

#### **EXPECTING SOME NEW DISASTER OR FASHION SINCE 1986**

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## Surf's up for adaptive comp



The World Pro-Adaptive Surfing Titles 2024, held at Byron's beaches, as captured on Tuesday by Jeff Dawson.

#### Mia Armitage

Favourable conditions are expected for the rest of the World Pro-Adaptive Surfing Titles 2024, which kicked off at Byron Bay's Main Beach on Monday.

The four-day international competition series features more than 90 competitors from 16 nations.

Longtime Byron Bay local surf legend and World Pro-Adaptive Surf Champion, Mark 'Mono' Stewart, is this year's event director.

Mono says the banks still looked good in the lead-up to the comp, despite a hazardous surf warning from the Bureau of Meteorology on Monday morning.

'The banks were really good at Clarkes and Tommo's,' Mono said.

UK competitor Spike Kane uses a wheelchair, and says the free event at Byron's Main Beach will be a life-changing spectacle.

#### Celebration of life

'What you're gonna see is just purely a celebration of life,' Mr Kane says, 'I think if you come down and you watch the competition you will go away a different person'.

More than 40 Australians are competing in this year's event, including several newcomers, against professional surfers from the US, Canada,

Brazil, France and Japan to name a few of the countries represented.

There are more than 20 women featured in the line-up, with competitions to start from around 8am each day, depending on conditions, and ending around 1pm.

Food stalls, beach access matting and several chairs are to be available to the public, with all ages and abilities welcome to attend, Mono says.

The event was launched with a parade through Byron Bay's CBD on Sunday, culminating in a Welcome To Country smoking ceremony and pouring-of-the-sands ceremony

## Rezonings adopted

#### Paul Bibby

A housing strategy heralding a profound shift in the built environment and character of the Byron Shire has been approved by Byron Council.

After years of planning and debate, councillors voted last Thursday to endorse the *Byron Shire Residential Land Strategy 2041*, a plan that proposes the construction of more than 5,300 new dwellings across the Shire.

Driven by a combination of demands from the state government, population growth, and Byron Council's response to the local housing crisis, the strategy paves the way for multiple, large housing developments and a Shirewide practice of infill development and increased density.

#### New suburb at Saddle Rd

The area of semi-rural land at The Saddle Road, Brunswick Heads would be completely transformed under the strategy, becoming home to as many as 1,500 new dwellings.

Mullumbimby would have more than 1,200 new homes, many of which will come from new land releases on the town's fringes, and the Byron Bay/Sunrise area will host an additional 1,100 houses.

There are also significant new release areas in Suffolk Park, Bangalow, Brunswick Heads, and the Ocean Shores/New Brighton/South Golden Beach area.

In total, there are 17 new housing release areas contained in the strategy, paving the way for a series of large housing developments with the potential to transform parts of the Shire.

Another key element of the strategy is increased housing

#### Residential Land Strategy 2041

- 17 new land release areas were adopted for rezoning by councillors last week
- Flood-prone land included, yet contentious parts of Mullum's east removed
- Includes infill development and increased density
- Broad 11.5m height limit across release areas, which were proposed by planning staff, were removed by councillors

density in existing residential areas, with Council now likely to amend local planning rules to facilitate higher density development in both low-and medium-density areas.

For example, the residential strategy specifically states that the minimum lot size for all low-rise medium-density housing 'may decrease from 800m² to 600m² in suitable areas'.

This reduction, should it be introduced, would significantly change the character of existing residential areas over the next 25 years.

Mayor Michael Lyon said that these and the other measures in the strategy were necessary 'to house our people', pointing to the hundreds of locals sleeping rough, and many thousands more

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## Big beach beats this Sat



Traditional Japanese drumming group, Byron Taiko, is one of the acts performing in Byron Bay on Saturday for the Global Beats and Lantern Parade. It's all part of Harmony Day celebrations, which start at 3.30pm in Apex Park. Pictured centre are Hiro, Jun and Mayu, and left and right, are Mariana and Ignacia from the Brazilian Batala Samba percussion group. Photo Eve Jefferv

## Community grants on offer

Now in its fifth year, Ingrained Foundation is running its annual grants program, with a funding pool of \$150,000.

With the aim of improving social and environmental wellbeing in the region, the foundation encourages Northern Rivers not-forprofits with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to apply for grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

Executive director, Jasmin Daly, says they are looking for an initiative that addresses one or more of the

following impact areas: community capacity building; social cohesion; ecological resilience and climate action; and systems change and social innovation.

'In 2023, some of the organisations who received a grant through the program included: Fingal Heads Coastcare, Dementia Inclusive, Bangalow Koalas, Human Nature Adventure Therapy, Shedding Community Project, Green Heroes, Coolamon Community, Rainforest Rangers and Queer Family.

'Grassroots not-for-profits are the glue of our community, and it is our intention to support them in being more impactful and effective.

#### Info session

'Ingrained will be holding a virtual information session on Tuesday, March 26 from 11am for any organisations who would like to find out more and ask questions. Applicants are encouraged to read the guidelines and submit before April 17'.

Visit ingrained foundation. com.au for more info.

## Aboriginal names added to Byron icons

Two well-known locations in the Byron Bay area now have Aboriginal dual names, says the NSW Labor government.

It follows 'requests from local communities and in a nod to the cultural significance of these sites'.

The media release says, 'The NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) has approved the submission from the National Parks and Wildlife Service to officially dual-name Cape Byron as Walgun, and Julian Rocks as Nguthungulli, while a park reserve in Bangalow has been named Piccabeen Park'.

#### Nguthungulli/ **Julian Rocks**

'Nguthungulli/Julian Rocks is a significant and sacred Aboriginal site associated with several dreaming stories of the Bundjalung of Byron Bay (Arakwal) people

and other Bundjalung people. Nguthungulli, said to be the Father of the World, is the traditional name used by the Arakwal people.

#### Walgun/Cape Byron

'Walgun/Cape Byron maintains significance to the Arakwal and other Bundjalung people, with the area being used for important gatherings and ceremonial practices.

'Cape Byron is known by the local Aboriginal community as Walgun, which means 'shoulder' in the Bundjalung Language. The dual names are supported by the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Aboriginal Corporation and the Cape Byron Trust.

#### Piccabeen Park

'The GNB and Byron Shire Council have also worked together to formally name a reserve in the suburb of Bangalow as Piccabeen Park,

which is located at 27 Deacon Street, Bangalow.

'Piccabeen is a Bundjalung word used to describe the Bangalow palm and/or baskets made from its palm frond. The reserve is home to many Bangalow palms. The name is supported by the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Aboriginal Corporation.

'Since June 2001, the NSW government has supported a dual-naming policy for geographical features and cultural sites, with 45 geographical features having been dual-named so far.

'The policy aims to recognise traditional Aboriginal place names alongside existing European names'.

Minister for Heritage and the Environment, Penny Sharp, said she looked forward to the names being used 'so we can tell more of the stories of these important areas'.

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## Meet the food rescue heroes

**Aslan Shand** 

Liberation Larder volunteers have been supplying free meals to homeless people and people in need for 15 years, and say that they have been seeing an increase in women using the service.

'The service used to be used by around 20 per cent women, and 80 per cent men, but we have seen a real shift over the last few years, and it is now about 50/50,' explained Larder President, Liz Jackson.

'There has been an increase in older women who are accessing the service, as well as young women with babies.'

Liberation Larder is entirely volunteer-run and relies on donations from the community of both food and financial support. They are tenants at the Byron Community Centre and currently there are around 45 volunteers who help collect, cook, serve and deliver meals.

#### 31,200 meals in 2023

During 2023, Liz says Liberation Larder rescued 45,500kgs of edible food, and served 31,200 meals to 7,000 people.

'We have some great organisations that allow us



The Liberation Larder crew serve meals for those in need in Byron Bay. For more info, visit www.liberationlarder.org. Photo Eve Jeffery

to collect their food including the Bangalow Bakery, Bread Social, Byron Gourmet Pies, Woolies, Aldi, Suncoast Fresh, To Die For, and other private donations. When Bluesfest and Splendour are on they also donate significant amounts of food.

'All this food would otherwise end up in landfill.

'Instead, we are able to supply meals and donate food to the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre, who supply free community lunches Tuesday to Thursday, from 12.30 to 1.30pm. We supply food for the Food Box in Mullumbimby, The Winsome in Lismore... we supplied food to *The Koori Mail* following the floods so they could support their community, as well as working with the Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres (CONC) in Evans Head.'

'The service costs \$50-60,000 a year to run, and supplies breakfast on Monday mornings from 7 to 9.30am and lunch from 12 to 1.30pm.

'On Thursdays, we supply snacks in the morning and lunch, again

from 12 to 1.30pm'.

'I've worked in the Byron community my whole working life, and I wanted to give back to the community that have let me live my life the way I wanted.

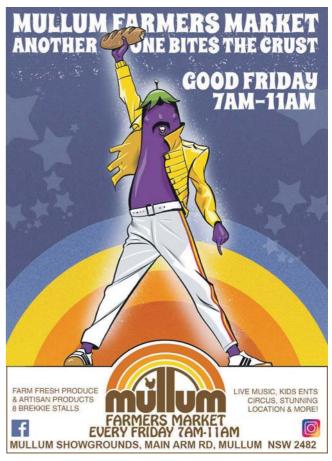
'This is a community that has allowed each other the freedom to live the way we wanted to.

'That's why I volunteer here,' said Liz.

Find out more about Liberation Larder at: www. liberationlarder.org, email liberationlarder@gmail.com or phone 0435 879 778.







## Got a creative theatre idea?

**Paul Bibby** 

Mullumbimby's The
Drill Hall Theatre
Company (DHTC)
is offering two
creative development
opportunities for
local independent
artists to develop new
performance piece
concepts.

Total value of the funding is \$4,500 in cash and \$3,450 in kind for each successful applicant.

The performance pieces can be in the genres of theatre, dance, physical theatre, mime, or a combination of these or related art forms.

The two successful artists will each receive financial support, access to the theatre for rehearsal and performance, creative and promotional mentoring, and the potential to co-produce a season of their completed work in the future with the DHTC.

The work development

'As a community theatre, we are keen to help develop local talent and foster new homegrown stories to share with our community.'

– Chris Benaud, Drill Hall Theatre President

needs to take place in July and August 2024.

The project was made possible by the Australian Government Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia, and the support of the Drill Hall Theatre Company.

'As a community theatre, we are keen to help develop local talent and foster new home-grown stories to share with our community,' President of the Drill Hall Theatre, Chris Benaud, said.

'We are seeking creative and innovative performing arts practitioners working in theatre, dance, physical theatre, mime, or a combination of these disciplines who have a creative vision they would like to develop into a performance piece'.

'The performance piece may be developed in the longer term into a full production, which may be performed at the Drill Hall Theatre or another venue,' he said.

For details, visit www. drillhalltheatre.org.au/ opportunities. Applications close at 5pm on Monday, April 15.

The two successful applicants will be notified by late April.



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## Q&A around Mullum's CBD upgrade plans

Hans Lovejoy

Concept plans are now on exhibition for a more pedestrian-friendly Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby.

According to the 26-page document available on Council's website, it aims to provide more shade, and reduce vehicle access.

The town's iconic palms are slated for removal, to be replaced with natives, which was met with online criticism by locals. Questions were raised around how the large lorikeet population, that nest there nightly, would be rehoused. Additionally, ten car parks are slated for removal, yet the plans do not address how displaced, and ever-increasing, traffic would be managed.

The following questions were put to Council staff:

#### Why were there no roundabouts proposed?

'One of the design workshop concepts presented in Appendix A of the Exhibition Report did consider a small roundabout at the Dalley and Burringbar Street intersection. However, the Draft Concept Design prepared for consultation did not include any roundabouts, as they



Artist impression of the Mullum CBD concept plan from Draft Concept Design for Burringbar Street.

can have a negative impact on walk-ability.

'In the town centre, it is really important that pedestrians can move around safely and easily get where they want to go. However, community can have their say on this topic through the online survey'.

With online public feedback, there is a lot of concern around palm removal, given there is no plan of management proposed around the lorikeet habitat loss. How do staff envisage the rehousing of these birds?

'There has been no decision to remove palms from Burringbar Street. The Draft Concept Design is a very early consultation stage of the project.

'As such, it is too early to develop strategies to address any potential impacts'.

Will traffic management be addressed prior to funding applications for this project? If not, why?

Do staff agree that addressing the traffic issue as a priority before this project commences would ease congestion on the street?

What traffic management is planned for the town? In the Draft Concept Design, it only mentions that 'Road and footpath upgrades are also planned for Station Street and Fern Street'.

'The Draft Concept Design for Burringbar Street aims to make it easier for vehicles to move around the main street'.

'Under this proposal if vehicles choose to use Burringbar Street it will be a slow speed area and not as easy to move through as the surrounding streets.

'This slow vehicle speed will make it safer for pedestrians to use and cross the main street.

'This is consistent with one of the main project priorities from the Our Mul*lumbimby Masterplan* to "formalise alternative routes" around the main street.

'It is acknowledged that road and footpath upgrades for Station Street and Fern Street would need to be in place prior to any vehicle priority change at the intersection of Burringbar Street and Station Street'.

#### Who authored the design? It didn't say.

'Council in collaboration with design consultancy Better Cities Group - refer to the logo on the bottom right corner of plans'.

■ To view the document, visit tinyurl.com/yc6t7b3e.

## Memory loss stories to air in new Bay FM doco series

Mia Armitage

One in twelve Australians past the age of 65 are said to be living with dementia, yet their stories are rarely heard.

That's about to change, in the Byron Shire at least.

Stories and experiences of those living with memory loss and their supporters are to air in a world premiere doco/podcast series on Byron's community radio station this week.

