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## Norm weaves his magic

Piano tuner and composer, Norman Appel, with Magenta Appel-Pye, Sam, Mila, Mable Leana, Bella and Luke. Photo Jeff 'Ebony and Ivory, But Mostly Synthetic' Dawson

For the last nine months, the Soundshell amphitheatre, located at The Terrace in Brunswick Heads, has housed a community piano.

While it has been enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, it was recently damaged by vandals. Last Friday, it was kindly repaired by

local piano tuner and composer, Norman Appel.

Resident Laura Upsall told *The Echo*, 'Norman has provided his services on a completely voluntary basis, and the community is most grateful. He has also recently dropped a new album, *The*

*Tallowood Sessions*: normanappel.bandcamp.com. To help with the cost of these extensive repairs, unsolicited financial assistance has been most kindly donated by Lauren Archer, head veterinarian at North Coast Veterinary Services, and the Footbridge Cafe.'

## A closer peek at flood planning, post 2022

Hans Lovejoy

Given the hottest temperatures keep being recorded year after year, and the uncertainty ahead with extreme weather events, how is Byron Shire Council planning to alleviate the effects from the next large flood event?

Part of local government's flood management response is through the NSW Floodplain Management Program, which helps communities

build resilience against flooding, reduce potential losses, and make informed decisions about flood risk management.

It aligns with the NSW government's *Flood Risk Management Manual*.

*The Echo* asked Council staff to confirm whether the funding deadline was missed for a new Floodplain Management Program, given the current 2020 program is out-of-date.

Council's Flood and Drainage

Engineer, Steve Twohill, replied that Council have funding for the Flood Risk Management Grant program to update the flood study for the Belongil and Tallow Creek catchments. 'This work will start in August 2024.'

'We intend to apply for future funding for the North Byron Flood Study as part of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) program.'

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## Young peeps to get a voice for their future

Paul Bibby

It is a bizarre paradox of contemporary life that those with the biggest stake in the future of our planet are the most likely to be left out of public conversations about it.

With the notable exception of Greta Thunberg, young people are all too often ignored when it comes to discussions and decisions about climate change, sustainability, and the protection of our fragile ecology.

Redressing this fundamental inequality might seem like an overwhelming task, but one Byron-based project is seeking to just that.

Ocean Voices (OV) is inviting local young people to be part of a youth collective that isn't just aiming to be part of the conversation, it seeks to set the agenda.

The group is all about giving young people a voice and supporting them to act in a way that feels empowering and meaningful for them.

This week, the group is seeking expressions of interest from 12-to-18-year-olds who would like to be involved in building the collective from the ground up.

'This is about a group of like-minded young people who are coming together to make meaningful change,' the co-founder of the OV Youth Collective, Simone Roseler, says.

'But this is not about us creating a structure or a framework and

inviting young people to be a part of it. I want these young people to tell us what they want to do and then we support them to make that happen.'

The first meeting of the OV Youth Collective is due to take place in the next six weeks and expressions of interest are due by August 7.

It is open to any Northern Rivers resident in the designated age group who is passionate about creating a sustainable future, cares about the health of our oceans, can commit to monthly in-person meetings and can stay in touch online.

'This is where you get to explore,' Ms Roseler says.



Mullum High students Sienna Herlihy and Amy Sena. Photo supplied

## Blue economy

'Yes it's about saving our oceans but it's also about opportunities, all of the opportunities that are available in terms of the blue economy, sustainable start-ups, and building the knowledge and skills to be part of that.'

To get involved, submit your interest via <https://forms.gle/LWzRCP2LMFHsGPMt5>.

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## Byron rallies against DV



Marchers took to the streets of Byron last Friday evening to highlight domestic violence and the chronic underfunding of support services. Photo Jeff Dawson

### Aslan Shand

As the dark of night descended on Byron Bay on Friday evening, women, children and men began gathering in Railway Park.

They brought signs, their voices, and their passionate belief in the right of women and children to live free of violence and death from intimate partners.

Around 150 people marched from Railway Park towards the beachfront, and as they walked and chanted

past The Northern Hotel, it was heartening to see men and women emerge from the pub and line the street, clapping and cheering the marchers on.

Numbers had more than doubled by the time the marchers had made their circuit of the town, and returned back to Railway Park.

Delta Kay and Michelle Lowe both spoke to the impact of colonisation and violence on generations of Indigenous women. Ambyr Johnston, who runs the

Women's Resource Service at the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre, said that they had seen a 48 per cent increase in people accessing the service since the 2022 floods.

'We are funded to provide support for 179 clients, but in the last year, we had 576 referrals,' she told the crowd. 'How do I choose who to turn away? 17 more women have been killed this year than at the same time last year. As a sector, we are chronically underfunded.'

## Newrybar lights up August 3

Newrybar Public School is set to light up the night sky once again on Saturday, August 3, with its annual bonfire and fireworks spectacular.

Organisers say, 'Newrybar is keeping a 36-year-old tradition alive with this much-treasured community event. For newcomers to this epic night, the Newrybar fireworks display does not disappoint.

'The event will be bigger and better than ever this year, with a giant bonfire, food and entertainment for the whole family'.

'Roll up and bring your



Bella, Charlotte and Jack with Emma Baxter at the school. Image created by Jeff Dawson using Limited Intelligence (LI)

good vibes, picnic blankets, winter woolies, flashlights and join us for the most

anticipated family event this winter. Gates open at 4pm for 7pm fireworks.

## Road repair funding announced

Byron Shire Council has been granted \$15.7 million in new road funding, along with four other Northern Rivers councils.

According to a NSW and federal government media release, newly established tripartite agreements for infrastructure damaged by natural disasters allow councils to 'access advance

funding at the onset of each reconstruction phase'.

'Previously, councils faced significant financial strain as they had to finance infrastructure repairs upfront and wait for reimbursement from other levels of government'.

It is described as a 'pioneering pilot funding agreement,' with the NSW Reconstruction Authority

and Transport for NSW streamlining the distribution of disaster recovery funds.

### Lismore tops

Lismore Council received the largest amount (\$54.1m), with Clarence Valley Council receiving \$50.6m; Tweed Shire Council \$29.6m; Byron Shire Council \$15.7m; and Richmond Valley Council \$10.4m.

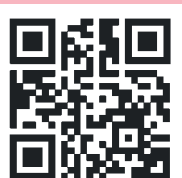


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## Hot Brazilian grills & thrills



Brazilian musicians Marilane de Mello and Raissa Hari (front), with chef Rodrigo Pierini, are part of the Paddock Project's Brazilian barbecue fundraiser on August 17. Photo Jeff Dawson

An event filled with delicious food, vibrant music, and fun activities for all ages is planned at The Paddock Project on August 17.

Located at 64 Argyle Street, Mullum, the Brazilian BBQ fundraiser starts at 5pm and aims to raise funds for an accessible toilet in the beautiful syntropic gardens. The Paddock Project's

Karen Gross says local businesses have donated to the cause, and there are \$2,500 in prizes up for grabs.

### Local sponsors

'We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible sponsors whose generosity and support have made this event possible - Mullumbimby Chamber of

Commerce; My Little Big Home; Mullumbimby Engineering; Byron Food Hub; Courthouse Hotel; Mullum Hire; Lusio Rehab; Mullum Co-Op; and Wards Landscaping', she said.

Admission includes a three-course meal, and entry for kids under five is free.

For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/yehjkcjy>.

## Kids seek your views on homelessness

Louis, Melaleuca, Pia, Lulu and Atticus

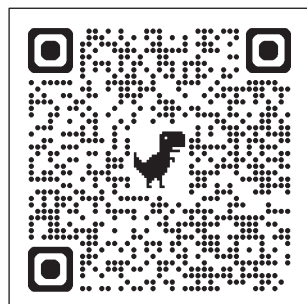
We are a group of ten-to-twelve-year-olds at Byron Bay Public School, who are seriously worried about the housing crisis.

We believe that everybody should have the right to a safe place to live.

We are doing the 'Game Changer Challenge', which is a state school challenge where you solve real-world problems, and we are focusing on homelessness.

Amazingly, we made it to the semi-finals, so we thought writing a piece for *The Echo* would be a great way to raise more awareness about homelessness.

Additionally, we thought it would be a good way to collect data for a survey we



To take part in the kid's survey, scan this QR code on your smart phone.

are running. The survey will help us to learn about the problem, understand how well it is being managed and how we can work towards improving it.

As you may already know, Byron Bay has the highest number of homeless people per capita in NSW; this is not a statistic to be proud of.

More widely, the national

campaign to try and fix the housing crisis called Everybody's Home, reports that 122,000 people are homeless on any given night in Australia. Homelessness is a country-wide problem.

Everybody's Home says the best way to help is to provide more affordable housing for people who need it most.

Sadly, Australia is 640,000 housing lots short of fixing the housing crisis.

Now we want to ask for your views on this problem. All you need to do is scan the QR code and fill out a short, three-minute survey. You could also ask a friend to do it, easy-peasy.

So, jump on, take three minutes out of your life, dedicate it to the homeless, and we will all work together to help people in need.

## Students take part in Youth Parliament

Mullumbimby High School year 12 students Henrietta Barry, Estar Constable, and vice-captain Rotem Hadad attended NSW Parliament and Government House this July to debate their bills created as part of the NSW Youth Parliament program.

### Apolitical program

A Mullum High spokesperson said, 'The Youth Parliament is an apolitical program by the Y NSW designed to allow young people the opportunity to be educated about, and to practise community leadership and advocacy skills in the parliamentary setting'.

'Within their capacities as youth members, the students met with Her Excellency Margaret Beazley, governor for NSW, as well as



From left, Rotem Hadad, Estar Constable, Henrietta Barry. Photo supplied

several notable MPs.

'In her community recognition statement, Henrietta Barry brought to attention protecting ecosystems from developmental clearing, while Estar Constable spoke up about homelessness in the Byron Shire, and Rotem Hadad urged the House to reconsider its management

of emergency funds for climate disasters as a result of the Northern Rivers 2022 floods.

'As claimed by the program, the students advocated strongly and proudly for their community, and served as a reminder of the power and importance held by youth voices'.

## What's the plans for Mullum's fire-damaged train station?

Paul Bibby

What does the future hold for the old Mullumbimby train station building?

It has been over three months since the historic 1980s structure was gutted by fire, and the site remains largely untouched, except for a ring of fencing emblazoned with signs warning of asbestos contamination.

But moves are now afoot for management of the building to be handed over to Byron Council so that it can be used by the community into the future.

Mayor Michael Lyon is proposing that Council lobby Transport for NSW - the state government agency that currently owns and manages the site - in a bid to ensure that it ends up in community hands.

A motion to this effect

will come before next week's Council meeting.

'It is unknown if the building can be rebuilt, however the external walls appear to be in good shape as they were double brick, so there is the possibility that it can be salvaged and rebuilt,' Cr Lyon said in comments accompanying the motion.

'Should this occur, it has been expressed at a recent Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce meeting that the building be brought into community hands.'

Built in the early 1980s, the building was an important community hub prior to the fire, providing office space for a number of organisations including COREM, Mullum Music Festival and Social Futures in recent years.

But those using the building were forced to find new

homes after a blaze ripped through the building at around midnight on April 21.

The interior of the building was effectively gutted in the blaze, along with most of the roof. This has forced Transport for NSW to erect six-foot cyclone fencing around the entire site.

Despite this precaution, and the use of asbestos warning signs, there remain concerns about the safety of the site with locals reporting that teenagers have been breaking in.

In a statement to *The Echo*, Transport for NSW said: 'UGL Regional Linx maintains the property and has commissioned an independent consultant to assess the damage and heritage significance. UGL is now reviewing the findings before making recommendations to Transport for NSW'.



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## Milestone for Bay Centre Medical

Hans Lovejoy

Bay Centre Medical celebrated its 50th anniversary last Sunday, with a gathering at the Fig Tree restaurant in Ewingsdale.

Practice Manager, Karina Masterson, told staff and invited guests, 'What started as a small clinic with a handful of staff members has blossomed into a cornerstone of healthcare in our community.'

She outlined the history of doctors, nurses and admin staff from the past five decades, some of which were present and still practising.

Ms Masterson said founding partners Ethel and Denholm established the practice in 1974, with Dr Peter Roger joining the following year.

Doctors Ian Curley and Alan Reid came on board in the following years, along with doctors Jim Hounslow, Doug Mouncey and Mark Hampson.

'Doug is almost celebrating his 50-year mark as a GP, having gained registration in 1977', she said.

'The myth that is Dr Jim Hounslow, making his mark as a practice partner and a



Bay Centre Medical staff at the Fig Tree Restaurant  
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solo practitioner of his own practice, hung up his stethoscope in 2011.

'Mark being somewhat the poster boy of BCM, loved by both the ladies and men of Byron Bay, is travelling the world and still a locum to this day.'

In 1995 Dr Ross Simpson joined the practice, along with Dr Alain Mackie and then Caryll O'Shaughnessy.

In 2007, Dr Greg Gover was welcomed to the centre.

As for practice managers over the last 50 years, Dr Roger believes there have been three: Valarie Armstrong, Pam Woolcott, and current manager, Karina.

In 2010, Dr Matthew Wood joined the centre, and in 2023, two new partners were welcomed to replace Dr O'Shaughnessy - Michaela Rickcord and Neil Hannah.

### Long-time loyalty

Karina added, 'I must mention the long-time loyalty of nurse Helen Shevellar who did 33 years at Bay Centre Medical, only reluctantly retiring in 2017'.

'Helen was always there for the patients'.

'Each and every one of you past or present, have been the foundation of the best medical practice in Byron Bay', she said.

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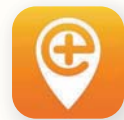
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## Spot the difference on this Byron proposal



The originally-approved DA for the southern end of Jonson Street. Photo supplied



The 'modification' to the approved DA, as requested by developer 156 Jonson St Pty Ltd. Photo supplied

Paul Bibby

The owners behind a large mixed-use development project at the southern end of the Byron CBD are seeking to make substantial changes to both the design and size of the project.

