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Nudity to be banned at Tyagarah by NPWS

While Tyagarah residents have welcomed the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) decision to close the Clothing-Optional Area (COA) within Tyagarah Nature Reserve by August 30, naturists who use the beach have contested the decision-making process, and claim concerns around public safety are not supported by police statistics.

A NPWS senior media advisor said in a media statement the decision followed 'extensive consultation and careful consideration'.

They said, 'A recent stakeholder workshop was held during March, which included representatives from NSW Police, local businesses, community associations and naturist groups, and no viable alternative locations for the COA were identified'.

'NPWS has requested that Byron Shire Council extend the permissibility of the COA from June 30 2024 to August 30, which will allow appropriate notification for the naturist community'.

According to the NPWS's 'decision brief', both Mayor Michael Lyon and General Manager Mark Arnold 'support ceasing the COA'.

President of Northern Rivers Naturists, Bradley Benham, told *The Echo* the NPWS claim of 'extensive consultation' was just a 'single two-hour roundtable in March'.

Benham also rejected ongoing concerns regarding public safety as a reason to close the beach.

He said, 'Concerns regarding public safety are not supported by police statistics'.

'Northern Rivers Naturists requests that the section of beach

from the south boundary of Tyagarah Nature Reserve to 200m north of the Bayshore Drive access track be reinstated as a legal co-optional clothing beach'.

'This north Byron/Sunrise Beach section was part of the legal co-beach designated in 1998, and operated as such until 2018. This section is under Council management and not affected by the jurisdictional error over who manages the beach'.

Safety concerns

Gyan Moyes from the Tyagarah Community Association told *The Echo* the NPWS decision 'shows a genuine concern for the safety of women and families'.

'It is not only a win for those women who spoke out about the sexual violence towards them, but also a win for those who were too shattered and frightened to do so.'

'Byron Bay residents and visitors are traumatised and fed up with predatory behaviour associated with the clothing-optional area, occurring in the Tyagarah Nature Reserve and spilling out into nearby locations.'

'We are looking forward to working with residents, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other stakeholders, to ensure the nature reserve and its beach become safe again', Mr Moyes added.

Behaviour disputed

Yet naturist, Duncan James, disputes that predatory behaviour is still an issue for the area, telling *The Echo* naturists removed the

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Carnival of tight ropes returns Oct 4-6



After a sell-out event in 2022, the National Circus Festival is returning to the Mullumbimby Showgrounds October 4-6, with another world-class program of more than 100 events. Acts announced so far include the all-female powerhouse company Yuck Circus and internationally-acclaimed circus company Casus. Discounted early bird tickets for the National Circus Festival are on sale from Wednesday, July 3, until Friday, July 26 (or until sold out). Visit www.nationalcircusfestival.com for more info. The full program will be announced August 21. Pictured front are festival director, Alice Cadwell with Chiara Mordaunt. Ronja Laemlein is in pink and Harper Salom is in blue. Photo Jeff 'Tights And Ropes Since 1986' Dawson

Councillors denounce local hate speech and boycotts

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council has strongly condemned expressions of hate and any boycotts of local businesses stemming from the war in Gaza.

The move followed a debate at last week's Council meeting, which highlighted the bitter division within sections of the community over the ongoing conflict.

Local residents from the different sides attended the meeting in response to a motion put forward by Independent councillor Cate

Coorey, and Greens Cr Duncan Dey.

Their original motion, which was subsequently amended, condemned what the movers described as 'war crimes being carried out by Israel against the people of Gaza'.

It also stated that 'boycotts, divestment and sanctions are legitimate, non-violent tactics used to pressure foreign governments over human rights abuses and war crimes'.

These and other statements from the original motion produced a strong reaction from the local

residents representing the different sides of the conflict who spoke during the public access section of the meeting.

This forum degenerated at times into a slanging match, with residents and councillors alike the focus of strong criticism and personal attacks.

When the motion eventually came up for debate by councillors, Mayor Michael Lyon (Independent) and Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) put forward a significantly

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Seaside villages get mapped resilient

The South Golden Beach-New Brighton-Ocean Shores Community Resilience Team (SGBNBOS CRT) have recently designed and installed maps in each of the village areas as part of their 'Creating a prepared and resilient community program'.

Co-leader and secretary, Bron Elliott, told *The Echo* the maps are designed to better connect community, visitors and emergency services, and highlight the local landscape, water catchments, fire trails, local streets, as well as other facilities such as cafes, shops, post offices, off-leash dog areas, public toilets, churches and barbecues.

Emergency services information

Bron says, 'A major aspect is the inclusion of emergency services information, with key phone numbers and QR codes to help people connect during times of need'.

'The maps are located in South Golden Beach (on the side of the toilet block at SGB Hall); New Brighton (at Newy Store, beside



From left, Russell Green (Newy Store), Tirza Abb (ThinkBlink Design) designer of the maps; and Murray Drechsler (Deputy Captain Billinudgel RFS). Photo Jeff 'Perpetual Panic' Dawson

the defibrillator); and in Ocean Shores (on the brick wall between the Sunday Sustainable Bakery and the butcher).

Community-led org

'SGBNBOS CRT is a community-led not-for-profit organisation who

are building a local street network to help the three villages be better connected and prepared at all times, including disaster.

'Set up during the 2022 floods, they ran the flood hub at SGB Hall, and are active members of the Byron Community Resilience Network

(CRN), Byron Community Resilience Hubs (CHUBS) and other key preparedness and disaster ready networks'.

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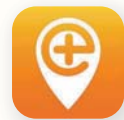
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Winter Whales swim raises \$34k

One of Byron Shire's biggest yearly events – The Byron Bay Winter Whales Ocean Swim – have announced the beneficiaries of their 2024 fundraising efforts.

The swim's two events are held on the first Sunday in May, and attract novice and professional swimmers, young and old alike.

Co-organiser Phil Jarvis told *The Echo*, 'Last Sunday, we gave away \$34,000 to local charities at our presentation day, raised from this year's swim.'

'Beneficiaries included the Byron Surf Club, Byron and Brunswick Marine Rescue, Suffolk Rural Fire Service, Byron Ambulance, Byron Herb Nursery, Dragons Abreast, Westpac Helicopter, Byron Youth Services, St. John's First Aid, Night and



Some of the Byron Bay Winter Whales Ocean Swim crew: from left: AquaDoc, Souperman, Winemaker, Belly, Lucky, Doorman, Rutcho, Sir Reginald Feutril The Third, Chipper, Jeffro, and Migaloo. Photo Jeff 'That's My Real Name Too' Dawson

Day Prostate Cancer Groups, Byron Sports Foundation and Byron Scouts.

'Thanks to our sponsors and supporters – start training for next year's swim!'

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– Zeno of Citium, Hellenistic philosopher and founder of the Stoic school of philosophy

Nudity to be banned at Tyagarah by NPWS

► Continued from page 1 'unwanted' lewd behaviour on the beach around 2018, and police incident statistics for the area reflect that.

'I believe the majority of beach users at Tyagarah go there to enjoy the beach respectfully, and this has always been the case.'

'The statistics in the police report that has been published proves this to be the case. We sincerely believe Tyagarah is a safe, respectful place, where the people in the community can enjoy clothes-optional bathing.'

'There is a strong community of beach users who frequent the beach on a regular basis, they keep an eye on what happens on the beach. This community is the "happy place" for many, who



NPWS will close the Clothing-Optional Area (COA) within Tyagarah Nature Reserve by August 30. Photo Jeff Dawson

often refer to each other as "family".

'Many established, lasting friendships have come from this place. It is extremely sad to hear that NPWS want to take such a special thing from so many law-abiding, community-focused individuals.'

The NPWS have mentioned that Tyagarah clothing-optional beach doesn't fit in with their values.

'We are yet to find out what their values are!'

'It honestly seems to me that the people who appear to be making all these

allegations and have control of the fate of Tyagarah Beach are those who don't actually frequent the beach.

Problems elsewhere

'Maybe they should start paying attention to all the other beaches in the shire, and problems associated there, instead of focusing all this negative energy on just one particular beach, a beach that remains one of the last alternative spaces for our community', Mr James said.

'I honestly think its discrimination. I also think it will be bad for Byron's already waning reputation as an alternate, free-spirited destination.'

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Councillors denounce hate speech and boycotts

► Continued from page 1 amended motion which was accepted by Cr Coorey.

The amendment removed any direct criticism of Israel and instead condemned 'the loss of innocent lives on both sides of the conflict.'

'Byron Council recognises the distress caused to members of our community due to the attacks by Hamas on October 7, and the State of Israel's response in Israel and Gaza,' the motion stated.

'[Council] accepts that it cannot possibly comprehend either the breadth or complexity of the issue, or the suffering in Gaza and Israel, but expresses empathy for

all those who are suffering.'

All members of the Byron Shire community were urged to 'show understanding and compassion' toward each other. Council strongly condemned 'any expression of hate or vilification of local residents of the Byron Shire, including the boycott of their businesses, due to their ethnic, religious or national origin.'

Racist graffiti

It also encouraged the 'prompt removal by Council staff of any racist graffiti in the Byron Shire.'

'I keep being told that we don't need this. I've already

been threatened with defamation,' Cr Coorey said.

'Why am I being silenced?'

'This community has a proud history of advocating for and standing up for peace. I think it's important that we speak up on this.'

Cr Lyon said the expressions of hatred within certain sections of the community needed to stop.

'There is no excuse for vilification on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion or anything else,' Cr Lyon said.

The amended motion ultimately received unanimous support from councillors.

■ See David Heilpern's comment on page 12.

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New Byron fire station afoot



Captain Gary Spears, Deputy Captain, Matt Crisp, and firefighter, Shae Tripp.
Photo Jeff 'Pants On Fire' Dawson

The NSW Labor government has allocated \$8.2 million in its 2024-25 budget for a new Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) station in Byron Bay.

As reported in last week's *Echo*, local MP Tamara Smith (Greens) welcomed the announcement and thanked the local FRNSW members for their hard work in securing the money.

According to a NSW Labor media release, design of the

new facility will start in the upcoming financial year, and 'will be informed by consultation with the Byron Bay crew'.

Additional space for storage and new training areas for on-call crews are expected to be part of the design.

The media release reads, 'The existing station is 46 years old and has limited scope for expansion and modernisation'.

'The new station will be

designed to meet the needs of a diversifying firefighting workforce, and adhere to FRNSW's 'Clean Firefighter' policy, separating work and cleaning areas. The Minns Labor government has also committed an additional \$189.5 million in the 2024-25 budget to guarantee the positions of 286 permanent firefighters, whose jobs were not previously funded on an ongoing basis.'

Have your say on flood planning

Hans Lovejoy

A planning instrument that guides development in floodplains is open for public comment, yet does not include the 2022 flood levels.

Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) includes Chapter 2 for land affected by flood, with a new version of this chapter on exhibition until July 14.

A DCP sits beneath the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and expands on its development standards and controls.

Council staff say that some of the changes proposed would implement, 'where possible, relevant actions identified in the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study'.

That study was adopted in 2020, before the

devastating 2022 floods.

The reason for the exhibition, say Council staff, is that, 'Since 2021, the NSW government has introduced a number of policy and legislative changes for assessing flood risk and considering flood-related constraints in land use planning'.

Greens Cr Duncan Dey, who is also a flood engineer, is encouraging the public to make their voice heard over the DCP chapter.

Computer modelling

He told *The Echo* that, 'Council could adopt an approach whereby development adheres to what computer modelling says, but also considered any big flood that occurred after the computer model was adopted.'

'Council staff support this approach. The hurdle

in doing this is councillor support'.

'Staff have said in an email to a councillor that they could produce flood levels based on public information gathered from the 2022 event. All that is needed is a modest \$10,000 budget for computer modelling. This would iron out the community-supplied level information'.

'The public can get these changes over the line, through the number of submissions', he said.

'The public can make a submission supporting this approach by finding Council's Your Say website page and saying they support the Floodplain Committee's position, which is set out in the box under section 2.1.8 of the exhibited draft chapter'.

Council committee to work on Wallum's TEC status

A motion by Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye was supported unanimously at last week's Council meeting, which will give 'in principle support for a nomination of wallum heath, including associated woodland and shrubland,

as a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC)'.

The proposal was modified from the original, after staff raised concerns that there were no resources to undertake the project.

Staff's suggestion was

adopted, which was that Council's Biodiversity Advisory Committee form a working group to complete the nomination form for submission to the Scientific Committee nominating wallum heath on Pleistocene sands as a TEC.

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Humpback freed off Evans Head

Paul Bibby

A whale that was badly enmeshed in commercial fishing gear was freed off the coast of Evans Head earlier this month, following a major community rescue effort.

The large humpback, which was entangled in thick rope and towing buoys, was first spotted on June 13 off Burewarra Point south of Batemans Bay.

Over the following week whale watchers, and members of whale conservation group ORCA, kept the authorities informed about the mammal's slow progress up the coast.

On June 21, a rescue team from the Sea World Foundation managed to find the whale near Yamba, about an hour before sunset and attach a satellite tracking device.

Satellite trackers

'We were out off the coast of Yamba, and we were lucky enough to stumble across it,' the rescue team's skipper, Andy Mulville, said.

'Our main objective was to get one of our satellite



A member of the Sea World Foundation rescue team helps to free a large humpback whale off the coast of Evans Head. Photo Sea World Foundation

trackers on it so we could hopefully come out the next day and find it during daylight.'

The crew found the whale the next morning and attached a large inflatable buoy to slow it down and keep it close to the surface.

'Our process was to start at the front of the animal and move back, so we slowly moved down, removing the first line,' Mr Mulville said.

'Then we got a second line that was going along underneath and that was the last bit of line that was connected to four floats that had been dragging the whole time.

'Instantly, when we got that off the whole swim

pattern of the animal changed and it took off at about four-to-six knots. It was so good to see that happen.'

'That was one for the memory banks for sure.'

Mr Mulville acknowledged that a key part of the rescue was the diligent monitoring of the whale's progress by community members along the length of the NSW coast.

He said that the fishing gear attached to the whale bore the name of a commercial fishing vessel that had been reported to authorities.

NSW residents who find a whale, dolphin, seal or dugong in distress are encouraged to call ORCA Rescue and Research on 02 9415 3333.

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Applications are now open for the Santos Organics Grow the Growers Project, which supports farmers transitioning their farm to certified organic.

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Heritage-listed Bangalow property approved as wedding venue

Paul Bibby

Having an outdoor wedding venue next to a cemetery might seem a strange union at first glance. But perhaps in the case of Bangalow's Hinterland House, it will turn out to be a match made in heaven.

That certainly seemed to be the view of a majority of Byron councillors last week, when they gave the owners of the iconic heritage-listed property permission to host weddings and other events on the site, despite the fact that it is located next to the Bangalow Cemetery.

Council staff recommended that the heritage house was not a suitable location for an outdoor wedding venue, but councillors disagreed, voting to approve its use for this purpose by a vote of five to two.

The venue now has permission to run outdoor weddings and other events for up to 150 people until 2027.

It will be bound by a series of conditions, including that only 20 events can be held per year and that each must adhere to strict

noise and access rules.

'I don't see any good reason to knock this back,' said Independent Cr Alan Hunter, who moved the motion to approve the application.

He said, 'It's a beautiful spot, it's a glorious building. I think it's a good use of it and an opportunity to enhance the Byron brand.'

Land-use conflict

Council staff had argued that having busloads of wedding guests travelling through a place of commemoration and mourning represented a significant land use conflict with negative social consequences.

There would also be potential noise impacts on neighbouring residential properties, they said.

It was clear at the meeting that at least some within the Bangalow community shared these concerns.

'I think Council's decision becomes a matter of respecting elders past and present,' local resident, Ian Holmes, told the meeting, referring to the first white families who

lived on the land.

'Many of the descendants of the pioneering families are still buried in the cemetery. Resting in peace is a basic right.'

But Matt Walker, a town planning consultant assisting Hinterland House's owners said there was unlikely to be a significant conflict.