Bay FM producer, Dione Green, says Untangling the Yarn aims to overcome stigma and fear commonly associated with memory loss, such as experienced by people living with dementia.

Listeners may have a loved one, perhaps, 'who's starting to show early signs of dementia,' Ms Green says, 'or perhaps it runs in their family and they're worried that they might develop it themselves'.

#### Twelve-part series

Each episode of the twelve-part series is to feature one or more people living with memory loss as they 'share treasured

memories and talk about what their lives are like now,' a project description reads.

Carers and loved ones are included in the series, Ms Green says, with the project made possible thanks to funding from the Community **Broadcasting Foundation** and support from the Byron Shire Respite Service.

#### 24/7 job

'It can be a pretty much 24/7 job to be looking after a loved one, a parent, say, or a partner,' Ms Green says.

'So they can, you know, live their normal lives and, the people at respite centres, they have all sorts of different hobbies'.

Ms Green lists dancing, singing, drawing, various forms of artwork, word games and 'carpet bowling' as some of the activities that those with dementia engage in.

The first episode aired 10am Wednesday, March 13, on Dione Green's weekly local magazine show, Make A Change.

■ Mia Armitage is a Bay FM member.







## A peek into Byron Shire Council's newly adopted

► Continued from page 1 living in cars or temporary accommodation.

'We're going to have to get smarter, we're going to have to live in smaller spaces that's our future,' Cr Lyon said.

'We've had a bit of a heyday over the last few decades, which I think is coming to an end. I think it's going to be a more constrained future and we're going to have to do more with less'.

'We need to balance that with maintaining the character and liveability of our area... creating as much amenity as we can.'

#### Housing crisis!

As evidence for his argument that the residential strategy would help to address the Shire's housing crisis, Cr Lyon pointed to the fact that 20 per cent of the land in the new release areas would be used for affordable housing under the Shire's Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme.

However, not everyone was convinced.

Despite ultimately voting to endorse the strategy,

Independent councillor Cate Coorey delivered a scathing critique of the claim that it would create more affordable housing.

'We're catering to the fact that everyone wants to come and live here, but what are we going to end up with?' Cr Coorey said.

'We're going to end up with houses that are never going to be less than a million dollars.

'They are never going to be affordable to the kind of people that we need here, which is the service workers and the teachers and the

'We're probably going to end up being upscale neighbourhoods with dormitory suburbs in Ballina and Tweed.

#### Threat to Council

Hanging over much of the discussion and debate in relation to the residential strategy has been the state government's threat that Council could lose its local planning powers if it fails to meet certain development targets.

Council must approve



It's a new suburb! The Saddle Road area (approx 100ha) shown in blue border is one of 17 land rezonings being put to the state government, yet is also Site B1 of the draft Northern Rivers Resilient Lands Strategy.

Images: Appendix B, Byron Shire Residential Strategy 2024

4,522 new homes by 2041, and it must also investigate opportunities for 'increased housing diversity and density, including multi-unit dwellings'.

However, the residential strategy exceeds this target by a considerable margin.

Cr Lyon said that it was necessary to exceed the target because there was no guarantee that all of the areas earmarked for development would end up with new housing.

This underscores a key point in relation to the strategy, namely, that it does not carry the weight of a planning document setting out specific rules concerning the amount and type of housing to be built in a particular



1660-1634 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullum (Area 5), is located near the high school and behind the Co-Op. The assessment of the 4.5ha block is based on the 2020 Flood Study, not current levels, and is near to Council's Lot 22 housing project, which was abandoned owing to flooding constraints.

Rather, it provides a broad-brush picture, setting out areas that planning staff within Council and various state government departments believe are suitable for new housing development.

Most of these sites will still have to go through a rezoning application process before they can be developed.

However, the process of choosing which sites are suitable for housing has been far from uncontroversial.

Questions have been

raised in relation to the flood-prone nature of some of the sites, and the impact that development would have on the amenity of surrounding areas.

#### Flood-prone land included

During the course of last Thursday's meeting, Greens Cr Duncan Dey attempted to have multiple proposed new release areas removed from the strategy on the grounds that they were flood-prone.

This included the site



## Residential Land Strategy 2041



172 & 166 Tweed Street Brunswick Heads, is located at the Bruns side of the Mullum M1 interchange, and is one of 17 land rezonings being put to the state government.

Prince Street and New City

Rd was removed owing to

'Having a look at the

topography of it, and how

low-lying it is... the limited

amount of yield, and taking

fill out of the equation and

the trauma that residents

have faced... I think on the

that removed,' Cr Lyon said.

'We have identified land

in other areas that are much

less constrained... that are

a much more fruitful site for

This site was one of four

land release areas removed

investigation.'

balance of it I want to see

the risk of flooding.

of the temporary housing pod village in Mullumbimby's CBD, and land on Coolamon Scenic Drive.

'We're putting people in harm's way in the middle of a floodplain,' Cr Dey said. 'I don't believe that it's safe.'

Cr Dey was unsuccessful in his attempts to have these areas removed from the strategy.

However, councillors did vote to remove one of the key land release areas in Mullumbimby from consideration for new housing.

An 8.4-hectare area of land bounded by Ann Street, considered by the state govt:

■ Area 21 – 64 Corkwood Road, Suffolk Park

Some of the land rezonings to be

- Area 6 Mullumbimby expanded to include the whole of 1982 Coolamon Scenic Drive
- **■** Existing emergency pod village locations

from the strategy at last week's meeting.

These included two sizeable lots on Kingsford Drive, Brunswick Heads, a site at 29 Buckleys Road, Tyagarah, and land at 139 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay.

In most of these cases, there were arguments on both sides, with the owners of the properties seeking their inclusion in the strategy, while those living next to or nearby the sites seeking their removal.

#### 11.5m limit removed

Another significant amendment to the strategy made during last Thursday's meeting was the removal of references to an 11.5m height limit for each of the 17 new release areas.

This clause drew an angry response from a significant number of residents, because it effectively increased the maximum height limit by 25 per cent compared to most of the rest of the Shire.

It was replaced with a more general designation referring to a housing mix that catered for 'a range of single, two and three-storey residential types including dwelling houses, dual occupancies and multidwelling housing reflecting local housing needs and character'.

Having been approved by Council, the residential strategy will now go to the state government for final sign off, a process which is expected to be completed quickly.

## SITG 2024 lineup drops



Ballina resident Jesse was on the doorstep of the Byron Community Centre at 4.30am on Sunday to make sure he was, again, first in line for the locals ticket sale that started at 10am. Splendour In The Grass staffer, Annette, was on hand to make his dream come true. Jesse says he is looking forward most to seeing Kylie Minogue and The Presets. Photo Eve Jeffery

Global icon and pop superstar, Kylie Minogue, will headline the upcoming Splendour in the Grass, to be held on July 19–21 at the North Byron Parklands in Yelgun.

The long list of acts dropped last week, as did locals tickets.

International and national acts include Future, G Flip, Yeat, Girl In Red, Turnstile, Hayden James, The Kills, Tones and I, and Arcade Fire.

Saturday night will see Future, the mumble-rap

pioneer headline.

Promoters say, 'Future has taken the music world by storm as one of the most-streamed artists in hip-hop, he's a true pioneer of his genre, forging a path with his innovative autotuned anthems and top-tier collaborations'.

Future won two Grammy awards last month.

#### Tickets on March 21

Tickets for Splendour in the Grass 2024 go on sale at 9am on Thursday, March 21.



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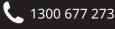












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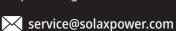






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Have your say on what is proposed by completing the online survey on Council's website before 11 April.

Council staff will be at the New Brighton Farmers Market on 9 April from 8am until 11am to answer questions.

#### More information

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#### What's happening with the Alstonville showgrounds?

A war of words has erupted between Ballina councillors over an unauthorised development at Alstonville Showgrounds, consisting of a series of steel cattle pens close to neighbouring houses.

#### **Lismore South Public School** rebuild to withstand future floods

Following consultation with the local community and other stakeholders including the NSW State Emergency Service, the Lismore City Council, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the NSW Reconstruction Authority, the decision was made to rebuild the school and preschool at its original location on Phyllis Street.

#### No changes to parking time limits in Ballina CBD but angled bays to come

Car parking time limits in Ballina's town centre are to remain as they are after local councillors voted against changes in response to public feedback.

#### 17 short films on 'making' to hit the screen in Murwillumbah

'Making' things is an important part of how we create, live and engage with the world around us and the upcoming short film festival on Saturday 23 March at the Regent Cinema in Murwillumbah is looking at uncovering consequences of 'making'.

#### Veterans' and Families' Hub for the North Coast

The federal government has announced that a \$5.445 million grant has been awarded to RSL LifeCare, working with RSL NSW, to establish a Veterans' and Families' Hub in the Tweed/ North Coast region of New South Wales.

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### Shock as Murwillumbah surgical unit closes

**Eve Jeffery** 

Nursing staff at Murwillumbah Hospital were shocked and saddened earlier this week to find out that the surgical unit of the hospital will be closing and that they had just one week to decide what their future employment would be.

Dozens of nurses attended the meeting that they knew was coming, but none had any idea how the meeting would impact their lives.

#### Nurses in tears

New South Wales, Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA) delegate for the Murwillumbah Hospital, and Branch Secretary of NSWNMA Angie Gittus, said that she had been inundated with calls, texts, and had been approached by many nurses who were distressed and in tears. She said there was a document circulated last year that said there would be changes to the types of operations they were doing in Murwillumbah.

She spoke to *The Echo* on behalf of the staff.

'Everybody could read between the lines, it meant there would be no more surgical inpatients at Murwillumbah.

#### Saffin shocked at the news

Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin says she was shocked at the news of changes to Murwillumbah Hospital services delivered to staff this week by Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) management.

Ms Saffin said the news was badly delivered.

'This came as a body blow to staff, with only nine weeks notice of the changes, and shows a lack of leadership of the NNSWLHD.

'Change is hard at the best of times and we have not had the best of times, and it was brutally delivered to staff, and no consultation with the community at all.

#### Community first

'Community come first with me and I shall stand up for them no matter what.

'What needs to happen now is a stay put on any action and a community and

staff process of respectful and proper consultation so that locals get the best services and staff are treated with the respect they

'Any changes to come as a result of the Tweed Hospital opening cannot be at the expense of the Murwillumbah community.

'They must be in line with what was communicated to staff and the public by the former Chief Executive Wayne Jones in August 2022.

'Staff were told in 2022 that the vast majority of existing services at Murwillumbah Hospital would remain in place, including inpatient wards, with only some surgical services and acute inpatient services moved to Tweed.

'The Health Services Union (HSU) says staff and unions were ambushed by the news on Tuesday afternoon.

'It is not on and I shall stand with our frontline health staff to ensure that the promises given are honoured.'

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

## Prime agricultural land to be rezoned for development in Lismore

**Aslan Shand** 

The recent Lismore Council meeting unanimously passed a voluntary planning agreement to rezone 70 hectares of prime agricultural land at 1055 Bruxner Highway.

The site fronts Oliver Avenue where a \$14.2 million road extension was completed in 2023, to support the growth potential of the Goonellabah industrial precinct.

'This is a mix of industrial, residential, mixed use with medium-density residential, community and commercial space,' Lismore Councillor, Vanessa Ekins told The Echo.

Around ten years ago the Lismore City Council (LCC) had stopped approving any development in that area.

However, Cr Ekins said since the 2022 flood, like her, many councillors have had to reassess their position on this

'After the flood my position shifted,' Cr Ekins said.

'While I believe we should just pick up the 2,000 houses in the extreme and high-risk flood zones the NSW Reconstruction Authority has only agreed to move 400. So as a council we need to look at how we masterplan options with developments like this and point to it so people can see where they have an opportunity to move to.'

Cr Ekins said the previous council, when she was mayor, had planned and facilitated the approval of 4,000 lots in the Lismore local government area (LGA) but that unfortunately many of the developers have land banked those approved developments rather than developing them.

'I had hoped that the state government through bodies like the NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA) would have come in and contributed to things like the infrastructure costs to these already approved developments to ensure people could move themselves, and existing dwellings, off the floodplains quickly and efficiently,' said Cr Ekins.

#### Lismore to Ballina development corridor

'The site at 1055 Bruxner Highway will have some blocks where people can relocate houses from the

floodplain,' explained Cr Ekins.

'We are now looking at focusing on land between Lismore and Ballina in particular for key worker housing for teachers, hospital staff, and workers. We are hoping this will supply affordable housing for people in Lismore as well as the region.'

The approval of 1055 Bruxner Highway 'would pave the way for approximately 350 new residential lots including a medium-density precinct, alongside over 100 commercial and industrial lots catering to diverse business operations,' said a LCC press release.

#### What do you think?

Council's Strategic Planning Coordinator, Andy Parks, said the public exhibition period was a chance for Council to let people know what is envisioned for the site and to seek feedback to ensure Council's planning controls are aligned with community expectations.

'Aside from outlining the proposed zones and overarching controls like heights and lot sizes, Council has prepared a Development Control Plan that provides for more detailed planning of the site,' he said.

'This includes identifying preferred land uses, the location of parks and off-road trails and how buildings are to be designed to interface with the streets.'

Mr Parks said Council has collaborated closely with landowners who have committed, through a Voluntary Planning Agreement, to provide around 6,000 square metres of land for affordable housing.

Additionally, the agreement will ensure the provision of a green corridor and pathway along Tucki Tucki Creek creating an inviting space for both human and non-human residents and visitors.

The full suite of documents relating to the proposal are available for public view on Council's Your Say site at www.yoursay.lismore. nsw.gov.au. Submissions can be made up until May 1, 2024.

