

Students call for support of climate strike this Friday

Aslan Shand

Students are calling for everyone to come out in support of the School Strikes 4 Climate this Friday, November 17 at 10am in Railway Park, Byron Bay.

'We demand political action on the climate emergency that is our present, future, and reality,' say strike organisers.

'On November 17 thousands of students across the country will be striking from school as part of a national protest to take action and fight for our climate. We are demanding that Labor #Shift-ThePower away from fossil fuels by ending all approvals and subsidies of new fossil fuel projects.'

They highlight the fact that the Albanese government continues to approve fossil fuel, oil and gas projects.

'This government has approved nine fossil fuel projects in a year and allocated \$9 billion in subsidies to funding the fossil fuel industry. This is unacceptable if we are to have any chance of limiting global warming and climate catastrophe. This is putting profit and corporations before the future of our planet and people.'

'Over the past few years, we've seen the devastating impacts of climate disasters: bushfires, floods, and droughts in our local community, across the country, and around the world. But this is just a small taste of what's to come. We strike because the climate crisis will drastically worsen if we do not work together and take action.'

Students are calling for a 'just

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Cabbage Tree Island families just want to go home



Susan Anderson at the pod village in Wardell. Susan says Cabbage Tree residents just want to go home. Photo Tree Faerie

David Lowe & Eve Jeffery

The people of Cabbage Tree Island have had enough of being pushed around – but a handful government departments, ministers and the local Jali Aboriginal Land Council (JALC) – only talk in terms of building new homes on the land currently housing dozens of Cabbage Tree residents in a pod village at Wardell.

At the time of the 2022 floods there were 220 Aboriginal people living on the island. Their houses are rented from JALC, who own and manage the land on behalf of the Aboriginal community.

Cabbage Tree resident Susan Anderson has been the tip of the

spearhead fighting to get her community back to their homes on the island following what appears to be a done deal to keep them at Wardell.

Residents ignored

'They're talking about who owns the land at Wardell and what rights they have, and what they're not hearing is the people of Cabbage Tree *don't* want to move to Wardell. They just want to go home. It seems no matter how we phrase it, no one is listening.'

Member for Ballina Tamara Smith MP is one of the people who is listening. She has called on the NSW premier, and the Aboriginal Affairs Minister David Harris to

undertake an urgent and independent review of the NSW government's decision not to allow the residents of Cabbage Tree Island to return to live on the island after the 2022 floods.

Smith has pointed out that since April 2022, the former Liberal National government (and the current NSW Labor government) have claimed that they have consulted appropriately with the Cabbage Tree Island community, and that as Aboriginal people it would be the community of Cabbage Tree Island that would be determining their own future.

Clearly, this is not happening. Ms Smith told *The Echo* that she has

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Council pushes back against developers

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has taken a stand against developers who seek to incrementally breach the Shire's development rules by repeatedly modifying their plans.

The stance was taken at last week's Council planning meeting when five of the seven councillors present voted to refuse a modification application for 43 Lawson Street, Byron Bay.

The proposed three-storey holiday unit development is located right next to the park beside Byron's iconic Main Beach.

The latest in a string of modification applications pushes the limits in terms of height plane and overall building envelope, the new application was seeking to add a sizeable roof-top pool area to their three-storey unit development.

Council staff recommended that the latest modification be approved.

But Labor councillor Asren Pugh successfully moved that the application be refused for non-compliance with the town's height rules, and because it would have adverse social and environmental impacts.

'This is Main Beach Byron and it needs to be protected,' Cr Pugh said.

'Hopefully this sends a message to developers who are looking to develop in sensitive spots.

'Just bring us a whole proposal. [We're seeing] this nonsense of coming back and coming back

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Dignity is in the bag for Bernie this Christmas

Eve Jeffery

As we get closer to Christmas, we are reminded that there are those in the community trying to make life better for others who may be struggling, and Bernie Browning is one of those people.

For the sixth year, Bernie is collecting items for the ‘It’s In The Bag’ project run by Share the Dignity, to support local women.

Helping the vulnerable

A new survey has revealed 39 per cent of Australian women are worried about affording Christmas presents. Australian charity Share the Dignity is seeing a steady increase in demand from their charity partners for their annual Christmas appeal – to ensure women and girls spending Christmas in domestic violence refuges, homeless shelters, or living in poverty, receive basic essentials and a gift of love and hope.

Last year Bernie collected four shopping trolleys full of gifted bags and she is



Bernie Browning has been collecting and distributing Share the Dignity bags for six years. Photo Tree Faerie

hoping to increase that for Christmas 2023.

The idea is to get a new, reusable handbag or tote and fill it with things that women of all ages may use – it could be a bag of toiletries for a teenager, or a bag of baby items for a new mum, or even vouchers for treats like massages or movie tickets.

Bernie says she can remember when she and her husband were a young, struggling couple with small

children and how difficult it was to afford life’s little luxuries.

Something special makes a difference

‘It was hard being a teen mum and not being able to have any of this stuff myself. I believe that now it’s my turn to give back to the people who need it.’

‘There are many women in this area who are desperate. They need something

where they can feel the love that someone has put into a bag.’

Bernie says the bags will be distributed between Pottsville and Byron Bay through the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre and other similar networks.

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A dry summer to come – mind your water supply

Aslan Shand

The sweet pitter patter of gentle rain has been a relief to many as the creeks have started flowing again and tanks have filled following the early start to dry weather. Prior to the rain there were many people who had already had to start buying in water as their tanks and alternative water sources ran dry. Local water carrier Jade Le Compte who runs Water Please near Lennox Head told *The Echo* that they did a record September. There was a similar impact on Murwillumbah water carrier Jade Tanner Water Supplies who said they were delivering water from 5am to midnight five days a week to keep up with demand before the rain. ‘There was a lot of demand up until the recent rains,’ said another water carrier from the Byron Shire, who has been in the business for around 20 years. ‘We had about three weeks in advance bookings. That’s working on weekends as well. The population has grown so much which has increased demand. If people totally run out of water it’s not a good thing. My advice is don’t. We advise people to re-book so that they don’t run out of water, particularly when it gets dry for a long

period and the wait times get longer.’ People who have been on their own water supply for a reasonable amount of time tend to have a good gauge on the water they use and when to implement water saving strategies. However, with the increased population of people not used to being on their own water supply they can get caught out. One local water carrier said that as people moved here during the pandemic they often didn’t realise that they were on tank water. ‘They called a plumber who then told them they were on tank water and handed them my number.’ With a tank of 12,000–13,000 litres of water ranging from \$240 to \$300, carriers said some people are quite cautious of water use, but others are happy to just buy in water all year round. ‘They don’t change their lifestyle. They want their gardens green and are happy to buy in water for their lifestyle choice,’ explained one carrier. ‘Some people are just prepared to pay for it. Studies show that some areas, where people are more affluent, they just use more water,’ said Elizabeth Seidl, Manager Water and Wastewater for Tweed Shire Council (TSC).

‘Between 2018 and 2020 supply to holiday rentals was huge,’ said one of the water carriers. ‘People were coming here on holiday and they were not holding back on water use.’ Restrictions apply to bought water However, both Rous County Council (who manage water across the Byron, Lismore, Ballina and Richmond Shires) and TSC (who manage their shires water supply) are both clear that when water restrictions come in they apply to those who have bought in water. ‘We don’t control the carter,’ explained Elizabeth Seidl, Manager Water and Wastewater for TSC. ‘Restrictions apply on the end use of that water. As soon as someone has their tanks filled up with town water they have the same restrictions as in town.’ However, if a carter is taking water from TSC reservoirs and carting it out of the shire the water price doubles. Once water restrictions are in place water carters are not allowed to supply TSC water to other shires.

Construction

When there is an abundance of water no restrictions apply to either domestic or commercial use of bought water; however, once restrictions come into play this can change. ‘There are two types of water carters: those which provide domestic drinking water (who need to comply with the Public Health Act), and those who provide water for construction,’ said a Rous County Council spokesperson. ‘Construction water carters can use alternative untreated water sources where these are available. During a drought and as the dam level declines,

water used for construction and other non-residential uses is restricted in accordance with our Drought Management Plan. Under emergency scenarios, the use of water for construction and other non-residential purposes is prohibited.’ Similar restrictions are applied by TSC in regards to the use of potable water when water restrictions are in place. ‘We have to balance business and water restrictions,’ said Ms Seidl. ‘At the earlier level of water restrictions, businesses can still buy in water for construction, dog groomers, car detailing, pressure cleaning, etc. But at level 4 restrictions we don’t allow water to be used for any of those activities. That includes no filling of new pools, no new driveways being built, etc. Though you can apply for exemptions if absolutely necessary.’ Ms Seidl said that the TSC had explored alternative water supplies such as recycled water for things like dust dampening, etc. but ‘we’ve stumbled on approvals from state government on using recycled, treated sewage water. There’s strict guidelines about reuse of effluent and it is not always that practical to use even in construction and building work.’

The clear message is when the weather starts to get dry make sure you know where you can get your water and make sure you book in early enough so you don’t run out before the water carrier can get to you. ‘In August this year we stopped taking new customers as a business,’ explained one carrier. ‘We’ve got over 1,000 people on our books and if I couldn’t recognise the phone number I let it go to message bank.’

Cabbage Tree Island residents feel their autonomy has been taken

► Continued from page 1 heard directly from families and all but a few of the community want to return home to the island. She said they have been denied self-determination and agency in their own lives and it is unacceptable. ‘The premier and the minister must halt the path of dispossession and review the decision,’ she said. ‘I have seen the Water Technology report that the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs commissioned at the behest of JALC to investigate options for the families to return to the island and

there is a very clear pathway outlined for a return. ‘Why then did the Labor government override Aboriginal self-determination and processes at the 11th hour?’ she asks. Susan Anderson says the Cabbage Tree residents have lost faith in JALC’s ability to advocate for them and feels residents have not been properly consulted in the process. ‘They sent a letter around that they want people to sign up for houses and where they want to live – what houses? Everyone’s been telling them: they want to go home.’

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projects!' they said.

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parents, your children, your grandchildren, your friends, and your neighbours.

'We are ALL affected by climate change, and we should ALL do something about it.'

Byron Council pushes back against developers

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and saying "oh the rest is approved so you don't need to consider that, it's only an extra ten per cent, so don't stress," when you've already breached the height plane,' he said. 'Stop pushing the boundaries.'

The proposed unit block originally came before Council 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.

However, eight years on and without a brick having been laid, the developer brought the project back to Council once more with an eyebrow raising addition of a roof-top pool and shed that effectively added a fourth storey. The modified application, which proposed

a three-metre height breach, was given short shrift by councillors.

Last week, the developer came back again with yet another modified application.

Minor changes not enough

The pool remained, but all roof-top enclosures had been removed.

'My client has worked collaboratively to meet council concerns in relation to the review,' Melissa Griffin, from urban planning company Urbis said of her client's application.

'The overall building height is now the same size as the neighbouring buildings.'

But a majority of councilors disagreed, finding that the proposal pushed the envelope too far.

'This building is taking

up as much of the block as absolutely possible, is as close to the park as possible, and it is already breaching the building height plane,' Cr Pugh said.

'I think that's enough – you can't keep coming back and building a bit more, a bit more, a bit more.'

Not everyone on Council agreed. Independent councillors Alan Hunter and Peter Westheimer argued that what was proposed was reasonable given the design of the unit block, and the site in question.

However, they were outvoted, with Councillors Pugh, Duncan Dey (Greens), Sama Balson (Independent), Cate Coorey (Independent) and Mayor Michael Lyon (Independent) voting for a refusal of the application.

The owner will now need to further modify their application if they wish to proceed

Shed DA – third time not so lucky

Paul Bibby

The application was 'bordering on the ridiculous' according to one Byron councillor.

Coming before last week's Byron Council meeting was a development application (DA) seeking retrospective approval for a shed on a property on Hamiltons Lane, Byron Bay.

Permission for the shed had been granted back in 2017 but the building that was actually built was not the same as the approved DA.

Seems normal enough, right? Particularly in a Shire where people frequently build first and seek permission later.

The only difference was that the building at Hamiltons Lane appeared not to be a shed at all. Unless sheds these days typically include 'a master bedroom with exquisite views'.

The building in fact appears to be a large dwelling.

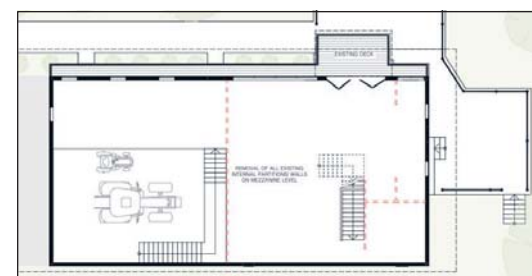
'It has two internal levels and generous outdoor decks at each level,' Council staff said in a report that questioned the applications 'bona fides'.

'It has a floor space of approximately 360sqm with a significant internal second floor mezzanine...'

Then there's the real estate advertisement that the former owners of the property posted when they put it up for sale.

Read out to the Council meeting by a neighbour, the advertisement described the shed as a 'detached, dual occupancy' that is 'pending approval'.

'The building has all plumbing in place, polished flooring, custom bi-folds, designed to have the master bedroom upstairs to enjoy



Drawing of shed with tractor. Image BKA Architects

the exquisite views,' the advertisement reportedly said.

To be fair, the new owners of the property have promised to remove the internal walls and partitions to remove the rooms created, thus 'confirming the use of the building as a shed'.

They even included architectural drawings which show a picture of the building with a tractor and a quad bike in it.

But the councillors in attendance at last week's meeting remained unconvinced. Perhaps it was because this was the third time various owners of the property have applied for retrospective planning approval in relation to the shed over the past six years.

Or perhaps it was because the building also breaches planning controls both in terms of height and building envelope.

Whatever their specific thinking, councillors voted unanimously to reject the application, leaving the new owners facing the prospect of having to demolish their 'shed' completely.

'This is bordering on ridiculous that it's gotten as far as it has. I can't for the life of me see how these sorts of things don't happen automatically. There's no substance to this whatsoever,' Independent Councillor, Alan Hunter said.

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‘This year is a special year marking a quarter of a century of bringing the community together to celebrate the work done to save the Big Scrub and its magnificent biodiversity,’ said Big Scrub Rainforest Conservancy’s President, Dr Tony Parkes.

‘For this milestone event, we’re celebrating the science behind saving threatened species, investigating the conservation dilemma of planting eucalypts in the Big Scrub footprint, and engaging the next generation with a huge multischool community planting.

‘We have over 15 events at ten different Big Scrub locations to engage the community in fun and meaningful connection with the rainforest.’

Events also include

Science in the Pub at the Eltham Hotel, 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.

Registrations are essential to attend and, with limited numbers for many of the events, organisers recommend registering early through www.bigscrubrainforest.org.

Corruption, intrigue and drama



Aslan Shand

It is time for a new take on the Wild West with Drama All Sorts who are putting on *Big Trouble in Little Town* on Wednesday, 15 and 22 November in Brunswick Heads.

Drama All Sorts is a ‘one-of-a-kind drama group made up of a community of people who identify as living with a disability,’ said director of Drama All Sorts and Byron Bay Care, Rohin Knight.

‘We’ve been working on the play pretty much all year,’ said Rohin, ‘It’s a bit of a spin on Mullum being the Biggest Little Town in Australia.’

‘It is about a corrupt mayor, rebel pirates, a gold rush, horse races, there’s a rowdy bar scene – it is lots of fun and action – but true love wins at the end of the

day and everyone has a big ol’ hoedown. It’s a classic with lots of drama and lots of trouble, it’s going to be nuts.’

The drama group has been running for over ten years but struggled post-Covid to keep going. Rohin had been attending the group as a carer and when it looked like it might not continue, ‘I put my hand up to lead it,’ explained Rohin.

‘Wednesday [drama day] has been my favourite day of the week for at least ten years. Drama All Sorts is basically run at cost, it is about giving back to the community. We’ve picked up a couple of new people who are really thriving as part of the group, and it is all about having fun.

‘We’ve been chipping away at the play all year,


honing in on everyone’s skills and incorporating them into the play. When we are doing the drama activities and discover that this person likes to sing or dance, then we incorporate that into the show. The biggest thing is laughter, there is a lot of fun and laughter along the way.

‘Brian Dale from Bright Lights Performance School had run the group prior to Covid and continues to support the group,’ says Rohin.

‘Brian has been great, he steps in to run the groups when needed and continues to provide access to props, etc.’

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Will, with his buddy Toby, waiting for the annual pooch parade at Federal’s annual park party.
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Bush poetry returns to Bangalow Show

Get ready for a poetic showdown at this year’s Bangalow Show as the popular bush poetry event returns, promising an entertaining showcase of literary talent and creativity.

Poets of all backgrounds and experiences are invited to participate with just one simple rule: create and deliver a poem that lasts a maximum of three minutes or less. The catch? Your poem must incorporate the word ‘family’ – a theme that resonates with the heart of Bangalow.