'There are approximately 13 funerals a year [at the cemetery], which occur randomly during the week and rarely on weekends, so the chances of a clash would be very limited,' Mr Walker told the meeting.

Mr Walker also pointed out that, since Council included a specific clause relating to temporary events in its LEP three years ago, only one other site had been approved as a wedding venue.

A majority of councillors voted in favour, including Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye (Greens), Alan Hunter (Independent), Mark Swivel (Independent), and Peter Westheimer (Independent).

Greens councillor Duncan Dey and Independent Cate Coorey voted against.



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Security guards, arrests and a Wallum tea party

Staff reporters

Last week, the developer of the contentious Wallum urban housing estate in Brunswick Heads stepped up their security, erected new fencing and dismantled the Save Wallum welcome hut.

Yet protesters, whose ongoing blockade has prevented Clarence Property from commencing works, say 'the sacred fire still burns, and the vigil continues 24/7 on the site'.

At about 5am on June 26, around 40 private security guards, several of whom sported full-face coverings, descended on the vigil.

Wallum is known to contain threatened ecological communities (TEC).

In response, the Save Wallum community action group quickly rallied, with over 100 protectors coming to the site.

Lock-on arrest

Thirty-three-year-old Ocean Shores resident, Maria, locked onto a vehicle at the access point to the Wallum site for around four hours. After police arrived, Maria was arrested, taken to Byron Police Station and



In response to recent statements by Clarence Property CEO, Simon Kennedy, labelling the Save Wallum protesters as a 'sophisticated extremist group', a sophisticated high tea party was hosted at the site. Photo Jeff 'I'll Have Mine Neat And On The Rocks, Thanks' Dawson

charged with remaining on inclosed lands and hindering a police officer.

She said, 'As a bush regenerator, I am compelled to act in the protection of sacred land and endangered species. The community will continue their efforts to protect Wallum'.

Detective Chief Inspector, Matt Kehoe, of the Tweed Byron Police told *The Echo*,

'I think the protesters have been compliant and respectful. Obviously, where we have complaints of criminal events being committed, from either side, they will be investigated.'

Simon Kennedy, CEO of Clarence Property said in a statement, 'We are committed to maintaining the integrity and security of the site as we proceed with

development plans for this final stage of the Bayside Brunswick residential community'.

Save Wallum campaigner, Lisa Sandstrom, said, 'We invite everyone to come down to visit Wallum and see what is at stake here, and join the campaign to save this last one per cent of wallum heath in the Byron Shire'.

Mullum Rotary celebrates 75



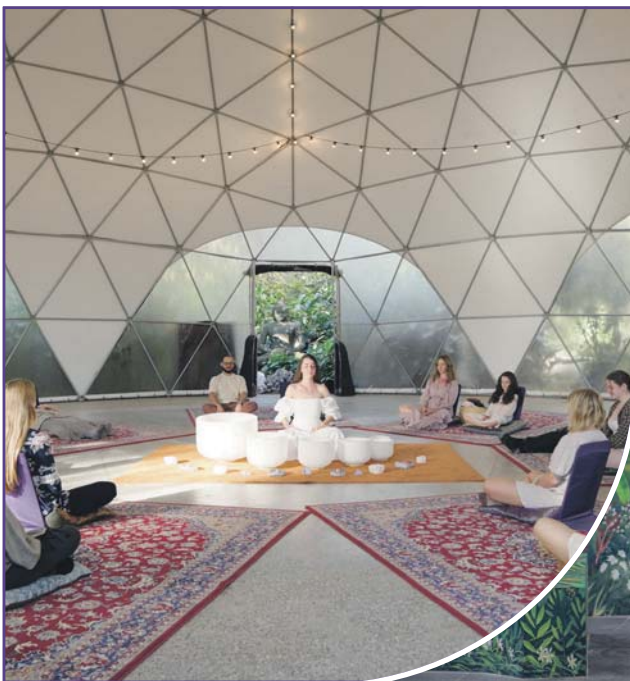
Nerida Dean and Susan Stirton cut the cake. Photo supplied

On Saturday, June 22, Mullumbimby Rotary celebrated their 75th anniversary, at a well-attended event. Guests included members of various community groups, the town's chamber of commerce, and the mayor.

Rotary's Susan Stirton told *The Echo*, 'The evening's entertainment was provided

by local talent Ray Essery, and attendees enjoyed reminiscing about Mullumbimby Rotary's many achievements since its inception in 1949'.

'The event also showcased memorabilia spanning the organisation's 75-year history. It was a memorable and enjoyable occasion for all who attended'.



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Plastic Free July returns

Back in July 2016, Mullum Cares and the Plastic Free Byron coalition took on single-use plastics in Byron Shire, and the community rallied with their support.

Sasha Mainsbridge from Mullum Cares told *The Echo*, ‘We leveraged the Plastic Free July movement and, by 2017, everyone had a keep cup and a refillable water bottle’.

‘Most local shops ditched plastic bags, straws and cutlery, long before the state plastic bans came into force in 2018. It felt like we could stop worrying about our take away habits.’

‘Then Covid hit, and the widespread “switch” to single-use compostables seemed to reverse much of our hard work.’

‘These items were allowed in our green bins, and while the hardcore waste warriors weren’t fans, most people were happy to see these convenience items having a good end-of-life as compost.’

PFAS found

‘Then, PFAS was found to be in many of these items, and now they are all destined for landfill. As ruled by the EPA, they are toxic, and



Indonesian food vendor, Ini Bali Vegan. Photo Melinda Andreas

we should all want to avoid them.

‘Byron Shire Council is addressing the issue by phasing out many single-use items from their operations and the halls and lands they manage.’

‘To ease the transition, they are providing support to many local events including markets.’

Ms Mainsbridge is inviting the community to support Plastic Free July.

‘Our local markets need practical support from the community that loves them.’

‘Remember to take your BYO kits, and lessen the burden on the markets to supply and manage reusables.’

‘We are working with the Bruns and Mullum Community Markets, and the new Mullum Flea Market, to trial reusables during July and August.’

‘So whether you BYO, or are happy to offer a donation for using the market’s reusables, we hope you can come along and be a part of this change that will benefit us all and future generations.’

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Should Mullum's water supply remain locally-sourced?

Hans Lovejoy

The Echo asked mayoral candidates Cr Sarah Ndiaye and Mayor Michael Lyon what their position is with Mullum's future water supply, and 'Why the community should trust the integrity of this process, given the optics around consultant conflict of interest, and staff not answering questions from committee members with engineering expertise?'

Public submissions have closed on whether Mullumbimby should retain its water supply from Lavertys Gap Weir in Wilsons Creek, or, as Council staff and consultant Hydrosphere recommend, abandon that in favour of entirely sourcing the town's water from utility Rous Water.

Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) members have previously outlined the questions they say remain unanswered by staff, and say the process is mired in a non-pecuniary conflict of interest by the consultant who supplied advice to both Rous and Council.

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

Mayor defends staff

Cr Lyon replied, 'I will await the results of the consultation and the debate on the day before making a final decision, but there would have to be a pretty good case made for another option than permanent connection,

given that it scored best on social, environmental and financial grounds.

'I have heard the conflict of interest conversation, I think it is a bit ridiculous, given Rous don't give a stuff whether we connect or not.

'More to the point, no-one has pointed out anything wrong with the analysis done by Hydrosphere. Not on the costings, or any other matter. That is telling'.

The mayor's comments are at odds with Greens councillor candidate, and water engineer, Elia Hauge, who provided *The Echo* with her unanswered questions over the strategy.

They included why no updated hydrological and climate models were included, and why different criteria were used at the long list and short list options phases.

She said, 'the criteria selected placed less emphasis on environment at the long list stage than at the short list, potentially skewing the outcome of the assessment'.

Experts vs experts

The mayor continued, 'Staff have spent two years engaging with the committee on this, and they disagree. They are also experts and they have an independent expert report outlining a recommendation based on a triple bottom line analysis.

'I am yet to hear anything, other than having diversity of supply, to justify the other options'.

Cr Sarah Ndiaye told *The Echo*, 'As Chair of the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, and as a councillor on Rous, I welcome discussions on the future of Mullumbimby's water supply. I live in

Mullum and drink water from our historic Lavertys Gap - it's the best-tasting water around. If possible, I would love for our 'Biggest Little Town', to continue supplying its own water, but there are some real challenges'.

'There are complexities with Lavertys Gap, particularly around its heritage listing. It's very hard to service and repair an existing piece of infrastructure that is still being utilised when it has a heritage order on it. We need to be able to have these conversations well in advance, because water is not something we can do without.

'There is the opportunity for some improved environmental outcomes if environmental flows are

restored to the lower part of the catchment.

'What's missing from the discussion is detailed information about the potential for off-stream storage. I would like some more information, particularly around cost and what alternatives are possible, so that people can make an informed choice'.

'Regarding claims by WSAC members there is a perceived conflict of interest with the consultant providing reports to both Rous and Council, Cr Ndiaye said, 'I'm not concerned it would impact the outcome. There are processes in place to evaluate whether there is a conflict of interest, and Council does not set that framework'.

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Organisers say three of the films from the Flickerfest Indigenous Spotlight program are from Northern Rivers creative teams.

Djalubuyan Nahra, shot in New Brighton and across the Northern Rivers, is described as a moving personal family drama by award-winning local First Nations filmmaker Jahvis Loveday and a talented young crew.

It tells the poignant true story of his little sister, Nahra, returning to country.

Also on the bill is animation *Duwarra Wujarra*, winner of Best Australian animation at Flickerfest 2024, and created by Eltham animation director, Brent McKee and animator Craig Martin.

The third locally-produced film is *Coming Home Cabbage Tree Island*, which is a contemporary post-flood story from One Vision Productions and the Cabbage Tree Island community.

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877 sea turtles hatchlings in the 2023-24 season

From New Brighton in the north to Diamond Beach on the Mid Coast, it's been a bumper 2023-24 sea turtle nesting season which saw an incredible 877 sea turtles hatched successfully on NSW beaches.

Appeal for assistance after teenage girl approached – Evans Head

Police are appealing for information and footage after a teenage girl was approached at Evans Head.

Creating a haven for Lismore's youth

Lismore has limited opportunities for young people and winners of ABC Takeover Lismore from the May leadership summit are collaborating with Lismore City Council to launch a transformative new initiative for local youth: High Schoolers Haven.

Social and affordable housing – how can Tweed Council meet the need?

Without action by 2041 it is estimated up to 4,885 dwellings will be required to meet the increasing need for social and affordable housing in Tweed Shire.

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Not 'hoons' or 'lazy' say mullet fishers at Shaws Bay

Aslan Shand

Concerns have been raised over the impact of the trucks brought onto the beach at Gawandii Beach at Shaws Bay by fisher people during the mullet run.

Responding to concerns local fisherman told *The Echo* that they, along with other users like NSW Marine Rescue, take care with the way they access the beach, and that safety and managing the environment are key parts of this process.

The mullet run is an annual two-month event and the zone the local fisher people work across runs from Evans Head to the south wall at Tweed Heads, and Shaws Bay is part of this recognised hauling ground under NSW state government legislation.



Cameron Bobeldyk, Mario Puglisi, and Skipper Tony Bobeldyk at Shaws Bay. Photo Aslan Shand

'The run begins in Eden and runs up the coast to Bundaberg with about two months in each zone,' explained Skipper Tony Bobeldyk. 'This year we have caught around 50-60 tonnes of mullet.'

The mullet fishing has been taking place in its current format since around

1930, explained Mr Mario Puglisi, Chairman – Ballina Fishermens Co-operative (BFC) Ltd and mullet crew fisherman.

'This track from the carpark to the beach is the one we have used for the last three to four years. Previously we have used the access track at the other end

of the beach where the old Missingham Bridge is. That was before 2017 when the access track at the carpark end had an almost 10ft drop because of the way the sand had moved on the beach.'

Cameron Bobeldyk, who works with his father Tony during the mullet run season, said, 'Yes there are tracks on the beach when we bring the trucks down to collect the catch but they are washed away at the next high tide.'

Dunes damaged

One of the key concerns of the Tuckombil Landcare Group who have been working on the area for the past three years was the damage done at the old Missingham Bridge end of the beach. The mullet crew have agreed with Ballina Council that they will not use

that access again this year.

'We are not "hoons" or "lazy"; they told *The Echo*.

'The environment is something we are very aware of and we depend on. We have assisted with financial contributions to the fish ladder at Casino, we've helped fix up the weir, and provided money to OzFish for a water quality monitor device. We prefer it when people come and talk to us directly.'

Mario said that they have always had a good relationship with people who use the beach in the past.

'We have good public relations, people are always coming over to talk to us about what we are doing,' he explained.

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

Question over Ballina Council management of Flat Rock Tent Park

Aslan Shand

Visitors to the Ballina Shire and the Northern Rivers contacted *The Echo* questioning the reason they have been excluded from the Flat Rock Tent Park between Lennox Head and Ballina.

Lyndell and Bruce Redpath said they had been visiting Flat Rock for six years, booking a year ahead, when they were contacted by the managers and told they could no longer access the facility with their camper trailer.

'We find it difficult to understand that large buses, expedition trucks and motor homes such as Winnebagos continue to be allowed which do not reflect tent type accommodation, yet we aren't allowed in,' said Bruce.

'There appears to be discrimination against one type of accommodation (our vehicle which is self-contained and smaller than large buses, expedition trucks and motor homes such as Winnebagos).'



Bruce and Lyndell Redpath at Flat Rock Tent Park. Photo supplied

Not a 'tent only' site

Flat Rock Tent Park is owned by Ballina Shire Council (BSC) and managed on its behalf by on-site managers. It is totally unpowered and provides back-to-basics camping.

'Flat Rock Tent Park is, by its name and nature a "tent park" and has an "Approval to Operate" under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993,' explained a spokesperson for Ballina Shire Council.

'The Flat Rock Tent Park approval does not permit caravans, pop top caravans

or hybrid versions of this form of accommodation.'

Another former visitor to Flat Rock Tent Park, Ian Banister, has also written to BSC asking them to reconsider their policy as it is currently 'confusing.'

'A suggestion: rather than decide one camper can stay and another can't, set a maximum vehicle size of eight metres length. The park use will be increased as will the income.'

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

Mother Fay's special Walk in Kingscliff



Mayor Chris Cherry and Deputy Mayor Meredith Dennis joined friends, family and members of the Kingscliff community who came out in force to celebrate the opening of Fay Walk in Kingscliff. Photo supplied

Kingscliff's Fay Gleave, known as 'Mother Fay', was recognised recently when a footway that connects Viking Street with Gibson Street was named in her honour.

The Kingscliff resident was a true champion of the community and loved by all she encountered in her position at St John Ambulance NSW, where she co-founded the Kingscliff Brigade in 1985 and served the community for many years. She was passionate about educating

both young and old in the basics of first aid.

Mayor Cherry said Fay was an icon not only for the Kingscliff community but across the Tweed.

'Fay's devotion to promoting such important knowledge as first aid and her passion for encouraging all age groups to learn the skills was admirable,' Cr Cherry said.

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2024 Writers Festival brings big names to the Bangalow Showground

In one of the biggest lineups in years, Byron Writers Festival 2024 is presenting over 160 authors, storytellers and experts across four botanical-themed marquees (Acacia, Hakea, Lilly Pilly, Melaleuca), one new stage called The Coolamon, and the A&I Hall, at Bangalow Showground from 9–11 August.

Gala event

At the festival gala hosted by ABC *The Book Club's* Jennifer Byrne, high profile guests of the festival will grace the Byron Theatre stage to deliver powerful and entertaining talks inspired by the 2024 theme 'From the ground up'. Featuring twice Booker Prize-shortlisted Nigerian author Chigozie Obioma, new ABC *Radio Late Night Live* host David Marr, *Four Corners* investigative journalist Louise Milligan, Parramatta's first laureate in literature Yumna Kassab, and Darumbal and South Sea Islander journalist Amy McQuire. See some of the brightest minds of the festival in one night.