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

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## Action needed on affordable housing and land banking say regional city mayors

**Aslan Shand** 

The challenge of finding a place to live has left increasing numbers of people homeless, living in vans, staying with friends or just popping up a tent in their local towns' green spaces, train stations and car parks.

The increase in house prices and rents are a function of number of issues from people 'flocking' to the Northern Rivers and other regional centres during the Covid pandemic, the rising cost of housing and land which is also impacted by the profitability of short-term holiday letting, and the inability of councils to get developers to actually build approved housing.

#### 10,000+ approved

In Tweed Shire there are over 10,000 approved lots waiting to be developed between the Kings Forest, Cobaki and Gales Holdings approvals in Kingscliff; yet there is no clear way for the council to push the developers into moving forward with these developments to provide the desperately needed housing.



Mayor of Tweed Shire Chris Cherry (centre) together with mayors and general managers at the Regional Cities NSW meeting held last week.

#### **Unanimous support** for action

Regional Cities NSW mayors have called on the state government to take action on the worsening housing crisis at their meeting held in Wagga Wagga last week. Tweed Shire Mayor Chris Cherry put forward a motion seeking an urgent audience with housing leaders to learn more about the NSW government's investment plans for regional cities and how it will facilitate on-the-ground solutions over the next two years to provide for social and affordable housing. It further calls on them to outline any levers

that may be introduced to incentivise approved private residential development being brought to market.

The mayors unanimously apported the motion.

'It is incredibly frustrating to hear about the worsening housing situation in our Shire when we have significant private residential developments already approved and ready to go but no lever to force developers to forge ahead in a timely manner,' Cr Cherry said.

Chair of Regional Cities NSW Mathew Dickerson, said the NSW government needs to stand up for the regions.

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## Derby at Cav Centre



With plenty of argy and quite a bit of bargy, dozens of skaters spent Saturday and Sunday rolling around the Cavanbah Centre, as they contested the Northern Rivers Revolt Roller Derby Tournament. Photo Eve Jeffery

## Kohinur Hall upgraded

Kohinur Hall in Main Arm will now be able to continue to operate during emergency power outages, says Council

They said in a media release that, 'Structural repairs to the hall were covered by insurance, and now a new solar and battery system has been installed to allow the hall to continue to operate during emergency

power outages'.

'The hall functions as an emergency response centre for the Main Arm community.

'The \$79,500 grant from the NSW government's Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Program means there will be ongoing, reliable power for the hall which is regarded as a critical gathering place for people during emergencies'.

## Terania blockade film to support Wallum cause

A film about Australia's first environmental confrontation, which occured at Terania Creek near Nimbin, will screen on Friday, 22 March from 7pm at Brunswick Picture House as a fundraiser for the Save Wallum campaign.

With approval from the state government and Council, Clarence Property are expected to roll their bulldozers into endangered flora and fauna in Bayside, Bruns, for urban development. A well-organised blockade group is on standby to defend Wallum, and are trained in non-violent direct action (NVDA).

Give Trees a Chance: The Story of Terania Creek was released in 1980, and follows the first day of the logging operations at Terania Creek in 1979.

Organisers say, '300 people came to protest to try and save one of the few remaining remnants of what was once called



Wallum, Brunswick Heads. Photo Beverley Callow

"The Big Scrub". The protesters thought they would be home the first night – but were still there a month later'.

'Its ripples are still being felt today. It became an inspiration in that ordinary people can be effective in change, and that non-violent action can draw help to bring about meaningful change'.

Lisa Sandstrom told The Echo how the film night came about.

She says, 'A few weeks

ago, I met a beautiful elderly woman who was visiting the Tree Of Life Vigil Tent for Wallum'.

#### First in tree sitting

'She was visiting with the Knitting Nanas.

'Her name is Deanne King and she is/was the world's first female tree sitter. The tree Deanne sat in was at Terania Creek.

'At Wallum, we call our tree sitters our possums. 'Deanne

lives locally, and we talked about her experience and I told her of the amazing young women we had living in the scribbly gums at Wallum.

'Deanne told me about her friends from the Terania blockade, and our film night was born. Save Wallum gets to pay respect to our Terania Creek elders, whose non-violent-direct-action practices are being used in the Wallum blockade today.

'This event is a fundraiser for Save Wallum with all proceeds from this screening going directly to the daily cost of the Save Wallum Campaign.

'In gratitude to our Terania Creek elders, the event will host a Q&A with Terania Creek royalty along with some of our favourite Save Wallum activists, including the famous "human possums":

For more info, visit www. brunswickpicturehouse. com/give-trees-chancestory-terania-creek-22-may.

## \$500k in grants on offer

Community groups and charities with new and existing projects that need funding can now apply for Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation's grant.

More than \$500,000 is available, says the foundation's Lanah Maruff.

'To support potential applicants with the application

process, a free, online workshop will be held Wednesday, March 20 at 10.30am.

Groups can register via tinyurl.com/4jj3uyc5.

Lanah adds, 'We are looking for partners and projects that take a new, collaborative and inclusive approach to solving problems in the Northern Rivers community'.

## Biz confidence up, says Business NSW

The state's peak body for business, Business NSW, released their Quarterly Business Conditions Survey Report last Thursday to a packed breakfast event at the Ballina RSL. Keynote speaker was Dr Sharman Chan, chief economist with Business NSW.

Jane Laverty, Northern Rivers Regional Director for Business NSW says, 'Businesses have recorded their highest levels of confidence in nearly two years, but remain concerned about cash-strapped customers,

She says, 'The increase in business confidence to its highest level in nearly two

years has largely been driven by interest rates remaining on hold. With every interest rate rise, small to medium businesses experience an almost immediate reduction in customers walking through the door. This increase in business confidence is a positive sign'.

'When it comes to their customers, 95 per cent of businesses are experiencing some impact of the rising cost of living. To improve the ease of doing business, survey respondents consider taxes, levies and government charges as the area that requires top priority attention from government.'

## Richmond MP again called on for immediate Gaza ceasefire

On Saturday, March 16 from 1pm, Northern Rivers Friends of Palestine say they will unfurl a 20m scroll with the names of murdered children and host a 'die-in' action at the office of the federal Member for Richmond, Justine Elliot (Labor).

Co-organiser, Subhi Awad, says, 'Together, we can make a difference. Let's stand for peace, justice, and the fundamental right to life'.

Another co-organiser, Annie Pfingst, said, 'Jewish people around the world say "Never again to genocide and ethnic cleansing" - Israel must stop its horrific slaughter in Palestine now'.

They are demanding action an 'end to the violence that has claimed thousands of innocent lives, including over 12,000 children'.

#### Political failure

'Despite the urgent need for action, our elected representative has failed to take a stand for peace.

'We refuse to remain silent while children suffer

'During the die-in event, we will honour the memory of every child lost in this conflict and send a powerful message to our leaders: the killing must stop, and peace must prevail'.

Following the die-in action, the group say they will embarked on a convoy to join a Gold Coast rally.

### Arka Kinari docks at Kulchajam

Fresh from shows at Sydney Festival, a rogue galley of global artists and activists will present a video, music and story about sailing their 70-ton ship, Arka Kinari, across the globe to promote

resilience to climate change.

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## Let's do the development dance!

Some good questions were raised by residents at last week's Council meeting – and were 'taken on notice' by Mayor, Michael Lyon.

It concerns a very important document which was adopted, called the Byron Shire Residential *Strategy 2041* – see pages 1, 6 and 7.

Now the strategy has been supported by a majority of councillors (Cr Sama Balson was against), it is now being lovingly prepared by planning staff to be sent to the state government for consideration.

The Echo has probably been banging on about this a bit too much, but given the complexity and impacts it will have in coming years, it's worth the ink.

For example, these decisions by councillors (and if approved by the state government) can make instant millionaires out of speculating landowners.

On the other hand, land which was included in the previous Housing Options Paper (which 'informed' this Residential Strategy), were taken out at the last minute.

A very large area bounded by Ewingsdale Road to Grays Lane east of the M1, was excluded, despite pleas from the landowner during morning public access.

The Residential Strategy process has shown how little land is actually suitable to develop in Byron Shire, and how eager councillors and planning staff were to rush the document through.

There were limits, however, to what councillors believe the public were willing to bear.

Large floodplain lots to Mullum's east were removed for example, yet the drainage issue remains without any pathway forward.

Height limits of 11.5m across new rezonings were a 'signal' to developers and the state government, said

Shannon Burt, head of Council's planning department.

Sensing that the hoi polloi may revolt, councillors replaced '11.5m' for general wording.

Yet neighbours of these 17 rezoning proposals – if adopted by the state - will no doubt be nervous for

Infrastructure is key to managing impacts, and how that will look, unfortunately, is unknown.

Clearly Byron Shire infrastructure is ageing and not keeping up.

Resident Kathryn McConnochie asked councillors on Thursday: 'Is Council planning to create additional off-stream [water] storage capacity for Laverty's Gap in order to meet the increased housing projected for Mullumbimby in the Residential Strategy, and if not, what resilient supply solutions are planned to meet the created demand?'

The mayor responded that, 'The question cannot be answered at the moment, as Council are still working through our future water strategy...

The Mullumbimby Residents Association also asked Council last Thursday why flood-prone areas were included in the residential strategy. They asked, 'Do you agree that we must consider and respect the identity and character of our towns, which already have well documented poor infrastructure and are struggling to cope with our current population?'

The mayor took the questions on notice, and then proceeded to vote for flood-prone development later in the day, with other councillors.

So - it's over to the state government now to assess some very ordinary Council planning decisions and processes, and for residents to wait to see who becomes the instant property millionaires.

Hans Lovejoy, editor | toe the party line.

## The power of the people is much stronger than the people in power

feel so powerless,' a friend said. It's an understandable sentiment in the face of tragic situations out of our individual control, but there are things people can do to effect change, especially when we come together as a community.

There's no need to throw up your hands in despair and perhaps opt out. You have a considerable amount of power, even within the current flawed system, and need to use it.

When I was a member of the NSW Legislative Council, representing everyone in the state, I received very few representations from constituents.

If just half a dozen people contacted me spontaneously on an issue, I knew it was really important and my team and I swung into

It's not surprising people are turned off by politics, and don't participate as much as they could. The slanging match and point scoring between the major parties is so divisive and off-putting.

Also, there's the smell of corruption around political donations.

Traditionally, about 70 per cent of voters vote as they always have. It's quite tribal. They identify as Labor, National or Liberal and vote that way. Ironically, they so often vote against their own interests.

This is so obviously the case, for instance, for those who support Donald Trump. He pretends to care for battlers oppressed by 'the elites' and yet, he is an archetypal member of those same elites. He's (currently) a billionaire, who lies constantly, and is facing 88 criminal charges. His key support comes from those he cares least about!

Fortunately, in Australia we have the preferential voting system that gives minor parties and independents a chance to be elected. The major political parties rely on blind loyalty, and when elected to government, are heavily influenced and funded by lobby groups.

MPs, when in government, are no longer individuals representing constituents like you and me. They



'The major political parties rely on blind loyalty, and when elected to government, are heavily influenced and funded by lobby groups'.

**Richard Jones** 

Labor MPs who vote against the party in a division are liable to expulsion. Liberal and Nationals MPs are at least allowed a conscience vote, but rarely use it.

As a Democrat and then independent for seven years, I didn't have to toe the party line. I could make decisions on behalf of constituents and propose amendments to legislation on their behalf, many of which were successful.

You may have noticed how young people, wanting their futures to be taken into account when it comes to decisions about the climate emergency, didn't go to the government or opposition, but to independent Senator David Pocock.

Senator Pocock is not bound by party discipline and shares the balance of power in the Senate.

He can speak out on behalf of young people and others, without fear of retribution. It's the same with other independents and Greens. They don't take donations from fossil fuel giants and other dubious large corporations.

Nearly a third of voters now no longer support a major party.

Despite Albo fending off the reactionary forces in the Dunkley by-election, and retaining the seat for Labor – partly because of his politically bold tax changes - Labor may have difficulty in retaining majority government at the upcoming election.

Gina Rinehart and the 'Advance Australia' organisation she supports reportedly wasted \$300,000 trying to get voters in Dunkley to put Labor last on the ballot paper. They didn't.

No doubt, she will invest a modest few millions of her 30 plus billion dollars to protect her interests and those of other billionaires at the next election. That, and the

scare campaign Peter Dutton will drum up, may well cause the Labor vote to dip.

It's quite likely the teals and Greens will end up holding the balance of power in both houses. In my view, that would be a great outcome for democracy. The voices of ordinary people will be louder and taken into account more under that scenario.

At our local level, we have the community coming together en masse opposed to the shocking Wallum development.

Will they succeed, as the community did at Bentley, when fracking was stopped in its tracks?

How many of those councillors who effectively voted to allow the development to proceed will be reelected at the local government elections on September 14 this year? That will be an interesting test of public sentiment.

We do have power, as citizens, to make change, whether it be on the climate crisis or vital local issues.

#### Corps need customers

As I said to this friend who despaired at being powerless, we also need to remember that corporations can't exist without customers.

So make your custom count. McDonald's has been hit by a combination of boycotts and budgetsqueezed customers. Cage egg sales have plummeted, as fewer customers support cruel hen batteries.

Corporate renewable investments declined last year, but individual householders are leading the renewable power revolution.

As the revolutionary saying goes: 'The People United Will Never Be Defeated!'

■ Richard Jones is a former NSW MLC and is now a ceramicist.



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#### Vehicle efficiency

Could Byron set a trend and give white and silver cars free parking for the first half hour?

When driven in a warm climate, a white car is likely to emit less pollution per km than an equivalent black model.

Dark cars are harder to see and may cause accidents. **Steve Woods** Alstonville

#### Flowers for you

Bouquet to Bangalow PO for its helpful and friendly staff, providing overnight express post delivery before 1pm, and banking services with a bank's card.

