

Determining the future of the Byron Bay Golf Club

Aslan Shand

The Byron Bay Golf Club (BBGC) has seen significant board resignations and a refusal of a member request for an extraordinary general meeting since the attempt by some board members to include the golf course land in the Byron Shire Council's (BSC) Residential Strategy 2041.

The BBGC was established in 1957 by local golf enthusiasts who bought a 193-acre dairy farm on Broken Head Road. With regular working bees and household mowers the golf course began to take shape. Today the BBGC is 'a challenging 18-hole championship course' and a place that many koalas and other wildlife call home.

The attempt by some board members to include the land of the BBGC for housing in 2023 has caused significant upheaval at the club. Some members, who have asked not to be named, have contacted *The Echo* to highlight the fact that while the proposal to include the BBGC site in the residential strategy was withdrawn at the 14 March 2024 BSC meeting, they feel that there is still a push to sell the land for housing development from some members.

During discussions to include the BBGC in the residential strategy, with then Byron Shire Mayor Michael Lyon, it is understood that the club were seeking assurances that an alternative site in Myocum would be available to create a future golf course.

'The main issue for many

club members is to keep this an everyday members' club and not a privatised, exclusive club that is too expensive for the common person,' one member told *The Echo*.

'Fees have gone up ten per cent a year and they are getting to the point that they are borderline unaffordable for many locals. The effect is that it becomes an exclusive private club that utilises the public asset for the private means.'

BBGC manager Shaun Breheny told *The Echo* that 'the golf club does not currently have an application in with Byron Shire Council to rezone the land to housing'.

This was confirmed by board member Ralf Pelz who said, 'there is no plan whatsoever for any subdivision or anything for sale from the board's point of view. There is nothing on the table.'

General meeting called

Following a spate of resignations from the BBGC board, five per cent of the playing and voting membership asked for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM), as they felt that the board should have called a meeting to elect new board members rather than simply appoint them. This request was denied by the board who stated that a member EGM required a notice period of 60 days.

However, the board have now brought forward the December annual general meeting (AGM) telling members in their September newsletter that 'the board acknowledges the intent of the notice and

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Byron's new Council makes history



The 2024 Byron Shire Council is made up of councillors (left to right) Michael Lyon, Michelle Lowe, Delta Kay, Elia Hauge, Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, Jack Dods, David Warth, Janet Swain and Asren Pugh. Photo Tree Faerie

Paul Bibby

History was made at the Byron Council chambers last week when two First Nations women were sworn in as local councillors.

As a packed audience of friends, family, and community members watched on, Bundjalung women Delta Kay and Michelle Lowe took their oaths of office alongside seven other proud councillors.

Byron Council has never had a First Nation's woman as an elected councillor before, and the election of Crs Kaye and Lowe has been heralded as a breakthrough moment by many across the region.

'First and foremost, I am Bundjalung,' said Ms Kay, who has been a strong advocate and leader in the Shire for well over a decade.

'I am a proud black woman,

and I'm so proud to have my Bundjalung brothers and sisters here supporting us.

'I really want to be that person to give voice to the voiceless. Aboriginal people in the Byron Shire are such a tiny percentage and we're still struggling to be heard and to be seen, so I'm here for my brothers and sisters.'

Councillor Lowe, a local school teacher and mother, said she was proud to be standing alongside her 'Arakwal sister' and to be 'part of a historic council that has two First Nations women'.

'The most important and fundamental cause for me is the future of our children and their children, the future of the wild spaces that we are the custodians of, the future of the wild species that we share the planet and our Shire with,' she said.

Cr Lowe also noted that it was the first time in the history of the Byron Shire that there was a majority of women on Council.

'I hope that we can bring some of those peaceful, conciliatory, negotiations that many women, and obviously men, are partaking in as parents,' Ms Lowe said.

Newly-elected Greens Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said she didn't know what it would look like to have more women than men on Council because it had never happened before.

'We've come from a society that has been patriarchal for thousands of years.

'I was really lucky to watch Jan Barham in this role as mayor, as a young woman, to see what's possible.

'We are an incredible team.'

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Stolen defibrillator replaced for Mullum



The defibrillator was stolen from outside the Mullumbimby Newsagent in September and not returned. Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce has now bought a replacement. Local doctor Marc Heyning emphasised the importance of towns having well-located defibrillators that can save lives. Photo supplied

Mullum 'trash and treasure' supports Wallum

Mullumbimby showground will host a 'trash and treasure' market this Sunday, October 20 from 8am to 1pm. Organiser Peter Barr says he wants people to bring along whatever they have to sell, from furniture to building materials – basically anything that can be reused or recycled from either a car boot or stall.

'If you need to clear out the garage or have an eye for

a vintage bargain this is your event,' said Peter.

'The CWA will be there with a cake stall, there will be a coffee cart and I have about 15 stall holders who have committed to come along. Stalls are \$20 or \$10 for kids and proceeds will go to Save Wallum.'

Need a hand?

If you have some stuff to sell but need a hand getting

it there Peter says just give him a call on 0488 297 768 and he'll help you transport it in his truck and trailer at no cost to you.

Music by The OCD's (the old cool dudes) will keep everyone entertained throughout the morning while you turn your trash into dollars or browse to your heart's content and discover what's been missing in your life.

Let the games begin...

Paul Bibby

The first meeting of the new Byron Council term was barely an hour old when the realities of politics and power quietly made their presence known in the Council chamber.

Collaboration and partnership had been recurring themes in the introductory speeches by the new councillor crop. There was even a song about building bridges.

But when it came time to vote for a deputy mayor, it became clear that this Council term would have its fair share of political and personal division.

There were two candidates for deputy mayor: Labor councillor Asren Pugh who finished just behind The Greens' Sarah Ndiaye in the mayoral election, and Independent Cr Jack Dods who had been elected to Council for the first time.

During the process of choosing a deputy mayor, which included speeches from both candidates, it emerged that Cr Dods had not intended to stand until receiving encouragement from the newly-elected mayor.

'I put my name forward with some trepidation for this given that it is my first Council meeting ever,' Cr Dods said in his speech.

'I was encouraged by Mayor Ndiaye to step into the role as Sarah and I have had a strong working relationship over the last six years.

'I'm not privy to anything in terms of the relationship that Mayor Ndiaye and Cr Pugh have, but I think it's probably not in the best place in the moment, given the perceived tension that took place during the campaign, and their dealings during the last Council term.'

'The symbiosis that needs to occur between mayor and deputy mayor, I think that may not be the best position for Cr Pugh.'

Further evidence of Mayor Ndiaye's support for Cr Dods could be seen when she attempted to make a speech endorsing his candidacy.

This speech was terminated a few minutes in when it was pointed out that it was in breach of meeting protocol.

When the conch was handed to Cr Pugh it became even clearer that no love was lost between him and Cr Ndiaye.

After initially saying that electing him as deputy mayor would be an opportunity to 'build bridges', Cr Pugh decided to point out that Mayor Ndiaye had only received 35 per cent of the primary vote.

'Over 65 per cent of the people in this shire didn't vote for the current mayor,' he said.

'I want to make sure that the rest of those voters feel represented.

'We need to work together as a Council and the best way to do that is to work together from the start.'

But Cr Pugh's speech wasn't enough to get him

over the line. Cr Dods was elected deputy mayor by five votes to four.