In a theatrical feature event, actor-turned-writer William McNnes, *Midnight Oil's* Jim Moginie, and Georgian author Leo Vardishvili will appear in 'Better Off



The festival keynote gala 'From the ground up' will feature (pictured) Yumna Kassab, David Marr, Louise Milligan, Amy McQuire, Chigozie Obioma, Jennifer Byrne.

Said', an evening celebration of 'living eulogies' produced by fellow ABC *Book Club* alum Marieke Hardy, and with First Nations poet Ali Cobby Eckermann and comedian Steph Tisdell.

Literary luminaries

Literary fiction stars include two writers longlisted for this year's Miles Franklin Literary Award, Charlotte Wood (*Stone Yard Devotional*) and Melissa Lucashenko

(*Edenglassie*), *The Age's* Fiction Book of the Year Award-winner Tony Birch, International Dublin Literary Award-winning Irish novelist Caoilinn Hughes (*The Alternatives*), and *Dark Emu* and *Black Duck* author Bruce Pascoe with a new novel, *Imperial Harvest*.

Environment in focus

Deep Water author James Bradley will deliver the annual Thea Astley Address on the wonder and plight

of our oceans, and former Greens leader Bob Brown will appear with Walkley Award-winning television presenter Jan Fran for an intimate evening conversation. In a festival book launch, journalist Royce Kurlmelovs investigates how the Australian fossil fuel industry learned to wield influence and insert itself into all facets of public life in his latest book *Slick*, and climate scientist Joëlle Gergis addresses the urgency for government action in *Highway to Hell*.

Politics and media

Global politics will be comprehensively covered with *Balcony Over Jerusalem* author John Lyons, USA foreign correspondent Nick Bryant (*The Forever War*), and Indian anti-caste activist Meena Kandasamy (*Tomorrow Someone Will Arrest You*), and the Murdoch media behemoth will be explored by *Young Rupert* author Walter Marsh and *Crikey* owner Eric Beecher.

Moving memoirs

Hear personal stories from Australia's favourite cricket writer Gideon Haigh who shares his grief in a new memoir *My Brother Jaz*, while iconic Australian singer Kate Ceberano reveals her life in music in *Unsung*, and sociologist Rebecca Huntley embarks on a journey to heal her trauma using MDMA in *Sassafras*. Footy fans are also in for a treat, with a special opportunity to see AFL legend Nicky Winmar discussing his life and Aussie Rules career in *My Story*.

Food lovers will be welcomed to Kon Karapanagiotidis' Greek table in his new cookbook *Philoxenia*, and explore native foods and recipes for connecting to Country with Byron local Mindy Woods' new book *Karkalla at Home*.

■ Nourish your mind and fill your creative cup at this year's big and bold Byron Writers Festival! Tickets and full program at www.byronwritersfestival.com.

Byron Writers Festival ticket guide

There are plenty of ways to enjoy Australia's largest regional writers festival, from single day visits to a full literary weekend, as well as options for families and Under 25s. Tickets available at byronwritersfestival.com.

3-Day Pass

A 3-Day Pass gives you access to all sessions in the main festival program on Friday 9, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August. It's the perfect choice to fully immerse yourself in a stellar program and experience all that the festival has to offer.

1-Day Pass

A 1-Day Pass gives you access to all the sessions in the main festival program on your chosen day – Friday, Saturday or Sunday. That's more than 33 different sessions depending on which day you choose. It's the best choice if you have limited time but still want the renowned Byron Writers Festival experience.

Youth Pass

A new Youth Pass is now available every day of the festival for those 25 years or under. There is so much to discover and enjoy in this year's program! A Youth Pass gets you access to everything that's on in all six venues on your chosen day as well as food and market stalls, the book shop, meet the author book signings and the sculpture walk.

Kids Big Day Out Pass

Get ready for a morning of family fun! The Kids Big Day Out Pass admits one child and one adult to the Kids Big Day Out marquee only at the festival on Sunday 11 August. Additional child tickets may be purchased for \$20 each.



Photo: Kate Holmes

Feature Events, Workshops and Satellite Events

A program of separately ticketed feature events, workshops and satellite events takes place during festival week. Check them out online, or in the printed program.

Parking

Parking at Bangalow Showground is \$5 per day. You will need to purchase a parking pass along with your festival pass. We encourage carpooling! Alternatively, you can hop on our free shuttle bus service.



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The first self-help book

Meditations, as penned by Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, is the perfect antidote for those overwhelmed by life's constant distractions and instant gratifications.

Aurelius apparently wrote his personal diary in Koine Greek between 170-180 AD, and never intended them to be published.

For around 700 years after his death, the work went unmentioned until around 900AD.

The Dark Ages were so called, not because of the lack of electricity, but because Europeans became a fairly unenlightened lot after the fall of Rome.

Similar to the Bible, *Meditations* was translated throughout the centuries.

Thankfully, Byzantine scholars preserved *Meditations* through the Middle Ages, before the first edition (editio princeps) was published in Latin by German scholar Wilhelm Xylander in around 1558.

It was then translated into English by another scholar, Meric Casaubon, in 1634.

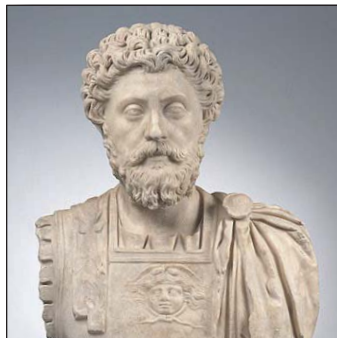
Stoic doctrines

The wisdom of Aurelius is drawn from Stoicism, a school of Hellenistic philosophy that originated in Ancient Greece and Rome around 300 BC.

Zeno of Citium (born 334 BC) was its founder, and his inspiration is believed to have originated from the Cynics, whose founding father, Antisthenes, had been a disciple of Socrates. Socrates was also Plato's teacher.

Some of the Stoic doctrines include virtue being the highest good, and sufficient for happiness.

The Stoics also believed that



As a Stoic philosopher, Marcus Aurelius (121-180AD) was known as the last of the five good Roman emperors. The others were Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, and Antoninus Pius.

practising wisdom, justice, courage, and self-control leads to a well-lived life, and that we should focus on what is within our control, and accept what is not.

And there was a hint of hippy love and mung beans in the ancient Stoics, given they thought all humans deserved respect as fellow citizens of the cosmos. Stoics promoted ideas of universal brotherhood and cosmopolitanism.

Given *Meditations* precedes the mountain of terrible self-help books that now pollute the planet, it remains refreshingly direct:

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'You always own the option of having no opinion. There is never any need to get worked up or to trouble your soul about things you can't control.'

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'The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.'

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Hans Lovejoy, editor
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Zionism, antisemitism and Israel

Council passed a rather messy but nevertheless important motion last week on Gaza and Israel.

The motion captures the key points – end the siege, return the hostages, respect international law, sanction those who breach it, support the UN, condemn all civilian deaths and ceasefire now.

You can see why the Zionists were horrified. Predictably, the word 'antisemitism' was utilised by public speakers against. Those expressing support for Council's motion (like me) copped a barrage of such claims. To suggest that any councillors, speaking with such heart, were supporting antisemitism is way beyond the pale.

Let's get back to basics. There is a war between Israel and Hamas. Israel specifically identifies as a Jewish state. Israel has non-Jewish citizens, and a token few serve in the armed forces, but that's what it calls itself. All members of the war cabinet are Jewish, the flag is a Star of David, and citizenship is open to every Jew in the world. Not my cup of tea, but lovely to feel eternally welcomed.

Antisemitism is prejudice against, or hatred of, Jews. So, is it possible to criticise Israel, the Jewish state, without being antisemitic? Of course.

To chant 'from the river to the sea', even if it means that the Jewish state be dismantled, is not antisemitic.

It is absurd to cloak yourself as a nation in a religion, and then say if you take issue with our actions or policies you are bigots.

The overwhelming evidence now is that Israel is guilty of genocide.

I have hesitated to come to this terminology, but the facts don't lie. Israel of course denies this, but claims that although they are killing citizens, because their intent is only to hunt Hamas operatives, it is not genocide. Israel says that they are not blocking food from entering Gaza, but instead doing their best to feed civilians without supporting terrorists.

Both these arguments are false. Israel can defend itself without carpet bombing the entire place, and civilian deaths be damned. Excessive self-defence is not self-defence. Reckless killing is just as illegal as deliberate



'It is so discombobulating to be an antisemite one moment, and then a self-hating Jew the next.'

David Heilpern

killing. Famine is, and always was, avoidable. Never in my lifetime have people on such a scale been hemmed in, starved, and then massacred in such a way. I was born after the Warsaw Ghetto, but only by 20 years.

The international legal bodies Amnesty and Doctors Without Borders making declarations against Israeli actions are independent, and are not antisemitic.

Muddying the waters

Further, muddying the waters is the moving definitional feast of antisemitism from the Zionist lobby.

One minute it was antisemitic to be calling for a ceasefire, but when our leaders did, then suddenly it was not. Then it was antisemitic to call for a cessation of the attack in Raffia, but now that government ministers have done that the claim falls away. And then the ICC and the ICJ are antisemitic, until the government states that they respect these courts and all nations must follow their rulings.

It is just so discombobulating to be an antisemite one moment, and then just a self-hating Jew the next.

When otherwise intelligent and reasonable people engage in irrationality, the source is almost always trauma. The shadow of the Holocaust, triggered by October 7, is understandably deep, raw and multigenerational. However, reasons are not excuses.

Israel claims that it is being held to standards that no other country is, and that this is because of antisemitism. Really – if there is inconsistency in reactions to international misdeeds then that is a point well made, but to jump to the worst possible motive is glaringly disingenuous.

So, has there been a rise in antisemitism in Australia?

First, we have to discount all the anti-Israel commentary which only very rarely strays into antisemitism. Secondly, we have to markdown the

moving feast discussed above.

Third, it is understandable that some commentary inadvertently crosses the Israel/Jewish divide. But all that aside, I have no doubt that there has been an increase. Nazis, some religious extremists and other odds and sods will no doubt capitalise on the current blurred lines to spread their poison. Criminal attacks on individuals or local businesses have been reported and are deplored.

For myself, the only angst I have received has been from Zionist groups and supporters. I have spoken at pro-Palestinian and peace rallies and forums and fundraisers as openly of Jewish heritage, and have been warmly welcomed and respected by all – even those who disagreed with my learning curve and blinkered stance on some issues. I have learned so much.

For me, I am heartened by Council's motion and grateful there are so many Jews speaking out against Israel's actions in Gaza, including at the Council meeting itself. For example, two of the advisory panel members for the ICC warrant application are leading Jewish lawyers and are brilliant.

I take solace from Australian organisations like New Israel Fund and Jewish Voices for Peace in the US.

Many leaders of, and participants in, the university protests are openly Jewish young people. They are brave.

Friday nights with the family must be tense.

The Zionist community would be well served by using the term 'antisemitic' sparingly, if at all.

It is an insult to all those whose family died as a result of real antisemitism, and it does not aid their cause.

All this reminds me of man of Asian descent when I refused bail after he was caught red-handed killing his partner. 'You racist' he called as he was led away.

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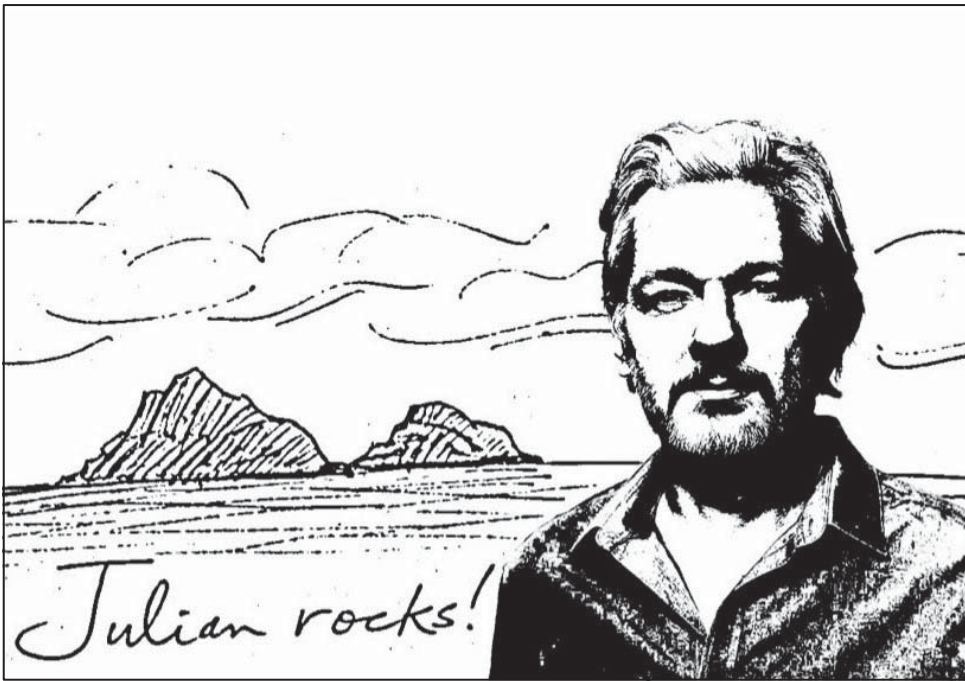
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Light up

Through you, I (and no doubt many others) thank Jeff Dawson for the beautiful picture, 'Nina and her pocket sand dragon' (*Echo*, 19 June).

The joy on the little's face lights up the world. Her parents must be thrilled by the immortalisation.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

Housing revolution

Why are we seeing houses for over \$1,000 a week in rent when, according to the Census, the median household income for locals is \$1,345? What local can afford this? The rentals in the area could be capped to suit the income of the area.

All entire-home Airbnbs could be returned to the long-term rental market. Airbnb houses in residential areas would then be homes for families to live in, like they were built for. We are in a housing crisis and we need shelter for local families. We need homes to be full of

locals, not tourists, so that we have the workers to run the town. Locals run the services, cafes and restaurants that serve the locals and visitors. Visitors could stay in licensed accommodation where there are teams of local staff benefitting from those jobs.

One third of Mullumbimby homes sat empty on Census night. People can't afford the basic need of shelter and yet a few rich people own many homes in the area and leave them empty to benefit from negative gearing. They don't care about the locals. With caps on home ownership we could drive down demand for investment properties, and bring down house prices.

Why are we allowing investors to buy up all the properties and rent them out for extortionate prices that locals can't afford? It is ruining the town.

Did we not learn to share in preschool?

Sheri Buob
Mullumbimby

Julian Assange

My concern is Credlin's take on Sky News regarding Julian Assange. Our 'good son' has come home.

My concern is our MPs, where do they stand? So I called them. No comments.

We are Julian's local community, there are thousands of us. We welcome our brother home. At the moment he's still not safe. There is a Crowdfunder to help him pay for the plane that cost \$780,000. Please let us ask our local communities to welcome Julian home here in the future and to celebrate his courageous life for truth.

Lynne Edmondson
Tasmania

Tweed community not mugs

The Coalition councillors kicked off their Tweed Council election campaign eight months ago with Council meetings as the stage for their theatrics, particularly attacking our mayor (along with their media and

socials). A key platform used again is legal costs, blaming our mayor.

The councillors staging this show are treating our Tweed community as mugs when the formal records speak the facts and truth.

The Legal Services Register Report presented to councillors at last week's Council meeting shows for the 13 items when Council 'initiated legal services' ten were a unanimous vote (one item three councillors were absent), and three were a 6:1 vote.

These councillors fail to acknowledge the legal costs also include general legal services required for managing the multi-million-dollar Council operations – or maybe they don't understand the lawful regulations/requirements of such extensive operations?

Of note, at the meeting last month, a review of a refusal of a development was further recommended for refusal due to a long list of failures to comply with regulations. However, two of these same councillors moved that legal advice be sought, with that legal advice reaffirming the recommended refusal. Also of note is Cr Polglase defended the legal costs under his helm in 2010 when legal costs passed the \$1m mark.

So, councillors please explain to the good people of our shire how are the legal costs the fault of our mayor?

