome Zone.' The official declaration was signed in October 2016.

The proposal was brought forward at the request of the Tweed Welcomes Refugees group who are working with CRISP (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot is an Australian-partnered program) and is looking to assist in settling a refugee family in Tweed.

'The program provides a year's worth of support for a refugee family including accommodation, work, setting up services, etc,' explained Cr Firth.

Squabbling over 'Team Cadwallader' and 'The Greens'

Ballina Shire Councillor Jeff Johnson has strongly criticised Mayor Sharon Cadwallader's use of her casting vote on the issues of conservation zones and electoral boundaries.

He says that at the last Ballina Council meeting the mayor used her casting vote to 'kill off new land management initiatives aimed at improving conservation outcomes in the Ballina Shire'. This includes over 2300 hectares of wetlands, coastal areas, endangered ecological communities, forested areas, scenic escarpments and rural farming properties.

'The council vote was 5-5 with all four Team Cadwallader councillors supporting

the radical decision to allow property owners to determine their own property zone through an "opt-in" concept that goes against the advice of senior council staff and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE),' said Cr Johnson.

'Team Cadwallader currently has four out of ten councillors, so they only need the support of one other councillor to make unilateral decisions,' he said.

'This isn't the first time the mayor has used the casting vote to go against the advice of the professional staff. This approach to decision making tarnishes Ballina Council's reputation and brings the organisation into disrepute.'

The mayor responded to *The Echo* using some equally piquant language.

'It's quite sad to see one of my fellow councillors attack our highly respected council and calling for it to be sacked, just because the Greens Party didn't get their desired outcome on a couple of issues,' she said. (Note: Jeff Johnson is not actually a Green, but an independent).

'In my almost two decades serving on Ballina Shire Council, I've seen mayors use their casting votes many times, but I've never witnessed a councillor who didn't get his way behaving in such a petulant manner and bringing the organisation he serves into such disrepute.'

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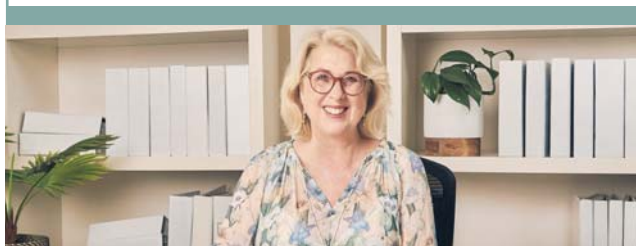
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Greyhound death at Casino casts doubt over protection scheme

The racing death of a greyhound at the Casino track has shown that a new scheme to prevent on-track deaths has failed, say animal welfare advocates.

According to the Casino stewards' report for 2 November 2023, in Race 3 Clover Energy collided with another dog at the first turn and suffered a 'compound fracture on the offside hind leg'.

Although the report does not mention death, the injury is classed as Category E, defined as any 'greyhound that died during a race or was euthanased by the officiating veterinarian due to the catastrophic nature of the injury sustained.'

Clover Energy died six days short of her fourth birthday, had run 37 races, and won \$8,040. She was forced to race at both Casino and Ipswich in Queensland.

The race video shows Clover Energy running at speed across the finish line.

The Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds (CPG) said the greyhound racing industry's efforts to stop the surge in racing injuries were failing and a smokescreen for ongoing animal suffering.

Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) launched the Greyhound Care Scheme (GCS) 2.0 on 1 July to, in the words of CEO Rob Macaulay, 'ensure each and every one of our greyhounds get the greatest of care.' He described it as a 'significant moment for the industry.'

In the 37-day period from 26 September to 2 November, five dogs have been euthanased at NSW tracks with treatable broken legs.

So far in 2023, 38 dogs have died racing on NSW tracks.

NSW director, CPG, Kylie Field, said Clover Energy is the latest victim of a cruel industry. 'Greyhound racing is inherently dangerous and tracks can't be made safe. It now looks like the much-promoted Greyhound Care Scheme 2.0 has already failed.'

'There needs to be an independent review of the scheme. The racing industry is poorly regulated and needs independent oversight.'

The endless idiocy of Tony Abbott

David Lowe

For a bloke on a very large pension, former prime minister, the not-so-honourable Tony Abbott is working very hard for the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) these days. His latest IPA speech in London was outrageously stupid, playing down the climate crisis even as his own country burns and the international numbers confirm the situation is more dire than ever.

Widely reported by Murdoch media, Mr Abbott was speaking at the launch of a document called 'Energy Security is National Security', as part of the ironically named Alliance for Responsible Citizenship conference in the UK last week.

'The climate cult will inevitably be discredited,' he said. 'I just hope we don't have to endure an energy catastrophe before that happens.'

Flying cheerfully in the face of the overwhelming majority of scientific expertise, Mr Abbott claimed warnings about the climate emergency were 'ahistorical and utterly implausible', citing as evidence previous climate variations which took place prior to the burning of fossil fuels, such as the Little Ice Age and the Medieval Climate Anomaly.

Unfortunately for Abbott's thesis, and those of us hoping for a liveable future on this planet, research from NASA and others show that these events did not affect the whole globe at once, and were nowhere near as severe as what we're facing now, with July probably being the hottest month our planet has seen in 100,000 years, and international scientists recently warning that Earth's life systems were being pushed into 'dangerous instability' by human activity.



Don't come the raw onion with me! Image - Cloudbatcher Media

Tony Abbott is working hard for the IPA these days, delivering outrageously stupid speeches playing down the climate crisis even as his own country burns.

Cost of living or going extinct?

Ignoring all that, Tony Abbott said last week that he believed voters would continue prioritising cost of living and energy price issues over serious action on emissions reduction.

Forgetting that time in 2019 when he lost his blue ribbon seat of Warringah to an independent who campaigned heavily for urgent climate action, Abbott said 'on every occasion in Australia where energy policy and climate policy has been a big election focus, it's the people who have been on the sceptical end of the spectrum who have done well.'

The issue has certainly kept him in the public eye between media-friendly moments of budgie-smuggling and raw onion eating. In 2009, Tony Abbott described climate change as 'absolute crap' and in 2017 he said attempts to do something about emissions were akin to 'primitive people once killing goats to appease the volcano gods'. The former trainee Jesuit priest remains completely out of step on the

climate issue with his own supposed spiritual leader, Pope Francis.

By getting rid of Julia Gillard's misnamed 'carbon tax' while in office, perhaps our last best hope as a nation to do something about the crisis, Mr Abbott set in motion a series of events which led to the current Labor government's proposal for net zero emissions, now his public enemy number one as he campaigns for more dirty energy.

He described the Albanese plan to reach 82 per cent renewables by 2030 as utterly irrational and 'impossible', leading Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen in turn to accuse Abbott and his ilk for being responsible for 'a decade of catastrophic climate policy'.

Nasty solar

As for the IPA report itself, the stupidity just keeps coming. 'If wind and solar energy are cheap, then they are also nasty,' claims the author, Professor Stephen Wilson, who is from the School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering at the University of Queensland. Fossil fuels and

nuclear energy are so much nicer, apparently.

'Contrary to public opinion, the more wind and solar power that is added to a system, the more expensive it becomes to deliver as a service.' And so it continues.

Professor Wilson recently spoke at a forum organised by the Centre for Independent Studies, which is in turn affiliated with the US-based Atlas Network, an organisation with close ties to the tobacco industry, as well as coal and gas producers.

For Tony Abbott, up on the IPA podium, it was a case of back to the future, as he lamented Australia's lost chance under Labor to be a coal, gas and uranium 'superpower', even as vast quantities of these substances continue to be dug up.

'I suppose I'm one of the very few national leaders who have been elected to office promising to end the emissions obsession which has dominated energy policy for the last two decades,' said Mr Abbott.

At least he was honest about negativity being at the core of his political ambition.

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Putting planning in balance

From the protests over the development of Bayside's Wallum Estate at Brunswick Heads to local housing forums and demands for housing for all, the challenge facing us is difficult. How do we balance human needs and our impact on the environment and other species?

The history of how land has been zoned in NSW has its impact on good planning, especially when zonings were made 40 years or more ago. The Iron Gates development near Evans Head is one example. It has a residential zoning in an environmentally sensitive area that is both fire and flood-prone. The site was originally zoned for residential development in 1982, a period when there was very little thought put into the broader implications of future impacts. Rather a developer bought a site and recommended it to council or state government for rezoning and it was more likely than not that it would be approved for the requested residential development. Yet many of these sites have lain either dormant or, as is the case with Iron Gates, have had the local communities fighting against what they perceive as inappropriate development.

Up and down the east coast of Australia, sand mining reshaped the coastline and farming clear-felled many areas. When sites have remained undeveloped or are no longer used for farming they begin to revert to their natural state and become a haven for plants and animals, and also become more valuable for humans to live on. How do we weigh the values of land for housing and land for the natural environment?

Following the devastating 2022 floods the state government said there would be no more development on floodplains. Yet local communities are feeling betrayed as there are significant development applications (DAs) approved on floodplains that continue to be developed or are now being brought back to life. For example, the DA for land in Tringga Street, Tweed Heads, next to the Cobaki estuary on the Tweed River, was approved in 1996. It has been kept alive with a mixture of amendments to the DA and actions onsite (some as minimal as popping in a surveyor's peg).

The federal government and the states must come together and look at the carrying capacity of each region in relation to water, infrastructure, fire and flood risk, and look at how the population can be fairly distributed for people and the environment. They need to grow communities in areas that need rejuvenation so that pressure can be taken off overwhelmed coastal communities. They need to look at what creates effective, interconnected communities that also respect the environment.

Aslan Shand, acting editor

Time to learn to listen and heal

I didn't want to turn 60 last week – and turned mournfully to my trusted source of advice and empathy. That would be my Mum. She listened carefully and simply asked: 'well, how do you think I feel?' Ouch – she had in a stroke, made me feel better about my looming birthday, but also reminded me that I needed to get over myself.

So I quickly moved on and asked Mum her thoughts on some issues – the failure of the Voice referendum, the horrifying reports of war and political scandal. The fragility of democracy, the death of civil discourse, the future of peace and what sort of collective lunacy seems to have suddenly taken hold around the world? My Mum has been indulging these massive questions my whole life – she is so awesome.

I know I am far from alone as children much younger than me are asking their own parents different incarnations of the same questions. Both my sons have asked me – even though we have different views about Israel we have been able to talk like the adults we are. What I appreciate is their anxiety (it is good to care) and that they want to include my thoughts in the gigantic jigsaw puzzle of information pouring in.

And although I am 60 I also need to find out what Mum thinks. I have been asking from a very young age – too many questions really. One of my sisters confided how much I bored her and the others at the dinner table with the 'dreaded Catherine questions'. I was probably ten when they started and my siblings are younger so, eek – I get it was no fun for them.

But these days I often have Mum all to myself and her opinion is always so intelligent and thoughtful – but she belongs to a quiet generation where it is never proffered – you have to ask. Mum left school after the Year 9 Leaving Certificate to become a nurse, but is the best read person I know. Her views are never harsh or ideological but always compassionate and often accompanied by a literary quote or a line of verse.

I am pretty sure all of us, of all ages, are having these conversations – but with so much anger and contested facts, we tend to keep them private and with people we trust.

Having just turned 60 it is suddenly so clear how much my life experiences have shaped my views. My Mum has said the same – she grew up during World War II



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Catherine Cusack

and has a completely different life experience – and truly, however bad we think things are we must show respect for what they endured.

I fall in between the 'silent generation' and the youth of today. In my teenage years I recall prime minister Bob Hawke, as the first Australian prime minister to ever visit Japan, being denounced as a traitor by the RSL (which was at the time populated by veterans and former POWs from the Pacific War). Today prime ministers get criticised if they don't visit Japan, so you see how this shapes the different beliefs and attitudes of different generations. It is completely legitimate for experiences to generate different views – we all need to respect that.