This event offers not only the chance to express your artistic flair but also the opportunity to win a \$100 first prize along with an exclusive winner’s sash.

Local poet extraordinaire, Angus Thurgate, will return as the event’s host. This year, he’s joined by a distinguished panel of judges who will be scrutinising the performances. The *Bangalow Herald* Editor, Sally Scholfield, The Reckoners, Christian Morrow, and local



Bangalow bards Angus Dickson, Dave Eastwell and Angus Thurgate at last year’s bush poetry event.
Photo Jeff Dawson

filmmaker Brett Stephens will be gauging factors such as audience engagement and crowd reaction.

Poets are encouraged to: ‘bring your A-game, dash off some verses with panache, and who knows, you might just win some cash and a sash!’

The bush poetry competition will take place at the picturesque Village Green, located just past the Moller Pavilion. Be there at 2.30pm, Saturday, November 18. For more information regarding the bush poetry event, or reach out to Angus Thurgate at athurgate@hotmail.com.

Community looks at housing solutions

Paul Bibby

How do we get everybody a house? This question was at the centre of a public forum conducted in Mullumbimby’s Stan Robinson Park last Thursday.

A diverse collection of locals gathered for the event, which resulted in a consensus-driven list of community housing needs.

These needs were then communicated to Byron Council during the council planning meeting which immediately followed the forum.

Chels Hood Withey from the housing justice group, House You, told councillors that the community needed Council to ‘stop making mobile or alternative living people illegal’.

‘Please stop fining people, remove the no overnight parking rules, stop moving people on from bush camps, allow tiny homes to be legally permitted,’ Chels said, reading from the list of community needs.

‘Stop Council demolition orders on dwellings that people are currently living in.

Let people live in their yurts, in their tree houses.’

Other needs included only allowing short-term holiday renting in homes where the occupier is present, and creating a ‘human wildlife sanctuary’ for those who wanted to live on the land [in the] proper way.

During the same meeting, Sarah Jane McGrath from No Fixed Address presented a concept for a sustainable, equitable living community called The Village.

The Village would be established on public and/or private rural land, and include an off-grid system and 99-year leases to ensure people had housing in perpetuity.

The community would be self-sufficient in terms of food, water and power, and include communal meeting and working spaces.

‘We’re actually offering more than just housing, we’re approaching NSW agriculture to talk about getting a lease,’ Ms McGrath said.

‘We want to be part of the economy.’

The presentations drew a generally favourable

response from councillors, though a number noted that Council’s capacity to implement alternative housing solutions such as those being proposed was limited by state planning laws.

‘As councillors we’ve seen ideas like this before, and they are sorely needed,’ Independent councillor Cate Coorey said.

‘If we could, we would love to see more living that’s self-sustaining and regenerative, etc. and I don’t want to be discouraging, but I want you to be aware that there is a limit to what Council can actually do in terms of something like this.’

The next House You assembly and forum will take place this Sunday, November 19, at Stan Robinson Park in Mullumbimby.

It will tackle housing solutions that the state and federal governments can implement, and will be an opportunity to share resources, build networks and come up with innovative holistic solutions.

More information can be obtained via the House You Village Facebook event page.

Corrections officer not guilty of murder

A corrections officer who shot a fleeing prisoner in the back outside Lismore Base Hospital has been found not guilty of murder or manslaughter.

Dwayne Johnstone, a 43-year-old Indigenous man, died at around 9.20pm on March 15, 2019 after being shot by one of his two guards.

According to a report from the ABC’s Emma Rennie yesterday, Mr Johnstone made the escape attempt after being arrested in relation to a violent assault earlier that day.

The 43-year-old was escorted to hospital after

appearing to suffer convulsions in the cells of the Lismore Courthouse.

According to the ABC, the jury in the trial was shown CCTV footage showing that, while leaving the hospital, Mr Johnstone pushed one of his guards away and ran across the street.

The prosecution in the case argued that Officer A should have prioritised non-lethal options to stop Mr Johnstone from escaping.

Officer A’s defence barrister, Philip Strickland SC, said his client had been trained to act in accordance with the *Crimes (Administration of*

Sentences) Act.

The jury heard four weeks of evidence in relation to the case. They found Officer A not guilty of murder, and also acquitted him of manslaughter.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that as Officer A left the court he said he was ‘very sad’ that the shooting had occurred.

The *SMH* also reports that, as she left the court Mr Johnstone’s mother Kerry said ‘There’s no winners, just no winners at all.’

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Whistleblower David McBride in court

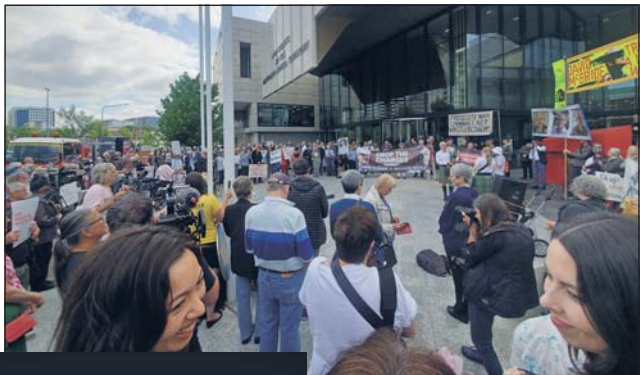
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On Monday morning, 13 November, over 100 people gathered in front of the Supreme Court in Canberra in support of David McBride, who blew the whistle on war crimes in Afghanistan.

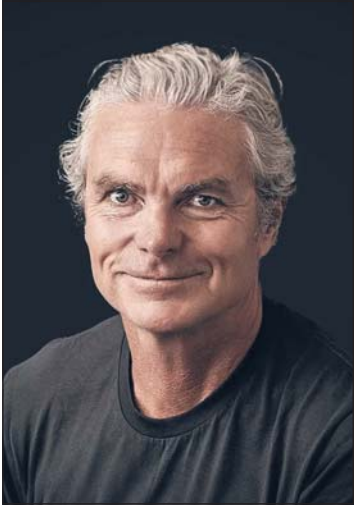
McBride was a barrister who had studied at Oxford University before he joined the army as a Captain. He was promoted to Major and did a tour of Afghanistan. As he said on Sunday afternoon at the Truth Not War festival in Canberra: 'There is a problem with the Generals, not with the Corporals and Privates'.

50 years in jail for whistleblower?

McBride is facing up to 50 years in jail for five charges in relation to him stealing and disclosing classified information about alleged misconduct by special forces in Afghanistan. McBride said he had repeatedly tried to raise awareness about these issues through the legal channels in the army. However, when no one was



Above: David McBride's supporters gathered outside the court in Canberra on Monday. Photo supplied



Left: David McBride. Photo Tree Faerie

Call to drop charges

Supporters outside the court on Monday demanded that the charges against McBride be dropped and the real criminals be put on trial. There were quite a few celebrities and other whistleblowers speaking in support of McBride while they were waiting for him to come to court. As he arrived with his legal team he called out: 'Today I serve my country. And the question I have for you, Anthony Albanese is, "who do you serve?"'

Mullum Community Gardens approval

Paul Bibby

Years of kerfuffle and confusion over the different uses of Mullumbimby Community Garden may finally be resolved after Byron Council granted consent for the use of multiple structures at the site last week.

The gardens have become home to multiple local organisations in recent years, including Mullum Seed, Reforest Now, and the Mullumbimby Men's Shed. But last week's Council meeting heard that an 'inexplicable error' relating to the planning rules applying to the site have placed a 'major stop' on the various activities at the garden.

'This has been a long process,' said Mayor Michael Lyon, who moved the consent motion. 'And look, they haven't done themselves any favours either in terms of unapproved structures being built. We did approve a men's shed structure, but then they haven't been able to use it because of the definition of a garden and whether it included a men's shed or not. 'So this is the combination of years of work and hopefully as part of this everyone will get the message as well that they need to get approvals first before they start building structures.' The consent motion,

which received unanimous support from Council, includes the use of, and additions to, the existing food co-op structure and associated shade structures. It also provides for the use of a new cool room and new shade structures. Men's shed additions had also finally been approved, along with the use of existing sheds and nursery structures associated with Reforest Now. Conditions were imposed as part of the motion, including that a building information certificate be obtained for some of the structures and that building/engineers certificates be provided for others.

Adam Magnus confessed to child grooming

Adam Magnus, a 62-year-old marriage celebrant has confessed to grooming a child for sexual activity 'revealing himself as a predator concealed among the rich and famous of Byron Bay,' according to the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The article states that he used a carriage service to communicate with a person he believed was under 16

to procure them for sexual activity in February and March this year. Mr Magnus was facing ten charges in total, including 'travelling to meet a child groomed for sexual activity, but eight were withdrawn ahead of his guilty plea.' Magnus sat silently on the video link in Lismore court on Monday. Judge Jonathan Priestley set down

5 December after ordering a sentence assessment report (SAR). 'I'll do what I can on 5 December as I won't get the SAR in time,' Priestley said. 'Since Magnus' arrest, the court heard on Monday, he has made no attempt to be released on bail. Now he wants to be sentenced as quickly as possible,' states the *SMH*.

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Epic tale of balsa raft survival to be remembered

This Saturday there will be a special celebration at the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the historic Las Balsas Transpacific Expedition.

RoR Lismore: flood survivors to meet weekly on Lismore floodplain

Reclaim our Recovery (RoR) – a group of frustrated survivors of last year's devastating floods in Lismore are to meet weekly on the floodplain indefinitely while their struggle for bureaucratic transparency in the official recovery process continues.

Two dead in Tabulam stolen car crash

Police on Monday morning said the car involved in Tabulam's fatal crash on the weekend was stolen.

More rescues than ever before as boating season officially starts

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers are pleading boaters to make sure vessels are in good working order before heading out to sea after a record-breaking start to the boating season.

Terranora childcare centre for 109 kids approved by Tweed Shire Council

A childcare centre for up to 109 children will be built opposite Terranora Public School, under plans approved by Tweed Shire Council.

Tweed Byron police release image of suspected cold case murderer

Tweed-Byron Police District detectives have released a COMFIT image of a man suspected of murdering another man in Tweed Heads more than two decades ago.

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Celebrating a new Ballina Home Care hub

David Lowe

There was cake, songs and speeches as aged care provider BaptistCare NSW opened its new Home Care office in Ballina, providing a hub for clients and staff as the ageing population grows across the region.

The event kicked off with a smoking ceremony and welcome from Bundjalung man Uncle Gilbert Laurie, who explained the traditional names and meanings of the surrounding area, shared that the traditional name for elders came from the colour of smoke, and taught everyone to say bugelbeh (thank you).

Kia Handley from BaptistCare says the new Ballina hub is part of a strategy to help address changing customer demands and help



The family of 102 year old BaptistCare Home Care client Josef Van Dommele at the opening of the new hub in Ballina. Photo David Lowe

clients stay at home, living their best life, for as long as possible. 'So we go in and help with whatever they

need help with, sometimes it can be a trip to the grocery store, or cleaning, or cooking, and they're able to have

that regular connection with our incredible home care staff, and keep their independence,' said Kia.

BaptistCare chaplain Janet Whiting talked about the organisation's 80 years of service 'transforming lives', before Senior Manager Wendy Mason spoke about the expansion of the organisation in the Northern Rivers, both for at home care and other services.

'BaptistCare demonstrated its strong commitment to this region during those terrible floods in January 2022. We were one of the first providers to bring resources into the area.

'Our nursing home at Coraki was totally surrounded by water and cut off. So we hired a helicopter, and brought in stuff from Sydney, we literally slept on the floor so that we could continue to care for our residents in the nursing home.'

Forest campaigner in court



Charges against Susie Russell were dismissed in the Forster Magistrates Court on Tuesday. Photo tree Faerie

Veteran forest defender Susie Russell, who was the driving force behind the Trees Not Bombs cafe in Lismore after the 2022 floods, appeared in Forster Magistrates Court on Tuesday on charges related to an anti-logging protest earlier this year.

Ms Russell, a member of the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) was arrested at the January 9 protest at Bulga Forest, west of Port Macquarie.

NEFA says that Bulga State Forest is home to a nationally significant breeding population of the endangered greater glider, and the area is also being used by mother koalas with joeys.

On January 9, Ms Russell was arrested after she walked around a corner to

check on the well-being of a young woman on a tripod who was stopping the logging, and then walked back again, something reported in *The Echo* at the time. The police presented the article in the court as proof that she was trespassing.

The judge said unless *The Echo* reporter was in the courtroom to verify the story, then it was inadmissible at third-hand.

NEFA says that a court of appeal has already ruled that the police did not have sufficient evidence to meet the elements of the offence Ms Russell was being charged with.

The judge dismissed the charges, however, the police are continuing to pursue the matter at the local court level.

Wanted: Northern Rivers hospital volunteers

Mia Armitage

Thirty volunteers have donated nearly 1,000 hours of time and care to hospitals across the Northern Rivers since June as part of an official program launched this year.

The Healthcare Helpers volunteer pilot program was announced in February after its serious consideration partway through the pandemic in July 2021.

'I was employed to investigate volunteering in our hospitals,' Northern NSW Local Health District Volunteering and Fundraising Manager Claire Quince said on Monday. 'We've always had volunteers but it wasn't an official program,' she said, 'over Covid we took a long time to think about what the program should look like'.

The pilot program focussed on Lismore, Grafton and Maclean Hospitals, with 30 volunteers contributing around 900 hours. Ms Quince said public health district authorities across the region wanted to be included.

Applications had been expanded to volunteer roles at Tweed, Nimbin, Ballina, Bonalbo, Urbenville and Kyogle hospitals. Murwillumbah, Byron and Casino hospitals are to join next year.

Any approved volunteer was able to work in another participating hospital without having to repeat the training, Ms Quince said.

Eighty Northern Rivers locals already had their



Nelly Luza Condoei is a volunteer at Lismore Base Hospital. Photo supplied

names on a waitlist to volunteer, she said.

Volunteer roles weren't to replace qualified paid work but rather to allow 'medical staff to get on with their jobs' and to improve the experiences of patients and visitors, Ms Quince said.

'A range of roles was available, ranging from meet-and-greet volunteers to social support companions for patients undergoing surgical procedures, cancer treatment and dialysis rehabilitation.

'We speak with the general managers of the hospitals and their management teams to work out priorities for the program,' Ms Quince said, 'some wards are more complex and require more training'.

Emergency departments were an example and Ms Quince said the program would only include one to start with, at the new Tweed

Valley Hospital when it opened next year.

The same was said of 'women's care' or maternity wards, although the demand was high across the region.

Vetting and training of volunteers was painstaking, Ms Quince said, customised to the individual's needs and in accordance with national volunteering standards and NSW Health policy.

'Some people have intellectual disabilities, English as a second language or they come from culturally and language diverse backgrounds,' Ms Quince said, 'we really go at their pace'.

Anyone interested in applying for the volunteer scheme was invited to visit the NNSWLHD website or contact Claire Quince on nswlhd-volunteer@health.nsw.gov.au or 0459 953 520.

■ Read more on this story at: www.echo.net.au

A place of oysters in the future of the Richmond River

Dan Etheridge

I'm far from what you'd call an oyster expert. I've eaten them with friends, I've cut my feet on them scrambling over rocks, but I've not studied them in depth. But recently I found myself thinking deeply about oysters beyond their culinary merit.

This grew out of a conversation with Oliver Costello – Executive Director of the local Jagun Alliance – as we thought about what stories we could tell that'd unite people behind the work of repairing our rivers and catchments. There were a few ideas, but the one that stuck was how good it'd be to have an abundance of fresh oysters in the Richmond River again!

Oysters and river health interlinked

The oyster is both a carrier of our memories, when wild oysters were plentiful, and our aspirations, in bringing them back. Even people who don't eat them would be excited about a future with water clean enough for these



Richmond River is surrounded by cleared farmland. Farming practices have a significant impact on river health. Photo Kristenden Exter

beauties to thrive again.

So, what would we have to do to make this happen?

Dr Amanda Reichelt-Brushett from Southern Cross University described oysters to me as the 'canary in the coal mine' when it comes to catchment and river health.

Their immobility means they can only take what the water brings them. Healthy water running off healthy land usually means healthy oysters. Polluted and sediment-laden water running off poorly managed land means the opposite. The rapid and dramatic

decline in oyster populations across the lower Richmond River lets us know that this canary has been singing a long and loud song.

When white settlers arrived in the Richmond River catchment, they saw massive oyster populations on Nyangbal and Bandjalang lands. Reading an interview with Marcus Ferguson, a Nyangbal man with a strong connection to the lower Richmond River, I learned that oysters were an important food source for groups across the Bundjalung nation, who travelled to the coast to enjoy them. Caring for country ensured the



Oysters were abundant in the Richmond River prior to invasion and clearing of Australia by white settlers. Photo Amanda Reichelt-Brushett

oysters, and the many ecological benefits they provide, were thriving.

Creating a healthy future

The land management practices brought to the region by white settlers like me are behind the current state of the catchment, and by extension, the state of the oysters. As we've cleared native forests, and the rich soil across the caldera has runoff into the waterways, and the intensity of agriculture and horticulture has increased, each oyster has suffered.