Further, these same councillors preach that staff recommendations should be supported – but then when it suits they vote against staff recommendations!

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meetings for more than 25 years I have witnessed some poor behaviour, including the period prior to the sacking of councillors.
However, the performances over recent months have been some of the worst, and our shire deserves so much more than simple political point-scoring – taking the theatrics to a whole new level of a horror show.
Lindy Smith
Tweed Heads

Wallum
When will so-called 'Greens' learn how to think for themselves and stop having their chains yanked by alarmist campaigns? Wallum is a piffle, a distraction and a waste of time. That a few miles of coastal scrub mostly surrounded by development should ever be more important than vast tracts of pristine wilderness is not only a complete inversion of priority but a classic example of failing to see the forest for the trees.
If looks could kill they probably will in what is set to be an unfolding environmental tragedy; the clearing, levelling, bulldozing and dynamiting of wilderness to make way for what will ultimately be giant wind farm

graveyards and solar array deserts once full of vibrant wildlife and beauty. Decades of fighting to preserve such treasures are set to be forsaken for renewable energy wastelands pursued in a fit of madness and corruption known as 'net zero'.
Steven Nowakowski is a former passionate advocate of so-called 'renewables' who, has finally come to understand the horrific large-scale destruction of wilderness the 'green' energy sources necessitate. His latest YouTube video offers a 3-D tour of various pristine wilderness areas set to be lost throughout Queensland with numerous projects being rushed to the 'green-light' phase. Investors backed by government bonds will trade rhetoric and meaningless carbon credits. All for zero sum gain but the pocket lining.
Edward Kent
Suffolk Park

Wallum smear
It's upsetting to read your article 'Wallum developer welcomes arrest' (June 19).
The majority of protectors in this lawful, non-violent protest to save the wallum heathland and wetland are over 55 years old.
I will be 70 myself next

year and accusing us of 'engaging in illegal and criminal activities' is outrageous.
I have been part of the Save Wallum activities since February 2024 and participated in half-day trainings to learn the skills of non-violent direct action. They were run very professionally and comprehensively including legal advisers to prepare us in acting at all times respectfully within NSW legislation.
Aren't we living in a democracy and non-violent protest is at the heart of it?
There are 24 threatened and endangered species of fauna and flora listed on the Brunswick Heads Wallum site, which we're protecting from bulldozers. Australia is the country with the highest rate of extinction in the world!
Fact is that Clarence Properties is a \$500m behemoth trying to destroy a last pocket of precious habitat in the Byron Shire adjoining Simpsons Creek and the Tyagarah nature reserve.
Companies of that size employ PR teams. It seems they have come up with a media strategy, that the best way to steamroll their way across our community is divide and conquer, that is, by demonising us protectors as criminals and shooting

the messenger?
We had successful protests in the '90s against Club Med and more recently the Byron Paterson Hill campaign and finally the Bentley blockade against coal seam gas.
I think it's time to call out Clarence Properties' media strategy for what it is: a smear campaign to discredit perfectly legal activities of mainly senior citizens.
This is not the way to win over the elders in our community. Mr Kennedy, if ever you thought to having a social licence.
Horst Tietze
Mullumbimby

Wards for Tweed?
I am highlighting the subject of Council wards for Tweed Shire and encouraging residents to lobby current councillors prior to the forthcoming Tweed Shire Council elections to seek their support for the introduction of Council wards.
Tweed Shire LGA has around 99,000 residents and is anticipated to grow by 34,338 (35.34 per cent growth) to around 132,000 by 2041 at an average annual change of 1.52 per cent.
In a recent discussion with Tweed Mayor, Cr Chris
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Public spaces or private profit?

Christobel Munson

‘We need more public spaces like libraries where the expectation is that you can be there without having to spend money.’

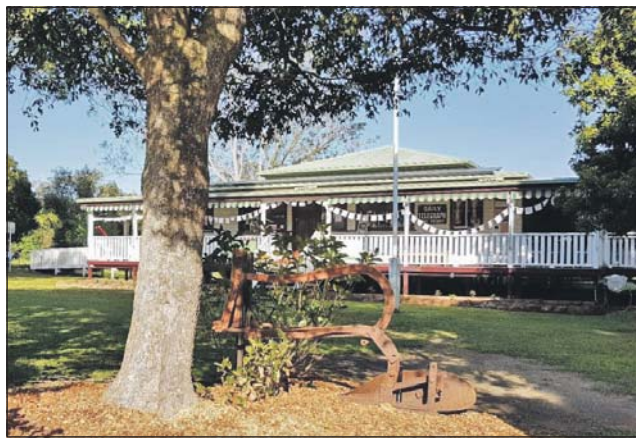
Recently, this social media post was doing the rounds, which had me reflecting on what spaces exist in our local towns, where just being there, doesn't cost you money.

Perhaps when Byron Shire towns were being established – in the late 1800s and early 1900s, open space was readily designated as public spaces: for parks and cemeteries, sports fields and libraries, showgrounds and scout halls – all that sort of thing. Today, some of these free public spaces are at risk of being elbowed out, or overwhelmed, by stealth.

A developer will use a public access road to the private function centre in one of Bangalow's earliest stately houses by having guests drive through the town's fragile old cemetery. Twenty events, such as weddings, will take place there each year – regardless of the effect that might have on the neighbourhood's fragile koala population, or any conflict with the farming practices at the next door macadamia farm.

Can you imagine what happens when eager busloads of happy wedding guests, encounter a funeral along the way? Or even pass those people quietly remembering their dear departed, on a special day? Something of a clash of cultures.

Was that the intention of a very successful early Bangalow settler, Robert Campbell, when, in 1894, he donated that acre of land specifically



Bangalow's Heritage House. Photo supplied

for a cemetery for the community. Are Campbell's civic-minded and philanthropic intentions being respected?

That doesn't seem to matter any more, either to Council or the developer. Some of our councillors are already rubbing their hands with glee at the thought of this old building, transformed into a wedding venue, 'enhancing the Byron brand'.

Value of public spaces?

What is the intrinsic value of our sports fields, skate parks, public parks and the walkways along our beaches, creeks and rivers? What value do those spaces have for the civic amenity of both local residents, and visitors? How can you put a price on that?

Another cafe for Bangalow?

Various volunteer groups around our shire have found ways to establish museums, for instance, making use of old buildings for the benefit of their communities.

The future function of Bangalow Historical Society's museum, located in Heritage House, is also under question. Though it's covering its costs and its modest annual rent

to Byron Shire Council, which owns the building, there's an option being considered in which an external operator might like to come in, rebuild sections of the building (a former brothel – fortuitously recycled as a museum) for several hundred thousand dollars, then make money from a commercial restaurant or café, the museum using the remaining space. This would radically change the inherent purpose of the building. It seems having 11 cafes and restaurants on the main street is still not enough and this public space may be invaded by commercial interests.

What about our libraries? There are few comparable buildings in our shire where you can hang out for as long as you need, without paying money for a drink or food, and where you can quietly make use of these valuable 'public facilities'. Might they, too, be in danger?

Not everything in this life needs to have a monetary value. The intrinsic value of so many of our public spaces is how those places serve everyone in the community, regardless of their status or financial position. They are places to spend time, not money.

► **From previous page** Cherry, I raised the prospect of Tweed Council wards being better able to service Tweed ratepayers.

Cr Cherry reiterated that each of the councillors are responsible to all Tweed residents. Considering the very large area of the Tweed Shire I feel Mayor Cherry needs to reconsider as it is just not possible for councillors to efficiently and adequately cover the varying needs of the residents and businesses throughout the Tweed Shire area.

The needs of ratepayers near Tweed CBD area are different to those in Kingscliff or those in remote areas.

I believe it is now time for

Tweed Council to introduce a ward system to better represent its ratepayers.

When elected representatives live within or nearby their ward locations, they better understand the local needs and are more effective in representing and acting for their local residents.

Now is the time to look closely at candidates seeking election and to see if new candidates are better able to manage the future growth of the Tweed.

Robert Dwyer
Tweed Heads

E-bikes

Speed kills, acceleration doesn't. The speed limit for e-bikes is 25km/h, that's

good. The power of e-bikes is 250 watts, that's stupid, and it makes some hills impossible.

The power should be at least 1kW. Then you can climb hills and tow loads up to 25km/h. Australia doesn't make cars anymore so unlimited power on an e-bike does not threaten the car industry. Just make serious fines and confiscation for wheels that allow more than 25km/h.

Wish: rebellious Byron Council overrules state and federal laws about e-bikes!

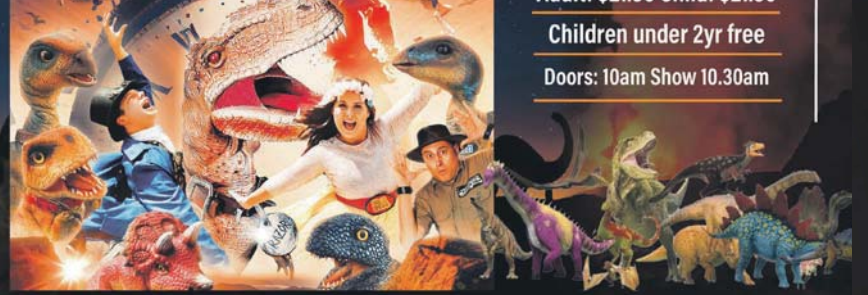
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Can Peter Dutton win the next election?

David Lowe

For a guy who looks like a Bond villain and has only one, deeply divisive policy, Peter Dutton has been riding high in certain opinion polls lately. Does the collective wisdom that he is unelectable need to be revisited?

With the Liberals apparently abandoning most of the leafy, now teal electorates in their slide to the nuclear right, the new strategy is to target Labor seats on slim

margins in places like Gilmore and Robertson in NSW, and Lyons in Tasmania; outer suburbs and regional areas hit hard by the cost-of-living crisis.

Can the battlers who bucked Albo over the Voice be persuaded to chuck the ALP altogether? Similar strategies have succeeded in the UK and the US, with working people voting against their own interests for various strange reasons, although normally a charismatic showman is required to pull this

trick off, and that's not the current Australian opposition leader by a long shot.

The thing about Peter Dutton is that he always wanted to be a politician, but he's an oddity in his own party, which is mostly composed of lawyers and bankers. He joined the Young Liberals as a teenager, and only became a police officer after his bid for the Queensland state seat of Lytton was unsuccessful.

For a time he was a detective in the Brisbane drug and sex offenders squad (which appears to have contributed to his jaundiced view of human nature), before a lucrative period spent flipping rundown properties into childcare centres, amongst other successful real estate investments.

Going large

Dutton found his way into federal politics in 2001, snapping up Cheryl Kernot's seat of Dickson in outer Brisbane after she dallied with Labor and paid the price.

He's learned from the successes and failures of his mentors, particularly John Howard and Tony Abbott, and survived the fallout from the ScoMo meteor.

Reportedly a lovely guy in person, politically Peter Dutton has proven himself to

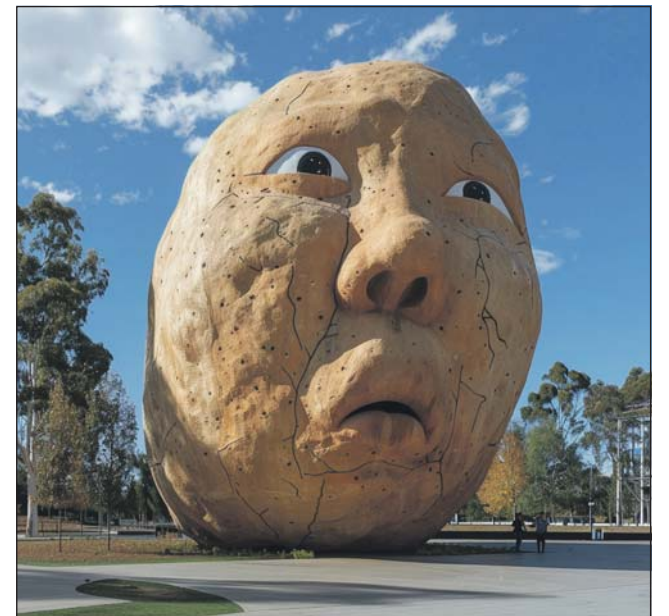
be a brutal operator. He has repeatedly sought to elevate his own political position by attacks on minorities, including African immigrants, Lebanese refugees and Aboriginal people. He walked out of Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations and pushed the boundaries of international law in his treatment of asylum seekers as Home Affairs Minister.

Dutton is also capable of surprises, such as his support for gay marriage a few years ago, and more recently for Julian Assange.

Although he holds his own seat by a fairly narrow margin, for an opposition leader, GetUp's previous attempts to unseat him have backfired, and he's not as vulnerable to changing demographics as John Howard was in Bennelong, for example. Queenslanders are different, after all.

Rumours of incompetence as best, and corruption at worst, such as the mysterious circumstances of his leaving the police, and Dutton's role in the \$532 million contract awarded to the contractor Paladin while he was a minister (an organisation at the time headquartered in a shack on Kangaroo Island), have failed to amount to anything substantial, so far.

Dodgy visas for au pairs



A long term fixture on the Canberra landscape? Photo Cloudcatcher Media

and jokes about rising sea levels engulfing Pacific nations have already been forgotten.

Give Dutton a chance

With the predictable aid of the Murdoch and Nine media, the public appear willing to give Peter Dutton the benefit of the doubt.

As a result, Labor are going to have to deal with him, either by sinking to his level, or offering a shining alternative.

Dutton has proven his ability to outflank Anthony Albanese on several occasions, particularly via his cynical use of culture war techniques imported from the US.

Not being Scott Morrison

isn't an election strategy that's going to work for Albo again, and while there's much to worry about in Dutton's public and private statements over the years, the voters he's targeting now have had bigger things to worry about recently, such as spiralling interest rates and the rising cost of everything. If Labor can be blamed for all this, the other mob may get a go sooner rather than later.

As a result, while it remains mercifully unlikely, the extraordinary answer appears to be that yes, Peter Dutton can win the next election.

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Greens gun and taser policy

It would be such a shame to see *The Echo*, a newspaper formed to offer an alternative view to an agenda-driven conservative press, turning itself into a machine for unapologetic propaganda of its own.

I refer specifically here to 'Greens candidate defends gun/taser policy against Labor' (*Echo*, 26 June). It could however relate to any

number of almost weekly such 'news' items where the Greens candidate is given free, unquestioned reign while any scant voice offered to others will be selectively paraphrased and rebutted.

The report might have included the perspective that headline events, like the death of aged-care resident, Clare Nowland, might be viewed in the context of the number of more numerous, but less-publicised events,

where lethal force and/or dangerous situations may have been avoided by tasers.

It might have pointed out that a policy confining the distribution of weapons to specialised units and 'situations where life is threatened' poses difficulties. All wonderful Greens idealism but how often do violent offenders (psychologically disturbed or otherwise) give notice that they will pose a lethal threat so that the

crack unit might be rapidly assembled? Or so the patrol officer can assess the danger before hightailing back to the station for a taser?

It might also be less insulting to the Greens candidate not to assume that her merits cannot hold their own on an even playing field. Certainly less insulting to your readers - is this the standard of journalism we deserve?

Elizabeth Levy
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Taking an empty stomach to the farmers' market

Victoria Cosford

Whoever said you should never shop for food on an empty stomach has clearly never been to a farmers' market – moreover, a farmers' market in winter. Ah the joy of arriving to the fragrance of freshly-brewed coffee – Bangalow's hand-picked beans, or Letterbox Roasters' locally roasted coffee, are well worth the queues – or Pure Melt's Classic or Chocolate Chai, dispensed steaming hot from their oversized thermoses. This will set you up, and from there it's a question of choice. Will it be a generous plate of Francisco's Table braised beans with salsa verde and fried egg, if at Mullum; or Nomadic

Kitchen's nurturing – and equally hearty – omelette at New Brighton, both stalls offering gorgeous cakes as well? Or that winter stalwart, comforting porridge from Other World where Bronwyn tops her organic oat, chia and quinoa blend with cinnamon-poached pear or tahini and maple? At Japanese Kitchen they're currently serving piping hot congee for an Asian twang, with chicken, mushrooms and sesame oil, as well as their wildly popular savoury pancake, okonomiyaki. Bay Smokehouse, equally attuned to the season, is doing a divine creamy hot smoked fish chowder – grab it while you can! At Peace, Love & Crepes,

there are savoury and sweet buckwheat pancakes whipped up while you wait – try the salted butter caramel or the classic ham and cheese. Meanwhile, at Radiance Kitchen there are sticky rice cones stuffed with tofu or chicken, gluten-free dumplings or steaming hot potstickers. Go the whole Indo breaky at Indonesian Kitchen if you haven't succumbed to their Nasi Goreng or corn fritters.