The significance of this vote was not lost on long-term observers of Council.

With Mayor Ndiaye and her Greens team holding four of the nine seats on Council, they only need one vote from the remaining five councillors to secure a majority on any matter that comes before Council.

With Cr Dods locked in as deputy mayor, their position as the dominant Council block appears to have been strengthened.

However, as previous councillor groups have shown, councillors are not required to vote along party lines, and these blocks can break down over time allowing new alliances to form.

Water future

The Greens secured another small but significant additional win when Mayor Ndiaye and fellow Green Cr Elia Hauge were elected as representatives to Rous County Council (RCC).

This is significant because RCC is the body responsible for virtually all of the region's mains water supply and makes major decisions that affect the entire Northern Rivers.

Both Cr Ndiaye and Cr Hauge are opponents of plans to build a massive dam in Dunoon, and oppose Byron Council's previous decision to close Mullum's local water supply at Laverlys Gap in favour of the Rous supply.

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The Echo farewells co-founder David Lovejoy



On Sunday people came together to celebrate the life of *Echo* co-founder David Lovejoy. From his life-altering experiences with LSD to being Queensland chess champion, everyone was treated to a wonderful set of memories that made up the life of David. Pictured are his daughter-in-law Paula, daughter Claire and son Hans. Photo Jeff Dawson

A lucky day for Rick thanks to the Westpac chopper

Eve Jeffery

It was a lucky day for Rick Shearman when he went into the water on July 13 – he was fortunate enough to be found and rescued after he was swept out to sea while bodysurfing big bombs at Tallow Beach.

A daily surfer, Shearman is an extremely confident swimmer and surfer and never in a billion years imagined he would find himself in need of the rescue chopper – there is a high probability that he wouldn't be here today without the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

'They saved my life. I'm out there every day. I grew up here surfing – I just got swept out to sea, and I was out there for half an hour – not stressed – but I did try to get in through the dumpsters and got smashed and held under water. I knew that wasn't gonna end well, so I had to go out the back and got swept out.'



Rick Shearman hopes to raise \$5,000 during October for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service by pedalling his bike. Photo Tree Faerie

A call to triple zero

Shearman says he was running through his options and decided to call triple zero on his smart watch.

'From then on I was in communications with them the whole time. I wasn't fearful for my life, but I was extremely grateful for that. Without the chopper I'd have been absolutely stuffed.'

Giving back

To say he is grateful is a huge understatement, and he is determined to say thank you in dollars to the service. Shearman plans to ride 1,000kms in his spare time over the month of October in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service's Base to Base, which is a virtual fitness challenge to walk,

ride, run or roll a selected distance over the month of October.

Shearman says he is extremely grateful to all the services and agencies involved in his rescue. 'Without them I wouldn't be here.'

To support Rick and find out more about the service, visit: events.rescuehelicopter.com.au/fundraisers/rickshearman/base-to-base.

Wallum protest blockade packed down

The Federal Court of Australia has amended the dates of the highly anticipated hearing of *Save Wallum Incorporated v Clarence Property Corporation Limited*, to 21-28 February 2025. Save Wallum campaigners say they've packed down their protest blockade camp at the Omega Circuit site in Brunswick Heads' Bayside Estate.

Save Wallum says that this hearing, which was due to begin Monday, 14 October 2024, will be a pivotal moment in the fight

to protect 30 hectares of rare coastal heathland and culturally significant Wallum ecology in Brunswick Heads. A temporary injunction on the planned Wallum Estate residential development, a Federal Court order, is still in place. At the February hearing a permanent injunction will be sought that could halt the development permanently, leading to the potential buy-back of the land for community and conservation purposes.

'We are very pleased with this [postponement]

outcome,' said Luciana Bowen, Save Wallum Inc. President.

Fundraising for court case

'The rescheduled dates provide us with the additional time we need to prepare thoroughly and ensure that the full ecological and cultural significance of the Wallum area is recognised in court.'

The court case centres upon the proposed development at 15 Torakina Road, Brunswick Heads, which Save

Wallum says threatens a High Ecological Value (HEV) site and vital wildlife corridor.

'As we approach the new court dates, we encourage the community to continue standing with us,' said Luciana Bowen.

'Contributions to our legal fund will directly support this critical legal challenge, and your involvement remains vital to ensuring a positive outcome for the environment and future generations.'

■ *The Echo* sought comment from Clarence Property.

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Byron's Cr Michael Lyon allegedly breached AVO

Eve Jeffery

When Cr Michael Lyon affirmed his commitment to undertake the duties of councillor on Thursday October 10 in the Byron Shire Council Chambers, most people in the room wouldn't have known that the ex-mayor had recently spent a night in the police watchhouse after allegedly breaching an apprehended Domestic Violence Order (AVO) placed on him in August.

Staff from the Tweed Byron Police say that at about 2.20pm on Sunday, October 6, police were called to a home at The Pocket, following reports of a domestic incident.

Lyon arrested

Officers attached to Tweed Byron Police District arrived and were told a man, Cr Michael Lyon, had allegedly breached an enforceable AVO.

No injuries were reported. Following inquiries, police

arrested Cr Lyon at the scene.

He was taken to Byron Bay Police Station where he was charged with a breach AVO, intimidation (DV) and breach of bail.

Cr Lyon was refused bail and appeared before Lismore Local Court on Monday, October 7.

At the August hearing in Tweed Heads, an interim order prohibiting reporting of the AVO and criminal case in which Cr Lyon was the defendant, had been lifted.

Cr Lyon said at the time that he was entirely innocent of the charges against him, saying that it had 'all been driven by the police'.

The new charges of intimidation and breach of AVO will be heard at the Byron Bay Court on October 21. If Cr Lyon pleads not guilty then these charges, and the previous two charges – one count of assault and one count of stalk/intimidate – will be heard together on March 11, 2025 at Tweed Heads Court House.

Appeal for info on 2023 Mullum home invasion

Police are renewing their appeal for information on an aggravated break and enter at Mullumbimby in 2023.

About 10.30pm on Thursday, 23 November, police were called to a home on Dalley Street, Mullumbimby, following reports of a break and enter. At the scene, police were told that two men broke into the house before confronting the 78-year-old male resident, demanding money.

The resident was assaulted by the men with a bat and a knife, resulting in serious

facial and hand injuries. The two men fled with watches, car keys, and DVDs.

New evidence

Detectives have released CCTV footage of a white utility seen in the area near the time of the incident.

Police wish to speak with the driver of the utility or anyone able to identify the vehicle and its occupants.

'This is a particularly disturbing crime, and we believe someone in the community can point us in the direction of those responsible,' Det



NSW Police CCTV image of a utility associated with a home invasion investigation in Mullumbimby.

Insp Zimmer said. 'We urge anyone with information, no matter how insignificant you think it might be, to come forward and speak with

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BBFF focus on the environment and future

Damon Gameau's film *Future Council* will screen at the Palace Byron Bay Cinema on October 22 at 7pm and the Lennox Head Cultural Centre at 3pm on October 26 as part of the Byron Bay International Film Festival (BBFF).

Gameau (*That Sugar Film, 2040, Regenerating Australia*) took eight children on a bio-fuel-powered bus journey across Europe to explore environmental solutions. Their mission is to bring the climate conversation from street protests to corporate boardrooms, inspiring a new generation to influence the world's most powerful companies.