So how do we change this story? There are a number of well understood and scientifically documented strategies for improving water quality. Several excellent programs exist, some driven by farming families, like the brilliant River Crystal Initiative out of the Casino Co-Op. These are complemented by a strong Land-care network in the region and a suite of local, state and federal government initiatives that seek to repair ecosystems within the catchment.

The big issue however is just how large and complex the drivers of poor water quality are across the

catchment. To reach our dreamy goal of eating local oysters picked off the rocks at Ballina we must stay committed to this process beyond our lifetime.

Ten principles for life with Country

A piece of writing I've found helpful in grasping the scope of this task is by Dr Mary Graham, a Kombumerri and Wakka Wakka person. She has ten principles for life together after the referendum and one was, 'Complement citizenship with stewardship' and another was, 'Avoid short-termism'. We can shift from cycles of maximum extraction towards systems of mutual responsibility.

These are the lessons we must consider if our grandchildren's grandchildren can partake in the long-standing cross-cultural enjoyment of gathering to eat molluscs together in the Richmond River, and once again make this a place of oysters.

■ Dan Etheridge is the Engagement Director, Living Lab Northern Rivers www.llnr.com.au.



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Young people fight for a future

Heatwaves, droughts, fires, floods and pandemics have been raging for more than five years in Australia and around the globe.

Warnings from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) are telling us that we need to take immediate action on climate heating. We are likely to exceed the crucial 1.5C threshold for the first time between now and 2027.

This year set the world's hottest global temperature. From Canada and the US to Europe, Asia, the polar regions and Australia – there is nowhere not seeing rising temperatures and the impacts of climate change.

Yet it seems governments are still unwilling to take the action needed, quickly enough, to protect vulnerable communities and the future of our children and grandchildren. So is it any wonder that the School Strikes 4 Climate are once again beginning to build momentum?

Young people are fighting for their future. They are asking governments to stop approving fossil-fuel operations and to put the money, focus and opportunity towards technology and options that will make a difference. They are asking that governments take action that will ensure the global temperature does not rise beyond the tipping point of 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.

That is a point that scientists have clearly stated 'could trigger a cascade of tipping points, which would irreversibly alter the global climate system and further exacerbate warming,' according to *As 1.5 Degrees Looms, Scientists See Growing Risk of Runaway Warming, Urgent Need to Slash Emissions* by Yale School of Environment in March this year.

According to the WMO 'there is a 98 per cent likelihood that at least one of the next five years, and the five-year period as a whole, will be the warmest on record' and that there will be 'reduced rainfall for this season over the Amazon and parts of Australia'.

Young people locally and around the world are asking for your support. From study-ins on the steps of Parliament House in Adelaide and at Speakers Corner at Queensland Parliament, to art events and concerts, to this Friday's School Strikes 4 Climate they are calling for your support, for action from government, for a future.

'To avoid even more extreme disasters than we have already seen, we need to be closing fossil-fuel projects, not opening more,' said organisers of the Byron School Strikes 4 Climate that starts at 10am in Railway Park this Friday.

'You can act by striking with us on November 17! Ditch school, don't go to work, close your business and help to show that together we can #ShiftThePower. This strike is an all-ages event, bring your parents, your children, your grandchildren, your friends, and your neighbours. We are ALL affected by climate change, and we should ALL do something about it.'

Young people are now fighting to get governments to listen and are taking action – are you prepared to join them?

Aslan Shand, acting editor

ADHD push warrants more attention

Amidst all the recent tragedy, you may have noticed what appeared to be some good news. A Senate Committee last week called for more support for Australians with ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder).

Following submissions and hearings, the committee recommended better access to ADHD diagnosis and treatments. It also made a specific call to implement guidelines for health professionals.

So far, so uncontroversial, right? Well, maybe.

Controversial disorder

ADHD can be seen as a 'highly controversial disorder' as it's been described in *The Conversation*.

A once rare childhood phenomenon, the boundaries have been pushed wider and wider. Symptoms have blurred with aspects of ordinary life, and now it's promoted as an adult condition as well, with claims one-in-ten people are affected.

Central to that promotion have been pharma companies, cashing in on expanding markets for their meds – largely amphetamines – often funding patient and professional associations to help frame ADHD as widespread, severe, and treatable.

Today, social media makes dissemination infinitely easier. A recent analysis of 100 ADHD TikTok videos found they'd had 280 million views, yet half were classified as misleading and potentially contributed to an 'increased risk for overdiagnosis or misdiagnosis'.

The number of ADHD prescriptions, and the numbers being prescribed, are skyrocketing in Australia, rising more than ten per cent annually. Following the money doesn't explain the whole story, but it's a start.

Follow the money

The Senate Committee last week recommended implementing guidelines from the 'ADHD Professionals Association'. The president, vice-president and past-president of that association have all taken speaking fees from drug-makers, such as Novartis, Lilly, and Shire.

Their conference sponsorship is dominated by drug companies, including Takeda, which famously bought



'Our sympathy for another's suffering does not mean we suspend our critical skills, or our need to follow the money.'

Dr Ray Moynihan

Shire recently for almost A\$100 billion.

Similarly, the ADHD professionals' association in the US is entangled with industry, where drug companies also sponsor conferences.

The US association president – a Las Vegas psychiatrist – has accepted research, speaking and consultant fees from more than 20 companies, totalling almost A\$6 million in the past 7 years alone.

Close to 50 per cent of authors of a recent 'ADHD International Consensus Statement' disclosed receiving money from drug companies.

The problem here is the assumption that long-term treatment is safe and effective, according to Jon Jureidini, University of Adelaide professor and child psychiatrist.

'There is very little good evidence to support long-term treatment, and the guidelines do not engage sufficiently with potential long-term harms,' says Jureidini.

A quick look at the product information for Takeda's blockbuster ADHD amphetamine, Vyvanse, reveals potential harms can include suppressed growth, aggressive and psychotic behaviour, higher blood pressure, and dependence.

Much of the evidence for ADHD treatments, whether drugs or talking therapies, shows modest improvements in symptoms, with minimal side effects, but studies tend to be short-term.

Complex causes

Professor Jureidini is part of the Critical Psychiatry Network. It's Senate submission made clear there's a cluster of symptoms known as ADHD – across inattention, overactivity, and impulsivity – and these disturbances clearly occur.

Unlike other groups they don't see ADHD primarily as a neurobiology problem, but instead point to multiple dimensions including learning disabilities, grief, trauma, abuse, family dysfunction, bullying, hunger, poor

eyesight, incompetent teaching, and poverty.

'The ADHD label should not be conceptualised as an explanation for children's distress and/or dysfunction,' said their submission. 'ADHD is more a diagnostic question than a conclusion.'

Jureidini's submission also pushed back against moves to add ADHD to a list of conditions commonly covered by Australia's NDIS disability scheme.

'The label of ADHD can be applied so broadly that it could overwhelm the NDIS system and people with severe physical and intellectual disabilities may miss out.' It seems this argument won the day, as the Senate committee fell short of recommending that change.

The ADHD debate is part of a wider one.

'We're taking everyday experiences that are part of the human condition and we're overdiagnosing them as mental disorders,' says Dr Allen Frances, the US psychiatrist who once oversaw the writing of the psychiatrists' manual DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Diseases), before becoming its harshest critic.

On ADHD: 'I think we're doing a massive worldwide experiment on immature brains, bombarding them with very powerful chemicals without any knowledge whatever about what the long-term outcome will be and without informed consent,' Frances told me a few years back.

No doubt doctors who run professional associations, and senators calling for better access to treatment, are motivated by goodwill.

Witnessing and acting to help another who is suffering, defines what it means to be human.

Yet surely offering sympathy and support does not mean we suspend our critical skills, or our need – acute in medicine – to follow the money.

■ A former Harkness fellow at Harvard and columnist with the British Medical Journal, Dr Ray Moynihan is author of four books on the business of medicine.



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David Witney
Bangalow

The masthead

I appreciated the statement under the masthead in the last edition, 'Atheism is a non-prophet organisation'. Organised religion is a fascinating thing – it enables one side to shout 'God is Great' while shooting up villages and playgrounds, while the other side sends rockets into refugee camps and hospitals,

and its ultra-orthodox devotees are permitted to abstain from military service as they have to stay home to study their scriptures.

Human religious organisations are a fascinating thing.
Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

These three things

There are three things I need to get out of my system.
1. HAMAS certainly did a horrendous and unthinkable evil thing, but the Israelis have been tormenting these people for many years and something was bound to give. Surely the Israelis remember what happened to them in the second world war, and now they're

perpetrating ongoing atrocities on the innocent in Gaza. To all of those who view their culture in a superior light, a wonderful author, Jacob Bronowski phrases it well – 'a monomaniacal culture of conquest'.

2. I am so disappointed with the Voice outcome, not that I didn't expect it really. If Labor had put the campaign into more lowlife language, like the Liberals did, they may have succeeded. There is no one more local in this country than the first Australians and after all they've been through at the hands of us whiteys, we should be showing some respect and equality.

3. A huge thanks to our fires. Thank you so much for

what you do for us under such difficult and exhausting conditions. Fair dinkum, you're heroes, and nothing but the very, very best to all of you.
Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

Tigers' spots

Kookaburras will not stop eating living worms. Lions will not be vegetarians. Terrorists will not cease fire. C'est la vie.
Raphael Sadlee Cass
Byron Bay

Thanks Catherine

I am writing to say thank you to Catherine Cusack for her timely column. Parts brought me to tears. Today for the first time I found myself talking about the situation in Gaza with someone. I had been finding it too terrible to talk about. And what a relief it was. And the tears came then too. Catherine talks about how 'though we may be grieving for different reasons, we are all grieving', and 'the enormous sense of loss when confrontation disintegrates to war'. Thank you, Catherine, for helping me feel that loss.
Virginia White
Goonellabah

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*Emergency 000, Any *Doctor, *Lifeline 13 11 14. *o o o o*

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

Remembrance Day
I'm a Vietnam veteran and, from my observations, the vast majority of wars are started by people who expect to make a ton of money out of them. Let's face it, those weapons aren't going to sell themselves. None of these people end up in harm's way, that's our job. Lest we forget.
Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

Always was, always will be...
We often recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with an Acknowledgment of Country, with many people adding in 'always was, always will be, Aboriginal land'. Last week Byron Shire Councillors supported a motion that will take another practical step to live up to this statement. To support the First Nations people, the traditional owners, of Byron Shire to live on their own country by supporting local Indigenous-owned housing for Indigenous people.

The motion included a number of actions that will embed this principle into Council's housing strategies and its daily work.

During the debate, I made some comments about the lack of formal consultation, engagement or joint decision-making processes that councillors have with local Indigenous organisations. This is on councillors, not Council staff, who have been working very closely in partnership with local Indigenous organisations. *The Echo's* report of my comments was simply wrong and gives the wrong impression of what Council, as an organisation, has achieved.

In another error, it is worth pointing out that the motion was not heavily amended as implied by *The Echo* and passed as a strong direction from councillors that we must deliver on our commitments to supporting native title holders to live on country.

Asren Pugh
Byron Shire Councillor

Our medical crisis
Having just survived a medical episode, I realise just how badly we are being treated here by our city-centric experts, who have probably never done a real day's work in their lives! But, in difficult circumstances, I dips me lid to our medical workers here – their service was second to none.

How many of you have tried to get an appointment

recently, over the months since the new system has been implemented? How long did you have to wait – weeks? Months? It is totally unacceptable!

Well done Murwillumbah doctors Camilleri and Wellm for speaking out. There are no two ways about it. These so-called experts seem to overlook the simple fact that we are people not just numbers on a computer algorithm. They seem to overlook that we are basically a rural entity, that we do not waste our time making appointments for trivial issues. When we wish to make an appointment it is because we feel a serious need to seek medical assistance – ASAP, not in months to come!

Come on locals we must be proactive in supporting our doctors here, for the simple reason that they are here to look after us, whether we are a baby, a child, a mother, a father or an old-aged pensioner.

Mike Yarrow
Byangum

A lot of anger
Reading *The Echo* suggests that there is a large amount of anger and conflict coming with the start of the 800 new developments. And it is not just housing. Rather, it is everything that contributes to the ambience of the shire. So what to do?

Here is a two-step solution.

Step 1. Complete the repairs and renovations from the last two floods.

Step 2. The government in its many forms, and the developers, take responsibility for flooding in those areas, that happens over the next ten years – like we said it would.

Also include roads, roundabouts and 'industrial hubs' thus, everyone with an interest is represented.

Step 2.2. Talk to us right from the beginning.

Andrew Hall
Ocean Shores

Ballina's war on the environment
I watch in admiration once again as my northern neighbours courageously mobilise to fight unsustainable development on ecologically sensitive land in Brunswick Heads. But spare a thought for us 'down south' in the Ballina Shire, who are watching helplessly as our Council wages a war on our environment.

Team Cadwallader stormed into power in 2021 off the back of a well-funded TV and radio campaign, which told voters that if

elected to Council 'Labor and the Greens would force you to drink toilet water'. It was of course a reference to the environmentally destructive and ineffective Dunoon Dam, which has since faded into the oblivion, not even rating a mention in the recent Far North Coast Water Strategy.

The culmination of their ecocidal agenda was a recent decision, passed on the casting vote of the mayor, to make Conservation Zones 'optional' for rural landowners, exposing over 2600 hectares of densely-vegetated farmland and coastal escarpment to under-regulated land clearing.

In response, the Department of Planning and Environment declared that this decision was lacking in strategic merit, inconsistent with state government policy, and set a dangerous precedent for planning decisions in the Ballina Shire. It remains to be seen whether they will strip the Council of their planning powers in relation to this issue.

Ballina's very own version of 'Wallum' is a highly sensitive wetland at Burns Point Ferry Road in West Ballina, on the Richmond River floodplain. Eight ecological studies have found this site to be teeming with endangered and threatened birds, microbats and other species. After the 2022 floods, neighbours living adjacent to the site were inundated.

The former Council (including Cadwallader, though she was not then the mayor) voted to rezone the northern part of this site for low-density residential in 2018, despite its environmental properties being well documented. Council has subsequently spent a million dollars of ratepayers' money in legal fees fending off a rogue developer from building a seniors housing development there.

With an election less than 12 months away, the only people who can stop the Cadwallader cartel and their insatiable appetite for environmental destruction are the people who put them there in the first place.

Cr Kiri Dicker (Greens)
Ballina Shire Council

A real conspiracy
Good news for conspiracy theorists. A network of organisations has been exposed which is threatening our personal freedoms, subverting public discussion and concentrating control in the hands of a few powerful players.

The bad news for those

believers is that the network does not include the UN, WHO, the ABC or the myriad of other organisations supposedly conspiring to take control of our lives, bodies and freedoms.

The network is the secretive 'Atlas Network' and counts as members, most far-right libertarian think tanks, including Advance Australia, and is sponsored by mining companies, banks, the ultra-rich and other elites fearful of losing their grip on power. Formed after the war to counter the encroachment of the welfare state and the environmental movement, members of the Atlas Network have injected misinformation and biased research into public debate in favour of their self-interests ever since. Using 'independent' research they have subverted public discussion on any topic which tries to undermine their stranglehold on society, from climate change to the Voice.

John Howard was the first politician to take advantage of the Atlas Network's considerable largesse and reach, and it's been downhill ever since.

For more on the Atlas Network it's worth listening to Phillip Adams' podcast talking to Dr Jeremy Walker.

Patrick Lenfesty
Ballina

Surprised
I'm surprised that the following aspect of the Israeli/Palestinian war has not been addressed anywhere that I can see. For Zionists and for Christians, the Old Testament of the Christian scriptures and the Torah for the Zionists make it quite clear that Jews are God's chosen people. It goes so far as to say, 'those who show kindness to Israel will be shown kindness by God and those who treat the Jews unkindly will be cursed by God'. If one follows the words in these holy books then one is bound in obedience to their God to support Israel in any way possible. It doesn't come down to who is right or wrong but down to obedience out of fear of the Christian and Jewish God. Bear in mind that America is a 'Christian country' and that its present leadership claims to be Christian. There can only be one action for them – the support of Israel, no matter what.

Sunflower
Mullumbimby Creek

■ More letters about the Israeli–Palestinian conflict are on page 14.

Sharing the love by sharing the wealth

Eve Jeffery

There are people in parts of the world who can be made deliriously happy by the gift of a pencil and some paper – some of these people have been abused, their families killed, their brothers and sisters raped and their villages destroyed, yet even the smallest gifts produce smiles of heartfelt gratitude.

Kirsty Sked has been helping to support families in parts of Africa since 2005 – every few years she puts her savings into air fares and essentials and travels to places that most people only imagine or see on the news. It's not a tourist adventure and it's often not even very much fun, but Sked is driven to help some of the poorest people on the planet have something better.

Sked says that when many people hear about the troubles in war-torn and drought-stricken countries, it makes them want to run and hide in a cave. 'They don't want to hear any sad stories, but for me, I can see

the hope. I say that that's an opportunity for me to give. It's my responsibility because I've been given so much.'