There's hot matcha latte at Matcha Byron Bay alongside those wonderful green bush matcha muffins. Yummify's vegan delights include lentil moussaka and pies, while Scratch Patisserie's glazed jammy pastries and oozy

almond croissants are calling out to you...

The lesson here? Take an empty stomach to the markets! Nomadic Kitchen is at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8am to 11am.

Bangalow Coffee, Letterbox Roasters, Other World, Bay Smokehouse, Peace, Love & Crepes and Scratch Patisserie are at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8am to 11am and Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.

Pure Melt, Francisco's Table, Japanese Kitchen, Radiance Kitchen, Indonesian Kitchen, Matcha Byron Bay and Yummify are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.



Chicken Congee from the Japanese Kitchen

Not quite medicine, not quite food: how a product like mushroom gummies can fall through the regulatory cracks

Several people across the country have recently been hospitalised after consuming mushroom gummies distributed by Australian brand Uncle Frog and made in the United States. Their reported symptoms included elevated heart rate, nausea, anxiety and hallucinations.

This has prompted a product recall and warnings from local health authorities not to consume the gummies.

Two varieties are affected: Cordyceps and Lion's Mane. The Cordyceps product purports to offer 'natural energy and power', while the Lion's Mane variety 'supports memory and focus'. Both fungal varieties are infused with hemp.

So what in these products could have made people sick? And how are they regulated in Australia?

Cordyceps and Lion's Mane

The Cordyceps product claims to contain extracts of the fungus Cordyceps militaris. The Lion's Mane product is based on the Hericium erinaceus species.

Both Cordyceps and Lion's Mane have a long history of use in traditional medicine for improving mental function – in particular traditional Chinese medicine.

There's increasing research interest and a very early but emerging body of evidence suggesting these mushrooms may have some positive effects on mood and cognition. My team at Southern Cross

University are also researching the therapeutic potential of these ingredients, though our work is not published yet.

Both fungi are available as therapeutic products in Australia, either via the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, which allows the sale of a variety of Cordyceps and Lion's Mane products as complementary medicines, or via practitioner-only dispensing of dried products.

Neither of these fungi appear to be associated with the side effects reported among people who took the Uncle Frog's mushroom gummies.

So why did people get sick?

The product also claimed to be infused with 'Earth's finest hemp'. Hemp is the term often used for a cannabis plant that contains a smaller amount of THC (the principal psychoactive component in cannabis) than recreational or medicinal marijuana.

While the distributor said the product had been tested to confirm there was no active THC present, many of those affected described symptoms consistent with excessive cannabis use.

One user even claimed THC had shown up on a drug test after they used the product.

This suggests to me the adverse reactions may have been due to the cannabis component, rather than the fungus component of the gummies – and that the cannabis component was stronger than use of the term 'hemp' suggests.

But investigations are ongoing and more information will likely come to light in due course.

What are functional foods?

Cordyceps and Lion's Mane are what we've come to call 'functional foods'. These are essentially foods that are claimed to contain specific ingredients that may have certain health or disease prevention benefits.

This can be both in the form of unprocessed foods (for example, purple sweet potatoes have recently been in the spotlight for their antioxidant potential), or processed foods and beverages (for example, kombucha drinks).

The mushroom gummies would be an example of a highly processed functional food.

Functional foods are growing in popularity

As lines between medicines and foods increasingly blur, and consumers often prefer products that once came in tablets to come in edible forms such as gummies and powders, the regulatory situation becomes complicated.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) regulates therapeutic goods – including natural products such as herbal medicines and nutritional supplements – for safety and quality. This means you can be confident what it says on the bottle is in the bottle, and it's safe to consume. For most complementary medicines, the TGA doesn't assess efficacy.

Meanwhile, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) regulates foods. The rise of functional foods has brought a number of interesting new ingredients, often in new forms, to Australia. To ensure such products are appropriate to be sold as foods, FSANZ must approve these novel ingredients.

FSANZ officially removed the gummies from legal sale because Cordyceps and Lion's Mane are unapproved novel foods.

Food or medicine?

All this highlights the issue of quality control of products for sale in Australia, particularly imported products.

To help manufacturers (and the public) determine whether products should be marketed as foods or therapeutic goods, and therefore which regulatory body they should fall under,

the Australian government has developed a Food-Medicine Interface Guidance Tool.

However, public health experts have previously noted this tool can be confusing – particularly for products such as gummies – and can result in disagreement between regulators and public health experts.

Australia is seen as a world leader in the regulation of natural medicines – including assessment of overseas manufacturing facilities producing goods for the Australian market.

But perhaps it's time to narrow the gap between foods – at least those making or implying broad therapeutic claims – and medicines. FSANZ is doing a lot of work to narrow this gap, but more is probably needed.

One part of this may be beefing up the regulation of functional foods as a category in its own right. Japan was the first country to use the term functional foods, and its Ministry of Health provides a regulatory pathway for that

tricky middle ground between food and medicine.

What should you do?

If you happen to have any of the gummies in question, throw them away.

In terms of functional foods more broadly, I would refer to the following advice from Michael Pollan, an American author who has written extensively on the topic: don't eat anything your great grandmother wouldn't recognise as food.

If you want to explore the potential power of fungi or plants in the form of natural medicines, seek out products regulated by the TGA (look for a number beginning with AUST L, AUST L(A) or AUST R on the package) or speak to a qualified health practitioner.

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In 1924 the first menswear shop was opened on the site by Norman Stewart as Stewart and Northeast.

Norman married Alf and Queenie Barrett's daughter Audrey and it seems that Queenie and her daughter Audrey were still keen for life in Mullumbimby and they bought back the stores in 1929. This then led to the first incarnation of Stewart's Menswear, Stewart's Mercery, that had the additional attraction of a billiards parlour in the back run by local Stan Clark. Billiards were obviously popular as Stan was able to buy the business in 1937, however, with World War II in full swing Norman Stewart re-purchased the business when Stan joined the services in 1942.

Norman and Audrey's only son Tom took over the business with his wife Jean in 1955 and the freehold was given to Tom in 1968. It was at this point the two shops were turned into one and then in 1980 they decided to modernise the name to become Stewart's Menswear and their son Bill Stewart took over the business.

Current owners Gerard and Sue Walker bought the business from Bill in 2004 but Gerard had worked for the Stewarts for 25 years by this point and knew the business and locals well. Gerard has seen the shop move from the days of purchases being wrapped in brown paper with string to the modern times of using environmentally friendly paper bags.

Following Bill's passing earlier this year, Gerard and Sue are reminded of the rich legacy upon which Stewart's Menswear was built and the legacy that he and the Stewart family leave behind. 'Our commitment now is to honour his memory and carry on the family business, steering it towards its centenary of service in 2029,' said Gerard and Sue.

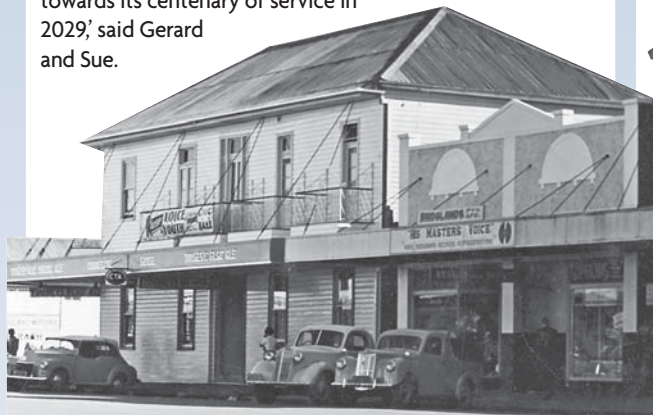


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95 years of Mullum Madness

This year it is the double celebration of 95 years that Stewart's Menswear has been part of the fabric of Mullumbimby and 20 years that Gerard and Sue Walker have been at the helm of this renowned Mullumbimby business.

This July they are celebrating their 20 years of ownership with 20 deals over 20 days. 'There will also be two lucky shoppers during the month of July who will win a \$100 Stewart's Menswear shopping voucher,' said Gerard.

'Don't forget that it is our 95-year anniversary as well,' reminded Sue. 'For the month of July we are offering free shipping on all online orders over \$95.'

Many locals of all ages remember their first purchases at the store from the dress shirts and suits of the 1930's to the rock wash denim of the '80's and the growing range of bamboo and hemp clothing that they have today. Not to mention the classic 'Mullum Madness' T-shirts that for many are their lasting memory of the town.

'Living in the diverse and eclectic community of Mullumbimby, my days in the shop are never boring,' said Gerard with his warm laugh.

'Sure, there are quiet times but they never last too long. There is always someone to talk to and it seems like there is always something new and interesting happening in or around town that brings the people; locals and tourists alike to our streets and to the store. It is true, Mullumbimby seems to be the place to be! An amazing place to grow up and to live in.'

Recognising how much they are a part of the history of the town Gerard and Sue have dedicated one of their windows to a regularly changing display from the Mullumbimby Museum.

'Since 2004, we have given one of our windows to the Mullumbimby Museum,' said Sue. 'It creates a lot of interest and also gives them a presence in the street reminding locals and visitors of what a great place the museum is to visit.'

#StewartsMenswear95

For anyone wanting to be part of the Stewart's Menswear birthday fun you can also pop into the store and take a snap in the photobooth they have set up in the store. Then just share it to your socials using #StewartsMenswear95.



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The start of the rail trail is located at the heritage-listed Murwillumbah Railway Station just 36km south of Gold Coast Airport. Here visitors will find the Visitor Information Centre where they can grab a Rail Trail map, purchase souvenirs, and find out information on any current rail trail updates.

There is parking available at the station for 60 cars, with an overflow car park for peak periods. There are also four retail stores including bike hire and shuttle services. Bathroom facilities are available, along with a picnic table and chairs, an e-bike charger, bike pump and bike fix-it station, and a water bubbler.

The first completed 24km section in The Tweed connects the villages of Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek and features 26 bridges and

two tunnels. Users will cross 16 of these bridges, many of which have been restored, and bypass ten which have been left as a feature along the trail. The Burringbar Range Tunnel is a highlight of the trail and is 524 metres long. It is not lit due to the preservation of microbats and glow worms who inhabit the tunnel. Users must take a light with them and the reflectors inside the tunnel will guide them through. The other tunnel is the Hulls Road Tunnel which is 50 metres long.

Visitors will enjoy stunning scenery, with the opportunity to rest at one of seven stops along the way, and explore the local villages of Murwillumbah, Stokers Siding, Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek. The Rail Trail also connects to the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Arts Centre which is just a short trip from Murwillumbah Railway Station.

There is a 2.2km section where horses are allowed on the trail at Upper Burringbar, and dogs are allowed on a short leash.

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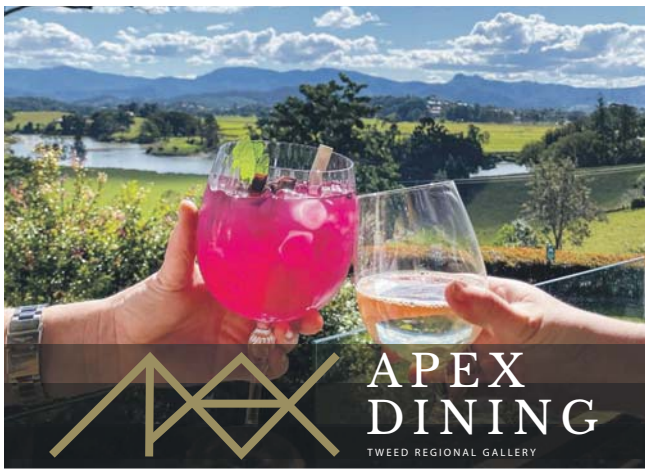
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Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is housed in a modern, architecturally-award-winning building with views to Wollumbin / Mount Warning. The Gallery's seven exhibition spaces present a dynamic program of touring exhibitions, alongside exhibitions showcasing the work of regional and national artists presented exclusively at the Tweed Regional Gallery. The Margaret Olley Art Centre (MOAC) celebrates the career, life and legacy of Margaret Olley, Australia's most celebrated painter of still life and interiors. MOAC combines exhibitions, interactives and the permanent re-creation of areas of Olley's famous home studio.

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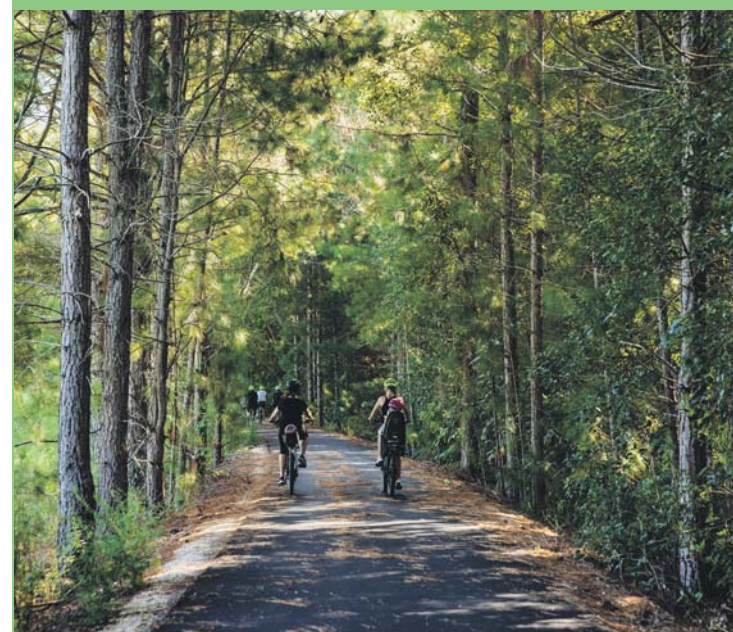
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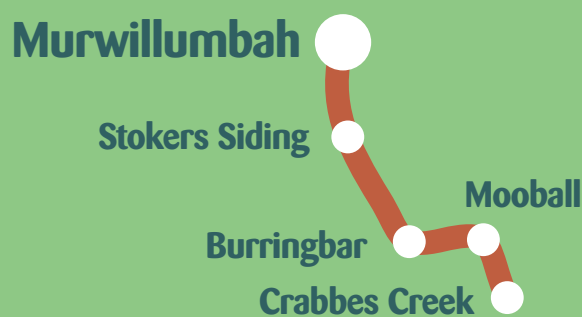


TWEED REGIONAL MUSEUM

There is so much to explore at Tweed Regional Museum! Current exhibition Omnia invites you to reimagine the Museum's collection, taking you on a playful journey through our shared history. Visit the stunning new immersive spaces, including a rainbow-themed wonderland that invites curiosity and new discoveries.

Make sure you book in your school holiday workshops for July via the Museum website. Get inspired by Tik Tok, their wall of beautiful clocks in the Omnia exhibition, and create your own unique working wall clock in their Time Travellers workshop. Or join them in Lantern Land where, using cane and paper, you will build a paper lantern of colours and patterns, creating a special way to light up these mid-winter nights.

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Lismore Regional Gallery painting with wool, school holiday workshop

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Age: 12–17 years

Venue: Koori Mail, 11 Molesworth St, Lismore

Tickets: Free, bookings essential, limited places available.

In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore the fascinating art of wet felting, a traditional technique that transforms wool fibres into beautiful works of art. By the end of the session, each participant will have created their own unique wool painting to take home and proudly display.

