

Conflict claims rejected over Mullum's future water plans

Hans Lovejoy

The consultant who advises both Byron Council and water utility Rous has defended accusations that they have a perceived non-pecuniary conflict of interest in undertaking work for multiple clients.

Members of Council's Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) made the claim against consultant Hydrosphere, given the firm provides advice for both Council and Rous.

The WSAC members, all who have expertise in water engineering, are Ben Fawcett, Greens Cr Duncan Dey and Greens councillor candidate Elia Hauge. Last week, *The Echo* reported that their specific questions around the strategy remain unanswered by Council staff.

Public submissions close June 30 for the future of Mullum's water supply, which is currently sourced locally from the Wilsons Creek weir.

Council staff are pushing to disconnect it, in favour of the town being supplied instead by Rous County Council via its Rocky Creek Dam near Lismore. This view is informed by Hydrosphere's report.

Cr Dey says the mayor has adopted the position of staff and the consultant, and may be pushing the agenda behind closed doors.

Mayor Michael Lyon's reply, which was received too late for publication, will be published next week.

Conflict explained

Cr Dey said of the perceived conflict is that the consultant 'recommends to Rous that it find new sources to satisfy growing demand. Then it recommends to Council that it close down Lavertys Gap and connect to Rous, thus adding demand'.

Remarkably, while councillors, staff and advisory committee members are required to declare interests and conflicts, consultants are under no such obligation.

The Echo asked staff why consultants were not required to adhere to a code of conduct when advising Council in technical reports, for example.

Staff replied, 'Consultants do need to declare pecuniary interests to Council meetings they're part of'.

'But beyond that, the Code comes from the *Local Government Act 1993*, which is drafted and regulated by the NSW government'.

Staff also said, 'Council has not received any formal complaints alleging breaches of the code regarding the Mullumbimby Water Supply Strategy'.

The Echo asked consultant Hydrosphere, 'Does Hydrosphere believe it has a perceived non-pecuniary conflict of interest in providing advice and reports to two clients (Council and Rous) who share financial interests?'

Mick Howland from the company replied in part, 'Hydrosphere Consulting does not have any conflict of interest in undertaking work for multiple clients'.

He said, 'If we were to become aware of a conflict of interest during the execution of a project then we would refer the issue to the client and determine how or whether we would continue to undertake the project'.

'As consultants, we are subject to council procurement policies and are to be expected to comply with statements of business ethics and numerous other guidelines which ensure ethical dealings'.



Could recycled coffins be the death of us?

Ei Yang and Zimi Forrest from d'Vine Creations. Photo Jeff 'But I'm Not Dead Yet!' Dawson

Paul Bibby

Much has been said and written about sustainable burial in recent years.

Many locals are keen to avoid the chemicals and harmful compounds that go with conventional practices, and have advocated for a natural burial ground in the shire.

But what if we could not only minimise the impact of the moment when we are laid to rest, but in fact, help to replenish and regenerate the planet as we do so?

This is the philosophy behind the work of Ocean Shores artisan, Zimmi Forest, who is introducing the shire to the ancient art of coffin weaving.

Ms Forest and her team take the vines from the invasive, introduced species *Uncaria tomentosa* – colloquially known as cat's claw – and weave them into beautifully made coffins.

Not only are the coffin's

completely sustainable and biodegradable, coming from a plant that is ubiquitous in the Northern Rivers, but the very act of harvesting them helps to reduce their damaging spread through the local ecosystem.

Made from cat's claw

'The cat's claw is quite literally killing the trees,' says Ms Forest, who has been weaving and teaching others how to do so for 30 years.

'For the last 30 years, people have been cutting it, and putting poison on it, which makes no difference whatsoever other than that it poisons the environment.'

'What we're doing is a regenerative idea. We're on the path to reduce the weed and remove it. If we can get the community to get involved and really embrace this the potential differences are huge.'

While woven coffins are available in Australia, virtually none of them are made here.

The vast majority are imported from Asia, and are not made using invasive weeds, but monocrops such as willow that are introduced and farmed in unsustainable ways.

Ms Zimmi is seeking to break this monopoly and make coffin weaving a truly regenerative practice here.

Workshops

A key part of Ms Forest's project is workshops where people can build their own coffin – designing their own shape and style and adding personal touches such as flowers and pieces of cherished material.

The first official workshops will take place in October. However, there will be a taster workshop on the weekend of July 6 at the Country Women's Association Hall in Brunswick Heads – visit beforeandafterlife.com.au for more info.

For more information about Ms Forest's business, visit www.weavingnature.com.

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The Wake makes its debut

Saturday afternoon's performance of *The Wake*. Photo Jeff 'Woke Was So 2023' Dawson

Ollie Heathwood's *The Wake* premiered last weekend to a sold-out audience at the Brunswick Picture House. It explores the fishing history of Brunswick Heads,

which was the lifeblood of the town from 1954 until the late 1980s. **Build connection** 'My intention with this

project was to build connection between the older folk who lived here during that time and the younger folk who came later,' Ms Heathwood told *The Echo*.

Police, Council look to act on e-bikes

Paul Bibby

The distinctive whoosh of an electric bike flying down the road has become a familiar sound to many locals in the past few years.

Falling prices and increased power has made these steel steeds hugely popular with everyone from teenagers to retirees.

However, according to police, the rules relating to e-bikes are failing to keep up with their advancing horsepower and the ability of unscrupulous riders to turn them into chopped-up speed machines.

The resulting safety risks have already yielded tragic consequences, with a young e-bike rider losing his life in Byron Bay earlier this year.

Now, Council and police are trying to intervene to stop something similar from happening again.

This week Byron Council will consider a motion that, if successful, would see staff work with police to promote safe e-biking through an education campaign and, crucially, ensure appropriate enforcement of the regulations relating to e-bikes.

'We can no longer ignore the risks posed by inadequate regulations, or the lack of enforcement of existing regulations,' said Byron Mayor Michael Lyon, who has moved the motion.

'Just this April, a devastating incident claimed the life of a 30-year-old cyclist owing to an e-bike crash on our roads. This loss serves as a saddening reminder of the pressing need for change.'

While e-bikes have provided a badly-needed alternative transport, particularly for young people, a growing number of the machines have been

illegally modified to allow the pedal-assist function to be overridden.

The speed limiters are also being modified or removed so that riders can reach speeds in excess of 60km/h without breaking a sweat.

The combination of these changes essentially transforms the e-bikes from pedal-powered pushies to high-speed scooters.

Add to this the tendency of many local bike riders to leave their helmets at home and the result is a concerning safety issue for riders, drivers, and pedestrians alike.

'It's time that we start to focus on these bikes,' Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe of Tweed-Byron police told *The Echo* last week.

'It's something that has definitely come up at community meetings. We've had complaints about people riding bikes too fast, [they are] being doubled, even tripled. They are riding them on shared footpaths with pedestrians.'

'I'm working with the road safety officers at Byron and Tweed Councils. We're looking to implement a program in the coming months.'

Modifications

DCI Kehoe said that program would involve increased community education about the safety risks associated with e-bikes, and the rules that govern their use.

This included the fact that an e-bike with modifications to its pedal or speed limiting functions is essentially a non-compliant vehicle under the law.

'People need to realise that they're leaving themselves open to fines. The fine is in excess of \$1,000 for using an unregistered vehicle. If they don't have a

driver's licence, they may be fined for riding one of these modified vehicles because they're not in the category of a pushbike anymore.'

DCI Kehoe also warned that riders of modified e-bikes who were involved in accidents could potentially be liable for any damage or serious injury to others.

Open to civil action

'I think parents need to be aware that if their child is involved in a crash and the bike they're riding is non-compliant they are leaving themselves open for civil action. And I'm not just talking about a few hundred dollars - it's potentially six or seven figure claims.'

In addition to increased education, there are also plans for a significant increase in compliance, with e-bike riders facing fines for travelling over the 25km/h speed limit for bikes, failing to wear a helmet, or riding an unauthorised vehicle.

'Look, don't get me wrong here - they're a terrific piece of equipment if used properly,' Chief Inspector Kehoe said.

'They're non-polluting, they're good exercise, they're great for older people and younger kids being able to go to and from school. There's a lot to be said for them.'

'But there's definitely problems when they're not used properly and there's definitely moves happening to do something about that.'

In addition to education and compliance, Cr Lyon's motion proposes that Byron Council write to state and federal MPs about the safety issues surrounding e-bikes, specifically that current speeding regulations are inadequate to prevent modifications.

The motion has the support of Council staff.

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Byron preschools top nation for 'exceptional practice'

Of the 17,000 early childhood education and care centres in Australia, only 33 currently hold the 'excellent' rating, the top category attainable for exceptional practice under the National Quality Standards.

In June 2024, Byron Bay Preschool Coogera and Byron Bay Preschool Cavanbah were both awarded an excellent rating, positioning Byron Bay Preschool as the first multi-centre early childhood organisation in Australia to ever achieve 'excellence' across all licences.

Bridget Isichei, Director of Byron Bay Preschool Coogera and Cavanbah services told *The Echo*, 'Our journey towards attaining two excellent ratings has driven us as an organisation to continue to find new ways to push our boundaries for responsive programs and innovative practice'.

'We wouldn't have done



Sarah Cleal, Hannah Maxwell, Bridget Isichei, Linda Weir, Rachael Sherriff and Charlotte Teague. Photo Jeff 'Accolades And Awards Since 1986' Dawson

it without our amazing community supporting us every step of the way.'

Ms Isichei says Byron Bay Preschool was established in the Byron Shire in 1976.

'The Australian Education and Care Quality Authority (AECQA) commended both centres for their exceptional commitment to improving outcomes for children, which

was evidenced through the organisations' forest programs, intergenerational programs, trauma-informed teaching practices and community support groups'.

\$50m Mullum pool proposed on Lot 22

An aquatic strategy to be presented by Council staff in the upcoming meeting suggests a new 50m, eight-lane pool be built adjacent to the Mullumbimby Skate Park, within Lot 22 land.

A warm-water pool and 'program pool and splash pad' is also proposed.

If adopted by councillors on Thursday, the proposal will go on public exhibition, along with a proposal to upgrade the Byron Bay pool on Main Beach.

Council-owned Lot 22 was submerged in the 2022 floods, and while Council made considerable efforts over years to develop the land, the plans were eventually abandoned owing to flood constraints.

While community

feedback is some time away, staff say in the upcoming agenda, 'a shire-wide aquatic strategy has progressed to a stage where two preferred options have been prepared to concept stage to allow for public exhibition'.

Byron pool renewal

A renewal of the existing pool in Byron Bay is estimated to cost \$28,267,000, while a new Mullum pool is expected to cost \$50,410,000.

Authors of the staff report, Malcolm Robertson and Pattie Ruck, say, 'both Mullumbimby and Byron Bay pools are approaching the end of their functional life and are requiring significant upgrades'.

They were at pains to explain that building on a floodplain was achievable, and would be built 'slightly

higher than the recorded 2022 flood event'.

They write, 'The recent *Post 2022 Event Flood Analysis* commissioned by the NSW state government identified some issues in the hydraulic model upstream of this proposed site'.

'... the entire site will need to be filled with an average depth of 1.4m to raise the floor level above the flood level. This will involve more than 20,000 cubic metres of fill material with the proposal put forward, making allowance for the pool shells and balance tanks. This can be accomplished without affecting no-fill zones and will ensure that risk of inundation is minimised'.

As for financial considerations, staff write, 'Consultants have suggested

that a staged approach is possible for Mullumbimby as funds become available, however that would create duplication of operational and management costs across two facilities. Single stage construction will allow economies of scale and is the recommended approach'.

In May, councillors voted to explore and implement options to heat the Mullumbimby pool. Back in February 2018, staff were asked to prepare concept plans for a possible refurbishment of the Byron Bay pool 'to ascertain community priorities and preferences'.

Staff write, 'This project is ongoing, but has been delayed, as Council seeks resolution with the Crown regarding alignment of boundaries'.

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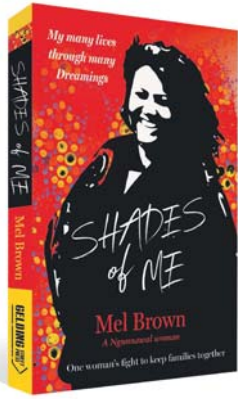
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For young people growing up in the region there can be limits to what you can do – especially if you are not a beach-orientated person.

While there might be a perception that there's a lack of things to do – there is a space where young people can connect, play and learn new skills.

Enter the Byron Youth Service (BYS), with its HQ located at the Youth Activities Centre (the YAC), behind the town's courthouse and next to the new skatepark.

As a not-for-profit charity, it's been a cornerstone of support for those aged 12–24 years in the Byron Shire for over three decades.

Last Thursday, they held a 'friendraiser,' featuring live music, a flea market, food, an art sale, art workshops, barbershop and a non-alcoholic bar. The day, as the name suggests, was aimed at creating new friends and reconnecting with old.

BYS manager, Christian Tancred, has now been in the job for five years and says his experienced team are always busy with the activities and services they offer young people.

'The recent addition of the skatepark has really solidified the area as a youth, recreation and culture precinct', he says.

'Part of the reason I got into this work was that I see tremendous value for communities to have not only safe spaces but places that are exciting and can foster creativity and growth.'

'The YAC is a wonderful hub of creativity that attracts young people, and it is also a safe space for young people or families to come if they need support.'

While the YAC is the primary location for



Federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot, has announced \$29,280 for BYS to complete a youth sculpture project at the 2024 Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk, to held from October 3 till 13. The project will also host pop-up workshops. From left are Karma Barnes, Mya Solo, Justine Elliot, Max Squires, and Rosalie Bryant. Photo supplied



BYS manager, Christian Tancred. Photo Hans Lovejoy

BYS activities (1 Gilmore Crescent), long-time youth worker, Deb Pearse, operates out of The Cottage in Mullumbimby, located at 34 Gordon Street.

Ms Pearse leads a program specifically for girls providing support to navigate life's challenges.

On Wednesdays from 3.30pm at The Cottage is Mullum Mooves, offering arts projects, mentorship, and musical creation for all young people in a drug and alcohol-free environment.

Christian says, 'BYS receives some funding from federal and state government, but this

support does not match the demands of running our organisation'.

'Each year, it grows increasingly challenging to maintain the upkeep of both venues and the increasing demand for services'.

Friends of The YAC

'So, we are on the lookout for Friends of The YAC who can support us financially and help us connect to the community and maintain the YAC quite literally for future generations.'

'As a small gesture of appreciation, Friends of The YAC will receive one of 100 limited edition key rings designed by artist Nina Hurr; a digital copy of our half-yearly mini magazine; early invitations to all our events and be in the draw to win a \$1,000 voucher from Crystal Castle'.

Donations are tax deductible: Byron Youth Service Inc ABN: 76939913491.

Become a Friend of The YAC by calling (02) 6685 7777 or drop in to the YAC from Monday to Thursday.

Regular youth events

Byron Youth Service (BYS), located at 1 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay, offer a range of activities for local young people.

One of their regular events is 'Kickback,' held every Thursday from 4pm.

With an open-door policy, the afternoon allows young people to engage with arts and crafts, open mic nights, and movie screenings.

Barber shop

Byron Community Barbers also operates on Thursdays, where aspiring barbers can learn the trade from an experienced hairdresser who provides free cuts and mentorship.

Barista course

BYS offers a barista course to enhance employability in the cafe industry.

Safe drivers course

The BYS safe drivers course helps young 'L' drivers gain experience and log book hours.

Art lab

Free weekly art lab program for 14-20-year-olds, ARTHAUS, focuses on developing creative skills and connecting with other young artists.

Food forest project

An interactive food forest project is underway, which aims to provide nourishment, inspiration and connection to nature.

Radio/podcasting

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Spag Circus benefits from govt grants

\$55,000 has been awarded for the 2024 National Training Program for Spaghetti Circus, says local Labor MP Justine Elliot.

In a media release, she said the five-day program will train professional and emerging artists at the upcoming National Circus Festival.

The training program will encompass masterclasses, forums and a nightly cabaret, she says. The festival will be held October 4-6. Visit www.spaghatticircus.com for more info.



The Little Mighties from Spaghetti Circus were part of a big weekend of performances, as part of the *Higher Stronger Faster* annual show, held at the Mullum Showgrounds. Photo Jeff 'Twisted In Pink' Dawson

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Gaza and DA reform on Council's table this Thurs

Some of the issues to be voted on at this Thursday's Byron Council meeting include a lengthy motion on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, which is proposed by Crs Cate Coorey and Duncan Dey.

In part it recognises, 'that the hostage situation on both sides and the eight-month siege of Gaza are traumatising for many Byron Shire residents', and seeks to write to the prime minister and foreign

minister, 'expressing support for Australia's condemnation of the attacks on Israel by Hamas on October 7', and... 'end military, economic, political and diplomatic ties with the state of Israel until it complies with its obligations under international law'.

Council staff raised concerns around receiving 'a report in August to explore options for Council to cancel contracts with companies that support Israel's illegal

occupation of Palestine, or profit from it, or that supply equipment to the Israeli Defence Force'. Staff wrote it would 'be difficult to identify such companies outside of any already publicly available information'.

DA register

And staff have also raised concerns around a motion proposed by Cr Sarah Ndiaye titled, 'Establishment of a Register of Interested

Parties for Development Applications Contradicting Biodiversity Regulations in Council's LEP and DCP'.

Staff wrote a lengthy reply in the agenda, saying in part, 'It is unreasonable and unfeasible to expect development support staff, when a development application is lodged and requires notification, to determine whether it "contravenes Biodiversity Regulations in the Council's LEP and DCP"'

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More car thefts and break-ins

Police are reminding residents to lock doors and windows even when they are at home, after the latest spate of break-ins and vehicle theft in Brunswick Heads.

Detective Chief Inspector from the Tweed-Byron Police, Matt Kehoe, said that between 1am and 3am on Friday, June 21, a number of homes were entered in Brunswick Heads.

'The majority of homes were entered through open

doors or windows,' said DCI Kehoe.

'Small items such as wallets, cash, mobile phones, credit cards and car keys were targeted.

'Three motor vehicles were also stolen with one recovered at Palm Beach on the Gold Coast, and a 15-year-old Qld boy was arrested.'