'Culturally, if we can shift the way we think so that it's not all about hoarding and esteeming people who are wealthy, but saying, "hey, if you've got wealth, you have a responsibility for it to be shared", then I think there would be a lot less poverty.'

A sense of obligation

Sked says rather than gathering wealth, if we all felt a sense of obligation to share what we have, things would be better for everyone. 'When I first went to Northern Uganda during the war, I saw an African guy with a T-shirt that said: Charity is not an option – it's an obligation.'

'One of the most famous songs that you hear in Northern Uganda during war, is by a band whose lead singer has been blinded, and they've all lost relatives, and some have lost arms and they have bullet wounds... and they sing this song over and over, about the little bit



In two worlds: Kirsty Sked and Georgie. Photo Tree Faerie

you have and sharing it with your friends. There's a cultural pressure to share – that brings blessing.'

Sked says she remembers a time in the area when giving and sharing was what we were about. 'We don't have that cultural pressure anymore. You have a pressure to build, accumulate and build and it's all about what you have, not what you give.'

'I think we're losing all those keys of society that bring happiness'

like in poor countries they're not lonely because they share with their community. This is something we've lost and something this area always had. But the towns here, they're starting to get fragmented.'

Sked says that in the 'olden days', if you saw someone driving a BMW that was shiny and bright with no mud-flaps, you'd think, 'oh, gosh – they're chasing the wrong dream. They're missing the point. So many people migrated here from Sydney, because they didn't want that. They could see the rat race was just meaningless. Who wants a beautiful house and then die of a heart attack at 55?'

'I think we're losing all those keys of society that bring happiness – even working in a job you don't particularly love because your time off is sweet. So many think they have to have the

dream house, the dream job, the dream this and the dream that, and so we're looking for this very narrow bandwidth. We believe that what we've seen on Facebook and Instagram, the online presence – the photos of people with their big lips, is all there is.'

Sked says we need to shift our ideas so we build wealth for a purpose. 'If it's just for yourself, so you can retire early, like a friend of mine, he amassed all that and retired at 40, but within a year, he was working again.'

'Let's build wealth, yes, but so we can share what we have with others. We need to start feeling the obligation to help people.'

You can help Kirsty help those in desperate need in war-ravaged countries in Africa.

Currently one of her main objectives is to get kids into school. For \$350 you can buy a year's education for a child that includes uniforms, school supplies, tuition and meals. Imagine the difference you could make.

For more info: email Kirsty: chilee@hotmail.com.

Accumulation

Sked says in the developing world there is no thought to accumulating wealth and retiring at 40. People work their whole life. 'That's what the rest of the developing world does. They work until they die.'

'You know, sharing makes you happy. It also brings the community together. I feel



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‘The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting’ – Sun Tzu, The Art of War

Binary debate

Regrettably for some writers to *The Echo*, the ongoing, unresolved Israel/Palestinian tragedy has degenerated into a simplistic narrative, and binary debate, often, without addressing the underlying current day causes, and context, with the backstory historical issues.

Throughout the exchanges of views in *The Echo*, never is it mentioned by writers the huge power imbalance that exists between the two sides – militarily and economically.

It should be abundantly clear this is used as leverage to assert geopolitical interests in the Middle East today, as the world reconfigures new strategic plans by the major powers – US, France, China, Russia, UK.

It is patently obvious the dominant bias comes into play, in this regard Israel, with a growing tendency of polarising Israeli exceptionalism, and the need for Palestinian statehood independence when taking sides in describing the unfolding humanitarian crisis.

The United Nations Humanitarian Agency has now officially declared genocide on the Palestinian people in Gaza, which amounts to international war crimes by Israel.

Unequivocal condemnation must be called by all towards Hamas for its barbarism, and medievalist ideology which has zero place in any genuine free democratic society.

What is urgently needed is a complete ceasefire by both sides – Israel and Hamas, brokered by the United Nations, and supported by US, France, China, Russia,

and UK, to facilitate a rapid response to civilians of Gaza requiring humanitarian aid and support.

Israel, as justified as it is to self-defend, is completely and utterly overstepping its mandate, and is using this as a pretext to commit war crimes against Palestinians in Gaza.

Peace can only be achieved by shared justice, and genuine democratic politics – not the politics on display now by both the Netanyahu government and Hamas.

Boyd Kellner
Newryba

O is for occupation

The resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be pursued by one of two means: international law, or violence.

With regard to international law, the central contention is the occupation: Israel has occupied the Palestinian territories since 1967, and UN Resolution 242, probably the most widely recognised resolution pertaining to the Arab-Israeli conflict generally, adopted unanimously by all members of the Security Council, requires the cessation of the occupation and a return to the pre-June 1967 borders.

Naturally, as the occupying nation, Israel sets the terms of the occupation, controlling who and what can cross Palestine's borders, and could choose to end the occupation at any time. Unless this fact is foremost in any rational discussion of the conflict, it appears as just one side's violence versus the other's.

Of course, the violence is not balanced, and for

this reason, Israel chooses to pursue it instead: its vastly superior military means, backed by the US, is calculated to achieve greater territorial acquisition, allowing it to bulldoze Palestinian homes, set up new Israeli settlements in their place, etc., all of which is illegal under international law. But by analogy, if George Floyd were able to fight back against David Chauvin, nobody would fault him for doing so. It is unreasonable to try and dominate someone and expect that they don't fight back?

Peter Shubinsky
Byron Bay

Heilpern 'on the money'

I have watched and read so many responses, comments and discussions about this bloody war in Gaza. I'm fed up and very disheartened at the Australian government's response in general, and the divisiveness of the Israeli government taking a right-wing fascist approach to a terrorist attack. The hypocrisy and irony is breathtaking.

David Heilpern is so 'on the money', he described it so well: it's the only real comment I've read that sees it the way it is, a humanitarian disaster and a political blunder of a huge magnitude. Man's inhumanity to man. We've now got such perfect and plentiful weapons to unleash, in the hands of mad men.

The Palestinian and the Ukrainian people, the mothers, children and innocent fathers have been the real victims.

Savaad Churcher-Wells
Byron Bay

Rally gone wrong

I was saddened to hear that both Mandy Nolan and David Heilpern attended the 'Ceasefire Now' rally at Main Beach in Byron Bay on Sunday. Not because they supported a ceasefire between the Israeli Defence Forces and Hamas, but because the rally resulted in the usage of a well-known chant, demanding the extermination of all Israeli citizens.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, the chant, 'From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free' is an antisemitic slogan. At the end of the rally on Sunday, this cry was enthusiastically

chanted over and over again. It is the chant Hamas terrorists, ISIS and The Muslim Brotherhood use freely.

In its Charter, Hamas calls for the murder of every Jew in Israel, and in the world. Hamas has clearly stated that their chant, 'From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free' embodies this sentiment. The murder of all Israelis.

Fundamentally, it is a call for a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, territory that includes the State of Israel, which would mean the dismantling of the Jewish state. It is a charge denying the Jewish right to self-determination, including through the removal of Jews from their ancestral homeland of 3,600 years.

It is important to note that demanding justice for Palestinians should not mean, as this hateful phrase posits, denying the right of Israelis and Jews to exist.

M McCormack
Billinudgel

The very basic facts

Firstly, responding to Lyle Clarke – they are widely known as 'Pallywood' productions and many can be found through online searches of fake Palestinian deaths or injuries. I still say that every death is a tragedy and there have been far too many already thanks to Hamas.

It is very sad to see how many anti-Israel lies that have been taken as fact.

Israel unilaterally withdrew from all of Gaza, removing every one of its citizens and soldiers in 2005, in the hope of peace. They left beautiful picturesque towns with all facilities. Israel left all of the greenhouses, growing flowers, tomatoes, fruit and exporting huge volumes to Europe. Israel even armed the newly formed Palestinian police. Within 24 hours the Palestinians burned 126 synagogues in Gaza, destroyed the greenhouses and all infrastructure that was left for them, and started attacking Israelis with their new weapons.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

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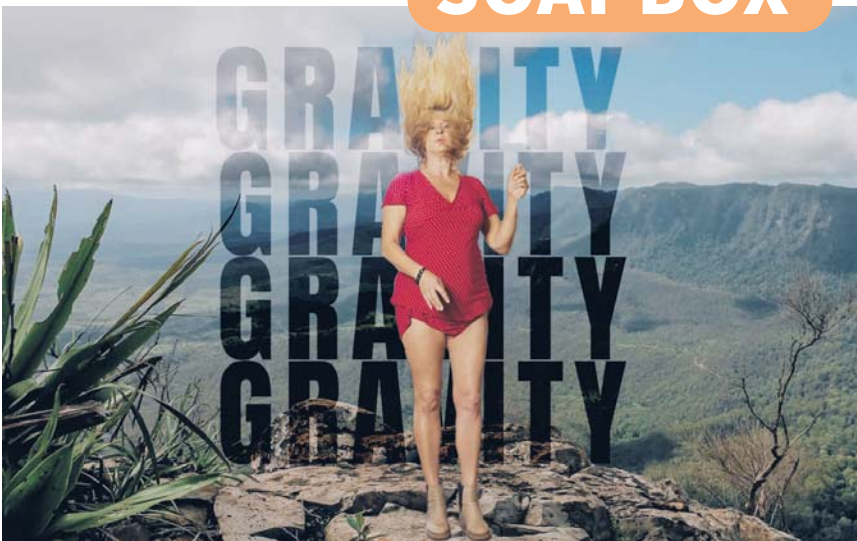
L'appel du vide

I am scared of heights. Which is ironic because I'm six foot tall. And I wear heels. And I'm a Capricorn. It appears my destiny is to inhabit high places. It's a weird fear. I don't remember ever not being terrified. As a kid I don't recall anything in particular that set it off. Except maybe Mr Fredericks, the old man across the road, dangling me by my feet from his verandah for fun. His, not mine. These days he would have been reported to Child Protection. Back then he was just given another beer and handed another child. Fear of heights is weird. It comes with the compulsion to throw myself off. I can feel the gravity. Pulling me down. It's nauseating. It means that if I am in a high place I can't stand. My legs literally give way. It has a name. It's known as 'the call of the void'. It's how my brain interprets being in an unsafe situation. It has a cool French name, L'appel du vide. Here in Australia I'm just a big wuss. Neurotic.

It's very uncool. And limiting. There's lots of things I have avoided. Like sky diving. Bungee jumping. Abseiling. I have absolutely no desire to conquer my fear. I am happy for my amygdala to hijack the show. I don't feel my life would be better on a bungee. People that are obsessed with conquering their fears intrigue me. Why wouldn't you just avoid the scary thing and get good at something else?

That's always been my plan. I prefer books to elevated nooks. I prefer getting high to actually being high.

The first time I took acid I remember being acutely aware of gravity. For 20 hours it's all I could say. 'Gravity'. It freaked my friends out. Because I am super chatty. So only saying one word over and over was unnerving. It's all I could focus on. I could feel the magnetic pull holding me on the planet. Like iron filings on a sheet of paper with a magnet beneath.



MANDY NOLAN'S
SOAPBOX

The first time I took acid I remember being acutely aware of gravity. For 20 hours it's all I could say. 'Gravity'. It freaked my friends out. Because I am super chatty. So only saying one word over and over was unnerving.

I had gone out dancing, but spent the entire night stuck to the floor. When I am in a high place I get a flashback to that psychedelic experience, which certainly didn't cure my fear, I think it affirmed it. 'Gravity'. It's intense man. And strong as F.

I am naturally height avoidant. I don't usually tell people, because it's embarrassing. But I can't stand balconies. When we had a holiday in Hawaii my husband booked us into the Hilton on the 23rd floor. I was beside myself. I had to do a mindfulness meditation just to sit on the bed. I couldn't bear the kids being on the balcony. I couldn't stop imagining them plummeting to

their deaths. The edge was so visceral. This tiny barrier between life and oblivion. It's a common symptom, I've later found out, of OCD, something I developed from childhood trauma. An adrenaline-charged gift that binds my consciousness to things I can no longer remember but am still controlled by. The brain truly is amazing. Please book me on the ground floor.

Fear of heights is logical. I'm sure that it's a phobia that has some basis in the survival instinct. Heights are dangerous for humans. We've got legs, not wings. I sometimes wonder how birds feel. Whether they have fear of flat places. A compulsive drive to fly in front of a car?

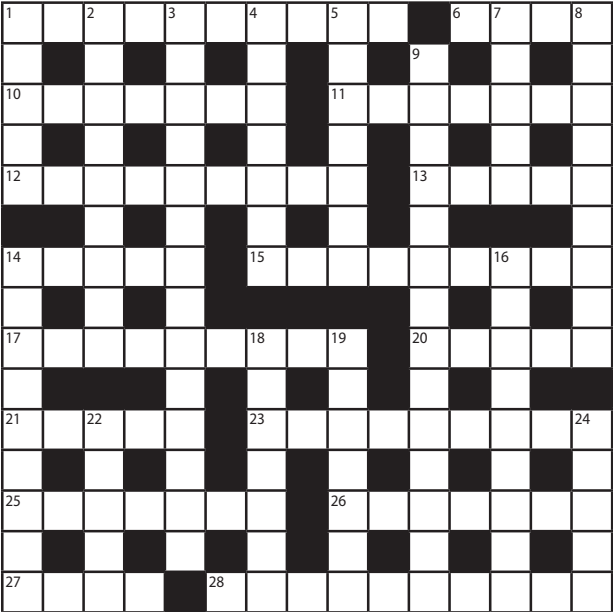
Even writing this makes me feel sick. Because I am imagining high places and I can feel the acrophobia. Racing heart. Dizziness. Vulnerability. L'appel du vide.

This week I am walking the Scenic Rim. It's three days. When I signed up I kind of missed the height aspect. I just thought 'forest walk'. The scenic bit should have been a clue. As should have 'rim'. Anyway, looks like I am going to a high place. Wish me luck.

All I can think is, gravity.

– Mandy Nolan

Mungo MacCallum's Crossword #517



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- No charge for bank employee, said Spooner of the lumberjack (10)
- The Spanish turn back to look lustfully (4)
- Time to disturb the fungus (7)
- They shorten sail joints (7)
- Whites had wild desire to expire (5,4)
- Refresh about three courses (5)
- Spanish mate, French mate – depart! (5)
- Gain access – secure a place at the restaurant (3,1,5)
- Leo, perhaps, risen – conducive to conclude a deal (4,2,3)
- English bound and run away (5)
- Old Italian – upright type (5)
- Persisted irritatingly – imported (7,2)
- One hundred circle, and defeat Irish giants (7)
- Remove fastening and drive nuts (7)
- Belt southern residue (4)
- Undid the true end – careless (10)

DOWN

- Carried infant journalist (5)
- Imitating big bird, old Italian, grand (9)
- M, a local working for the enemy (5,9)
- Shelter and call what 6 is doing (7)
- Lugs with trendy audible range (7)
- Inexperienced, energy muddled and dropped axis (5)
- Sew, reheel, repair – but not here (9)
- E – Bloody Mary's uxorious father (5,3,6)
- Sailors leaflets – they're not realistic (9)
- American girl with three courses. Right – she gets fatter (9)
- Ratio not right for partisan group (7)
- About right, circle vehicle – take another path (7)
- A long way for Davis (5)
- O, without conclusion (2,3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Logger (10)
- Gawk (4)
- Edible fungi (7)
- Jackets worn by sailors (7)
- Urge for self-destruction (5,4)
- Revamp (5)
- Compadre (5)
- Book a place for a meal! (3,1,5)
- Put your name down (4,2,3)
- Abscond (5)
- Famous ancient empire (5)
- Continued (7,2)
- Behemoths (7)
- Make mentally ill (7)
- Moveable window frame (4)
- Not tied or restricted (10)

DOWN

- Hauled (5)
- Echoing (9)
- Saboteur (5,9)
- Looking lasciviously (7)
- Hearing distance (7)
- Verdant (5)
- Another place (9)
- First Head of the Church of England (5,3,6)
- Summaries; outlines (9)
- A person who expands or widens something (9)
- Splinter group; bloc (7)
- Redirect (7)
- Distance units (US) (5)
- Forever (2,3)

Last week's solution #516

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STARS BY LILITH

Communicator Mercury in its chattiest mode, while the sun and Mars remain reserved and enigmatic this week in the sign of closed lips suggests editing before uttering...



SCORPIO

ARIES: This week could reveal something you didn't see coming: a hidden agenda or lack of transparency which, while disconcerting, needn't necessarily mean all bets are off. What it highlights is the necessity of getting on the same page with others about any long-range plans you're jointly involved in.

TAURUS: A completely different approach could actually make a breakthrough this week, so instead of digging in your heels, do the opposite. Drop conceptual restraints and habitual responses. Innovate. Try easing prickly interactions with a genuine compliment; you're likely to find a little validation goes a long way.