The post office is classified as rural and the overnight express post in particular isn't a given in our shire as far as I'm aware.

> Yvonne Jessup Byron Bay

#### Streetscape competition

Is this true our wonderful Byron Council has won a streetscape competition and have funding to fix a street that by all comprehension has been functional habitat for the birds to roost in every night?

On top of this seemingly hair-brained plan is to rid Mullumbimby shopping centre of ten more car parks. Does any ratepayer question the loonies behind such a project? The streetscape of Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads is one that I know of that is in desperate need of upgrading and of course would not affect so many businesses in the process. Is it pure laziness or just that Brunswick Heads is off the radar yet again?

We all have to question as to why in a town in desperate need of additional car parking is it functional to continue with such a plan? Competition winner or not, did anyone question the entry for such or did they not expect to win?

**Annie Radermacher Brunswick Heads** 

#### State of confusion

If any of you watched Joe Biden's State of the Union address, you would know that it was a party-political shambles which had little to do with the state of the union, which seems to be in real trouble at the moment. Veep Kamala Harris bobbed up and down like a puppet behind the prez in order to



Cartoon By Jamie Hoile

applaud while at the end the Democrat members rose from their seats and shouted, 'Four more years!'

One yearned for the days, if they ever existed, when one sat politely and quietly listening to a speech from an important personage before giving it a modicum of applause at the end and then adjourning to an anteroom for tea and toast.

By comparison a reply by Republican senator Katie Britt from Alabama ('she's young, she's pretty, she's female, let's get her to do it') seemed like an outtake from an episode of The Twilight Zone.

US satirist Jon Stewart skewered both feeble efforts but forgot to take issue with Britt's assertion that the US revolutionaries, egged on by English settler businessmen who were tired of paying taxes to the home country, 'overthrew an empire'. If Ms Britt were more familiar with history she might have noticed the British Empire survived the setback and invaded a few more countries in the two centuries that followed.

Trump's followers who declared they would be happy to have The Orange One as a dictator were a bit of a worry. Perhaps they didn't understand the word 'dictator' as it has three syllables. Mind you, the folks in Florida managed to get their heads around the four-syllable 'alligator' by reducing it to two. Perhaps Herr Trumpler could be known as the 'tator', though that's an insult to the more charismatic potato.

> Michael McDonald Bairnsdale VIC

#### Way of the dog

One of the more disappointing aspects of the decline of Byron Bay, and I have a long list, is what has happened to the track that runs beside the Belongil drain, behind the old hospital building.

I have long regarded this area as the nearest thing to a proper park here. I don't consider the others. I can't think of one that is not spoiled in some way.

Now this pathway, once a peaceful recreation, is being degraded too. Since the development of Shirley Lane, it has been subject to various changes; I don't regard them as improvements. What was once an unassuming walkway has morphed into a small road. It seems to be regarded as one; and one which is not subject to traffic regulations.

Leaving out occasional rowdiness from patrons of holiday lets, or the opportunistic parking of vehicles on the mowed stretches on the banks of the drain, it is the significant increase in irresponsible cyclists, particularly the electric bikes. Showing scant regard for other users, they tear along the track as fast as small motorcycles. As elsewhere, most do not wear helmets.

I'm not the only pedestrian to be unnerved almost daily by these machines fast approaching from behind – if one is fortunate, a rushing whine being its only signal, and sometimes not even that.

Children are often riding these e-bikes, often minus helmets and often in pairs. Were they riding a motorcycle like this it would be illegal. The other day I

saw two primary-aged girls wearing only swimmers and no helmets tear past me at speed, in half a minute they had disappeared. Do their parents know and agree with this? I can imagine the damage these children would do to themselves should they have an accident, let alone if they had struck a pedestrian.

Who is legally responsible in such circumstances? They have no insurance.

Rather than these e-bike hire businesses being allowed to proliferate and profit, we urgently need regulation and legal protection.

I noticed in this week's Echo (13 March) an advertisement for e-bike hire and usage on a rail trail through the hinterland. I was unaware that this rail trail was extant and operating. It will simply mean another opportunity for some businesses to profit. And it will negate any chance of peaceful recreation there.

**David Morris** Byron Bay



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#### \*DO WHAT I SAY\* - NOT WHAT I DIDN'T DO!

1. In 2013, I was trying 2 take young Allan out (then aged 60), on the competition squash court. After losing a hard-fort 1st game, something wasn't quite right! But I threw everything I had at him and took the 2nd, but with HUGE PAIN in my chest.

Because stopping was simply not 1 of my specialty shots, while giving as much resistance as possible, the last 2 games were a formality. After the usual pleasantries and with one hand on the door, I farewelled Jules in reception, ready 4 the 20km drive home

But I stopped. Sat down. Asked Jules could she please get me 2 EMERGENCY. PRONTO! Within 2 hours I was pre-prepped at Gawler, raced to the Lyall Mac, and had one stent inserted! I freely admit 2 being Stubborn, Macho and very Silly!

2. It was 1967, Christmas holidays from Boarding School, I was Violently Sexually Assaulted; my personal liberty was also stolen with steel chain. The Male who did it was Close, Loved, Trusted and Valued.

While I DID get some Professional Help from 1974, it treated the SYMPTOMS, but never the actual Trauma!

Many advances in \*Knowledge + \*Delivery of \*Health \*Services have since occurred. But a huge VOID remains in User Friendly eIQ; giving us ALL more knowledge + learned emotional tools, 2B much more willing,



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'Always forgive your enemies nothing annoys them so much.'

- Oscar Wilde

#### Mullum pods

They look so uninviting and dismal. It would not cost a lot to change the name to 'tiny homes' and paint them pretty.

That could hopefully improve wellbeing and a sense of pride.

See photo of a US 'tiny home' precinct as a model.

Colleen DaRosa **Ocean Shores** 

#### Zoom meeting

Just to clarify the report that Michael Lyon now declares 'no' to developing Ann St and New City Road. He said 'no' to housing, but suggested instead a road/ bridge across from McAuleys Lane to Myocum. I presume this would also require filling floodplains unless it's going to be a harbour bridge.

Michael would be more believable if he just stuck to truth and fact.

Regarding pod site development he stated that Byron Council was asked by NSW to submit areas suitable for temporary housing, following that they knew NOTHING about it till the first trucks rolled in?

I'm not an engineer but consider the logistics of getting that size development off the ground, arranging fill, trucks, heavy



A 'tiny home' precinct in the USA. Photo supplied

machinery, men, the pods, the waste management, the roads and traffic, safety issues, consultants, etc. all this and more would have to have been discussed with Council over some months previously to the first trucks rolling in. So please.

It was residents/voters/ ratepayers who knew nothing, because Council failed to inform them.

People involved in public speaking should keep their hands away from their face. Body language experts suggest this means disinterest or/and deception.

> **Marlene Crompton** Mullumbimby

#### What the duck!

Most days I ask myself 'what the duck' is happening here? How could Trump be president again if he has to spend every second day in

How can Mr Dutton go even more nuclear than he normally does after Chernobyl, Fukushima and Nine Mile Island? Will I be accepted on the Raya dating app this year or should I start my own app? How many reruns of reruns of the Lehrmann-Wilkinson defamation evidence will we get before the actual decision?

Am I imagining it or has the media found another slow news day feature in fire ants after overexposing us to the four 'S's? You know: 'salties, spiders, snakes, sharks'? And really what does it matter if Catherine altered the family photo when you consider that every historical family photo I've seen has rosy-cheeked mums and clean-shaven-but normally-hirsute dads? Creating an appealing image has always been a part of royal publicity... it's just a matter of whether you need to believe it's authentic.

> Frank Lynch Mullumbimby

#### Floodplains

We need a serious talk about development on floodplains with more creativity and sophistication. The recent discussion

about development or no development in southern Mullumbimby has a lot of emotion and an assumed common understanding but there are no underlying principles to guide it, except maybe 'don't build on floodplains'. This is a flawed principle, because it assumes we can only build in one way and all floodplains are the same. In fact if you go looking, almost nowhere in public documents are there guiding principles for development in flood zones articulated. What are we trying to achieve and what is our order of priority within these principles to achieve it?

Here are three?

1) Safe building principle: Where people live, habitable space, should be safe where possible therefore, built to float, built high or be mobile enough to leave and never built in high-velocity floodways. All development controls including adjustments to height and building height plane should reflect this immediately.

2) Safe haven principle: a) all people; b) all non-human animals; c) non-fixed mobile assets and infrastructure, such as vehicles, should have access to safe passage and sufficient area of safe haven on higher ground, whether natural or constructed as a

right. 3) Infrastructure design principle: All flood mitigation, detention and defence infrastructure should be: a) practical for at least three purposes. For example a levy bank could be a protective barrier, a raised street with housing and a safe haven; b) biophilic, therefore designed to enhance, imitate or regenerate natural systems, including hydrologic flow and detention and biodiversity. For example this might involve no net import of fill or nutrients, thus features like safe havens are created by excavation of natural sediments that also create, recreate billabongs/ detention basins.

So here is where I get controversial. South of the dangerous flood barrier of

the Brunswick River/Left Bank Road creek system within Mullumbimby there are only two relatively high places that could conceivably be safe haven/ high places once substantial flooding occurs, both are in the potential southern Mullumbimby development area, Wes Arthur's house and John Thompson's land behind Ann Street. I leave to readers to draw conclusions. Is this even part of the discussion in contemplating our residential strategy?

Another serious post-disaster issue that was handled badly post the 2022 floods was the awful transitional housing arrangements which have no solution in sight.

The sad thing is that 20 years ago, going back 50 years, we had close to the best stop-gap transitional housing in the state. It was our beach and riverside caravan parks, which through an act of bastardry became zoned for only visitor accommodation and were taken or effectively stolen by the state government to make money. Meanwhile there have been no new caravan parks, manufactured home estates, or suitable designations for clustered tiny houses created since the 1980s.

Byron Council's planning department shows no interest in including or promoting this type of housing, it is a blind spot, or a sort of perverse colonial prejudice – I know councillors and the mayor support these types of solutions.

In relation to solutions, currently Council-owned land like Vallances Road could accommodate a 200-small-lot site on less than one tenth of the land, or rural properties could create ten 20-lot primitive camping sites, that within a disaster response could be reconfigured as 20-lot house villages. Noting just this quantity would address much of the itinerant car-ashome dwellers and rough campers we currently have, at little cost with a degree of dignity, and run as low-profit making Council business. Finally, the answer why they say this can't be done, is the difficulty to change planning instruments, but it's bullshit, they could go through the NRRC (now NSW Reconstruction Authority), like the expensive pod villages.

I am happy to talk more if anyone is interested.

> Malcolm Price Main Arm

#### INVITATION TO ENGAGE

A proposal for a development of Site Lot 159, 30 Chinbible Ave, Mullumbimby on 8700 square metres is currently being prepared. The developer, architects Story Design Collective, town planners ELKN Planning and Project Management and other consultants are seeking input from the Mullumbimby community as part of their prelodgement consultation to inform the Development Approval (DA).

The proposal seeks to build 27 dwellings which will complement the existing Mullumbimby lifestyle and streetscape and be available to rent, increasing the diversity of housing options in the area.

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- Floor levels have been set above the flood planning levels required by council, including the required allowance for climate change
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## Protecting nature and naturism from prejudice in Byron Shire

Dr Belinda Lewis & **Dr Jeffrey Lewis** 

new regime of social repression is imposing itself over the Byron Shire. Supported by local conservatives, the NSW National Parks Wildlife Service (NPWS) is attacking diversity and a particular minority group in Byron Shire - naturists.

The intention to prohibit beach nudism is based on some nefarious and poorly-researched prejudice against naturist culture. At present less than three per cent of the Shire's coastline is 'clothing-optional'. That means around 97 per cent of the coast is clothing-only.

Let's be honest about it. The intention of NPWS to prohibit naturism at Tyagarah and Kings beaches is an assault on an enduring cultural practice – one that has its origins among Australia's first peoples.

For nearly 70,000 years Aboriginal Australians opted for no clothing, only covering up for bodily protection and certain social interactions.

For Aboriginal Australians the naked human body was entirely integrated with the deeper spirit of nature and the universe.

This only changed when the British colonisers imposed their own violent forms of Christianbased morality, repression and 'civilisation'.

Beyond bodily protection, clothes evolved as a means of stratifying and distinguishing social groups according to their wealth and power. Clothes were also used to control women, their sexuality and fertility.

Nevertheless, a minority of Europeans adopted naturism as an alternative form of moral, spiritual and natural redemption. From the 19th century, naturist communities became more collectively conscious and organised. They developed a profound philosophy and set of practices that challenged repressive attitudes toward the human body in its natural form.

Naturism challenged the instrumental brutality of the modern state, industrialism and warfare.

From the 1960s and 70s naturist clubs flourished and beach nudism became more common, especially in culturally enlightened places like Byron Bay.

While naturism is now restricted to a tiny proportion of the Shire's public lands: the personal and community health benefits of naturism have been broadly canvassed in academic and medical research.

Naturists themselves explain the mental health benefits of naturism in terms of - 'a sense of



Nude rally at Tyagarah Beach 2024. Photo Tree Faerie

social equality as naked beings'; an enhanced body image and selfesteem; acceptance and genuine enthusiasm for bodily and cultural diversity; a sense of community and belonging; the sensual pleasure of bathing without the encumbrances of sand-filled and sagging bathers; and a feeling of being 'closer to nature' and 'our natural selves.'

This feeling of being restored to nature through 'rewilding' is now a significant strategy for mental health treatments and recovery.

Rewilding is being used as a therapy modality for PTSD, addiction, relationship trauma, grief, depression and anxiety.