'Don't leave car keys and wallets in locations such as hallway tables, kitchen tables or benches,' said DCI Kehoe.

Service NSW offers help to Byron biz, June 27

Service NSW Business Bureau and Business Connect team members will be visiting all Jonson Street businesses on Thursday, June 27 to offer government assistance.

A statement from the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce says that Business Concierge service can 'provide help with licences and permits; mental health support for you and your employees; disaster recovery support; resources and

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Married at first sight, or giving mourners a fright?

Paul Bibby

Earlier this year, Hinterland House in Bangalow featured on *Married at First Sight*, a hit reality-TV series that has millions tuning in to watch strangers paired up in fictional marriages.

But it appears that the historic local property may not be witnessing real-life marriages any time soon, with its application to host weddings and events receiving short shrift from staff at Byron Council, neighbours, and the local historical society.

The owners of the high-end holiday accommodation venue have sought permission to run a temporary outdoor wedding and function centre at the nine-hectare Hinterland Way site, with the application due to come before this week's Council meeting for determination.

The proponents say the centre would only operate for three years, would be limited to 20 events per annum, and that attendees would arrive and depart via minibuses to limit the traffic movements on the surrounding streets.

While each event would host up to 150 people, there would be no additional permanent structures built, with tents and marquees brought in if shelter is needed.

The owner of the property, Mitch Carter, said the temporary function centre would bring additional money into



Jelbon Leigh House, also known as Hinterland House, is currently used for holiday letting but its owners want to host wedding events. Photo Byron Shire Council

the local economy and have minimal impact.

'We champion hyper-local businesses above all others as our preferred suppliers, and should we be successful, this will extend to wedding planners, celebrants, caterers, transport companies, accommodation providers, hire companies, cleaners, food and beverage staff - the list goes on,' Mr Carter said.

However, the site is located next to the Bangalow Cemetery, and access to the centre would require travelling on a road that passes through it.

According to Council staff, having busloads of wedding guests travelling through a place of commemoration and mourning and then dancing and drinking into the evening represents a significant land use conflict with negative social consequences.

There would also be potential noise impacts on

neighbouring residential properties, staff said.

The Bangalow Historical Society echoed staff's criticisms in a sternly-worded submission.

Historical Society vehemently opposed

'The entire committee of Bangalow Historical Society objects in the strongest possible terms to the component of the most recent development application requesting access to the function centre via the Bangalow Cemetery,' the submission said.

'Local families whose loved ones are buried in the cemetery have contacted the Bangalow Historical Society, greatly concerned about the irreparable disturbance and damage that permitting access to an event centre through the cemetery would cause.'

'The land on which the cemetery is located was gifted to the community of Bangalow by early Bangalow pioneer Robert Campbell, specifically for the purpose of creating a cemetery for the community.'

'As such, we request that Byron Shire Council respect the wishes of our pioneer settler, and our entire community, by maintaining the privacy and sanctity of that land solely for its intended purpose.'

But Mr Carter refuted the claims and defended his application.

He said that access to Hinterland House was via a public road that was already frequently used by the neighbouring macadamia farms and residents.

The proposed event location was more than 1.5 kilometres from the cemetery, which only hosted eight burials a year on average.

Mr Carter also said that testing had shown that noise from the events centre would have a very minimal impact on the cemetery or other neighbours, and that event attendees would be adhere to specific rules, including leaving the site by 10pm.

'We are cognisant of our neighbours and community and will always operate with them in mind and have created a stringent events management plan in consultation with Council,' he said.

Women's Giving Circle hosts DV panel event July 4

A panel event, 'Gendered violence; hope, optimism, and local solutions', will be held at The Farm on July 4 from 7.30am to 9am. Hosted by the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF)'s Women's Giving Circle, the event features Isabelle Reinecke (founder and executive director, Grata Fund); Dr Allison Henry (Research Fellow, UNSW Australian Human Rights Institute); and

Karim Kaufman (program manager, The Rites of Passage Institute).

Organisers say, 'With over 1,349 domestic violence-related assaults reported to police in the Northern Rivers in 2023, this conversation is about more than just highlighting the problem that is so evidently clear; it's about showcasing solutions in our community for us to collectively get behind. This event is

designed around hope, optimism, and solutions-based thinking. You'll hear from grassroots-led initiative leaders, and those making shifts on policy at a federal level addressing gendered violence; exploring the diverse efforts being made to create safer spaces for women and children in our communities.'

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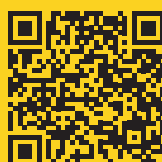
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It's time to decide how to secure Mullumbimby's water supply for the future.

Mullumbimby's demand for water is increasing with development and population growth.

The current supply, from Lavertys Gap weir, can't meet forecast demand without the risk of more frequent and severe water restrictions.

Byron Shire Council commissioned water management consultants to investigate how to secure Mullumbimby's water supply up to 2050 and beyond.

Four scenarios for Mullumbimby's future water supply have been identified:

1. Upgrade existing Lavertys Gap system, build a new Water Treatment Plant (beyond 2027, water restrictions may be more frequent)
2. Build a new, 200 million litre off-stream storage to store high river flows and supplement the weir when needed
3. Connect Mullumbimby to the regional water supply that supplies the rest of Byron Shire
4. Find new groundwater to supplement the Lavertys Gap supply

The consultants and council's engineering staff have recommended **Scenario 3 – connecting Mullumbimby to the regional supply that provides water to the rest of Byron Shire – as the preferred option on economic, environmental and social measures.**

Each option has benefits and costs and we're asking the community to consider the choices and have a say on this important issue.

Submissions close on 30 June, 2024

More information

For more information on the short-listed choices for Mullumbimby and to have your say in the community survey, visit an information session or go to Council's website

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Vale author, lawyer John Bailey

Paul Davies

John Bailey was born in Sydney, worked as a teacher in England and as a public servant in New Guinea, and eventually practised as a barrister in Melbourne.

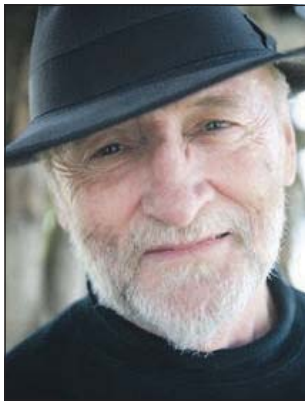
When he shifted to representing the health department and the ABC, he focused on industrial relations. For ten years, he supervised students at Springvale Legal Service and was awarded a centenary medal in 2001 for 'contributions to Australian society'.

John also did four years phone support for Lifeline.

Encouraged by the success of his third book, *The White Divers of Broome* (it won two Premier's Awards in NSW and WA), John gave up law and moved to Mullumbimby in 1999 in order to write full time.

In that time he produced two novels: *The Wire Classroom* (an account of colonial life in New Guinea), and *Moon Babies* (a science fiction novel).

He has also written five biographies, including *Into the Unknown* (the tormented life and expeditions of Ludwig Leichardt), *Mr Stuart's Track* (the forgotten



life of Australia's greatest explorer), and *Jefferson's Second Father* (an account of George Whythe, a prominent opponent of slavery).

Two biographies that have received much acclaim are *The White Divers of Broome* and *The Lost German Slave Girl* (Macmillan).

The latter work, a reflection of his great interest in American law and history, is an extraordinary, true account of a pale African American woman who, claiming to be a German immigrant, is illegally taken into bondage as a child in Louisiana.

Slavery in the US commenced in 1619 and ended in theory in 1865, producing several hundred thousand case law precedents.

The book has excited

much interest in the United States, and is currently optioned to be produced as a feature film. Three of the books are in our local libraries and the *The White Divers of Broome* is available at Byron's Book Room.

Purpose of writing

John's approach to writing was to create a strong narrative against the background of exotic or remote locations. In his own words, he declared that his 'purpose in writing is to get people interested in what I am interested in'.

He regarded being an ex-lawyer as both an advantage and a hindrance to his creative work. 'An advantage, because the courtroom experience encourages one to question the obvious and doubt the glib. A hindrance, because lawyers are often the most tedious of writers... All this had to be unlearned.'

After arriving in Mullum John became passionately committed to his local community. He was an active member of the Greens party, and stood for election in the seat of Richmond in 2007.

John also participated in a number of regular, local gatherings, including the

Cafe Philo meetups, where he helped stage monthly talks and discussions among visiting philosophers, academics, journalists and fellow authors.

A staunch vegetarian, he always kept discussion on the current state of the world (culture, politics, the environment) under strict control – with an impish gleam in his eye. John had a limited tolerance for bullshit.

Vigorously analytical

Friends variously described him as 'wise', 'brotherly', 'down to earth', 'erudite', 'a rod of irony', who was 'vigorously analytical'. John also loved to dance and, in his early years, to play rugby union – which he continued to follow keenly throughout his life, sometimes as a referee.

Not to mention as a passionate barracker for the Wallabies.

John passed away early last Tuesday morning in Tweed Hospital, battling complications from an infection.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Mullin, and his much-loved daughter, Kylie and son, Ben. He will live on through his published work and the memories he has left us.

Cleo hits the global stage



Torquise with a recent SMH *Spectrum* which featured her daughter Cleopatra Coleman. Photo Jeff Dawson

Former Byron High School student, Cleopatra Coleman, has landed a starring role in the highly acclaimed Disney+ TV series, *Clipped*.

Cleopatra nurtured her passion for acting and dancing from a young age, encouraged by her mum Torquise and father Mick. Byron's artistic community also fuelled her creative aspirations, leading her to Melbourne, then Hollywood's bright lights.

In *Clipped*, Coleman plays V.Stiviano, personal assistant

to the racist, misogynistic, Donald Sterling. As former owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, his tenure as an NBA team owner was marred by scandal, including a highly-publicised lawsuit and subsequent lifetime ban from the NBA owing to racist remarks. As she continues to ascend in her career, Cleo says she, 'remains a proud representative of her hometown, embodying the spirit and creativity that Byron Bay is known for.'

Mixed bag budget, says local NSW MP

With the NSW Budget being released last week by Labor, Greens Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith, said she welcomes some positive outcomes 'in an otherwise challenged budget'.

She said, 'of particular note for the community is the announcement of \$8 million for a new purpose-built Fire and Rescue Station in Byron Bay.'

'Huge congratulations to Zone Commander, Greg Lewis, and the team at Byron Fire and Rescue, and all our fires for their advocacy, and for the Byron crew delivering unwavering service in a substandard station for years. This much-needed, purpose-built facility

also includes additional staffing, and I look forward to seeing the end results, including safer communities and better equipped firefighters. It is important that the Emergency Services Minister speak to our Zone Commander and local fire fighters to understand staffing needs for Byron Bay', Ms Smith said.

'I welcome the investment in social housing for the electorate of Ballina, with \$10.6 million being invested into new social housing projects and \$1.5 million for upgrading the current housing stock.'

'This is all welcome news and I congratulate the community for their pressure on government to ensure

these vital projects were funded.'

'It is pleasing to see \$26.9 million specifically set aside for the Ballina electorate in the Resilient Homes and Resilient Lands Programs, which will hopefully translate to a significant number of house raises and retrofits', said Ms Smith.

Ms Smith expressed her disappointment that the promised recurrent funding for vital social service supports in the community did not materialise.

She said the budget 'does not prioritise funding for frontline community services that are doing the daily work of supporting rough sleepers and people facing homelessness in our area.'

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Occupiers of North Lismore buybacks report no eviction past deadline

Supporters of people occupying otherwise empty bought-back houses in North Lismore say Monday passed peacefully without any eviction attempts.

Ballina MP mostly welcomes state budget announcements

Greens Member for Ballina Tamara Smith has welcomed some of Labor's funding announcements in last week's state budget, including a new Fire and Rescue station for Byron Bay and more fires.

Lismore starts a global wave of peace

A global wave of peace was started in Lismore on Sunday when 50 locals gathered to make a human peace sign.

Housing, water, and fire ants: Regional Cities NSW welcomes NSW budget billions

Regional Cities New South Wales (RCNSW) welcomed last week's second state budget from Labor NSW since taking over from the coalition in 2023.

\$6.8 million Tweed pound contract awarded

The Tweed Shire Council has awarded a \$6.8 million contract for design and construction of a new state-of-the-art animal pound and rehoming centre.

Supporting women's mental health in Ballina

Women are twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression or anxiety, and one in five women compared to one in eight men suffer from mental health disorders, and young females are more likely to experience psychological distress than young males.

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Rising Tide take kayaks to Justine Elliot's office

Friday saw over 40 people kayak from John Follent Park in Tweed Heads to Faux Park in South Tweed, before walking close to one km with their kayaks to the Labor Member for Richmond's Office to demand an end to new fossil fuel projects.

The action was part of the Rising Tide movement that saw around 3,000 people gather in Newcastle in November last year as part of a 32-hour blockade to demand action on climate change from the government.

'This included 20 people from the Northern Rivers. After the protest deadline expired, more than 100 people were arrested for continuing to blockade the coal port,' explained a spokesperson for Rising Tide Northern Rivers.

'Today's action is the first in a Rising Tide national tour, which aims to build momentum for the upcoming November 2024 People's Blockade.'

No new fossil fuel

The Rising Tide activists left a letter under the door calling on Justine Elliot, the



Over 40 Rising Tide activists took their message to Labor Member for Richmond, Justine Elliot's office to demand an end to new fossil fuel project. Photo supplied

Member for Richmond, to support their demands for:

1. Tax fossil fuel export profits at 75 per cent to fund community and industrial transition, and pay for climate loss and damage.
2. End all coal exports from Newcastle – the world's largest coal port – by 2030.

'We are taking action today, in Tweed Heads, to draw attention to our local member's inaction on climate change,' Monique, from Murwillumbah, told *The Echo*.

'We call on our Australian government to take action on our demands, and until they do Rising Tide will

continue to build a mass movement to take on the fossil fuel industry if our government won't.'

Rising Tide Northern Rivers are holding ongoing training, education and workshops, and are calling on the Northern Rivers community to join the movement.

MJ, from Bilambil said that, 'although, the Labor member for Richmond locked the doors on their community again, the Rising Tide climate defenders left another letter under the door calling on the member to support our community's demands.'



Mullumbimby's water supply – have a say

Mullumbimby's water supply needs to be upgraded to meet future demand.

Byron Shire Council is seeking community input on the options that have been identified for securing Mullumbimby's water supply up to 2050 and beyond.

For more information and to take part in the survey please visit Your Say Byron Shire.

Submissions close on June 30

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A picnic is more fun with painting



The Community Picnic and Artist Paint Out is set for Sunday, 30 June from 2pm to 5pm. Photo K Holmes

It's that time of year again when your baguettes and olives are embraced alongside your cerulean blues and your crimson lakes, for the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre's annual Community Picnic and Artist Paint Out on Sunday, June 30.

The community is invited

to an inspiring afternoon of artmaking, live music and creative activities for all ages.

Join this popular event from 2pm to 5pm on gallery grounds, offering spectacular views of the Tweed Valley looking towards Wollumbin/Mt Warning and beyond.

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

No 'key worker' or 'affordable housing' for Ballina Council's Wollongbar development

Aslan Shand

On the second-last piece of Ballina Shire Council (BSC)-owned residential land council have decided to develop the land with no affordable or public housing components.

The Wollongbar Medium Density Housing Project has now gone on public exhibition and BSC has stated in a press release that it 'is looking to improve diversity in the residential housing market and has commenced the design process for medium-density housing options on Council-owned land on Dundee and Elsa Avenues in Wollongbar.'

Stage One concept designs put forward an initial layout of five lots, delivering a total of 15 dwellings and 17 garage spaces. The proposed mix of housing includes: 2 x four-bedroom duplexes; 9 x three-bedroom townhouses; 1 manor home including 1 x one-bedroom unit, 2 x two-bedroom units and 1 x three-bedroom unit.

Affordable and key worker housing removed

Councillor Kiri Dicker told *The Echo* that 'the entire language about this proposal has shifted – the words "affordable" and "key workers" have been removed and now the project is about "introducing diversity" into the market – which is bizarre when nine of the 15 dwellings are three-bedroom units and two are four-bedroom units.'

During the councillor

debate at the Wednesday, 12 June Commercial Services Meeting when Council voted to put the proposal on exhibition for public comment, the Ballina Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, made it clear she did not support including affordable housing in this BSC development.

'This is not to provide housing that's going to be subsidised in any way shape, or form,' Cr Cadwallader told the meeting.

'This will be part of the Council's portfolio, and part of the income stream.'

Cr Dicker said that she would support putting the project on public submission but that she was disappointed that there was no affordable and key worker housing included in the project as it stands.

'There's nothing about this project, as it currently stands, that will fill any housing need in our community. There's nothing that will make it affordable,' Cr Dicker told the meeting.

Your say

The BSC press release has stated that the 'project is in the concept design stage with many decisions yet to be made by Council.'

'Residents are encouraged to provide their feedback on the project and concept designs at www.YourSayBallina.com.au/Wollongbar-Housing-Project. Feedback on the Wollongbar Housing Proposal closes Friday, 5 July 2024.'

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

Greens candidate defends gun/taser policy against Labor

Local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, has launched a petition backing the police use of tasers and guns, on the back of a social media post criticising the federal Greens' gun and taser policy.

Mrs Elliot's online post attracted nearly 1,000 comments, and her petition describes the policy as extreme. 'Unlike the Greens, I back our police. I was one', she says.

Mrs Elliot posted number 18 of the Australian Greens criminal justice policy on her Facebook page, which reads: 'To implement a prohibition on the use of electroshock weapons and tasers, starting with disallowing their distribution to general duties police and restricting their use to situations where life is threatened'.

Mrs Elliot also posted number 65 and 66 from the NSW Greens criminal justice policy (greens.org.au/nsw/policies/criminal-justice).

It reads, '65. Ensure that general duties police do not have as part of their standard appointments either tasers or guns, with these weapons reserved to specialised units and teams who can deploy as needed'.



Incumbent Labor MP for Richmond, Justine Elliot.
Photo David Lowe

'66. Remove tasers from the NSW Police Force until additional safeguards are in place, for taser use to ensure that only specially trained squads can use tasers, that they only use tasers as a substitute for firearms in situations of serious threat of violence to a person, and that tasers are not used to enforce compliance in non-serious situations'.