But the modification proposal may not get through Byron Council when it comes before this week's planning meeting, with planning staff recommending refusal on nine separate grounds.

The owner was given approval back in August 2022 to turn a warehouse at 156 Jonson St into a \$13.65m mixed-use development that was to include a Harris Farm Market, office premises and the construction of a two-storey car park.

However, in April this year, it submitted a modification application that was, in the words of Council staff, 'not substantially the same development as originally approved'.

The modification proposes increasing the multi-deck car parking from two to three storeys, thereby increasing the number of car parking levels to the adjoining residential units and increasing the number of car parks by 25.

The original plan for an entry plaza on the rail line side of the development that could connect to a future rail trail has been abandoned, replaced by loading areas.

These and other changes created multiple issues, according to Council staff, including increased noise

impacts for nearby residents, the loss of a promised solar panel array, and increased challenges with truck manoeuvrability.

'The proposed modification is not substantially the same development as originally approved,' Patricia Docherty from Council's planning and services team said in her report on the application.

### Poor design outcomes

'The proposal represents poor design outcomes compared to the approved design, and is not considered to present a clear public benefit.'

More than a dozen public submissions opposing the proposal have been received by Byron Council, including

a number from residents of the neighbouring Seadrift residential building.

'The increase to three levels will significantly increase the intrusion of light and noise into the Seadrift residential complex,' one local resident said.

'The original development approval already imposed a significant impact on the use of the residents' courtyards, and the complex's shared recreational facilities.'

The developer behind the project is listed as '156 Jonson St Pty Ltd', which appears to be a unit trust.

The *Echo* sought to make contact with the developer and is awaiting a response.

The matter will come before this Thursday's Council planning meeting.

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## Kingscliff's Merv Edwards Sports Field to be expanded without community consultation

The majority of Tweed councillors refused to support a proposed community consultation over the expansion of Merv Edwards Sports Field in Kingscliff to accommodate the Kingscliff Junior AFL Club.

## Road spikes stop 13yo and 15yo Gold Coast teens following Byron car theft

Two teenagers from the Gold Coast were arrested last Friday (July 19) using road spikes following the theft of a Subaru at Byron Bay.

## Ballina Library to get \$198,376 upgrade

The Public Library Infrastructure Grant program will see Ballina Library awarded \$198,376 to upgrade the facility. This is part of the state government's \$6 million program to transform the library into a more welcoming and versatile community space.

## Spring is the time to Savour The Tweed

Delighting locals and visitors alike, Savour The Tweed is the newest food and drink event on the North Coast and will celebrate with five days of flavour-filled days inspired by Tweed produce and agriturism from October 30.

## Two teenage boys charged following alleged brawl - Casino

About 5.15pm on Friday, July 19, two teenage boys, allegedly armed with a golf club and machete, attended a home on Boronia Crescent, Casino, and made a number of threats.

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## Ballina motel: six hour siege

A man faced court on July 22 after allegedly holding a woman and a small child against their will in a Ballina motel unit on Friday, July 19.

Police say officers from the Richmond district responded to a triple-zero 'concern for welfare' call around 11.15am Friday.

The call-out was to a motel on Ballina's Cherry Street. When police arrived, they say a 38-year-old man answered the door in the company of a child.

Describing the incident in a social media post, officers wrote: 'Within moments the male is alleged to have made threats involving the use of a firearm. At this point police have retreated from the door and a siege situation ensued.'

'As the incident unfolded police established that the male was not alone but was in the company of a 29-year-old female and young child both known to him.'

The child was a three-year-old boy.

Police, including specialist officers from Sydney, spent nearly six hours negotiating with the man before his alleged captives left the unit around 5pm.

Police took the man to Lismore Base Hospital for assessment. He was reportedly released on Sunday and taken to Lismore Police Station where he was charged for breaching an apprehended violence order, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and intimidation.

## Natural burial ground for Tweed?

Aslan Shand

Tweed resident, Charmaine Blanch, has started a Change.org petition (<https://cl.gy/TiDXB>) calling on Tweed Shire Council to look at the option of a natural burial ground in Chinderah.

'Currently, the closest natural burial grounds to the Tweed Shire are in Lismore, NSW and Alberton,

Queensland,' explained Charmaine Blanch who is advocating for the burial ground.

'Natural burial leaves minimal impact on the surrounding ecosystems.'

The average burial plot for Tweed costs \$7,369 to \$13,213 at Lismore and in Alberton it is \$3,000.

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## Nurses rally for equal pay

Aslan Shand

Signs declaring 'financial abuse' and that nurses are thinking of crossing the border to Queensland for work featured at Tuesday's (July 23) nurses and midwives rally at the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

Around 200 nurses from Tweed, Lismore, Byron Bay, Casino and Clarence Valley gathered to highlight that NSW nurses are the lowest paid in the country.

'The government have flatly refused to negotiate for a 15 per cent increase in wages,' said Angie Gittus, Branch Secretary of the Murwillumbah Hospital Branch of the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA).

'We've had increased turnover of nurses and midwives in NSW in 2023 - that is double that of 2010.'

'Wages were capped in NSW in 2008 at 2.5 per cent



**Northern Rivers nurses rallied for equal pay at Tweed Valley Hospital.**  
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then they were frozen during Covid so we haven't had an increase in line with inflation since 2008.

'Here in the Northern NSW LHD (Local Health District) we are parked right beside Queensland and they are the highest-paid nurses in Australia. A new graduate in Queensland makes \$12,000 more than a new graduate in NSW as well as

receiving other benefits.

'More and more experienced nurses and midwives are choosing to move across the border to Queensland for better pay and conditions, or leave the industry altogether.'

Ms Gittus highlighted that 'while shifts are being filled the real concern is the mix of skills that are available on any particular shift.'

'In the year 2022-23 we did 2.8 million hours of overtime and we used an additional 1.9 million agency hours over two years. That speaks to how understaffed we are.'

NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish demanded the state government provide a lifeline to fix the staffing crisis engulfing the region by providing a 15 per cent, one-year pay increase.

■ Read full story in *The Echo* online: [www.ehco.net.au](http://www.ehco.net.au).

## Cr Ekins 'overwhelmed with calls to run for mayor'

Mia Armitage

The Greens have announced long-time Lismore City Councillor and former Mayor Vanessa Ekins as their mayoral candidate in September's council elections.

The move comes after the party earlier this month suggested Cr Ekins would not be running again for a seat.

However, Cr Ekins on Sunday posted to social media saying, 'tonight I announced that I am here for Lismore, running for mayor, ready to listen to businesses, families and community.'



'I stand for community-focused leadership. Our community has faced unprecedented challenges. Now is the time to rebuild, renew and revive Lismore.'

Cr Ekins will run for mayor without nominating as a councillor, meaning her only hope of continuing to serve in the local government is if she wins the position of mayor by popular vote.

Cr Ekins has served on the council for the past 20 years, a record unmatched by any competing council candidate.

Only four current Lismore City councillors had served before winning seats in 2021, leaving a largely inexperienced local government to deal with the immediate repercussions of the 2022 floods and landslides disasters and the ongoing recovery.

Cr Ekins said she'd been 'overwhelmed with calls to run for mayor'.

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## Kieren's big run for cancer prevention

Actor and executive producer, Kieren Devisser, is running 2,000km across Australia to help raise awareness and raise funds for pancreatic cancer prevention.

The 26-year-old was in Byron on Saturday as part of a 31-day continuous run from Melbourne to Brisbane, and he says all proceeds raised by him and other teams entering the National Step Challenge will go to the Jreisati Pancreatic Centre at the Epworth Hospital, 'whose mission it is to save lives and improve the grim survival odds of pancreatic cancer'.



Kieren Devisser is on the run to raise funds for pancreatic cancer prevention. Photo Jeff 'Beach Runs' Dawson

To donate towards, or join the National Step Challenge, visit [www.viridianfoundation.org.au/w4r-2024](http://www.viridianfoundation.org.au/w4r-2024).

## Sandhills restoration underway

Described as 'one of the most significant environmental projects undertaken by Council', stage one of the Sandhills Wetlands restoration project begun last week.

The wetlands is bordered by Massinger Street and Lawson Street, and is located near the Youth Activity Centre.

Christopher Soulsby, Council's Manager Major Projects, said, 'The aim is to

restore the environmental integrity of the 1.8-hectare site which was a wetland prior to being sand-mined in the 1960s'.

### Wetland cells

'Heavy machinery will rebuild three wetland cells with the entire area to be revegetated with native plants to return it, as much as possible, to its original state.

'Arakwal representatives will be overseeing excavation and vegetation removal and environmental consultants will inspect all vegetation prior to removal, checking for native birds and animals and marking trees and plants to be retained,' Mr Soulsby said.

A series of paths will be constructed through the wetlands, connecting to the town centre.



## New flight paths into Ballina

With controlled airspace starting in 2025 around Ballina Airport, you may notice changes to flight paths in your local area.

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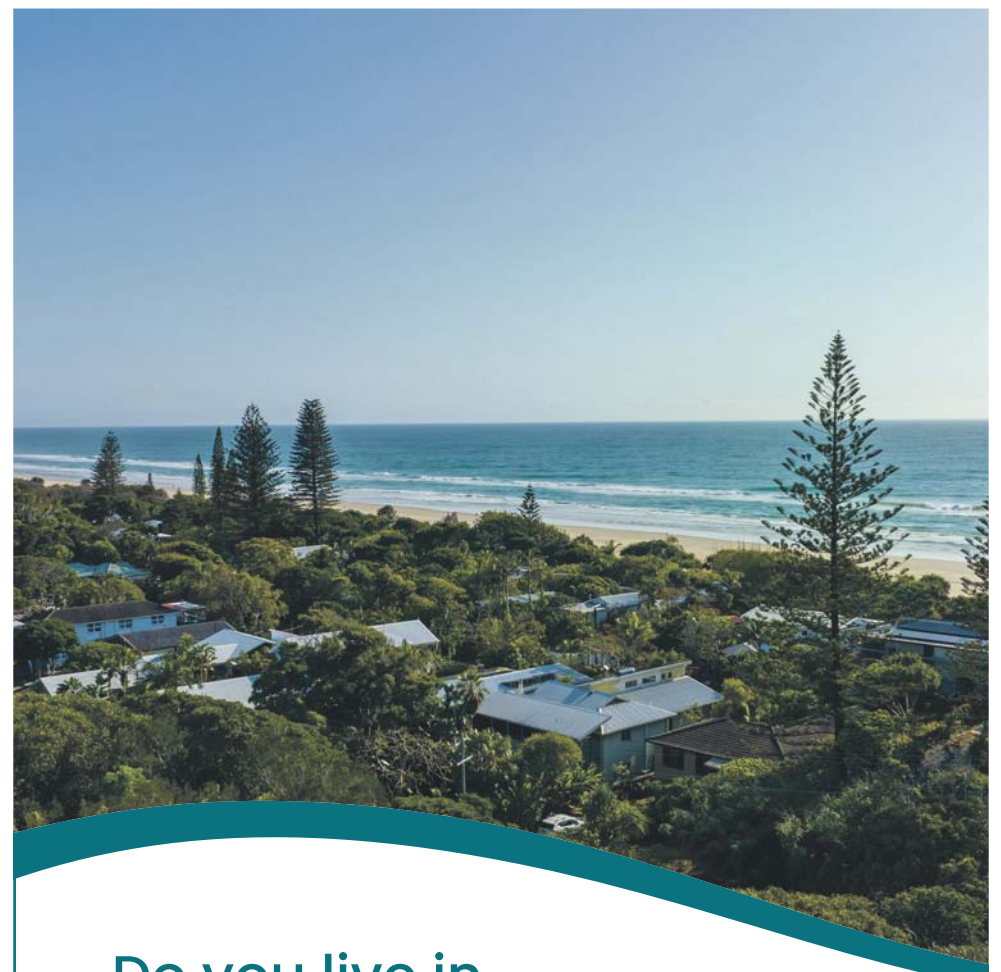


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## Do you live in New Brighton, South Golden Beach or Ocean Shores?

Council is creating its first Place Plan for this area of the Byron Shire and we need your input.

The Place Plan will include development of character statements, visions, and a set of priority actions for the individual neighbourhoods of New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores.

It will help to inform and prioritise future projects.

Now's the time to get involved and tell us what you love about where you live, your vision for the next 20 years, and what improvements you'd like to see happen.

### Join a workshop:

- Thursday 15 Aug: 6pm to 9pm  
South Golden Beach Community Hall
- Friday 16 Aug: 10am to 1pm  
South Golden Beach Community Hall
- Sunday 18 Aug: 1pm to 4pm  
Ocean Shores Community Hall

Or have your say via Council's website until 6 September 2024.

### More information

Find out more about this PlacePlan and the process at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/nso-place-plan](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/nso-place-plan)



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## Hear that? It's the sound of being comfortably reelected

Undoubtedly, an engaged and extremely good-looking electorate eagerly awaits the emergence of more candidates in the upcoming September 14 Byron Shire Council election.

While other candidates may emerge, now is the time to start applying some pressure to the localised comfortable political class, of whom four are seeking reelection.

There are three incumbent tickets on offer so far. They are led by Labor's Asren Pugh, the Greens' Sarah Ndiaye and independent mayor Michael Lyon (his team includes Cr Mark Swivel).

While all candidates emit a fairly similar tone, luckily there are fresh faces among all tickets.

To be fair, it's a difficult task managing the needs of long-term residents, the tourism industry, developers, and environmental protection while also acting on behalf of the NSW government and bowing to their army of Sydney-based bureaucrats.

### Voter behaviour

Several factors could influence voter behaviour on September 14 – one is whether residents feel they are being listened and communicated to.

Are these elected reps responsive to the needs of their community, or are they tone-deaf and put bureaucrat interests before community?

And given this local government area is almost entirely reliant on the feds and state government for infrastructure funding – how effective are the councillor incumbents at securing funding?

If you are one of the 5,888 registered businesses in Byron Shire (according to economy.id.com.au), you may be concerned about the economic uncertainty ahead.

Clearly visitor numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels, and there are many government

obstacles which hinder innovation and start-ups. Is localisation important, for example?