Our generation's experiences matter because we have lived longer and have some informed wisdom. But young people's views deserve to be respected equally because they are based on the here and now, not weighed down by the baggage of history. They have way more invested than us because they, and their children, are going to live with the consequences far longer than us.

I feel like I am stating the obvious but there is such a disconnect emerging between our generations and I perceive an impatience and inability by my generation to listen to them properly and know our place in the scheme of discourse.

My generation grew up with the threat of MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction – the Cold War situation where any war between the USA and USSR was basically the end of life on our planet). We were the subject of the first ever Australian Youth Survey conducted by ANOP (Australian National Information Polls) in the 1980s that found over 90 per cent of us believed we would not live our natural lives due to the inevitability of nuclear war. I personally recall being angry (unfairly so) with older generations for somehow putting us in this situation.

During this period a wall divided Germany and people died trying to cross it. For us the Vietnam War divided a nation. In the UK the IRA (Irish Republican Army)

blew up Lord Mountbatten, tried to kill the British Cabinet, the Queen's Annual Parade was targeted and images of dead horses were all over the front pages of the newspapers. The entire Israeli Olympic Team was taken hostage at the Munich Olympics. Flights were hijacked almost routinely. There was Idi Amin's murderous rule in Uganda. The revolution in Iran and failed attempt to rescue US Embassy hostages. World leaders assassinated – even Ronald Reagan was shot. And then the unforgettable day John Lennon was murdered – a day almost everyone of my vintage will recall. It seemed a vast conspiracy of evil was gripping the world and killing everything that was good.

I loop back to those years to demonstrate that the events of recent weeks and months are far from unprecedented in world history. But they are unprecedented for young people like my sons who have been able to roam the planet almost at will and whose greatest challenge was having the brakes slammed on by the pandemic.

I cannot say for sure if the freedom and prosperity we Australians have experienced since the Berlin Wall fell and Nelson Mandela was set free are 'normal' times – the reality is the world has struggled with nationalism, brutality and ideology for millennia. For young people who have only known this relative stability the events of recent months have shaken them profoundly.

I feel we all need to stay composed and absorb the horror we have become so unused too – and understand even though we may be grieving for different reasons – we are all grieving. There is an enormous sense of loss when confrontation disintegrates to war and for ordinary people the true horror unfolds.

I personally feel a need to bond around the better angles of humanity which do not demand we all think the same thoughts. Rather that we can respect and grow by listening to different perspectives. We all have to get over ourselves and listen to each other. If I have one take-out lesson from life, that has to be it.



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He would say that

In last week's front page story by Paul Bibby on plans for a 'jobs hub' at The Saddle Road, Brunswick Heads, the developer's marketing – sorry, planning – consultant Stephen Connelly strenuously denied it was a facade for de facto residential housing.

To quote Mandy Rice-Davies on another controversial issue, the Profumo Affair, 'He would [say that], wouldn't he?'

As one of the co-principals of Planners North, Mr Connelly has been eminently successful in helping to get up a range of large, sometimes contentious, residential and commercial developments in Byron and Ballina shires and parts further afield. While the Planners North website is somewhat scant on details, the *Echo's* digitalised print archives would make interesting reading for the ardent shire resident.

Prior plans to redevelop the rolling hills of The Saddle Road have met with controversy. I'd expect no less of the current proposal.

Michael McDonald
Bairnsdale

Good for the goose

When Council granted me a community title subdivision some years ago, I was required to provide a firefighting water tank of at least 5,000 litres which was to be reserved for firefighting purposes only, and which had a fitting ready-made for the connection to fire trucks plus a minimum specified pipe diameter, plus easy access and turnaround space for fire trucks.

I complied with all of that and the local rural fire brigade duly signed off on my efforts.

However, after selling

off some blocks, I find that three of the lots that have been built upon, are now occupied without any sign of an equivalent tank, which I believe has been required of all new dwellings for some years as a condition of consent.

My property has now run out of water, which is a sign of how dry the local bush is becoming, but I have not even been tempted to touch the fire tank because I suspect that mine is the only such tank on Newes Road and may turn out to be critical.

This is not an issue of compliance for compliance's sake, and I'd like to know what Council is doing to protect life, property, and the bush.

Fastbucks
Coorabell

White 'splainin' blame

If you remember, Martin Bryant shot and killed 35 people, including two from Ocean Shores, at Port Arthur 27 years ago, and was sentenced to 35 consecutive life sentences (1,035 years) without parole.

Now just imagine one day he dies of old age and the police track down his closest living relative, say a cousin and arrest him and then chuck him into prison because despite dying of old age, Bryant had not completed his 35 life sentences (even though this person had nothing to do with the crime), he was held accountable, looked upon and treated like a criminal.

Then one day he dies of old age and his closest living relative is arrested and held accountable for 'Bryant's crime and jailed for life and so on until 35 life sentences have been served.

The majority of those in

prison would never have met, or ever even had a link to Bryant except through genealogy, or would not have been born at the time Bryant committed the crime.

To me, this is what is happening in Australia. Right now we white Australians are still being held accountable by those of Aboriginal descent for the actions of others, that occurred a few 100 years ago, despite the fact that no one is alive today, who witnessed or took part in it, is directly impacted by those events.

Stop blaming Australian people alive today for the actions of the British a few 100 years ago. Come to think of it nobody blames descendants of the Japanese or Nazis for what they did.

Wilf Sprengel
Ocean Shores

Deadly 1080

In the November 1 *Echo* classifieds, directly under the meaty blowfly, was an announcement by the NSW state Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), that from Monday, September 25 through to Monday, December 18, the beach and dunes of South Ballina Beach will be baited with 1080 poison. 1080, or sodium fluoroacetate, is one

of the most toxic poisons on the planet. It is categorised by the federal government in the highest bracket of poisons, alongside arsenic and strychnine. Only five other countries on the planet besides good ol' Australia allow its use.

The US banned 1080 back in the 1970s after it was linked to human deaths. But the DPE knows best.

There is no antidote to 1080. Any living being that consumes it will die a horrific and excruciating death. It kills everything: introduced animals, native animals, herbivores, predators, snakes, reptiles, raptors, the lot. It should be ideal then to exterminate the plague of foxes that sunbake on South Ballina Beach. How many foxes have been seen on South Ballina Beach hassling the threatened shorebirds? Is there a count? What is the methodology used to justify the obscene decision to pepper a public beach with deadly poison? I haven't received any response from the DPE as yet.

Marc Westley
Mullumbimby

If you're not part of the solution...

So we are going through another 'housing solution' meeting are we? Just like the other ones?

This will not be resolved, not any more. This will hit a wall and people will be going to jail.

The crimes committed and the injustice involved is on a scale such that no solution will present itself.

Matthew Hartley
Byron Bay

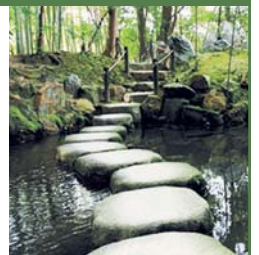
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Irregular buses

How might an irregular bus user go about accessing information and services? Timetables are not always easy to locate, are often inaccurate and regularly out of date.

Transport For NSW's Trip Planner is the key digital resource. Since 2020 I have logged and reported hundreds of buses listed that do not run, buses running that are not listed and nonsensical wild goose chase results often involving services that do not exist and excluding much closer and quicker options. Stops are

listed but not serviced. Trip Planner stop identifiers do not appear at bus stops and even at key interchanges, information is lacking and poorly presented. Many 'ghost buses' continue to list in Trip Planner years later. It is so bad that any single search with Trip Planner is likely to produce spurious results. Good luck visitors and first time users.

In hinterland areas many hybrid local and regional services travel long distances without stops away from population centres. The 640 linking Byron Bay and Brunswick Valley uses the

Pacific Highway instead of alternative routes such as Myocum Road. The 635 linking Lismore and Byron notionally services hinterland routes, but barely stops anywhere. This bus runs along Bangalow Road between Bangalow and Byron without a timetabled stop and where there is not a single bus shelter, bus bay, sign or any indication that a service exists. If you don't know, you don't go.

In town access is also an issue. If we want a fair transport network that is accessible and capable of providing real choices for

people wishing to be more sustainable, then we need to ensure that local bus services are allowed to return to town centre stops in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay.

Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Mad, irresponsible, reckless...

Totally agree with Annie Radermacher (*Echo* Nov.1). Council needs to put their resources into fixing the current infrastructure problems before contemplating adding thousands more homes to this area - fixing them, not patching them. This includes communicating and negotiating with relevant agencies to clear Brunswick River and Saltwater Creek to ensure the future safety of Mullumbimby residents and businesses.

Mullumbimby Residents Association asked why Coolamon Scenic Drive is included in the Residential Strategy when a DA was refused in 2018 - flood area and impact on existing residences was not assessed.

Impact on existing residences and businesses should be the top priority in any and all planning. These people have spent their lives paying rates and taxes to achieve a safe secure home.

They expect the council they elected to do their job and protect them.

The current emphasis on new housing has ignored consideration of the impact on existing residences.

Mad, irresponsible, reckless decisions to provide housing for one group while simultaneously making existing groups potentially homeless should be strongly rejected by all ratepayers/

taxpayers in large, loud numbers.

Surely it's now clearly evident that government's disaster relief is mostly political grandstanding, empty rhetoric. So prevention is better than hoping for help.

Marlene Crompton
Mullumbimby

'Colonists'? C'mon

'What bloody "colonists"?' is the obvious response to Mandy Nolan's infelicitous mischaracterisation of modern Australian citizens (*Echo* 18/10).

In over 80 years, I have not met any such fictional person, funnily enough. I do not believe I ever will. Native-born descendants of actual colonists are Australian whatever their origin might have been. Does Mandy Nolan refer to descendants of Jutes, Danes, and Normans in England as 'colonists'? If not, why not? At least that would provide consistency in what passes for thought!

Does Mandy Nolan refer to descendants of Goths, Visigoths, Vandals or Mongols in Europe as 'colonists'? If not, why not? That, too, would provide consistency in what passes for thought!

The 'colonists' who 'enacted' (sic) the referendum result are foolish, foppish, flippant, flatulent, fatuous figments of Mandy Nolan's fervid imagination (and, no doubt, of those whose votes she wishes to retain or harvest).

For her (and their) elucidation, I reveal that the 'colonists' are modern-day citizens of an independent, sovereign nation which directs its own affairs in one of the planet's oldest

democracies. In short, 'colonists' are all dead and gone.

However, to conclude on a less critical note, Mandy Nolan really does know this, but the politician pretends not to.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

A few forward slashes

After being bombarded with the never-ending uneducated/racist/lower socio-economic/dinosaur/lack interest/ etc. tags for the entire Voice debate and thereafter, it is time to give your readership a dose of honesty and reason for the entirely predictable referendum outcome.

A double barrel, unconnected question, requiring a single response, was always doomed to result in a negative response.

PM Albanese failed to consult, to seek bipartisan support, or to even explain what his defined 'modest proposal' actually contained and even went so far as to tell the voters that he hadn't actually bothered to read the document.

The 60/40 result is a product of Albanese's failure. Rather than the uneducated, disinterested voters of Dr. Greg Kramer or the dinosaurs of Ray Martin, the 60 per cent 'No' voters realised that 'Yes' actually only meant a continuation of existing failed or poorly directed policies and a new direction was needed.

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Tim Harrington
Lennox Head

■ A letter from David Brown can be found at www.echo.net.au/letters.

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'Only the dead have seen the end of war' – Plato

Plagiarism

I sincerely apologize for my plagiarism, by not properly acknowledging the original source of a quote in a recent *Echo* letter. 'War is outdated', is a saying of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. He also says, 'Destruction of your neighbour, is actually destruction of yourself.'