GEMINI: Gemini's stars deliver a much-needed reality check, which is that you might not have realised it's necessary to shield your field from other people's emo moods. If your normally positive attitude starts being affected by this week's stormy reactions, step away; don't engage and carry this into your day.

CANCER: It isn't easy for Cancerians to stop themselves rushing to take care of others. But your energy supply isn't endless, so best not zap reserves this week with compulsive caretaking. Support yourself instead by replenishing your joie de vivre with an overdue pamper package or indulgence session.

LEO: You want things done your way, and as power plays shift and shuffle this week, minor differences of opinion could escalate into epic standoffs. But do you really want to be the oh-so-stubborn one unwilling to budge? Let others star in *The Clash Of Control Freaks* while you play creative negotiator.

VIRGO: If someone's ideas seem illogical or frustrating this week, don't be too quick to criticise, especially if this concerns a business relationship. What's more important to you: preserving goodwill or delivering honest feedback? Are there any aspects of their offering that might actually be worth exploring?

LIBRA: This week's pattern of opposing planets offers a clear message to stop and, if necessary, acknowledge what isn't going the way you'd planned. A balanced perspective may be hard to find, but don't get lost in worst-case scenario thinking and rush important decisions. Discuss concerns honestly.

SCORPIO: If this intense week brings some kind of jarring discovery, at least you know what you're dealing with. Which needn't be a deal breaker, but it may change the game. If you need to pull back, do so without burning bridges – though is it worth trying to negotiate first?

SAGITTARIUS: Sagittarians like to live out loud, but be wary of putting anyone else's business on loudspeaker this week. Your usual speeds are fast and faster, but odds are, neither will get you where you want to go this week, so slow down. Resist public venting, because allegiances can shift quickly.

CAPRICORN: With this week's strongly placed Mars, be kind to yourself and others. Don't overwork. Protect your calm centre. Maintain an expansive viewpoint. If Venus invites you to reset your agreements, you may have to navigate some push-back from your partner, family, or work team en-route.

AQUARIUS: This week of mysteries, intrigues, and transitions could see hidden truths surface and relationships rock. As your mentor planet Uranus highlights what's not working for you anymore, what changes could you make for the highest good of all concerned? Be assured of astral support for these big decisions.

PISCES: Sober Saturn in your sign issues a trigger warning to select your company carefully this week, and avoid engaging in gossip or hearsay. This tricky cycle requires speaking your truth diplomatically, and being extra gentle with yourself as you move through its confronting challenges and exciting possibilities.



THE SPIRIT OF Brunswick Heads

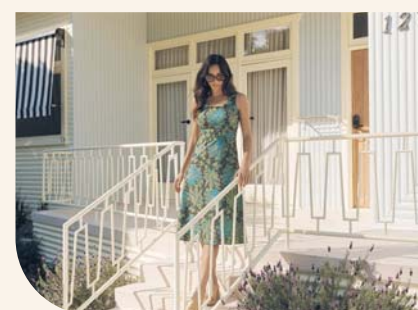


3. ANNELIES ELLANORA JEWELLERY

Annelies is an experienced trade-qualified jeweller and gemologist specialising in handmade bespoke fine jewellery, repairs and remodeling. The Annelies Ellanora workshop awaits you at the Electric Mermaid Barbershop, Brunswick Heads.

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annelies.ellanora.jewellery@gmail.com
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4. MAHASHE

A local fashion label, known and loved for their natural fabrics and vibrant prints. Specialising in cotton, this brand is your one-stop summer shop for both men and women. Mention this ad for 10% off in-store.

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5. BRUNSWICK HEADS OSTEOPATHY

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A word from the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce

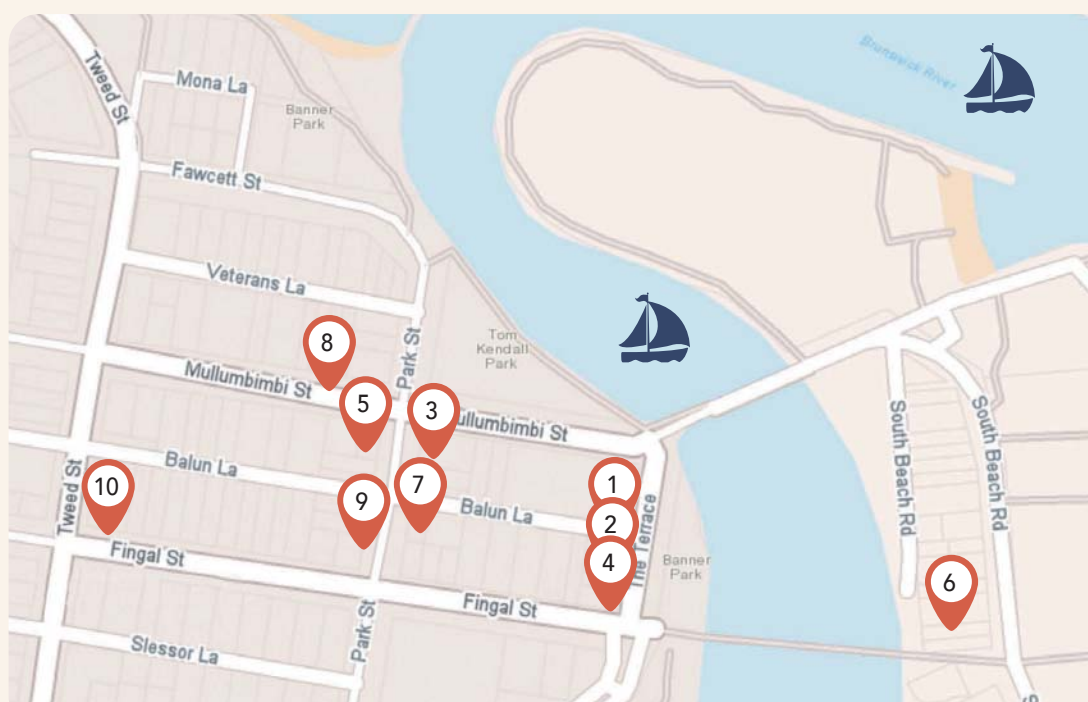
This month brings another new cafe to Bruns. Where Table View used to be on Mullumbimbi Street we welcome BK's, with Bruce and Kaelen offering great service, specialist coffee and seriously good food!

Every day is beautiful so make sure to head on over to enjoy the sparkling river and pristine beach whilst enjoying a browse around our eclectic range of boutiques.

Come and discover an array of options for Christmas gifts, decorations and festivities. You will find a quirky range of merchandise, perfect for gifts. Beautiful homewares, fashion and so many options.

The Visitor Centre is proudly supporting local artists with beautiful prints, cards, fun tea-towels, and other merchandise.

www.brunswickheads.org.au



1. Brunswick Surf Shop 1/12 The Terrace | 2. Bodypeace Bamboo Clothing 12 The Terrace
3. Annelies Ellanora Jewellery Shop 3/28 Mullumbimbi Street | 4. MahaShe 14a The Terrace
5. Brunswick Heads Osteopathy 2/32 Mullumbimbi St | 6. Rosefina's Place 38 Southbeach Rd
7. Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre 7 Park Street | 8. Ozone Beauty & Medi Spa 3/32 Mullumbimbi St
9. Pura Vida Wellness Centre 14a Park Street | 10. Tom Tom Thai Restaurant 15 Tweed St



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2. BODYPEACE BAMBOO CLOTHING

Dressing Byron Shire locals and visitors for over a decade. Their latest store offers a range of organically-grown bamboo basics, yogawear and underwear for the stylish and sustainability-conscious consumer. Men's and women's / XS - XXL available. Sale on now!

www.bodypeacebamboo.com
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7. BRUNSWICK HEADS VISITOR CENTRE

Proudly supporting local artists. This time with Oral Roberts designed notebooks, cards and prints.

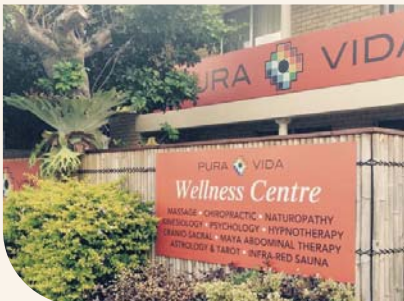
Monday to Friday 9.30am–4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am–2pm
02 6685 1002
info@brunswickheads.org.au



8. OZONE BEAUTY & MEDI SPA

Annual Intraceuticals Christmas Gift Pack & Treatment giveaway. Lucky door prizes, sample treatments and more. Thursday, November 23 4–6pm. For every \$400 product purchase receive a free Treatment Voucher (value \$165).

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9. PURA VIDA WELLNESS CENTRE

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10. TOM TOM THAI RESTAURANT

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Community at Work

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Through The Rubble

The story of Gaza told through film. *Through The Rubble* is a captivating cinematic series giving life to Palestinian voices, their history and human stories of resilience and hope. This thought-provoking film will shed light on how we came to current events, including Q & A. Delicious vegan cultural cuisine, with proceeds going to the Palestine Children's Fund. Tickets \$10. 6-9pm Eureka Hall, tonight, Wednesday November 15.

Free Community Dinner

The Ballina Free Community Dinner is on again this year on December 25. Don't be alone on Christmas Day, come and spend it with us. Dinner will be 12pm to 2pm at St Mary's Anglican Church Ballina the corner of Norton and Burnet St. Monday Christmas Day. Join us for a delicious meal of chicken, ham, salads and desserts. For all info, contact Chris on 0431 630 900. No volunteers are required, thanks. This is an alcohol-free event.

BSCFL working bee

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare's next working bee will be Saturday, November 18 from 8 am until 12.30 pm, at Saltwater Creek. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden car park. Tasks will be to weed taro from the creek line, hand weed the drain and tree popping g'sreen cestrun. Please wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants for sun protection and avoid scratches, a hat and gloves and bring water and some morning tea.

Christmas Garage Sale

The Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Garage Sale on Saturday, November 25 from 8am to 12noon at 105 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Amazing Christmas cakes, puddings, plants, craft and bric-a-brac. Come early to avoid disappointment. For further info contact Maureen on 6685 3162.

Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on

Sunday, November 19 from 9am to 12noon. Meet in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. We plant in the sand dunes from Clarkes Beach to Main Beach. Enjoy a delicious free BBQ and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. It's good fun. Inquiries to Veda 6685 7991 or Miles 0403 206 190.

SPPA AGM

Suffolk Park Progress Association will be holding its AGM on Tuesday, November 21 at 7pm at the Suffolk Park Hall. Please come along to support your community association and have a friendly chat. Communications to sppa.secretary@gmail.com.

Library Storytime

Byron Bay Library Storytime Tuesday 10.30am during school terms. Babytime Wednesday 10.30am during school terms.

Peace Group concert

The North Coast Peace Group Remembering and Healing (RaH) is holding their annual fundraiser concert 'Music for Peace' on Sunday, November 19, 3pm at the Lismore Anglican St Andrew's Church (10 Zadoc Street). An impressive lineup of regional musicians will perform: Luke Vassella with Pietro Fine, Imogen Wolf and Choir, Bob Dooley, Tilly Jones, Geraldine Loong, Harry Freeman, David Ellemor-Collins. No booking necessary. Suggested donation: \$15+.

Convict family history

Anyone interested in their convict family history from any of the many fleets who journeyed here are very welcome to join our group. This includes spouses and friends of any descendants interested in history. We meet every two months and our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 26 at the Cherry Street Sports Club, Ballina at 10.30am. If you are interested please contact Roddy Jordan on 6687 5339 or via email hollysbuddy1@bigpond.com.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Friday 9.30am–4pm (closed 12.30–1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include: **Flood recovery support service:** personalised, long-term support for those impacted by the floods. **Community support:** Food parcels, meals, showers, assistance with electricity bills. Work Development Orders. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Free yoga:** every Tuesday 3–4pm. **More Than A Meal:** Free community lunch Tuesday–Friday from 1.30pm. **Financial counselling** **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** Information, referral, and advocacy. **Gulganii affordable pantry shop:** located at 3 Bridgland Lane. **Orange Sky:** Free laundry service Monday morning & Tuesday afternoons. To enquire about accessing any of these services call reception 6684

1286, check our website www.mdnc.org.au, or follow our socials @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre.

Byron Community

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Fletcher Street Cottage:** A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness can come to get practical relief opportunities, find connections and access broader support. Fletcher Street Cottage services are open Monday–Friday. **Breakfast:** Monday–Friday, 7am–9am. **Showers and laundry:** Monday–Friday, 7am–12pm. **Office support:** Monday–Friday, 9am–12pm. **Support appointments:** Individual support appointments with community workers or specialist services. For bookings please call 6685 6807. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au. **Byron Community Cabin:** Seniors Computer Club (school terms), 9–11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au Phone: 6685 6807.

Bringing back trains

A bringing back our trains information evening will be held at 6pm, Thursday, November 16, at the Bangalow Bowling Club. Join Northern Rivers Railway (NRR) for an Information evening and fundraising launch. The event will focus on work underway to bring back our trains. Guest speakers will present their support and efforts to return trains to our railway corridor from Yelgun to Lismore. NRR will present information on the degradation study. Entry by donation, for information contact Lydia Kindred admin@northernriversrail.com.au. Phone 0422 007 724.

Free cat desexing

Byron Shire Council together with Pets for Life, RSPCA NSW, and NSW Government are offering free desexing for cats in the Byron Shire. Free desexing is being offered as part of the Keeping Cats Safe at Home project, which encourages responsible pet ownership by desexing, microchipping and keeping your cat safe at home. Visit Council's website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Volunteer call out

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

Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire will host another book event in November. Suzanne Leal author, a Sydney-based writer and lawyer, will discuss her latest book *The Watchful Wife* chosen as Allen & Unwin's lead title for July 2023. *The Watchful Wife* is the story of Ellen Wells, a young woman raised by severe parents in a punitive and authoritarian church. Unfolding is a story of crime and the criminal justice system. Lone Goat Gallery Byron Bay Library, Byron Bay. When: 6pm Thursday, November 16. Tickets \$15 FOL Members, \$20 non members, tickets are limited due to gallery size. Bookings: byronbayfol@gmail.com or www.byronbayfol.com. Lucky door prizes and refreshments included. Also check the event out on our socials.

Low-cost or free food

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

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

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FRIDAY 17 AND SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER



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The theme is 'Family' this year and attendees are encouraged to check out the stage display and try and spot someone you know from the slideshow playing on the stage or from the family trees submitted by locals. The Pavilion, as always, will be filled with everything you can imagine that can be made, baked or grown and it's always fabulous to see how talented our community is. It will be open for viewing from lunchtime Friday and all-day Saturday.

Start your Friday early and catch the action in the working dogs trials. Breakfast is served in Lions Kiosk from 7am so you can have a brekkie burger while you watch the dogs' prowess in the ring.

There will be plenty of activity in the rings from 9am with dairy cattle, led and ridden classes for the horses, showjumping, and campdraft starting in the afternoon. A perfect place to while away a couple of hours, watching the horses, is the deck at Moller Pavilion where you can grab a coffee and cake and relax in the shade.

Of course, on both days there will be plenty for the kids in Sideshow Alley, courtesy of the Showmen's Guild. The usual baby animals will be there, Steve's Reptiles, and this year will also have Stan Ceglinski showing off his bush woodworking skills, with activities for all to try their hand at. King Brown the Camp Oven

King will also be on hand to tempt you with his delicious camp oven creations.

Friday afternoon is our favorite Pet Parade at 4pm - bring your spiffy pets along then have a wander through Sideshow Alley and onto the Village Green where Hubcap Stan & The Sidewalk Stompers will entertain you as you grab an early dinner from one of the food trucks or Lions Kiosk.

Saturday begins with a full day of horse, cattle, and poultry competitions. All the usual events are back including the hotly contested 'Tart of the Show' competition. This year's tart is lemon and blueberry. The Boot Toss and kids' games will be held on the Village Green and Helly Hoops will be entertaining the little ones.

The Official opening is set for 2pm with Bangalow Herald Bush Poet's Prize and the Bang Burger Bar 'Big Bang Bite' eating competition to follow in the Village Green.

Entertainment in the main ring Saturday afternoon comes in the form of 2UP Entertainment - set to wow with their horsemanship hijinks. The Stockman Ironman competition, Dog High Jump, and this year, a Farm Kids Challenge (think stockmen for teens) and much more will also be happening.

The Rochelle Lees Band and spectacular fireworks will finish off a fantastic two days.

Gate entry is \$15 adult, pensioner/high school \$7 and under-12 free. For more information visit bangalowshow.com.au or email bangalowshow@outlook.com.

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- ★ Sideshow Alley ★ Pavilion Exhibits ★ Baby Animals
- ★ Steve's Reptile Show ★ Pet Parade
- ★ Hubcap Stan & Sidewalk Stompers ★ Cattle ★ Poultry
- ★ Horse Exhibits ★ Competitions & much more!