Or perhaps it's the lack of affordable housing, something which has now become a cruel joke for those locked out of the market.

While not everyone was impacted by the 2022 floods, many in the north of the shire were. How many house-raising/buyback/retrofits have these elected reps secured via the NSW Reconstruction Authority?

### Mullumbubble

The biggest little town of Mullumbimby contains roughly 2,732 voters of the shire's total of 27,505, yet Council's plans unfolding for its inhabitants are quite significant.

They include abandoning the town's locally-sourced water supply for a Rous connection, and increasing housing while the traffic problems continue. And then there's an odd plan for a \$50 million pool on flood-prone land next to the skate park.

Outside the Mullumbubble, there's big projects which have stalled over many years after Covid and floods – Byron's bio-energy plant and the Dingo Lane solar farm are two examples. The rail trail v train showdown is likely to be thrashed out in this election, too.

Other issues to consider include what reform has been introduced to ensure that our precious biodiversity is not just maintained, but enhanced.

Has there been any reform to contain the ever-increasing height and bulk increases in Byron's CBD?

As for compliance – or 'community enforcement' – are these staff members being carefully guided to reflect community expectations?

Will the next elected Council be clearing more endangered frog areas for non-affordable homes?

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## How a walk in nature works

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to do the Yuraygir Walk.

Close to 70 kilometres of stunning national park from Angourie to Red Rock, it's the longest stretch of undeveloped coastline in the state.

For years, I have wanted to do this walk. Finally, with a small group of family and friends, we managed to scrape together a week's break. With cabins booked, and light packs on our back, we set out into the winter sunshine.

We saw rainbows in the spindrift. Dolphins dancing in the air. The constant company of whales sailing north, while we drifted south.

Swimming in pristine rock pools and crystal-clear creeks.

Melodies from dozens of different birdsongs, with a rhythm section of frogs, insects, and the thunder-beat of waves from the world's largest wilderness.

Without reservation or hesitation I want to recommend this walk in the park, for a myriad reasons: learning more about the lands where we live; deepening connections with people and place, and for some, the offer of an antidote to the snake bite of digital despair.

### Green prescribing

Of course, I'm not a medical doctor, and can't offer healthcare advice. But many medicos around the world are today prescribing a walk in the park. 'Green prescribing' is now well and truly a thing.

Three decades ago, doctors in New Zealand started writing 'green scripts' – explicitly prescribing more physical activity to their patients to improve health.

One early study randomly assigned close to 500 patients in Auckland and Dunedin to two groups.

For both groups, their GPs gave verbal advice to do more exercise, including more walking. But for just one group, the GPs put that advice in writing as well.

All study participants increased their physical activity. But the group



*'Green prescribing' is now well and truly a thing, supported by a mountain of evidence.*

– Dr Ray Moynihan

who got the written prescription as well, benefitted more. Writing in 1998, the researchers concluded: 'The green prescription was more effective than verbal advice alone in increasing the physical activity level over a six-week period.'

Clearly, that was just one small short-term study. But it suggested the simple addition of a written script could work magic. Research in this field has since exploded.

### Nature works

Known now variously as 'green social prescribing' or using 'nature-based interventions' doctors and other healthcare workers from Helsinki to Melbourne are prescribing everything from walks in nature, including national parks, to swimming, gardening, and conservation volunteering.

And there are so many studies today that researchers are regularly publishing reviews summarising all the results, producing a convincing mountain of evidence.

In 2023, a review of over 80 studies about the impacts of nature-based interventions for vulnerable youth found 'outcomes were largely positive' for mental wellbeing and behaviour. Another 2023 review of studies found clear benefits for children with autism.

Yet another review in 2023 summarised all studies with cancer survivors, finding the benefits of connecting with nature included 'improvements in anxiety, depression, sleep, connectedness, stress, tension, confusion, fatigue, and pain.'

In 2022, a review of six studies among people with mental illness found improvements in 'biopsychosocial wellbeing' and increased connection to country. The senior researcher behind that

review is a local academic with an international reputation, Associate Professor Eric Brymer.

'We know now from thousands of research papers from all sorts of fields – ecology, psychology, psychiatry, and others – that interacting with the natural world is really good for multiple mental health and wellbeing outcomes,' says Eric Brymer, who has a position at Southern Cross University.

'Not only is green prescribing good for people and the planet, there are financial benefits too,' says Brymer. While the area is growing, he argues there's a long way to go, as Australia is already behind countries like the UK.

The walk I did this month with family and friends was across country the Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr mob have been caring for and connecting with for millennia.

The Yuraygir National Park was only created in 1980, but in that short time bush regeneration has seen landscapes transformed from the sand-miners' legacy of bitou bush, back to banksia and other natives. Like the comeback of the humpback, the return of heathlands and forests is an inspiring story of ecological restoration, particularly for the next generation.

If we want to celebrate the benefits of being in nature, we clearly can do more to restore what's degraded and protect what's left.

So let's again mark the courage of those fighting to save Wallum and other places, and offer thanks and support. And if we can, let's take another walk in the park.

■ Dr Ray Moynihan is currently coordinating a Junior Landcare project with Brunswick Valley Landcare.



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**Happy crash cash!**

Businesses and services around the world are still recovering from a massive IT outage last week after a cybersecurity firm issued a faulty software update which affected Microsoft Windows. They reckon it will be 'some time' before all systems are back up and running and that as many as 15 reboots could be needed before the problem is fixed!

The apparent vulnerability of the world's interconnected technologies is alarming. Especially as it was a single software glitch that had such widespread impact. It is glaringly obvious to anyone with a modicum of intelligence that this would happen sooner or later. Imagine what would have ensued if it had been a major problem?

Healthcare providers, airports, banking and payment systems were affected. Boy, was I feeling smug that I had a wallet full of cash and could keep on shopping.

**Magenta Appel-Pye**  
Mullumbimby

**Do we have a choice?**

In last week's *Echo* (page 5), the three current candidates for mayor were given the chance to present their CV. Dear reader, would you hire them?

One appeared to dance to the puppet master in Sussex Street.

Another offered to keep on doing what had been done in the past... lurch from pothole to pothole?

The third sounded as if the statement had been written with the aid of a couple of bottles of claret! All fluff, no attempt at costings, as though the person was afraid of numbers.

On the front page, we were presented with the real future - the dilemma of a huge increase in population, but not a whisper from those who are offering themselves as leaders on addressing that. Also, not one candidate for mayor offered one iota of vision for the future of Byron.

The article in *The Echo* reminded me of my school report card - could do better! Byron Shire deserves a lot better than what is being offered.

**J Davies**  
Mullumbimby

**Truth at last!**

The petrochemical companies have hit squads to kill anyone who threatens their business including all inventors who find free energy sources. Of course they also kill other people who threaten their business,



The next US presidential debate. Image Ewan Willis with Midjourney AI

like climate activists. Their bodies are scattered all around Newcastle and thrown into coal pits.

The fossil fuel magnates bomb or burn any international climate conferences like the IPCC every year and a whole new set of scientists have to be trained before the next conference.

Russia keeps attacking Ukraine because Ukrainians use electric trains instead of Russian diesel. Israel is attacking Gaza to get the offshore oil.

Elon Musk has to wear body armour because the fossil fuel companies have tried to kill him 16 times.

Hybrid cars are made by fossil fuel companies and sold cheaply to make EVs die out, and their fuel is doped with heroin to keep their drivers addicted.

All the above is true. I know because the fossil fuel companies told me when I collected my annual pay from them.

**Sapoty Brook**  
Main Arm

**DV and law-and-order policies**

Many thanks to community members who are addressing the dire issues of domestic violence and the manipulations of male behaviour in the manifestations of coercive control contributing to the deaths of women.

*The Saturday Paper* journal, July 20-26, 2024 reveals an in-depth interview with sex discrimination officer, Anna Cody who backs calls for domestic violence to be treated the same way as terrorism, and says the national plan needs to go further.

She has stated 'what sort of resources are we putting into anti-terrorism and yet

how many women have been killed in comparison to how many people have been killed in terrorist attacks?' It is noted that the Commonwealth's new budget spending on women's safety for the 2024/25 financial year adds up to about \$286 million.

Australian Femicide Watch has counted 52 women killed through violence or abuse in the first half of this year. The debate continues.

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

**Selective perception**

Ah, you have to love selective perception.

Apparently God has a vision for America with Donald at the helm, but wasn't too bothered when the chosen people sent their rockets and missiles into hospitals and schools.

**Rod Murray**  
Ocean Shores

**Opinions**

Freedom of speech it may be! However D Heilpern's latest article has crossed the line!

You may lean hard left or hard right but this is no

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less than 'hate speech'. Laws against that in this country... those comments would most certainly gain the attention of the AFP.

How this article came through the moderator and was printed beggars belief.

*The Echo* is certainly better than that. I will email SCU to view the article with impartiality today... how this person holds the position he does at SCU is just baffling!

**Craig Pruell**  
Ocean Shores

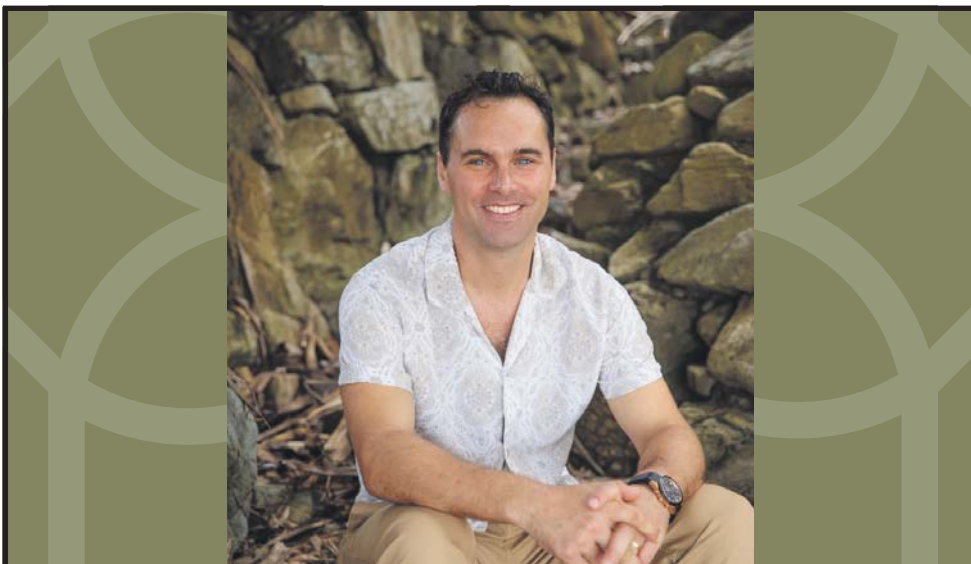
**So that's it - Moonlight Close!**

How dull, how shabby, how tatty - some might say 'how Byron Shire!'

What on earth happened to the botanical name theme for the street names around here?

One can bet one's life that the guilty clown in Council's offices who came up with the dopiness (and there has to be an investigation - such stupidities don't happen by osmosis) will be too ashamed to own up, and will shrink behind the shabby shield of 'collegiality', or use some other eccentric excuse to escape exposure.

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# Cheer up, slow down, chill out at Byron Writers Festival

With just one week until the festival, take in the good vibes coming to Bangalow Showground.



Literary larrikin **William McInnes** comes to Byron with his latest book *Yeah, Nah!*, a celebration of Aussie slang from his life as bestselling author and acclaimed actor. See him in conversation with **Marieke Hardy**, on the panel 'Writing Memoir' with **Kris Kneen** and **Nova Weetman**, and in the evening feature event 'Better Off Said'.

The laughs keep coming with comedian

**Steph Tisdell**, best known as a writer on *Rosehaven* and actor in *Total Control*. The First Nations powerhouse shows off her natural warmth and wit with McInnes in 'Better Off Said', and will debut her new coming-of-age novel *The Skin I'm In*.

AFL legend **Nicky Winmar** is fresh from being the subject of new ABC documentary series *I Was Actually There*

from the makers of *You Can't Ask That*, about his iconic moment of defiance against racism. The proud Noongar man will speak with sportswriter **Gideon Haigh** about his memoir *My Story*, and celebrates Aboriginal heroes with **Rhoda Roberts** and **Naomi Moran**.

Local legend **Mandy Nolan** hosts Friday night's 'Electric Poetics' with an A-list

lineup of poets from around the world. See her interview beloved disability rights advocate **Jodi Rodgers** from ABC's *Love on the Spectrum*, and explore the 'Power of Creativity' with music icon **Kate Ceberano** and the team from Creative First Aid.

See the full festival program and book tickets at [byronwritersfestival.com](http://byronwritersfestival.com).

## Kids Big Day Out – festival fun for all the family!



On Sunday 11 August the Lilly Pilly marquee transforms into a giant immersive storytelling arena where authors and illustrators will entertain, inspire and delight. Kids can also explore the StoryBoard space at The Coolamon where our famous StoryBoard bus and tipi village comes alive with workshops and activities. Hosted by the marvellous Zanni Louise, here are just *some* of the writers featured at Kids Big Day Out.

Environmentalist, former parliamentarian, and *Thera* author **Bob Brown** will share his love of the natural world through stories of beautiful Tasmanian native animals.

**Matt Stanton** has sold more than one million books, including *The Odds* and *Funny Kid*. Matt will enthral kids with *Fluff*, his hilarious new series about Gilbert, a boy

whose best friend is an imaginary giant fluffy bunny.

**Kate & Jol Temple's** wild animal characters fill their books, from bin chickens to fearless frogs ready to save the world. What inspired these silly characters? And why do Kate and Jol have the world's largest pair of undies?

**Nicolla Hemi-Morehouse**, known on YouTube as **Miss Nicky Says**, celebrates her Māori culture, language, and heritage. This fun session will introduce kids to Te Reo Māori (the Māori language) through song.

Bundjalung artist and writer **Ella Noah Bancroft** appears at the festival to share with young readers the importance of custodianship.

For the full Kids Big Day Out program and tickets go to [byronwritersfestival.com/kbdo](http://byronwritersfestival.com/kbdo).