The NPWS Acting Executive Director, Deon Van Rensburg, claims that 'clothing optional' is not consistent with NPWS values.

We need to ask what 'values' could he be talking about? Repression? Anti-diversity? Disdain for minorities and nature? Disdain for the human body?

Certainly there are behavioural issues with certain individuals at Tyagarah and Kings beachs. Rather than impose their authority through prohibition and prejudice, it would be far more productive for NPWS to work with the naturist communities to manage these behaviours.

#### Behaviour issues

Such behaviours have been largely erased from Sunnyside Beach in Victoria, largely through this co-operative, communitybased approach.

Working with naturist communities, NPWS could help develop a code of ethics and practices in order to ensure compliance with legal and environmental parameters.

Such a code would also help with management and protection of beach ecologies. It may help protect indigenous fauna from those (usually clothed) beachgoers who bring their dogs into the parks' beaches.

There have been recent assaults on naturists who have tried to protect the beach ecologies from dog owners, rave parties and

fire-lighters in protected areas. Neither NPWS rangers nor police have taken any interest in either the infringements or related assaults on naturists.

Perhaps this is because naturist 'values' don't accord with the more repressive values of the NPWS.

But this is the essence of the problem.

Most naturists are law-abiding, peaceable and respectful people. They seek to protect the natural environment from all manner of violation.

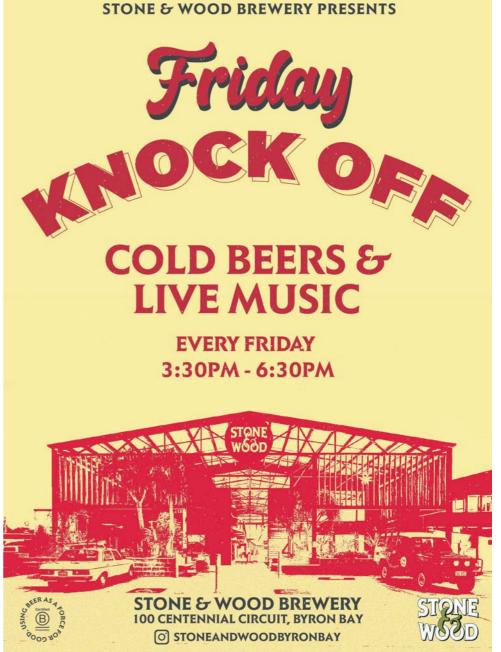
So, again, why are the authorities so keen to attack naturists who care so deeply about these beaches and the natural environment?

Naturism is a constitutional right in Spain, and broadly embraced in countries like Germany, France and the Netherlands. Naturism is seen as a human right, a legitimate form of personal and social expression.

Naturism is an enduring tradition in Byron Shire. It's a signature of our community's difference. So rather than impose draconian prohibitions on diversity and minority culture, the authorities should empower communities to enable safer spaces for those who want to enjoy our natural condition with like-minded individuals.

Make the beaches better and safer by working with naturism and naturists – not against them.





## Echo

## The nature of naturism in Byron Shire

■ Thanks Gyan from Tyagarah for your wonderfully written but factually incorrect letter.

The beachgoers who enjoy Tyagarah clothing-optional beach also dream of the days when they could swim at Tyagarah Beach without enduring negative energy from a few irate locals, the mayor, and assorted greedy landowners and developers.

If you had managed to do some research regarding the 'safety of women and children' and not regurgitate previous sensationalist claims you would have realised there have not been any such incidents reported to the police in the last three years. We recently made a GIPA request for statistics on reports to police about 'offensive behaviour' at Tyagarah clothing-optional beach during the 2018-2024 period.

The results were: 2018 – 10; 2019 – 4; 2020 – 3; 2021 – 2; 2022 – 0; 2023 – 0; 2024 – 0.

Total 19.

You also asserted that Tyagarah Beach is on 'their (National Parks and Wildlife Service –NPWS) land'! I believe the land belongs to all Australians and NPWS have the task of managing that land for the benefit of the fauna and flora that inhabit it.

Gyan, there are many bigger issues in the Byron Shire than a small (mostly older) beach community who just happen to enjoy some time at the beach as nature intended.

Duncan James Myocum ■ From Tyagarah, with love

Dear prude, won't you come out to play?

Dear prude, greet the brand new day

The sun is up, the sky is blue

It's beautiful and so are you

Dear prude, won't you come out to play?

Dear prude, open up your eyes

Dear prude, see the sunny skies

The wind is low, the birds will sing

That you are part of everything

Dear prude, won't you open up

your eyes?

Juan Cavero de Carondelet Byron Bay

■ I am very concerned about the proposed revocation of legal clothing-optional beach use at Tyagarah.

When I was last in Byron, I stayed at the Belongil Beach House, and enjoyed a float tank for the first time.

Of course, I enjoyed sunbathing nude on Belongil Beach, steps away from that accommodation. It was quiet, but by no means isolated.

I have not been to Tyagarah, which I understand is very isolated and a further walk north from Belongil.

In 2017 one of your writers, Aslan Shand, wrote an article about naturism, and stated that the NSW Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) own the dunes and waters behind the beach. If that article is correct, that means they do not own the beach itself. It is a well accepted legal concept governments cannot legislate for and regulate land they do not own.

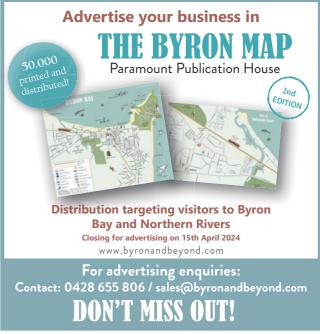
I wish to see the survey map
NPWS says was recently made that is
mentioned in the media. And I wish
to see the Byron Shire survey map
that must have been created when
Byron Council decided to designate
Tyagarah clothing-optional. The
Byron community needs to see
both of these public record maps
immediately. NPWS and Byron Shire
Council should post each on their
respective sites.

It can be a separate discussion, including the entire community, to terminate clothing-optional use of Tyagarah by the shire due to bad behaviour by some, but unless there was a formal, legal land transfer of the beach itself from Council to NPWS, NPWS has no authority to terminate clothing-optional use of the beach.

Personally, I enjoyed nude use of Belongil and think that location was perfect. Having more people around than Tyagarah, and creating a dedicated seven days per week volunteer naturist beach 'ambassador' group to have eyes and ears on beach behaviour is, in my experience, a successful recipe for a safe, well-liked naturist beach.

Richard Spacer
President, Kauai Naturists Kauai,





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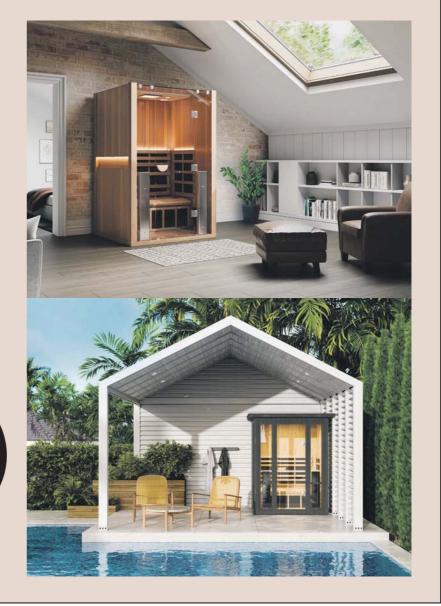
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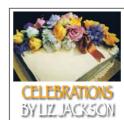
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## Organic seedlings at the market

Victoria Cosford

From the age of 17, owner of Seedlings Organic, Luke Sansom, has worked in horticulture. Down on the Mornington Peninsula he was a mere 19 years old when he set up a business propagating and planting indigenous aquatic and ephemeral wetland plants for companies that constructed wetlands in Victoria.

Three years later, equipped with organic certification for a leased farm, he started selling produce as a sideline, which involved propagating the farm's vegetable seedlings. And thus, for this seedling prodigy, it all began.

While only several years a presence at the farmers' markets, Luke, who relocated here around 18 years ago, has been supplying organic growers

with seedlings for nearly as long. The business runs from Tintenbar where wife Leisha works in the nursery doing all the potting up and seeding of the trays; and son Kyan sells organic seeds under the name Organic Seeds Australia. Luke's seedlings are sold to farmers and gardeners in all states of Australia. 'This is really important work', he tells me – work which came about 'out of a need in the region for suitable varieties and consistent supply of seedlings for commercial organic market gardeners.'

Luke, accordingly, is the best person to request tips for healthy soil and optimal growth - and what we should be growing right now. 'Soil structure', he tells me, 'is important for healthy growth, [so] fork the garden to break up compaction and get air into the soil, sow green manure crops.' As far as what to plant goes, he says, 'brassicas, lettuce, alliums, chards, most greens and herbs' – although I do love his honest answer as to what's currently thriving. 'grass', is the reply, 'woody weeds, grasshoppers, caterpillars, bats and birds. This is the reality.'

■ Seedlings Organics are at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets every Friday from 7 to 11am.



The owner of Seedlings Organic, Luke Sansom



## The Drongo: even more of them around these days

The team at Spangled Drongo Brewing officially fired up their brewhouse in June last year, but you may have heard their name prior to this.

After initially planning to build a brewpub and taproom (with a built-in skate ramp) in the art deco heart of Murwillumbah, the town and the venue-to-be were hit with one of the worst flood events the region has ever seen in February 2022.

Once the waters subsided, and with an empty but usable space in the centre of town, the Drongo team got to work setting up a flood response and volunteer centre. Thousands of selfless locals came through the doors and collectively helped to mop 1,300 flood affected homes, distribute over 5,000 volunteers, deliver over 27,000 meals, and raise over \$200,000

for flood-affected community members.

Fast-forward 14 months and the brewery was finally able to be built, this time in Murwillumbah's industrial estate. Taking inspiration from their namesake, the Spangled Drongo - an old-world woodland bird known to take on birds of prey twice its size to protect their young – the Drongo team have continued to embed impact into their business model with proceeds from each beer being donated to protect wildlife habitat; each beer sold protecting one square metre for a year.

With their beers now on the market for ten months, even non-birdwatchers will notice the Drongo popping up more frequently. Their flagship Pale Ale, a highly drinkable 4.5% Australian ale, is in hundreds of great pubs and bottle shops the Northern Rivers, and the team are currently planning their second core range beer to be released in the coming months. Also in the works is a tasting room at their industrial estate brewery, complete with the built-in skate ramp from the original plan.

Or maybe you just know the name from the Aussie slang, with many human 'drongos' also known to inhabit our region (you might just be a bit of one yourself). As Head Brewer Brian says, 'If you can do a bit of good, and have a bit of fun doing it, why would you purchase something else?' www.spangleddrongo.com.au Instagram: @ spangleddrongobrewing

need sun until about 11am.

Rocket and coriander are

also good because they grow

very quickly – in about five

weeks. With rocket, you can

pick the leaves as you need

them and then leave the rest

of the plant to keep growing.

With coriander it's best to pull

Herbs are another great

option – they add flavour to

everything. Oregano, thyme,

basil and rosemary are good

You will find Pam along

with her certified organic seedlings at Byron Farmers Market

growing at this time of the year. And the more you pick herbs, the more the plant

the whole plant up.

## Stone & Wood's new NRB beer

Stone & Wood have launched a new beer: Northern Rivers Beer (NRB). At a warm, and pretty laidback, night at the Billinudgel Hotel earlier in the month, members of the local community were told it's Stone & Wood's most sustainable beer to date, they say it's a commitment to keeping things local: 'brewed in the Northern Rivers, for the Northern Rivers'.

A key positive feature of the beer, along with its taste, is that it's made from at least 70% certified sustainable malt, a crop that takes things easier on the soil and water it's produced from.

'Northern Rivers Beer champions sustainability at its core - it's made from at least 70% certified sustainable malt to minimise its environmental impact. We partner with Certified Sustainable (CS), a non-profit certification program that ensures growers adhere to environmentally-friendly practice such as promoting soil health, water conservation, and social responsibility,' says Jahdon Quinlan, Sustainability Leader, Stone & Wood.

Pat Coulson, Brand Manager, Stone & Wood, said, 'Our passionate Stone & Wood team, in crafting this beer, have drawn inspiration from the unique landscapes and vibrant communities that define the Northern Rivers. NRB is more than a beer; it's a celebration of the spirit of this special corner of the world.'

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



Since 2018, Stone & Wood have contributed \$2.1 million to local grassroots, environmental, and social charities through the Ingrained Foundation. NRB will donate \$1 for every 100 litres sold, furthering Stone & Wood's mission.

'This beer is what we call a Northern Rivers lager, taking inspiration from the region surrounding us and the people within it. Approachable and light, it's all about nailing the

process and using the best raw ingredients we could get our hands on,' said Caolan Vaughan, Head Brewer, Stone & Wood.

In terms of taste, NRB has a subtle malt flavour and low bitterness; it's a beer that is simply good to drink, with no fuss. It's a unique brew and style, that you can only get in the Northern Rivers, as NRB is exclusively available in-store from Tweed River in the north to Yamba in the

## Pam's chemical-free farming passion



Farmer Pam Morrow at Byron Farmers Market.

Third-generation farmer Pam Morrow has been growing her own organic food for over 20 years. Her passion for farming without the use of chemicals saw Pam as an early adopter of organic certification decades ago.

Having grown up on the family farm at Tyagarah, Pam followed in her father's and grandfather's footsteps, choosing to live and work on the land. But while her father grew mixed crops to wholesale to the Sydney markets, Pam chose to convert to organic farming and grow seedlings so she could encourage others to grow their own organic food.