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

All times are approximate and may change on the day

6.30am	Working dog trials
7.00am	Lions Club Kiosk breakfast open
8am	Horse Led Classes & Ridden Classes Pavilion Closed for Judging Show Jumping Horse Breed Classes Danny Thomas Memorial Stock Horse Challenge Junior & Juvenile Stock Horse Challenge Dairy Cattle
10am	Sideshow Alley - all day Lion Club Bar & BBQ open Stan Ceglinski - Woodworking Camp Oven King
12.30pm	Pavilion open to the public Campdraft - Junior /Juvenile/Maiden/ Novice
4pm	Pet Parade - Scarrabelotti Ring Hubcap Stan & The Sidewalk Stompers Beef Cattle - Battle of the Breeds Food & bar

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

All times are approximate and may change on the day

From 6am	Campdraft Lions Club Kiosk breakfast from 7am Show Jumping Horse Led Classes Horse Ridden Classes Horse Breed Classes Paddock Pony Beef Cattle/Vealers - Scarrabolotti Ring Poultry/Caged Birds - Poultry Pavilion Camp Oven King Stan Ceglinski - Woodworking Tart of the Show - Village Green Helly Hoops- kids entertainment Junior Showgirl/Boy registration - Village Green Family Fun Frolics- Village Green Boot Toss - Village Green Big Bang Burger Bite - registration VG
From 2pm	Official opening- Main Ring 2UP Entertainment Bush Poets- Village Green Open Campdraft Final Bareback Cut out/ Barrel Racing Big Bang Burger Bite - Village Green Shopping Relay Farm Kid Challenge Dog High Jump Farm Produce Auction Rodeo Musical Chairs The Rochelle Lees Band Team Stockman Ironman 2UP Entertainment
8.30pm	Fireworks



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	NO BONES VEGAN KITCHEN + BAR. BYRON BAY 11 Fletcher Street 0481 148 007 OCEAN SHORES 82 Rajah Road 0422 355 928	We are a part of a plant-based movement and invite you to join us on our expedition to save the Earth one Brussels sprout at a time. #brusselsnotbeef www.nobones.co
	Loft Byron Bay 4 Jonson Street, Byron Bay 6680 9183 Book online: www.loftbyronbay.com.au	Signature cocktails, and casual dining with ocean views. Happy Hour Every day from 4–6pm. \$8 loft wine or lager, \$10 spritzer, \$14 margaritas & \$30 house wine bottle Half price deli board & \$2.50 fresh oysters Espresso Martini Nights Every day 9pm–close, 2 for \$25 Classic Espresso Martini. Open 7 days from 4pm. Sat lunches from Noon.
	Legend Pizza Serving Byron Bay for 30 years. Open 7 days. Delivery from Suffolk to Ewingsdale. 2/3 Marvell Street, Byron Bay 6685 5700 www.legendpizza.com.au	Byron's Freshest Pizza Order online and join our loyalty program. Catering for up to 100 people lunch and dinner. BYO Locally owned and operated. Scan code for menu.
	QUARTZ GALLERY Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12pm–10pm Upstairs at Mercato, above Woolworths, 108–114 Jonson St. Byron Bay Insta – @thequartzgallery Web – quartzgallery.com.au	Crystals and cocktails, tapas and wine In the heart of Byron Bay this crystal gallery is a stunning visual experience and a taste sensation not to be missed. Sit amongst magnificent crystals from all over the world while sipping on crystal infused cocktails. We also offer delicious vegan tapas by No Bones, an eclectic wine list, an event space, and a view of the Byron Bay lighthouse.
	Main Street Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner. Menu, more details – @mainstreet_burgerbar 18 Jonson Street 6680 8832	Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner. Menu and more details @mainstreet_burgerbar 'Make a meal of it' Add chips and a drink, just \$5.
	Success Thai Open Lunch Wed–Fri 12–2.30pm. Dinner Mon–Sat 5–8pm. Closed Sunday 3/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469	All your favourites, every lunch and dinner. Experienced Thai chefs cooking fresh, delicious Thai food for you. BYO only. Welcome for lunch, dinner and takeaway. Menus available on Facebook.
	The Rocks Brunch 7am–1pm Dinner 5pm–10pm 14–16 Lawson St, 5642 0149 therocksbyronbay.com.au @therocksbyronbay	Happy Hour 6pm–8pm \$6 tap beer or wine \$12 selected cocktails \$25 Pasta & Wine/Beer + Garlic Bread Live Music Thursdays and DJ Saturdays Open for dinner Wed–Sun
	KARKALLA Byron Bay Native Indigenous Restaurant Cnr of Bay Lane & Fletcher St, Byron Bay 5614 8656	KARKALLA BYRON BAY Ancient food and modern flavours. PROUDLY BUNDJALUNG. Monday Locals night from 5pm. Thursday 5–9pm. Friday & Saturday Drinks & snacks from 4pm. Sunday Live and local music from 6pm. Seasonal, local & native inspired menu.



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Christmas Bazaar of Local Delights



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Indulge in a variety of food and drink tastings while taking advantage of the convenience of pre-ordering your festive essentials and supporting our local community. From Cromwell Farms Christmas Ham, Salumi meats and fresh seafood to local beers, wines and spirits, sample and secure your favourites for the holiday season!

The bazaar organisers say some of the talented producers joining their Christmas Bazaar of Local Delights are Jilly Wines, Brookie's Byron Bay Gin, Azteca Margarita Mix, Common People Brewing,

Cromwell Farms, Morelli Fresh, Salumi Australia, Australian Bay Lobster and Oysters, and Suncoast Fresh – just to get your taste buds salivating.



For the little elves in your life, they've put together an exciting afternoon of fun and activities. Watch them light up as they enjoy gingerbread decorating, Christmas arts and crafts by the team from Kidzklub Australia, Christmas carol sing-alongs, reindeer rides with our neighbours at Zephyr Horses... and they may possibly even have a special encounter with the bearded man himself – Santa Claus!

The excitement doesn't stop there as the fantastic team, known for bringing you the Shire Choir, have crafted a Christmas extravaganza of live music and interactive entertainment that will take the stage from 3pm. It will be sure to get you in the festive spirit for the season ahead.

Mark Sunday, 3 December in your calendars and make this Christmas more memorable by supporting our vibrant local community of farmers, producers, and suppliers!

As a little cherry on top – you can pre-book FREE tickets, and you'll automatically enter a raffle for a chance to win a fabulous local goody hamper. Don't miss out on the event of the season. See you at the Christmas Bazaar of Local Delights!

■ www.northbyronhotel.com.au/whatson
2pm-8pm on Sunday, 3 December at the North Byron Hotel



The Bowlo – Bangalow's home of entertainment, food and beverages

Nestled in the heart of the charming town of Bangalow, The Bowlo Bangalow has cemented itself as a beloved haven for locals and visitors alike. This multifaceted establishment is a testament to the quaint allure of the Byron Shire hinterland, offering a delightful blend of entertainment, sumptuous cuisine, and a wide array of beverage options.

A feast for the senses

At The Bowlo Bangalow, the journey begins with food that tantalises the taste buds and warms the soul. The culinary experience reflects a commitment to quality and a deep appreciation for locally sourced, farm-fresh ingredients. With an ever-evolving menu that balances tradition and innovation, the chefs at the Bowlo aim to create dishes that offer a memorable fusion of flavours that capture the essence of the Byron Shire.

A welcoming haven for all

Guests have the pleasure of dining in an environment that suits their mood or the weather. Whether you seek the cosy embrace of indoor seating or the refreshing open-air outdoor dining, The Bowlo caters to every preference, making it a versatile choice for gatherings of all kinds. Even those with fur – the Bowlo people recognise that dogs are part of the family, and they're welcome on the front patio at The Bowlo.

One of The Bowlo's most endearing qualities is its commitment to being a family-friendly destination. Parents can enjoy their time knowing their children are entertained in the dedicated kids' area, fostering a sense of community and togetherness. This family-centric approach is a reflection of The Bowlo's commitment to being more than just a dining



establishment; it's a place where cherished memories are created and community is celebrated.

An entertainment extravaganza

The Bowlo Bangalow's commitment to providing more than just a meal extends to its vibrant entertainment options. Whether it's live music, open mic nights, or special events, The Bowlo is the place to be for an array of engaging activities. The ambiance encourages patrons to linger, enjoy, and participate in the merriment, solidifying its status as a true community hub.

Corner Cartel: bringing Mexican to Bangalow

Looking for something fresh and fun in Bangalow? The Corner Cartel has changed its focus to a more affordable Mexican cuisine that is light and fresh, made from quality ingredients, sourced from local suppliers. The result is a delicious signature menu with old and new favourites, like crispy fish tacos with mango salsa, or handmade jalapeno poppers with a goat cheese blend, for a price that doesn't have you stewing over cost-of-living issues.

After all, we still want to be able to go out to our local restaurant and have a great evening out. The nights have warmed up and the Corner Cartel, with its covered outdoor dining

right on the main street of Bangalow, and its stylish interior, is a great place to enjoy yourself with a bit of good food, a variety of cocktails, good service and a nice ambience.

A margarita is a great place to start, and there are six different ones to choose from, along with a good range of both tequilas and mezcals, many other cocktails, as well as wines and beers. The dishes are easy to share, and there's a happy hour from 5 to 6pm, this makes Corner Cartel a good spot to catch up with friends after work.

For those nights when you don't want to cook, or you're with a larger family



group, there is a special kids' menu, plus they cater for guests with special dietary requirements. There are also many options for gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan diners.

While the new focus of the restaurant is on simple

Mexican dishes, don't be concerned that you'll only be offered the most basic Mexican fare – the citrus-marinated calamari with chipotle mayo, the warming chilli con carne or BBQ pork ribs in a house ancho-chilli glaze are interesting

dishes that you won't find everywhere. The entire menu is available takeaway for those who need to grab it on the way home from work or on the way to kids' sports or other activities. The kitchen is open until 8pm, sometimes later if you can't get there any sooner.

If you have a large group, you may be able to hire the whole restaurant for a function, and there are also set menus ranging from \$30-\$55pp, which can make organising a get-together easy.

'Although we've only been open a bit over six months, and it's been a learning experience for me as a new restaurateur,

we've received a lot of positive feedback recently,' says owner and local Lisa Fisher. 'We put a lot of love into creating food with the best ingredients, and looking after people, and we love seeing the locals enjoying themselves. In fact, we are planning to extend our hours and start opening for lunches on Thursdays and Fridays this month.'

Follow Corner Cartel on Instagram for additional hours and updates ([cornercartel2479](https://www.instagram.com/cornercartel2479)).

■ Corner Cartel: 3/43 Byron Street, Bangalow
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The Good Life

Byron Gourmet Mushrooms



Victoria Cosford

Some look like coral, delicate pastel pinks and yellows, others like loosely furled flowers, or speckled like butterfly wings; the whole arrangement, at the farmers' market stall, like a still life. And yet all these glorious specimens are edible as well as glamorous and exotic, artfully displayed in wooden boxes, sprigged with rosemary.

BGM, as owner Skye Johnson refers to her business, has been at the Mullum markets since the outset of Covid. 'Covid', she tells me, 'forced us to shape-shift BGM and change up and rethink everything from packaging to value-added products.' She says that it was a brush with cancer which impelled her move to the 120 acres at Windaboo, near Rosebank, about seven years ago. Up until then her 'farm life experience... was a worm farm from Bunnings.' It started in a garage but once four staff

members had attended a mushroom cultivation course in Sydney with the crew from Milkwood, the business was up and running.



'I have for a long time', Skye tells me, 'had an interest in soil and plant health as well as the medicinal/functional mushrooms and health and wellbeing benefits to both people and critters.'

Mushrooms have long been prized for their nutritional benefits – no sugar, little carbohydrate, many vitamins and minerals, and especially loads of protein – but apart from selling her

fully certified organic fungi, Skye has developed a powdered mushroom and an elixir. Her partner Kris, who mans the stall, tells me the latter is 'a brain drug', assisting with clarity and brain function; Skye tells me her mother claims it kept Covid at bay in her system.

The powdered mushrooms, using dried oyster, shiitake, king and mixed, can be added, she says, 'to soups, stews, pastas... for an umami flavour... we put our mushroom seasonings on practically everything!'

■ Byron Gourmet Mushrooms are at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets every Friday from 7 to 11am.

The great microgreen-growing guru

Three years ago, Avi Karny switched from a nine-to-five office job to an all-hours outdoors one, and his life has never looked greater or greener!

The former chemical engineer, who is now the passionate owner of Energetic Greens – a sprouts and microgreens stall at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning, explains the transition.

'I was working as a chemist at a cosmetics company and I just couldn't handle the fluorescent lighting and white walls and the nine-to-five repetitive work,' he says. 'I wanted to breathe a little bit of air and just be outside.'

'I had been growing tomatoes for research purposes and I really loved growing plants. So when this business came up for sale it seemed like the perfect opportunity to get out of the laboratory. Since then my life has become so much happier – and healthier.'

Avi says the leap from the laboratory into intensive farming was a big one, describing it as 'a wild ride', but it's one he's relished and finds incredibly satisfying – particularly given the local support for his greens.

'I love working with our community who really appreciate the products. Since I took over the business, we've grown from planting about 8kg of wheatgrass a week to about 28kg. I have regular



Avi Karny at Byron Farmers Market.

customers who come every Thursday for their fresh shot of wheatgrass and then we have a bit of a chat. It's great!'

As well as the popular freshly juiced wheatgrass shots, which are renowned for their antioxidant properties, Avi grows a range of certified organic sprouts including sunflower, snow-pea, broccoli and radish, and all have their own unique and distinct flavour.

He explains that microgreens are a phase of the plant at its peak nutrition: 'Microgreens have a very dense nutritional component compared to the mature plant. For example,

broccoli sprouts contain 10 to 100 times more nutritional value gram for gram compared to the mature plant. All microgreens offer very dense nutritional value in small amounts.'

As well as being used in salads, sandwiches and smoothies, the sprouts also make for a great (and healthy!) snack.

You can find Avi at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning.

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

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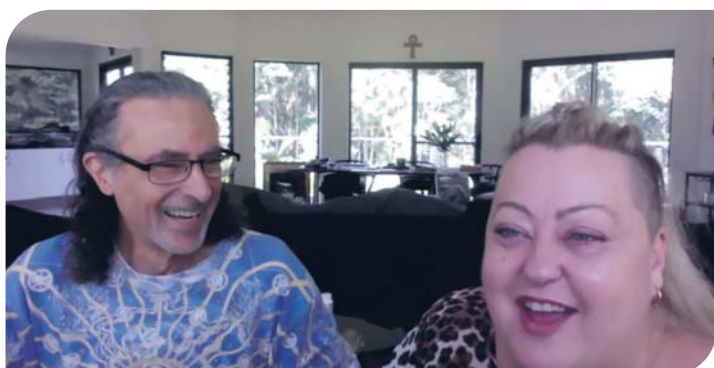
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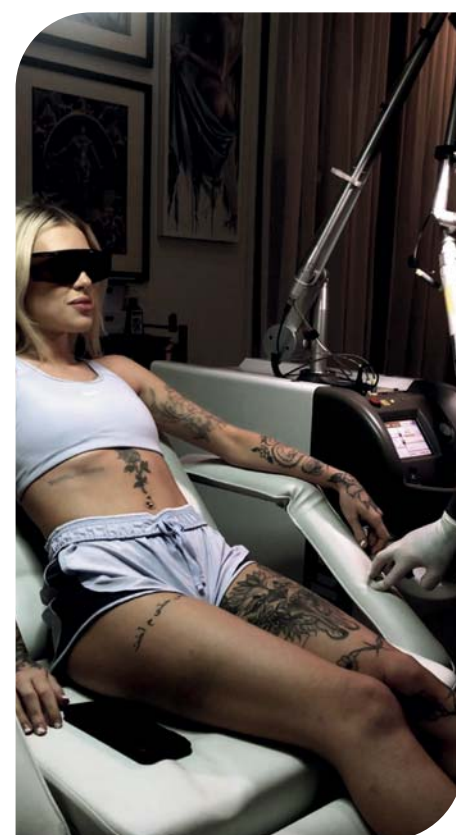
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Byron healing is your guide to maintaining health and wellbeing in Byron and the Northern Rivers.

New listings recently added to **Byron healing**: Ikon Institute Australia and Griffin Naturopathics - visit the website for full details on these businesses.

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



New Byron healing clients

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UPCOMING BYRON HEALING CLIENT EVENTS

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Held by Byron College
Date: Sat 18th & Sun 19th November
Time: 9am – 12pm
Address: Mullum Campus
Booking contact: www.byroncollege.org.au/course/NadaYogaSanskritMantras

Crystal Awakening Level 1

Held by Byron College
Date: Saturday 25th November
Time: 9am – 4pm
Address: Byron Bay Campus
Booking contact: www.byroncollege.org.au/course/CrystalAwakeningLevel1

Intuitive Chakra Healing

Held by Byron College
Date: Fri 1st – Sun 3rd December (weekend workshop)
Time: 10am – 4pm
Address: Byron Bay Campus
Booking contact: www.byroncollege.org.au/course/IntuitiveChakraHealing

Reading Psychic Energy

Held by Byron College
Date: Saturday 2nd December
Time: 10am – 5pm
Address: Mullum Campus
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Level 1 in Sound Healing workshop

Held by Lakshmi Sound Healing
Date: 17th–20th November
Time: 10 – 4pm each day
Address: Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St, Byron Bay
Booking contact: www.lakshmisoundhealing.com/soundhealingtrainingandworkshops

Make Herbal Medicines with Jacinta McEwen ND workshop

Held by Om Healing
Date: Saturday 18th November
Time: 9.30 – 3pm
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Booking contact : Jacinta 0422387370, jazzyom@gmail.com, www.omhealing.com.au

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YAC’S VIBRANT VIBES

The **YAC** is putting on a free, family-friendly arts and wellbeing festival to celebrate our wonderful community.