'We took the film to the UN General Assembly and did a screening - the children



Byron Bay International Film Festival Director J'aimee Skippon-Volke greets *Future Council* Director Damon Gameau fresh from his return from the 79th United Nations General Assembly. Photo Jeff Dawson

were involved in the opening and they got to go into the general assembly hall and the security council,' Gameau told *The Echo*.

'They are inviting other children to join them to determine how they shape their own future,' Gameau told *The Echo*.

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'We've created a "Connecting Community" lunch inviting people to come

together, share a group meal and hear interesting speakers. This creates new friendships and connects new networks.'

The next Connecting Generations gathering is on Sunday, October 20 at the Bangalow Bowlo 2.30-5pm. Bring the family for DIY body painting, mask making, make your own juggling balls, live music and dancing, and there will even be a clown!

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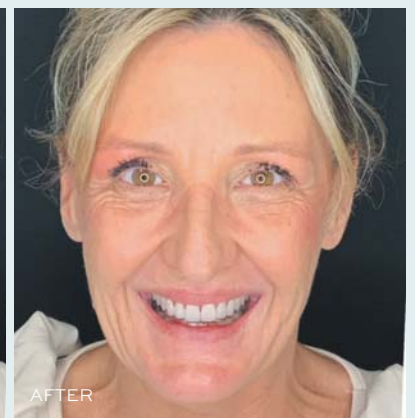
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Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin is encouraging local councils to apply for a share of \$3 million in NSW government funding for projects that support the delivery of more well-located and affordable homes.

Man dies following fire in Lismore

About 1am on Sunday 6 October 2024, emergency services were called to a unit on Anstey Street, Girards Hill, following reports of a house fire.

Nippers returning to Far North Coast

Far North Coast beaches got a little brighter as the Nippers season officially splashed back onto the sand this weekend.

Police alert for Shauntelle Roberts

Police are still asking the public for help finding a woman reported missing from Wardell.

Local students at Social Media Summit

Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin said two local high school students attended the Social Media Summit held in Sydney on Thursday, 10 October.

546 people saved by Marine Rescue NSW in September

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers responded to hundreds of boaters in need of assistance on the state's waterways in September, with crews completing 291 search and rescue missions, including 90 emergency responses.

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Online storm over election of Tweed mayor

Aslan Shand

You would be excused for thinking that the Tweed Shire mayoral and deputy-mayoral election was underwhelming, if you watched last Thursday's Tweed Shire Council (TSC) meeting. But the furore that has erupted since on social media paints a very different picture.

Former Independent Mayor Chris Cherry and Deputy Mayor Meredith Dennis were both elected unopposed at TSC's October 10 meeting following the withdrawal of nominations for mayor by Liberal Cr James Owen and for deputy mayor by Labor's Reece Byrnes.

The Tweed mayor is elected for a period of two years by the councillors and the deputy mayor is elected for a period of one year.

'I was totally shocked to be the only nomination at the end of the day,' Mayor Cherry told *The Echo*.

'I am obviously incredibly excited to start a new term. I actually think that the electorate has spoken by reelecting essentially the same Council. I do think that's been a really strong

endorsement of of what Council's been doing over the last few years.'

Owen and Hone trumpet on social media

Following the meeting, Cr Owen was clear in his disappointment about not becoming the Tweed mayor, telling his supporters on social media that, 'I was made aware before the extraordinary meeting (literally five minutes before) that Cr [Kimberly] Hone was not going to vote in support of my mayoral nomination and therefore I withdrew my nomination as that was always the agreement; either we had majority support to get it done and implement the change we so desperately needed, or we walked.'

And walk they did, straight out of the meeting during the first break for photographs, etc. and neither Liberal councillors Owen or his partner Cr Rhiannon Brinsmead returned to the chamber for the rest of the TSC meeting.

However, this narrative was contradicted by Cr Hone on her social media where

she told her followers that, 'what happened was Cr Byrnes offered me a deputy position, and in support, he would back Cr Owen in the mayoral position.'

'I said, I don't want the deputy position because I'm not in a position to be able to learn all of the council procedures and policies in my first term. And then in response to that, Cr Byrnes nominated himself as deputy.'

'I was not aware that Cr Owen was going to withdraw his nomination for mayor. That surprised me. I don't know why he did that,' says Cr Hone.

'I also just want to note that Cr Owen has done a press release and he has titled me as a National Party candidate. I'm not, I'm an independent, and he didn't even spell my name correctly.'

Cr Hone did run as the National Party candidate for the last federal election in the seat of Richmond. The National Party does not run candidates in local elections and requires members to run as independents.

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Vietnam vets reunion after Remembrance Day in Ballina

Following the Remembrance Day commemoration on 11 November 2024, the surviving members of 5 Platoon, B Company, 7RAR will arrive for a reunion in Ballina.

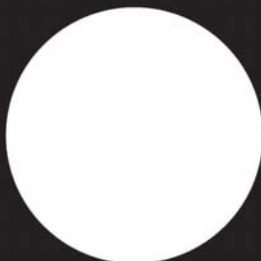
Band of brothers

Platoon commander Major (retired) Wally Harris continues to lead his old platoon to this day and that may not be unique, but it is, nevertheless, a 'band of brothers'-like achievement given the considerable passage of time since the Vietnam war and the ravages of old age.

Platoon member and Alstonville resident Chris Simpson and his wife Sue have been attending to the arrangements for the reunion, and have confirmed that many platoon members, who reside in most states of Australia, have committed to the reunion and will fly in or drive to the Byron Bay/Ballina coastal fringe for a week of relaxation and sightseeing.



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Greens propose 'GP For Free' program with six clinics for Richmond

Aslan Shand

Coming back to Australia after living in the UK, it was a shock to see how far the Australian health system had gone down the route of user pays. While living in the city you have a chance of finding a GP who will bulk bill if you aren't on social security benefits, or a pensioner, but it is almost impossible to find one in rural and regional Australia.

On Friday the Greens launched their 'GP For Free' plan that looks at providing bulk billing GP clinics across Australia at a cost of \$5 billion a year for the next ten years. The plan proposes combining bulk billing GPs, dentists, psychologists and registered nurses together at free local health care clinics. The Greens have said



Greens leader Adam Bandt joined Richmond candidate Mandy Nolan to launch the Greens' 'GP For Free' plan last Friday. Photo Jeff Dawson

they aim to tax 'big corporations that are profiting off price gouging during a cost-of-living crisis' to fund the scheme.

'Take ExxonMobil, for example, a big multinational brought in \$15 billion of revenue last year and paid \$0 in tax,' said leader of the

Australian Greens, Adam Bandt.

'Now, when a nurse in Ballina is paying more tax than a non-national, something is wrong.'

Six free clinics

Under their proposal a government area such as

Richmond would see six health clinics open with the expectation that this would take pressure off hospital emergency rooms and encourage people who put off visiting a GP due to costs, to see the doctor before serious health consequences impact them.

'Three of the clinics will be located in the Tweed LGA (Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and the Tweed Coast), two clinics will be located in the Ballina LGA (Lennox Head and Ballina) and one clinic will be located in the Byron LGA.'

'Our plan is to build a minimum of six free clinics in every electorate across the country,' explained Mr Bandt.

The Greens are also proposing to triple bulk billing incentives and the plan 'includes support for the trainee GP workforce to ensure that GP trainees receive equal pay to their hospital trainee counterparts.'