## Getting into *Deep Water* with James Bradley

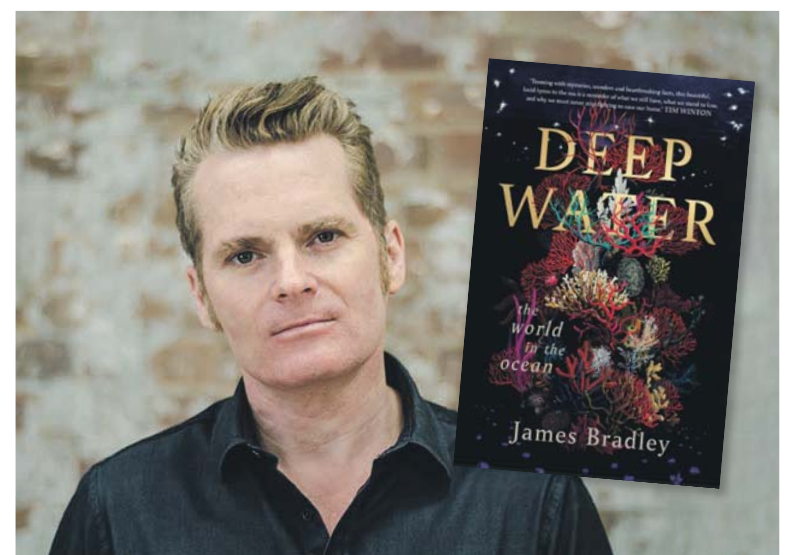
James Bradley's magnificent book *Deep Water* is a hymn to the beauty, mystery and wonder of the ocean. We speak to him about the world beneath.

How does Byron Shire's salty, surfy life square with the 'Age of Emergency'?

Being near the ocean changes you by helping you see that we're all part of something larger. I suspect that's one of the things that draws people to Byron, and why so many people there understand that dealing with the climate crisis requires more than just transitioning to renewables, it demands we find ways of relating to each other and the world around us that are founded in justice and care rather than exploitation and consumption.

What did the shire's coastline look like before European invasion?

I don't know the history of the area well enough to answer that, but what I can tell you is that the coast was very different before Europeans invaded. If you read the accounts of early explorers and settlers the ocean was absolutely filled with fish and other animals, and there were huge oyster beds up and down the coast that were cared for by First Nations cultures. That abundance has largely disappeared: only ten per cent of rock oysters and one per cent of flat oyster beds



remain, and populations of fish and other animals have also drastically declined, and that process is accelerating, as the bleaching events on the reef make clear. But the really good news is that, as the recovery of whales shows, it's possible to turn that around: that will mean an end to overfishing, more marine reserves, and real action on climate change, but it's all doable.

At the festival, you'll be featuring in a conversation about psychedelic drugs. What have they taught you?

I'm one of the fortunate people who's had a really positive experience with psychedelic therapy,

which has changed my life in really positive ways. As a result I'm really excited that Australia is moving to make the therapies more widely available, although we need to be sure we have proper ethical and medical structures. The experience itself was quite confronting in a lot of ways, but it's given me insights that have helped me feel more connected to the people around me and to deal with some things that happened when I was young, and I'm very grateful for that.

Catch James Bradley at the festival on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 August.

## What's the cost of Mullum's future water supply?

■ It seems of all the issues facing Byron Shire, mysteriously, Mullum's water supply has become THE focal issue for the Byron Council election.

A study commissioned by Council rates of high likelihood, a failure in ailing infrastructure. Even a patch-up job, costing an estimated \$14m+, offers secure supply only until 2027.

In order that the citizens of Mullumbimby don't have to mingle water with the rest of us longer term – and no we don't have fluoride – total remediation of the existing system is required. This includes construction of off-stream storage and a new treatment plant. Estimated cost is \$35m+ with water security to last to 2060.

The cost of permanent connection to Rous is estimated at around \$4m, a saving in upfront costs of around \$31m. It involves little new infrastructure construction and less energy to run. It is unsurprising that the study and staff recommend connection to Rous.

Councillors, and staff, don't have all the resources for an analysis of this scope but recourse to the experts is summarily dismissed as doing the staff's bidding, 'rhetoric', even 'standard

right-wing scare tactics'. We could though just keep paying for more studies until we get the desired answers – or until system collapse!

Liz Levy  
Suffolk Park

■ The Hydrosphere report to Byron Shire Council predicts that it is cheaper for Mullumbimby to buy all its water from Rous than to reconfigure the town's existing local water supply.

Reconfiguration would entail the addition of an off-stream storage so that water is only taken from Wilsons Creek in wet times. It is left flowing in the creek in dry times.

For the current financial year 2024/25 Rous is selling bulk water to its four Councils at \$2.34 per kilolitre. Hydrosphere's report predicts that Mullum will need 580 megalitres in 2025, rising to 745 ML in 2050. Average usage over that period will be about 670 ML per year.

At that annual consumption rate and at the current price, purchasing from Rous would cost \$1.57m per year. That means that 30 years of Rous water for Mullumbimby would cost Council a total of \$47m of today's money.

This is very different from the cost of \$21m used so far

to convince Councillors that Rous is a cheaper option than keeping Lavertys Gap.

Council's Advisory Committee is asking Council not to switch to Rous on 15 August and instead to get a proper assessment done of the off-stream storage option. It looks like we also need a proper economic analysis of the Rous option.

Duncan Dey  
Flood hydrologist and Byron Shire Councillor

■ As reported, the latest advice from Council's Water Committee is that Mullumbimby's Lavertys Gap water supply infrastructure has a shelf life of maybe two years.

A decision needs to be made: a new holding pond and water treatment plant with possibly an extra \$1,000/year in water rates; or connection to Rous water supply.

The latter for financial, environmental, and social reasons is recommended by Council's consultants which is supported by Labor's mayoral candidate, councillor Asren Pugh. Labor's Byron Bay branch also supports no new holding pond in the Wilsons River catchment or on the floodplain.

Yvonne Jessup  
Byron Bay

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Let's sum it up – it is a remarkable, risible, revolution of the ridiculous.

Spooner might say that a loon might (be) close. But surely this loon is close, in the form of Byron Shire Council.

J Rose  
Mullumbimby

A load of &%^\*#@

In response to Phoebe Havyatt (Letters, July 17): it's very unfortunate that people like yourself have so little confidence in themselves and the Greens party in general that they have to 'crap' on highly professional and hardworking Labor MPs like Justine Elliot who has continuously

delivered for the people of Richmond.

It's a real shame that novice Greens wannabees like Mandy Nolan stoop to such lows and run dishonest and deceptive ads to get attention, like the one highlighting Bill Shorten shaking hands with Pauline

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# Is organic better for Mullum's \$50 million pool project?

Neil Bond

The local council's recent announcement of a \$50 million investment to build a new swimming pool in Mullumbimby has been met with excitement and anticipation. However, as discussions unfold, many residents and experts are advocating for a more innovative approach: constructing an organic pool instead of a traditional chlorine pool.

## Health benefits

Organic pools offer significant health advantages. Unlike chlorine pools, which rely heavily on chemical treatments to maintain cleanliness, organic pools use natural filtration systems. These systems eliminate the need for harsh chemicals that can cause skin and eye irritation, respiratory issues, and other health problems. This makes organic pools especially appealing to families with young children, individuals with sensitive skin, and those who prefer a more natural swimming experience.

## Eco-friendly

From an environmental standpoint, organic pools are far superior. They utilise plants and biological filters to purify the water, creating a balanced ecosystem that harmonises with nature. This method significantly reduces the



The Webber Park natural swimming pool in Minneapolis opened to the public in July 2015. Photo minneapolisparcs.org

carbon footprint associated with pool maintenance and minimises water wastage, as organic pools require less frequent draining and refilling.

## Supports biodiversity

Chlorine pools can be likened to a desert for natural life, as the chemicals used to keep the water clean can damage the surrounding environment and harm local wildlife. In contrast, organic pools support and expand biodiversity. They



Neil built his own natural swimming pool in Byron Shire. Photo Neil Bond

create habitats for various plants and aquatic organisms, fostering a thriving ecosystem that benefits the entire area.

## Aesthetic and community appeal

In addition to health and environmental benefits, organic pools can be visually stunning. These pools often incorporate natural landscaping elements like aquatic plants, rocks, and waterfalls, creating a serene and picturesque environment. Such a pool could become a beautiful centrepiece for our community, enhancing local appeal and attracting visitors.

## Positive economics

While the upfront cost of an organic pool might be higher, the long-term savings are substantial. Organic pools have lower maintenance costs because they do not require expensive chemicals or frequent water replacements. Furthermore, the ecological benefits could attract eco-conscious tourists and residents, potentially boosting the local economy.

## Global trend

Public organic pools are becoming increasingly popular worldwide. In Europe, many cities have successfully implemented

these eco-friendly alternatives. The trend is now catching on in the United States, as evidenced by the Webber Natural Swimming Pool in Minneapolis. This public organic pool has set a precedent, demonstrating the feasibility and benefits of chemical-free swimming environments.

## Community values

Building an organic pool would align with our community's values of health, sustainability, and wellbeing. It demonstrates a commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all residents. By choosing an organic pool, we set a positive example for other communities and contribute to a healthier planet.

In conclusion, Byron Council's \$50 million investment in a new swimming pool presents an exciting opportunity. By opting for an organic pool, we can provide our community with a facility that offers superior health, environmental, and economic benefits. Let us take this chance to build a pool that reflects our values and promotes the wellbeing of both our residents and the environment.

Join the petition at [www.change.org/mullumpool](http://www.change.org/mullumpool).

■ Neil lives in Byron Shire and has recently built his own organic pool.

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Better Outcomes For All.

► Continued from page 11 claiming that Labor is ‘teaming up with Pauline Hanson to ruin our NDIS’. The Greens had nothing to do with the NDIS, Labor introduced the NDIS. And we’ve lost count of the number of times the Greens have shamelessly voted with One Nation and the opposition to derail important government legislation in nothing more than opportunistic acts of grandstanding.

If the irresponsible Greens weren’t so disruptive and deceitful with their wild propaganda, serious politicians like Justine Elliot would not have to use her precious funds running ads constantly exposing spurious Greens hypocrisy.

Keith Duncan  
Pimlico

**Reflections on conflict**

I’ve always been reluctant to comment on Palestinian-Israeli matters because of the intractable nature of the problem as evidenced by modern-day conflicts, especially from the six-day war (1967) to the present.

But the egregious toll of the October 7, 2023 attack and the resultant suffering and death from IDF bombardments of the

Palestinians neighbourhoods requires us to be outspoken in defence of basic human rights, especially with regard to the killing and maiming of children.

I would have thought that its entirely reasonable to raise our concerns about the crisis through whatever medium we can. That’s the nature of democracy. Yet when well-meaning persons wish to express their concerns at a local government level there has been either scathing or vitriolic responses where some would seek to gag debate or proclaim it is misuse of Byron Council time and resources.

I think neither is appropriate. The vitriol aggravates division in a community. And the exhortations for Council to concentrate on ‘fixing the roads’ rather than allowing discussion on the crisis in Palestine is disdainful. It is disdainful because the motion passed on June 27 did not require much time or resource allocation by Council.

I note that there has been widespread condemnation of the situation in Palestine at universities, by unions and by many other Australian councils. Besides, such interactions between

citizens, through local government channels to the national government is to be applauded isn’t it?

Similarly when a person exercises a right to speak in favour (or against) a motion and there is a ‘pile on’ of derogatory comment trying to shut down debate, often hyped up in social media echo chambers, it’s not healthy. For me, I’d prefer to have the light shine in.

This is not about trying to understand or evaluate the competing arguments over Gaza, the West Bank, or Jerusalem itself. So entrenched are the historical flash points in Palestine and Israel that any chance of, e.g. ‘a two-state solution’ (the Australian government’s position) has all but disappeared. But we need to have a solution, and soon, to the present shocking injury toll, especially to innocent children. As Ruth Bader Ginsberg once wrote (and always practised): ‘reacting in anger or annoyance (does) not advance one’s ability to persuade.’

Frank Lynch  
Mullumbimby

■ More letters on the Israel-Gaza conflict will be published by *The Echo* online: [www.echo.net.au/letters](http://www.echo.net.au/letters).

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# Battle for top four heats up in local football

Ross Kendall

The Bangalow Bluedogs premier league football team has set up their five-week run to the finals with a 5-1 win over Lennox Head last Sunday.

The home win leaves Bangalow in third place on the table, with 23 competition points, just one win behind both first-placed South Lismore (25) and Richmond Rovers (25). In their previous two games, they beat Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC 5-1, and Ballina by the same score.

'We are starting to come good, which is a nice sign,' Bluedogs captain, Joel Rudgley said.

## Slow start to season

'We started the season a little slow, we had people away and lost a few to injuries. We kind of lost the momentum we picked up last year. But now we seem to be hitting our stride.

'We're back in a groove, and just taking one game at a time.'

Goonellabah also showed that they will be a finals threat, with a 2-1 away-from-home



The Bangalow Bluedogs on the attack against Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC in their June 23 encounter that was won by Bangalow 5-2. Photo supplied

win against South Lismore, that leaves them in fourth spot on the ladder.

Lennox Head (17), Alstonville (16) and Byron Bay (16) are at least three wins behind the frontrunners and would have to win almost all of their remaining games to force their way into finals contention.

But with five rounds, plus catch-up games, set to be played up until the end of the regular season on September 1, there is still plenty left to play for.

In other results from round 15, Byron Bay lost

to their mid-table rival Alstonville 4-2, and MBVFC were pipped by Richmond Rovers 5-3, playing at home in Mullumbimby.

Goonellabah have a big week coming up when they will face two, top-four rivals. They take on Richmond Rovers this Saturday (August 3) before taking on South Lismore on Tuesday night.

## Bangalow play Sun

Bangalow are again at home this Sunday when they take on Alstonville.

'Alstonville are always a tough game. They are a

young and energetic side. Hopefully we can take away the points and that will set us up for two games next week,' Joel said.

On Sunday week, Bangalow face top team South Lismore.

'It's important to stop the other top sides taking three points, and getting them yourself. If we keep that up, it's quite possible we could be minor premiers again this season,' he said.