Political football

Greens candidate for the federal seat of Richmond, Mandy Nolan, said, 'It's sad to see Labor misrepresenting Greens policy in an attempt to gain a political advantage'.

'Policing is a very serious issue, not a political football. This sort of gutter politics and trash-talking creates unnecessary fear in the community, and could damage our crucial



Greens candidate for Richmond, Mandy Nolan.
Photo Tree Faerie

tourism industry - all for our Labor MP's attempt to smear the Greens.

'Over the past year we have seen a disturbing increase in people with complex health needs being killed by police tasers. People who have been killed by police tasers over the past year include a 95-year-old woman suffering from dementia. It's clear that the justice and policing system needs an urgent review to prevent more needless deaths. Even the Police Commissioner and Labor's NSW Minister for the Police have indicated their support for an inquiry into policing practices, including whether all police should carry guns and tasers.

'Of course we don't want to take all guns and tasers away from the police, and to suggest otherwise is a

dangerous falsehood. Police should have access to weapons such as guns and tasers for situations that need them. But those situations don't include welfare checks, RBTs and many other day to day police duties. We want to see more training and support for frontline police to deescalate situations without use of force, with use of deadly weapons reserved for specially trained officers and units who can be deployed as necessary. We also want safeguards on police tasers to prevent further tragic deaths like 95-year-old Clare Nowland. Tasers are deadly weapons, and should only be used in situations where there is a serious threat of violence.

'These policies would bring Australia into line with other progressive countries like the UK, New Zealand and Norway, where police don't carry firearms unless the situation is expected to merit it. These countries, like Australia, have relatively low crime rates. It's important that we don't let political fear mongering around crime get in the way of the facts, and what's important - keeping the community safe.'

Butterfly and bee highways created by local schools

Aslan Shand

Northern Rivers students have created a 'B&B Highway' for bees, birds, and butterflies to support threatened pollinators in the region.

Working with Albert Park Public School, Kadina High School, Lismore High School, Mullumbimby High School, Dunoon Public School, St Carthage's Primary School Lismore and the Goonellabah Tucki Landcare group the PlantingSeeds project along with students and volunteers planted 1,800 new native plants, installed four native stingless beehives and 20 nesting boxes.

The PlantingSeeds project is working to educate young people on how to support native pollinators and remind everyone that they can get on board as well.

'If you are planting on the outskirts of town and in regional areas you are really supporting those endangered native pollinators like bees, bats and birds that are so important,' explained Dr Judy Friedlander, founder of PlantingSeeds project.

'There are nearly 2,000 native bee species and many are pollinators of agricultural crops. For example, there is the native stingless bee (*Tetragonula carbonaria*) which is a native honey bee endemic to Australia. It is a significant species economically as they are important pollinators of many crops such as macadamias, mangoes and watermelons. It is not just the European bee that pollinates, we need to support our native bees, bats, and birds because they play an important roles in our agricultural crops.'

The PlantingSeeds project has worked with schools across the region planting native plants in their school gardens that support native pollinators this in turn creates a 'highway' of pollinator plants for bees, butterflies and bats to flit along both within the schools and between the schools.

'We create regenerative corridors by linking up school gardens and habitats,' said Dr Friedlander.

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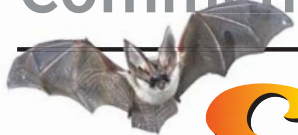
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There's a bat in my lab!

The lab-leak theory that Covid-19 came from the Wuhan Institute of Virology – instead of a nearby wet market – was thrashed about in public recently, with the US Senate Homeland Security Committee holding a hearing into Covid-19.

Origins of Covid-19: An Examination Of Available Evidence, was held on June 18, and is publicly available on Youtube.

As many would know, the idea that Sars-Cov-2 was human-made in a lab was originally labelled a conspiracy. Discussion was censored from mainstream social media platforms and traditional media.

Gain of function

As such, there's probably not a lot who know what 'gain of function' research is.

Gain of function is genetically altering organisms in a lab, and in the case of virology, it's been described as 'juicing up' deadly viruses in a controlled environment.

A good outcome from that might be to better predict emerging infectious diseases, and to develop vaccines and therapeutics.

A bad outcome might be a military biological weapon.

From the outset of the Covid-19 hearing, Senator Rand Paul launched into accusations that top US scientists said different things in private to what they said in public.

'At every step, there's been resistance', he said.

'The hearing today is to try to find out whether or not we can get to the truth. Do we know for certain it came from the lab? No, but there's a preponderance of evidence indicating that it may have come from the lab.

'Do we know viruses have come from animals in the past? Yes, they've come from animals in the past. But this time, there's no animal reservoir, there's no animal

handlers with antibiotics. There's a lot of reasons why there are indications that this could well have come from the lab'.

Muddying the waters over the years was the conspiracy theory that Dr Anthony Fauci was involved, or directed funds to the lab for gain of function research experiments.

Dr Fauci has repeatedly refuted the claims, and told *The Late Show* host, Stephen Colbert, on June 18 that the virus wouldn't have originated from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant that the Wuhan lab received.

He said, 'The nature of those viruses were evolutionary so far distant from what turned out to be Sars-Cov-2, that no matter what you did with those viruses, you would not be able to do that'.

'That doesn't mean that somewhere in China, it is inconceivable that someone may have been working on something and brought it out into the environment'.

He added it's unlikely we will ever know of the origins because of the hostilities that exist between the US and China prevent transparency.

And what about the next virus? Dr Fauci suggests improved constraints on those kinds of experiments, and improved facilities and training.

'And do something about the animal-human interface – it is 75 to 80 per cent of the new viruses and infections that come out. They are what is called zoonotic – they jump from an animal reservoir to a human'.

So, given China's reluctance to provide honesty around its own gain of function research, should we expect another pandemic at some point?

Apart from trade advantages, it's perhaps another reason the US restricts China's knowledge of semiconductor technology.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

A new clear vision for Australia?

We're well and truly in election mode. There's a blizzard of advertisements full of lies saturating our media.

There's an urgent need for truth in political advertising legislation, but it's hardly likely to be proposed by either major party.

Neither will the major parties stop accepting massive donations from dodgy corporations, many of whom depend on destruction of the natural world for their revenue. Talk about a conflict of interest!

The coming election, which looks likely to be months earlier than May next year judging by the frenzy of activity on social media, may indeed be about Australia's energy future, as declared by Anthony Albanese.

On the face of it, Peter Dutton has blundered appallingly.

He has decided where his nuclear reactors will be sited and communities surrounding them won't have veto rights. Not only that, but the sites will also be acquired compulsorily. He would also need to repeal federal and state legislation prohibiting nuclear energy.

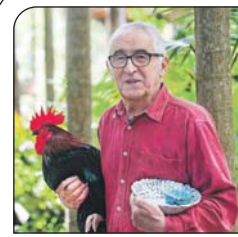
How on earth would he achieve that? It's very unlikely, even if he does win the next election, that he will control the Senate and may have to try to govern as a minority government in both houses.

Giant cost blowouts, inordinate delays and bribery scandals have plagued attempts to build reactors overseas.

Experts are now calculating the Coalition's proposal to build seven nuclear reactors could cost us as much as \$600 billion and supply a mere 3.7 per cent of Australia's energy mix by 2050.

Labor MPs have been trivialising this vexed issue by posting three-eyed koala and Blinky fish memes on social media.

The average person already realises the nuclear power proposal is a pipe dream, and just a way to avoid having to approve far more cost-effective renewable energy developments, so vigorously opposed by the National Party.



'As rents and food costs rise remorselessly, job seekers are still stuck cruelly \$200 a week below the poverty line.'

– Richard Jones

Meanwhile, Anthony Albanese is posting how all Australians will get a tax cut on July 1, forgetting that people on the pitiful JobSeeker allowance won't be getting an extra brass razoo. As rents and food costs rise remorselessly, job seekers are still stuck cruelly \$200 a week below the poverty line. Maybe the PM thinks they're hardly likely to vote for Peter Dutton and can afford to ignore their plight?

All this political skirmishing is just a distraction from real day-to-day problems faced by Australians.

Increasingly frugal

People are becoming increasingly frugal in their purchases. How to budget within one's means is becoming something of an art. Op shopping is more popular than ever.

This frugality feeds on itself and gradually has an effect on the broader economy. As people tighten their belts, retail sales drop and some shops become less viable. The entire economy tightens. This is already becoming noticeable.

The economy is driven by sentiment. When people are feeling secure and well off, they spend money. When they're insecure, they spend less and the economy suffers. It's a bit like the sea anemone effect. One touch of a tentacle and they all withdraw.

The economy is also impacted by world events too. The ongoing tragedies of Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan, and the threat of an all-out war with Lebanon, are exceedingly traumatising and destabilising, including for Australians half a world away.

It's not possible to close our minds and hearts to the horror of it all.

Adding to these tragedies, the increasing shock events from a heating world and the ongoing loss of species and destruction of job se

demonstrate starkly that we are not living in normal times. Who wasn't aghast at the heat-caused deaths of more than a thousand pilgrims at this year's Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia?

Nevertheless, amidst all this doom and gloom there are green shoots starting to emerge.

The European Parliament has adopted a nature restoration regulation that will require member states to restore at least 20 per cent of land and sea areas by 2030, and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050. Member states will have to restore at least 25,000kms of free-flowing rivers and plant an additional three billion trees.

In London last Saturday, more than 350 environment groups joined under the banner Restore Nature Now, and marched demanding urgent action by the government to tackle the biodiversity crisis.

The outgoing Tory government promised to protect 30 per cent of land and sea by 2030, but only three per cent is protected. They look like losing in a landslide.

Here in Australia, Tanya Plibersek will introduce legislation to create a federal Environment Protection Agency (EPA) with wide-ranging powers and stiff penalties for offenders.

Locally, Linda Sparrow of Bangalow Koalas is on track to plant half a million koala and rainforest trees. The wonderful efforts of her organisation are receiving global attention.

Amidst all this hullabaloo about nuclear versus renewables, ordinary people are going about their daily lives and making an actual difference.

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

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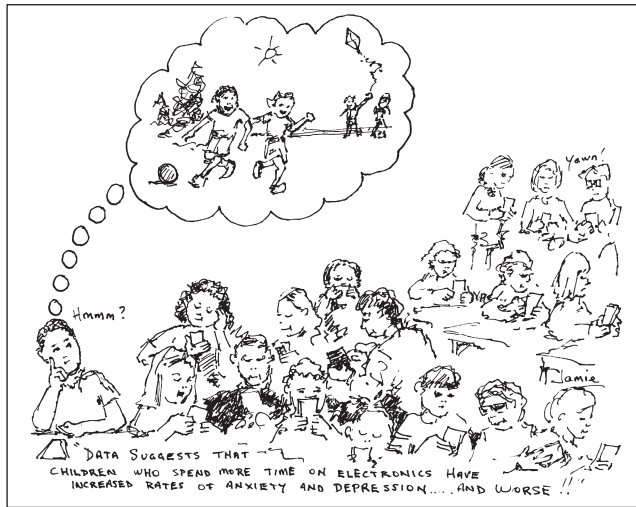
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Shocked and disappointed

I am amazed by something that should have been a good news story, and we desperately need them, that turned out to be a sorry story indeed. There was the uplifting photo of Toni Storer and her fecund verge garden but also the terrible news that Byron Shire Council have told her to remove it because a neighbour complained. I was shocked.

Toni Storer has put time, money and love into building a beautiful garden on her verge to help feed her wider community. I often wonder how families can afford to feed their children enough greens for their optimum health when they have become more expensive than meat and fast food? It is more important than ever to grow our own greens and herbs and develop food sustainability and independence. But not everyone has a green thumb or the time, so it is vital that people like Toni are encouraged and thanked for doing their bit.

It is crazy that one complaint is enough to destroy her hard work and good will. I could understand if the garden was blocking the footpath or dangerous in some other way but the photo indicates otherwise. It reminds me of people moving into Brunswick Heads and then complaining about the Brunswick Picture House. We were so close to losing this valuable community asset but fortunately they worked out a way forward.



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

I'd like to think that whoever complained is a big enough person to think about the bigger picture of food sustainability, generous gestures and caring, happy communities and will reconsider and withdraw their complaint. Or, better still, that Byron Council realises that free food gardens on verges should be encouraged and supported. I foresee that one day, in the not-too-distant future, where it will become compulsory to use our land more consciously as food supplies dry up.

If it's a numbers game, and it seems to be, I am going to complain to Council about the situation. If you benefit from Toni's garden, or are passionate about growing food locally and sharing it with your neighbours, I urge you to send them a message also. Why should one squeak destroy the beautiful cart?

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

Can I have more? BayFM

Stuart McConville (Letters, June 12) was expressing his opinion about a perceived lack of business community spirit in Byron Bay compared to years gone by. We appreciate Stuart coming to the defence of BayFM, but he would be unaware of the facts about this event.

The Fishheads and Byron Chamber of Commerce Fundraising Breakfast was a simple one-off initiative by Ralph at Fishheads and Matt from the Byron Chamber. BayFM didn't even know they were raising funds for the station until the event had been publicised.

Given this, we think \$1,360 in unexpected funds is a great result and that the organisers were generous in giving us all the proceeds rather than just a portion. We appreciate many businesses here are doing it tough right now.

Having said that, as a volunteer-run, not-for-profit charity with no ongoing funding, BayFM is always in need of community support. If any other businesses or individual donors feel able to help the station - which belongs to all of us in Byron Shire - we'd be most grateful.

Thanks again to Fishheads and the Byron Chamber for your support of BayFM.

Nick Richardson
Management Committee
Volunteer, BayFM

Nothing affordable

Ballina Council is in the privileged position of owning 30 lots of subdivided residential land in Wollongbar, out of the floodplain, close to services, ready to build. All we need is a clear vision.

The current resolution is to sell 18 lots at market rate to raise capital to develop the remaining 12 for the purposes of providing medium-density rental housing (all reference to 'key workers' was removed in a February 2024 resolution, which I strongly opposed).

Selling off public land to private interests is never ideal, but if it is necessary to make a project stack up financially, I'm willing to do what it takes. What I cannot accept is that we would use the profits to develop 'build-to-rent' housing, solely to provide an income stream to Council, so we can keep rates low for those who already own all of the houses.

There is nothing in the *Local Government Act* that prevents councils from providing housing for their community. In fact, section

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George Bernard Shaw. 1856-1950.

These *astronomic* words were also used by President John Kennedy, and his brother Robert. JFK had a **DREAM** 2 put a **man** on our **Moon**, and **DID!**

The WHY of MY DREAM?

Having just celebrated 11 yrs. since placing my first S.P. ad. in the S.A. *Leader* (18.6.13), I'm **MORE passionate** about what I do into my 12th year. After creating my graph plotting 43-years of actual Suicides v Road Fatalities from 1980; showing Suicides increasing from 4 ½ to 9/day in '22, while Road Deaths decreased from 9 to 3, I then totalled **102,018 Suicides** over this 43-years! This is when I started building ***MY *Spaceship!**

?WHY NOT?

Unlike JFK's **Apollo 11** which circled the moon while Neil Armstrong first **stepped**, my **Dream** is potentially just as **BIG**. To stop the **out-of-control** spirals of ***Suicides and Male *Violence towards *Women, *Girls and *Children**. To place a **Positive FOOTPRINT** over the 1st decade, and then **further and ongoing reduction into future generations**. All achieved by value adding to **ALL** existing ***Medical *Professions/Services, *Government funded *Organisations and Community Groups**.

Those who cannot change their minds **cannot change anything.**
George Bernard Shaw. 1925.

Despite 3 adverts in the Sat. edition of a large NSW paper with an audited readership of ½ million, to **launch** my dream; the silence from readers, our P.M. + other M.P.'s, and all of the ***above** has been **deafening**. Kindly refer to QR code for all details with sources, verifications etc.

Meantime, *always *remember 2 *keep...

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

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8A of the Act says that, 'Councils should manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way'. To say that providing affordable housing is not the job of councils when we are clearly in a position to do so is shirking responsibility.

The incoming Council will have an important decision to make - who will be able to rent this housing and how much will they pay for it? We are staring down the face of a brutal housing crisis. We have the power to do something to make things a little bit better. The question is, are we willing to do it?

Cr Kiri Dicker (Greens)
Lennox Head

Lapping at the door

The alarming news about Peter Dutton walking away from our 2030 emissions reduction target unfortunately doesn't come as a surprise. The sad, but predictable, thing is that it's become the norm for him to walk away from commitments that no longer suit him.

Sadly it's this flagrant disregard for essential measures designed to mitigate the effects of climate change that he sees as his mission.

Sure the process towards use of more renewables and emissions reduction is hamstrung by having to guarantee supply. So we have challenges but the alternatives like nuclear reactors and carbon capture and storage are super expensive and not (yet) viable. We are in a transition stage and there will still need to be a reliance on coal/gas for some time. But the sensible course is to have targets, and to be working towards them. Especially short-term targets because they are a measure of whether we are on track to achieve (in this case) the

'net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050' target. Would anybody in their right mind think a 2050 target is achievable without monitoring progress towards that target?

It has become an accepted mantra amongst certain members of the political class that as climate change is a global problem there is not a lot of reason for us to change our ways as Australia's contribution to emissions is small by world standards (about three per cent). Though this 'inconveniently' excludes all the emissions caused by burning of Australian coal/gas in China, India, Korea and Japan, etc. Newcastle NSW is still one of the world's largest coal-exporting ports.

Is there a cynical side to Mr Dutton's agenda here? He has chosen this time, as the seasons change, when neither floods nor fires are as intense and hopes that people don't make the connection between more intense fires and floods and his undermining of climate change measures. But sure as this is the land of fire and flood they will return with devastating force.

So 'yes' there are the daily cost-of-living pressures (which are favoured political trigger points). But society is more complex than that and other short- (and long-) term goals are critically important.

Frank Lynch
Mullumbimby

Mullet traditions

'In the race of life, always back self-interest - at least you know it's trying'

Former prime minister Paul Keating loved this quote of his long-time mentor, the former NSW premier Jack Lang. As then, also today, self-interest is alive and well.

Again, another letter penned by 'Richard White - East Ballina' titled 'No care at Shaws Bay'

Remembering Ian Walsh

■ Play it again Ian - as you played it for all of us! Thanks for the music.

You were a great help to Pig Perfect Theatre and a lovely man.