'I just liked the idea of growing healthy food without the use of chemicals,' Pam says. 'To me it was just about having clean food and growing

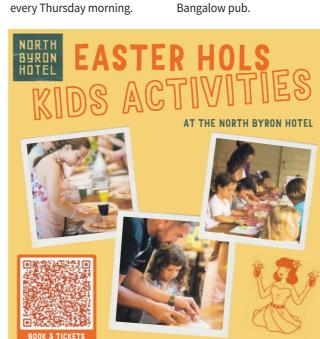
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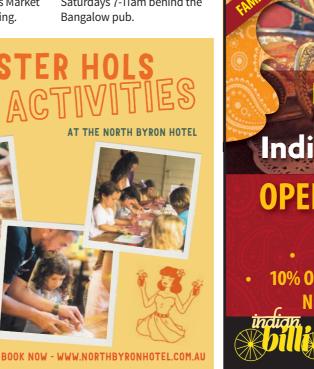
'And I chose the farmers' market rather than wholesaling as I just thought it was a great way to sell your product - straight to your customers and picked the day before. Produce hasn't travelled for miles and miles and then been stuck in refrigeration. It's fresher and healthier this way.

'I've also made a lot of good friends through the markets. People will stop and have a chat and ask what's in season. And I can offer growing tips depending on the weather at the time – it's a much more personal experience.'

So, what are some of Pam's

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#### UPCOMING BYRON HEALING CLIENT EVENTS

#### **Communing With Ancestors**

Held by: Byron Community College

Date: Saturday 23 March

Time: 10am - 3pm Address: Mullum Campus, Byron Community College

Contact: www.byroncollege.org.au

Reiki Level 2 (FUNDED\*) Held by: Byron Community College

Date: Friday 5 to Sunday 7 April

Time: 10am - 5pm

Address: Mullum Campus, Byron Community College Contact: www.byroncollege.org.au

**Reading Psychic Energy** 

Held by: Byron Community College

Date: Saturday 6 April

**Time:** 10am - 5pm

Address: Mullum Campus, Byron Community College Contact: www.byroncollege.org.au

Mental Health First Aid (FUNDED\*)

Held by: Byron Community College Date: Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April

Time: 9am – 5pm

Address: Byron Campus, Byron Community College Contact: www.byroncollege.org.au \*for eligible students. This training is subsidised by

the NSW Government.

#### Event name: Qigong Health and

**Meditation Retreat** 

Held by: Heart Mind Centre Date: Friday 12 to Saturday 17 April

Time: Daily Programme - full days Address: Sangsurya Retreat Centre, Byron Bay

Booking contact: 0400 558 181 or visit: https://heartmindcentre.com.au/heart - mind -

qigong - retreat/

#### FREE Community Meditation with Dr Deb Roberts, Scott Edwards and Julia Neubauer

Held by: Mind Medicine Australia

Date: Friday 22 March

Time: 12:30pm Address: online

Booking contact:

https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/events/

#### **FREE Community Meditation with Scott**

Held by: Mind Medicine Australia

Date: Friday 22 March Time: 12:30pm

Address: online Booking contact:

https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/events/

#### **FREE Community Meditation with Julia**

Neubauer

Held by: Mind Medicine Australia

Date: Friday 5 April Time: 12:30pm

Address: online

**Booking contact:** 

https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/events/

## **FREE Community Meditation with Scott**

Held by: Mind Medicine Australia

Date: Friday 12 April **Time:** 12:30pm Address: online

Booking contact:

https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/events/

#### FREE Community Meditation with Dr Deb

Held by: Mind Medicine Australia

Date: Friday 19 April **Time:** 12:30pm Address: online

Booking contact:

https://mindmedicineaustralia.org.au/events/

#### Introduction to Gut Health and **Fermentation**

Held by: My Gut Store

Date: Saturday 27 April

Time: 10am - 2pm

Address: 21 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby Booking contact: https://

mygutstoreonlinebookings.as.me

#### Reiki 1 training Held by: Rentia Visser Alchemy

Date: Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April

**Time:** 9am – 4.30pm

Address: 39 Red Lane, Rous (just outside Alstonville)

Booking contact:

rentiavisseralchemy@gmail.com

#### Reiki Level One and Two weekend

Held by: The Way of Healing

Date: Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April Time: 11am - 4pm both days

Address: Mullumbimby; exact address TBC

**Booking contact:** 0431 190 309 thewayofhealing.net

aqherbalist@gmail.com for tickets.

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#### OH MY GODDESS, **KYLIE MINOGUE IS COMING TO SPLENDOUR!**

Oh yes she is! Global icon. Pop superstar. Kylie **Minogue** is set to take over the Splendour in the Grass Amphitheatre for the very first time!

Taking to the Splendour stage, Kylie Minouge will be the opening night headline act when she makes a triumphant return home and stamps her name in the annals of Splendour lore.

Splendour in the Grass (SITG), returns to Ngarindjin (North Byron Parklands) from Friday, 19 July to Sunday, 21 July for three days of camping, music, art and freedom.

Kylie will make sure you can't get her outta your head when she takes to the Amphitheatre stage on Friday night for what is an exclusive Australian appearance and promises to be a show-stopping performance.

Saturday night will see Future, the mumble-rap pioneer headline.

'Future has taken the music world by storm as one of the most-streamed artists in hip-hop, he's a true pioneer of his genre, forging a path with his innovative auto-tuned anthems and top-tier collaborations. Fresh off the heels of winning two Grammy awards last month, including Best Rap Performance and Best Rap Song, for his chart-topping hit "Life Is Good" featuring Drake, Future's performance promises to be nothing short of legendary,' said SITG announcing their headline acts today.





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To round off the all-star headline acts Arcade Fire, will be headlining **Sunday**'s epic finale with an explosion of indie-rock energy from Canada.

'Alongside 11 Grammy nominations plus Brit Awards, Juno Awards, and the Polaris Music Prize, Arcade Fire have headlined some of the world's most renowned music festivals, including Coachella, Glastonbury, and Primavera Sound, said SITG.

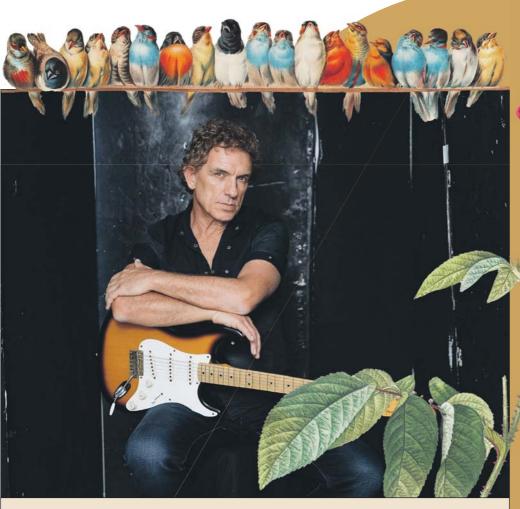
'Their discography, which includes criticallyacclaimed albums such as Funeral, The Suburbs and Reflektor, have earned praise from music critics and fans alike, solidifying their place in music history.'

Norwegian alt-pop phenomenon Girl In Red is set to take the stage after a successful run opening for Taylor Swift's record-breaking Eras tour in the US. Californian breakout rapper **Yeat**, joins the lineup alongside hardcore groundbreakers **Turnstile** for an exclusive Australian performance.

Pop trio **TV Girl** make their way to Australia for the first time while one of electronic music's most in-demand names, DJ Seinfeld, will also set the festival alight with an exclusive Australian set. And last but not least, **The Last Dinner Party**, the gothic romantic revivalists named BBC Radio 1's Sound Of 2024, are set to premiere in Australia.

Splendour in the Grass isn't just about the music - it's a full-blown experience like no other!

For more information and tickets: https://splendourinthegrass.com



## **RIVERS RUN DRY WITH MOSS**

If you love Australian music, then you know **lan Moss** – with nine Cold Chisel albums and eight solo albums under his belt, Moss is one of Australia's iconic musicians, delivering an unforgettable sound – not only as a telling soloist on guitar but especially with his silken voice, ringing with clarity and resonating with pure soul.

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Seven caught up with Ian at home in Sydney to talk about his latest record and Bluesfest 2024.

#### What line-up are you bringing us?

I'm bringing a six-piece band that will largely be playing from my brand new album *Rivers Run Dry*.

#### Tell me about the new album

It's a mixture of songs – some are new, some have been around for quite some time. There's plenty of writing from me and some good co-writers.

#### What do you like about this type of big festival?

It's always nice to be in front of a lot of people. Just playing in the larger tent-style venues, you always seem to get a good sound in those places. Bluesfest is also a festival where you can lean a little more on the blues so the emphasis is not necessarily having to play all your best hits. You can lay into the music a bit and be that muso for a while.

#### That's kind of cool, isn't it?

It is very cool.

#### Do you approach it differently from say how you would at a pub with 200 people?

Not really – it would be unfair to people. You know, you've got a job to do and you want to go down well, and you want to be remembered well. It's just incredibly inspiring when you get a full venue.

#### What else inspires you?

If the pub is full and there's only 300 or 400 people and you've turned 200 people away, then you're probably just as inspired as if you're playing in front of a crowd of 40,000 people – but then again, 40,000 people in a big arena, if you're fortunate enough to be in that, it's pretty inspiring.

Here I am, doing something I love doing and making a living out of it. How fortunate am I?

## Have you had a look at the Bluesfest line-up? Is there anybody you're excited about seeing?

I'd love to see Tom Jones, I am incredibly admiring of the guy – he's in his 80s! And his voice is still amazing.

#### Are you having enough fun?

Having fun? I am absolutely having too much fun.

I've got a great band, and also, as we speak, I'm doing a solo acoustic tour in regional theatres. That's real fun too, because I'm using a massive PA system and I don't have to share the soundscape with anyone else. It's a whole different beast, getting a song across with one voice and a stomp box and the guitar. It's a lovely, lovely challenge.

#### How are your back and your legs going with the stompbox?

Ha ha – I have a pretty strong right leg!

See Ian Moss on Easter Saturday at Bluesfest 2024 www.bluesfest.com.au.



Next week you can join **Art Byron** curator, **Laith McGregor** and influential artists, **Lara Merrett** and **Shaun Gladwell** for an exclusive evening of conversation, food and wine at **Newrybar Hall**.

The artists will be in conversation with **Vault magazine** editor, **Alison Kubler**, who will discuss their practice, connection to Byron Bay, and involvement in the 2024 iteration of Art Byron.

Lara Merrett's practice interrogates the relationship between painting and its surrounding architecture with site-specific work that invites us to enter and navigate its folds. Merrett's larger-scale commissioned work has involved public participation through touch, movement, cuttings, and its relationship to the built environment. Her simultaneous agility, amplification and softening of the rigid confines of canvas and gallery, both complicate and honour painterly traditions. Lara recently exhibited in the international group show 'TERRA' in Beaune, Burgundy. Exploring the notion of terroir, each site is an exploration and sensing of place. Lara is also known for her collaboration with contemporary Australian fashion house, Romance Was Born. A site-specific fabric installation will be created specifically for the Art Byron dinner.

**Shaun Gladwell**, is an Australian where it comes from, who contemporary artist and freestyle skate and their personal story.

boarder who has gained worldwide acclaim for his video art, paintings and photographs. Gladwell describes his video art as 'performance landscapes'. An immersive and pivotal video work 'Pacific Undertow' will be a highlight of the Art Byron festival.

Gladwell uses disciplines of human movement to investigate function and meaning within urban, natural, and extended reality environments. His oeuvre is considered an important contribution to the cataloguing and celebration of movement-based sub-cultures that have emerged within his generation. The artist has also been recognised for pioneering work with immersive, extended reality technologies and was the subject of a survey show 'Pacific Undertow' held at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia in 2019 and represented Australia at the Venice Biennale

Guests will enjoy a Papa Salt Coastal Gin Cocktail on arrival followed by a three-course dinner menu and matching Minimum Wines curated by Argentinian chef, Francisco Smoje of roaming restaurant, Francisco's Table. Roaming for 10 years in the Northern Rivers, Francisco is committed to championing local producers. He has an intimate relationship with each and every ingredient he uses, knowing where it comes from, who has grown it and their personal story.

This is event is on Thursday next week, March 28.
The cost for the three-course dinner and talk, including Minimum Wines and Papa Salt Coastal Gin Cocktail is \$180pp.
Book tickets with QR Code from ad on back page or link here: artbyron-artist-dinner.eventbrite.com.au.
More information can be found at: art-byron.com.au.



#### FILM FUNDRAISER FOR **SAVE WALLUM**

Our Generation Media together with the Brunswick Picture House will be hosting a special fundraiser screening of the award-winning documentary, Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land in support of Save Wallum.

The local neighbourhood and community protectors have been holding a peaceful and family-friendly vigil to keep watch over Wallum country for over six weeks. An integral role is being played by various clan representatives within the Bundjalung nation who are holding ceremony before all actions – this is to ensure that all participants and visitors are coming with the right intention and energy and to open all to a deeper connection with the land.

Local Githabul representative Jarmbi says the film is deeply important for people to watch and understand what is being played out, 'not only at Wallum, but across the whole nation and the world.

Director of the film Sinem Saban says the film presents, from a Yolngu perspective, how this dominant system, and its enforced control over their lives, has caused chaos to their law, their culture and their connection to country. 'But it is getting easier to see that this same domination affects all of us, the decisions around Wallum were made from the top down, and only if you have a large amount of money can you fight this beast in the courts.

All money from the screening ticket sales will go towards supporting the protectors and their ongoing work on the ground. Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land will screen at Brunswick Picture House on Wednesday, April 3. The evening will start at 5.30pm with drinks and food available and the film will screen from 7pm with a O&A to follow.