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Proof, please?

In his letter in last week's *Echo*, Danny Wakil stated he had seen online people laughing over body bags and make-up artists faking wounds.

I was wondering which channel Danny was watching as all I have seen are grieving mothers and men with children in their arms running to get help.

Lyle Clarke
East Ballina

Palestine matters

Byron Friends of Palestine was established to foster awareness and support for Palestinian civil and political aspirations to sovereignty, independence and nationhood. International law allows for armed resistance against an occupying military power but unequivocally prohibits the mass murder of non-combatant civilians and thus we condemn the assault on civilians in Southern Israel by the military wing of Hamas, the Qassam Brigade, and the indiscriminate and disproportionate response by Israel's military forces in Gaza.

The death toll among civilians, including women and children amounts to war crimes on both sides. The right to self-determination is upheld by international law and Palestinian civil society has agreed, by a great majority, on one non-violent strategy: The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, based on the model used to pressure South Africa

to end Apartheid. The three main demands behind the BDS movement is an end to the occupation, the end of Apartheid in Israel and the occupied territories and the right of return of refugees displaced by Zionist settler colonialism.

Palestinian refugees are the largest refugee population in the world numbering more than six million. If we believe human rights and international law have value, we share a moral duty to divest from Israel and companies that profit from the occupation and support the cultural, sporting, academic and trade boycott of Israel. It took 30 years to achieve its goal in South Africa; the people of Palestine have waited 75 years for justice, independence, equality and nationhood.

Duncan Shipley-Smith
Byron Friends of Palestine

Could it be?

Is it possible Putin masterminded the Israel-Hamas war as a diversion to take Ukraine? Putin has always been in thick with Iran, Syria and the Palestinian fighters.

Certainly, the gaze of world media swung like a gun turret the day Hamas stormed Israel, and when the gaze went to Gaza, Ukraine disappeared from the news cycle.

Yet the poor Ukrainians are still fighting the West's proxy war against Russia. There is no way Ukraine can ever defeat Russia without a hideously expensive stream of weapons flowing from the West.

But we are all so distracted by the scale and horror of Israel's iron fist smashing Gaza to pulp, that attention and funding will turn to the East – and in the depths of a bitter cold winter, Russia will defeat Ukraine.

Just as Palestinians became angry and vengeful when their nation was taken from them and occupied by Israelis, defeated Ukrainians will be just as angry and

vengeful when Russians steal and occupy *their* land. As in Palestine, the only way hardliners can control the angry and dispossessed is with an iron fist. So Ukraine will become another Palestine.

Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

Anti Israeli lie

The letter from Danielle Haliczzer in last week's *Echo* has been widely condemned by the truth-loving people on both sides of the conflict, as it is filled with absolute anti-Israel lies, and does not help the Palestinian cause.

Israelis and Jews do NOT feel an 'instinctual hostility towards Arabs'. Jews and Israelis want nothing more than peace. This war is not against Arabs, or against Palestinians, it is against Hamas.

Hamas are a death cult that couldn't care less about Palestinian civilians as they hide safely 40 metres underground with huge stockpiles of food, water, fuel and weapons. They will not share these resources with their civilians, and aim for the highest Palestinian civilian death toll possible, using them as human shields and actually killing Palestinian civilians if they try to move out after Israel gives them warnings to leave, as Israel tries to target the Hamas cowards. That tells you everything you need to know.

The next lie is that 'Palestinians unlike the Jews of that land, never left'. The exact opposite is the truth. Jews have lived on the land for over 3,000 years and Muslim armies invaded in the 7th century. Palestine was a vast region including all of what is now Jordan and beyond. Arabs on the land only really identified as 'Palestinian' since 1964 with Yasser Arafat as their leader who was an Egyptian (not Palestinian). Prior to this, the Jews were called Palestinians, since the Arabs thought this title beneath them. Haliczzer, if this is not

true, tell me other Arab Palestinian leaders in all of history prior to Arafat?

Haliczzer next has an issue calling the mass murder of 1,500 Israeli civilians an actual mass murder which beggars belief, yet then goes on to use the word 'genocide' when talking about the Palestinian casualties. Every death on either side is a tragedy, let's be very clear about that yet there has never ever been a 'genocide' of the new Palestinian Arabs, and they have one of the very, very highest population growth rates in the entire world.

The next and final claim which is just as ridiculous is that the 'Palestinians whose existence side-by-side with other mostly Arabic states would be more peaceful'.

Not only do you clearly not know history, but also the rivalry between Muslim Shia and Muslim Sunni states.

Peace is the only answer and anti-Israel lies just delay any peaceful outcome. I invite you to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

A pacifist

I write to the community as an active pacifist. One who stands in opposition or resistance to war, militarism or conscripted acts of violence.

Citizens have a right and moral duty to demand that elected political leaders address international disputes and see them settled and resolved peacefully.

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Within the Main Show Pavilion, the Brunswick Valley Historical Society will feature a display that everyone will be interested in- see why your town is the Biggest Littlest Town in Australia. Perhaps from when a timber cutters camp was established in 1850, evolving steadily in the next 100 years developing critical infrastructure and primary industries. From 1850 timber, 1880 dairying and banana's, 1886 school, 1889 post office, 1894 railway station, 1897 sawmill and timber yards, 1902 newspaper, 1905 Agricultural Show Society, 1909 court house, 1921 hospital, 1924 dam for permanent water supply, 1925 hydro-electric power station, 1937 butter factory and 1949 brickworks.

Learn how this was achieved under the local government structure of the Mullumbimby municipality, made up of 6 councillors. With infrastructure in place the town thrived as a shopping and commercial centre.

The Mullumbimby Agricultural Show Society was formed 1905 and held its first show

in 1907, with 3,000 people attending. The annual show has been a core community event in Mullumbimby's evolving history.

This year's show will continue this community involvement and engagement over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have created an action-packed Main Ring with Friday kicking off from 8am with stock horse judging, trotting demonstration, side shows, BBQ and bar. Saturday kicks off again with trade stalls, food vans, horse judging, trotting demonstrations, show jumping, beef cattle judging, poultry judging, pavilion judging plus many attractions-petting zoo, reptile show, King Brown Camp Oven demonstrations, truck show and Main Stage entertainment. 11am Remembrance Day, official opening. Farrier demonstrations, mower races and fireworks. Sunday fires up again with show jumping, pet show, talent quest, motor bike barrel racing, Sam Handford Trick Riding Show-morning, mower racing, tug-o-war, show n shine cars and bikes, working dog show, Airtime FMX Freestyle Motorcross and demolition derby.

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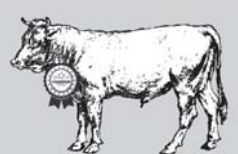
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Stock horse judging
Side-show alley
BBQ and bar

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY:
6:30am Gates open & Horse entries open
Pavilion
Trotting demonstration
Show jumping
Side-show alley
Entertainment main stage
Petting zoo
Reptile show
King Brown Camp Oven King
BBQ and bar

MORNING:
Horse judging
Poultry judging
Beef cattle judging
Farrier demonstration
11am Truck show parade
11am Spaghetti Circus performance

AFTERNOON:
12:15pm Spaghetti Circus performance
Official opening
Farrier demonstration
Truck show presentation
Mower races
Billy Gudgeon Band performing main stage
Fireworks

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY:
Trots
Mini trots
Reptile show
Entertainment on main stage
BBQ and bar

MORNING:
10am Talent quest on main stage
10:30am Pet show
Show jumping
Motor bike barrel racing
Sam Handford Trick Riding Show
Mower racing
Tug-o-war
Working dog demonstration
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1.15-2pm	Ally Palmer
2-2.30pm	Recorded music
2.30-5.15pm	Music by Maria
5.15-6pm	Recorded music
6-9pm	Billy Gudgeon Band
8pm	Fireworks

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

10-11am	Talent quest
11am-3pm	Ring events, pavilion auction and recorded music
3-3.30pm	Trot finals and mower race finals
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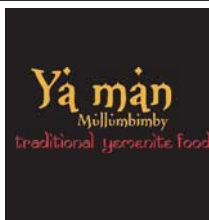
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MAKING IT LOCAL, BUYING IT LOCAL

Aslan Shand

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It turns out Australians are pretty good at recognising the benefits of buying Australian and locally-made with 96 per cent of Australians preferring to buy locally according to a 2022 Roy Morgan poll.

The Roy Morgan poll, 'found that more than four in five (86 per cent) Australians say buying Australian-made products is important to them'. They said that 'buying Aussie products made shoppers feel good'. They also recognised the importance of supporting local industries and the economy.

BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

Supporting locally-made products helps keep you money in your communities and supports local industries.

'Local businesses recirculate money into their local economies at higher rates than other businesses.' In just one example, a report by the Michigan State University Center for Community and Economic Development cited research which tracked the recirculation of money spent at locally-owned businesses versus non-locally-owned businesses in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Findings showed that for every \$100 spent at local businesses, \$73 got recycled back into the local economy, compared to just \$43 recirculated locally by non-locally-owned businesses.

ENVIRONMENT WINS

The environment is well supported by local producers and creatives for a range of reasons including the fact that Australia has laws that govern how products are made, levels of pollution allowed and the basic ground rules of who you can employ and under what conditions – you can be secure in the fact that locally made products were not made with child or slave labour!

Additionally there is less distance to travel for products, shoppers and materials. The CO2 emissions generated by flying and shipping products around the world is significant with the European Parliament reporting (on the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions) that, 'By 2019, emissions from international aviation and shipping had increased by 146 per cent and 34 per cent respectively compared with 1990. This was the fastest growth in the whole transport sector – the only sector in which emissions have risen since 1990.'

However, during the pandemic the reduction in production and transport of products around the world saw remarkable drops in CO2 generation from the shipping and aviation industries. 'In 2020, emissions from both sectors dropped significantly due to restrictions linked to the Covid-19 pandemic,' reported the European Parliament.

So choosing to support local business and local products can have a direct impact on CO2 emissions by reducing the distance a product needs to travel to get to you.

JOB CREATION

Any local business or creative is employing, and engaging with other locals. This not only means more money is staying in the local economy, it also means there are greater opportunities to interact with and support local community and culture, thus weaving a stronger community together. Through interaction and engagement by shopping local and buying things that are made here it allows communities to remain vital, empowered and supports our unique culture.

'Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They help push economic growth and the local economy by opening up employment opportunities locally to people who may not want to be employed by these big box businesses,' reported Joseph Lustberg on Forbes.com.

According to the 2023 Small Business Matters Report 'Australia's 2.5 million small businesses provide jobs for 5.1 million people and employ 42 per cent of all apprentices and trainees in training – nearly double the amount supported by a big business'.

'Small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities, and we celebrate the vital contribution they make to Australia's prosperity, wellbeing, and community,' said the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Bruce Billson.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

It is easy to meet the makers of the products you are buying, follow the supply chain and ensure that you are buying good quality products and confirm their ethical standards meet yours when you are taking the opportunity to find products that are made here.

Certainly with the diversity of ideas and creativity that generates such a wide range of business opportunities in the Northern Rivers there seems to be an endless supply of unique and interesting things to pick up or get involved in. With the festive season coming upon us just a little too fast now is the time to start thinking about gifts for the ones you love!

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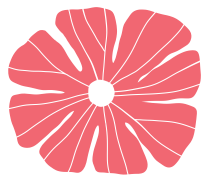
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Amanda Gorr, the founder and owner of The Dancing Pixie, says: 'We love to tell stories, every product in our store has a story to be told. Where does it come from, who made it, what else are they making and what inspires them!'

One of Amanda's passions is and always has been travelling. She lived in Turkey for ten years, wandering the globe before returning home to Australia and settling in the Byron Shire. Wherever she goes she finds treasures to add to the shop's homewares and lighting collection.