Heartfelt condolences to family and friends

Peter Purdon
Ballina

■ The passing of jazz musician Ian Walsh is a great loss to the jazz community and the Byron community in general. He was an outstanding artist and person. I was aware that he was not well.

When I arrived in Byron close to 40 years ago I heard Ian playing jazz at 'The Rails' hotel and was highly impressed by his jazz skills and jazz 'conversations'. Indeed, these were the days when there was a real sense of community in Byron Bay.

The place was alive with performing local artists. Having worked in the jazz scene in Sydney and the Cross for years I approached Ian and took piano lessons. Poor Ian... my tiny brain could not hold the complexity of chordal jazz structure... let alone go near music written in D flat. He was so patient and kind as I stumbled on with learning.

His jazz charts are a work of art. I often saw him with Fay, his gentle partner, listening to jazz at the Tweed Bowlo... a man with the greatest 'jazz chops'. He sold me his piano and as the decades have passed his patient spirit resonates whenever the key D Flat is presented. Miss you Ian. Love to all of his family. We are richer in spirit 'coz of Ian.

Jo Faith
Newtown

(Letters, June 12). It would seem this is just another attempt to force people to accept his opinions, values, actions while completely disregarding theirs - condescending?

Let's set the record straight. The 'mullet harvesting' referred to in Mr White's letter, has been an annual event since the early 1930s. The 'mullet run' commences around Anzac Day and usually goes over six to eight weeks. This is a sustainable fishery involving a fast-growing species. The practice is extremely target specific with zero by-catch and minimum disruption to the immediate local area of operation.

At the end of the 'mullet run', the haulers, in consultation with the Ballina Council, undertake any necessary rectification work. No Mr White, they are not 'hoons who tear up parks'.

Mullet has one of the highest omega 3 levels compared to most other 'fin' fish. It is an excellent, affordable source of food in comparison to today's food prices.

The mullet haulers are all licensed 'professional' fishermen. They have all the relevant permits from DPI and the Ballina Council to operate on the beach. This group continues a tradition that is synonymous with Indigenous custodianship and stewardship for this important food source.

Professional fishermen take environmental issues very seriously, because they see the effects of poor

environmental practices every day and it can severely affect their ongoing livelihoods. Over the years the Ballina Mullet Haulers group have funded and supported several fish habitat projects launched by OzFish and Richmond River Chapter plus other river projects in the catchment. This support meant the purchase of high-quality water monitoring equipment.

Mr White you ask... 'why do they have to park all their cars in that area'? I suspect they, like you, are also ratepayers.

Evan Davies
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Daniel Mookhey walks the line with NSW budget

David Lowe

NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey's second budget in nine months, unveiled last week, was a classic Labor document in its support for education and health, somewhat brave in its slugging of property investors, and disingenuous in its blaming of the GST carve-up for the financial woes of NSW going forward.

This time around there were no expensive sweeteners to ease the cost of living, no initiatives specifically aimed at women and no Liberal-style cash splashes.

Instead, the boy from Blacktown announced a \$6.6 billion investment in social housing, new incentives for bulk-billing in the form of a payroll tax rebate for qualifying GPs, and some new support for flood-affected communities across the state. Generally though the focus was all on Sydney, particularly Western Sydney.

Parramatta's light rail will be extended, as promised, to the tune of \$2 billion, and the new Western Sydney International Airport will benefit from over a billion dollars to be spent on new roads snaking across what was once quiet, semi-rural country, servicing an airport which will pollute the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.



NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey. Photo supplied

The NSW budget also includes a plan for potentially 21,000 new homes to be built on surplus government land, mostly in and around Sydney, as the Emerald City continues to expand.

Education spending includes \$3.6 billion for schools in Western Sydney, with \$1.4 billion allocated for new and upgraded schools across regional areas of the state.

Trees can't vote

Despite the big talk of Chris Minns and his Labor team at the last election, NSW nature continues to be left out in the cold, just as it was under Gladys Berejiklian and Dominic Perrottet.

The Nature Conservation Council (NCC) of NSW noted that the government is spending just 1.61 per cent of its latest budget on the environment (an even lower figure than last year's effort), with increased spending on renewables doing nothing to address the biodiversity and extinction crisis unfolding across the state, and taxpayers continuing to foot the bill for the destruction of native forests.

As yet, there are no publicly announced plans to follow Queensland, Victoria and WA and end native logging in NSW.

NCC CEO Jacqui Mumford responded to the 2024 budget by saying, 'Whilst Premier Chris Minns



Logging Cherry Tree State Forest. Photo Dailan Pugh

loves spruiking the beauty of NSW nature and posting selfies in pretty places, it's clear biodiversity isn't a priority for this government.'

The ongoing destruction also makes no sense economically, with the native hardwood division of Forestry Corporation losing \$44 million over the last three years.

Kean's parting shot

With exquisite timing, former NSW energy minister and treasurer Matt Kean chose budget day to announce his departure from the political landscape, stealing attention from his replacement's big annual moment in the media spotlight.

Before going through the revolving door to undoubtedly greener pastures as the head of the Climate Change Authority, the former leadership contender told the press, 'I'm sorry to take you away from the worst NSW budget in modern history, but I've got another announcement to make today.'

'Today, after 13 years as the member for Hornsby, I will be retiring from parliament.'

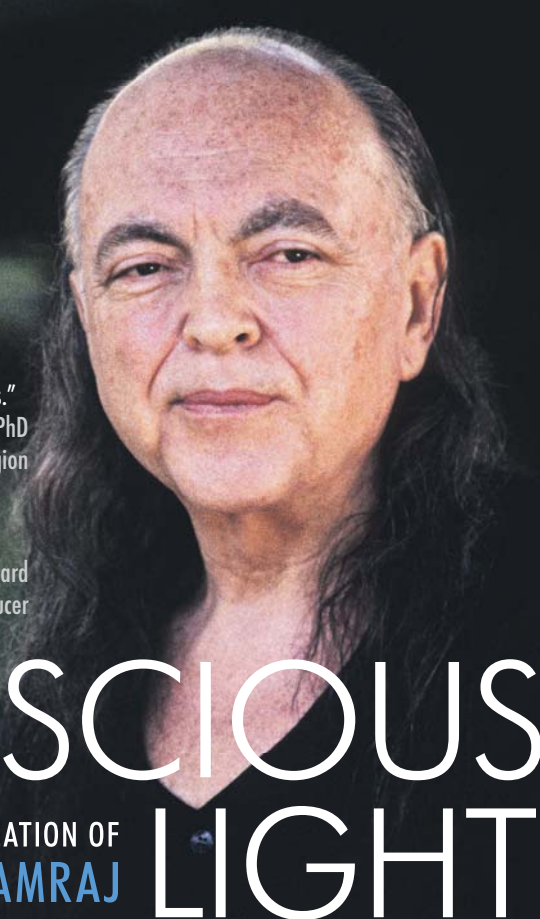
Mr Kean used his final political statement to continue to defend the indefensible behaviour of his 'great friend and mentor' Gladys Berejiklian, claiming she had been unfairly savaged by ICAC and the media, despite her proven and corrupt wrongdoing.

For all that, Kean was also someone who publicly accepted that climate change was, in his words, 'the challenge of our generation'. His resignation represents the departure of one of the last prominent moderate Liberals from the state and potentially federal scene, clearing the decks for someone more in the spirit of the times, i.e. another populist utterly disconnected from reality.

Who will be the next former Young Liberal to stumble into the NSW spotlight?


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DA at Kingscliff

As a residential landowner in Tweed Heads I attended the Tweed Council meeting on June 6, 2024 and listened to the views expressed by Tweed councillors on each of the development applications (DA) listed on the Planning Committee meeting agenda.

It would seem from the various debates exhibited by councillors on the planning matters listed that they are conscious there is a Council election in September 2024.

Despite the Council's expert planning staff recommending approval of a DA at Lots 11-14 Turnock St, Kingscliff councillors elected to vote 6-1 to refuse this DA application. The one vote in favour was expressed by Councillor Warren Polglase.

It is understood that this refusal by councillors of the DA in Turnock St, Kingscliff will necessitate Council's planning staff to now draw up specific grounds to support the refusal of this DA as the applicant for the development has apparently indicated that this DA refusal will now be contested in the NSW Land & Environment Court. Whether or not Council is successful in defending the matter in this court, it is understood projected court

costs that will need to be met by Council will be in excess of \$100,000 just as an initial guesstimate.

In 2017 the NSW government introduced independent local planning panels in metropolitan Sydney to replace councillors in making decisions on development applications (nsw.gov.au).

These planning panels consist of a chairperson and two independent qualified planning experts along with a local community representative. In view of the ongoing growth in the Tweed Shire and the increasing high residential housing targets imposed on Council by the NSW state government it would seem to me an appropriate time to lobby for planning panels.

Introduction of a local planning panel in the Tweed will free up elected councillors to concentrate their thoughts on strategies for managing the projected growth in the Tweed.

Bob Dwyer
Tweed Heads

Intimidation

Your article (19 June) quoted the Clarence Property CEO as saying residents are not safe from protesters – as a Bayside resident, the only people we are not safe from

is Clarence Property Group's heavy-handed security companies, their intimidation techniques of constantly filming and heckling residents in our own streets, and the security dogs now in the habitat doing who knows what to native wildlife.

Why on earth is Clarence Property doing this? It's disgusting and completely unethical. My family and I are very distressed by the behaviour of the security companies engaged and we are very grateful for the protesters turning up each day keeping them in check.

Please stay on your side of the fence, Clarence Property, we don't want you on our streets.

Council, you should be monitoring them more closely, this behaviour is not okay.

Mrs H Carroll
Brunswick Heads

Response to C Cusack

Catherine Cusack makes a good point in her opinion piece (*Echo*, June 19) regarding equity in the debate over solar panels and house batteries. Non-homeowners have never benefited from renewable energy rebates. Inclusion and equity remain with those who can afford it.

There is a way forward. A community battery, is a large-scale energy storage system designed to serve multiple households or businesses. Community members collectively own and manage the battery, allowing them to make decisions that align with their specific needs and priorities, rather than relying solely on centralised utilities. It is equitable and inclusive. The battery also provides grid stability and integrates renewable energy sources with cost savings for everyone. Community batteries reduce electricity costs for participants by storing energy during off-peak times when electricity rates are low and discharging it during peak times when rates are higher.

It's time to go for the bigger picture.

Dr Anne Stuart, Zero Emissions Byron and Jill Moonie
Brunswick Heads

Ballina boat harbour

Is Ballina Council putting the cart before the horse with its Martin Street Boat Harbour upgrade? Estimated cost \$25 million!

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In 2022 there was another yacht damaged coming in over the bar and there is a sign at the Marine Rescue tower explaining it is a dangerous bar.

Excerpt from ABC (June 22, 2022): 'Ballina MP Tamara Smith said she would like to see a commissioner appointed to look into a range of issues associated with the river.

Professional fisherman Brendan Puglisi, whose family has been trawling the river for prawns for five generations, said the floods made the river entrance an untenable prospect.

'Mr Puglisi has relocated his trawler to Coffs Harbour, 200 kilometres to the south, to avoid crossing the Richmond River bar.

'It's been a problem for years, an issue with the whole river system, but it has just become such an issue that I decided to up and leave,' he said.

'Ballina Marine Rescue said commercial and recreational boating activities were being obstructed by the notoriously dangerous state of the Richmond River bar in Northern New South Wales.

'We have yachts that won't call in here because it's too dangerous to cross the bar.'

Extract from Council's master plan:

1. Generally sceptical that the marina could be made large enough to be economically viable / self-sufficient. Noted that other marinas tend to be much larger. Also noted that ancillary development (residential, etc.) associated with marinas are the money-makers.

2. Trawler harbour site is better placed for development given 'space available.'

The actual design discusses many impacting factors and 'fixes'. Large south and south-west winds generate significant waves, trawlers' wakes, flood debris and currents, and sand and silt accumulation which is evident wherever there have been structures built, in particular North Creek between the bridges and of course, the notorious bar!

Until the bar issue is resolved, why splurge on a marina the vast majority of residents and ratepayers will not use and boaties/yachties can't access readily?

Richard White
East Ballina

Nuclear reactors

Peter Dutton's spin on nuclear power reflects US far-right politics in that he relies on deliberate

misinformation. Cheaper electricity is a baseless claim when Australian taxpayers contribute funds to pay for the seven reactors costing a minimum of \$95 billion.

They will not be ready for at least 15 years and will produce, according to a Climate Council analysis, nine gigawatts of energy capacity with the AEMO's current plan reporting Australia will need 300 gigawatts by 2050. 40 per cent of our power in the national grid comes from wind and solar – nuclear power costs eight times more than renewables.

Does the coalition deliberately choose stupid leaders openly supporting coal and gas corporations because that is where our energy needs in the future will come from after Dutton ditches our progress towards a clean energy future?

Christina Henry
Bangalow

Another Wallum?

This is your last chance to have a say on the future of Mullumbimby's water supply that is currently independently sourced from Lavertys Gap weir on Wilsons Creek. Council staff are recommending the closure of Lavertys Gap and the permanent connection

to Rous County Council (RCC) water. There have been articles in *The Echo* for the past three weeks on the problems associated with this change.

The overriding concern for the future is the increased demand this connection will place on Rous water. It represents a 12.5 per cent increase over the next 20 years. This increased demand will be used as justification by RCC to build the proposed dam at Dunoon.

If this highly destructive dam is built it will destroy pre-European burial sites, rare lowland rainforest and six per cent of the remaining Big Scrub rainforest. Six of the eight councillors on RCC are determined that it will go ahead. They have commissioned a new report on cultural heritage that the local Widjabal Wia-bal people are refusing to cooperate with.

Something that isn't widely known is that the catchment area for this proposed dam on Rocky Creek near Dunoon is mainly covered in macadamia farms. Do you want to be drinking the runoff from those farms?

Council will vote on this issue on August 15, without proper investigation into the alternatives, and lock

the next Council into their decision. This is a major decision affecting all of us. We should demand that it's an election issue with all candidates stating their position on it. Why the rush?

The Council survey is our moment to have a say on the future construction of the dam. Please everyone, do the survey to keep Mullum's water independent and clean. See the survey page 11 of last week's *Echo* or go to www.waternorthernrivers.org. It's open to everyone and can be done anonymously. It closes this Sunday, June 30.

In a few years from now, don't say you weren't told about what the impacts would be of Mullumbimby joining Rous water. Don't let this become another 'Wallum'.

Kathryn McConnochie
Byron Bay

Right of reply

Regarding the Byron Council food security notice of motion (NOM) that made its way to the front page, *The Echo* noted last week that councillors didn't respond to the comments made by Cr Ndiaye. That was because it was a right of reply, to which no reply is allowed. Let me reply now.

It is hypocritical to level politicking accusations, given the highly political nature, and timing of the matter brought to us, including a very unrealistic timetable (before the September election) for staff to respond on the matter.

The real shame here, is that in this entire term of Council, Cr Ndiaye has not taken the opportunity to move on this, but instead simply copied a similar motion already resolved by Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) in February. On the matter of the items removed from the original NOM, there are only six buyback properties in the Byron LGA, so it is unrealistic to be advocating to the Reconstruction Authority for their use for agriculture. Finally, the Community Strategic Plan engagement is already well underway, with key components such as the survey already complete, so including questions now is impossible. There were sound reasons for amending the NOM, the councillor doth protest too much, methinks.

Michael Lyon
The Pocket
Mayor, Byron Shire

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Religious icons depicting Holy Family bequeathed to St Johns Catholic church

‘You silly bugger, I was born there in the little grey hospital in Dalley Street, and baptised in the Catholic church!’

That was the response from Monie Elliott, (nee Bucket) when local resident Ros Elliott and her former partner purchased property at Durrumbul, Mullumbimby in 1979 then rang Ros’s mum in McLaren Vale South Australia with the news.

Ros had always thought her mum was from Tweed Heads, but in fact the Bucket family had rented a property at the end of Tandys Lane overlooking the wallum, the heath, Simpsons Creek and, in the distance was the lighthouse. Michael John Bucket was a horse breaker and trainer, and used to ride through the heath and the creek to train his latest horse on the beach. He also worked on dairy farms in the area. Then the idea to grow bananas further north saw the family pack up for the long slow trip to Gympie Queensland.



The two 116-year-old icons of the Holy Family, pictured with Parish Priest, Father David Gilbey and Ros Elliot, have been bequeathed to St Johns Catholic church in Mullumbimby. Photo Jeff Dawson

Return to Tweed

The Great Depression hit banana sales hard and the family had to walk off their not-yet-fruiting banana crop as there was just no money in it for them. They returned to Tweed Heads to camp on the beach until a rental house could be found after the holiday season saw the tourists depart.

Monie then lived in Tweed Heads, attended the Catholic primary school run by nuns there, and then high school at Murwillumbah. Monie’s dad was tragically killed in the early 1930s and her mother, Cecily, was left to raise four children with no income support whatsoever. Monie left high school as soon as she could, aged 15, to start work and contribute

money to the family to help her hardworking mum. She worked in hospitality and made her way up to bartending in the Grande Hotel in Coolangatta, which became a favourite drinking place during the war years as soldiers from the US and Australia would have their leave in Brisbane and come down to Coolangatta. Monie met a young fellow from McLaren Vale, South Australia, and after the war was over, and he returned from Borneo, they married and she traveled to his home town by train. They then had three daughters and Monie lived there until her passing in March this year aged 101.

Little Monie Bucket was born in 1923 at what her family called the ‘nursing hospital’ on the corner of Dalley and Tyagarah streets



The old Catholic church where Monie was baptised. Photo supplied

in Mullumbimby. Her Irish ancestry family were devoted Catholics and Monie was baptised in the old church up the hill from the current St Johns Catholic church.

Monie’s grandmother, Ellen Morrissey (nee Fitzgerald) lived in Goonellabah and had 14 children. When Monie’s mum, Cecily, got her first job and pay packet in 1908 she purchased for her mum two large religious icons of the Holy Family. Grandma Morrissey had these until her passing in 1916 and then Cecily had them until her own passing in 1975.

Monie was already a mother of three children when she travelled from McLaren Vale to Tweed Heads for Cecily’s funeral, where she saw the religious pictures leaning outside. She asked her brother what he was doing with them, and she took them back to SA so they wouldn’t end up in the bin.