Tix are available from brunswickpicturehouse.com

It's free to list your gigs in the gig guide. e: gigs@echo.net.au w: echo.net.au/gig-guide. **DEADLINE 5PM ON FRIDAYS** 

#### **WEDNESDAY 20**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM INO PIO
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM DAOIRÍ **FARRELL**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON **BAY. ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE** FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS **OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM KITA ALEXANDER

#### THURSDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SAMUEL BUCKLEY DUO BYRON THEATRE 8PM **DUBIOZA**
- **KOLEKTIV** PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE
- FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL ■ THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY,
- 6PM INO PIO ■ BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE
- HOUSE 7PM RAY O'LEARY ■ LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE **8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **NEIL MCCANN**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN **CHARLIE BRAVO**

#### FRIDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, CORNVEST
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM KANE MUIR, THE JUNGLE **GIANTS & PEACH FUR**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM SCREENING: FIGHT CLUB + LET'S TALK ABOUT FIGHT
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DEEPDOWN**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM DJ YASMIN
- WANDANA BREWING CO. MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ TAZ**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES **CLUB 6PM HARRY NICHOLS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY,
- **8PM KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS** HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM SAIJE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE
- HOUSE 7PM **SCREENING GIVE** TREES A CHANCE: THE STORY **OF TERANIA CREEK**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM ANDREW

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BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE (M)

- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM LUKE YEAMAN
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JOHN CRAGIE & CAT CLYDE**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, **8PM VOLA INERTIA, POWER DRILL & PJ SHEEK**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM ROB BOSTOCK
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM NATHAN KAYE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE WHISPERING JACK SHOW

#### **SATURDAY 23**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, GREG NUNAN & THE **GENERAL JACKSON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM GABRIELLE LAMBE + DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM YIRINDA
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON **BAY. ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE** FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, KINO GRANDE
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM TIAGO FREITAS, **5PM DJ KAI NOON**
- APEX PARK, MAIN BEACH BYRON BAY, 3.30PM HARMONY **DAY - GLOBAL BEATS**
- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON BAY. 5PM HARMONY DAY -JAPANESE LANTERN MAKING 7PM HARMONY DAY -**JAPANESE LANTERN PARADE**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE, 1PM DJS JOE +
- BANGALOW HOTEL JAMEL **BOUKABOU**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM MARK CHAPMAN **BAND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM NAZEEM HUSSAIN - TOTALLY NORMAL
- MULLUM CIVIC HALL 6.30PM BYRON KIRTAN WITH SHIVA SHAKTI
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 10AM FREE KIDS SHOW. 12PM DAVE POWER, 4PM OLE FALCOR, 8PM GLITTERATI RIOT
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM ESCAPED ALONE BY CARYL CHURCHILL
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM ISAAC FRANKHAM BAND

- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM ADAM **GARDINER**, 8PM WEAR THE **FOX HAT**
- BALLINA RSI LEVEL ONE **8PM HAYLEY GRACE AND THE BAY COLLECTIVE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2.30PM SLIM **PICKINS**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM SAM BUCKLEY & **GRANT GERATHY + DJS** FRXSTY, DBLM & BIG RED
- UKI HALL 5PM BIG SCRUB **DUB CLUB - LIONHEART REBELLION, RACHEL BY THE** STREAM & BUSH DOCTAS
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 6.30PM MARY MAX AND THE **TWEED SET**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5PM BLISS N ESO
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS **6PM BILL JACOBI**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE **DOLLY SHOW**
- PEARCES CREEK HALL PIERCES CREEK, 6PM PAULA **BOO, PETER HUNT, ZAYNAB WILSON 'MELODIES AND SALTY TALES'**

#### **SUNDAY 24**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **BAY, ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM BLUESFEST BUSKING **COMP SEMI FINALS + DJ**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **THE UMBILICAL BROTHERS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 10AM LOKI HOUGH
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 12PM ANIMAL VENTURA
- KULCHA JAM, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ARKA KINARI**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE, 1.30PM UPBEAT, 5.30PM PHIL HOWELL
- BANGALOW HOTFL ABE **STEWART**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM LUKE **MORRIS AND THE HEAVY HITTERS**
- **BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE** HOUSE 6PM ATTACK OF THE **MELANIE BRACEWELL**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 12PM GUY KACHEL, **4PM HAYLEY GRACE TRIO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ GYOM** DIOP
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **ESCAPED** ALONE BY CARYL CHURCHILL
- LENNOX PIZZA 3PM DIVINYL, 5PM BEN WHITING
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM SUNDAY BLUES CLUB **SESSIONS GREG LYON'S HIP OPERATION**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA. 3PM SUNDAY SESSIONS **FT.BOURBON STREET**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM **SLIM** PICKINS, 6.30PM COMEDY @ THE LEVEE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 2.30PM GOOD MORNING **VIETNAM**

#### **MONDAY 25**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **BAY, JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **6PM GUY KACHEL**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON **BAY, FULL MOON PARTY**

#### **TUESDAY 26**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, WILL CLIFT
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **OLE FALCOR**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON **BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE** FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **LLOYD** WEBBER EVOLUTION

#### **WEDNESDAY 27**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, STEPHEN LOVELIGHT
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **6PM BLUESFEST BUSKING COMP FINALS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS **OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM GABRIELLA COHEN + SARA YAEL 7PM WILD WOMEN
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **KARAOKE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM KINGY COMEDY - FEAT TOM SIEGERT
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM GRAHAM NASH



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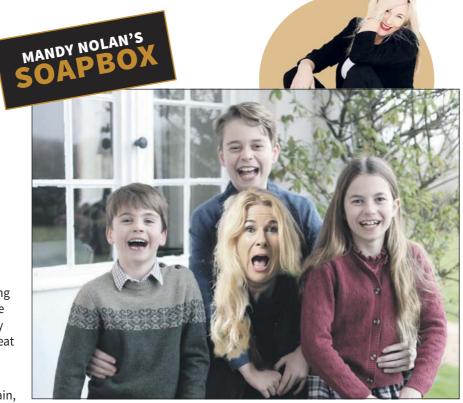
Everyone's banging on about the Kate Middleton Mother's Day family photo scandal. Where's Kate? Well it's obvious. The royal family are lizards and they ate her. Shapeshifting reptilian overlords don't always have a lot of self-control, nor are they very good at Photoshop. Lizards have to eat you know.

The outcry around this photo is bizarre. It tells me one thing for certain, humanity is fucked. And not because we fail at Photoshop. Because we fail at caring about stuff that matters. It's bizarre to think anyone really cares about this stupid photo. So what if it's doctored? Maybe she is sick. Maybe she left her family? Maybe she's a lizard who forgot how to shapeshift back. Maybe she's one of the most privileged women on earth living in ludicrous luxury in an archaic meaningless institution, responsible for the colonisation, desecration and murder of cultures around the globe who woke up one day and realised it was a sham. Maybe she didn't feel like having her photo taken?

I am not interested in Kate Middleton. The real question is why do people care so much? Of all the known problems we face, Kate Middleton's Mother's Day photo not being real is possibly the least troubling. We have real shit to worry about.

Over 32 000 people have been killed in Gaza. I watched footage of children starving to death. Little kids in a war, dying in front of me. That's worth outrage. That's worth demanding answers. That's worth demanding government work towards a peaceful resolution. But no, we can tolerate these photos. What we can't tolerate is Kate's fuzzy sleeve.

Putin has just won the Russian election that some say is 'rigged' with



On the global stage, the sociopathy of the key players is Shakespearean. It's terrifying. But we're worried about Kate's hair.

a landslide 90%, this will underwrite the continued assault on Ukraine, in what has been described as a 'forever' war. Over 30 000 people have been killed in this war, the largest attack on a European country since World War II. But we're worried about Kate's weirdly placed feet.

America is on track to have Trump claim presidency. He's been impeached twice, tried to thwart the peaceful transfer of power after losing the 2020 election and faces scores of charges in multiple criminal cases, yet he is back and on a trajectory to rule as an autocrat. On the global stage, the sociopathy of the key players is Shakespearean. It's terrifying. But we're worried about Kate's hair.

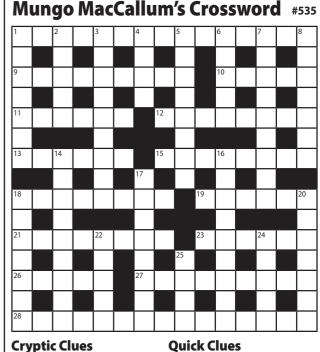
Capitalism is killing us. 1.2 billion people live in multi-dimensional

poverty, 593 million of them are children. Half of the world's net wealth is held by 1% of the world's population. The wealth isn't trickling down, it's being sucked from the bottom. But hang on, Kate's face looks strange.

Governments know the bad news about climate change. They know that fossil fuels are the main contributor, yet they keep opening mines. They keep taking donations from fossil fuel companies. At the current rate of warming it's predicted by 2050 that over 20% of the world won't be habitable. Over a billion people will be displaced. But we're perturbed by Kate's wonky hand. Not the dirty hands of our leaders.

The doomsday clock sits at 90 seconds to midnight. Created by the Bulletin of Atomic Science and Security along with nine Nobel laureates it is the metaphorical representation of how close humanity is to destroying the world via nuclear weapons and climate change. We've never been this close. But we're not talking about this. We're talking about a stupid photo of a woman none of us know.

Get a grip. Be outraged. But not by a fake photo of fake people living a fake life. They were never real anyway. That's the point. The lies we're told are far bigger than that. It's time we started caring about shit that matters.



#### **Cryptic Clues ACROSS**

- 1. Han officials assigned to review outcomes but it's only a game!
- 9. Ergo, said Spooner, food with a god (9)
- 10. Cold and noisy, a prelude to rain (5)
- 11. Banner, a junior officer (6)
- 12. Hamlet's fortress relies on chance (8)
- 13. I am a dog (6)
- 15. Continent contractions could be Chinese (8)
- 18. Cheer and the queen but could be poisonous (8)
- 19. Cry out for small dairy product (6)
- 21. Enter gently, they say: rest popular couple (4,4)
- 23. Rate a vessel, eastern vessel (6)
- 26. Main artery for Australians around alternative territory (5)
- 27. Last aura I detected in Oz (9)
- 28. Routine results a worry in a deadly game (7,8)

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Tailors small ships (7)
- 2. Instinct English like thoughts (5)
- 3. Flora at dusk royal but immature
- 4. Cupid's backache (4)
- 5. Impotent give aid to fewer (8)
- 6. No time for failed tactic covered with pricks! (5)
- 7. Take care with spending English firm is over dodgy monies (9)
- 8. Causes grief state death studies (7)
- 14. Cherished keepsakes are surest assets (9)
- 16. In all the circumstances, Tralee is the most likely origin of our
- forebears (9) 17. Hold back about stress (8)
- 18. A, outdoors (4,3)
- 20. Communication from Middle
- Eastern vessel is on time (7) 22. Indians hold a service for a man
- from Isfahan (5) 24. Take back powder to English
- display (5)
- 25. Very big look at Norwegian

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Strategy board game (7,8)
- 9. Consequently (9)
- 10. Fog; vapour (5)
- 11. Pennant (6)
- 12. Port city in Denmark (8)
- 13. Compositor (6)
- 15. Orientals (8) 18. Toxic evergreen shrub (8)
- 19. Shriek (6)
- 21. Commence slowly (4,4) 23. Evaluate (6)
- 26. It carries blood from the heart (5)
- 27. Southern land (9)
- 28. A gamble with a potentially lethal outcome (7,8)

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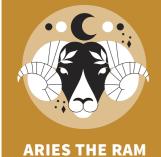
- 1. Shears; blades (7)
- 2. Concepts (5)
- 3. Timeless; always fresh (9) 4. God of love (4)
- 5. Oblivious (8)
- 6. Spiny succulent plants (5)
- 7. Tighten one's belt (9)
- 8. Disheartens (7)
- 14. Riches (9)
- 16. Genealogical (9)
- 17. Curb (8) 18. Al fresco (4,3)
- 20. Bulletin (7)
- 22. Persian person (5)
- 24. Brilliant success (5)
- 25. Port city in Norway (4)

Last week's solution #534

# DIRECTIONSBARD

## **STARS**

This week's sun blazing into energetic and generous, active and inspirational Aries hits refresh on the cosmic calendar...



ARIES: Happy birthday Rams, as this week's solar rays light up Mercury and Chiron in your curious, pioneering sign for Aries' month in the sun. Are you ready for an array of dazzling epiphanies, some timely and possibly confronting wakeup calls, lots of love and laughter and a creative renaissance?

TAURUS: Your planetary guide Venus aligned this week with sensible Saturn suggests getting down to nitty gritty reality checks and discussing basic agreements: business, domestic and relational. And Mercury in no-nonsense mode supports sorting out where you stand, what's included, and how much it's going to cost.

**GEMINI:** This week's sizzling celestial climate could make it hard to focus amid a host of attractive distractions. So forget multi-tasking and work methodically: write lists, set reminder alarms. Try to finalise important conversations. discussions and agreements before your guiding planet Mercury backs into retrograde on April Fools' Day.

**CANCER:** Full moon eclipse on 25 March, aligned with potent Pluto, spotlights connection and cooperation. Some partnerships past their prime could be eclipsed from your life to make space for the next chapter and a changing cast of characters. This is a time for reaching out to meet new people.

**LEO:** This week brings a full moon eclipse in the sign of partnerships, which affects your personal zodiac zone of social friendships and colleagues. Since eclipses are known to activate turning points and plot twists, an opportunity to connect or uncouple may present where you least expect it.

**VIRGO:** This week's auspicious beginning to the zodiac's new year brings a vigorous influx of energy, best used to take care of as much business as possible – whatever you may have been putting off or procrastinating about - before your planet mentor Mercury throws its planetary spanner in next month's works.