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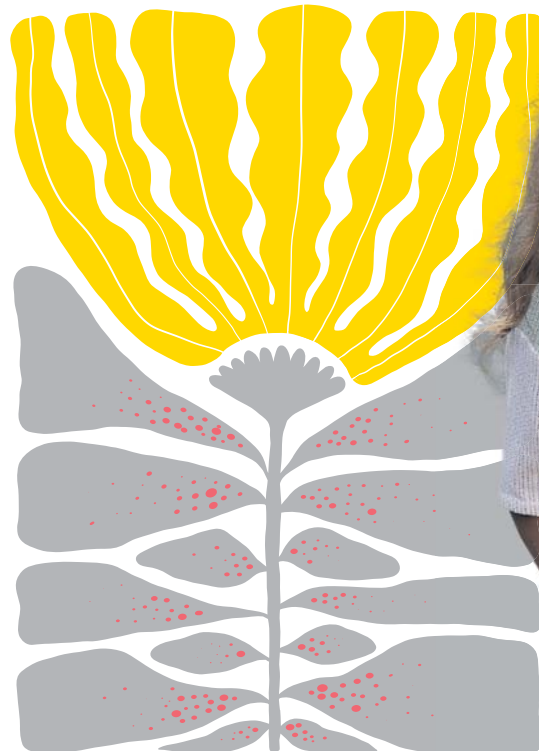
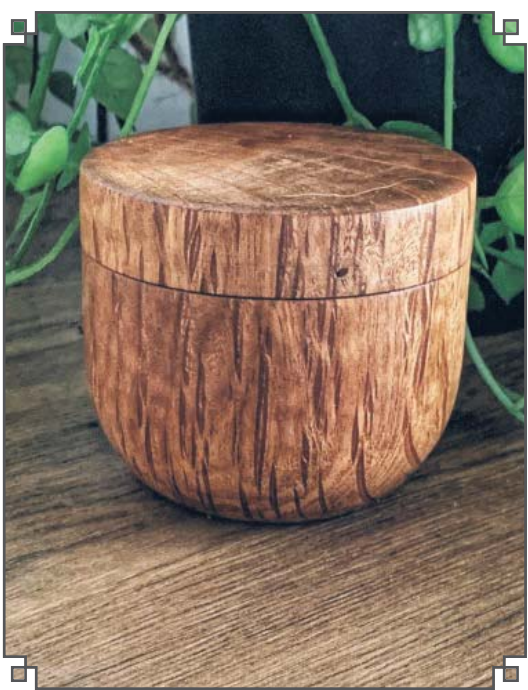
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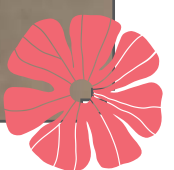


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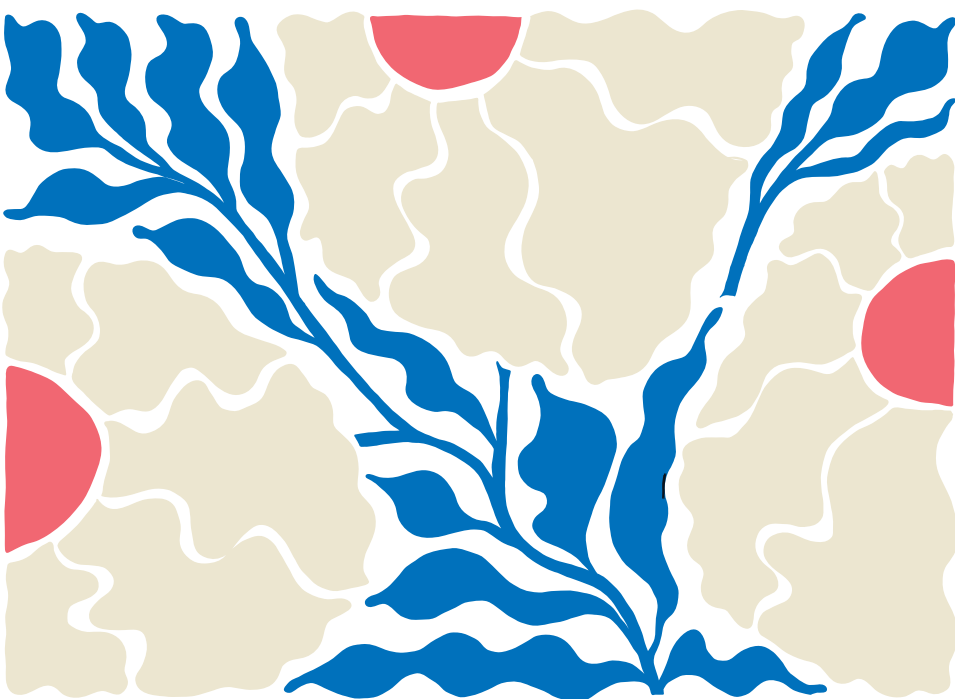
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Founded in 2014, Temple of the Sun is the embodiment of a shared creative vision between couple Yonna Derofe and Darren Gallant. The Temple ethos is anchored in a deep appreciation of ancient craft, archetypal symbology and contemporary design, translating into modern ancient heirlooms of rare beauty that transcend both time and trend.

Designed by Derofe in their Byron Bay headquarters, the skilled ceramicist and silversmith expertly blends past and present to create timeless designs steeped in meaning. Centring on the rich cultural heritage of the Mediterranean basin, pieces develop through a studied approach that favours the artisanal, fusing worlds old and new to bring an archival approach to contemporary jewellery.

In 2022, Temple of the Sun unveiled their solid gold studio in Byron Bay, marking a significant milestone. This expansion welcomed their engagement ring and wedding band collection, along with an exclusive bespoke service, granting their

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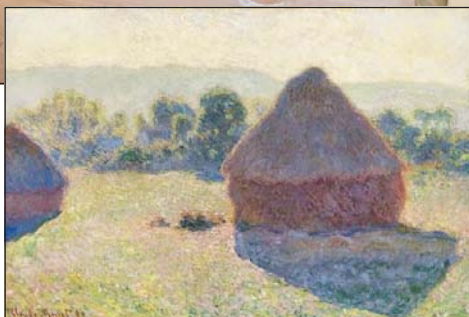
Simon Haslam

An iconic Claude Monet 'Haystacks' painting *Meules, milieu du jour*, 1890) will be exhibited at our local Tweed River Regional Art Gallery in Murwillumbah from this month, providing yet another reason to visit this excellent free gallery. Monet, a key Impressionist painter, devoted about 18 months in 1890 and 1891 to capturing the very act of perceiving nature, creating 30 paintings of the haystacks in a field near his house at Giverny, and this is a wonderful opportunity to see this work with your own eyes.

In response to the upcoming exhibition of the Monet work, Apex Dining, the new bistro at Tweed River Gallery, will serve a French-inspired menu and will even feature a dish called 'Haystacks'.

Also reflecting Monet's themes of landscape, Apex has an elevated perspective with picturesque views that sweep right across the Tweed River Valley to Queensland in the north and Wollumbin (Mt Warning) in the south-west. The cafe has plenty of 'plein-air' dining space on its open decks to soak up the landscape as well, the dining room is largely open and breezy and easily captures the stunning vista.

The fare at Apex are small works of art, Red Wangara iced tea, made from local hibiscus, star anise, peach and lime, is a deep claret colour and is



Above: the view at Apex.

Left: Claude Monet *Meules, milieu du jour* (Haystacks, midday) 1890, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberri/Canberra, purchased 1979.

served in a large, stemmed balloon glass with garnish and straw. There are equally admirable cocktails and mocktails as well.

New operators Toby and Hannah Bamford are experienced Tweed foodies, they've been involved in many of the region's premier dining destinations for over 20 years, and they own the bakery Baked at Ancora, so the delicious bakery and dessert items you see in the cabinet are freshly baked by their own team.

The current menu is a treat as well, new head chef Andelson Dela Vega has curated an Asian fusion menu from our regional produce. The 'Baingan' masala – a curry of eggplant, garam masala, tomato, cumin, coriander and with warm paratha bread was absolutely more-ish and pan-fried fish fillet of the day, with roast cauliflower cream, bok choy and sesame soy was delicious! This menu has plenty of scope for a return visit, with: panko crumbed prawns with spicy mayo; two Korean chicken dishes; and kare kare peanut pork belly. Twice-cooked pork belly, lemon grass, bok choy, green beans and peanut coconut are also eye-catching menu items. There's also a cabinet menu available, with a selection of

fresh local ingredients that include salads, toasties, loaded croissants and other pastries like the spanakopita, or sweet potato roll or their signature sausage roll, with pork, fennel and apple in flaky pastry.

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail has a Gallery stop, with easy access to the gallery and Apex Dining via stairs. Cyclists pop in for a refuelling bite or a performance-enhancing coffee or other refreshing beverages, whether they make it to their next trail stop... that can be decided later.

The only thing better than dining at Apex and taking in the view would be indulging in this during a glorious sunset over the valley. Apex is hosting Twilight Series over the warmer months, featuring relaxed Asian street food, happy hour and live

McMahon's Apples

Victoria Cosford

Vanessa – favourite apple, Pink Lady – has a wide white smile which dazzles each of the steady troop of customers who come to buy apples. For three years she's been there, selling the Pink Ladies and Granny Smiths and the rough-and-ready juicing apples produced at the McMahon family orchard up near Stanthorpe. These are certified organic apples devoid of waxes and sprays, picked just within days of going to market themselves. 'People', she tells me, 'know me as the Apple Lady – it's so sweet!'

As sweet as those apples you crunch into. Only picked when they're ripe – unlike supermarket apples that are picked well before their prime, gassed, stored for months – McMahon's have a texture and a flavour altogether superior. Eating one, I'm transported instantly to a Canberra childhood and an eccentric grandfather whose backyard housed his own apple orchard.

A man juggles two handfuls of very small apples; another woman thoughtfully selects lime-green Grannies – but most seem to come for those Pink Ladies. 'They're the most popular', says



Vanessa, who herself eats 'a lot of apples!' She and I discuss recipes – she usually makes a gluten-free apple cake, apples both grated and chopped into a buttery eggy almond meal batter.

With the kilo of Grannies I take home, I decide on the simplicity of an apple pie; a shortcrust pastry and a Karen Martini mix of finely chopped apples, grated lemon rind, ground cloves and caster sugar piled in to the base and

sealed with its lid, slashes to let the steam out, a good long bake till golden.

But before I leave the stall I ask Vanessa if she has a little-known fact about apples for me. Her face brightens. 'I do!' she says. 'Apples come from the same family as roses. I love that!'

McMahon's Apples are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7 to 11am.

musicians – book online.

Dining at Apex is such a pleasure, it is a beautiful sojourn up to the Tweed and to the gallery and to add a pause on the decks of the dining room with truly enjoyable food and drink is a gift that allows us to reflect and really appreciate the sensory wonders of life.

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More SMH hats

In our rush to inaccurately mention SMH Good Food Guide 2024 hat winners recently, we inadvertently omitted Pipit in Pottsville, who received two hats again, for the second year, holding one previously. They were finalists for Regional Restaurant of the Year, and have been winners of the title twice before. Well done chef and owner Ben Devlin, who is Byron born and

bred. We did manage to mention two-hatted Raes Dining Room and Bistro Livi.

Other notable omissions, gaining a hat each, were: You Beauty in the main street of Bangalow, led by chef/partner Matt Stone; Paper Daisy in Halcyon House in Cabarita (chef Jason Barrett); Frida's Field (chef Alistair Waddell); and waterfront restaurant Beach Byron Bay (Karl and Katrina Kanetani). We did manage to mention Bar Heather.

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DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT



BEAUTIFUL FOR SEA LIFE

Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue (ASTR) is hosting a charity night at the Ballina Players Theatre with a presentation of *Beautiful – The Carol King Musical* on **Wednesday, November 29**.