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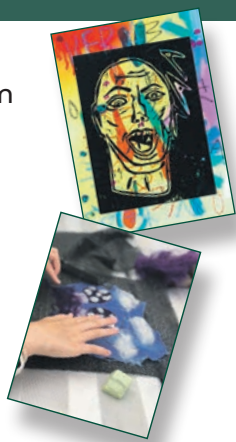
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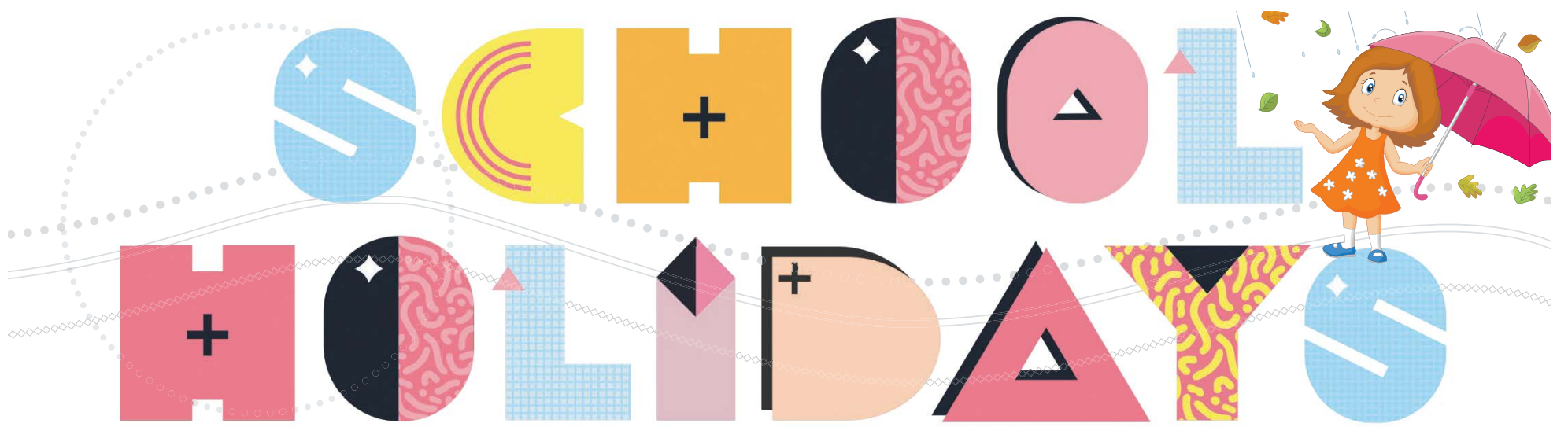
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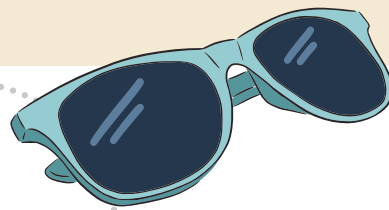
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ART EXHIBITION
12th - 18th July
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OPENING NIGHT
Friday 12th July
Live music, drinks
& nibbles
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Art by Sharni x SINX

LONGSTANDING

An exhibition featuring 13 Bundjalung artists is opening on the 6 July and runs to 17 August.

Longstanding is part of Bulaan, Dalang Galii Naa, a 12-month residency program for First Nation creatives living and working on Bundjalung Country. Developed by The Returning Indigenous Corporation and in collaboration with Arts Northern Rivers, Bulaan Dalang Galii Naa is focused on supporting emerging creative practitioners, providing opportunities to connect, explore different art forms and upskill their knowledge in arts business.

Longstanding represents the nine month milestone for the artists in residency and is curated by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft, with Kylie Caldwell.

To learn more about the artists visit lonegoatgallery.com/exhibitions/longstanding

For information about Bulaan, Dalang Galii Naa residency program visit thereturning.com.au/bulaandalangalinaa

When: 6 July until 17 August

Where: Lone Goat Gallery, Byron Bay

Opening hours: Wednesday-Sunday 10am-4pm



LEFT: Janelle Duncan_When I weave, 2024, acylic on canvas.
ABOVE RIGHT: Kim Healey_Grandmothers Tree, 2024, mixed media on canvas.
BELOW RIGHT: Sonya Breckenridge_Islands in The Stream, 2024, acrylic on canvas.

Installation view of *Mending & Tending: Art that works for Nature, 2023.*
Photo by Jaka Adamic.



LONE GOAT GALLERY

'Climate Conversations' is a creative initiative of Lone Goat Gallery and Byron Shire Council, inviting Northern Rivers artists to collaborate with the community and explore ways we can adapt, reorganise, and evolve in the face of climate change through the arts.

Artists are asked to submit innovative project ideas, that engage the community, for 'Climate Conversations' 2025 around the theme of 'Rising': The growing urgency and consciousness to meet climate challenges.

The successful artist or artists will receive a fee of \$5,000 to develop new work (additional funds up to \$2,000 for public programs) and a one-month exhibition at Lone Goat Gallery, Byron Bay in 2025.

Applications close at 5pm on 1 November 2024.
More information at www.lonegoatgallery.com or for queries email lonegoatgallery@byron.nsw.gov.au



BINX DESIGNS

Coming up in July, two local artists, Sharni Montgomery (Art by Sharni) and Bec Denholm (Binx Designs), are hosting an exhibition exploring the vibrant nostalgic connections of life conveyed through their eyes.

Through Montgomery's memory invoking coastal renditions and Binx's colour rich emotive retro musings, the complimenting contrast between their two styles is a sensory journey full of soul and tranquil reminiscence.

When: 12-18 July

Where: Small Works Gallery,
10-12 Commercial Road, Murwillumbah

Opening Night: Friday 12 July, 4-7. 30pm
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ARMINEL WALKER
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JASMIN STANFORD
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LONE GOAT GALLERY 

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Climate Conversations is a biennial creative project partnership of Lone Goat Gallery and Byron Shire Council.



BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL GALA

Hear ideas to change our world at the Byron Writers Festival evening gala event. Hosted by ABC *The Book Club's* high profile guests of the festival will grace the Byron Theatre stage to deliver powerful and entertaining talks inspired by the 2024 theme 'From the Ground Up'. Featuring Nigerian novelist Chigozie Obioma, *Four Corners* journalist Louise Milligan, new *Late Night Live* host David Marr, Parramatta literature laureate Yumna Kassab and Indigenous journalist Amy McQuire, see some of the brightest minds of the festival in one night.

Nourish your mind and fill your creative cup at the 2024 Byron Writers Festival.

Friday, 9 August, 8pm
\$40/\$35
Tickets available from Byron Theatre



COMMUNITY ARTS HUB

Byron Community College has taken over the iconic Chincogan Mower Shop and created a vibrant new Community Arts Hub for local artists and curious creatives. A space designed to be a cornerstone of creativity and community engagement, with a mission of making art accessible to everyone.

The space consists of:

GARAGE GALLERY: available for hire, offering a dedicated place for artists to showcase their work. Also available as a brilliant venue or room hire for your next event.

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Gallery and event bookings, and course enrolments:
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www.byroncollege.org.au



ART IN THE HEART OF MULLUMBIMBY

Art lovers need look no further than the Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre, home to the H'Art Gallery. Featuring more than 30 artworks by ten local artists, the gallery is an absolute must-see.

Graphic impressionist Solveig curates the two-floor gallery and rotates the exhibition every six months. The space provides local artists a platform to display for an extended period and sell their work.

Visitors to the health centre are greeted by the art, which provides a distracting escape from stress and concern while creating a vibrant, healing atmosphere.

Conveniently located on Stuart Street, the H'Art Gallery is art in the heart of Mullumbimby.

Enquire at info@solveig.com.au



Photo of Anthony J. Walker in his studio by Natalie McComas

TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

Saltwater Currents: First Nations Seascapes and Contemporary Artefacts from Saltwater Country is an exhibition of new landscape paintings and contemporary artefacts by Yiman, Ghungalu, Gooreng Gooreng artist, long-time Northern Rivers resident, and former Indigenous Park Ranger, Anthony J. Walker. Centred around the concept of 'caring for Country', the artworks celebrate the profound beauty, spirit, and ecological significance of the Northern Rivers region. Through reconnecting with the natural world, viewers are encouraged to embrace their roles as environmental stewards - following in the footsteps of the First Nations custodians who have cared for this Country for over 60,000 years.

Open Wed - Sun, 10am - 4pm. Free admission
2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah
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Saltwater Currents: First Nations Seascapes and Contemporary Artefacts from Saltwater Country Anthony J. Walker

until 1 September

Anthony J. Walker *Untitled (21) 2024*
acrylic on canvas, 46 x 61 cm, Image courtesy the artist © The artist

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ENTERTAINMENT Seven

BURLESQUE IS BACK!

Burlesque is back in Bruns this July – it's been a busy year, it's totally understandable if you haven't made it to the **Brunswick Picture House** recently, but this July, they're bringing one of the most in-demand shows, so this one's for you – hurly burly, what a girlie!

Bruns does Burlesque returns dripping with pure glamour for a bumper three-week winter season, featuring some of the hottest artists in the biz. Like its sister show, the Cheeky, the previous burlesque seasons have had people talking all over the shire, attracting international artists who would ordinarily play much bigger stages and have scooped up awards worldwide.

This one is no different as they welcome for the first time, Miss Burlesque Australia and Burlesque Hall of Fame member **Diesel Darling** who is sure to get your motor running and your engine purring, the Danger Barbie herself will be gracing our stage with her unparalleled brand of bubbly and unimaginably dangerous showgirl, while adorned in the most intricately fabulous costumes. And that's not all... this season the Picture House will host none other than comedy legend – the Prince of Polyester himself, **Bob Downe** – Bob gasps, 'I'm so excited, and I just can't hide it... see you at the **Winter Burlesque!** As host, I know how to keep my balls in the air. Look out for heaps of naughty fun!

But it doesn't stop there! **Lil' Cheeky**, the family-friendly circus bonanza is back in an all new, all ages circus show that no one – young or old – should miss. It's got the sass and attitude of the late-night shows but without the guilt of leaving any of the family behind – **13 and 20 July at 2pm** with family discounts available.

Want front row seats to any of the events? Fancy a discount on your Burlesque tickets? Or any of the Picture House gigs? Then join the Housemate program with benefits including priority entry to all shows, a 20 per cent discount on tickets for you and three friends, exclusive membership events and access to tickets throughout the year. You'll also be supporting a local community not-for-profit entertainment venue. Consider yourself a friend with benefits.

The Garden Bar is open an hour before showtime, during the show, and at interval so you can grab a bite and a fancy cocktail.

And be sure to check out their brand new July to September program.

Bruns does Burlesque season runs 11 to 28 July. Tickets at brunswickpicturehouse.com.



BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE

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THU 11 - SUN 28 JULY

Hosted by comedy legend **BOB DOWNE!**

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SeVEN ENTERTAINMENT



THE SWEETEST NIGHTINGALE

Sweetest Nightingale, the Art of Claudio Monteverdi is the latest offering from the Northern Rivers' renowned **Vox Caldera Chamber Choir**.

They will perform a concert, on Sunday in Mullumbimby, devoted to the music of the most famous composer of the Italian Renaissance.

This was a period of cultural vitality inspired by ancient Greece and Rome, when artists like Michelangelo flourished. In music too, there was a brilliant flowering – Monteverdi was a master of the madrigal, in which the voices have separate lines that interweave ingeniously.

The lyrics of these songs are witty poems all about the delights and torments of love, often with erotic allusions. The choir's 20 voices are divided into mostly five, but as many as eight parts, as they soar and ring, magically intertwining. The pure sound of golden voices is unaccompanied except for chamber organ and cello reinforcing the bass line.

International solo soprano **Gaynor Morgan** joins the choir to sing some delightful duets with Vox's own **Abby Parkes**, and to perform the famous 'Lament of Ariadne', who is abandoned by Theseus on a desert island in the mythical tale. Her distraught despair, jealous pleading and indignant rage make for a virtuosic drama of operatic intensity.

Gaynor was a soloist with Glyndebourne Opera in the UK before settling in Queensland, and she is a frequent collaborator with distinguished maestro Nicholas Routley, conductor of the choir, and formerly of the Sydney Chamber Choir and Sydney University.

The concert is at 3pm on Sunday at Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall. Admission \$25 / \$20 at door (cash preferred)



ABOUT RHODA'S COUSIN

Rhoda Roberts in *My Cousin Frank* is powerful, enlightening and entertaining. *My Cousin Frank* is an unmissable experience with one of Australia's greatest artistic and cultural leaders, **Rhoda Roberts AO**. Join Rhoda in a special evening of personal storytelling as she shares tales of her first cousin Frank, a boxing champion – who was the first Aboriginal Olympian – and the irrepressible Roberts family of Lismore.

'These are important stories about the places we call home, our shared past, and aspirations for a better tomorrow,' says Roberts. 'The Roberts fighting family of Lismore story is set in a time where poverty and authoritarian control ruled, enforced by the government's Aborigines Protection Board policies. Through the richness of love and the Roberts work ethic, Frank rose above this and was the pinnacle of athletic achievement entering the new world of the Olympic Games.

'I am so proud to be telling an element of our family story.'

Directed by Kirk Page, Rhoda brings the fighting spirit of Frank and her mob to life on stage with *My Cousin Frank* as she recalls a family's journey from the tumultuous era of dispersal and silence to navigating a world controlled by government policy.

Rhoda Roberts AO is a Wadjabal Wia-bal woman of the Bundjalung nation. She is an award-winning producer, artistic director, journalist, broadcaster, actor and arts advisor. Amongst her many achievements Rhoda co-founded Australia's first national Aboriginal theatre company, was the first Aboriginal presenter on prime-time TV, founded and directed the Festival of Dreaming and was Head of First Nations Programming for the Sydney Opera House. Roberts was awarded an Order of Australia in 2016 for distinguished service to the performing arts.

Rhoda is NORPA's Creative Director of First Nations.

My Cousin Frank with Rhoda Roberts – Saturday, 24 August at Star Court Theatre Lismore. Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August at Byron Theatre. Tickets at www.norpa.org.au.

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Gaynor Morgan and Abby Parkes, sopranos
Hamsa Arnold, keyboard
Belinda Manwaring, cello
Directed by Nicholas Routley

Sunday 7th July 2024 3pm
Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall
55 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby
voxcaldera@gmail.com



THE LITTLE BIG BANG
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COMMUNITY DANCE
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A LITTLE BIG BANG!

What would you call a night devoted to the drum? Talkin' The Drum calls it the **Little Big Bang!**

In the Northern Rivers, a veritable 'drummers paradise', many a djembe may be heard through the trees. The power of this ancient sound of hands slapping skin, draws you in, a primal feeling rising up inside until your hips are swaying and your monkey-mind abating.

The July edition of the Little Big Bang at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** plays host to Australia's absolute master of the djembe, **Mohamed Bangoura (BK)**. BK, formerly of the internationally acclaimed Percussion de Guinea and National Ballet Ensembles of Conakry, and known in Guinea (West Africa) as the 'Lion of Matam', will blow your mind.

Backing him up is **Spankinhide**, whose very existence is to fuel the fire of dance. Rich rhythms, driving doundoun melodies, crack and boom to fill the room and **DJ Salve Jorge** will be effortlessly weaving diverse offerings through the night into a cohesive world music experience.

Opening up is **Zormiwasa**; 30 people playing African drums in unison, with dynamic arrangements led by **Elliott Orr**. Totally engaging from the first beat, the very essence of community.