Parliamentary Budget Office analysis of the proposal has noted that costing for the Greens' proposal is 'highly uncertain' according to a report by *The Guardian*.

But the proposal has been welcomed by the Royal Australian College of GPs, Mr Bandt told *The Echo*.

'In a wealthy country like ours everyone should be able to see a GP, dentist or psychologist when they need to, but more and more people are putting off desperately needed health appointments because they can't afford it,' said Mr Bandt.

'The Greens will make big corporations pay their fair share of tax so that people in Richmond can see a doctor, dentist, or psychologist for free.'

Looking to the future of BBGC

► Continued from page 1 feels that it is important to address the objectives of the undersigned members. With this in mind, the Board has proposed to bring forward the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to Tuesday, 19 November.'

'What we want is for the members to look forward, to see what they want for the future of their club,' said one member to *The Echo*.

'There has been a previous proposal to sell the land, there is the option of ensuring the golf course is part of an important wildlife corridor for koalas like Moji who was recently killed on



This koala and joey are enjoying a stroll through the Byron Bay Golf Club. Photo supplied

Broken Head Road. Do we want a club that is accessible to the common person, or one that is exclusive?

'As playing members it is up to us to elect a board that represents the future of what we want this club to be.'

Help Byron light up for Christmas

A Byron community group is looking to get locals and visitors on board with its 'Christmas Cheer in the Bay' Christmas concert.

They ran the project last year with a grant from Byron Council, however, this year they need to raise the funds to bring in the Christmas tree to Railway Park, light up the Visitor Centre with Christmas lights, and to put on the Christmas concert.

'We need to raise \$5,000 to truck and crane in the

tree, plus lighting of the centre,' organiser Louisa Sasse told *The Echo*.

Donate for Christmas cheer

'Last year we had decorations made by local school kids, a stunningly-lit heritage cottage (the Byron Visitor Centre), and our Christmas concert featuring local entertainers. It was a huge success!'

If you would like to get

involved and donate towards the Byron Christmas Community Initiative Fundraiser you can donate at: www.gofundme.com/f/bring-christmas-cheer-to-byron-bay.

'With just three months until Christmas, we need your help to make it happen again. Any contribution will go a long way in bringing people together and spreading the Christmas spirit to all who visit, live in and serve our community.'

All Welcome



Access and inclusion for everyone in Byron Shire

Byron Shire Council is writing a new **Disability Inclusion Action Plan**. We want your help.

We want to hear from:

- People with disability
- People with a mental health condition
- Carers and support workers
- Family and friends
- Advocacy and service organisations



Tell us how we can make the Byron Shire more accessible and inclusive

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It might be dull but you never know what you might find

The recent announcement that Adelaide University will cease traditional lectures for students got me thinking about my, and now my kids', experiences in education and at university. What is it that makes university a dynamic experience? Anyone who has ever attended a lecture at university, TAFE, or in the workplace can tell you that they can, at times, be sleep-inducing (depending on who is giving them!) But what makes these in-person (even if napping) experiences important?

I've attended a variety of university, TAFE and workplace education and training experiences over the years. While the 'learning' I was there to absorb was important, the other elements of the experience were equally important. It was the being in a space with other people, it was the social interactions, it was the random opportunities and people who I met that were crucial. Many of these random interactions, from the stranger I sat next to who has been a friend for life, to the fool and their opinions I couldn't stand, to the curious, fleeting conversation with a random stranger that I've never seen again have created opinions, connections, stimulated ideas and shaped my life.

Today the challenges that we are looking to overcome include isolation, loneliness, and lack of connectivity. The impact of these on physical and mental health can be significant and 'loneliness has been linked to premature death, poor physical and mental health (Holt-Lunstad et al. 2015), greater

psychological distress (Manera et al. 2022) and general dissatisfaction with life (Schumaker et al. 1993). Loneliness among Australians was already a concerning issue before the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent that in 2022 it has been described as one of the most pressing public health priorities in Australia (Ending Loneliness Together 2022 - www.aihw.gov.au).

Listening to my eldest talk about their experience of university I am so glad they are in student accommodation, on campus, and experiencing all those dull, stressful, exciting, sleep-inducing lectures and tutorials. They are having to interact; deal with good and bad living situations; they are meeting other people and learning to like, dislike, stand up for, run away from, and to make choices about their life. They are on campus and while they might miss a lecture and have to catch up they are out in the world, engaging and living.

There is an important place for online learning, it provides a range of different learning modes that can meet a diverse range of needs that ensures everyone can access education in a way that suits them. But in an era where we are trying to ensure that our youth, adults, and elderly alike get the opportunity to create essential connections, it is vital that we retain the spaces of chance interaction regardless of how dull any particular lecture may be.

Aslan Shand, editor
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Voting under the influence

As Australia slavishly follows the worst American precedents, along with its presidents, it's worth keeping an eye on the worrying state of democracy in that country.

Last week, South African-born Elon Musk's Super Political Action Committee (Super PAC) started paying people for election-related data gathering, disguised as support for freedom of speech and the right to bear arms, in the hope of recruiting new potential Trump voters in swing states. It's not exactly vote buying, which is illegal, but not far from it.

The man who turned Tesla into a household name and Twitter into a cesspit is now offering \$47 apiece to exploit individual personal contacts which can then be targeted to turn out for Donald Trump, and encourage others to do likewise. It's a variation on the person-to-person strategy which transformed Musk's electric car company from nothing to a major competitor in a matter of years with no advertising.

The disastrous Super PAC idea came into being in 2010, following a Supreme Court decision which decided that limitations on corporate and individual financial spending designed to influence elections were unconstitutional.

Republican Senator John McCain warned soon after that corruption and scandal would follow, as there was 'too much money washing around politics'. So now we have a situation in America where billionaires use their cash to encourage less rich people to vote against their own interests, often using even poorer people as bogeymen.

Sound familiar?

Dark MAGA

The once progressive Elon's motives in all this are the subject of much debate, ranging from simple racism to the fear of losing government space contracts, to Democrat regulatory oversight



'Now we have a situation in America where billionaires use their cash to encourage less rich people to vote against their own interests.'

David Lowe

affecting Tesla. Maybe moving his businesses to Texas has scrambled his brain, or he's getting high on his personal supply of extreme social media propaganda?

Already the proud owner of his own personal 'dark MAGA' hat, another theory is that Mr Musk has serious political ambitions of his own, which a potential authoritarian leader like Donald Trump might make possible. Being the richest man in the world certainly doesn't appear to have brought him any satisfaction. Which brings us to people like Gina and Clive.

Here in Australia, there are still some limits on political spending, although the system is far from democratic. Australia's ultra-rich continue to use front groups like Advance to further their agendas, pushing the Liberals further right and nipping Labor and the Greens into line with the usual toxic mix of misinformation and fear.

As in America, it's legal here to buy votes wholesale but not retail, and most elections tend to come down to promises relating to the personal hip pocket, with a wide variety of big picture political sins going unnoticed.

This week in the Senate for example, the Australian government passed legislation to allow nuclear waste from AUKUS subs to be dumped in Australia. Only the Greens, David Pocock, Lydia Thorpe and Jacqui Lambie opposed this. A bill to make price gouging by big corporations illegal was voted down by Labor, the Liberals and Nationals.