ASTR receives no government funding and relies on events like this to keep the organisation going. ASTR rescues and rehabilitates seabirds, marine turtles and sea snakes at the turtle hospital in Ballina. The organisation was founded 30 years ago by Lance Ferris and is a service which continues today.

His daughter Rochelle will be at this performance.

This special night will include a raffle and a silent auction with some amazing items, including paintings, photos, jewellery, a massage, gift vouchers and more. Supper will be available with cakes made by the wonderful volunteers.

ASTR have almost finished their hospital, aviary and education facility upgrade – next on the list is a flight aviary where they can flight test rescued and rehabilitated birds to make sure they are ready for release.

This special event is on Wednesday, November 29 at 8pm. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online from www.seabirdrescue.org.au, or events.humanitix.com/carol-king-musical-charity-night.

To arrange a cash purchase phone Anna Dicker 0415 642 867.



ÁINE AND DOBBY IN BRUNS

Don't miss **Áine Tyrrell** and **DOBBY** live at Brunswick Heads on **November 17**. This isn't just a show; it's a statement. Join in an unforgettable night of music, storytelling, and connection.

Áine Tyrrell, renowned for her inspiring and thought-provoking artistry, is a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter who stands out as an unmissable live act. Unwilling to be pigeonholed by the music industry's narrow scope of Irish Folk, Áine is carving a path all her own, steadfastly defining her genre as 'Irish as fuck'. Her performances seamlessly flow from soulful Irish

songs, the strumming of acoustic guitars, her resonant vocals, to the rhythmic beats of spoken word and hip hop, all fueled by her undeniable passion.

DOBBY, a multi-talented Filipino and Aboriginal musician from Murrumbidgee and Ngemba land of Weilmoringle and Brewarrina NSW, is renowned for his dynamic performances as a rapper, drummer, and composer. Winning accolades like the best video for 'I Can't Breathe' at the 2020 Fbi SMAC Awards, this anthem resonates at Australia's Bla(c)k Lives Matter protests and educational

institutions. Known as the 2018 'BIGSOUND buzz act', DOBBY has left international audiences in awe, making waves at events like The Great Escape, UK, and Reeperbahn Festival, Germany.

Áine Tyrrell and DOBBY are back to recreate the magic that lit up Splendour in the Grass in July, a performance that brimmed with truth, power, love, and fire.

See this great show at 7pm, Friday, November 17 at Brunswick Picture House.

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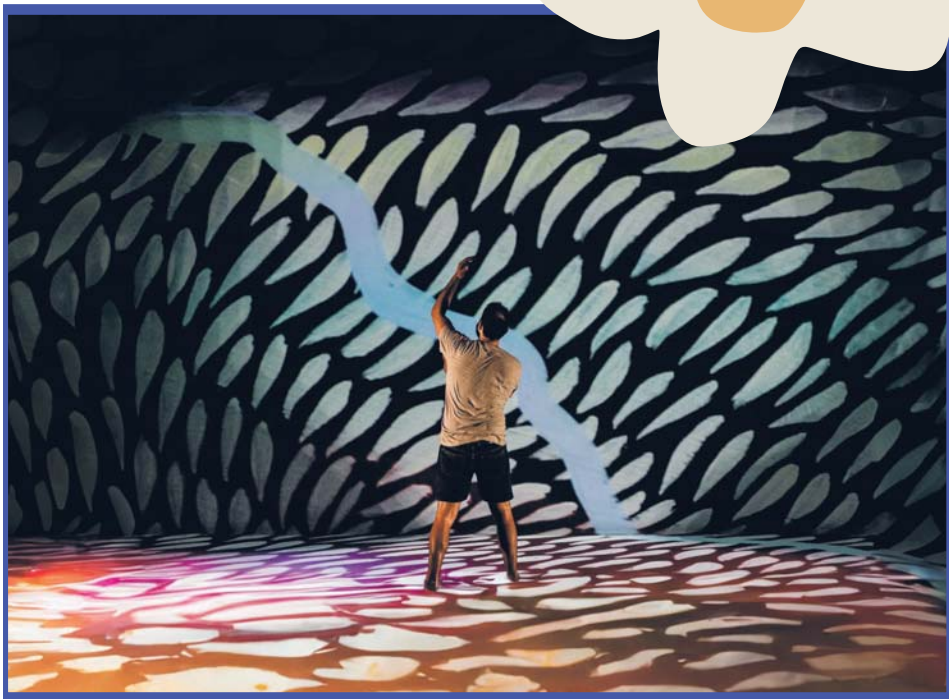
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A SOULFUL INFUSION

A soulful songwriter and cover artist infusing a range of genres from acoustic, blues, soul, rock and funk to create an engaging show, **Damien Cooper** is a Lismore lad who took a four-year hiatus to Newcastle where he worked as a movement teacher and osteopath – it was then he realised he had a deep calling as a musician and performer.

Damien writes poetic lyrics accompanied by intricate guitar work and rhythms integrating vocals, guitar, stomp box, and beatbox, both with and without a loop pedal.

You can catch him on Wednesday at The Rails.



FEELING THE FLOW

NORPA's free, outdoor theatre event **Flow** is on this month on **November 16 and 17 at Maclean Showground** (Yaegl country), and **November 23 to 25 at the Lismore Quad** (Widjabul Wia-bul country).

Flow is a powerful First Nations story, both contemporary and ancient, that creates space for reflection and understanding of our river systems. Set on an incredible outdoor stage it's part music concert, part theatre, and presented in NORPA's ambitious style.

In addition to the performance of Flow, NORPA invites you to take part in a series of free workshops, talks and activities, taking you deeper into the themes of Flow and encouraging deep listening and learning. The activities take place prior to the evening performances.

In Maclean, you are invited to join acclaimed Yaegl artist **Frances Belle Parker** in an interactive river painting workshop, Connecting to Biirrinba. Together participants will contribute to a collaborative work that will come to life over the season of Flow on Yaegl country.

In Lismore, cultural facilitator **Jarmbi** will take you through a Grounding and Connecting meditation workshop on the banks of the Wilson River. You are also invited to engage in important

conversations at two panels sessions presented in partnership with Southern Cross University and *Koori Mail: A New Storytelling* exploring the power of storytelling in future-proofing First Nations knowledges; and Country First led by Rhoda Roberts AO discussing the importance of Bundjalung-led management of Bundjalung country.

A Place of Oysters is an event presented in partnership with **Living Lab Northern Rivers**. You're invited to celebrate the humble oyster that was once abundant in the region due to Bundjalung custodianship of country and care of the catchment. Enjoy oysters, drinks, and science at the Living Lab in Lismore as you learn more about the historical and future importance of the oyster, their ancestral and cultural connection to Bundjalung peoples, and the vital role they play in repairing our rivers.

At each performance of Flow, a local First Nations musician will take to the stage from 7pm, before the show begins at 8pm. Musicians include **Blakboi, Madison King, The Boy of Many Colours and Benji Roberts**.

Flow performances and activities are free but numbers are limited so registrations are required. For more details and bookings go to www.norpa.org.au.

FOR THE LOVE OF MUD

Australian Ceramics Annual Open Studios event is on again this weekend, **November 11 and 12**.

Several local studios are taking part – the work of each of these ceramicists is very different and reflects the huge range of possibilities using clay and different firing techniques. Pieces vary from intricate hand-built sculptures, small animals and Japanese-style pieces to colourful, high-fired stoneware cups, plates and bowls.



Byron Shire has become a renowned hotspot for creativity, and ceramics made here are sent all over Australia and around the world. What's amazing is each ceramic piece is unique. It's the nature of handmade works of art.

It's great to support local artists working in the Shire, rather than buying mass-produced imported ceramics lacking in soul. It's also a benefit to our local economy.

For details and photographs of participating ceramicists, go to the Australian Ceramics website: australianceramicscommunity.com. If you're on Instagram, visit [@australianceramics](https://www.instagram.com/australianceramics) and see what's on offer.

Ceramic studios open this weekend include: **Janet Fraser's** Hoof Print Pottery at 16 Taylors Road, Eureka; **Sasa Scheiner** at 878 Binna Burra Road, Federal; **Richard Jones' Rainforest Ceramics** at 56 Gittos Lane, Possum Creek; and **Jacqui Sosnowski's** SOS Ceramics at Murphy's Lane, Mullumbimby.

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A 25-YEAR LOVE AFFAIR WITH AUSTRALIA

Interview by Eve Jeffery

Harry Manx has been one of the most successful international touring musicians ever to grace stages in Australia – this deeply original multi-instrumentalist has entertained audiences with more than 11 extensive tours since 2001 – Manx loves Australia, and the feeling is mutual!

I have never met a Canadian I didn't like and speaking to Harry Manx proves the point – we caught up last week from his home on Salt Spring Island as the Canadian winter began to spread its icy wings.

Is the weather getting cold? Is there snow?

Not here, but I just came back from Quebec the other day and it was snowing there, so, we're getting there.

Harry, you've been to Australia lots of times. I'm just curious what you love about it?

There isn't anything I don't like about it, except, maybe the venomous snakes – the rest is all good for me.

Have you ever met one of our snakes?

Yes! I was out down Margaret River on the west coast there. And I saw a king brown right outside my door.

You know I've been having a 25-year love affair with Australia and I'm always happy to come back. I've been coming there for 23 or 24 years and I don't know if I chose the place or the place chose me really. I keep getting invited back. And you know, the crowds keep coming out to the shows. So I'm glad. I feel like Australia has embraced me. And that's really great.

How many times have you done Bluesfest?

I think this is probably my eighth. Once I was there (2012) and I was on the stage alone. Meanwhile, Earth Wind and Fire were on stage on one side of me and Crosby, Stills and Nash were on the stage on the other side of me. I was feeling a bit lonely, but, kept my head down and did my best.

Have you got some new music to bring us in 2024?

Yes, I'm back in the swing of writing. I took a break during the pandemic but I'm back at it now. I just released an album *Way Out East*. But it's mostly just the songs that

I've recorded over the years based on Indian melodies. And it's the kind of record you want to have at home when you're chilling. You know, songs that are not meant for live performance. But I've got some new songs for the live set that are working out pretty good.

What personnel will you be bringing – will you be on the stage by yourself with big acts on either side, or have you got company?

I have my longtime buddy there from Sydney, Mr Clayton Doley. He's also on the on the bill with his big band, his Bayou Billabong band. Clayton and I have been touring around Australia together many times and he's a wonderful keyboard player and great musical arranger.

You've definitely got an affinity with Indian music, do feel like you're reincarnated or something, or that you're channelling something?

You know, I went to India on the hippie trail – as they used to call it – in the '70s from Europe. I was pulled there. I don't know what was pulling me, but I just had to go there and I fell in love with the place. I went back in the mid-'80s and stayed for 12 years. Yeah, you might say I've had a past life experience there because I felt so at home there. And not just the place, but the music and the people – I lived in an ashram there for about eight years. I couldn't get enough of it. But at some point, I decided I should go back to the west and see if I couldn't get a life together. And so I came back here in 2000. And, you know, for the first time I got myself a car, and a house and a refrigerator, and all that, all the goodies. But basically, I'd been choosing adventure over comfort for a long time. And that was part of the Indian experience.

Do you ever go back?

I went back in 2017. And the city where I was living, had gone from 4 million to 16 million people. It was shocking and the level of pollution and the amount of cars was pretty mind-boggling. I decided that it wasn't the India that I left so maybe I'd had enough. You know, I got the message, so I hung up the phone.

You're a dad? Tell me about your lad

Yeah, I've got a son. He's 21. He's been working with me for the last couple of years. He was on the last tour of Australia with me. And we've been over in Europe and across Canada many times. He's my roadie now. And he's getting a good



experience of the world. He also has a great passion for Australia. He came over there the first time when he was eight months old and every couple of years I've been bringing him over and he feels quite at home there.