The return

By then the Holy Family icons had lost their wooden surrounds, and they were

rolled up for safe keeping. Over the last decade Ros has regularly driven down to McLaren Vale to live with her elderly mum. Monie asked Ros to frame the Holy Family and to put them in the car and drive them back to Mullumbimby. Monie’s request was, ‘When something happens to me, I want you to ring the priest at St Johns Mullum and ask if the Holy Family can be hung in the church with an accompanying plaque.’

In late March, after Monie’s funeral, Ros contacted the St Johns Catholic church to put this request to them to bequeath the pictures.

They were very responsive to the idea and the pictures will be hung somewhere suitable in the parish, for which Monie’s family are very thankful.

The pictures have traveled a long way already, and these 116-year-old prints of the Holy Family are finally on display where little Monie started her life, and her devout adherence to her Catholic Christian life.

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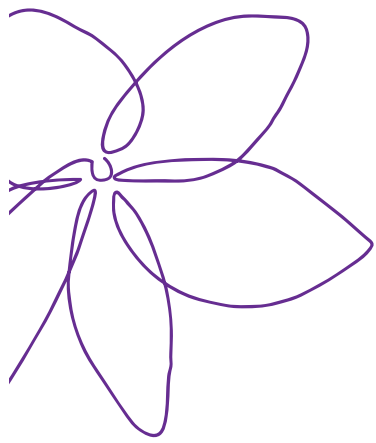
PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT KINGSLIFF INCLUDING 5G

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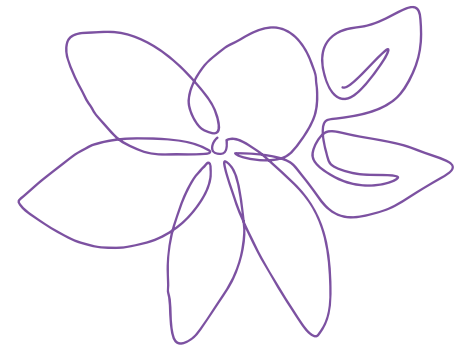
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1. The proposed 5G upgrade will consist of the installation of the following:
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 - An outdoor equipment shelter (<5m² base area and 2.5m in height)
2. Optus and Vodafone regard the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* (“The Determination”), the based on the description above. The proposed infrastructure will comply with ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of *C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2020*, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Jordan Leverington at Service Stream Limited, 0458011882, optus.submissions@servicestream.com.au or Zenith Tower B, Level 3, 821 Pacific Hwy, Chatswood NSW 2067 by **5pm, Thursday 25 July 2024**.
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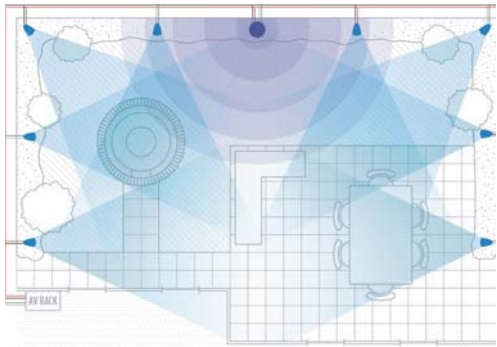




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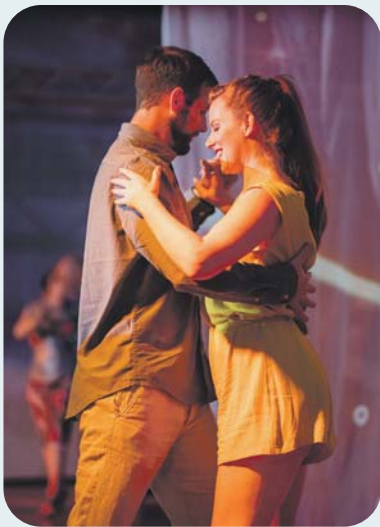


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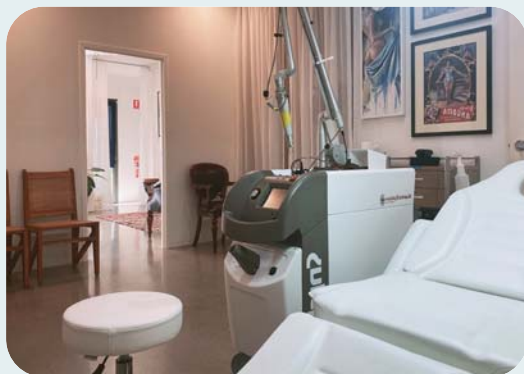
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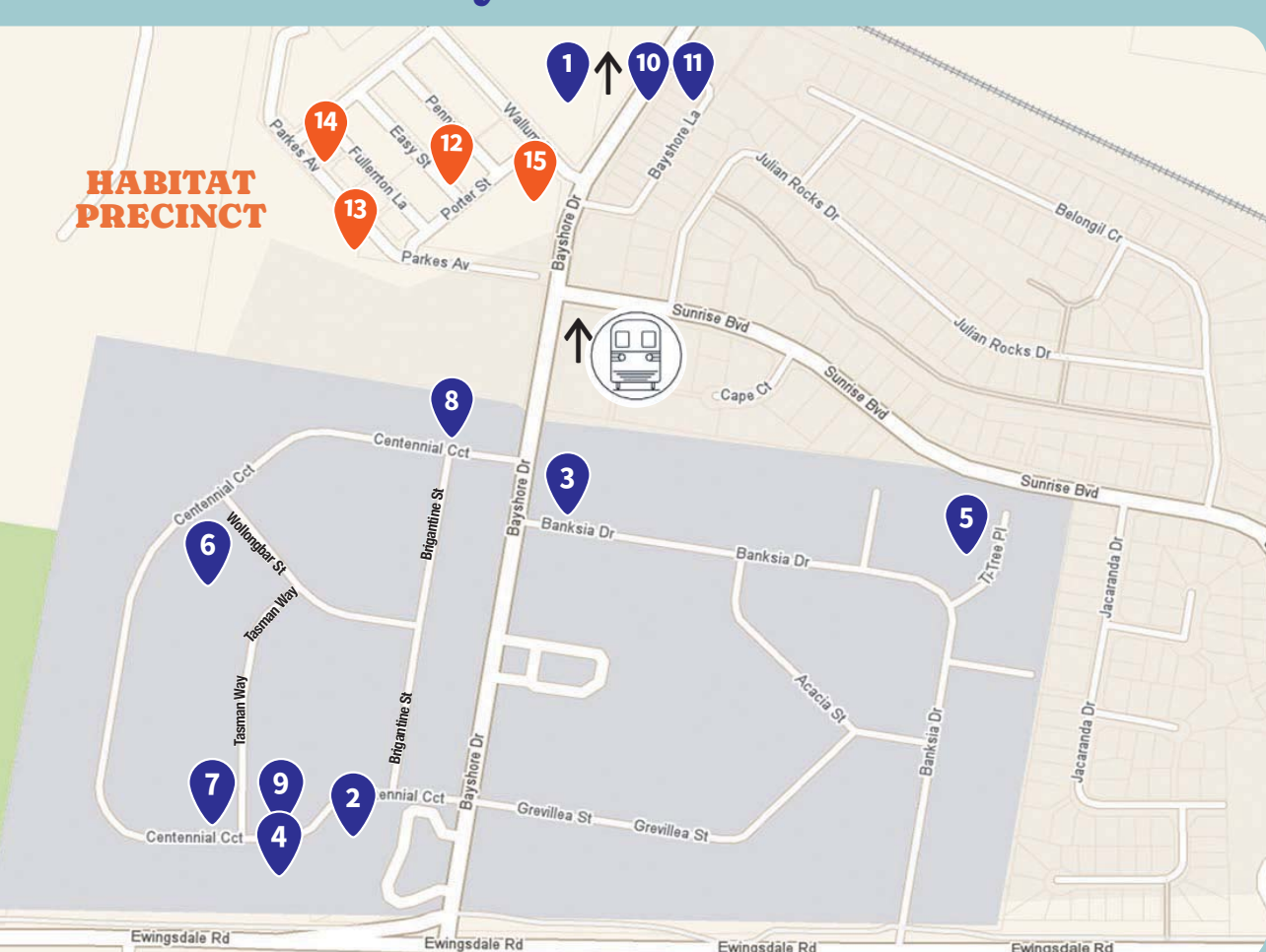
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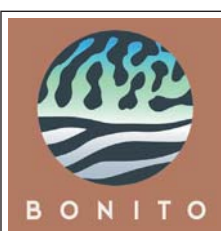
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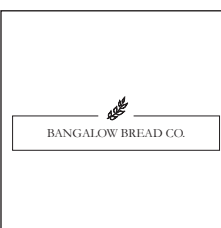


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GLUTEN FREE AND SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS CATERED FOR.

Lovemore Fermentary



Flossie Privett from Lovemore Fermentary is making it 'easy for people to make a lovely meal based on market produce'.

Victoria Cosford

Fermentation, the metabolic process that
produces chemical changes in organic sub-
stances, has been used by humans since the
Neolithic age, both to produce foodstuffs
and beverages, and to preserve. It's been
experiencing a resurgence in popularity for
years now – and at the farmers' markets
Flossie Privett is the latest proponent.

Moreover, her methods are 'all slow and
wild traditional processes', she tells me.
Based at Rosebank, she's a one-woman
show, doing everything by hand. The result
is neat rows of simply but stylishly packaged
jars containing eye-catching ferments such
as kimchi and kraut and chilli sambal. These
are Flossie's seasonal pickles and they
will continue to change depending on the
availability of produce. 'The product range
changes all the time', she says. 'I talk to the
other growers about what's in season. This
area has so much beautiful produce!'

Originally from WA, she moved to the
area some seven years ago. A long-time

chef and caterer, she had a café space in
Lismore before the floods but afterwards
'just walked away and set myself up at
home doing events and markets.' She'd
always wanted to work for herself and was
drawn to fermentation because of her inter-
est in the benefits of preserving food.

'As a business model,' she tells me,
'it's really smart – there's no wastage. I'm
passionate about all that. And with my chef
background I like thinking about what goes
with what, making food easy for people
to make a lovely meal based on market
produce.' She cites as examples pickles and
ferments alongside eggs, avocado, and
'really good bread.' Her very pretty beetroot
and rose(petal) kraut is, she says, 'beautiful
with hummus, lamb, char-grilled peppers
and zucchini.' I myself take away a jar which
that night I use to elevate scrambled eggs
on toasted sourdough: the combination is
gorgeous!

Lovemore Fermentary is at New
Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday
from 8am to 11am.



New restaurant opening

Commune Canteen (previously Barrio), is bringing the vibrant spirit of Mediterranean daytime eateries to Byron Bay. A visionary project by restaurateurs Utku Ayhan of Foxy Luu's Byron Bay and Sefa Kitchen in Sydney, and Nicholas Degryse of Pure Hospitality Group in Sydney, Commune Canteen is dedicated to turning the Habitat courtyard into a community hub with the focus on local produce, community, and sustainability seasoned with art and music events, talks and collaborations with local creatives.

Inspired by the home-cooked meals found in Mediterranean townships, Commune Canteen offers an ever-changing menu based on fresh, seasonal, and local ingredients. Operating from Monday to Saturday, 7:30am to 3pm, this new venue promises a blend of Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and community-focused dining.

The Mediterranean diet, renowned for its health benefits, forms the backbone of Commune Canteen's offerings. It features a great balance of vegetables and greens for fibre, easy-to-digest proteins, high-quality meats, healthy fats, nuts, fruits and house-made pickles. Guests can enjoy a variety of colourful salads, hot slow-cooked meals, and in-house baked breads, with dishes served from the counter in a casual yet vibrant atmosphere.

The menu changes regularly, including bone broths and specialties like breakfast ratatouille, baked shakshuka, crispy gnocchi with burnt butter and carrot top pesto, lamb tagines with flatbread, Greek lemon chicken with sumac labna, duck shanks with spiced orange, and



Left: Utku Ayhan. Right: Nicholas Degryse.
Photo Jillian McHugh

wood-fired prawns with preserved lemon, vine leaf and burnt butter.

Embracing a canteen-style dining experience, Commune Canteen allows guests to customise their meals using a fill-up tray system with three or five compartments, perfect for mixing and matching. They will also host communal lunches, featuring a long table in the Habitat courtyard laden with shared plates, fostering a sense of community and new friendships.

Guests can start their day with a perfect cup of Beams coffee, a selection of teas from 'Good for the Tea', a social enterprise dedicated to positive change,

house-made Bonny's Jungle Chai, and Byron Bay's Mason's Mushrooms – a superb blend of medicinal mushrooms. Additionally, a hand-picked selection of local and Mediterranean wines will be available in time for lunch.

Commune Canteen is the first of three venues to open at Nourishing Habitat. This unique eatery is more than just a place to eat; it's a destination where food, community, and sustainability intersect, set to become a beloved spot for both locals and visitors alike.

Go to <https://www.nourishinghabitat.com/> for more information or visit at 1 Porter St, Byron Bay.

Gin with a slice of rainforest



Cape Byron Distillery, the B-Corp certified distillery from Byron Bay has released a gin flavoured with rainforest botanicals carefully selected by the five winning bartenders from the 2023 reGINeration Australian cocktail competition, including Hamish Mcshane from Moonlight in Byron Bay, in collaboration with distillery co-founder Eddie Brook.

The cocktail competition and the gin were both designed to bring awareness to World Rainforest Day which was last Saturday, 22 June, something that the Brookie's gin crew hold close to their hearts, as the distillery is

located within rainforest regenerated by the Brook family from degraded grazing land on the hills above Byron Bay.

The bartenders' prize for winning the competition was the opportunity to create their own signature gin during a bartenders' retreat at the distillery. Some of the feature ingredients include Quandong, Native Raspberry, Native River Mint, Rosella and a touch of salt water.

This limited-edition gin was released at the start of June, and part of this initiative from the distillery, will see a rainforest tree planted for every bottle of

Brookie's Rainforest Gin sold. That's 1,000 trees to be planted from the proceeds of this limited-edition gin, so supporting this gin collaboration will help restore the rainforest.

Eddie Brook, CEO and co-founder says, 'Brookie's creates world-class spirits and world-class drink experiences that capture the flavours of our rainforest and region. We have crafted our Brookie's Rainforest Gin in collaboration with five expert bartenders to make a limited edition dry style of Brookie's gin with a purpose. Ideal for sipping a martini or shaken up in a south side.'

Do gin and art mix?

If you're an artist, and want to win \$5,000 for having your art and your name featured on a limited-edition bottle of gin, plus six bottles of Ink Art Gin, then the Ink Art Gin bottle design competition might be worth entering.

In fact, it's probably uniquely suited to you, as I'm not sure there are many other art competitions which offer exactly six bottles of Ink Art Gin as a prize.

Plus, if you win there are a number of other opportunities

to increase your exposure, and if you get second prize, you still win six bottles of gin, but only \$500 cash. Entries close on 20 August. This year the theme is FUSION, and all the details you need to enter are on the website inkgin.com.



Your guide to the tastiest offerings in the Northern Rivers - restaurants, cafes, breweries, caterers and many more.

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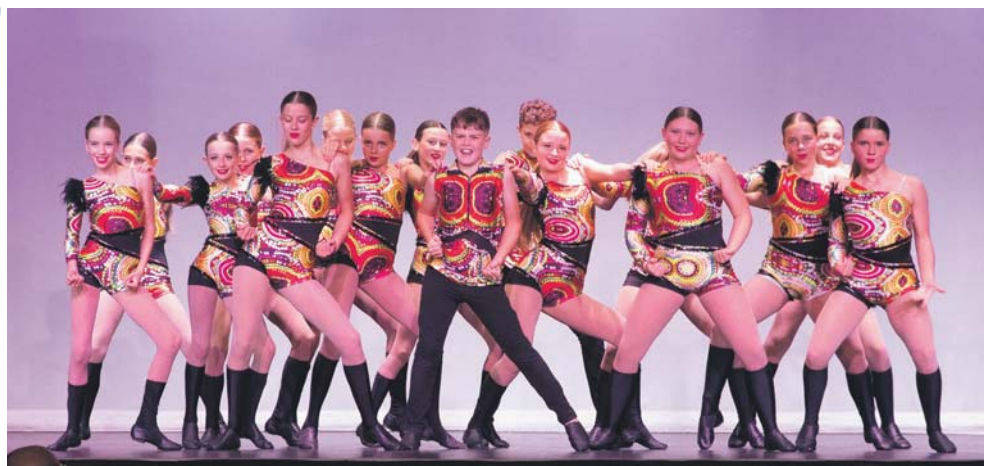


A LIFELONG LOCAL

Whether she fronting the band **Pink Zinc** or her new outfit **Mobeius**, musician/singer/songwriter **Sarah Grant** is always entertaining and giving her everything for the performance.

A lifelong local of Byron Bay, Sarah is no stranger to the music scene. For 15 years she has led the energetic rock/pop covers band Pink Zinc Presents, captivating audiences with tunes that make them dance and sing along. Through this experience, Sarah has developed her craft, learning the nuances of connecting with listeners and delivering memorable performances.

See her this week in her duo incarnation at The Rails on Thursday.



THE 2024 LISMORE EISTEDDFOD WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER

Organisers of the **Lismore Eisteddfod**, the **Lismore Musical Festival Society**, are getting excited about their program for this year's event.

The regular competition venues are still unavailable owing to post-flood repairs continuing for a few more months. So this year the **Bangalow A&I Hall** will be used for the primary and secondary schools competitions as well as the **Speech and Drama competition**.

The **Lismore Workers Club** auditorium will be available later in the year and will be the venue for the Vocal and Instrumental, and dance competitions.

It takes a lot of money to hold an eisteddfod and the Lismore Musical Festival Society are forever grateful to the event patron, **Margot Davies**, and their sponsors – and they are always welcoming new sponsors. If you are interested in supporting this really wonderful event, please contact secretary **Rhonda** on **0427 404 383** to discuss sponsorship packages.

Organisers are also looking for volunteers to assist at competition venues. Can you spare half a day? They'd love to hear from you.

And, let's not forget the reason for the eisteddfod – the competitors.

Do you sing or enjoy all forms of dramatic performance? Perhaps you play the piano,

or one of the string, woodwind or brass instruments. Does your performance joy come through dance? School teachers – do your students get a buzz from performing as a group, be it choir, band, choral speaking, dance or dramatic performances?