The Greens brought a matter of urgency to acknowledge that approving new coal mines in Australia was fuelling the extinction

crisis. This was also rejected by Labor, the Liberals, the Nationals and One Nation.

Adults in the room

Australia's prime minister Anthony Albanese likes to dismiss things like this as 'stunts', while he gets on with the real business of governing, which includes getting Australian lobsters back into China (the lobsters weren't consulted), accusing Angus Taylor of having Tourette's, and pushing forward his own legislative response to dealing with big money in politics.

The exact wording of Labor's final bill is still under wraps, but it appears likely to include; lowering the maximum amount that can be donated to a campaign and lowering the disclosure threshold to \$1,000, limiting the amount a campaign can spend in an electorate, increasing public election funding based on vote numbers, creating a real-time process to make donations public, rather than the current opaque system, and tackling disinformation with some provision relating to truth in political advertising.

All of this sounds wonderful, but the concern among progressive groups is that the detail of the legislation will be more about targeting organisations such as GetUp! and environmentally-focused charities than the likes of Clive Palmer.

Will these new laws make our two-party system more entrenched? Will Australia become even more like the weird old US of A? Does Anthony Albanese hate Tories or Greenies more?

With his government embattled and under attack on multiple fronts, we're likely to find out soon.



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Nicholas Shand
1948-1996
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- Finley Peter Dunne 1867-1936

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We're keeping the 'U' in Echo

Some papers don't even publish your opinions, but not us.

Our community's opinions are an integral part of us, like a Xenomorph's second mouth.

The Echo was set up because the mainstream media at the time refused to report widespread police misbehaviour during

the annual dope raids; we're called *The Echo* because we try to 'echo' what's important to our community, including your opinions.

Many of our best stories start because people approach *The Echo* with

information, but you'll find a great selection of the community's opinions, even those we don't agree with, in the letters section of the paper, and more online, each week.



What talent

I first just wanted to say what an amazing experience it was attending this year's National Circus Festival in Mullumbimby. My partner and I went for the day on Sunday, October 6 and had a wonderful time. So much amazing talent and so many beautiful people and kids.

Something strange happened for me during the performance of Casus Creations - You and I, in the Spaghetti Big Top at 3pm. While watching the show, suddenly three boys appeared beside me and my female partner, and one, about 10-years old, maybe younger or older, I'm not sure, leant over to me and said, 'If anyone asks you, will you say that you are my dad?' 'What?' I said. He then said, I guess having taken a second look at my older, bearded face, I'm 68 years of age, 'Oh, okay, if anyone asks, will you tell them that you are my grandfather?'

I said, 'Yeah okay. What's your name?' He said, 'Noah.' I said, 'Hi, I'm Abraham.' And then I asked the other two boys what their names were. But I can't remember what they said.

Before I could ask, 'To whom and why do you want me to say that I am your grandfather?', they all shot off and I never saw them again.

So does anyone know who Noah is? Maybe a father or mother, who could explain to me what that was about? And if not, all the best to you Noah, if you happen to read this. I can only think you might be a very alive young rascal. And I hope I didn't get you into trouble writing this. You seemed like a good kid to me anyway.

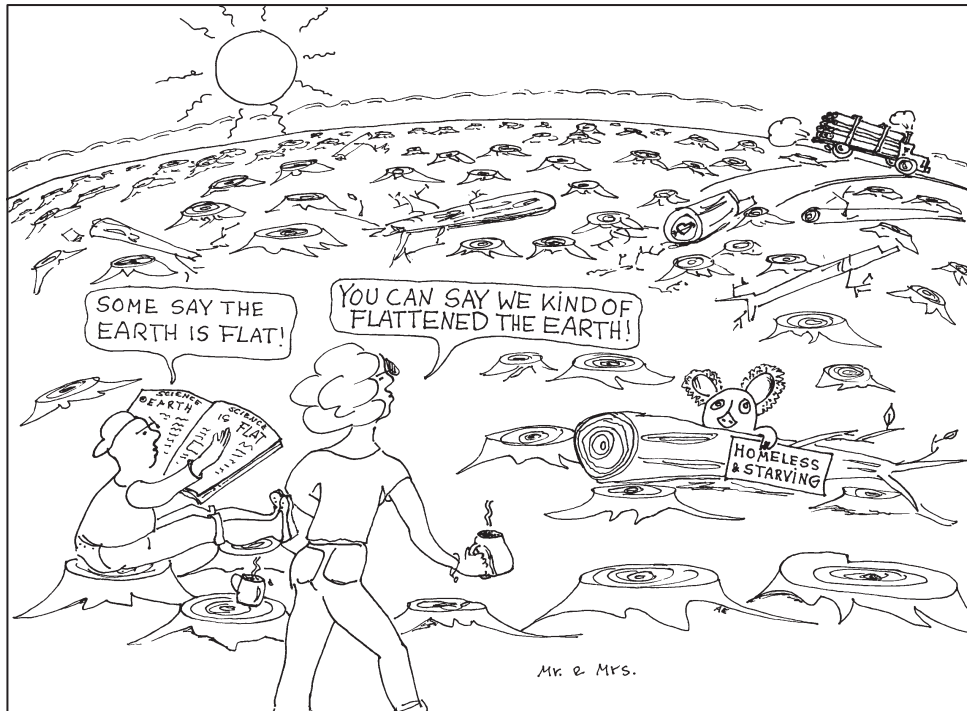
Finally, I'd just like to add that all the children at the circus festival seemed to have so much fun. It was pure delight to hear their young hysterical laughter.

Abraham (AKA Philip Byrt)
Tyagarah

Gungas Rd, Nimbin

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the recent construction activities along Gungas Road, about two kilometres from Nimbin town.

I observed the construction of an earth pad on the floodplain near Mulgum Creek. This pad, approximately two metres high and covering around 35 square



If you would like to stay up to date on the NSW Independent Forestry Panel that is looking at the development of the Forestry Industry Action Plan by the NSW government, register here: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2024/08/independent-forestry-panel.

Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbej

metres, raises significant concerns, particularly regarding its approval process. The implications of its proximity to the creek could lead to serious flooding issues, backing up floodwaters and increasing erosion on the creek's far bank. Additionally, runoff from the site could alter the creek's pH and clarity, adversely impacting the local ecosystem, I believe.

I also noticed what seems to be a dam under construction, disrupting natural water flow. The placement of the dam and pad may require further earthworks, exacerbating environmental damage.

I urge an immediate halt to all construction activities and the development of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Allowing this project to proceed could set a concerning precedent, risking further pollution in this vital platypus habitat.

Su Shea
Rocky River

Lavertys Gap

About three months ago there was a bit of a stink about the previous Byron Council tying up a line with Rous County Council (RCC) and abandoning Lavertys Gap so late in the day leaving little opportunity for public consultation or a rescission motion.

The reverse side of this coin can also be suspect; that is, the staff put up proposals that new councillors could not possibly know

enough about to make an informed decision. I've seen that cynical nonsense happen several times over the decades.

As it happens, of the first two items on the agenda, the first was about Council's two representatives on RCC. The way this was handled is indicative of what we can expect in terms of transparency and accountability. The staff handed out little professional voting cards which they then collected after councillors had filled them in. Then they did their count and announced (surprise, surprise) that Sarah Ndiaye was successful, as was Elia Hauge.