Is there anything different about in particular the Bluesfest audiences?

You know, they're in a great setting. The environment is so beautiful around there, maybe it puts the people in good spirits – I have always encountered that. Folks, are in a good spirit there and just having a good old time.

I would say the average age is a bit younger at Bluesfest than many festivals I've been to – folk festivals tend to be like more seniors, they've got their fixed seating. They don't get up much. But Byron, you know, they're all on the feet and they're ready to rock and roll. It's definitely a younger crowd.

Have you had a chance to look at the bill yet?

Yeah I did a little bit. And you know what I'm most excited about is Tom Jones. Oh man, he just kills it now. I'm very excited to see Tom Jones.

I've seen some of the greatest big acts at Byron, you know. Usually when I'm at a festival, I don't catch a lot, I do my thing and I go back to the hotel or whatever. But in Byron, I tend to want to see acts and I've seen and met some great, great acts backstage. You often share the area with some of your heroes. And I've gone around and shook hands with many great acts that I've only dreamed of meeting. So that's a real bonus.

I'm often curious to know whether artists feel that they have an obligation as a person with a profile to stand up for the causes they believe in – what do you think?

That's very good. You know, I think everybody should have their heads in the right place when it comes to the environment and social activism and all that. I think it's very important. Maybe you won't say much about it, but you should live it at least. My focus has always been more of the awakening of the individual and that people should take responsibility for themselves, and live in a way that reflects the highest values possible. So yeah, I'm down with that and I like it when I see people who are socially active like John Butler is and Xavier Rudd. I'm not out on the front of the train like those guys but I try to spread the love in the show just by my songs and my presence – I hope that makes the world just a tiny, tiny, tiny little bit better than it was before I got there.

Harry, what in life inspires you?

Well, I'm a person that is very deeply into the spirituality of India, meditation, and moving forward in the world of consciousness, so that's what drives my life, and it informs my music and my lyrics.

Are you having enough fun?

Fun? Mate, I'm having heaps. I feel like I won the lottery to be a musician who actually gets to earn his living at it, you know, because so few musicians can actually survive. So I've been blessed and it has to do with the audience and the people who've received me. I feel very blessed about that.

You can see Harry Manx on Easter Sunday and Monday at Bluesfest 2024. Tickets: www.bluesfest.com.au.

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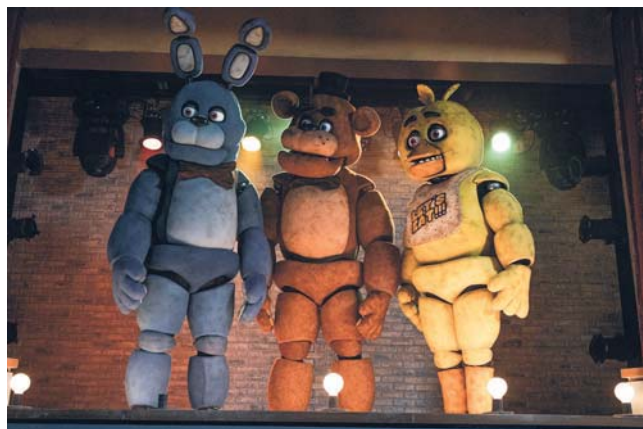
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PARTY AT FRED'S PLACE

Can you survive five nights? The terrifying horror game phenomenon becomes a blood-chilling cinematic event, as Blumhouse – the producer of *3GAN*, *The Black Phone* and *The Invisible Man* – brings *Five Nights at Freddy's* to the big screen.

Five Nights at Freddy's is a supernatural horror film based on the video game series and franchise of the same name.

The film follows the troubled Mike Schmidt (Josh Hutcherson) as he begins working at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza, where the previous night a security guard desperately attempted to flee from an unseen force but was captured and strapped to a torture device, which mutilates his face and kills him.

Schmidt is fired from his job as a shopping mall guard after assaulting a negligent father whom he mistook for a kidnapper. Mike's career counsellor, Steve Raglan, offers him a job as a night guard at Freddy's. Though initially reluctant, Mike accepts after social services threaten to take custody of his younger sister Abby and pass her over to their estranged aunt Jane, who desires only the custody's monthly payments.

On the first night, Mike falls asleep and dreams about his brother Garrett's kidnapping; he also sees five children who witnessed it but when Mike tries to approach them, they run away. On the second night, Mike has the same dream, but when he attempts to confront one of the children, he is attacked, causing him to awaken...

Will Mike last five nights?

Find out at Ballina and Byron's Palace Cinemas.

WEDNESDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAMIEN COOPER
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM CHLOE JETT
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM SCREENING 'SURVIVING TO THRIVING'
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM TOM GLEESON - GEAR
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM POETRY
- 7PM THE RIONS
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM JESSE WITNEY, RYELLE & LAVERDE
- BANGALOW HOTEL TIM STOKES
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM JACK CASEY
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM TOM GLEESON - GEAR
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ PAPA BITCHO
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUM WITH DJ DAKINI
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPEOKEEE WITH JESS

THURSDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DOUX LORD
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM BEN WALSH
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, 6PM OLE FALCO
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM ALLY PALMER
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM TOM GLEESON - GEAR
- THE LEEVE, LISMORE, 5PM TERRI NICHOLSON
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM FIVE LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 5.30PM AMATEUR MUSIC EVENING
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM SAM GREEN
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM STEVE BANKS & THE SIDEMEN
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM OOOZ
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM KAFFENE
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM FIVE LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 1PM BEN WHITING
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8PM DJ NIGHT RIDER
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM TOMMY FLEMING

FRIDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM PINK ZINC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM KANE MUIR + MICKA SCENE & PACHA MAMA + NO ID
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM DEEPDOWN
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM DJ YAZMIN
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM ANIMAL VENTURA DUO + DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM TIAGO FREITAS, 5PM DJ IAIN YES
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM SOUTH SUMMIT
- THE GREEN ROOM, BYRON, 1PM RE:CONNECTION 2023
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM SATISVIBES REGGAE

BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM TOM GLEESON - GEAR

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ ROB SYDNEY
- KOHINUR HALL, MAIN ARM, 4PM SHAKU SHAKTI 'INZEN' LAUNCH
- VARIOUS VENUES, FAR NORTH COAST, AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS ANNUAL OPEN STUDIOS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM KAFFENE
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- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM DAN GRACE
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM HARRY NICHOLS BAND
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- TWO MATES BREWING, LISMORE, 5PM SAM GREEN
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE, 7PM SONYA & CHRISTINE: ABOVE/BELOW
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- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM MASON RACK BAND
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 2PM FIVE LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE
- THE LEEVE, LISMORE, 4PM NATHAN EGGINS
- DUNOON SPORTS CLUB 4PM PLUCKERS AND POETS OPEN MIC
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 5PM DIS-CO BALL

MONDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, KOOKA WHITE
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM SAUJE
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JON J BRADLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM INO PIO
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, FELICITY LAWLESS DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM GOODRICH
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12.30PM BEN WHITING
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM ANIMAL VENTURA
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ MATTY P

WEDNESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SAM BUCKLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM SIMON WRIGHT
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM SCREENING: THE MESSAGE OF THE LYREBIRD

Session Times PALACE CINEMAS
 Thurs 9 - Wed 15 November 108 Jonson St, Byron Bay

SPECIAL SCREENINGS STOP MAKING SENSE - 4K REMASTER (PG) Daily: 3:45PM, 6:00PM	PAW PATROL: THE MIGHTY MOVIE (PG) Daily: 11:00AM	3:30PM, 6:00PM, 8:30PM, Thurs: 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 8:30PM, Fri: 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM
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THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONG-BIRDS & SNAKES (M) Wed: 7:00PM - Grand Preview	FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S (M) Daily except Sat, Sun: 1:30PM, 3:40PM, 5:45PM, 8:30PM, Sat, Sun: 1:30PM, 5:45PM, 8:30PM	THE KILLER (MA15+) Daily except Thurs, Wed: 1:30PM, 8:20PM, Thurs, Wed: 1:30PM
FAMILY FILMS HEADSPACE (PG) (NFT) Daily except Sat, Sun: 11:15AM, Sat, Sun: 11:15AM, 1:45PM	FOE (M) Daily except Sat, Sun: 3:50PM	THE LAST NIGHT OF AMORE (M) Daily: 11:00AM
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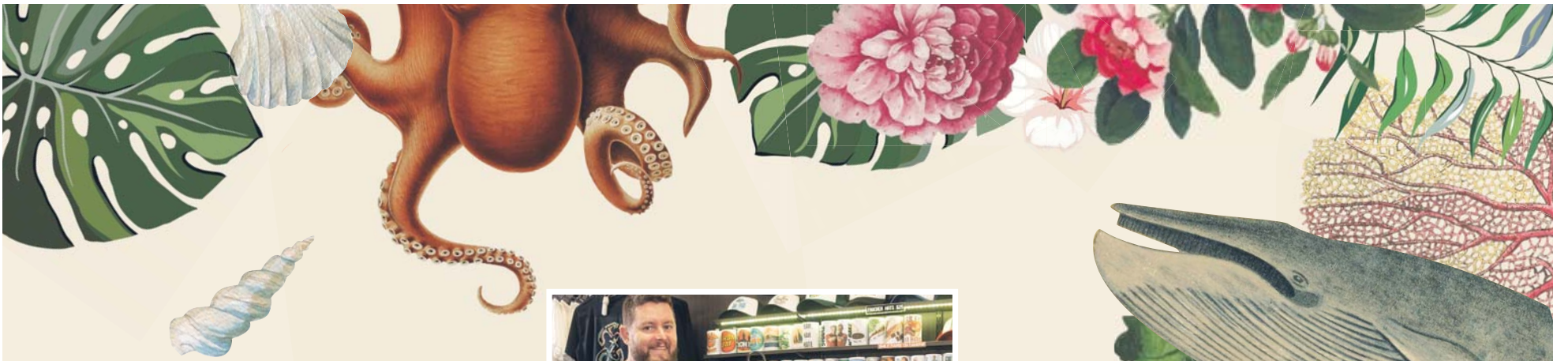
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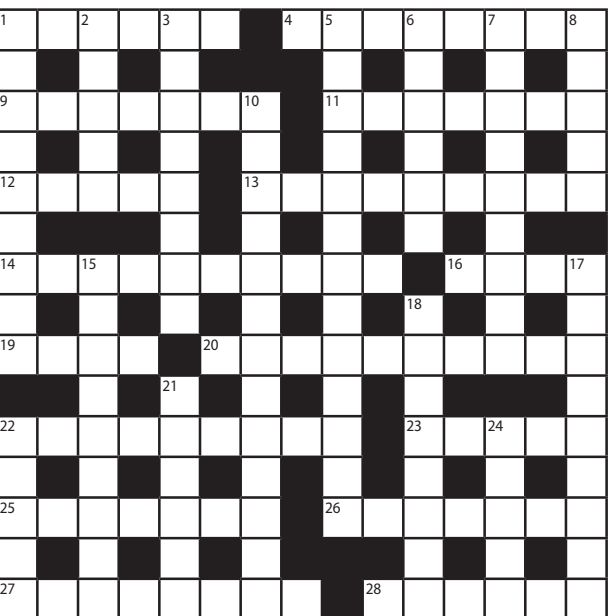
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Two elements: a contest for Rumpole (6)
- A study circle for mother's tumours (8)
- Poison number 99 following behind (7)
- Endure less leave (7)
- Follow – time to run! (5)
- John brings in fish for great jazzman (9)
- Breezes from the side in angry turns (10)
- Criticises snap back (4)
- English church, ring and reverberate! (4)
- Briar roses are elegant – sin to cultivate! (10)
- Mounts garden tool, could be lucky (9)
- A mountain, back over the last square (5)
- Sacked? Ring back, not on (4,3)
- Small, and a bloke who puts you to sleep (7)
- Brew teas after balls, and gorges (8)
- Good man, individual – deceased, out of it (6)