MBVFC have a break this week before hosting Byron Bay FC at home on Friday night, August 9.

# Adam Bullock tops golf open



Open golf winner, Adam Bullock. Photo supplied

Local tradie, Adam Bullock, won the Mullumbimby Golf Open last Saturday, with an impressive two-over round. Despite nervous bogies

on the last two holes, Adam secured victory by one shot. 140 players competed in this year's event in perfect conditions.

# Tennis champs bask in victory

Winners of the recent premier district Saturday afternoon tennis competition were Simon Haslam and Jesse Taylor, defeating Glen Martin and Mick Fellner.

The intermediate/advanced Saturday mixed

competition, run by Northern Rivers Tennis, involves doubles and singles and goes for eight weeks, and restarts on August 3.

For enquiries and entries email [steve@northernriversstennis.com](mailto:steve@northernriversstennis.com) or phone 0412 731 814.

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# A closer peek at flood planning, post 2022

► Continued from page 1

This week, Council announced work will start on the Bangalow Flood Study.

Another aspect of being an informed community is 2022 flood data supplied by the public, which has not been published by Council.

A technical report on the 2022 flood impacts of the north of the shire has been released by the NSW government.

It's called *The Post 2022 Event Flood Behaviour Analysis - Brunswick River*, and while the data was presented, it was only as deviations from modelled levels.

Mr Twohill replied as to why: 'The public did provide the information with NSW Public Works organising surveyors to undertake the collection of the data and distribution to the relevant Northern Rivers councils. This data is not currently on Council's website, as we cannot verify its accuracy.'

Yet it appears behind closed doors, staff appear to agree that they could produce publicly supplied 2022 flood levels.

Cr Duncan Dey previously told *The Echo*, 'All that is needed is a modest \$10,000 budget for computer

## What's a freeboard?

A freeboard is an additional height added above the defined flood level as a safety factor in flood planning and management. The main purpose of freeboard is to compensate for various factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than calculated, such as wave action, uncertainties in flood modelling.

Byron Shire Council uses the recommended 0.5m freeboard allowance.

modelling. This would iron out the community-supplied information.'

Another member of the Floodplain Advisory Committee, Matthew Lambourne, has previously told *The Echo* all previous similar flood reports had included public supplied data.

## Levels relevant

Mr Twohill added, 'Council's current development control plans, in relation to flood planning levels, are either at or above the 2022 flood event, which was the largest recorded event in the Northern Rivers. Therefore, the flood planning levels, currently contained in Council's *Development Control Plan Chapter C2 Areas Affected by Flood*, remain, unchanged and relevant.'

Mayor Michael Lyon has

previously supported staff's position on flood data during Council meetings.

Cr Dey said, 'What staff are saying is that minimum floor levels (MFLs) specified via the current planning system (for urban sites in the North Byron area) are above what occurred in 2022. Even if this is true, it ignores the half-metre freeboard that creates those MFLs.'

Cr Dey said, 'What it really means is that the 2022 flood gobbled up all the freeboard in some locations. What we really want is for MFLs to be high and dry by half a metre, compared to a 2050 flood. That did not happen in 2022.'

Tweed Shire Council recently exhibited its updated and expanded Tweed Valley Flood Study, which uses computer models calibrated from the 2022 floods.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BYRON DOG RESCUE

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## WE NEED YOU!

# Nursing our Nurses Back to Health

In the mid 1800s, Florence Nightingale revolutionised nursing. She pioneered a kind of patient advocacy that sits at the heart of modern nursing. No longer just handmaids to doctors, nurses provided personal care, emotional support and comfort with work grounded in facts and evidence. Nurses don't sit on the sideline. Nurses speak up.

I love nurses. I even married one. You can always pick a nurse. Pragmatic, compassionate, data-driven, calm under pressure. The hospital system cannot exist without nurses. They are the life blood of our care system. It is a highly-skilled role. To be a nurse you have to complete a three-year university degree. Many have gone on to do specialised training to work in ICU, or with kids, in lifestyle medicine, in the operating theatre. It's a workforce that requires study and dedication. It's a job that requires flexibility, life disruption through shift work, ability to deal with trauma, long hours, and a deep love for humanity. Oh and lots of shit. Actual and metaphorical.

Nurses are the first faces we see at our emergency departments. They hear our stories, they hold our hands, they help us heal.

Nurses save our lives. But we're not very good at saving theirs.

Most people become nurses because they want to care for patients. It's the core value that inspires someone to dedicate their life to a caring profession. But the hospital system, like many systems, is overstretched, admin-heavy, not properly resourced, and requires nurses to fill the gaps. It makes their job less patient – and more task-focused. Nurses don't sign up to work in health to be task-focused. They are there to change the life of people on the wards or in their clinic, not be handmaids to doctors or administrative processes. Minimum staffing for maximum efficiency is burning our nurses out.



Jubilee parade float - nurses and pneumonia patients Commonwealth Jubilee Celebrations. Dated: 29 Jan 1951. Photo from the Museum of History, NSW.



## Nurses save our lives. But we're not very good at saving theirs.

NSW nurses are the lowest-paid nurses in Australia. It seems ridiculous that a nurse working in a hospital in Tweed is paid differently on the Gold Coast for the same work. Registration has been nationalised since the early 2000s. So why haven't we nationalised a nurses award? How do we hope to staff our NSW border hospitals when just a short drive away are better pay and conditions? The same thing is happening with paramedics.

Undervaluing the glue in our system means a crisis is looming. And everyone who works in the system can feel it coming unstuck. And they know why it's coming. If nurses (and paramedics) were paid fairly and had working conditions commensurate with the quality of care they deliver we would have some hope of retaining them. But we're not.

They're leaving. And not enough new nurses are coming through. The lack of financial equity is symbolic of a lack of appreciation, and quite frankly it's not attracting nurses to sign up or to stay. The average nurse starts off with a debt of over \$45,000 on an income of around \$70,000.

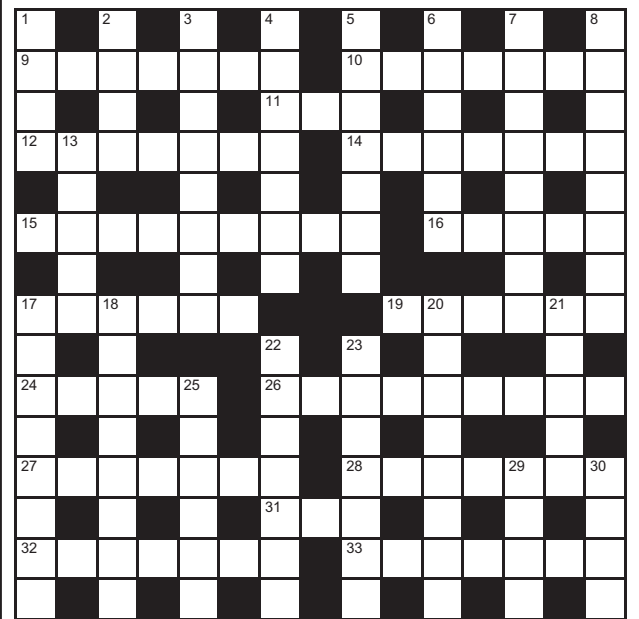
And so, we are losing our nurses. There are predictions of up to an 80,000 shortfall of nurses across the country in the coming decade. That means the system will fail. And then we all suffer. There's a study that suggest new nurses who sign up for a vocational career, work in the system, and then are so broken by the overwork, stress, burnout and physical exhaustion and the lack of satisfaction with their work because of the task-based nature of state-based efficiencies that within seven years they are deciding to leave. That's how quickly the system that makes nurses is breaking nurses.

State-based efficiencies are grounded in saving money by screwing nurses. And in the end having a system with no nurses isn't efficient at all. It doesn't save us.

So let's save our nurses.

## Crossword by Stephen Clarke

#14



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Distinguished people on radio building momentum (2,1,4)
- Images of Indonesian island Juliet left with sailors (7)
- Metal said to be the thing that can move a boat (3)
- Funds scant, so they say, in disputed territory (7)
- Permit for elite to move around the Territory (7)
- Political family holds unlimited funds in Australia (4,5)
- Criticise Sunday lunch? (5)
- Bad result for troubled province (6)
- Messages from Salem I translated (6)
- Outlaw, one sacked by party leader (5)
- Ray Hadley maybe a big hit appearing outside hospital sporting underwear (5,4)
- Wounded again, informer almost falls (7)
- NRL player finds love among team members (7)
- City's founder skinned Big Bird (3)
- A pilot's wandering around this part of the yacht (7)
- Most are composed by conductor (7)

#### DOWN

- Coitus interruptus* in the corner (4)
- Officers start to row out to fish (4)
- Little rodent in sleeping quarters topped parasite (8)
- Nothing to cover titled man, one lying in state (7)
- Runs out of ways to make a living (7)
- Man who serves at Mass called out by Romeo (6)
- I rate spam for a change - out with English smoked beef! (8)
- Boss eats damaged and dangerous material (8)
- A cost incurred in islands (5)
- City type finds article in Beirut needing translation (8)
- Huge furnace damaged palms of tanners (8)
- Carelessly move rake during renovation (8)
- Cabinet not finished with English philosopher (5)
- Middle Eastern jet turned back, with seizure by terrorists seconds away (7)
- Bid a Democrat might make? (2-5)
- Australian doctors bear a heavy weight, without exception (2,1,3)
- Baby love for dog from Kansas (4)
- Space Othello's taken up? (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Enjoying continuing success (2,1,4)
- Manifestations of Hindu deities (7)
- Paddle (3)
- Northernmost region of the Indian sub-continent (7)
- Empower (7)
- Aussie (4,5)
- Parch by heat (5)
- One of the four provinces of Ireland (6)
- Texts transmitted electronically (6)
- Successor to Richard Di Natale (5)
- An outspoken, often provocatively offensive, radio presenter (5,4)
- Waterfall on the border between Ontario and New York State (7)
- Domestic cock (7)
- Dromaius Novaehollandiae* (3)
- Sail across the topmast (7)
- Eminent musician (7)

#### DOWN

- Recessed space; secluded retreat (4)
- Early explorer, accompanied Matthew Flinders (4)
- Rodent, but resembling a squirrel in form and habit (8)
- Southeastern US state (7)
- Gallops; the courses of lives (7)
- Restaurant staffer (6)
- Highly seasoned cut of beef (8)
- Fine fibrous form of certain minerals once used for insulation (8)
- Ring shaped reef form of corals (5)
- Person who lives in a town (8)
- Sources of ultraviolet light used to produce an artificial tan (8)
- Renewal (8)
- The father of liberalism (5)
- E.g. Moshe Dayan, Golda Meir (7)
- A call made in a game of bridge (2-5)
- Accepting no exclusions (2,1,3)
- Dorothy's little companion (4)
- Chamber (4)

### Last week's solution #13



## STARS BY LILITH

With this week's Venus, sun and new moon in Leo, sign of creative renaissance and passionate spirits, flattery will get you far, but critical feedback not so much...



LEO THE LION

**ARIES:** Chiron retrograding in Aries is a combustible combination that can't help but facilitate change. This week's fearless energy drives you out of your comfort zone to do what you must: which is break new ground and take a brave quantum leap. So go ahead, flaunt your fabulous, flaws and all.

**TAURUS:** Impatient Mars could incite people to be argumentative and contrarian this week, with everyone having an opinion, and nobody willing to compromise. Strong reactions are likely, so think twice before challenging someone if you don't have all the facts, and save feisty emails to the drafts folder.

**GEMINI:** Expect a double helping of everything this week, with outspoken Jupiter, assertive Mars and chatty midweek moon in your twice-as-much twin sign. It might be hard for others to get a word in, so try to take a breath, contain your enthusiasm and aim for equal airplay.

**CANCER:** A busy, buzzy week in which your starring role is peacemaker, so sidestep those devil's advocates who just want to argue for argument's sake. Most enjoyable date? When late week Cancer moon shines its lovelight on family gatherings, time with kids or just relaxing @ crab casa.

**LEO:** Flamboyant Venus, sun and new moon in Leo all applaud your majesty's sashay along this week's catwalk. If you've been holding back on sharing certain feelings and ideas, it's time to step up and speak out. And if this unleashes your inner drama queen, make sure she plays nice.

**VIRGO:** With this week's out-there energetics, it might seem like the person who talks loudest wins, but don't let that stop you expressing your brief, to-the-point and well-considered opinions. Stick to your natural Virgo style, because less can actually be more effective during this over-the-top transit.

**LIBRA:** Venus in your personal sector of friends and future plans schedules a busy beginning to August's mix-and-mingle month. This is a time for Librans to expect, accept, and even celebrate the drawing to a close of certain life cycles, so don't get sucked into this week's bigger-is-better energetic.

**SCORPIO:** Pluto's deepening presence in your home or base of operations addresses control issues in family dynamics and office politics. Self-reflection at this time can uncover where beliefs you've held about yourself and others might need rethinking to make room for a more understanding and helpful story.

**SAGITTARIUS:** August's astrological energy in a fellow fire sign, and your personal sector of adventure, suggests warming up the seasonal chill by inviting your artistic and creative side out to play. Doing something wildly different from your usual moves is one of the traditionally recommended cures for midwinter blues.

**CAPRICORN:** August's celestial energies in your sector of shared activities suggest engaging your personal gifts and talents in more creative, joyful and playful ways, even different social circles, because general productivity actually improves when you take breaks, refresh your mind and exchange ideas with others.

**AQUARIUS:** Your sign is astrologically associated with networking and progressive ideals, and Pluto's extended retrograde in Aquarius suggests prioritising a thorough reassessment of these themes. As in re-examining your use of technology and social media, plus the workings of groups you associate with and causes you support.

**PISCES:** Notice this week if your thoughts and internal conversation drift into past patterns, because Saturn and Neptune retrograde in your sign are actually celestial gifts, offering the priceless opportunity to recognise and move through a residual backlog of emotional history to craft new responses to habitual stumbling blocks.

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### Victoria Cosford

If it weren't for the support of the farmers' markets, Oliver Bora, egg and bone broth purveyor extraordinaire, might not be on his current upward trajectory.