This sucks. I think we, the ratepayers, were entitled to hear before the vote what relevant qualifications the various applicants put forward, if any. Not only that but we were given no idea how individual councillors voted. It was in effect a secret ballot, how is that compatible with transparency?

Cr Pugh showed some signs of unease and asked a couple of questions but got nowhere. A rescission motion would be in order, but does he have it in him?

The second item on the agenda concerned decision-making powers which the elected council were asked to delegate to the staff. Most new councillors wouldn't even know what an 'instrument of delegation' is. I haven't, at the time of writing, had the opportunity to read the relevant staff report,

but I'm suspicious about the timing and the motivation behind it. Council didn't put any printed versions of the agenda around the room as they previously did, so we observers were expected to follow barely-readable prompts on two special screens, i.e. no opportunity to scan the agenda beforehand or during a boring item. As I said, things don't look good for future decision-making; Byron councillors will in effect be asked to endorse decisions already made by the bureaucrats.

John Anderson
Coorabell

Thanks Tweed ICU

Hospitals are always getting criticised, but our experience with the Tweed Valley Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has been something to applaud.

Our mother spent 99 days on life support in the ICU in 2012 with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and the staff were caring, considerate and got her well again. They ensured she was both physically and mentally cared for. For the past 14 years she was able to return to living a normal life.

Recently mum wound up in the ICU again and this time she was not so lucky. She was on life support yet again, but this time it needed to be turned off. However, the care and consideration of the staff was phenomenal. They gave us time to say goodbyes, they spoke to her and treated her as a precious human being and we were left feeling like she was loved by all in the room when the machines were turned off.

Thank you, Tweed Valley Hospital staff, for all you did for our mother and for all you do on a daily basis to help others.

Jodie Pipkorn
Tweed Heads

SPPA

Suffolk Park is notable for its small village community ambience rather than as a listed tourist destination. Like others in the shire, the community is under increasing stress from rapid population and urban growth,

commercial development, and the impact of visitor numbers here. There are additionally issues particular to our area: evacuation from beachside Suffolk Park in an emergency; traffic congestion, speed and parking pressures; deteriorating infrastructure; risk from illegal fires on our beach and dunes; the degraded environmental condition of our lake and Tallow Creek; and the future of our commercial hub off Clifford Street. There are many others.

We have recently been to the polls which has provided the opportunity to effect positive changes in direction, policy, and the future of our district.

Organisations like the Suffolk Park Progress Association (SPPA) also have a key role to play in promoting our interests and amenity. They can, and do, influence local government planning and activity in our area.

The role played and the effectiveness of the SPPA is determined by its membership and local community support. If you are a Suffolk Park resident, please consider attending its Annual General Meeting in the community hall in Alcorn Street at 4pm on Tuesday, **► Continued on page 11**

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Music in the Valley

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Mullum Newsagency
to Festival
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Featuring

**Bobby Alu
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Festival

Free Entry



**DJ Salve Jorge, Bollywood Sisters
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Sunday, October 27

11 am - 7 pm @

Main Arm Upper Public School

Ultimate ninja warrior obstacle course,

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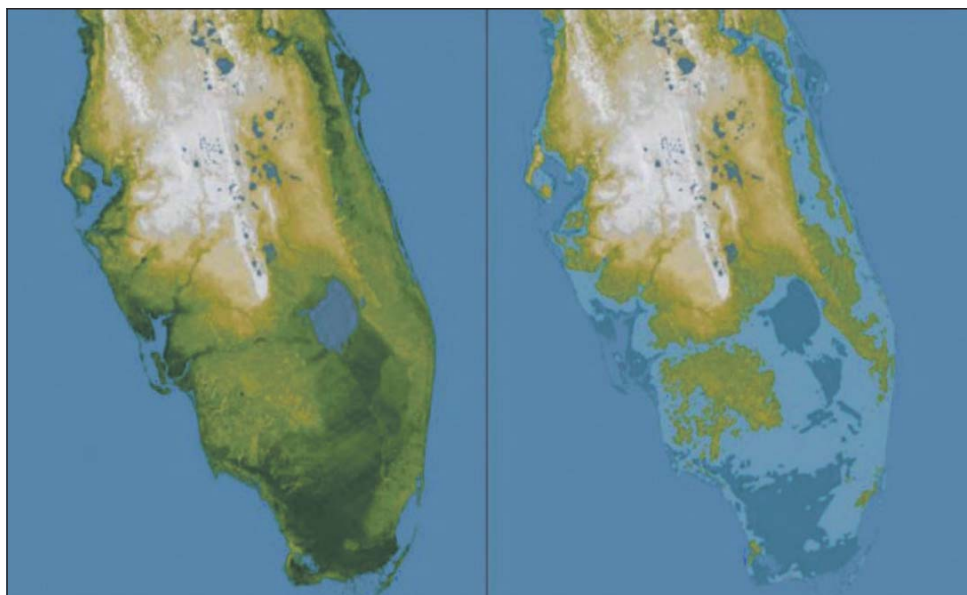
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October 22. Learn what the SPPA has achieved, and what it can do to help protect our future. Come along, meet more neighbours, and have your say!

Tony Christy, Lynne Richardson, Noelene Plummer
Suffolk Park

Global sea level change

Global mean sea level rose rapidly following the last ice age approximately 20,000 years ago. However, the rate of sea level rise slowed and has been nearly stable over the last few thousand years. Since around 1900, global average sea level has risen by about seven to eight inches (21cm), and the rate of sea level rise has been accelerating in recent decades as ocean temperatures warm. Nearly half of this rise in sea levels has occurred since 1993, and the rate of global mean level rise since 1993 has been approximately 3.4mm per year. Global mean sea levels will continue to rise throughout the 21st century and beyond.

The main contributors to changes in global mean sea level are thermal expansion caused by warming ocean temperatures and melting of



Florida sea level change with climate change. Left: Green colours indicate low elevations, rising through yellow and tan, to white at the highest elevations. Even the highest elevations are only about 60 meters (197 feet) above sea level. Right: elevations five meters (16 feet) above sea level have been coloured blue, and lighter blue indicates elevations below 10 meters (33 feet). These areas are particularly vulnerable to flooding from storm surges, which are exacerbated by climate change.

Image NASA Earth Observatory/SRTM Team NASA/JPL/NIMA

land-based ice that results in the addition of fresh water into the ocean. Sea level rise can vary across the coast due to ocean currents and tidal fluctuations. Before and after maps (see above) show what will happen to the Florida Peninsula when anticipated sea level changes occur. All of Miami and many of the most highly-populated areas of Florida will be inundated.

The same story can be told around the seaboard

regions of every nation on Earth. Here in Byron Shire over time we can expect Byron CBD, Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and most of the surrounding floodplain will all be inundated. Rising sea temperatures mean cyclones will move further south, bringing destructive winds and storm surges. Keep adding CO2 to the mix and we heat up the planet. This is not conspiracy speculation, it's just scientific

fact. We just have to keep remembering what's at stake.

Mike Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

David Lovejoy

The passing of David Lovejoy reminds us all of how very fortunate the Byron Shire community is to have a local journal such as *The Echo*. *The Echo* has always stood for democracy, it has remained independent and

maintained remarkable and insightful integrity and social representation.

David's skills exist in his editor son Hans Lovejoy. In the same manner the remarkable sensitivity and social consciousness exist in Aslan Shand, the daughter of Nick Shand who instigated *The Echo* decades ago. Nick was a friend who was always encouraging when I discussed the need for environmental campaigns.