**LIBRA:** Autumn equinox, the time when light and dark are the same length, accompanies this week's big news for you Venusians: Libra full moon on 25 March. Your celestial date to dress up and socialise, to celebrate all the parts of your life that are currently in beautiful balance – or artistic disarray.

**SCORPIO:** As autumn leaves fall to compost new growth, this week's most potent date is the 25 March full moon lunar eclipse, when you may find yourself saying sayonara to someone or something that's played out their glory days in your life cycle. If so, look around: new openings are everywhere.

**SAGITTARIUS:** The celestial starting pistol announcing the season of your flamboyant fellow fire sign turns up this week's volume to loud and proud. There'll be no holding you back, but try not to leave scorch marks. Avoid the forest fire approach to interactions; aim for comfortably controlled warmth.

**CAPRICORN:** As this week ushers in the new astrological year, a powerful lunar eclipse on 25 March in your career sector could bring unexpected, though not unwelcome, changes. Stay calm, study the prevailing trends and how to make them work for you. Consider pooling resources and teaming up for new possibilities.

**AQUARIUS:** As autumn equinox presses the start button on the astrological new year, you'll welcome this week's increasingly Aquarius-friendly pace. But no need to race: overlooking details could cause a lot of bother when Mercury retrogrades on the first of April, so check the fine print and confirm terms.

PISCES: Magical Venus flowing in your compassionate sign, joined on the coming weekend by heavenly hothead Mars, is guaranteed to pleasantly warm your Piscean waters. And also incline you to help the less fortunate, in which case, be discriminating: don't let your kind heart be taken advantage of.

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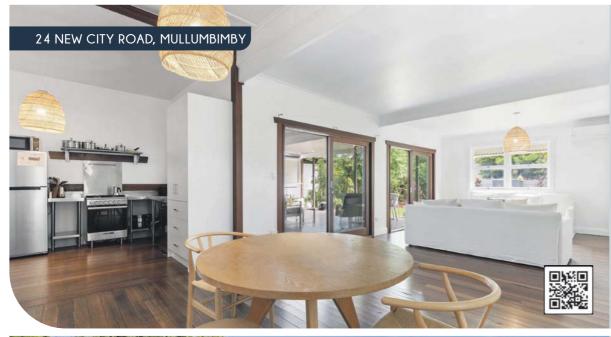
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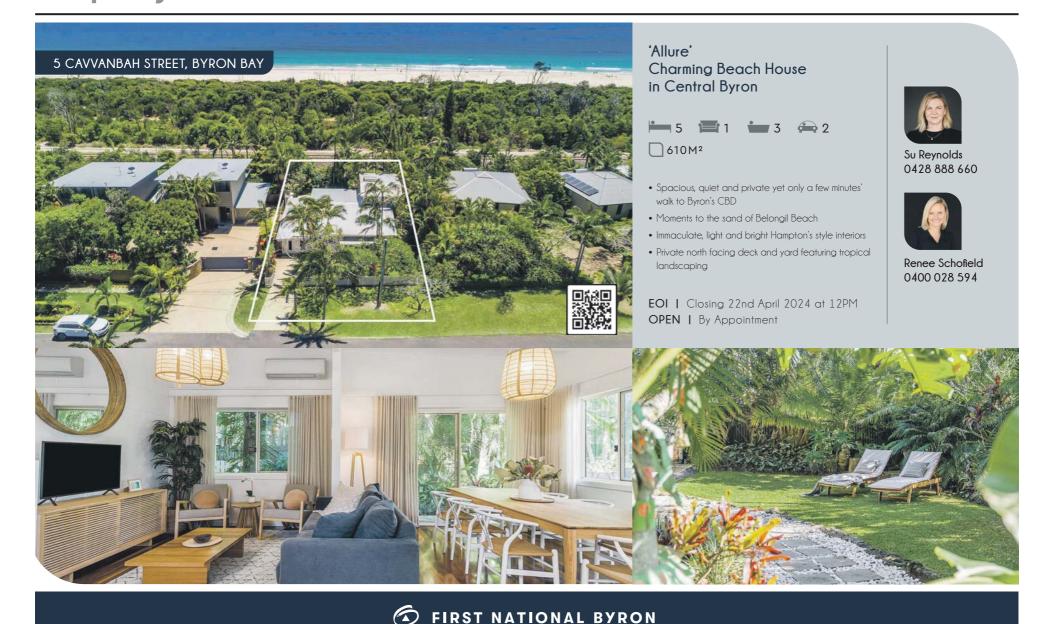
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- 2B/107 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 4 Azolla Place, Suffolk Park. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 77 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 1 Settlement Road, Main Arm. Fri 4-4.30pm
- 31 Tristania Street, Bangalow. Fri 4-4.30pm
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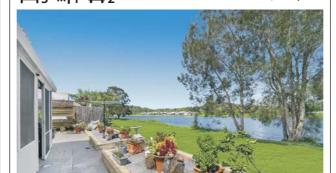
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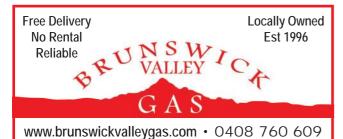
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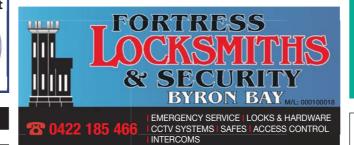


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#### **DEATH NOTICES**

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Passed away peacefully on March 12, 2024 at Coolamon Villa with family at her side.

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### **FUNERAL NOTICES**

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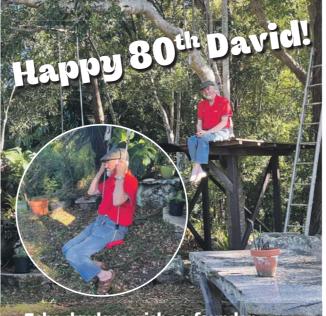


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1st	SUN	Lismore Car Boot	02 6628 7333
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The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.

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### Byron nippers excel at state championships

Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club had its most successful **NSW Age Championships** from the last few years, with our nippers making many finals across the four day event held at Oueenscliff. NSW, earlier this month.

Podium finishes included Eliiah Round and Jack Keough taking silver in the U/12 Board Rescue, and Tommy Trewhitt and Tom Pockley taking bronze in the U/13 Board Rescue.

Other final finishes included the club's U/9 rising stars of Orlando Blandford in the Surf Swim (seventh of 140 competitors), Taj Lollback in Flags (eighth of 122), U/9 Surf Swim team (fourth of 20 teams), U/9 Male Board Relay (fifth of 39 teams), and U/10 Ned Tutt in the Surf Swim (18th of 124).

Top-ten finishes went to Elijah Round in the Surf Swim (seventh of 104) and Jack Keough in the Board Race (seventh of 112).



U/12 male Board Rescue finalists (L-R) Elijah Round and Jack Keough (Byron Bay), with Dashiell Lonerganand and Jordan Prince (Wanda). Photo supplied

'It's great to see the future generation of Byron Bay surf lifesavers achieving incredible results against the state's best', said Kirsty Pockley, Junior Activities Coordinator and President of Byron Nippers.

'The Byron team was the biggest we've had in ten years with 41 nippers making their way to Sydney. It's a reflection of our great team culture and have-a-go attitude'.

Across the country, U13s and up, surf life savers are preparing for the Austalian Championships where 314 clubs from across the country will compete in more than 480 beach and ocean events in April 2024 on the Sunshine Coast.

## Bangalow and Byron Bay third-grader cricketers qualify for 2023/24 grand final

Bangalow Cricket Club has played its way into the thirdgrade grand final after beating minor premiers Lennox Head in the semi-final played at Megan Crescent Oval last Saturday.

Bangalow came into the game as the underdog after finishing in fourth place and without a win against Lennox Head Pirates for the season.

After winning the toss Bangalow set to work and soon had Lennox Head on the backfoot at 4/30.

The Pirates then created a middle order recovery with Arlo Woodbridge (57) and Adrian Zakaras (42) helping the side to a total of 7/171 off 40 overs.

James Buchanan, who finished his eight overs for Bangalow with 3/13 and Connor Redden (1/14), were the pick of the bowlers.

In reply Bangalow got off to a strong start but lost three wickets with the score on 68 to let Lennox Head back into the game. Connor Redden (36) and James Buchanan (41no) then backed up their bowling performances with solid batting to help their side reach the total with three overs to spare, and set up a grand final appearance.

#### Byron Bay

Byron Bay made it through their semi-final against Ballina Bears on a damp, and low-scoring Recreation Ground pitch.

Byron won the toss and elected to bat. After a slow start Byron were bowled out early for 109 in the 37th over. Just four batters managed double figures including top scorers Shaun Greening (17),

Owen Delian (15) and Ryan McGuiness (15).

Bowling honours went to Ballina's Isaac Duroux 4/16 off seven overs, and James Hort 2/11 off 2 overs.

Hamish Clacher led the Bears with the bat after opening strongly with a quickfire 24 off 11 balls. From there Byron clawed back five wickets for 27 runs to reduce the bears to 6/65. Despite a late innings from James Hort worth 17, the side was bowled out for 97, 13 runs short.

**Captain Shaun Greening** was the pick of the bowlers with 4/18 off eight overs, backed up by Leigh Simpson 2/16 off four and Sean Wills 2/17 off seven overs.

Bangalow play Byron Bay in the grand final at the Recreation Ground this Saturday, March 23, from 1.00pm.

#### Karate students win medals on the Gold Coast

Students of the Byron Bay JWK Karate dojo competed at the first AMAC Gold Coast tournament of the year on March 10 with medal-winning success.

Anthony Dinh is a regular competitor from the dojo who was joined by Sam Canning (the dojo's senior student) and 13-year-old Ari Gorman, who were competing in their first tournaments.

Sam won the veterans free-style sparring and the advanced/black belt free style sparring with a second in the veterans kata.

Ari placed second in the intermediate free style sparring.

Anthony won the beginners kata, placed second in intermediate kata, second in intermediate points sparring and open contact points



Anthony makes a score with a a roundhouse kick at the AMAC tournament on the Gold Coast. Photo supplied

sparring as well as coming third in the intermediate freestyle sparring.

These are great results for a small dojo with no

real focus on competition, and the teaching of Sensei Ric Light who established the first martial arts club in Byron Bay in 1977.

### Suffolk Park Tennis travels to grass courts

A group of eight adult Suffolk Park tennis players headed south of the border for a grass court tennis tournament in the small town of Tatura - north of Melbourne.

The annual tournament runs each Labour Day weekend in March at Tatura Lawn Tennis Club which features 12 grass and four synthetic grass courts.

The social atmosphere of the tournament caters for all levels. The veterans doubles, junior events and the unique Wooden Racquet Challenge are all very popular.

Dressed in team shirts, the majority of the Suffolk Park players experienced playing on natural grass for the first time, while Ryan O'Hehir competed in his first ever tournament pairing with Cris Servadio in the men's C grade doubles.



Cris Servadio lines one up on the grass courts at the Tatura Lawn Tennis Club. Photo Ryan O'Hehir

Cris backed up with a local life member, spritely 80-year-old Kaye Pyke-Fernando, for the mixed doubles.

Extra baggage was needed for the flight home as the Suffolk Park team collected a few trophies along the way. The club's coach Tim Lanyon won the men's open singles and Ami Shoesmith won the women's singles.

Lanyon also paired with Ewingsdale product David Duncan to come second in the men's open doubles.

Suffolk Park Tennis plans on returning to Tatura in 2025 for the third straight

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A few readers contacted us unhappy with the Echo's nude cover last week. We acknowledge that there are those in the community who wish to shelter children from such images. For this reason, we rarely include fully nude photos, even those taken at nude protests. By extension, some believe that a picture of a naked man on a bike can equate to, or represent, sexually predatory behaviour. The Echo does not believe that to be the case, and does not in any way condone such behaviour. As we are all born naked, nudity should not be considered a sin.

The new federal corruption watchdog, the National **Anti-Corruption Commission** (NACC), have recorded their first convictions, reports independent publisher Crikey. The three individuals, says Crikey, are 'a creditcard-abusing cop from the AFP, a person who accessed tax records without permission, and an Australian Tax Office employee who accepted a bribe'.

FYI NSW Labor have just passed the *Environmental* 

*Planning and Assessment* Amendment (Seabed Mining and Exploration) Act, which means NSW is the first state to ban offshore fossil fuel extraction.

Vale much loved Byron Bay identity, Peter Tiernan.

Wishing Bangalow musician Dylan Wright all the best for his performance at the Australian Idol grand final on Channel 7 next week. He has a mighty voice – see more @ dylanwrightmusic.



Where else are you going to see Jack Johnson, Tom Jones, Jimmy Barnes, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Elvis Costello and the Imposters, Infectious Grooves, Rickie Lee Jones and L.A.B (to name a few) in one place? Bluesfest crews are finishing off the big job of preparing for them to perform, with gates opening 2pm, Thursday March 28 for the five-day event. Backpackers Amy Turner from Glasgow and Keira Pastell from Essex, volunteered for the site setup to get passes. See more at www.bluesfest.com.au. Photo Jeff 'Two In Tents' Dawson

Gadigal artist and author, Konstantina, will be in conversation with Nell Schofield

to discuss her new book, Gadigal Ngura. The event is on March 21 from 6pm at The Book Room in Byron.

Congrats Vlad Putin for an overwhelming Russian election victory. Luckily for Vlad, there was no opposition; his closest rival, Alexey Navalny, mysteriously died a month ago in the IK-3 penal colony, north of the Arctic Circle.

Bangalow Historical Society's latest exhibition is a huge collection of old fashioned teddy bears and dolls, and even a couple of doll houses. It runs until April 27 and is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm. The exhibition is located at Heritage House, on the corner of Ashton and Deacon streets.



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