There will also be workshops with BK – contact Elliott for information on 0407 372 554 or elliott@talkinthedrum.com.au. See BK on Saturday, from 7pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

WEDNESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATT BUGGY**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **MILO GREEN DUO**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ OVALS**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **BUSTED CHOPS**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7PM **THREE STRING THEORY**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVICS CLUB 6PM **MARK AITKEN, 6.30PM PHIL GUEST**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 5PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **TAHLIA MATHERSON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **DONNY SHADES**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 6.30PM **KARAOKE**
- NIMBIN BOWLO 6PM **THE HOOCHERS**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 5PM **NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BLAKE EVANS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **SHAW'S BAY SUNDAY SESSIONS FT POLY & CO**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **THE BOBBIE GODDARD TRIO + TILLY JONES AND FINN CRETHAR**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 2PM **RENEE & ROO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 1PM **INO PIO**

THURSDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TRILLAH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **JOCK BARNES + SKEGS + CARLA GENEVE**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALEX BOWEN + DJS**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **THE TENANTS + REAL JARRAH**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **ROO MACKERRAS**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB**
- M-ARTS, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **BUSTED CHOPS**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PAPER LANE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **IZAEAH MARSH BAND + DJ ZAC EWING**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE BUDDY KNOX PROJECT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 10AM **BUNNY RACKET 'POWER' ALBUM LAUNCH**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **DJ KAI NOON**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM TRIO**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 8PM **LIQUIDELIC + DJ BEACH**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SAM BUCKLEY BAND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **STEVE BANKS AND THE SIDEMEN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **LITTLE BIG BANG FEAT. MOHAMED BANGOURA (BK)**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **3 PLAY**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARK AITKEN, 6.30PM PHIL GUEST**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 5PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **TAHLIA MATHERSON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **DONNY SHADES**
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FRIDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JBS BLUESBREAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DÉVU + JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **NICKI PARROTT – FEELIN' GROOVY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- COMMUNE CANTEN @ HABITAT, BYRON BAY, 11.30AM **SALTY SWING**
- PLAYGROUND, BYRON BAY, 3PM **EARTH, JAM & FIRE**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4PM **ZAC OF ZAC & JOE, 7PM DJ JR.DYNAMITE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PAPER LANE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **IZAEAH MARSH BAND + DJ ZAC EWING**
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- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM TRIO**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 8PM **LIQUIDELIC + DJ BEACH**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SAM BUCKLEY BAND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **STEVE BANKS AND THE SIDEMEN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **LITTLE BIG BANG FEAT. MOHAMED BANGOURA (BK)**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **3 PLAY**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GOODRICH + SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DJ**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 2PM **DJ DAVID BANGMA**
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM **YULLI'S OPEN MIC**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE, 1.30PM **VERSACE BOYS + JOSH HAMILTON**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 2PM **JASON AYALA-SPARE**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **HAYLEY GRACE & THE BAY COLLECTIVE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **BABILALI DANCERS PRESENT FIRE IN THE BELLY**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 3PM **VOX CALDERA CHAMBER CHOIR – SWEETEST NIGHTINGALE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10.45AM **BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB, BOARDWALK 2.30PM SUNDAY BLUES CLUB SESSIONS FEAT THE HOW DARE YOUZ**

MONDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS FISHER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARK USHER**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM **KINGSWOOD MICROSCOPIC WARS + THE DELTA RIGGS + JACOB FITZGERALD & THE ELECTRIC CITY**

TUESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **17TH ANNUAL ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK FILM SCREENING**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

WEDNESDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

Session Times

Thurs, July 4 – Wed, July 10

PALACE CINEMAS
108 Jonson St, Byron Bay

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

FLY ME TO THE MOON (M) DISABLING SCREENING
Wed: 7:00PM

MIDNIGHT OIL: THE HARDEST LINE (M) ONE WEEK ONLY
Daily: 3:45PM

FAMILY FILMS

DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG)
Daily: 10:30AM, 11:15AM, 12:40PM, 1:30PM, 3:00PM, 5:15PM, 6:10PM

INSIDE OUT 2 (PG)
Daily: 10:40AM, 11:30AM, 12:50PM, 1:45PM, 2:45PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:15PM, 7:30PM

ALL FILMS

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A SILENCE (M) NFI
Daily except Wed: 10:45AM, 1:00PM, 3:15PM, 6:10PM, Wed: 10:45AM, 1:40PM, 3:15PM, 6:10PM

BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE (M) NFI
Daily: 8:20PM

FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA (M) NFI
Daily: 8:20PM

HORIZON: AN AMERICAN SAGA - CHAPTER 1 (M) NFI
Daily: 3:40PM, 7:15PM

THE BIKERIDERS

(M) NFI
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THE CONVERT (M) NFI
Daily except Wed: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 8:30PM, Wed: 11:00AM, 8:30PM

THE FALL GUY (M) NFI
Daily except Wed: 8:20PM

THE PROMISED LAND (M) NFI
Daily: 8:30PM

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Ballina Fair Cinema

47/84 Kerr St, Ballina

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Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:30PM, Fri, Sat, Sun: 5:00PM, 7:40PM, Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:20PM, 5:00PM, 7:40PM

DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG)
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FLY ME TO THE MOON (M) NFI
Wed: 7:15PM

INSIDE OUT 2 (PG)
Daily except Thurs, Wed: 10:15AM, 12:30PM, 2:45PM, 5:15PM, 7:30PM, Thurs: 10:00AM, 12:15PM, 2:30PM, 5:15PM, 7:15PM, Wed: 10:15AM, 12:30PM, 2:45PM, 5:15PM

MIDNIGHT OIL: THE HARDEST LINE (M) NFI
Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun: 2:30PM

THE BIKERIDERS (M) NFI
Daily except Thurs: 10:30AM, 7:15PM (Fine Wine Screening), Thurs: 10:30AM, 6:45PM

SATURN RETURN (M) NFI
Wed: 1:00PM

SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN (M) NFI
Sat: 1:00PM

THE MOVIE TELLER (M) NFI
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Never Give Up



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



A snowball's chance in hell. That was what I had thought Julian Assange's chances of freedom. A war in Gaza. A war in Ukraine. The real threat of Trump's orange haze back in the White House. A dystopian swing to the far-right in France. Advance Australia, the scary right-wing group who funded the 'No' vote here in Australia declaring they'll drop millions to stop Greens winning the balance of power in the next election by targeting our seat of Richmond. It's hard to feel hope some days. False narratives reign supreme making it a dangerous place for peace-loving, tree-hugging truth tellers.

On 26 June I was flying to Canberra to see a friend give her inaugural speech as a new senator. I got an alert at 6am that police and security had made a 5am move to disassemble the protest camp at Wallum. So first stop was Wallum. I was shown photos that could have come from a war zone. Security in all black, with balaclavas and faces covered. They looked like militia. Flares being set off at the end of a suburban neighbourhood before dawn. When I arrived, I realised why they needed such a show of force. Standing for Wallum were old women, mums with babies, small kids, old men, a woman in a wheelchair. Real threats to public safety.

In a world of sociopaths vs empaths, with the former in power and the latter in despair, hope is something both fraught and precious. So hearing Assange was on a plane on the way to Canberra (on the same day as me) seemed too good to be true. Canberra was buzzing with excitement. It's a city in a suit, so it rarely buzzes. I was with a small, very excited crew of people from the Northern Rivers who decided that we would find a way to get amongst the Assange action. After all, we are 'Free Assange' people. I've shared the stage with John Shipton many times, I've interviewed pro-Assange filmmakers, I've attended rallies, gatherings, and followed the case since he walked into the Ecuadorian Embassy in 2012 and asked for political asylum.

Here's something they don't want you to know. People really do have the power. Assange's freedom has lit a candle of hope in the darkness of dystopia.

So finding myself at the East Hotel in Kingston in the middle of the first press conference was overwhelming. The place was bursting at the seams. There were cameras from the BBC, national broadcasters, the independent journalists, filmmakers, community radio stations, politicians, advocates, true believers, non-believers and me (it helps to have a friend who worked for Wikileaks.) Listening to Julian's long-term legal counsel Jenny Robinson and his US lawyer Barry Pollack seemed surreal. Seeing the joy, and the relief, on the face of Stella Assange so close up was transformational. It was a moment of pure joy for the hopeful. For all those who have rallied against the powerful, against injustice.

In the second Assange press conference (yes! we made it to two!), Stella was asked what Assange would do next. 'He will swim in the ocean every day. He will sleep in

his own bed.' That's freedom. Of course none of us saw or heard from Assange directly. Just knowing he was somewhere close, a free man was enough. We heard there are no gag orders as conditions of release. I was in the room and heard that with my own ears. So in time we'll hear from Assange himself. I can't wait.

It's an intoxicating feeling to be in the middle of a historic moment. To hug Julian's dad. To stand with all those who have kept his story going. It was a celebration. Outside the hotel were three scraggy old dudes holding 'Free Assange' signage. I went outside and said, 'you know you can come in. He's free.' But they chose to stay outside for one last protest. They're not on-the-inside people. They're voices from the outside. I got it.

While there were legal and political machinations in play, Assange being free is a credit to the work of those people on the outside. Grassroots activists. The people who kept the pressure on. The relentless energy of activism. Sometimes the impossible becomes possible.

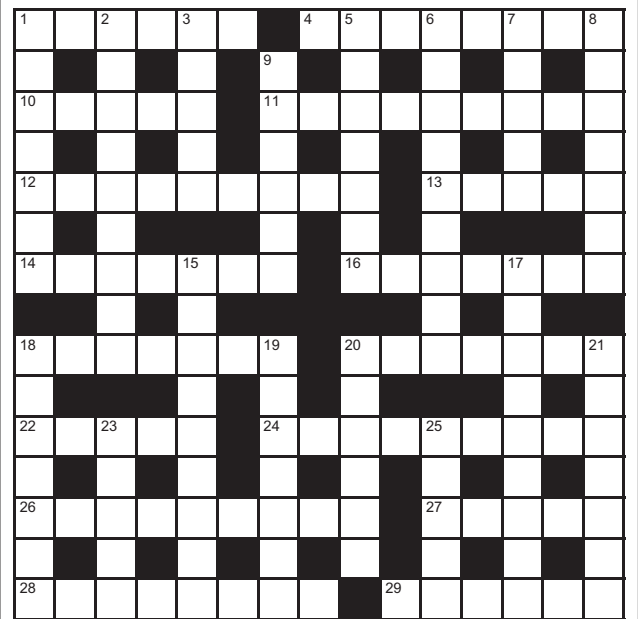
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Stay loud. Speak up. Don't bend to bad laws.

And most importantly. Never give up. Free Assange!? Job done.

Crossword by Stephen Clarke

#10



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Work's starting on cures for marks on body (6)
- Spooner's come to Pooh, perhaps for oven pans and dishes (8)
- Con finds energy in potato (5)
- Names doctor with underpants that have no front (9)
- Leads to LGBTQIA+ follow intros to evening news (9)
- Tree-hugging primate depicted in terrible mural (5)
- Old queen buried among remains of racehorses (7)
- In swinging Bondi, catnaps offer relief from digestion problems (7)
- Swimmer trapped by gang is in shock (7)
- Suspended club monitor dropped off ring on time (7)
- Damage seen after cold spell (5)
- Fifty expletives close to Homer's heart are disgusting (9)
- Management matter Ten handled badly (9)
- Side dish for poet, perhaps in recital (5)
- Fifty past heroes appear in wordlists (8)
- Rice really comprises breakfast food (6)

DOWN

- Pitches stick we tossed around (7)
- First lady and Romeo delighted by erotica, initially seen in a swamp (9)
- Reveal litigant's first letter to posh school (3,2)
- Disturbed men (they're incontinent!) recall problem (7)
- Brew of lactose with almond and raspberry starters that can get you up - and down! (9)
- The best players get a free and easy mate (1-4)
- Guaranteed to follow republican embraced by democrat (7)
- Echo men on radio apprehend comperes (6)
- Mysterious energy I'm acting out (9)
- Plant from NY art gallery raised in South American republic (9)
- Performance of team from Madrid: all over City, but finally lost! (7)
- Informal young lady left on time by ship (7)
- Famine finally did the planet (6)
- Spooner's negative account of part of foot (7)
- Farewell to the French - I left at ten for two (1,4)
- Vast number trapped - in bush or desert (5)

Quick Clues

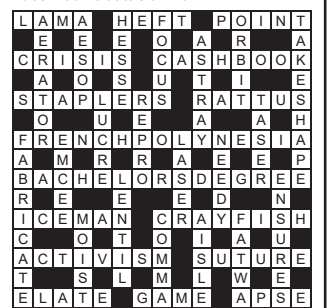
ACROSS

- Raised marks on the body often caused by a whipping (6)
- Muffin tins, ramekins etc (8)
- Defraud (5)
- Appellations (9)
- Begets (9)
- Long tailed mammal related to monkeys (5)
- They can go the distance (7)
- Mylanta and Quick-Eze, for example (7)
- Staggering (7)
- In abeyance (7)
- The quality of pleasing or attracting people (5)
- Horrid; hateful (9)
- Draft of a screenplay, including camera angles, sets etc (9)
- Indian dish of chopped vegetables, commonly cucumber, in yoghurt (5)
- Vocabularies used in connection with particular subjects (8)
- Oats, sorghum etc (6)

DOWN

- What bowlers strive for (7)
- Shallow lake or marsh (9)
- Tip the wink (3,2)
- Memory loss (7)
- Moving staircase (9)
- Coach's number one squad (1-4)
- Made certain (7)
- Vocalists who sing or rhyme over sampling, scratching and mixing in hip hop venues (6)
- Puzzling; ambiguous (9)
- Tea that induces relaxation (9)
- Narration; a performance of music (7)
- Sailing ship with high bow and stern (7)
- Shortage (6)
- Protective plate over the extremities of the lower digits (7)
- Together; as a pair, for example, in sharing a meal (Fr) (1,4)
- Crowd; throng (5)

Last week's solution #9



STARS BY LILITH

WITH THIS WEEK'S SUN, VENUS AND NEW MOON IN DOMESTICALLY-ORIENTED CANCER, HOME IS WHERE THE HEAT IS, IN WAYS BOTH CHARMING AND CHALLENGING...



CANCER THE CRAB

ARIES: The Ram's style is straightforward, but in the zodiac's month of the lateral crab, which skitters from side-to-side towards its destination, people are likely to behave in the same way, so think indirect strategies, alternative tactics, different entry points: back stairs, side door, service lift, window.

TAURUS: With insistent Mars in Taurus you're primed to be highly motivated, persistent and determined. But you'll also need to be sensitive this week to when that forward drive might veer towards pushy, because any feeling of being pressured is likely to meet with resistance from this week's citizens.

GEMINI: The empathetic connection of Mercury and Neptune in caring water signs for the first days of July sensitises your extra-sensory listening skills. So tap into this open-hearted transit, and rather than offering advice or solutions, just let people share how they're feeling this week.

CANCER: Celebrated as the moon of the divine feminine, new moon in Cancer on 6 July is your personal annual reset date. Spending this beneficial astrological portal in or near water can be especially healing, so head for the river or ocean, pool party or beach weekend, home bath or spa.

LEO: The current sun/Saturn alignment calls for your best heart-centred leadership, as in calm direction, downplaying drama and ensuring everyone's contributions are acknowledged. And let's not pretend that the whole of July won't be taken up event-planning celebrations for this year's celestial 'festival of you'.

VIRGO: Virgo's planet mentor Mercury moving into socialising mode packs your calendar and brightens your creative ideas with extra eloquence this week. If you're making a pitch or presentation, go for maximum flair and vivacity, because in this lavish transit too much is likely to be just enough.

LIBRA: This week's harmonising alignment of agreeable Venus and stable Saturn supports having a heart-to-heart with friends, family, partners or colleagues to discuss future plans. Bonus news: angels are likely to arrive in the most ordinary of outfits, close to home, seemingly by accident, right on your doorstep.

SCORPIO: July's polarities combine tender and tough, a not unfamiliar scenario for Scorpios. Security-conscious and protective, this week suggests strengthening your screening processes and filters so you can relax your guard and focus on the genuine connections and deeper bonding available during this compassionate transit.

SAGITTARIUS: Early July's sentimental sun, Venus and new moon ensure nostalgia's strong and emotions close to the surface, but be choosy about who you unburden to. Archers are the zodiac's travellers, and the land of your ancestors could be calling you to revisit relatives or places that hold family memories.