David and Nick and *The Echo* were the real force behind the manifestation of opposition to the proposed Club Med development and its final demise in the Land and Environment Court. Those were the days of 'telephone trees' sitting on the sand dunes with our French resistance berets placed over our heads convincing the French representatives that a community chant 'No Club Med' would resonate until victory.

The community was alive and rich in passion for the rights of nature. How lucky we were! Now we have to fight for the rights of nature and freedom of speech and for journalism as 'the political powers' attack freedom of speech with a proposed communications legislation amendment. Should this succeed journalism will

become embedded with authoritarian governments and democratic freedoms lost.

Thus I suggest, if we believe in freedom of expression in democracy, the independence of journalism and the rights of nature we have a delightful obligation to continue supporting *The Echo* and the legacy of David Lovejoy and Nick Shand. Blessing to all 'drudges' past and present at *The Echo*. We love you... even the grumpy folk who have a need to spit their chips somewhere.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Green is the new red

It's difficult to continue to support the Greens party when they're obstructing the passing of good policies.

Labor's proposals to assist people into home ownership would help 50,000 families own their own home. It may not be perfect but assisting 100,000 plus people into secure housing is very worthwhile. Instead of supporting the proposal the Greens are making outrageous demands like asking the government to force the Reserve Bank to change interest rates. That request is not only impossible but also goes directly against

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Mullumbimby & District
Neighbourhood Centre

WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY DO YOU WANT? AN EXCITING COMMUNITY PROJECT LAUNCHES

Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) has embarked on a transformative journey, partnering with Paul Ramsay Foundation for an innovative community project.

In a time when our community faces change and challenges, this project represents an opportunity to explore what matters most to you - starting with what kind of community you want to live and participate in.

THE PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our practice is designed to foster open, meaningful conversations in relaxed, 'around the table' settings, aiming to identify aspirations, opportunities for innovation, and collaboration.

By opening these safe informal spaces for dialogue, MDNC aims to:

- Amplify diverse community voices (especially those missing voices not always included or heard)
- Build cohesive community connections by uncovering shared aspirations
- Spark innovative community solutions to local challenges

"We're hoping this project will create a chain reaction of possibilities," says Julie Williams, Manager of the MDNC.

"We know that no single person or organisation can solve all our challenges. We believe in the magic of Mullumbimby. Where there are challenges, we want to work on change together with the community, because we believe that the most effective solutions and actions come from within the community itself"

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION

MDNC extends a warm invitation to all Mullumbimby residents to participate in this ground breaking initiative. Your voice, your ideas, and your presence are crucial in shaping the Mullumbimby we all want to see. Together, we'll embark on an exciting journey of listening, learning, and co-creating the future of our vibrant community.

The next round of conversations is now open for bookings! The conversations are catered so please let us know if you have any dietary needs.

Location: MDNC, 'The Hub'
Each Thursday 2-4pm
from 24/10 till 29/11

To book in or get more information on this exciting initiative, please contact:

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Join us in writing the next chapter of Mullumbimby's story - where every voice matters, and every idea has the power to create lasting change.

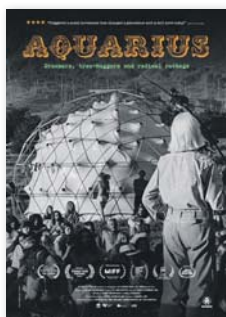


New dawning of Aquarius and parties open Byron Film Fest's first week

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

BBFF2024 Opening Night
Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Red Carpet Reception – SOLD OUT
8.15pm film only + after-party:
Aquarius – TICKETS SELLING FAST
Byron Premiere

Step back in time, to 1973, into the rebellious world of artists, activists and visionaries featured in Byron Bay Film Festival's opening night doco, *Aquarius*, a candid and affectionate chronicle of the legendary Nimbin Aquarius Festival, its high highs and occasional lows, and its profound impact on the Northern Rivers community and the generations that followed – down to today.



◆ The Red Carpet Gala reception is sold out, but a limited number of film only plus after-party tickets are selling fast.

After the film, join us for the **Aquarius Rising after-party held at Otherworld**

The revelry continues with great music and company, all inspired by the Aquarius era, at the psychedelic Otherworld gallery near the cinema on Jonson Street. Featuring live DJ sets from XFakta and Scott Plant of Wax Addicts, whose dynamic and soulful mixes will fill the dance-floor to revive the festive Aquarian spirit.



◆ Dress code: Channel the spirit of '73, unshackle the inner hippie and let your flower child run free!

The weekend is filled with more great films and activities, including:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

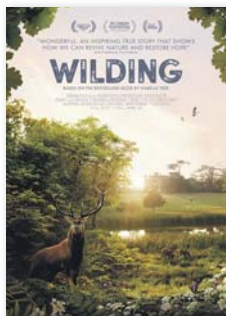
11am, Byron Community Centre
Bond University Workshop: Unlock the Secrets to Screen Storytelling

A workshop to help you bring your ideas to life! Learn the fundamentals of storytelling, and the practical lighting and other technical skills you need to achieve that coveted cinematic look.

◆ Plus: Bring your camera for a special tech troubleshooting session with a Bond University expert.

12.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Wilding + Q&A

Based on Isabella Tree's best-selling book of the same name, *Wilding* tells the story of a young aristocratic couple who defy their conventional farming legacy and let nature show the way on their 400-year-old estate. Screens with *Lucky Fowl* and *Farming Forever*.



◆ *Wilding* also screens: Sunday October 27 at 4.15pm at Ballina Fair Cinemas; and Sunday October 27 at 4pm at Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads, where Isabella Tree will be joining Sarah Ndiaye via video for a post-film conversation.

2.40pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year

The imagination and technical proficiency of Australia's emerging filmmakers never ceases to amaze the BBFF programming team, whose challenging job is to select just 10 films from all those submitted by these visual storytellers for entry into the Festival's Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year Competition. With the winner of the award being announced (sponsored by Mercato on Byron) many of the nominees are in attendance. Show your support for these talented young filmmakers and enjoy a showcase of unique perspectives and storytelling.



5.15pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Black Dog

Set against the 2008 Beijing Olympics, *Black Dog* follows Lang, just out of prison, as he returns to his hometown, now marked for demolition. Shunned, he bonds with a stray black whippet, another outsider. This engrossing portrait of a country whose PR isn't matched by the conditions on the ground, won director Guan Hu the Un Certain Regard Award at Cannes.



◆ *Black Dog* also screens on Friday October 25 at 7.30pm at Palace Byron Bay.

7.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
The Life & Death of Westerly Windina
World Premiere + Q&A – TICKETS SELLING FAST

Peter Drouyn was a hyper-masculine wave-riding prodigy who surprised the surfing world when he resurfaced as a trans woman on national television. Her new name, she said, was Westerly Windina. *The Life & Death ...* traces Westerly's journey and struggle for recognition and respect.



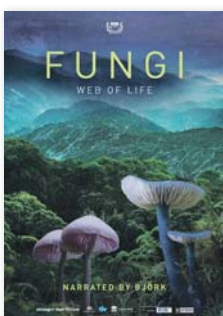
◆ Followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers who are attending from LA.