The Lismore Eisteddfod is a really great opportunity to step out onto a stage and showcase your talent. Performing gives you the opportunity to watch and learn from your peer group. You also have your work appraised by highly qualified adjudicators, which amounts to receiving lessons from another teacher.

Information on how to enter, and the competition schedules, are available on the website at lismoreeisteddfod.com.au, or for further information call the secretary on 0427 404 383.

Entries for this year's eisteddfod close on 30 June.

2024 Lismore Eisteddfod key dates are: **Schools Week: 26-30 August; Speech and Drama: 30-31 August; Vocal and Instrumental: 8-11 October and 14-15 October** (if required); **Dance Troupes: Seniors, 6 October** (Sunday) and **Juniors, 27 October** (Sunday); **Dance Solos, Dance Duos: 22-25 October and 28-31 October.** For more information, visit lismoreeisteddfod.com.au.

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STEVE BANKS AND THE SIDEMEN ARE THE MAIN EVENT

Steve Banks and The Sidemen are back for an intimate, partially-unplugged show at the Brunswick Picture House in Brunswick Heads on **Saturday, July 6**.

The Sidemen – **Jeff Burstin, Mike Mills, Grant Gerathy, Tony Slavich and Geoff Wright** – are heading into a new venue, with new songs and a new format.

The show will begin 'unplugged' featuring Jeff Burstin – then the amps will be cranked up. Frontman Steve will open up on some of their personal stories between songs. Special guest **Guy Kachel** kicks-off the show and vocalist **Chloe West** features with the band. *Seven* spoke to Steve on the weekend to get some insights into the show.

It's been eight months since we last spoke – it feels a bit like The Sidemen are becoming the Main Men – is what started as a bit of a side hustle, turning into THE hustle?

Yeah, look, it's really heartwarming for me. I mean, I think I told you the last time we chatted, the main reason for doing this was, I met these guys serendipitously – I was a friend of Jeff Burstin from the Black Sorrows. We did an album together and we wanted to play together up here. He's based in Melbourne and he said, 'well, listen, we can't bring the whole band up, so see if we can find some musos locally. Every single muso I was introduced to had a pedigree as long as my arm. I thought, 'oh my God', and then all of a sudden it just became less about playing songs from the album that we

recorded and more about shining the light on these guys. And that's what it's all about. And the good thing is that now The Sidemen family is about 20 strong!

So what's happened since I spoke to you last October?

The last gig we did was the one at Lennox. We've been in the studio since then recording – people keep asking for The Sidemen to play on their songs. So, we've been up at Bernard Fanning's studio in Brooklet doing some recording. This will be the first gig we've done since Lennox because most of the guys have been touring.

Tell me what is special about this show?

The format of this one's a little different. Because we're at that beautiful, intimate venue at Brunswick Picture House, we're



actually doing a bit of a focus acoustically with Jeff Burstin, myself and Guy Kachel on harmonica – we're doing some blues tunes. And we're going through the whole process of how Jeff writes his songs. It's going to be a lot of fun.

What do you think, for you this time, is going to be the highlight of this show?

For me, I think sitting down and playing acoustically with Jeff. Some of the most magical moments have occurred after the show, when we have a little whiskey and we sit down and we start playing and you know, it's four o'clock in the morning and we're still going. I want to try and replicate some of that magic on stage.

Steve, are you having enough fun?

Oh God yes! It's the best fun ever. I get excited about it as soon as we book the venue. I just love doing it. Yeah, I love telling the stories and I love the format and it seems like the audience does too!

This will be a great show at the Brunswick Picture House – don't miss it!

Doors open at 7pm with support Guy Kachel on at 7.15pm and the main event at 8.15pm.

Get your tickets from brunswickpicturehouse.com/steve-banks-sidemen-6-jul.

Steve Banks and The SIDEMEN



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DIRTY THREE WITH ELEANOR JAWURLNGALI

New expanses to create. New music to share. The legendary trio **Dirty Three** are coming to **The Green Room**, Byron.

An instrumental rock band based in Melbourne, Australia, the trio paints notes like stars in the sky. Comprised of members **Warren Ellis** (The Bad Seeds), **Mick Turner**, and **Jim White**, the group formed in 1992 and has since released nine albums. Their sound combines elements of alternative rock, post-rock, and other genres to create music that is atmospheric and deeply emotive.

Taking their influence from a diverse array of sources, from traditional folk music to obscure jazz, their music often features little more than acoustic guitar, drums, violin, piano, and the occasional resonant voice. Despite their instrumental music, the trio's compositions are filled with soul and emotion, stirring a wide range of raw feelings and emotions to the fore.

While their peers were doing grunge, they were facing each other onstage, making rock without the ego. Jazz without the histrionics. Folk without the troubadours. Improvising rumbling, wide-open instrumentals that pull you in like oil-painted landscapes.

They don't get together very often these days. But to see them perform is to witness three men shoulder-deep in the task. The meandering beauty. The mammoth swirl. The Dirty Three.

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THE MASTERS OF 'ZERO TO HERO'

The masters of 'zero to hero' pub rock, **The Tenants**, are bringing their live show and Aussie humour to Mullum's **Courthouse Hotel** for one night only on **Thursday, July 4**.

The Tenants shot to fame when 'You Shit Me To Tears', the title track from their debut EP, reached number three in the Triple J Hottest 100 competition in 1999.

The song became an instant anthem for punters all over the country.

Local Mullum identity and bass player, **JJ LaMoore** agreed to the tour on the condition they kick it off from his hometown. 'I've always been keen to get the boys up for a show and riding the current wave of comeback tours provided the perfect opportunity,' said LaMoore. 'It's really great that we've been able to get local legend **Real Jarrah** on board for what will no doubt be the biggest night in Mullum since Dave Osborn delivered on his promise to park in every spot in the Mullum Woollies car park.'

After their Triple J Hottest 100 success, the band's follow-up EP *Caucasian Overbite* included two more radio hits,

'Pub Girl' and 'Boredom', and strengthened the band's wildly exaggerated claims of being the 'hottest young Aussie talent since Alex Papps'.

Their full-length album *Everything You Know Is Wrong* kicked off with 'Ready To Rumble', which became *The Footy Show* theme for a time and sent the band to showcase at SXSW in Austin Texas.

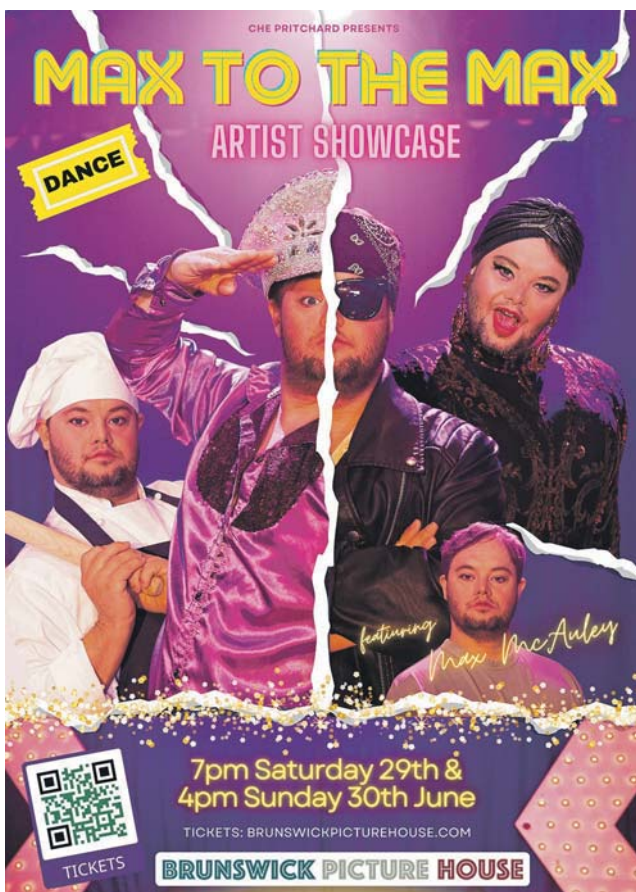
After many miles in the tour van, the boys took a break to commence a breeding program - the program was so successful, live shows slowed down to a strolling pace.

Since their inception in 1999, The Tenants have consistently brought their pub-rock-meets-punk music to punters across the nation, sharing bills with the likes of Powderfinger, Spiderbait, The Living End - and just about anyone else from the local RSL karaoke club scene.

The new album, *Push & Hold*, is described by lead singer **Ace** as having a very big, sweaty, dirty and pub-rock-like sound. 'Dirty rock was the brief, and I believe it has been nailed,' he said.

According to *Drum Media*, The Tenants are 'a slickly tight, pop-rock package that still has enough rough edges to slum it with the rest of us.'

Come see The Tenants before they are evicted and forfeit their bond in full. Thursday, 4 July from 8pm at the Courthouse Hotel, Mullumbimby.



CINEMA



DESPICABLE ME 4

With the school holidays fast approaching it's time to rev up the kids to see the ever-lovable Minions in the first *Despicable Me* movie in seven years.

In chapter four, Gru, the world's favourite supervillain turned Anti-Villain League agent, returns for an exciting, bold new era of Minions mayhem in Illumination's *Despicable Me 4*.

Following the 2022 blockbuster phenomenon of Illumination's *Minions: The Rise of Gru*, the biggest global animated franchise in history now begins a new chapter as Gru (**Steve Carell**) and Lucy (**Kristen Wiig**) and their girls – Margo (**Miranda Cosgrove**), Edith (**Dana Gaier**) and Agnes (**Madison Polan**) – welcome a new member to the Gru family, Gru Jr., who is intent on tormenting his dad.

Gru faces a new nemesis in Maxime Le Mal (**Will Ferrell**) and his femme fatale girlfriend Valentina (**Sofia Vergara**), and the family is forced to go on the run.

The film features fresh new characters voiced by **Joey King**, **Stephen Colbert** and **Chloe Fineman**. **Pierre Coffin** returns as the iconic voice of the Minions and **Steve Coogan** returns as Silas Ramsbottom.

The story begins following an escape from incarceration by Maxime Le Mal and his girlfriend Valentina who are seeking revenge on Gru and his family, including his baby son, Gru Jr., in relocation for their protection, Gru's family meet their new neighbours, the Prescotts, and their daughter Poppy. In a way to even the odds, Gru and his Minions ally with Poppy.

Get down to Palace Cinema in Byron Bay or Palace Ballina Fair Cinemas for your Minion fix.

WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **AARON LAGUDA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**, 8PM **FELIPE BALDOMIR**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY – FEAT HARLEY BREEN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **AARON LAGUDA**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SALT & STEEL + VENUS FLY TRAP + SPACE & AGES**
- ST JOHNS SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ ISHWARA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE LEEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ BIG RED & FRIENDS**
- FEDERAL HOTEL, ALSTONVILLE, 7PM **GEORGE SMILOVICI**

THURSDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- THE ROCKS, BYRON BAY, **JESSE WHITNEY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- KELP BAR, BALLINA, 6PM **'JAY' & LYNDEY**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BLUEGRASS JAM**
- THE LEEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **GEORGIA CORTES RAYNER**, 7.30PM **ALPHABET POETS**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **JOSH LOVEGROVE + DJ YAZMIN + THE VYBEZ BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **THE SUNSHINE CLUB – CONCERT VERSION**

FRIDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BULLETPROOF**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE HAYWARD BAND + PINK ZINC PRESENTS + DJ ZAC EWING**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA ENCORE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **BEN WALSH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- PLAYGROUND, BYRON BAY, 3PM **EARTH, JAM & FIRE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **THE LYRICAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MAX TO THE MAX**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM **DJ SHANE COLLINS**, 6PM **DJ JR.DYNAMITE**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**, 8PM **MIDLIFE**, 10PM **KANE MUIR**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **PHANTOM LIMBZ**

SATURDAY 29

- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 4PM **PRIDE NIGHT WITH DJ'S MAGNUS AND SISTA RAY + RU BELLA**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 5PM **GREEN VELVET**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5.30PM **ASH GRUNWALD + KELLY BROUHAHA**, 6PM **HAMMERS + POWER DRILL + RATTLED SNAKE + EAGLE**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **BILL JACOBI**
- THE GREEN ROOM, BYRON, 6.30PM **DIRTY THREE + ELEANOR JAWURLNGALI**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **PUSH**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **SHAW'S BAY SUNDAY SESSIONS FT MATTY ROGERS BAND**
- ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLINA, 3PM **AMATORI ORCHESTRA**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 2PM **STOCKADE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 2PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 1PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **FAT ALBERT**

MONDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANGUS KAFTAN**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCOR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **CHLOE JETT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- PLANET CORROBOREE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MEL BROWN – SHADES OF ME – BOOK LAUNCH**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **BUBBLE, BROADWAY AND BEYOND**

WEDNESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

Session Times

Thurs, June 27 – Wed, July 3

PALACE CINEMAS

108 Jonson St, Byron Bay

SPECIAL SCREENINGS KINDS OF KINDNESS (MA15+) Thurs: 7:00PM OPÉRA DE PARIS: DON QUICHOTTE (12) Sun: 1:00PM, Wed: 11:00AM	FAMILY FILMS DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG) NFT Daily: 10:30AM, 11:10AM, 12:40PM, 3:15PM, 5:15PM, 6:15PM INSIDE OUT 2 (PG) Daily except Thurs: 10:30AM, 11:20AM, 12:45PM, 1:30PM, 2:50PM, 3:40PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:15PM, 8:30PM PANDA BEAR IN AFRICA (12) NFT Daily: 11:00AM, 1:15PM	THE GARFIELD MOVIE (G) Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues: 1:00PM THE MOUNTAIN (PG) NFT Thurs: 11:30AM, 6:15PM, Fri, Sun, Mon, Tues: 10:45AM, 6:15PM, Sat: 1:10PM, 6:15PM, Wed: 6:15PM	BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE (MA15+) Daily except Thurs, Sat: 3:20PM, 8:15PM, Thurs: 4:15PM, 8:15PM, Sat: 8:15PM FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA (MA15+) Daily: 3:15PM, 7:30PM THE CONVERT (MA15+) NFT Daily except Sun: 3:45PM, 8:20PM, Sun: 3:30PM, 8:20PM THE FALL GUY (PG) Daily except Thurs: 5:45PM THE PROMISED LAND (MA15+) Daily except Thurs, Sat: 12:45PM, 8:10PM, Thurs: 1:30PM, 8:10PM, Sat: 2:50PM, 8:10PM
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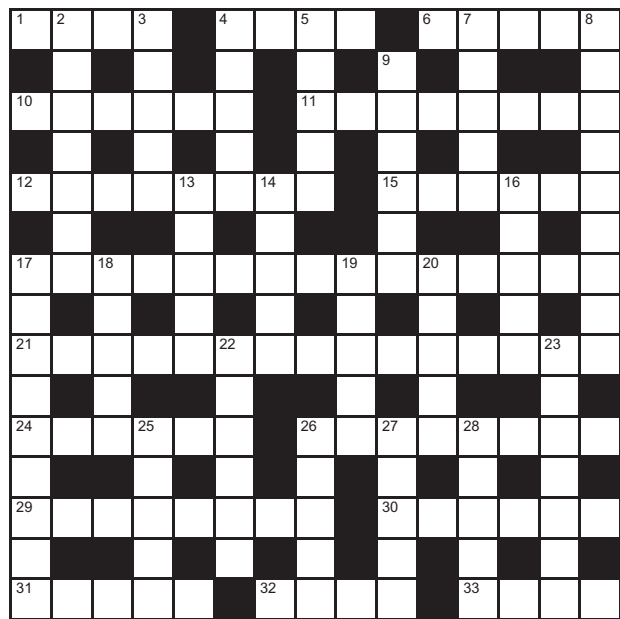
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Follower of Mary, ex-bishop, now a monk (4)
4. Deviant thief I sent off to Mass (4)
6. See 32 across
10. Caesar sides with terrorists – it's a catastrophe (6)
11. Spooner's whack job in kitchen a record keeper (4,4)
12. Crumbling plaster finally undermines fasteners (8)
15. Alleyway scavenger scientifically chewing up tarts around uni (6)
17. Fashionable chaperones fly in to Pacific islands (6,9)
21. Eccentric researched blog about *Echo* to get qualification (9,6)
24. Superhero came in deranged (6)
26. Seafood boom, for your information, has been badly covered (8)
29. Militancy in part of play is masculine (8)
30. Guaranteed to keep every other tout in stitches (6)
31. Cheer essentially overdue (5)
32. 6. Bold subject on the verge of victory (4,5)
33. Learner excused from oversight on part of the church (4)

DOWN

2. Rubbish space set up for fumigator (7)
3. Moralist initially able to sit up (5)
4. German writer – she's been sent out east (5)
5. Zoom in on point of interest (5)
7. Final notice briefly involves Romeo, of course (5)
8. Spooner's rock band has form (4,5)
9. Missing smoker's accessory hospital confiscated (6)
13. Retrospectively, banker cultivates holding cash (5)
14. Copy reflected in mirror, periodically (5)
16. Adjustment to rates is a shocker (5)
17. Make fortune with a crib designed to be held (9)
18. Award read out by host (5)
19. Beam at girl, not quite the old queen (5)
20. In want of seed head not found in big apple (5)
22. Time to abstain, with almost sickly pulse (6)
23. *Echo* falsified nurses' warrants (7)
25. Commie, but not a wet (5)
26. Frenchman in unconscious state, which indicates separation (5)
27. Goalies go off cavorting in passage (5)
28. Religious order in solid state (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Buddhist priest (4)
4. Judge the weight of (4)
6. See 32 across
10. Emergency (6)
11. Financial journal (4,4)
12. Small stationery implement (8)
15. Genus of rodents (6)
17. France's overseas country (6,9)
21. Graduate's mark of distinction (9,6)
24. He cometh in O'Neill's play (6)
26. Edible fresh water crustacean (8)
29. Thunberg's methodology (8)
30. Surgical closure (6)
31. Raise the spirits (5)
32. 6. Forty-love, for example (4,5)
33. Polygonal recess covered with a vault or semi-dome (4)

DOWN

2. Apparatus for charging the air or a fluid with gas (7)
3. Ancient fabulist (5)
4. Author of *The Glass Bead Game* (5)
5. Concentrate (5)
7. Path around a celestial body (5)
8. Become embodied in practice (4,5)
9. Off course (6)
13. Dosh (5)
14. Imitation of old furniture (5)
16. Used to incapacitate people (5)
17. Fashion (9)
18. Performer who introduces and ramps up electronic dance music (5)
19. Amplified, focussed beam of light (5)
20. Experiencing poverty (5)
22. Small flattish pulse used in soups (6)
23. Guarantees (7)
25. Dampish (5)
26. Punctuation mark denoting the smallest division of a sentence (5)
27. Corridor between rows of seats (5)
28. Legal decision issued by a Muslim judicial authority (5)

Last week's solution #8



Dutton's Going Nuclear

Peter Dutton's going nuclear.