He's also an inspiration to potential young farmers, a 20-something-year-old whose free-range, pasture-raised hens, from the relatively modest number of 450 when he first started out, now number close to 4,000. Thanks to a crowd-funding campaign while he was still at school, Oliver was able to launch his business and eventually relocate to The Farm, increase the number of hens and broaden his customer base. 'I'm struggling to keep up with demand!' he tells me. 'I wish the hens would lay more eggs!'

Increase in this demand has much to do with the prevalence of bird flu and the resultant rising costs of supermarket eggs. Byron Bay's Bay Grocer used to order 70 dozen eggs a week and that's recently soared to 120 dozen. 'It's

also to do with the food security of having eggs in the shire, produced in the area, raised on organic feed', he tells me.

The other success story for Oliver is his bone broth. 'It's a really big seller,' he says, 'especially through this winter. It's nutritional, anti-inflammatory, gut-nourishing. Since I started it's become a big hit.' He makes it in conjunction with the Coop in Byron Bay, slowly simmering the bones for 18 hours with loads of aromatics.

Never short of projects and ideas, he's looking at adding two or three more chicken caravans. 'I've been developing my own caravans,' he tells me. 'They're purpose-built, with nesting boxes and roosting sticks.' He shows me the design: to accommodate 600 chickens per van, they'll measure 9 metres long by 2.5 metres wide. 'I've got quotes and pricing for Australian-made products,' he says, 'and over the next month I'll be developing the prototype.'

Oliver's Eggs is at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.

# The Good Life

## New Spanish wine bar

Gitana, a new Spanish wine bar has opened in Byron Bay. Located at Nourishing Habitat, Gitana is the latest venture by restaurateurs Utku Ayhan of Foxy Luu's Byron Bay, and Sefa Kitchen in Sydney, and Nicolas Degryse of Gratia, and Folonomo in Sydney.

Open Wednesday to Saturday, from 3.30pm until late, Gitana, provides a cosy atmosphere with warm lighting, French curtains, captivating art, and flamenco and bohemian tunes. It's perfect for date nights, casual gatherings, or relaxed evenings with friends.

Gitana's deli menu offers a delightful selection, including seasonal escabeche, olives, gildas (a combination of olives, anchovy, and pepper), rillette baguettes, Spanish crisps, and Ortiz fish tins with pickles. The platters feature artisan cheese and freshly carved cured meats, accompanied by pickles, olives and bread.

Keep an eye out for rotating pintxos (small Spanish snacks) matching the traditions of the Basque country.

The bar offers Mediterranean and local wines rotating weekly – alongside Spanish inspired aperitifs and cocktails. Local brews from Yulli's and Earth Beer are available on tap.

Keep an eye on socials for special events such as paella Wednesdays, all-day happy hour Thursdays, live Latin performances on Fridays, sunset cocktails for \$14, and pintxos at \$2 on Saturdays. A monthly block party on the last Friday of the month will bring the Byron community together with live acts in the lush Habitat courtyard (next event is 30 August). Latin dance nights to be announced soon.

Gitana embodies the spirit of a classic Spanish wine bar, meeting relaxed Byron Bay coastal vibes, in a chilled yet vibrant atmosphere. Guests can enjoy delicious food, fine wine, lively music, and socialise in the courtyard.

■ @nourishing.habitat  
1 Porter St, Byron Bay



The tastes of a Spanish wine bar at Gitana. Photo Jillian McHugh @jilliangiamchugh

## Fine food with old-world charm



Tweed River House, a colonial-style plantation manor situated on the banks of the Tweed River in Murwillumbah, has quickly risen to prominence as a must-visit destination for both locals and travellers. This riverside establishment seamlessly blends old-world charm with modern hospitality, providing guests with an unforgettable dining experience against the backdrop of the majestic Wollumbin and Border Ranges.

Reflecting the grandeur of colonial style establishments like the Raffles Hotel in Singapore and the East India Trading Company, Tweed River House preserves its original character while adding layers of historical tradition and exploration to its grand interiors. From the emerald-green lushness of the private dining room to the verandah that opens onto the timeless landscape, every detail is thoughtfully curated.

Dining at Tweed River House offers several distinct experiences. Guests can choose to dine on the river verandah for panoramic views, or in the main dining room with century-old pressed-tin ceilings and cooling palm fans, or celebrate a special occasion in the Chandelier Private Dining Room.

For those seeking a more casual setting, Tweed River House offers two unique areas. The riverside lawn bar provides a relaxed dining area with a tapas-style bar menu. Or in the recently-opened, elegant Palm Lounge, located inside, you can relax in colonial Bahamas lounge chairs delighting in your favourite drink paired with delectable hors d'oeuvres or afternoon tea.

The menu at Tweed River House is a celebration highlighting the best produce from the Northern Rivers farms, rivers, and ocean. Diners can enjoy a variety of options, from two- and three-course à la

carte menus to the popular five-course tasting menu featuring delicacies like crab, scallops, duck, beef, and gateaux au lait. A seven-course degustation is perfect for long lunches or dinners. There are vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and kid-friendly options to cater to all palates. The restaurant's commitment to provenance is evident, with local producers and ingredients prominently featured.

The culinary excellence of Tweed River House has not gone unnoticed, earning a chef hat from the 2024 Australian Good Food Guide Awards. Whether you're marking a special occasion or seeking a memorable dining experience, Tweed River House is a destination worth the journey, offering breathtaking scenery and exceptional cuisine.

■ Open Thursday to Sunday  
131 River Street, South Murwillumbah  
www.tweedriverhouse.com.au

## September Food Festival

Entry to the Sample Food Festival is free for children under 16, and there is a special series of classes, activities and experiences for children.

**Kids Cooking Classes:** local chef Jedd Rifai of the North Byron Hotel will be teaching the little ones the art of crafting delicious gnocchi from scratch. They'll mix, shape, and cook their very own lunch. Plus, each participant will receive a refreshing drink, and delectable dessert to round out their meal. These classes are ticketed and have limited capacity so pre-sale bookings are advised.

**Wildlife:** the Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary will be entertaining the kids, teaching them about reptiles and exploring what the Sanctuary has on offer this spring and summer season. For a gold coin donation children can enjoy a close-up encounter and photo with a reptile.

**Kids Creative Pass (\$10):** little ones can enjoy a safe and fun space within the festival grounds with collaborative art and Lego projects, sensory play, active games, take-home crafts and more. This dedicated kids area is great for ages 3-12 and open from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

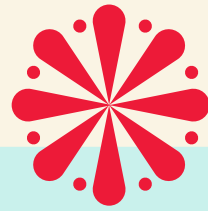
**The Rainbow Roos:** an experienced local community-based organisation dedicated to creating a safe and positive soccer environment will be offering a mix of freestyle open play and organised skills sessions free of charge.

Pre-sale tickets are now available to the 2024 edition of Sample Food Festival including general festival entry, a reserved table hire ticket guaranteeing a table for eight with shade in the bar area as well as festival entry. Picnic rug hire experiences will once again be available for groups of up to six and include festival entry and a reserved picnic spot on a Wandering Folk picnic rug.

The festival is on Saturday, 7 September, and will feature a selection of the region's best restaurants offering \$5-\$15 tasting plates, a live cooking stage and a lifestyle stall area. For full details see [samplefoodevents.com](http://samplefoodevents.com).




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## Eclectic Selection WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

✿ As part of the **Scandinavian Film Festival**, a screening of *Hammarskjöld (Fight for Peace)* is on this week. The story unfolds in New York City, 1961. At the peak of the Cold War, Hammarskjöld is at the pinnacle of his power. After decolonisation, he takes it upon himself to bring peace to the African countries, thwarting plans of powerful entrepreneurs and world leaders to further exploit their resources.

**Thursday 6.30pm, Palace Cinema, Byron Bay.**  
 Tickets: [palacecinemas.com.au](http://palacecinemas.com.au).



✿ **Guy Kachel** is playing in Byron next week with a fistful of songs that are startlingly confessional, strong and emotional – they are wry observations from a seasoned bard about people immersed in their dreams – dreams that some never escape.

**Monday 7pm, Railway Hotel.**  
 Free show.

✿ **The Magic of the Mundane** breathes life into the heartfelt lyrics and soulful melodies of the uplifting albums *Tender* [A] and *Hooks* [B] by **MT Warning**.

This seamless fusion of music, lo-fi dance, and physical theatre creates an immersive narrative that delves into the depths of humans creating, and unveils the hidden magic within the mundane moments of life.

**Friday 7.30pm, Byron Theatre.**  
 Tickets: [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au)

✿ **The Lismore Jazz Club** at the **Lismore City Bowlo** will play host to **De Ziah and Date** as they deliver a spellbinding musical performance. Ilse de Ziah on cello and Ian Date on guitar perform beautiful renderings of melodies interwoven with captivating improvisations. The duo have an original take on musical styles from around the world.

**Sunday 2pm, Lismore City Bowlo.**  
 Tickets on the door.

✿ **Turtle Boy** are a funky, 100 per cent live duo that have become very popular around the traps.

Acoustic guitar looping, funky beats, big vocals and ripping sax solos are the Turtle Boy code, covering all the greats from the '70s, '80s, '90s to current pub rock and Oz rock acts.

**Saturday 6pm, Ballina RSL Boardwalk.** Free show.

✿ Enter the magical realm of **Sky Eater**, where mermaids dance to the rhythm of the sea. Sky Eater is the dreamy lovechild of water spirit **Chelsea Skyeater** and dub soldier **TK Bassread**.

Born from an inspired fantasy, Mullumbimby's Sky Eater is the culmination of Chelsea's musical dream; an authentic expression of her messages to the world.

**Saturday 4.30pm, Hotel Brunswick.** Free show.

✿ **The Murwillumbah Philharmonic Society Choir** is delighted to present 'Ceremony of Song' in Lismore. The concert features works by Benjamin Britten, John Rutter, J S Bach, Percy Grainger and modern composers such as Bill Douglas.

This variety concert shows the diversity of the choir presenting music from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

**Sunday 2.30pm, St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.** Tickets on the door.



## The Mystic Minstrel in Bruns

There will be a special performance from the **Mystic Minstrel, Chad Wilkins** and his band this weekend in Brunswick Heads.

Chad Wilkins is back in town, and this time with his full band at the Brunswick Picture House. This is sure to be a very special performance with Chad and friends performing some of his most classic tunes. The band will also be supported by none other than **Jarrah Kurth** – the band's drummer – bringing some of his own heart-felt songs to the stage. Don't miss it.

The Mystic Minstrel is an American/Australian singer-songwriter bringing heart-songs that reveal a better way for a generation in transitional times on our planet. From his lively, progressive grooves, to his deeply prayerful chants, spanning many genres, Chad's rootsy folk anthems carry themes of love, gratitude, risk, honour, and pure vibrant life – giving voice to our cry for spiritual transformation, harmony with the Earth, and hope for a bright future.

**See this wonderful show on Sunday at 6pm at the Brunswick Picture House. Tickets: [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com).**

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Luka Lesson's reputation as one of Australia's best storytellers shines as he then takes us on a journey through the kinds of love: Eros, Filia, Filoxenia, Philautia, Storgi, Pragma and the ultimate: Agapi. Self-love, erotic love, familial love, and more, all collide with statues of Aphrodite, Molotov cocktails and the Parthenon's steps. Equal parts rap concert, poetic musical and classical history lesson, *Agapi & Other Kinds of Love* shows us how love prevails despite the trials and tribulations of the ages.

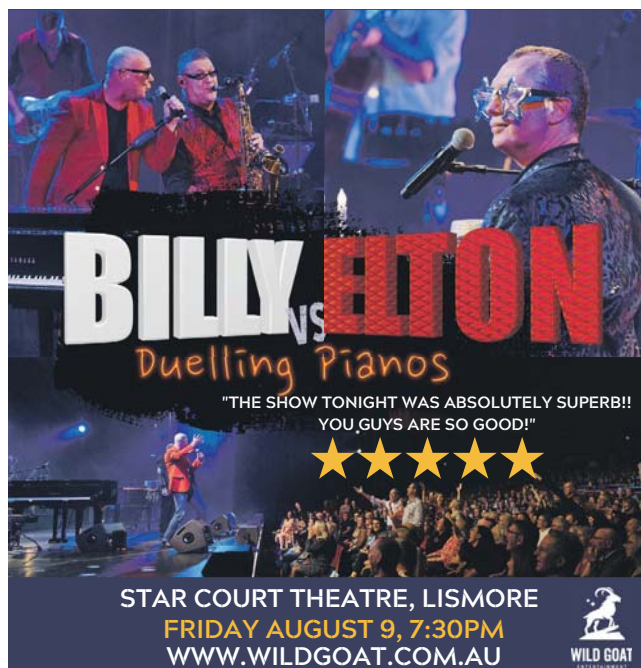
Feel the love on Sunday, August 11 at 6.30pm at the Byron Theatre. Tickets: [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au).



## Fireworks at Newrybar

On Saturday, 3 August the Newrybar Fireworks Night presented by Pegs will be back and bigger than ever! This event has been running for over 36 years and is much loved and well supported by the community. This year there will be fireworks, a bonfire, rides, a glow stall, Shorty Brown, yummy food and drinks, a HUGE raffle and of course the famous cake stall. The event will run from 4pm to 8pm so make sure you arrive right on 4pm to make the most of the rides!

Tickets are \$5pp or \$20 per family. For more information and to pre-purchase tickets follow @newrybarfireworks. Bring your picnic blanket, torch, cash and warm clothes! Saturday from 4pm at the Newrybar School.



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## THE STORY OF THE FIRST ABORIGINAL OLYMPIAN

*My Cousin Frank* is a storytelling experience with one of Australia's greatest artistic and cultural leaders, Rhoda Roberts AO. Join Rhoda for a special evening in August as she shares tales of her first cousin Frank Roberts, a boxing champion who was the first Aboriginal Olympian.