DOWN

- Broken earth – pain and sorrow (9)
- Follower of Haile Selassie – a star emerges (5)
- Cones end differently – make it shorter (8)
- Traders, traders ... swindlers! (6,7)
- South African writer Gordiner – not available to eat! (6)
- Spoil potassium, time for a barrel for Samuel Clemens (4,5)
- Faint poles around court (5)
- Cannibalising the overweight – or just chatting! (7,3,3)
- Return to that woman – intelligent and different! (9)
- Sydney University blemished, but endured (9)
- Get moving – road over Eastern point damaged! (4,2,2)
- Ask for money with individual? Piss off! (6)
- That man will ring for a greeting (5)
- Amend, revise – they work in PR (5)

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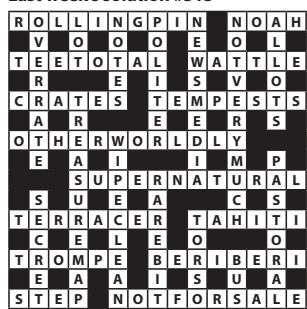
ACROSS

- Famous Roman lyric poet of the last century BCE (6)
- Benign growths; polyps (8)
- Highly lethal metallic element (7)
- Experience (7)
- Vestige (5)
- US musician – the Duke! (9)
- They blow at right angles to the ships path (10)
- Uses metal container to search for gold (4)
- Resound (4)
- Briar roses (10)
- Iron band nailed to the hoof (9)
- Shopping centre (5)
- Retrenched (4,3)
- Character in European folklore who brings on sleep and dreams (7)
- Binges (8)
- Intoxicated (6)

DOWN

- Anguish (9)
- Afro-Jamaican sub-culture (5)
- Compress (8)
- Betrayers (6,7)
- Girl's name meaning 'hope' (6)
- Author of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (4,5)
- Pass out (5)
- Making friendly small talk (7,3,3)
- Else (9)
- Nourished (9)
- Go faster! (4,2,2)
- Scram (6)
- Hi (5)
- They work in marketing (5)

Last week's solution #515



Peace for Our Children

Children are magical. They arrive innocent and new, a chance for humanity to have a fresh start. An ordinary result of human biology and the propagation of the species. Nothing quite prepares you for the miracle of that moment. I remember meeting the eyes of every one of the four children I birthed. I remember witnessing their existence and entering into an immediate unbreakable contract of love and protection. It wasn't just a child born that day it was also the day I became a fierce mother.

It is our duty as adults to nurture our children. To love and protect. To deliver them to a world with a future. But not just our children. All children. The children of the world are all our children. You don't need to meet a child to hold them. Their eyes look beyond their parents to us all.

Yet we fail. As adults we continue to betray these children. Our contracts lay dusty and broken on the floor alongside discarded toys and promises that this will be different. It's not. Circumstance makes perpetrators of us all. We are by our mere existence, complicit in the failure to deliver our, all children, a future free of poverty, of war, of sexual abuse, of climate catastrophe.

The story of our parenthood is the same as the story that came before us. We are the result of traumatised children having children continuing not just our gene pool but the unbroken legacy of trauma and pain. Every generation of adults has the opportunity to break the chain. Every generation fails. How do we as a world of fierce mothers and fathers transform our pain into protection? Our greed into good? Our hate into peace?

Right now over 1.2 billion children live in poverty. A recent study in Australia reported one in six Australian women and one in nine men have been sexually abused by the age of 15. Globally, one in seven 10–19-year-olds experience a mental disorder. Depression, anxiety and behavioural disorders are among the leading causes of illness and disability among adolescents. Our children are being



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born into a world with an uncertain future. 90% of the diseases resulting from the climate crisis are likely to affect children under the age of five. They watch adults continue along the path that is authoring their demise. Right now in Gaza children are being killed. The region has a population that is so young that 40% of its residents are under the age of 15. And 40% of those who have been killed in the siege of Palestine are children. Little kids. Babies. Toddlers. Teenagers. Children who arrived innocent to this ancient conflict, but became part of the cost of 'retaliation' for a crime they did not commit. A consequence of a world they did not understand. Choices they never got to make. At the time of writing this, almost 4,000 Palestinian children have been killed. They continue to be killed at over 100 a day. Tiny bodies whose limbs protrude from the rubble of the homes where they once played, pay the

price for the failure of us all. The failure to adult. The failure to protect. The failure to understand peace. The failure to resolve our conflicts in any other way except with more conflict.

Gaza is like a walled-in primary school under siege. Millions of children trapped in a nightmare they can't escape. And those children who survive? What happens to them? They are a generation that will live with trauma as their parent. Their trauma as the hand on their shoulder that leads them to radicalisation and the continuation of a brutal pathway that will hurt, kill and betray future children.

Hamas currently have 240 Israeli hostages, of them around 30 are children. Many who do not know why they are captive. All these children hurt and traumatised and killed because of the anger and the vengeance of old men. They are the human cost.

No matter where you stand on this assault on Gaza, whether with Palestine, or with Israel, dig into your most primal duty and stand with the children. All children.

Killing children is wrong. It is the worst crime of humanity. And their blood is on all our hands.

Until children stop being murdered, none of our hands will ever be clean.

Ceasefire now.

– Mandy Nolan

STARS BY LILITH

As Venus the planet of beauty, art, cash and romance moves into her favourite placement, who can resist splashing out on some utterly luxurious spirit-lifting treat or gorgeous love gift for someone special...



SCORPIO

ARIES: They say where there's a will there's a way, and where there's an Aries, best not be getting in the way of that will. With your master planet Mars in its most forceful position, it's wise not to impose your vision, best to magnetise support through goodwill and generosity.

TAURUS: Jupiter in your sign is as much about process as results, and with pleasure principle Venus, your galactic guide, entering into her most refined mode, this week's interpersonal communications will respond to gentle encouragement and thoughtful gestures more readily than pressure: meaning bulldozing won't be well received.

GEMINI: With quicksilver messenger Mercury zipping into its chattiest passage, exciting connections might sizzle then fizzle, but there's still plenty of adventurous options to explore. Just be aware that while you're in full-on communication mode, others might not be. Respect confidential info and material.

CANCER: Resourceful and determined new moon on 13 November focuses its lucid beams on shared finances, passive income, property matters and investment opportunities. But remember that most people can't read your mind. Try sharing those dreams and desires, and the response this week might surprise you.

LEO: Venus moving to her happy place showcases your majesty's diplomatic talents and artistic skills. Put these into the service of the common good or a cause dear to your heart and the rewards will be outstanding in terms of inner riches: the most precious kind of wealth in these trying times.

VIRGO: Yes, November has its undeniably itchy and scratchy aspects, with Mars sparking drama divas to arc up with hissy fits and dummy spits, but ruffled feathers can't help but settle again as your planet ruler Mercury heads this week into the sign of the bigger picture and blue sky dreaming.

LIBRA: You Venusians have the finest astral assistance possible this week from your guiding planet in her favourite homestay – your stylish, artistic sign – where she's at her frisky, flirty best. And she's agitating for a pre-festive season update to your wardrobe, brand, relationship or end of year plans.

SCORPIO: Next week's annual Scorpio new moon on 13 November is the year's peak date for that great breakthrough you've been waiting for, to finally put the past to rest and dive into your brand new birthday cycle. To begin a fresh chapter of growth opportunities and exciting initiatives.

SAGITTARIUS: When Mercury finally zips into your inclusive sign this week it's tempting to focus on fun and ignore warning signs. But rushing into arrangements without due diligence could mean damage control when the celestial messenger retrogrades next month in peak pre-holiday season, so take your time.

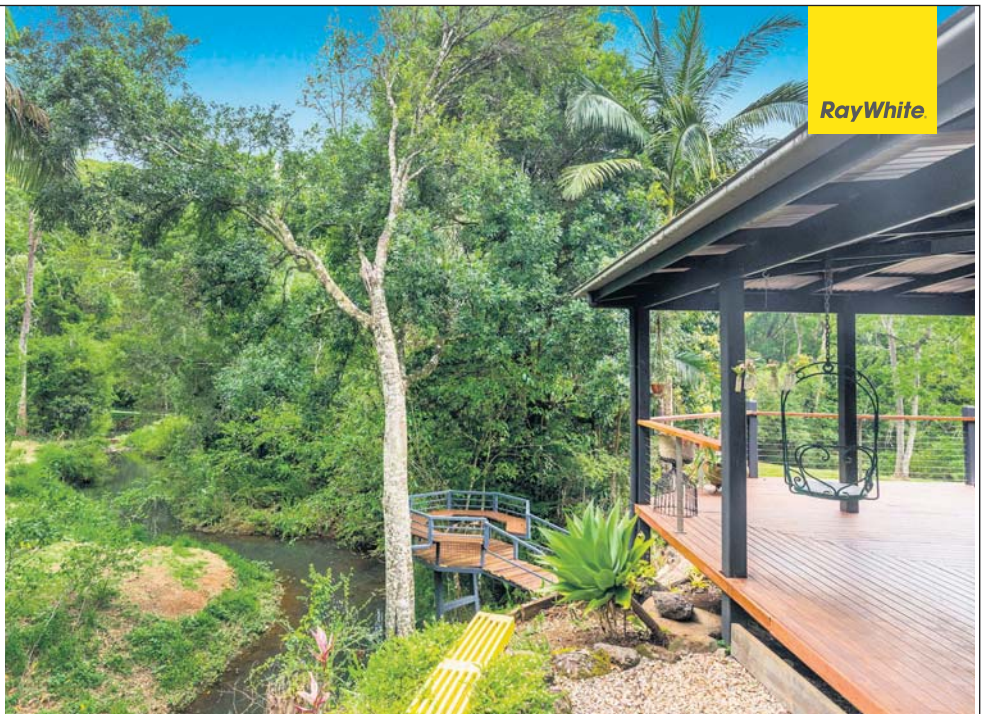
CAPRICORN: This week's megadose of celestial energy in your zodiac zone of groups and contributing to the collective couldn't be more opportune for addressing yourself to that special project on your plate. If any part of that includes the subject of legacies, this is an auspicious time.

AQUARIUS: When new moon on 13 November shines its penetrating light on an area of your life no longer workable in the way it has been, a make-or-break situation could provoke an unexpected relationship transition which will clarify your direction into late November's promising horizons.

PISCES: This week's stars suggest taking some space, quietening your mind and asking what to do next. Having a notepad ready to write down any inspiring downloads or lightbulb insights. Feeling resistant? What harm could there be in trying something that might be life-changing in the best possible way?