Vibrant Vibes will offer a range of entertainment, workshops, collaborative artworks, guest speakers and a couple of food trucks in a fun, relaxed atmosphere with something for all ages.

The event will highlight the vast array of creative brilliance that exists locally as well as the amazing opportunities for mental, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing that can be shared between parents and their kids or amongst groups of friends.

Established and emerging musicians will soundtrack the Vibrant Vibes experience. Performing will be the likes of **Z-Star Trinity**, **Boy Of Many Colors**, **Super Orbit** and more.

A program of free workshops including sound healing, ukulele, qi-gong, poi and staffs flow, vision board and other favourites from the YAC’s creative collection will be on offer and they are encouraging families to do these together.

Together our strengths are our families and our community, and together we can discover creative solutions to the myriad of problems that arise along this journey of life.

The YAC’s aim is to build hope for a wonderful future where we continue to support each other to be the best version of ourselves. See you at The YAC on the **November 18 and 19 from 11am to 8pm**. Bring a rug and spend some time in our beautiful surroundings, including our beloved future forest and permaculture garden.

Check out the workshop program at www.bys.org.au/youth-culture/vibrant-vibes.

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

November 25 is the start of the **16 Days of Activism against Domestic Violence** an annual event when the community pledges to say ‘no’ to domestic, family and sexual violence.

The initiative, launched in 2008, was created to support the civil society-led 16 Days campaign around the world.

Lives are lost every year due to domestic murder and trauma. Domestic and family violence creates a burden upon our future and our children – next year it will be the 50th anniversary of domestic violence refuges in Australia. We ask you to make the pledge and say ‘no to domestic violence’.

Women Up North is a Northern NSW service supporting women and children who are experiencing

domestic and family violence. They are based in Lismore, and work throughout the Northern Rivers. They have partnered with Challenger to host a fundraising gala at **Hotel Metropole, Lismore** on **Saturday, November 25**.

The event will be headlined by **Lisa Hunt** and her band, they will get the party started like no other with the very best of sweet soul, Motown, R&B, funk and disco. Lisa Hunt has headlined festivals like Byron Bay Blues and Roots and Brisbane’s Groove and Grape, giving soul-stirring performances that give her a reputation that’s usually reserved for celebrities.

The evening will be full of entertainment with live auctions and raffles all hosted by brilliant guest **MC, Lucinda Light**.

This is an evening you won’t want to miss, get together with friends, family or work buddies and add this to your end-of-year celebration calendar.

Women Up North Fundraising Gala with Lisa Hunt, Saturday, November 25, from 6pm. Tickets from events.humanitix.com/wunhgala23.

HERE’S TO YOU

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EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Peter Tautua is a former labourer who, after being made redundant during the COVID-19 pandemic, pursued his passion for film by studying at SAE Creative Media Institute.

During his studies Peter created *Dearest Madeline*, an original song and music video, which was based on his mother's experience of domestic violence. The video has gone on to win a Sony Film Festival Award and an SAE International Award.

Back in 2019, Peter was working as a labourer at an airline, while fulfilling his passion for music by doing gigs around Brisbane, when he was made redundant.

'I was jobless and had no direction with where I was going with my life. I was scrolling through Facebook and saw an advert from SAE, and that was when I started to invest in myself and study what I was passionate about. I am so grateful for my time at SAE, the experience and learning were priceless.'

Dearest Madeline, which features the vocals of **Aye Blocc, Valle, and Keniye Moale**, is a soul R&B project that is close to Peter's heart. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, two in five Australians have experienced physical or sexual violence.

'It's a pretty intense account of what my mother went through. The video also represents the demons my father had, his battle with alcohol, and finally getting the help he needed. I spoke to my parents before I started the project, and they were both supportive of it.'

The main driving force for Peter and the completion of *Dearest Madeline* was his daughter. 'I wanted to create something for her to be proud of. I've done a lot of labouring during my life, and I just wanted her to be able to say her dad did that.'

The project was created as part of Peter's Diploma of Film coursework at SAE. The lecturers, he said, provided him with the support he needed to get the project off the ground.

Tautua says the staff at SAE helped him to put together a structure for the music video. 'It was all over the place in the beginning. I was writing a script for what was essentially a short film, and at the same time I was composing the song, so there was a lot going on.'

Dearest Madeline has gone on to be recognised around the world, at the inaugural Sony Film Festival, in the music category, to more recently at the 18th annual SAE International Awards in Germany – these awards celebrate the best alumni and student work from SAE's 48 campuses globally.

Today, Peter is a digital content producer for the Queensland Reds rugby union team. For up-and-coming students who wish to make a career in the creative industries, Peter says don't have any regrets. 'Take risks and find out what you enjoy doing. Everyone has a story to tell, just be your authentic self – if you don't try, you'll never know where you could end up.'

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HERE'S TO YOU JO JO

Jo Jo Smith's rich and soulful voice has long been an inspiration to her fans and the musicians lucky enough to work with her.

Known as Australia's 'Mistress of Soul', Jo Jo is launching her latest CD *Here's To You* at **Mullumbimby Services Club on Saturday**.

The album was recorded in the Byron Bay studio of musician/ producer **Greg Lyon**, who assembled an all-star lineup of Australian songwriter/musicians. Jo Jo's soulful, expressive vocals bring to life songs that reference funk, gospel, soul, country, the spirit of Steely Dan and a cover of Neil Young's *Harvest Moon*.

Here's To You was released in June 2023. This album has 11 tracks, and features some of Australia's finest musical talent including drummers **Hamish Stewart** and **Kere Buchanan**, guitarists **Aaron West** and **Geoff Wright**, and **Brendan St Ledger** on keyboards. The album was engineered and mixed by **Paul Cheeseman**.



This CD was made from a seed of love, which grew and grew, into this sweet body of work. Jo Jo will be joined on the night by many of the musicians and singers from the recording for this special one-off performance.

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***Here's To You* launch at the Mullumbimby Services Club on Saturday from 7pm.**
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The lunch is on Friday, November 24 from 12pm at the Bangalow A&I Hall.

This year's speakers include: cricket legend **Greg Ritchie**; surfing great **Mark Occhilupo**; comedians **Ellen Briggs and Mandy Nolan**; and '80s Eels greats **Peter Lynn, Ray Price and Brett Kenny**.

Come join the fun with auctions, prizes and great food – with all profits from the event donated directly to the RFDS.

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SPAGHETTI ON TOUR

Spaghetti Circus is on a very special tour. As part of the company's outreach program, their Junior Performance Troupe are performing in five pre-schools and four aged care facilities across the Byron Shire to foster connection and joy across generations.

Spaghetti Circus have been running the Intergenerational Tour since 2012 and are passionate about creating opportunities for young people to interact with all members of the community, regardless of age, ability, or economic means.

Spaghetti Circus Development and Partnerships Manager, Marisa Snow, said the tour takes joy into our community's most isolated groups and uses circus as a vehicle to help people reconnect. 'Never has this been truer than after Covid, with research showing that pre-schoolers and our elderly are still facing social isolation as a result of the social rupture of the pandemic.'

The tour is funded through Byron Shire Council's Community Initiatives Program aimed at addressing specific needs and building a sense of community.

'The aim of the Community Initiatives Program is to provide seed funding for projects run by not-for-profit community organisations and groups that will create positive social, cultural, and environmental outcomes,' said Snow.

For more information, or to support Spaghetti Circus programs, go to spaghetticircus.com.



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MONET'S HAYSTACKS

One of the world's most famous artworks – *Meules, milieu du jour* (Haystacks, midday), 1890 by **Claude Monet** – is now on display at the **Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre** as part of the National Gallery of Australia's Sharing the National Collection initiative.



The \$174 million masterpiece by French Impressionist Monet was officially welcomed to the region on November 1 and will be on display in the Tweed until October 26, 2025.

The painting is one of five works to be shared with the Tweed Regional Gallery from the national collection – the remaining works – *Natura morta* (Still life), 1956 by **Giorgio Morandi** and three by Australian artist **Margaret Olley** – will be shared from February 2024.

Activities and events for audiences of all ages will complement the artwork throughout its two-year stay at the Tweed Regional Gallery, with details to be published on the gallery's website.

Entry remains free of charge. Group visits and tours must book via the gallery website: gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au.

TRIGGER

Byron Youth Theatre and Umbrella Theatrical Productions have joined forces to develop a fascinating new production called *Trigger* with a mixed-aged cast.

Unlike traditional theatrical plays, *Trigger* is an entertaining and interactive theatre production, exploring common triggers young people are facing in our region today, and the different ways we can respond to help.

Using elements of Forum Theatre, it explores internal, external, environmental, and social trigger situations which all community members will be able to relate to.

The play, developed out of a detailed three-month process, is performed once all the way through, so the audience can see the situation and the problems presented. It is then replayed and with the aid of a facilitator, audience members are encouraged to stop the action where they see a character struggling and offer their ideas for an improved outcome.

While there's no obligation to get involved, audience members are encouraged to be brave and test out their ideas in scenes.

As part of the process cast members have been supported by **Renae Paul**, a local child and adolescent psychologist of Siddhi Psychology, who has also provided insight and awareness of strategies to deal with the impact of triggers.

Trigger will be held at the **Brunswick Picture House** on **Sunday, November 26** and **Monday, November 27** at **7pm**. The project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund. Tickets are available through the Brunswick Picture House website: brunswickpicturehouse.com.





CINEMA



FREELANCE

John Cena, Alison Brie and Juan Pablo Raba play a game of cat and mouse in this action/comedy about a freelance journalist and her protector in a mythical Paldonia, and a coup to remove the even more mythical dictator Juan Venegas.

Mason Pettits (Cena) lives a ‘miserable’ post-military life as a lawyer with a family. He is approached by his boss, Sebastian Earle (Christian Slater), who invites him to a one-time security job where he has to protect journalist Claire Wellington (Brie) as she goes to Paldonia to interview Venegas (Raba).

After arriving in Paldonia and meeting Venegas, the group is ambushed by a coup that tries to kill Venegas, destroying the group’s cars in the process. Mason fights off the assailants and the group walks into the jungle.

Claire films her interview with Venegas and it’s time to go home, but Venegas hints at a real purpose for Mason’s job – he was hired to kill Venegas.

In one scene Wellington says, ‘I met the president of a country in the middle of a coup. This is the scoop of a lifetime,’ to which Pettits replies: ‘You gotta be alive to have a scoop of a lifetime.’ I think there’s something in that for all of us...

Will Mason find the ‘boring’ life preferable to an existence of fighting goons? Will Claire win an award for her few minutes of iPhone footage? Will Venegas be able to keep his linen suit spotlessly white?

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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**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **THE EXPLOITED + THE SCAM**

THURSDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLE FALCOR**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, 6PM **WILL HENDERSON**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SUZANNE LEAL ‘THE WATCHFUL WIFE’ DISCUSSION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **YAZMINDI**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **BLACK TRAIN**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **FIVE LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM **SANDEEP TOTLANI**

FRIDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **GEORGIE LYONS, PINK ZINC, DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BYRON THEATRE 5.30PM **SCREENING: CALYPTE**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **DJ YAZMIN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **THE BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **ÁINE TYRRELL AND DOBBY**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ OREN SELECTA**

SATURDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PERRY ST PARK + SUPPORT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **FELICITY KIRCHER + NO ID**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **MURPHY’S PIGS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM **JACK WILLS & GEORGIE LYONS, 5PM DJ KAI NOON**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SOREN CARLBERGG QUARTET**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **PETER HELLIAIR**
- SHARA MUSIC TEMPLE, OCEAN SHORES, 5PM **CINDIA LUZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ AFRODESIA**

SUNDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **KING RIVER RISING + DJ MATHIAS THOMSEN**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12.30PM **TIAGO FREITAS**
- THE FARM, BYRON BAY, 2PM **JAZZ FACTORY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **FELIPE BALDOMIR**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ ARUANDA SUNSET PARTY**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **JOE CONROY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BALLINA BLUES**

MONDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCOR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **PHIL HOWELL**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SARAH GRANT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH CHRIS FISHER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **UK BEE GEES**

WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JESSE HIGGINS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MULLUM UKE – ‘GALWAY GIRL’**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **KARAOKE**

Session Times

Thurs 16 – Wed 22 November

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PARIS MEMORIES (M) (NFT)
Daily: 3:45PM

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Daily: 10:30AM

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Established in 2011 by locals, Campbell and Annie Korff, Byron Coastal Property Management has been dedicated to providing a higher standard of property management services from the outset. The exciting acquisition of the McGrath portfolio has significantly expanded the team and long-term rental portfolio; establishing Byron Coastal as the Byron Shire's largest dedicated property management office.

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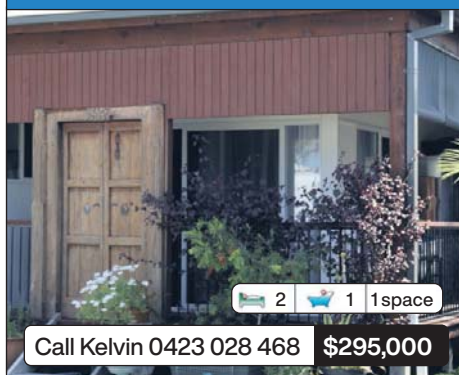
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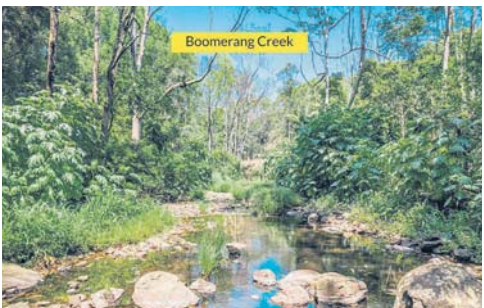
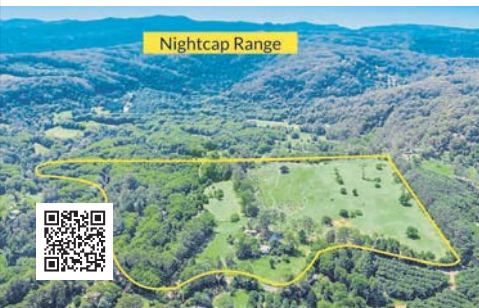
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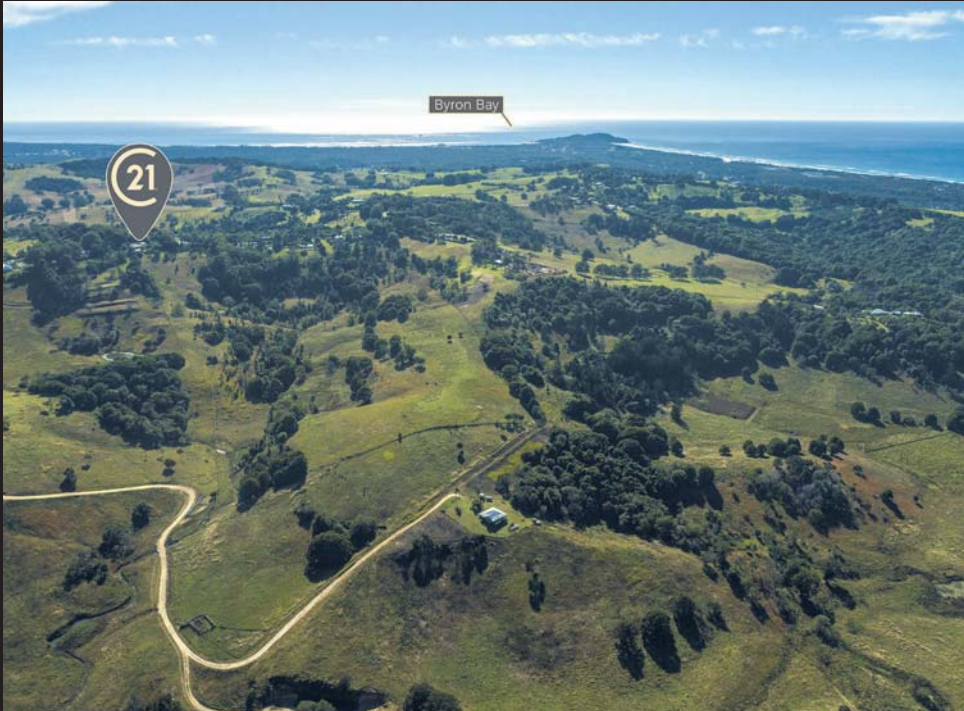
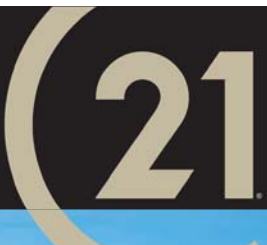
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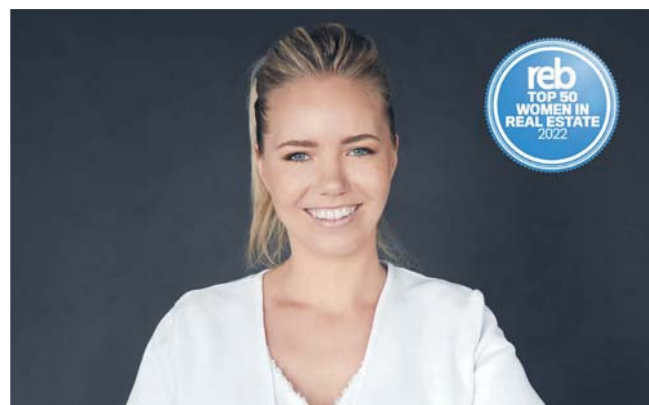
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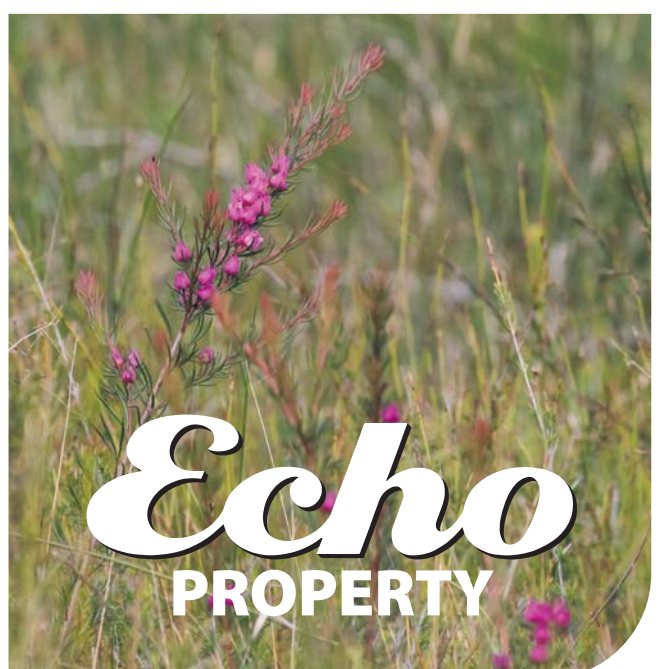