### What makes *My Cousin Frank* a story that everyone should hear?

This is a story of perseverance – that you as an individual have value. Frank (Francis) Roberts is reminded of that through the belief, discipline and persistence of his grandparents, Frank Snr and Dorothy Snr. It's a world where home is a shanty dwelling of corrugated iron and hessian bags. But just as the rammed earth floors shone every day, so too did the love.

Frank rises against the stigmas and labels placed on him by the policies, politics, institutions and judiciary. When the odds are packed against you, Frank does what so many have – he builds his shield with an emotional strength – and takes to the ring. While he can knock the best bloke to the ground, he is guided by the ancestral and spiritual teachings and learnings of his family.

### How important is it that the story gets told in its raw storytelling form first – for the family, community and audience?

Lismore is home to the first Aboriginal signed to an Olympic team. Frank Roberts is our Rocky or our Don Bradman. That's amazing – it's in our shared history and we should be full of pride.

For the family, showmanship stretches back generations, centuries and millennia – it's in the corroboree and our oral stories handed down through families which have reminded us that we are the fighting Roberts of Lismore.

We want to give the background, set the landscape, and the political times. You need to understand and know the truthful history – some of it's ugly, but mostly it's about sporting greatness and the men and women who recognised a champion.

We want to develop a full theatre production called 'First Aboriginal Olympian' but the history and story is complex, layered and epic. It's a story of excellence and we want to tell that through excellence on stage, and that takes considerable time and investment. *My Cousin Frank* is the first step in elevating the story of a local man who imagined and achieved a future.

### How does Frank's journey from a boxing champion to a cultural icon resonate with today's community?

They called him 'Honest Frank' and that is something for an Aboriginal man in the '60s when many thought of us as thieves – but we were taught 'thou shalt not steal'.

Frank Roberts was an Aboriginal man from a community built by his families on their inherited estates, their unceded lands. For the Roberts, home was the reserve called Cubawee. But it was considered an eyesore by the local council and they set about bulldozing our homes at the very same time Frank is an international elite athlete fighting for a medal in the 1964 Olympic Games.

Frank was not perfect but he was a gentle, wise man who guided many. He made sure our youth had a place in training and a chance in the ring. He had a voice that spoke of hope and empowerment – giving value to all human beings.

Join Rhoda Roberts AO for *My Cousin Frank* on August 24 at 2pm and 7.30pm at Lismore Star Court Theatre, and August 30 and 31 at 7.30pm (and 2pm Saturday) at the Byron Theatre. Tickets \$30–\$59 at [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au).





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### Duelling pianos

**Billy vs Elton** is guaranteed to take you on a brilliant fun and song-filled journey through the incredible music careers of two giants of the entertainment industry.

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With a catalogue of brilliantly crafted songs, still on regular playlists around the world today, Billy Joel and Elton John are absolute masters of their craft. Their fantastic music forms the soundtrack to so many people's lives – most of us remember a Billy Joel or Elton John song underscoring major life and world events.

Delivered by a world-class, live nine-piece band, featuring five amazing vocalists, Billy vs Elton is an incredibly immersive musical experience, with hearty sing-alongs highly encouraged.

The artists don't pretend to be Billy or Elton, they simply have a great night out celebrating their music – so, whether it's mega-charting hits such as 'Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting', 'Crocodile Rock', 'Bennie And The Jets', 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road', 'Piano Man', 'Uptown Girl', 'You May Be Right' or iconic tunes such as 'I'm Still Standing', 'I Guess That's Why They Call it the Blues', 'We Didn't Start the Fire' and 'Tell Her About It', there's a favourite for everyone.

**Catch this great show on Friday, August 9 at 7.30pm at the Star Court Lismore. Tickets: [starcourttheatre.com.au](http://starcourttheatre.com.au).**



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Singer-songwriter, guitarist, music critic and author – if you turned on a radio in the '80s you'd know who Robert Forster is – or at the very least you would have heard his music. With nine studio albums as co-founder of the indie rock legends **The Go-Betweens**, and with eight solo albums, up to and including 2023's *The Candle and the Flame*, Forster has been forging forward for 47 years. *Seven* spoke to Forster last week at his home in Brisbane, ahead of his next show featuring at the Mullum Roots Festival Launch Concert on Sunday at the Mullum Ex-Services Club.

#### It sounds like you've been doing a lot of stuff.

I HAVE been doing a lot of stuff. Opportunities come along and if you're a musician these days, you've got to do a lot of stuff to survive, to make it all work – that's just the nature of things these days.

#### You were in Europe for May and June?

I was in the UK for two days and the rest of the time I was touring in Europe which was fantastic. I very much enjoy touring, it's like a holiday to me as well. I enjoy travelling and going to different places so there's another aspect to it – there's always playing the show, but you know, whether it's Mullumbimby or Madrid, there's also an adventure side, a tourist side.

#### Awesome – what was the most fun thing about Madrid?

Well, the most fun thing about Madrid was that I'd been in London where it was raining and 18 degrees and then I flew to Madrid and it was 33 degrees – there's people in cafes at 10pm, 11pm, midnight, families eating on the sidewalk. That's the thing about Spain – it does remind me weather-wise of Australia

#### What was the most fun thing about Mullum?

I've been there many times as a visitor and always liked it. I played there at the Mullum Music Festival. I played in this fantastic community hall and it's one of the favourite shows of my life – it was just a really beautiful atmosphere with people sitting around, and they were serving tea and biscuits and cake. I was on stage and it just felt really good to me.

#### Clearly you're a multitasker. When you're travelling and touring, where is your brain? Are you able to swap in and out of your book-writing brain?

When I'm touring I really use it as a way to get away from book writing. I've got plenty of time to do that at home here in Brisbane, so when I travel I just really want to do the show at night as best as I can and just enjoy the day. When I'm in Europe I travel by train so I sort of go on the road to leave that behind.

#### 'Travelling on Trains' sounds like a new album...

It does! I mean, it's inspirational – looking out the window. You get time to think which is great.

#### What else inspires you?

Everyday life inspires me. My songs are pretty much linked to what's around me. There is so much that is wonderful in everyday life. It can be so strange, it can be so weird. It can be so funny. It can be moving. It's all that, that I plug into. Just living and observing what's around me.

#### What's your current earworm?

I was listening to Neil Young the other day. He's got an album called *On The Beach*, which he put out in 1975, and I just find that a great travelling down the highway album, especially if you are going to the beach! So I listened to that when I was driving last week. I love that album. Love it. Love it (me too – Ed).

#### Are you having enough fun?

I am! And I think a big thing about having enough fun is having enough sleep. And I'm a big believer in sleep and getting enough of it so you're primed to have fun. If you're tired, you're not fun.

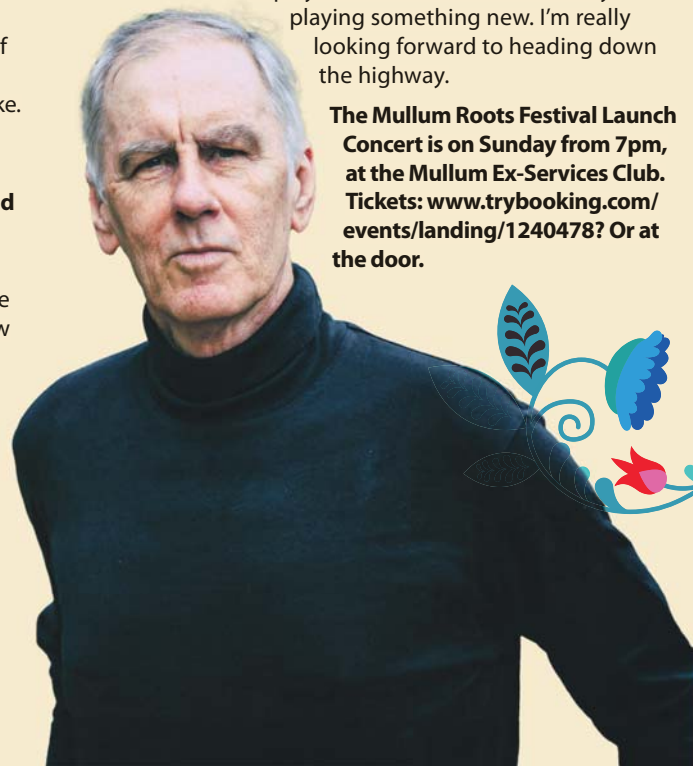
#### You're coming down to play at the launch of the Mullum Roots Festival – how does it feel to be part of the beginnings of a new festival?

It's a great honour, it think it's fantastic. I've seen that the people that put on the Nimbin Roots Festival want to bring it to Mullumbimby, and I think that's a really smart idea, and I'm thrilled to be doing a show that is part of the beginnings of this festival.

#### Will the punters be hearing any new music?

Maybe... maybe one song that I played in London, I'd like to play that. Yeah, I will be definitely playing something new. I'm really looking forward to heading down the highway.

**The Mullum Roots Festival Launch Concert is on Sunday from 7pm, at the Mullum Ex-Services Club. Tickets: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1240478](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1240478)? Or at the door.**



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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALLY PALMER**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY - FEAT KATRINA DAVIDSON**

## THURSDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LOS ANTONIOS + DJ MECHI ROMEO**
- STATION ST CO-OP, BANGALOW, 6.30PM **POETRY & PROSE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **CALLUM CREELMAN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **THE MERSEY BEATLES**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- THE SUPPER CLUB AT THE BOWLO, LISMORE, 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **STEVE SAVAGE**

## FRIDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **THE VYBEZ BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **MT WARNING PRESENTS: THE MAGIC OF THE MUNDANE**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 4PM **ZAC OF ZAC & JOE**, 9PM **CALIENTE LATIN NIGHT**
- GITANA SPANISH BAR, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **ARTE GITANA FLEMENCO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **OLE FALCOR**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **KIRSTY WEBECK**

- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **COMEDY NIGHT WITH ELLEN BRIGGS & KAT DAVIDSON**, 7.30PM **COMEDY NIGHT FT ELLEN BRIGGS & KAT DAVIDSON**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SALVE JORGE**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **LEMON CHICKEN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **ANDREW & MAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JOCK BARNES BAND**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ MURRAY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BEN WHITING**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE MERSEY BEATLES**

## SATURDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GOLDEN GAYTIMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM + NANA'S PIE + IZAEAH MARSH BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM **DJ NAT WHITE**, 5PM **DJ IAIN YES**
- NEWRYBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL 4PM **NEWRYBAR FIREWORKS NIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 10AM **CALLUM CREELMAN**, 4.30PM **SKY EATER + 4'20 SOUND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **TOP DOG FILM FESTIVAL 2024**, 7PM **GUTSY GIRLS ADVENTURE FILM TOUR 2024**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ TAZ**

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **THE SWAMP CATS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 2PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 9PM **BREAKS ON WAX**
- CLUB LENNOX 8PM **KAFFENE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**
- FEDERAL HOTEL, ALSTONVILLE, 4PM **UPBEAT**
- STONE & WOOD BREWERY, MURWILLUMBAH, 11AM **STONE & WOOD - MURWILLUMBAH OPEN DAY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MARK AITKEN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **INO PIO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **SEVENTH WONDER - FLEETWOOD MACS RUMOURS**
- KIRRA SURF CLUB 8PM **JON J BRADLEY**

## SUNDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **EPIC + SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DJ ALL STARS**
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM **YULLI'S OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND + LILY GRACE GRANT**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **CHAD WILKINS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **MULLUM ROOTS FESTIVAL LAUNCH CONCERT FEATURING ROBERT FORSTER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10.45AM THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB, BOARDWALK 2.30PM **SUNDAY BLUES CLUB SESSIONS FEAT. SOREN CARLBERGG QUARTET WITH DENNIS WILSON**

- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 12PM **PLAY SCHOOL CONCERT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 1PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **SHAW'S BAY SUNDAY SESSIONS FT PINK ZINC**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **ILSE DE ZIAH AND IAN DATE**
- ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE, 2.30PM **THE MURWILLUMBAH PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY CHOIR - CEREMONY OF SONG**
- THE BURROW, CABARITA, 4PM **ROD MURRAY**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **HARRY NICHOLS**

## MONDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK CROTTI**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **MILO GREEN**

## TUESDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK HOWARD**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE KING, QUEEN, CASH SHOW**

## WEDNESDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MASON LLOYDE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **CHLOE JETT**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **NT LIVE: PRESENT LAUGHTER**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **FILM SCREENING - 'FOLLOW THE RAIN' PLUS Q&A**

## Bringing back an Ancient Future

**Archeringa - Dreamtime Festival at Durrumbul Hall** is described by organisers (Richie Wait and Micro's Voice Journet) as a new portal and meeting place for Jōmon Japan and our Rainbow Region.

From Japan, special guest artist **木歌-Mocca** (Sharmanic Singer) will join **Mico Sundari** with **Awuwa-Choir** and **Lata Ceremonica**, with dancers and **DJ 麻子 aka Pure Hemp Child**.

Local artists, **Shivam Rath** (Crystal Slide) featuring **Soul Sangeet Band**, **DJ Papa Richie** (Echo Point Sound Production), Visual Artist **Yao Mikami**, Liquidelic) and legendary lighting artist, **Ellis D Fogg aka Roger Foley Fogg** are joining this ceremonial gathering.

The festival has already begun.

With ancient songs and dances, organisers invite you to a ceremony to remember and reconnect your own soul vision. You may find someone for whom you have waited for thousands of lifetimes.

Organisers say...

*'Still resonating with the Lion's Gate, we gather under the guidance of Blue Fire, Sirius Δ.*

*It seems like we have been guided by a single song, Awuwa - there will be an offering of this Japanese Ancient Song, Kototama (Words of Spirit) with 12 sisters from Japan.*

*The history of the song "Awuwa" is said to date back to either 6,000, or more than 10,000, years ago. What is interesting is that we have either forgotten or been made to forget it over the centuries.*

*Several important songs, including this Awuwa and Katakamuna, were rediscovered about 70 years ago and have begun to resonate once again.*

*What does this really mean?*

*This project is not so much a new initiative as it is a process of remembering our original soul essence. The theme of this gathering, "Bring us back to Ancient Future", is based on this idea.'*

**Saturday, August 10 at Durrumbul Hall from 3pm.**  
Tickets: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1234291](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1234291).