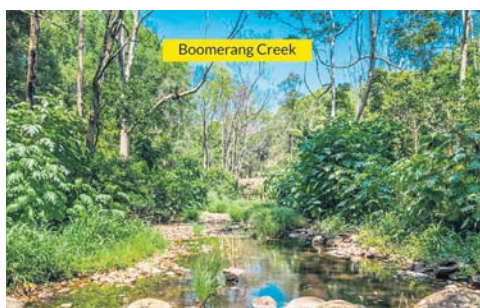
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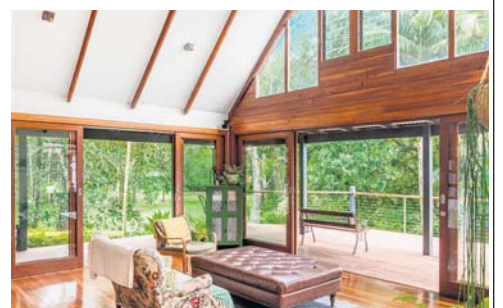
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- 128 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30–11am
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- 509 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4/7 Oceanside Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5/37 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 816 Federal Drive, Federal. Sat 11–11.30am
- 19/11-19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 14 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm

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- 20 Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 2/80 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.45am
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- 62 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Wed 2–2.30pm
- 22 Parkes Avenue, Byron Bay. Wed 3.30–4pm
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- 21 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Thurs 1–1.30pm
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- 24 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby.
Sat 9–9.30am
- 21 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 7 Gardenia Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
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Sat 10.15–10.45am
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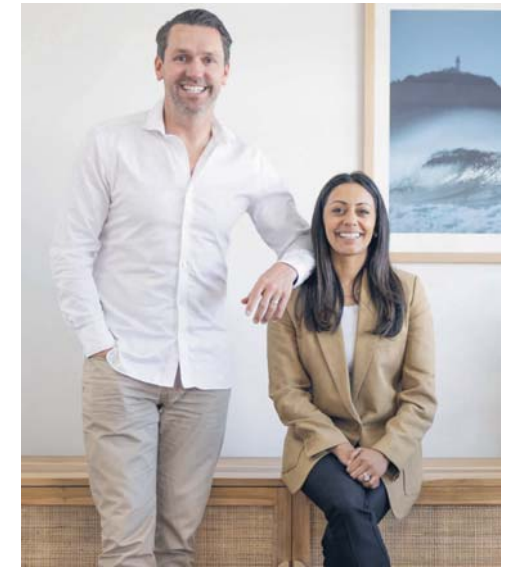
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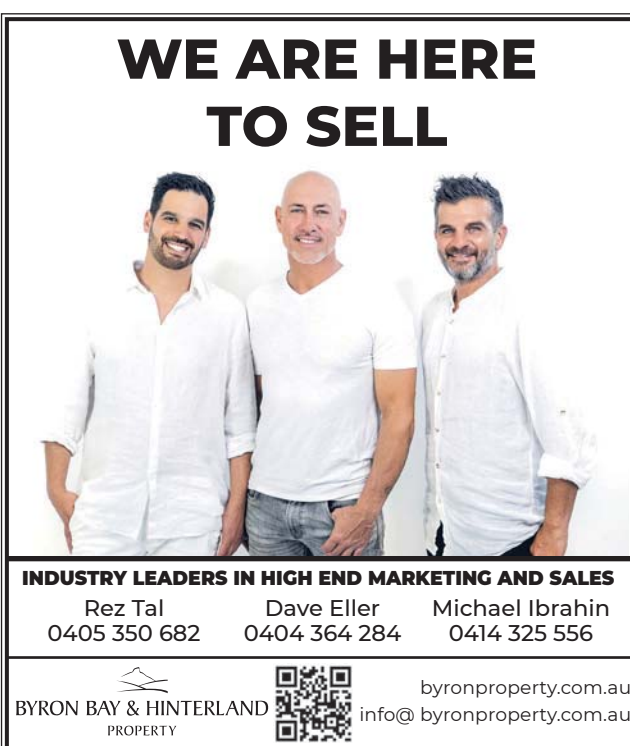


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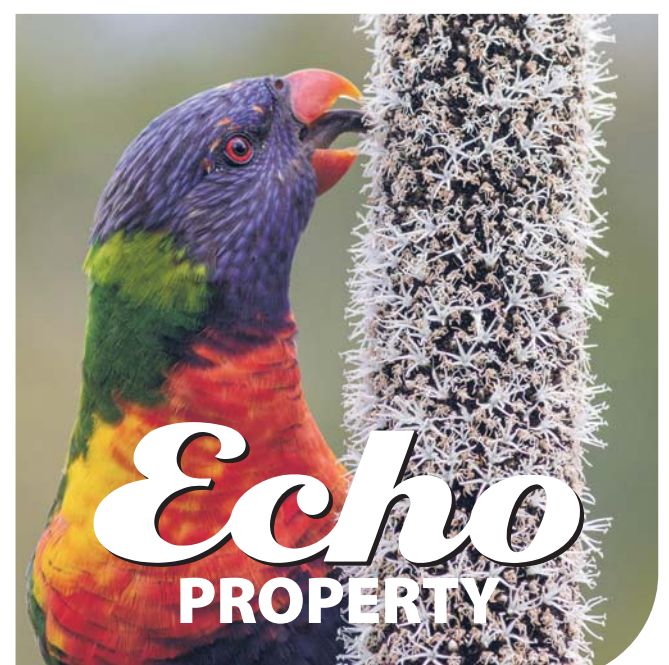
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AGMs

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AGM notice update

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If you would like to become a member of MDNC or are unsure of your membership status, contact the staff on 6684 1286 to ensure that your membership is valid before the meeting. You can join or renew your membership on our website www.mdnc.org.au or at MDNC reception.

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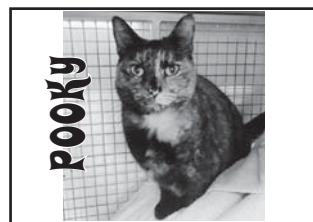
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23	TH	5:41 19:22	15:07 2:45	0557 1.35 1800 1.47	1141 0.43
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Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN Coolangatta	
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338
4th SAT Evans Head	0432 275 765
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
5th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672
Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	0424 168 672
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT 8-11am Durambah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	
Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS
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AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6629 7510
Mullumbimby	6629 7570
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6629 7500
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding...	132 500
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER.....	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL.....	6639 9400
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS.....	6622 7022
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Mullumbimby).....	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
LIFELINE.....	131 114
MENSLINE.....	1300 789 978
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431
AL-ANON Help for family and friends of alcoholics.....	1300 252 666
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily.....	6680 7280
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE.....	6687 2520
HIV/AIDS - ACON Confidential testing & information.....	6622 1555
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS).....	6622 1881
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE.....	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service...	6628 1898

Byron Bay women's bowls team celebrate centenary year with District Pennant victory



District Pennant champions: (L-R): Mirtha Christian, Pam Scarborough, Judy Wallace, Jeanette Beaton, Kym Quinnell (skip), Pat Bigg (skip), Julie Higgins, Linda Child, Beverly Gawned and Anne Hadwell. Photo supplied

Byron Bay Bowling Club women's team has won the Tweed Byron District Pennants Division 3 for 2023.

Because of rain the team faced a tight schedule in late October, with three games over five days.

'The first match was on Thursday at Brunswick Heads, followed by a match on Saturday at Ocean Shores, and then battle-weary girls turned out yet again on the following Monday, at Pottsville, for the final Pennant match for the Tweed Byron District 2023, playing against Brunswick Heads,' Byron Bay's Mirtha Christian said.

The previous five games

had yielded Byron Bay 21 points, but they still needed at least one of their two teams to win on the day to take the title.

The conditions were tricky with a gusting wind playing havoc with the bowlers' concentration, although both teams started off well.

Pat Bigg's team gained a good lead early on in the game, and continued their consistent play to win their game comfortably.

However the worthy rivals, Brunswick Heads, were chipping away at the lead of Kym Quinnell's team.

'Down to the last end with the score at 20-17 to Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads,

had four bowls in the head and the prospect of defeat loomed large for that Byron Bay team, as skip Kym Quinnell prepared to send down her last bowl, and the last of the match.

'Every breath was held as it left her hand beautifully, there was never a doubt as it rolled in a perfect line to pull to a stop just next to the little white jack,' Mirtha said.

Overall result: Byron Bay 48-Brunswick 30.

Byron Bay particularly enjoyed their success as winners of their division at district level, as a final accomplishment of the celebrations for their club's centennial year (1923-2023).

Fun day for the 'Dads' Army' team at the AFL 9s



The team is made up from a group of friends centred around the Byron Bay FC and Tennis Club, and they had their first tilt at the AFL 9s last year. Photo supplied

The 'Dads' Army' team made up of local Byron Bay fathers performed admirably against a field of 30 other teams (across four divisions) at the

annual AFL 9s tournament held at the Cavanbah Oval over October 27 and 28.

'We came up against some former AFL players and

had a lot of fun along the way,' team member Andrew Bates said.

'It was a great day out, a real community event.'

Rainbow dragon boaters win three bronze medals at Masters Games in Adelaide



The Rainbow Region dragon boaters turned up in force at the Australian Masters Games held in Adelaide and came away with 26 medals in total. Photo supplied

Monica Wilcox

Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club (Lennox Head and Ballina) recently returned from the Adelaide Masters Games very proud of their three bronze medals and overall results.

In all 35 members attended and competed in 10 categories, with 26 of the members returning with a medal.

The senior A and B women's teams were most

successful winning a bronze medal each, while the senior C opens missed a bronze by a 100th of a second.

The third bronze medal was won by the Rainbows Breast Cancer Survivor team. Each team had three races and the winners were selected on the two best times.

To add to the challenge, cold gale force crosswinds dominated the two days of racing and Rainbow Dragon steerers had to draw on all

their paddling skills to hold their line from the pontoon starts to the 200m finish line.

Lots of the teams that entered were combined crews of the best competitive paddlers from three or more clubs - whereas Rainbows entered as a standalone club.

This made the results more remarkable and special for the club. The camaraderie and Rainbow team spirit showed up and took them over the finish line.

Moonshiners beat Giants in Timmy's T20 cricket match



Rugby versus league in cricket: The Mullumbimby Moonshiners were too good for the Giants league team when they played T20 cricket last Saturday. Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby Moonshiners rugby team overcame a tight last over to triumph over the Mullumbimby Giants players in the annual T20 cricket

game held in the memory of Tim Watkins.

It was the second win on the trot for the rugby players.

Raffles were undertaken and collection buckets went

around with all monies being raised used to support the GoFundMe campaign for Charlie Emery, to fund an operation that will help with his Parkinson's disease.

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Lismore Connections NSWRA (NSW Reconstruction Authority) Watch Facebook page posted an intriguing advertisement from seek.com the other day. At \$1,000 per day, with super, the three-day-a-week job states a 'Property Officer is required by a NSW Government department based in Lismore... The Property Officer provides expert administrative and contract management services to support the operation of a significant development corporation established following the 2022 floods across the Lismore and Northern Rivers region of NSW.' *The Echo* drudges have decided to retrain!

One local has been having trouble with their wind-screen wipers which started falling to pieces on both their cars! 'Sometimes it would just be the ends of the rubber blades that would split, then I had a few rubbers that went missing altogether.

'After taking a new set of wipers back to an auto shop for the third time, the manager informed me that the crows in the area had been doing the same thing to others, and he was out of my wiper size as well.

'I realised immediately that he was spot on. I had often seen crows hanging around the cars, but I thought that they had only been pecking at themselves in the mirrors. 'So I searched for a way to deter them by covering the wiper blades with a blanket or similar. 'So instead, I thought that I would be ingenious, and put some "stop and grow nail biting solution" on the end of the rubbers - partial success.



Thirty Female Tradie graduates celebrated completing the Breaking the Barriers - Women in Trades at The Paddock Project on Friday, November 30 with mentor Brenton Williams and founder Penny Petridi. The six-month project provided a practical building skills program with ongoing mentoring, to encourage and support more women to enter the building industry. The program concluded with a final build at Queer Family house in Mullumbimby which saw the women build a new fire pit area, with screening and seating. 'The program has already proven very successful, with several women already entering the workforce and/or starting their own businesses. Given the shortage of building industry workers and high need in the region, this is a great outcome, but it's not the only one,' explained Female Tradie founder Penny Petridis. Photo Jeff Dawson

But the final cure was a dab of Deep Heat right on the end of the rubber itself. 100 per cent success!

'No dead crows - but quite a few that headed off straight over to our dam for a drink, or a beak and mouth gargle!'

It looks like the hoverboards we were promised are not going to materialise so how about magnet and laser-driven, water-fueled, catalysed, plasma fusion energy cells for domestic energy production please?

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Bangalow Bowling Club

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