When you set aside his proposed intention to build actual reactors on our landscape, there is a figurative meaning which I feel underpins the spirit of the man and his political approach.

Going nuclear can also mean 'to become furious; to resort to drastic measures in an attempt to undermine an opponent.'

Yep, drastic measures. Nuclear isn't a solution. It's a threat. And it's being used to undermine the conversation about renewables.

It's straight from the seven-second messaging playbook they used for the 'No' campaign.

If you don't know, vote 'No-clear'.

Seven reactors in seven seconds.

When it comes to community safety, nuclear power makes climate-destroying coal mines look like a trip to Disneyland.

Is that the intention? It feels like a crazy bluff.

It's a show of strength. It's the big guns. It's an attempt to capture the renewables narrative, and put it in the shadow of a giant reactor. All over my newsfeed I have pictures of Peter Dutton with a nuclear reactor. It's power porn. It's not something you want to look at before you fall asleep.

This is not a pathway to hope. It is however, quite literally, a pathway to power.

Good old-fashioned, trickle-down capitalist power. Not power sharing. The renewable model threatens to destabilise the core values of a system that keeps us hooked in like dependent energy junkies. Dutton is never going to be a fan of a system that delivers power sharing. He's not into sharing power. He's into taking power. He's a big reactor.

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They don't want small community micro-grids. They don't want energy sovereignty. They don't want us to create our own energy – because quite literally we'd be powered from the ground up. That's scary. How do you have power over people who make their own power? Think about it. Billionaires don't get to make more billions when we unplug.

The renewable economy has the potential to create a viable alternative to the trickle-down capitalist model. If communities are able to set up self-sustaining micro-grids where they control the flow of energy, they're no longer plugged into the giant 'grid'. There is no longer one ring to rule them all. It's a decentralised model. There are no giant 'power plants' as there would be with Dutton's plan for seven nuclear reactors, to be put, by the way, in someone's backyard. Would

you want it in yours? Give me a solar panel, a windmill and a battery any day. Shit, I'd be happy with a candle.

And before we get into the dialogue about nuclear providing 'safe, clean' energy, let's reflect on the risk. And there is MASSIVE risk. We've seen it play out. In 1986 after a reactor meltdown and a giant blast at Chernobyl something like 40 operators were killed. More have died from radioactivity-related cancers since. The site is still radioactive today.

And Fukushima. There are over 2,000 disaster-related deaths from the 2011 nuclear disaster. This was caused by a 15-metre tsunami that disabled the power supply and cooling of the three reactors, causing a nuclear accident that saw all three cores melted in the first three days. 160,000 people who lived near the plant were displaced. Many are still fighting for compensation. Female infants affected by the worst fallout have a 70% chance of developing thyroid cancer. And may I remind you, children are more at risk from radiation than adults and more likely to develop cancers. And this is the energy solution?

Oh, and we live in a world where the climate has been destabilised to the point where catastrophic disasters are on the increase. Awesome environment for nuclear! Fire, floods, cyclones. We got it all.

If Dutton is such a nuclear fan then let's start with a reactor in Vaucluse. Maybe Gucci can sponsor it.

STARS BY LILITH

With Cancerian energy ascendant, activate this week's magic by sharing and showing your love – not just to your partner, family and friends, but colleagues, peers, even strangers...

CANCER THE CRAB

ARIES: People will be quick to pick up on undercurrents this week, so approach conversations with confidence and a can-do attitude by all means, but be mindful to deliver opinions and requests without stress or pressure, especially during the weekend Aries moon. Appeal to feelings rather than ideas.

TAURUS: Your boss planet Venus moving from her fun zone to focus on close friends and family, makes it easier this week to listen with empathy and speak kindly. Show the people you love how much they mean to you and just how much you cherish and appreciate them.

GEMINI: Geminis are social beings, and this week's socialising moves towards intimate connecting, primarily in the home zone. Your mentor planet Mercury in easily affected mode can incline others to be moody or defensive; if so, just step back and cut them some slack rather than offering solutions.

CANCER: With communicator Mercury and emotional Venus in your security-conscious, self-protective sign, you'll want to feel safe before you open your heart to new people, so it's fine to check out someone's background first. Weekend moon brings your chance to speak up if you're needing support.

LEO: A trio of planets in your personal zone of closure could see this week begin to wind up a cycle that's run its course, and draw to a close a project, business, partnership or way of life. In which case, give who or whatever an honourable sendoff before starting the next chapter.

VIRGO: Your primo planet Mercury's current placement could have people a bit prickly this week: overreacting if they feel challenged, even taking what you say the wrong way. For smoothest communications, it's advisable to read the room, listen to your intuition and offer feedback with extra sensitivity to nuance.

LIBRA: This is the zodiac's family-oriented astrological season, with the sun, Mercury and Venus helping us all radiate feelings of warmth, connection and nourishment. And Venus is encouraging you to indulge your inner decorista in the home zone, not that any Libran needs encouragement for that.

SCORPIO: If you've been wanting to initiate a heartfelt dialogue about a sensitive subject, this week's planetary mix sets the stage. Being prepared to lower your guard, show your vulnerability and open up to discussing your concerns can encourage others to also let down their defences.

SAGITTARIUS: Peripatetic Sagittarians can seem to be perpetually on the move, but now is the time to apply the brakes, to stop and stay. This week's introspective energy challenges you to dive deep, to get in touch with your most tender feelings, to acknowledge and honour emotional bonds.

CAPRICORN: As Capricorn's planet guide Saturn, the cosmic corrections officer, heads into his annual four-and-a-half-month backspin through your personal sector of socialising and communication, expect some enlightening reality checks in these areas, especially around the uses and abuses, benefits and detriments of social media.

AQUARIUS: Cancer season is about accessing your personal places of security and stability. Which could involve back to your roots, reconnecting with family and deepening bonds with people you have history with. Visiting loved ones, taking it easy and giving yourself a chance to recharge your batteries.

PISCES: The sun in your astrological house of fun and creativity: how good is that? Even better, it's amplified by beauty-loving Venus and expressive Mercury – an open invitation to let your artistic and poetic side out to play, whether that's home decorating, making music or crafting your own unique masterpiece.



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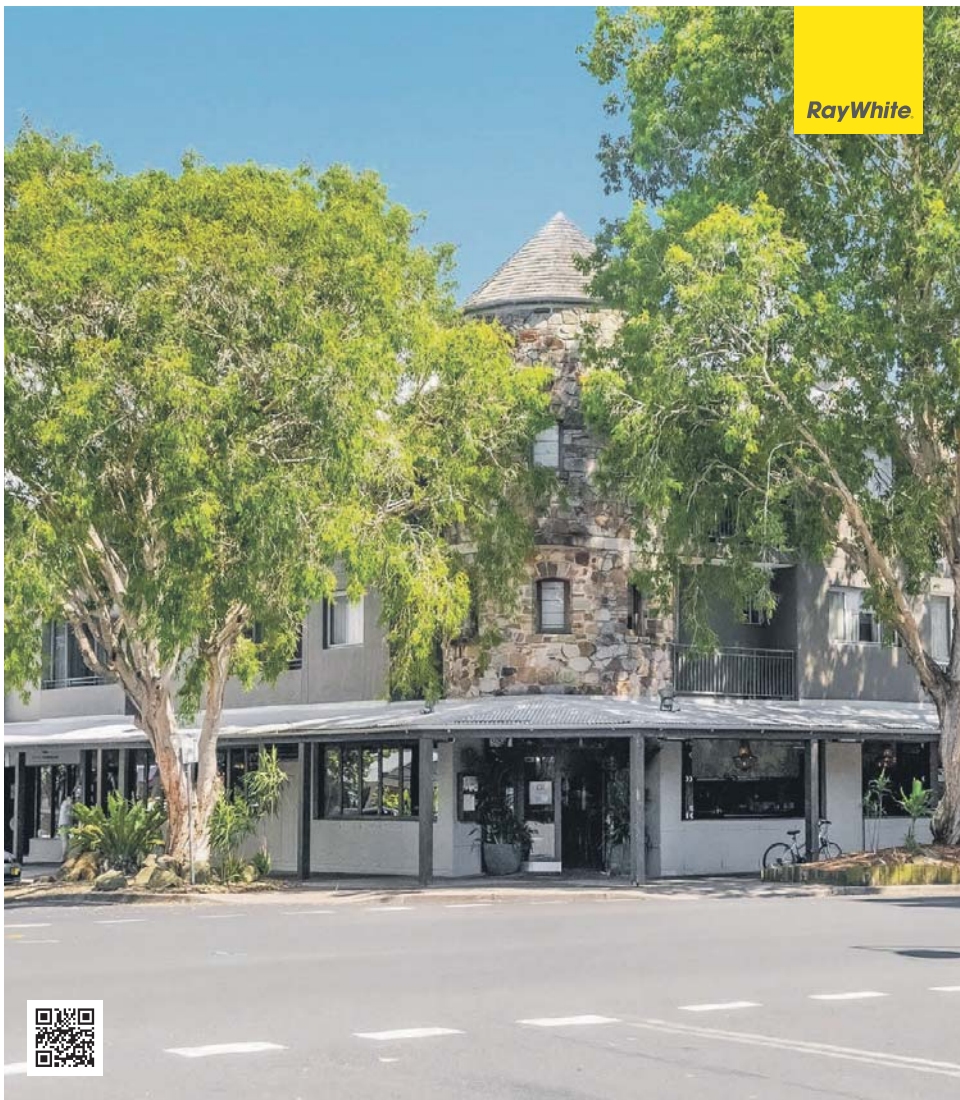
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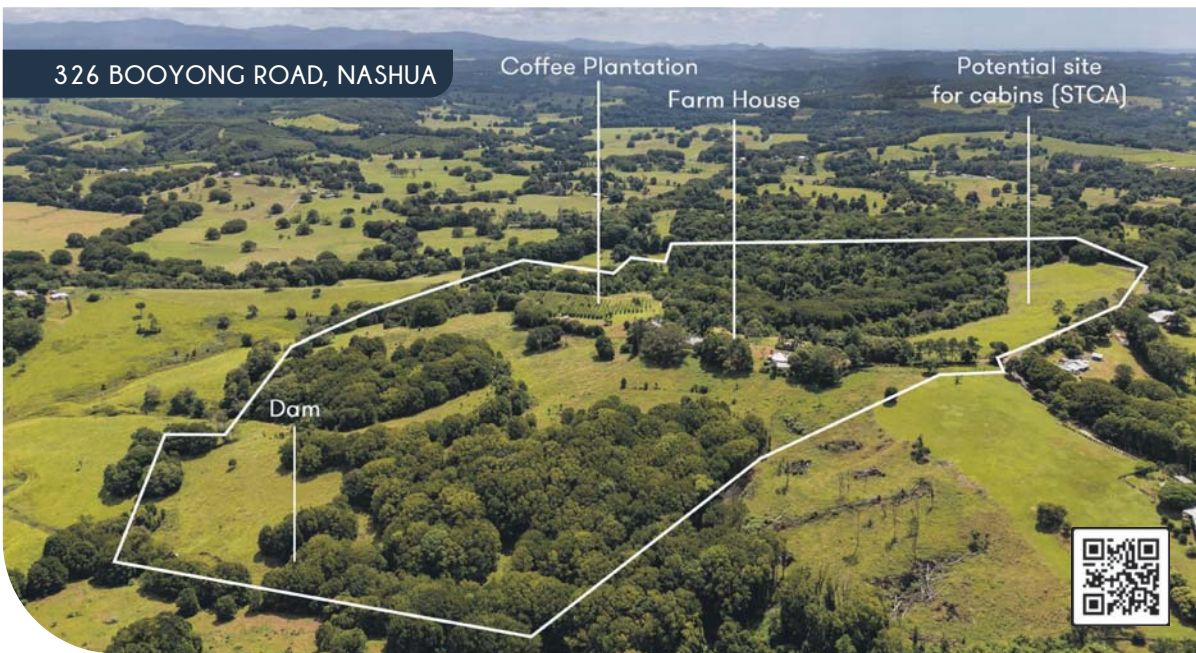
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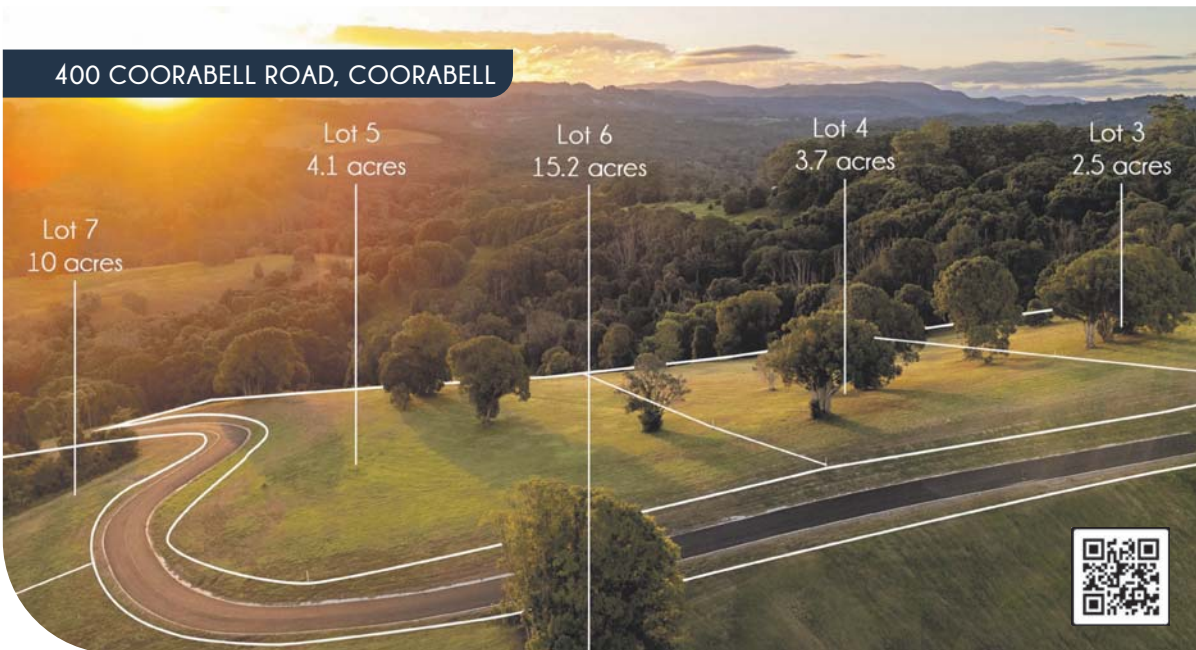
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Proposed road closing under section 38B Roads Act 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, notice is hereby given that Byron Shire Council proposes to close the following council public roads listed in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1:

- Part road reserve adjoining 134 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay Lot 1 DP 246414.
- Part road reserve adjoining Unit 5 / 2 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park SP34617.

Upon closure of the road, council intends to sell the land to the adjoining landowners.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482, within twenty-eight days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, Byron Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: #E2024/67785
Enquiries: Tracy Armstrong
Telephone: 02 6626 7201

This document will be available on Council's website at **www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice**.

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Family and Friends are warmly invited to attend Harry's Requiem Mass to be held at Brunswick Heads Catholic Church on Friday the 28th of June 2024 at 1pm.

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DATE (June/July)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
26	W	6:39 16:58	21:21 10:02	1132 1.23	0552 0.37 1701 0.40
27	TH	6:39 16:59	22:26 10:38	0000 1.79 1231 1.26	0641 0.37 1800 0.48
28	F	6:39 16:59	23:30 11:11	0049 1.69 1335 1.31	0730 0.37 1909 0.56
29	SA	6:39 16:59	11:43	0142 1.58 1443 1.39	0819 0.37 2026 0.62
30	SU	6:39 17:00	0:33 12:15	0238 1.46 1550 1.49	0908 0.36 2149 0.64
1	M	6:39 17:00	1:38 12:51	0341 1.34 1654 1.61	0958 0.35 2310 0.61
2	TU	6:39 17:00	2:43 13:30	0445 1.25 1752 1.71	1047 0.33
3	W	6:39 17:01	3:50 14:15	0549 1.20 1845 1.79	0021 0.55 1136 0.32
4	TH	6:39 17:01	4:57 15:07	0646 1.17 1933 1.85	0120 0.48 1225 0.31
5	F	6:39 17:02	5:59 16:05	0738 1.16 2018 1.86	0210 0.43 1311 0.31
6	SA	6:39 17:02	6:55 17:06	0825 1.16 2100 1.85	0254 0.40 1355 0.31
7	SU	6:39 17:02	7:44 18:08	0907 1.16 2140 1.82	0335 0.39 1437 0.33
8	M	6:39 17:03	8:25 19:08	0947 1.17 2215 1.76	0413 0.41 1517 0.37
9	TU	6:38 17:03	9:01 20:05	1027 1.17 2250 1.69	0448 0.43 1557 0.42
10	W	6:38 17:04	9:31 21:00	1106 1.17 2323 1.62	0522 0.45 1638 0.49

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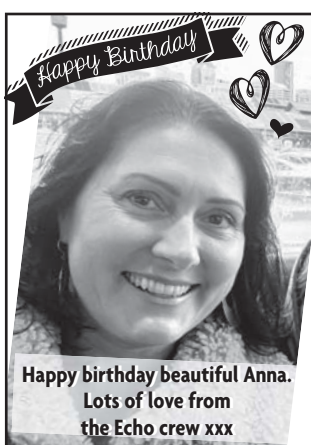
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2nd SUN The Channon	02 6688 6433	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	02 6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each TUE Organic Lismore	
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED Murwillumbah 7-11	0415 328 672
2nd SUN Tabulam		Each WED Nimbin 3-6pm	0418 940 653
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	02 6684 3370	Each WED Newrybar Hall 4-7pm	
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0415 328 672	Each THU Byron 8-11am	0414 595 169
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each THU Lismore 2.30-6.30pm	0459 309 223
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each FRI Mullum 7-11am	0424 168 672
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each FRI Evans Head 2.30-6.30	0428 291 068
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT Bangalow 8-11am	0414 595 169
4th SAT Evans Head	0432 275 765	Each SAT Duranbah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar kyoglebazaar.com.au		Each SAT Uki 8am-1pm	02 6679 5438
4th SUN Bangalow	02 6687 1911	Each SAT Lismore 8.30-11am	
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764	Each SAT Wadeville 8am-12pm	
4th SUN Murwillumbah	0415 328 672	Each SAT Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr	
4th SUN Coolangatta (in a 5 Sunday month)		Each SUN Ballina 7-11am	

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BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday, July 2, 10am at The Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is Linda Cash telling

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Antique & Collectables exhibition

The Northern Rivers Collectors Club in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM Murwillumbah are holding their 32nd Antique & Collectables exhibition & Trading Fair on Sunday, 11 August at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre from 8.30am to 2pm. There will be thousands of antiques, vintage and retro items, as well as modern collectables for sale. There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments. Proceeds donated to Tweed Palliative Support. Details 0439 779 577.