# LEMON CHICKEN

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### Session Times Ballina Fair Cinema

Thurs, August 1 - Wed, August 7 47/84 Kerr St, Ballina

<p><b>DEADPOOL &amp; WOLVERINE</b> (MA15+) 122MIN NPT Daily except Wed: 10:00AM, 12:45PM, 3:30PM, 6:15PM, 7:15PM. Wed: 10:00AM, 12:45PM, 3:30PM, 6:15PM, 7:45PM</p> <p><b>DESPICABLE ME 4</b> (PG) 95MIN Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:15AM. Sat, Sun: 10:15AM, 3:00PM</p> <p><b>INSIDE OUT 2</b> (PG) 96MIN Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:30AM. Sat, Sun: 10:10AM, 5:10PM</p> <p><b>IT ENDS WITH US</b> (M) 130MIN FINE WINE SCREENING Wed: 6:30PM</p> <p><b>THE FABULOUS FOUR</b> (M) 95MIN Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues: 12:20PM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM. Sat, Sun: 12:20PM, 2:30PM, 7:20PM. Wed: 12:20PM, 2:30PM, 5:30PM</p>	<p><b>TWISTERS</b> (M) 122MIN Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues: 12:50PM, 4:40PM. Sat, Sun: 12:20PM, 4:40PM. Wed: 12:50PM</p> <p><i>Scandinavian Film Festival</i> <b>BEFORE IT ENDS</b> (15) 97MIN Wed: 4:00PM</p> <p><b>SONS</b> (MA15+) 100MIN Fri: 3:30PM</p> <p><b>THE RIOT</b> (M) 106MIN Thurs: 3:45PM</p> <p><b>TOUCH</b> (M) 127MIN Tues: 3:30PM</p> <p><b>WHEN THE LIGHT BREAKS</b> (15) 82MIN Mon: 4:00PM</p>
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PALACE CINEMAS

### Session Times PALACE CINEMAS

Thurs, August 1 - Wed, August 7 108 Jonson St, Byron Bay

<p><i>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</i></p> <p><b>BLACKPINK WORLD TOUR [BORN PINK] IN CINEMAS</b> (PG) 127MIN Sat, Sun: 3:30PM</p> <p><b>IT ENDS WITH US</b> (M) FINE WINE SCREENING Wed: 6:30PM</p> <p><b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: PRESENT LAUGHTER (ENCORE)</b> (15) 107MIN ON DEMAND Fri: 6:30PM</p> <p><i>FAMILY FILMS</i></p> <p><b>DESPICABLE ME 4</b> (PG) 95MIN Daily: 10:45AM, 1:00PM</p> <p><b>INSIDE OUT 2</b> (PG) 96MIN Daily: 10:30AM, 12:50PM, 6:10PM</p>	<p><i>ALL FILMS</i></p> <p><b>A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE</b> (M) 117MIN Daily: 1:30PM</p> <p><b>DEADPOOL &amp; WOLVERINE</b> (MA15+) NPT Daily: 10:45AM, 1:30PM, 3:15PM, 4:15PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:00PM</p> <p><b>FLY ME TO THE MOON</b> (M) 107MIN Daily except Fri, Wed: 8:30PM</p> <p><b>IN A VIOLENT NATURE</b> (15) 117MIN Daily: 8:15PM</p> <p><b>KA WHAWHAI TONU: STRUGGLE WITHOUT END</b> (M) 107MIN Daily: 11:00AM, 6:10PM</p> <p><b>KINDS OF KINDNESS</b> (MA15+) 117MIN Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:30AM</p> <p><b>LONGLEGS</b> (MA15+) 117MIN Daily: 1:50PM, 3:45PM, 8:20PM. Sat, Sun: 11:00AM, 3:45PM, 8:20PM</p>	<p><b>SLEEPING DOGS</b> (MA15+) NPT Daily: 3:40PM, 8:20PM</p> <p><b>THE FABULOUS FOUR</b> (M) 95MIN Daily: 11:00AM, 1:15PM, 3:30PM, 5:45PM</p> <p><b>THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE</b> (M) 117MIN Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:50AM, 4:10PM, 6:15PM. Sat, Sun: 10:50AM, 1:15PM, 6:15PM</p> <p><b>THE TEACHER WHO PROMISED THE SEA</b> (M) 117MIN Daily: 10:50AM, 1:15PM, 8:40PM</p> <p><b>TRAP</b> (M) 117MIN Daily: 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM, 8:40PM</p> <p><b>TWISTERS</b> (M) 122MIN Daily except Fri, Wed: 3:15PM, 6:00PM. Fri, Wed: 3:15PM</p>
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## DEADLINE TUES 12PM

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### BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN

that all assets and securities formerly held by STOREY, B.J. have been transferred to the private in a one-off tax exempt gift. The Beneficiary has placed all assets in a private trust.  
Perfected lien reference:  
OK-020984-BJS-240324-SA  
UCC Ref. 2024-137-4377-6

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## Road Closures:

### Proposed road closing under section 38B Roads Act 1993

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

#### Schedule 1:

- Part road reserve adjoining 139 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay Lot PT22 DP 549688.

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

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

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

**Council Ref: #E2024/83909**  
**Enquiries: Tracy Armstrong**  
**Telephone: 02 6626 7201**

This document will be available on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

**Submissions Close: Friday August 23, 2024**



**BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL**

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Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre  
Connecting the Byron Shire Community

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Kitchen Hands -
- Retail Assistants -
- Drivers and Co-driver -
- Community Support Assistants -

MDNC is in needs of dedicated volunteers to be part of a big loving family. All skill sets welcome.

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AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE .....	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay .....	131 233
POLICE Brunswick Heads .....	6629 7510
Mullumbimby .....	6629 7570
Byron Bay .....	6685 9499
Bangalow .....	6629 7500
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding... 132 500	
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER.....	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL.....	6639 9400
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS.....	6622 7022
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Mullumbimby) .....	6684 1286
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MENSLINE.....	1300 789 978
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NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE .....	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service... 6628 1898	

## MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415	5th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	02 6685 6807	5th SUN Lennox Head	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN The Channon	02 6688 6433	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
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 Durabah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar <a href="http://kyoglebazaar.com.au">kyoglebazaar.com.au</a>		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	

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

## SUN, MOON & TIDES - TIMES FOR NEXT 3 WEEKS

DATE (July/August)	DAY/MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
31	W	6:29 17:15	2:49 13:02	0438 1.05 1835 1.72	1024 0.40
1	TH	6:29 17:15	3:52 13:56	0548 1.06 1921 1.76	0029 0.52 1123 0.38
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# Community at Work

## On The Horizon



### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### AIRFNCB

The next meeting of the Australian Independent Retirees (AIRFNCB) will be held on Friday, August 2 at the Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant Street, Ballina from 9.30am. John Bancroft from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will speak. \$5, all members and visitors are invited to attend. Contact President, Jill Huxley on 6686 8958.

### 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](http://www.byronbayfol.com). \$20 FOL members, \$25 non-members. With a legendary Country Women's Association afternoon tea. Plus a lucky door prize.

### BV VIEW CLUB

The Brunswick Valley View Club (BVVC) luncheon meeting August 8 at Brunswick Bowling Club, Brunswick Heads at 10.30am. The BVVC will be celebrating its 39th birthday, 39 years of service to the community and continuing sponsorship to children from The Smith Family to continue their education. Bring a friend, Apologies call Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email: [wjhunt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wjhunt@yahoo.com.au) no later than Monday before.

### BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday, August 6 at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is Carol Platt, owner of our local Op shop. Visitors welcome. Inquires Margaret on 6680 3316.

### Dying at home

Last Aid, care for the dying at home will be presented by Amitayus Home Hospice Service on August 1, September 12 and 21, 6.30-8.30pm info@amitayus.org.au or register with Byron Community College.

### ABC Friends Northern Rivers

On Saturday, 3 August from 12.30pm till 3pm, the ABC Friends Northern Rivers branch will meet for lunch at the Bangalow Bowling Club and then have a meeting starting at 1.30pm. Neville Jennings the founding President of the Northern Rivers branch back in 2001 and Life Member of ABC Friends has kindly agreed to address the meeting by: tracing the challenges facing the ABC over the past 23 years, examining the actions taken by our branch in support of the ABC, looking at ongoing actions that branch members may choose to take in the years ahead. You are welcome to attend and to invite others that may be interested. As we need to advise the Bowling Club of numbers attending RSVP to the Secretary Jennie Hicks by Friday, 26 July via email: [hicksanddickson@gmail.com](mailto:hicksanddickson@gmail.com).

### Astronomy night

You are invited to come to our Astronomy Night on Saturday, August 10, at the Corndale Hall to fundraise for the hall. This family event starts at 5.30pm with a barbecue dinner and drinks. Cash only, no eftpos, no dogs please. What's to see? The moon is a waxing crescent 28.3 per cent illuminated the moon will set at 10.23pm and Saturn rises at 7.31pm, viewing after 8.30 pm. Live streaming of galaxies and nebulae. Large telescopes on site up to 16" diameter. For more info call Dave 0407 237 985 or Richard 6688 2052.

### Mullumbimby CWA

The next meeting of Mullumbimby CWA is August 14 at 10am at the CWA Rooms. Bring a plate for a light

lunch to follow the meeting. New members are always welcome. Date claimer: September 14 is the branch Land Cookery contest. For more information, call Jenny on 6684 7282.

### End-of-Life Choices

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](http://www.exitinternational.net) or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina & South Tweed) or Peter 0429 950 352 (Ballina).

### Richmond-Tweed Family History Meeting

The next meeting of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society is on Saturday, August 3, 2-4pm, at Players Theatre 24 Swift Street, Ballina. The AGM will be held followed by a presentation called 'The Ships we came on'. Enquiries ring Victoria (Vicki) Evans on: 0467 573 282 or email: [presidentrthst@yahoo.com](mailto:presidentrthst@yahoo.com).

### Byron seniors program

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### Antique & Collectables exhibition

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### Bangalow Historical Society

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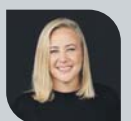
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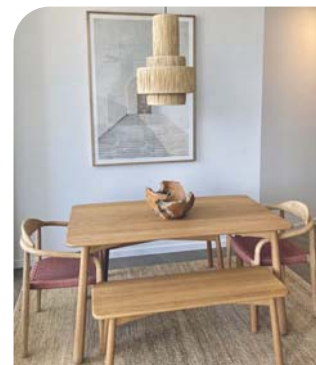
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Still think Facebook is a reputable source of info? Renewable energy journal, [www.reneweconomy.com.au](http://www.reneweconomy.com.au), published an analysis from a leading economist on soaring nuclear costs. 'Facebook removed it', says publisher and Byron local, Giles Parkinson, because the tax-avoiding US tech giant deemed it misleading. No explanation was forthcoming, says Parkinson.

Stone & Wood is celebrating ten years of brewing in Murwillumbah and will open their doors on August 3, 11am-5pm. Expect a full program of music, food, and markets, say organisers, and all profits will again raise funds for Wedgetail Retreat, which provides free palliative care to the Northern Rivers community. The brewery is located at 5 Kite Cres, South Murwillumbah.

Psst: Former NSW Liberal premier Gladys Berejiklian, and now an Optus executive on \$1.1m a year, has failed to overturn the ICAC finding that she and former MP, Daryl Maguire, engaged in serious corrupt conduct.

Mainstream media corp, *Nine*, is apparently spending hundreds of thousands of dollars wining and dining its top managers and their guests at the Paris Olympics, but says it needs to sack 90 journalists to save costs.



The latest art by Karena Wynn-Moylan and Nicola Harris, *Age of Autumn*, is now on exhibition at art-Alchemy Gallery, located at 165 Brooklet Rd, Newrybar. Karena says the exhibition explores the movement of time and the process of ageing. The gallery and sculpture park are open from 12pm till 5pm, or by appointment: phone Nicola on 0438 675 361. Photo Jeff 'Ageing Since 1986' Dawson

*The Saturday Paper* reports that Canada has decided against joining AUKUS and buying nuclear submarines. 'Instead, it will purchase 12 conventionally powered submarines for about \$60 billion', which is a lot cheaper than Labor's \$368 billion deal.

Labor PM Albanese dined with media mogul Lachlan Murdoch at *The Australian's* 60th party last week. Journalist Quentin Dempster tweeted, 'Since Keating/Hawke made a mockery of competition policy by allowing Rupert's takeover of HWT/QldPress in 1987, the ALP has been fearful of Murdoch power, against the best interests of the Australian people.'

Tower Holdings, developer of Harvest Estate in West Byron, has won the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) award for best residential subdivision in NSW. CEO Anthony Aiossa told *The Echo*, 'We've not only delivered the first significant

new housing supply in Byron Bay in over 35 years, but we have also demonstrated that developers can work with communities, councils, and

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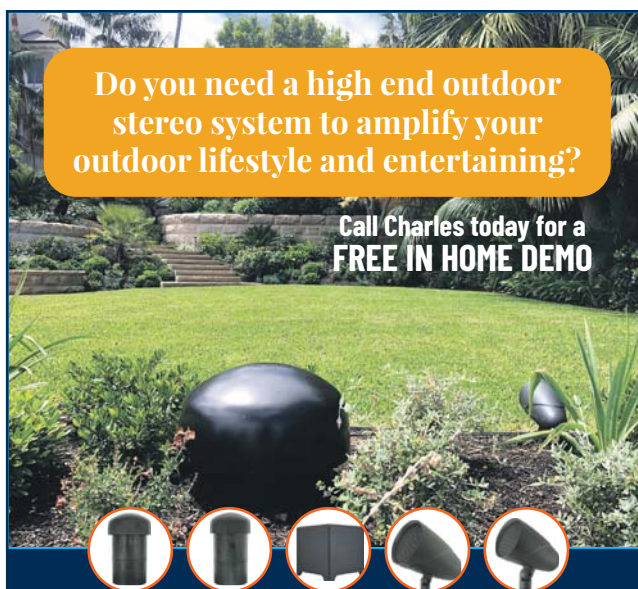
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