CAPRICORN: Your guiding planet Saturn, retrograde for the rest of this year in the sign of mystery, suggests that discerning between fact, fiction, fantasy and fabrication is going to be your main task in the coming months. The good news? This is something sensible Saturn's reversal will definitely assist with.

AQUARIUS: July's celestial energetics in your sector of efficient organisation suggest a declutter of home, mind and habits. This is a helpful transit to review finances if your lifestyle's over budget, to cut superfluous stuff, trim waste, repurpose and recycle. No need to be overly austere; just keep luxuries to affordable doses.

PISCES: Venus in her cosiest mode promises plenty of seasonal bonding, and may have you thinking about taking steps to protect what's precious, whether that's your inner sanctum, intellectual property or the planet's precarious future - about which more next week as Saturn and Neptune reverse in your sign.



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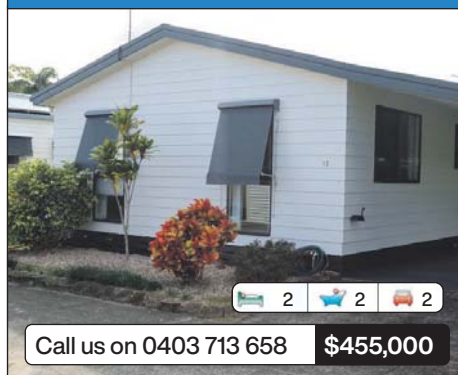
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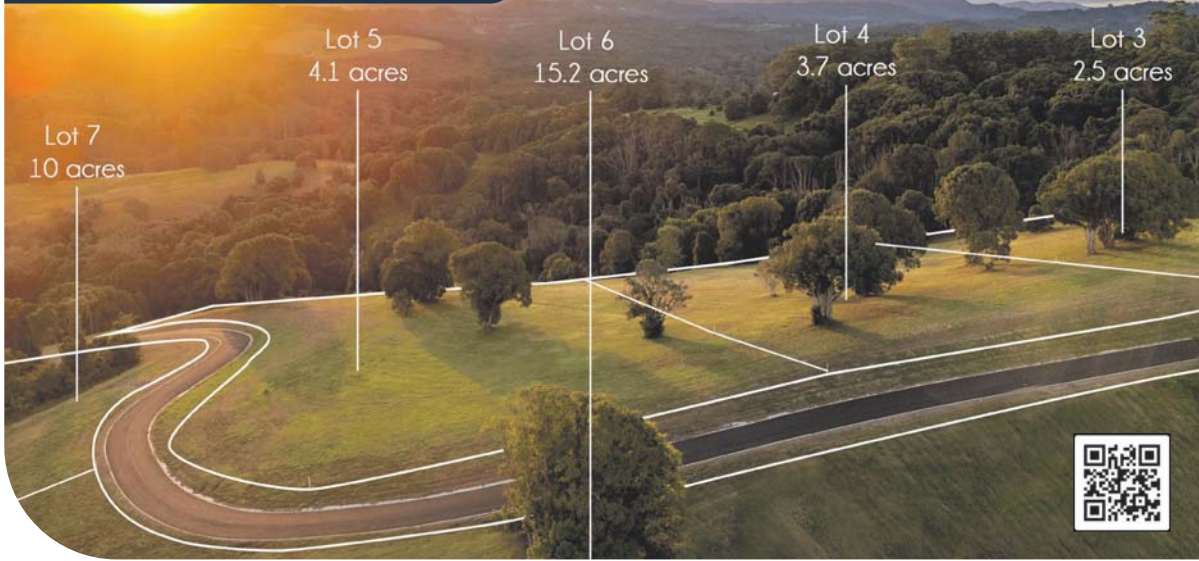
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3	W	6:39 17:01	3:50 14:15	0549 1.20 1845 1.79	0021 0.55 1136 0.32
4	TH	6:39 17:01	4:57 15:07	0646 1.17 1933 1.85	0120 0.48 1225 0.31
5	F	6:39 17:02	5:59 16:05	0738 1.16 2018 1.86	0210 0.43 1311 0.31
6	SA	6:39 17:02	6:55 17:06	0825 1.16 2100 1.85	0254 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
11	TH	6:38 17:04	9:59 21:53	1148 1.18 2358 1.53	0556 0.47 1722 0.57
12	F	6:38 17:05	10:25 22:45	1238 1.19	0631 0.48 1813 0.65
13	SA	6:38 17:05	10:51 23:37	0035 1.42 1336 1.22	0711 0.48 1915 0.73
14	SU	6:37 17:06	11:18	0118 1.32 1443 1.27	0754 0.49 2030 0.77
15	M	6:37 17:06	11:47 0:30	0212 1.22 1547 1.35	0841 0.49 2156 0.77
16	TU	6:37 17:07	12:20 1:26	0316 1.14 1645 1.44	0930 0.48 2315 0.71
17	W	6:36 17:07	12:59 2:25	0422 1.10 1737 1.55	1020 0.45

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1st SUN Byron Bay	02 6685 6807	5th SUN Lennox Head	02 6685 6807
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 Durambah 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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Community at Work

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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BV VIEW

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold a luncheon meeting on July 11 at Brunswick Bowling Club, Brunswick Heads. Start 10.30am for 11am. The guest speaker will be our famous tennis player Pat Rafter. Members bring along your friends to join us. Cost of meal \$23 with choice of three menus. Apologies call Wenda 0449 563 580 or email: wjhunt@yahoo.com.au.

Writers Fest

Friends of Libraries special Writers Festival event has author Jodi Rodgers discussing her latest book 'Unique' with Mick O'Regan on Thursday, August 8, 1.30pm at Ewingsdale Hall, Ewingsdale. Bookings are essential, www.byronbayfol.com. \$20 FOL members, \$25 Non-members. With a legendary Country Women's Association afternoon tea. Plus a lucky door prize.

Byron Book Fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their 10th huge second hand Book Fair at the Byron Bay Surf Club Friday, 12 July to Monday, 15 July 9am to 4pm each day. Over the last ten years the book fair has raised over \$100,000, all of which contributes towards supporting the Byron, Mullumbimby and Brunswick libraries. A multitude of books, all genres, including a good supply of fiction, non fiction, history, art, children's and young adults just to name a few, always plenty to browse through in four magical days.

Adoption Day

Adoption Day at the NRAS Rescue Shelter on Saturday, July 6 at 61 Piper Drive, Ballina. We currently have a huge number of animals in care, including adorable kittens and puppies, lots of lovely cats and some beautiful adult dogs. Given the variety of animals in care, there will be something for everyone. As well as our beautiful animals the \$10 dog washing, nail clipping and microchipping services will also be available. Everyone is welcome from 10am to 1pm. All animals in NRAS' care are vet checked, flea and worm treated, microchipped, vaccinated and desexed prior to adoption. Adoption questionnaires can be downloaded and completed prior to Adoption Day and are available at: www.nras.org.au or other enquiries can be directed to the Shelter by phoning 6681 1860 or via email at: shelter@nras.org.au.

Free public lecture

Byron Bay Sub-branch will be presenting a free public lecture titled 'Military Experience to Antarctica' on Thursday, July 4 at 5pm at Byron Bay Services Club by former ADF member Rob Asquith. All welcome. Enquiries: Rob 0427 089 056.
Middle East Veterans Memorial Service An inaugural Middle East Veterans Memorial Service will be held at the Cenotaph Tennyson Street Byron Bay by the Byron Bay RSL sub branch in conjunction with the Veterans Motorcycle Club at 11am on Thursday, July 11. Free morning tea after at Services Club. Enquiries Jim: 0412 679 870 or Rob: 0427 089 056.

Mullumbimby CWA

Mullumbimby CWA will celebrate France, the country of study for 2024, with a French lunch to follow the monthly meeting on July 10. Numbers are needed for catering purposes. If you would like to join in the French lunch, please call Jenny on 6684 7282 to book. The meeting will start at 10am, with the lunch to follow at 11am.

Bric-a-brac Sale

Mullumbimby CWA Rooms are the venue for a bric-a-brac sale on Saturday, July 13 from 8am until sold out. Call in and have a cup of tea or coffee and cake after the flea market. Delicious home cooking, jams, plants, books and white elephant stalls are on offer. Mullumbimby CWA ladies would love to see you. Info: Jenny 6684 7282. Prostate cancer support
The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 10am until 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club, Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group to experience the personal cancer stories told which give a great opportunity for all present to share, learn and benefit from each other. Partners and carers are also welcome. This will be a time of quality sharing on health and wellbeing updates. Enquiries phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

School holiday activities

School holiday activities at Byron Bay Library: Soul Stones Art Activity. Create beautiful artwork on stones using special tools and techniques on Wednesday, 10 July at 10.30am. Bookings essential: 6685 8540. Wonka Film Screening. Join us for a movie afternoon. BYO snacks and drinks on Thursday, July 18 at 3pm. Bookings essential 6685 8540. Popcorn provided.

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 Kopittke. For enquiries ring Victoria (Vicki) Evans on: 0467 573 282 or email: presidentrthfhs1@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 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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Voluntary Euthanasia End-of-Life Choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. Meetings are held at Robina, South Tweed and Ballina. Attendees must be Exit Members. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina & South Tweed) or Peter 0429 950 352 (Ballina).

Byron seniors program

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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/.

High-intensity rugby ends in a draw

Ross Kendall

In Far North Coast first-grade rugby union, the anticipated clash between two competition heavyweights, the Byron Shire Rebels and Wollongbar Alstonville Rugby (WAR), ended in an 18-all draw after a last-minute try for the home side last Saturday afternoon at Lyle Park.

The Rebels got the scoreboard going in the opening minutes of the encounter with an unconverted try in the left corner.

The arm wrestle, complete with grinding and gritty defence, then got underway as both teams looked for space out wide.

Home side hits lead

By half time the home side had hit the lead through two penalties off the boot of Sam Kerry.

Again the Rebels struck early in the second half with a converted try, but the hard competitive rugby continued and WAR soon scored a



WAR (red) manage to crack the defence of the Byron Shire Rebels in the dying seconds to tie up the top-of-the-table fixture 18-18. Photo Vicky Kerri

seven-pointer, to once again put them a point ahead.

Byron dominated possession through the middle of the final half and converted two penalties to give them a five-point buffer.

Rebels try scorers were Reuben Shepherd and Oliver Shakeshaft.

But it wasn't enough as the never-say-die attitude

of WAR came to the fore via a try in the corner. As the conversion drifted wide, the final whistle sounded, with the sides even on the scoreboard after a tough 80 minutes.

WAR try scorers were Hamish Mould and Joe Blyth.

The game left the sides with plenty to ponder as other teams made their

claim on the competition.

The Ballina Seahorses had a cracking 13-try win over Evans River to leave them clear on the top of the first-grade competition.

The Rebels and WAR follow with Casuarina Beach in fourth place, following their strong 52-20 win over Lennox Head playing at home.

A triumph over adversity



The Mullum U12 Division 1 soccer team. Photo supplied

Naama Mayor

The Mullumbimby U12 Division 1 soccer team had a challenging start to their season.

Formed from players who joined from three different clubs, the team consisted of a group of wonderful young lads with a mission to become a cohesive and formidable unit. The initial games were tough, with losses exceeding 10-0, but after months of hard work, they secured their first win in Lismore three weeks ago.

Last Saturday's game presented a new challenge, as the team started with only eight players. With all other teams playing simultaneously, it was a struggle to find extra players. Fortunately, two courageous young players from the U9 team, Percy and Louie, stepped in to help.

The team faced off against Goonellabah, their tough bottom-table rivals, with only ten players. Despite the odds, they stood strong and defended well.

Shortly before the break, a pivotal moment occurred. Young Louie, playing at right back, fearlessly won the ball and dribbled through the opposition's defence, only to be brought down in the box. The crowd was on their feet, eagerly awaiting the coach's decision on who

would take the penalty.

The coach answered quietly from her box: 'I trust the boys. We'll let them sort it out.'

To everyone's surprise, the team quickly stepped back, allowing young Louie to position the ball. With a deep breath and a calm demeanour, Louie struck the ball into the left corner of the goal, leaving the keeper with no chance. Mullum was up 1-0!

The game continued with two goals from their rivals, but Jasper responded with two goals for Mullum. Jasper dedicated his second goal to his teammate Zee, who was watching from the bench with crutches.

This game exemplified the transformation of these young players into a real team. They supported their young colleagues, showed solidarity with their injured mates, and respected their rivals by choosing fair play at every turn. The coach and the fans couldn't be prouder of their progress and sportsmanship.

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Sue Hutcheson wins bowls final

On Tuesday, June 25, the Women's Singles Bowls Championship for Brunswick Heads was held, with Sue Hutcheson competing against Judy Smith.

The club's publicity officer, Kristine Pryor, told *The Echo*, 'It was neck to neck for the first 14 ends, and could have been anybody's game, but the expertise and experience of Sue won out by the 24th end, with the winning score being 25 to 14.'

'Congratulations to all on the green, from the other members who watched from inside the warmer clubhouse'

Joel Taylor chalks up Costa Rica win

Lennox Head para-surfer, Joel Taylor, has just returned home with his first championship tour win, having scored first place in the unassisted prone division at the 2024 Costa Rica Open Pro of Adaptive Surfing.

The 43-year-old told *The Echo* it was his third stop on the AASP world championship tour, which features 65 athletes from 18 countries around the world with US\$30,000 prize money.

'There were clean two-to-three-foot waves all week at Boca Barranca, Costa Rica, which is one of the longest waves in the world. It is a left hand point break at the



Lennox Head para-surfer, Joel Taylor. Photo supplied

river mouth of the crocodile-infested Rio Barranca in Golfo de Nicoya,' he said.

Taylor came second at the first event in Byron Bay in March, third at the second

stop. Taylor said he was in Hawaii in May, and is currently second in the rankings, and in the running to win the world tour championship in his rookie year.

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It's been a big week locally for Zionism, Gaza and endless wars – see page 1 and David Heilpern's column, page 12. Federal Labor senator, Fatima Payman, has been 'indefinitely suspended' from her party's caucus after vowing to cross the floor again to vote for a motion supporting an independent Palestinian state. What's Labor trying to say? That they are more upset with an independent voice than months of relentless killing?

Roads update: Upper Main Arm works are about to begin, and Federal Drive is due to open in late July, after it was damaged by a major landslide in the 2022 flood event.

Psst: France is turning to nationalism and authoritarianism: Marine Le Pen's National Rally party won the first round of France's legislative elections on the weekend, and they could potentially become the first far-right party to ever take government in Paris.

The Australian (Murdoch) reports that far-right extremist group, Advance Australia, will attack the Greens at the next federal election. They were successful in destroying the 'Yes' vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. So strap yourself in for more lies, fear and propaganda with the 'Greens Truth' campaign, funded by dodgy RWNJs.

Who won the US presidential debate? It was big pharma, who supplied enough drugs to keep the two old crazy men upright. It was described as a senior citizen bingo hall argument, without the excluded third candidate, Robert



'Twas a dirty trick from Dirty Three frontman, Warren Ellis, at their packed Green Room gig last Saturday night in Tyagarah. As he lent in for a photo, Warren grabbed the camera from Jeff 'Sucked In' Dawson and started shooting the crowd from the stage. Photo Lisa Gough

Kennedy Jr. Economist Alan Kohler's take was that the world will not achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. 'It's virtually impossible anyway, but with a second term of Trump – no chance'.

Congrats Mullum Rotary, who recently celebrated 75 years of service to the community – see page 7.

Julian Assange's freedom has a price after all. His wife Stella has launched a UK appeal to cover the US\$520,000 debt for the jet that flew him home. She tweeted that Julian 'is obligated to pay back the Australian government for charter Flight VJ199. Any contribution big or small is much appreciated'. As of Tuesday, £485,270 had been raised towards the target. For more visit <https://tinyurl.com/yv9zwa3j>.

With the koala breeding season now underway, until December, it's a good

reminder to watch out for them – and all wildlife – on the roads. The IFAW Wildlife Rescue App is a valuable

tool – it puts people directly in touch with the nearest wildlife rescue group to report an injured animal.

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- Anxiety and depression
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