Book lovers

Exciting news for book lovers and literary enthusiasts... Annie O'Moon-Browning, the creative genius behind the compelling new Australian novel, Rosanna, will be in conversation with the fabulous Talulah Rae, offering insights into her writing process, the inspiration behind the book and more. Mullumbimby Library, Wednesday, 3 July at 10am. Get your hands on a signed copy of Rosanna, and immerse yourself in a morning of literary delight. This event will be followed by a fun immersive 90-minute Creative Writing Workshop from 12.30 to 2pm, where Annie will bring meditation and sensory exploration to open your creative juices. Bookings are essential for this workshop by phoning the library on 6684 2992.

Lismore Rainforest walk

Guided walk in Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens through the Uncommon or Rare and Threatened Plants Garden on Sunday, June 30

at 10am. Peter will show you the plants which are now very difficult to see in the wild. Bookings essential at publicity@friendslrbg.com.au. \$5 per person, children free. Cash only. Join us for morning tea in the Visitor's Centre.

Richmond-Tweed Family History Society

The next monthly meeting of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society is on Saturday July 6, 2-4pm, at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina. Topic 'Connecting with Family Online' presented by Rosemary Kopitke. For enquiries ring Victoria (Vicki) Evans on: 0467 573 282 or email: presidentrftfhs1@yahoo.com.

Bangalow Historical Society

If you're interested in making new friends, supporting your local Museum and Historical Society through volunteering, think about joining

Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd last Friday of the month from 6pm (alternating Ballina/Byron). Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook. Contact byronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-12pm and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367.

Library fun

Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads** Library, Monday - Story Time 10.30 till 11.30am; Friday - Baby Time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby** Library, Monday - Story Time 10-11am; Tuesday - Baby Time 10-10.30 am.

Byron Bay Cancer Support Group

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for six years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect with other people with cancer. Meetings are held every four weeks on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am. For more information contact the Cancer Council on 13 11 20.

Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** Women's table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Mullum Magic provides a safe and fun environment for members and guests to develop their public-speaking and leadership skills. Meeting 6.30-8.30pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 104 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. New members and guests welcome. Contact Ian Hamilton 0458 268 469.

Heritage House team. We are open Wednesday to Saturday so come along anytime and meet the volunteers, there is lots to do from cataloging, exhibits, meet and greet visitors and if you have a particular skill that you think will be used here then please call in or phone Trisha on 0429 882 525. Find us on Facebook or contact us bangalowhistorical2479@gmail.com.

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Byron seniors program

Connect with your community at Byron Community Centre through the Byron Community Centre Seniors Program. It now offers African dance,

Meditation

Dzogchen meditation and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30-8.30pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 7pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Byron Bay Meditation Centre** Tuesday 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: byronbaymeditationcentre.com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

Brunswick Heads CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meet Fridays 10am-2pm, cnr Park and Booyun Streets, Brunswick Heads. Join us for a chat and cuppa, bring along your craft projects including sewing, knitting, crocheting, or quilting. Beginners welcome. Gold coin donation for morning tea.

Byron Gem Club

The Byron Gem and Lapidary Club is open weekly to members new and old. Visitors welcome to view club facilities. Activities: semi-precious and gemstone cutting, shaping and polishing, gem faceting, silver work, gem setting and jewellery making, etc. Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club workshop located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagarah Airfield. Contact 0428 591 360 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. Small cost. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 9am-12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Cathy 0432 606 849. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-12noon. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Friday 11am-3pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm, Sun closed.

Mullumbimby potters & sculptors

Mullumbimby Clayworkers Gallery in the Drill Hall complex is open every

drama and a computer club. Find out more by calling: 6685 6807 or look at: www.byroncommunitycentre.com.au.

Tough Guys book club

The Tough Guy book club for the thinking man. You don't need to be tough. Meets at Ballina Sports Club, 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Completely free: https://www.toughguybookclub.com/.

Bruns crafty women

The CWA Brunswick Heads crafty women meet each Friday between 10am and 2pm, corner of Park and Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Join us for a chat, a cuppa and bring along your craft projects including sewing, knitting, crocheting, memory books or quilting. Women are always welcome, please bring a gold coin donation. If you would like more information please email: brunscwa@gmail.com. Our members meeting takes place the first Friday of the month at 9am.

Thursday to Saturday 10am-2pm with pottery and sculpture from community members for sale. Applications for studio membership open in January. All details at www.mullumclayworkers.com.

CWA Bangalow

If you are interested in making new friends by supporting the Byron Shire community through fundraising and lobbying, pursuing craft interests and learning new skills, think about joining Bangalow CWA. Come along to our rooms, 31 Byron St, Bangalow between 10am & 2pm Monday to Friday to find out more. We are open Monday to Friday 10 to 2 and Saturdays 9 to 12. Our popular cake stalls are on the last Saturday of the month 8 to 12. Find us on Facebook or contact cwasecbangalow@gmail.com

Toy Library

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

Up your skills

Come to Upskill in Mullumbimby, a free introductory building and carpentry workshop. Workshops are held every Saturday, 9am to 1pm at Shedding Community Workshop. Bookings essential via shedding.com.au. Contact Sophie Wilksch via email at shedding.communityworkshop@gmail.com.

Muslim prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu'ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 1.30 pm. Come to the remembrance of Allah.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. Email: bangalowlandcare@gmail.com. Noelene 0431200638.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

Bridge Club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Monday, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors welcome. See bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html or for partner ring Lesley 0468 807 306. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club.

BV scrabble club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club meets 1pm every Tuesday at The Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. More social than competitive. We welcome new members whether you're new to the game or not. Contact Steve Bellerby on 0407 844 718.

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

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm (closed 12.30-1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include: **Flood recovery support service:** personalised, long-term support for those impacted by the floods. **Community support:** food parcels, meals, showers, assistance with electricity bills. Work Development Orders. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **More Than A Meal:** free community lunch Tuesday-Thursday 12.30-1.30pm. **Financial counselling** **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program:** Information, referral, and advocacy. **Gulgarnii affordable pantry shop:** located at 3 Bridgeland Lane. **Orange Sky:** free laundry service Mon morning & Wed afternoon. To enquire about accessing any of these services call reception 6684 1286, check our website www.mdnc.org.au, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre.

Byron Community

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

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **The Hub** Baptist Church in Ocean Shores has food relief available for anyone doing it tough, please contact us on

0434 677747 if you find yourself doing it tough. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

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

ACA

Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in Lismore every Friday 10-11.30am, Red Dove Centre, 80 Keen Street. Byron meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom - meeting ID 554 974 582 password byronbay.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call

13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

Volunteer call out

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

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Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Susanne 0428 716 431.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

Older adult exercise

Chair-based older adults exercise classes run by a qualified instructor, that feel more like fun than exercise, are held every Thursday at 10.15am in the Brunswick Memorial Hall. Cost \$10. All welcome. Just show up or if you have any questions please contact Di on 0427 026 935.

\$5 pilates classes

Pilates for the price of a coffee! Come and join us for \$5 Pilates classes every Thursday at 8.45am in the Memorial Hall, 22 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads and Monday at 8.45am in Mullumbimby. It doesn't matter what level you are, as beginner to advanced options are shown. Just bring a mat and water. My goal is to keep the Shire active and feeling great one person at a time. No need to book just show up. For more information contact Di on 0427 026 935.

Pottsville Community Association

Pottsville Community Association meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at the Anglican Church in Coronation Drive, Pottsville. Have your say on what is going on in your local area. For details contact secretary@pottsvillecommunityassociation.com or via Facebook.

Big round of local rugby this weekend as top teams get to flex their muscle

There was another round of big wins for the top teams in the Far North Coast Rugby Union first grade last Saturday, but this weekend's clash between the Byron Shire Rebels (BSR) and Wollongbar Alstonville Rugby (WAR) could see either team suffer their first loss of the season.

Last Saturday both teams continued their dominance when BSR beat Richmond Range 52-12, and WAR beat Ballina 51-26.

These results leave BSR undefeated at the top of the table with 31 competition points ahead of WAR, also undefeated, on 30 points. But Ballina is a joint leader (31 points), but has played extra games with two losses on its sheet.

Casuarina Beach (23 points) rounds out the top four and have also been scoring freely of late. They have had three big wins in their last four games as well



Ball possession: WAR had the better of Ballina last weekend playing at Alstonville. Photo Vicki Kerri

as a draw against BSR.

Grand final replay

This Saturday, in a replay of recent grand finals, where WAR have proved triumphant, BSR travel to Alstonville to take on WAR in two grades from 1.45pm.

It will be the first encounter for the teams this season and almost certainly a taster for finals rugby to follow later this year. A win will mean a

lot to both teams.

The other top four teams will also get a chance to take advantage of the likelihood, barring a draw, that one of the top teams will lose.

Ballina take on Evans River who sit in seventh place with just two wins.

Casuarina Beach are also playing at home against the Lennox Head Trojans, who have just two wins from seven games.

Juniors join competitive cycling at Cavanbah Centre

Byron Bay Cycling Club (BBCC) got their winter series underway at the Cavanbah Centre track last Sunday with a record number of participants.

Numbers were boosted with a dozen juniors also taking part in the day.

'Their ages ranged from five years to 15 years old, and they rode for fun, and some prize money. They came with any bike they could ride and there was a strong mix of road bikes, mountain bikes and a BMX,' BBCC secretary Mat Johnson said.

The 12 junior members enjoyed the closed circuit track and took off in either a ten or 15 minute race format depending on age and ability.

Guided by qualified club assistant coaches, and some keen parents the ten minute race was hotly contested and approximately three



BBCC juniors enjoyed their time on the podium when winter series racing got underway last Sunday. Photo supplied

kilometres later (three laps) the pack sprinted to the line where Brody Hogan, Nash Ryan and Malu Kelly claimed the podium spots.

In the four-kilometer race Imogen Matthews claimed third spot as well as the fastest female junior, while Kobi Hogan grabbed the top spot, like his brother, and Elijah Punch was second.

The seniors raced across four grades and had competitors from six clubs.

A-grade was taken out by Yamba Cycling Club's Dan Collard followed by local riders Tim Wall and Matt Jones.

'There are two further opportunities to be involved this winter at the BBCC Juniors events being Sunday, 28 July and Sunday, 25 August.

'It will be a great way for all juniors to hone their skills for the upcoming Lismore Cycling Festival on 5-6 October,' he said.

A family football 'hat trick' from the Morrisons

Three members of the Morrison family all scored a goal on the same weekend playing for the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club (MBVFC), who celebrated it as a 'family hat trick' according to club secretary Yari McGauley.

It all started with Seren Morrison (aged 13) who slotted her first goal in her first season of playing football on Friday night, May 24, in what ended being a 1-1 draw with Tintenbar East Ballina Football Club.

Her younger brother Kye (aged 11) then had his turn the following morning when he scored two goals in a close-fought game against Richmond Rovers playing at Lismore in the Miniroos U/11s league.



The Morrisons after they each scored for the MBVFC on the same weekend in late May. Photo supplied

Later that afternoon Andy Morrison then made his contribution when he scored to help the MBVFC's men's fifth division side to a 3-1 victory playing at home against Ballina.

'It was a sensational goal from outside the box,' Yari said.

Andy said: 'I love seeing my kids grow in team sport and have fun doing it. MBVFC is a great community club.'

Martial arts legend to visit Byron Bay

Chan Cheuk Fai will visit Byron Bay to conduct a black belt grading for Jin Wu Koon Karate on Friday, July 5, and a combat seminar on Saturday, July 6.

The son of renowned kung fu master Chan Keng Wan, he was trained by his father in kung fu from the day he could walk.

He regularly came to Byron Bay from the late 1970s to the mid 1980s.

Cheuk Fai has a very high level of expertise in karate, kung fu, kickboxing and Chinese weaponry with the Jin Wu Koon Lion dance team ranked number one in Australia.

He has also tasted the highest levels of success in martial arts competition that includes Australian titles in karate and being a core member of the national



Chan Cheuk Fai is coming back to Byron. Photo supplied

karate team in international competition.

He also fought for a WKA (World Kickboxing Association) world title and has been involved in the production of many martial arts movies.

He has also trained many national and international champions in karate, kickboxing and kung fu.

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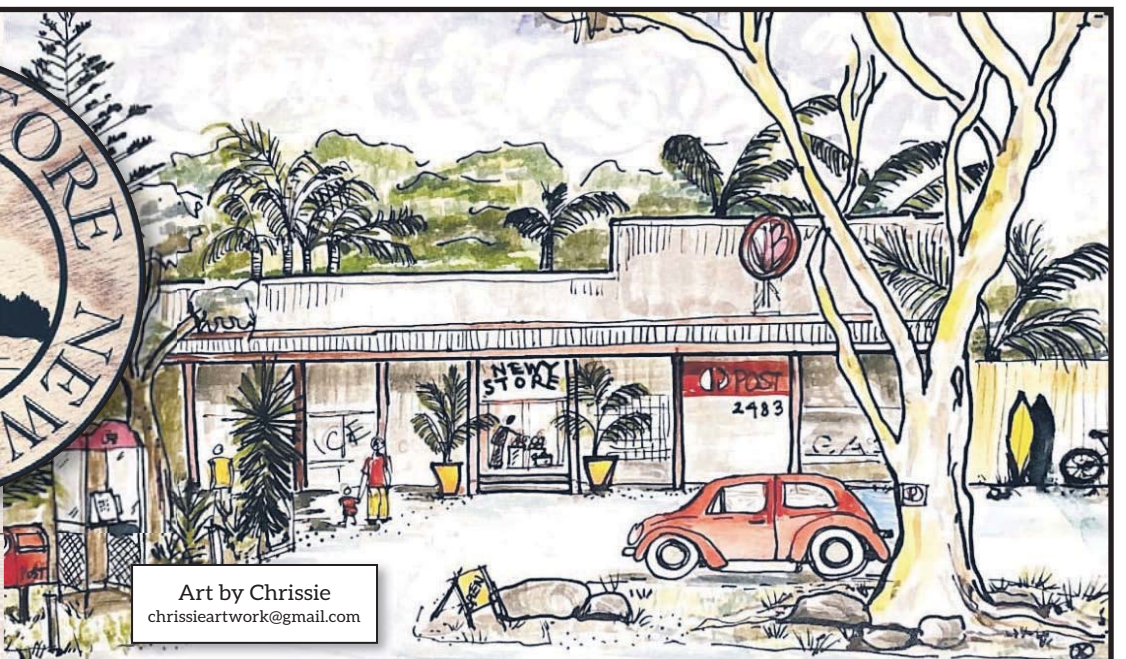
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Should Australia go nuclear? While experts don't think it is safe, financially viable or realistic, if you don't know, perhaps vote no?

Sample Food Festival returns to the Bangalow Showgrounds for its 12th annual festival on Saturday, September 7. The much-loved culinary festival will once again champion the region's talented chefs, producers, distillers, brewers and artisans. Visit www.samplefoodevents.com for more info.

After eight years of what appeared to be a cosy co-working relationship within Council, the mayor has lashed out at his deputy and now political opponent, Cr Sarah Ndiaye – see letters page 20. Election times really do bring out the best in politicians, don't they?

Co-founder of Splendour in the Grass and co-CEO of Secret Sounds, Jessica Ducrou, has announced her departure from the company she helped create. Secret Sounds Group is now a division of US corporate giant Live Nation.

While Julian Assange is finally free, the Human Rights Law Centre tweeted last week that Richard Boyle, who spoke up about unethical debt recovery practices at the tax office, has had his whistleblower protections appeal dismissed. 'Boyle will now go on trial in September and he could face jail for telling the truth about government wrongdoing'. Labor's Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus can – and should – intervene to drop these charges, as he



Local surfing legend, Rusty Miller, says of the recent passing of Keith Anderson: 'He was one of most respected and stalwart lovers of surfing. For half a century, Keith diligently worked hard for our surfing community. It was a special day for Keith's paddle out, and he was in good company with hundreds of our local surfing community'. Photo supplied

did with whistleblower Bernard Colleary.

As billions of Indians face heatwaves for nearly 40 days straight, it's worth remembering that agriculture cannot survive over 48°C air temperatures, and ongoing severe droughts, for very long.

What happened to the drug law reform agenda NSW Labor premier Chris Minns spruiked prior to the election? The NSW Council for Civil Liberties say the recent NSW budget failed to provide funding for the long-promised drug summit, and there was no funding to support the harm reduction strategies so desperately needed.

What cost-of-living crisis? PM Anthony Albanese's salary will increase to approximately \$607,471 per year (or \$11,682 per week) starting July 1.

As seen somewhere: 'The US isn't a country, it's three corporations in a trench coat'.

Independent publisher *Crikey* say artificial intelligence (AI) is threatening journalism, with outlets

increasingly using machines to write articles and make images. They say, 'Today we're banning using AI to create any part of *Crikey*'.

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