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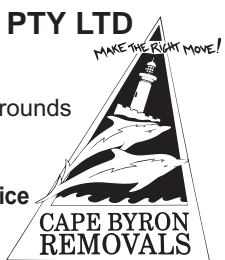
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NOTICE OF TBLALC ANNUAL MEETING 2020/2021

DATE: 24th November 2023
TIME: 10am
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre

AGENDA:

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

Authorised: Chairperson – Tweed Byron LALC
This Meeting will be followed by the outstanding Annual Meeting for the 2021/2022 financial year.

NOTICE OF TBLALC ANNUAL MEETING 2021/2022

DATE: 24th November 2023
TIME: 10.30am
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre

AGENDA:

1. Welcomes/Apologies;
2. Annual Report Tweed Byron LALC 2021/2022
3. Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for 2021/2022 financial year.
4. Meeting Closed.

This Meeting will be followed by an Ordinary Meeting.

NOTICE OF TBLALC ORDINARY MEMBERS MEETINGS

DATE: 24th November 2023
TIME: 11.00am
PLACE: Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets
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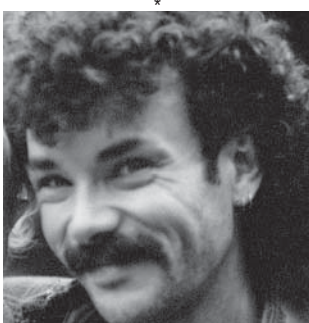
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GLORIA McLEAN
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LIFE CELEBRATIONS

BATSON, Philip

Passed away peacefully. Much loved husband of Jenny. Loved father and father-in-law of Lisa & Shane and Kim & Ian. Loved Pop of Mollie, Tom, Jacob and Mia. Loved brother and brother-in-law of Rob (dec) & Denise, Heather & Barry, Margaret(dec) & Ray, Bert & Christine, Keith & Sue and Graeme & Rosemary. Loved uncle of his nieces and nephews.

"Forever Loved"

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend a celebration of Phil's life to be held at the Uniting Church, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby on THURSDAY (November 16, 2023) commencing at 2pm.

Michael Currie at Brunswick Valley Funerals Mullumbimby 6684 6232

DEATH NOTICES

PARSONS, WILLIAM 'BILL'

Passed away peacefully in his sleep. Much loved husband of Marian. Loved father and father-in-law of Graham & Avril. Poppy to Michael. Aged 93 years

Formerly of Ocean Shores. Bill will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Michael Currie at BRUNSWICK VALLEY FUNERALS 6684 6232

IRENE VERONICA FULLER (Nee BLAKE)

Loved wife of Kevin Fuller (dec) and cherished life partner of Neil Peacock. Loving mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her spirit has been set free to sail into the next journey.

Irene's family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all staff at Warrigal Care.

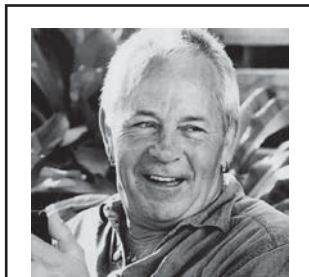
A funeral service will be held at St Raphael's Catholic Church, Lowe Street, Queanbeyan. Friday 17th November commencing at 1:00pm.

An invitation is offered to celebrate Irene's life afterwards at her son's home in Queanbeyan.

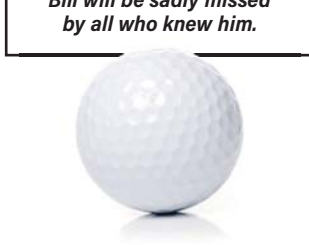
Privately cremated at Irene's request.

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THANK YOU



Bill Gregg
was farewelled on Monday 13th Nov 23 by over 100 family and friends at Mullumbimby Golf Club.
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My darling Harvey

A true soldier he passed away on Remembrance Day and was buried on 12/11/2023 in the afternoon.

Thank you so much Harvey! For all your love and for the fun.

What a stunningly beautiful doggy. A real magnanimous soul who touched me deeper than any human could have. He would get the grumpiest of dogs to play with his natural clever way. Harvey, you have my heart and soul entirely. And you take a piece of me with you as you go.

Thank you to all the people who paved the path that led you to me. I do hope to see you again soon. My sweetest Harvey who healed me and saved me and put me back together time and time again with all your boundless love, sweetness and affection.

You were a Mountain. You rocked our world and totally blew my mind. Everything seems dull now you are gone. I will look for you and I will be happy when I am with you again. We love you forever, our hearts burn together across the Milky Way. A thousand stars, a million kisses and all of the best I have I send across the universe to reach you wherever it might be that you are. X

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SUN, MOON & TIDES - TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
15	W	5:44 19:16	6:40 21:18	1029 1.72 2227 1.14	0327 0.17 1653 0.33
16	TH	5:44 19:17	7:32 22:21	1112 1.78 2313 1.08	0403 0.21 1745 0.35
17	F	5:43 19:17	8:31 23:20	1159 1.69	0445 0.26 1842 0.37
18	SA	5:43 19:18	9:37	0005 1.02 1251 1.65	0534 0.33 1945 0.39
19	SU	5:42 19:19	10:44 0:12	0110 0.99 1350 1.61	0634 0.41 2049 0.38
20	M	5:42 19:20	11:52 0:57	0228 1.00 1455 1.57	0748 0.46 2151 0.35
21	TU	5:42 19:21	12:59 1:37	0347 1.07 1600 1.54	0911 0.49 2247 0.30
22	W	5:41 19:21	14:03 2:12	0457 1.20 1702 1.51	1030 0.47 2337 0.24
23	TH	5:41 19:22	15:07 2:45	0557 1.35 1800 1.47	1141 0.43
24	F	5:41 19:23	16:10 3:17	0649 1.49 1852 1.42	0020 0.18 1245 0.39
25	SA	5:41 19:24	17:14 3:50	0738 1.62 1940 1.35	0100 0.14 1345 0.35
26	SU	5:40 19:25	18:20 4:26	0824 1.72 2025 1.27	0137 0.12 1439 0.32
27	M	5:40 19:26	19:26 5:05	0908 1.78 2109 1.19	0214 0.12 1530 0.31
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29	W	5:40 19:27	21:30 6:41	1031 1.77 2232 1.06	0326 0.19 1707 0.34

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

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads 0418 400 415	5th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000
1st SUN Byron Bay 6685 6807	5th SUN Lennox Head 6685 6807
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333	
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall 0490 329 159	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS
2nd SUN The Channon 6688 6433	Each TUE New Brighton 0424 168 672
2nd SUN Lennox Head 6685 6807	Each TUE Organic Lismore 6628 1084
2nd SUN Chillingham 0428 793 141	Each WED 7-11am M'bah 6684 7834
2nd SUN Coolangatta	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin 0475 135 764
3rd SAT Mullumbimby 6684 3370	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall
3rd SAT Murwillumbah 0415 328 672	Each THU 8-11am Byron 6687 1137
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore 0450 688 900
3rd SUN Federal 0433 002 757	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum 0424 168 672
3rd SUN Uki 0487 329 150	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow 6687 1137
3rd SUN Ballina 0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Duranbah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)
4th SAT Evans Head 0432 275 765	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki 6679 5530
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar kyoglebazaar.com.au	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore
4th SUN Bangalow 6687 1911	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob
4th SUN Nimbin 0475 135 764	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina 0493 102 137
4th SUN Murwillumbah 0415 328 672	
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	

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

Local boys bring home jiu-jitsu gold medals



Alessandro Imamura (L) with a falcon (the national symbol of the United Arab Emirates) and (R) Kio with his Australian gold medal and coach Rhys Dykes. Photos supplied

Alessandro Imamura has clinched a gold at the prestigious Jiu-Jitsu World Pro in Abu Dhabi, while Kio Taccori won gold at the Australian national Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) championships.

Alessandro is a year 3 student (nine years old) at Byron Bay Public School.

‘Despite a gruelling 14-hour journey (to get to Abu Dhabi), Alessandro’s unwavering determination stood out in a field of global competitors, united by shared aspirations,’ Alessandro’s father Fernando Toshio said.

‘The catalyst for this success was Ale’s rigorous training regimen, practising six times a week at The Academy Byron Bay under the guidance of coach Thalison Soares, an eight-time world champion.

‘This triumph emphasises the need for investment in younger athletes, aged 7-12. It presents an opportunity to cultivate determination and shape future representatives for Australia, fostering a brighter world,’ Fernando said.

Alessandro’s journey to Abu Dhabi was made possible by the overwhelming support from a GoFundMe campaign, funded by family, parents’ coworkers, friends, and the local jiu-jitsu community.

‘This young champion continues to inspire, showcasing the power of determination, hard work, and community support,’ Fernando said.

Kio Taccori

Mullumbimby’s home-grown talent, Kio Taccori, (seven years old), soared to national BJJ glory in Melbourne in September, with a performance that earned him a national championship gold medal.

Jio trains under Rhys Dykes at Point Break BJJ academy.

Lennox Head top in local cricket

The Lennox Head second grade had their first loss for the season on the weekend but remain in second place on the ladder behind the Tweed Banora Colts.

Taking on the fourth-placed Cudgen Hornets at home on Megan Crescent Oval last Saturday, Lennox Head won the toss and decided to bat.

The side was bowled out in the 38th over for 215 with Adam Fisher (54 runs), Nicholas Winkler-Maloney (37) and Zac Gilmore (35) scoring the top runs.

Cudgen’s Jack O’Shea took 4/42 off seven overs.

In reply Cudgen lost an early wicket when Conor McDowell was caught out with the score on seven. But



Lennox Head (green) third graders look to take a catch, in their win over Bangalow last Saturday. Photo supplied

Heath Wilson’s 50 and a late charge from the eight-wicket partnership of Michell Anderson (30NO) and Cameron Dooley (53NO) got the side to the winning total in the last over of the day.

Byron Bay remain in second place on the ladder after they had a win last Saturday, chasing down Bangalow’s 178 with three overs to spare. Byron’s best bowlers were Brendan Mitchell (3/23) and Jason Trisley (3/47) while Bangalow’s Reid Campbell top-scored with 46.

Byron’s Tom Mc George controlled the chase with 79 NO, while Mitchell Barnes set the platform with 63 runs.

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Mullumbimby High’s ‘futsal-four’ set to play for Australia on international tours



The futsal-four: (L-R) Honey Mowbray, Polly Jefed, Finn McKenzie and Reuben Polo-Angeli will be donning the green and gold to represent thier country. Photo supplied

Four students from Mullumbimby High School have been selected in Australian squads for futsal tours to England, Brazil and Fiji.

The touring squads were selected after the National School Futsal Championships held in September.

‘Mullumbimby High’s association with the Australian Futsal Association continues to provide students with amazing opportunities,’ coach Brian Hedge said.

More medals for the Rainbow Dragons paddlers at Currumbin

Monica Wilcox

The (Lennox Head-Ballina) Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club have backed up their medal count at Australian Masters Games with two silver medals from the Currumbin Regatta, held just one week later.

The 25 members who competed varied from experienced race-hardy paddlers through to four regatta newbies.

As well, the field was not exclusive to masters with Rainbow Dragons up against younger metro teams.

In these quite competitive



Rainbow Dragons’ Sandra Bushby (L) and Ivy Yap (M) win a trophy at their first dragon boat regatta. Photo supplied

conditions the three 10s crews reached their finals and brought home two second place trophies.

Another challenge for all competitors was the exposed regatta location, near the mouth of Currumbin Creek.

Regatta officials got the racing underway earlier to attempt to avoid the ever-increasing northerly cross winds and tidal swell conditions.

There were a few rollicking moments that added to the excitement of the day.

These results show the depth of the paddler skills coaches instill in members and the rainbow spirit that exists throughout the club.

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School Strikes 4 Climate is taking place this Friday, November 17 at 10am in Railway Park, Byron Bay. Students are calling on people to close their businesses and bring all the family – children, parents and grandparents to the strike to call the government to action now.

Byron Council is closing two local roads to assess landslides. 95 Johnsons Road, Huonbrook will close Monday, November 13 until Thursday, November 16, from 9am to 3pm. 803-968 Wilsons Creek Road will close Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 November from 9am to 3pm.

Independent Federal MP for Mackellar, Sophie Scamps, has pledged to end native forest logging. 'Ending native forest logging nationwide will be as popular as Malcolm Fraser ending whaling in 1978 with huge public support. Prime Minister Albanese could stop the needless massacre of Australia's forests and their wildlife,' said the Bob Brown Foundation.

According to Crikey.com while the big banks and miners are actually paying some tax it is 'News Corp' and 'climate criminals' that top the 'tax dodging stakes'. 'The Murdoch family's News Corporation and big fossil fuel companies Santos, Woodside, Exxon and Shell all paid little or no income tax in the 2021-22 financial year, the latest tax transparency report from the Australian Taxation Office shows.'

Lice DNA suggests that headlice rode humans to America at least twice — once from



They thought last year was the biggest Mullum Show ever, but this year took the cake with around 6,000 visitors – making the 2023 event the ‘biggest ever Mullum Show’. While some tykes were not impressed by being interrupted during their busy clay work by paparazzi, organisers said there were lots of smiles and laughter at this fun, family event.


Photo Jeff Dawson

Asia many millennia ago, and again much more recently via European colonists, reports *Plos One*.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Museum is featuring the winning costumes from this year's Shearwater WAVE. They will be in the museum till the end of November. Get up close and personal to marvel at the work that goes into these amazing costumes. The Museum is open Tuesday and Friday mornings 10am till 12 noon and this Saturday from 9am till 1pm at 17 Myokum Steet, Mullumbimby.

A new study has documented that Greenland's glacier retreat rate has doubled over the past two decades according to www.sciencedaily.com.

An advertisement for 'Device Trader' featuring a smartphone screen. The screen displays the text 'Looking To Sell Your iPhone?' in white, followed by a yellow emoji with dollar signs for eyes and a dollar sign in its mouth. Below the emoji, the text 'We Buy Sell & Trade!' is shown in white. The phone's status bar at the top shows the time '4:11'. Above the phone, the 'Device Trader' logo is visible, consisting of a wrench and screwdriver icon next to the company name. Below the phone, the text 'Order Online - Free Shipping - devicetrader.com.au' and the phone number '02 6685 5585' are displayed, along with the address '1/ 130 Jonson Street Byron Bay'.




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