► *The Life & Death of Westerly Windina* also screens on Sunday October 27 at 6.30pm at Brunswick Picture House.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

12.45pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Fungi: Web of Life
Byron Premiere + Q&A

All life on Earth is connected by a great mystery we are only just beginning to unravel. Hidden between the world of plants and animals, another world exists, the essential world of fungi. Narrated by Bjork, the film screens with *Trust the Bees* and *Hidden in Plain Sight*.



2pm, Nimbin Bush Theatre
Aquarius

Nimbin Premiere + Panel – SOLD OUT
Aquarius comes home! The film of the event returns to the town where it all began, in a celebration of alternative thinking and Nimbin, then, and now.

3pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
We Were Dangerous
Byron Premiere

A dramatic tale of resilience and friendship produced by Taika Waititi. In 1954 New Zealand, Māori teens Nellie and Daisy, along with Lou are transferred to a remote island facility for 'incorrigible delinquents'. Overseen by the strict Matron (Rima Te Wiata of *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*), the girls face harsh punishments but remain undefeated, their humour and rebellious spirits making this a delightful as well as disturbing work. Screens with *Last Man Standing*.



► *We Were Dangerous* also screens: Friday October 25 at 5.30pm at Palace Cinemas Byron Bay; and Saturday October 26 at 7.15pm at Palace Ballina Fair Cinemas.

5pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
The Pool
Byron Premiere + Q&A

Bondi Icebergs is the most photographed pool in the world. For nearly a century this spectacular 50 metre stretch of sparkling blue at the southern end of Bondi Beach has occupied a special corner in the hearts of millions. Screens with *IAN*, by Matt Raimondo, a portrait of the incredible 72-year-old Australian rock-climber Ian Elliott.



◆ Followed by a Q&A with director Ian Darling.

► *The Pool* also screens on Saturday October 26 at 5pm at Palace Ballina Fair Cinemas.

7.30pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Walkabout: The Songlines of Surfing
Byron Premiere + Q&A

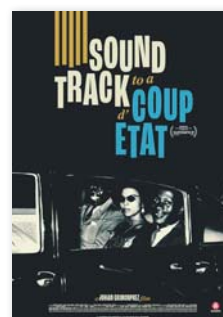
From BBFF veteran Matty Hannon (*The Road to Patagonia*) comes this heart-warming tale of young surfer Arnaud Mestelan's first meeting with Australian pro surfer Robbie Page in Europe, and their reunion and adventures more than 20 years later. Screens with *Presence*, *Just Beneath the Surface* and the world premiere of *Fragments of a Half Life* from Byron Bay's Johnny Abegg.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Soundtrack to a Coup D'etat
Byron Premiere

This fascinating doco gained a 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes for its coverage of how jazz and decolonisation were entwined in a forgotten episode of the Cold War, in the newly independent Congo with the CIA up to its usual tricks, great musicians stepping onto the political stage, and downtrodden politicians lending their voices as inadvertent lead singers.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Future Council + Q&A

Damon Gameau (*2040*, *That Sugar Film*) takes eight children on a biofuel-powered journey across Europe to explore environmental solutions. Their mission is to bring the climate conversation from street protests to corporate boardrooms, inspiring a new generation to influence the world's most powerful companies. Screens with *Turakana Home*. Followed by a Q&A with Damon Gameau.



► *Future Council* also screens Sunday October 27 at 3pm at Lennox Head Cultural Centre, family passes are available. It is also screening as part of BBFF's Schools Program.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6.30pm-9.30pm, Hotel Marvell
Music Video Showcase

An evening of sound, vision and scintillating conversation in a stylish rooftop bar under the stars, where a curated selection of cutting-edge music videos from talented artists will bring the night alive, illuminated by dynamic rhythms and stunning visuals. This is a free event with limited capacity, so early arrival is recommended.



7pm, Palace Cinemas Byron Bay
Sasquatch Sunset
Byron Premiere

In the misty forests of North America, a family of Sasquatches, possibly the last of their enigmatic kind, embark on an absurdist, epic, hilarious, and ultimately poignant journey over the course of a year. Featuring performances by Riley Keough and Jesse Eisenberg, this film has been hailed as the most profound and entertaining Bigfoot story ever captured on screen. Celebrated at major film festivals like Sundance, Berlin and SXSW, it offers audiences an unforgettable exploration of myth, family, and the struggle for co-existence with the natural world. Screens with *Ways of Being*.



MORE SESSIONS NEXT WEEK!

The 18th Byron Bay International Film Festival runs from October 18-27.

With a footprint that spans Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay, Lennox Head and Ballina, BBFF screenings from Thursday, October 24 to Sunday, October 27 include a nostalgic and breathtaking survey of the origins of surfing in Australia, (*You Should Have Been Here Yesterday*), *Soulpaint* – a rich VR excursion into the human experience, horror from Lismore's Jayden Creighton (*The Matriarch*), a showcase of amazing works from Byron Shire's filmmakers, studies of Australiana from the legends of the 2022 floods (*Washed Away*) to Westie punks, the *Hard-Ons* (*The Most Australian Band Ever*), and captivating dramas and docs from around the globe – New Zealand, Morocco, Bhutan, Ukraine, California, climaxing in an absorbing drama about survival in modern day Iran (*The Seed of the Sacred Fig*).

◆ For details, visit www.bbff.com.au or check out the page in next week's *Echo*.

How atmospheric waves dump extreme rain on northern Australia

Cosmos Magazine

In 2023, almost a year's worth of rain fell over ten days in parts of north-western Australia, leading to catastrophic flooding in the town of Fitzroy Crossing and surrounds. The rainfall was linked to a tropical cyclone, but there were also lesser-known forces at work: huge, planet-scale oscillations called atmospheric waves which bring heavy rain to northern Australia.

While climate drivers such as El Niño and La Niña are becoming more familiar to many Australians, fewer understand the significant role played by atmospheric waves, which are like vast musical notes resonating around the globe. These waves can greatly influence rainfall and extreme weather events in Australia – and we don't know yet whether they could grow more intense as the world warms.

In our latest research, we discovered how these waves affect Australia's rainfall, and how they can help us make better weather forecasts. The research is published in the *Journal of Climate*.

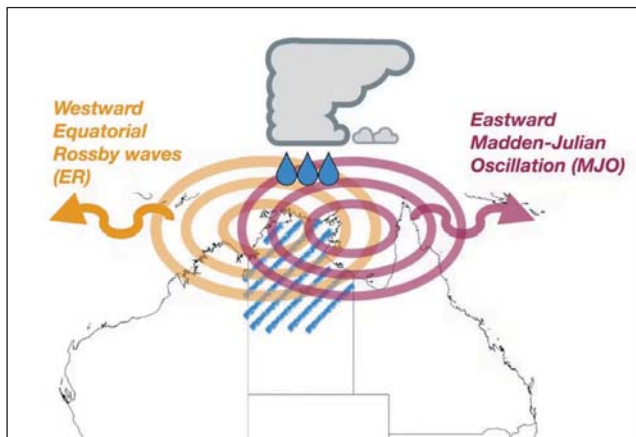
What are atmospheric waves?

You can think of atmospheric waves as huge musical notes that travel through the atmosphere around the equator. Just like a musical note, an atmospheric wave has a frequency (a pitch, or how often it oscillates) and an amplitude (a volume or intensity).

Atmospheric waves can interact with each other to create complex melodies and harmonies in the atmosphere. They affect many aspects of the atmosphere, such as wind, humidity and pressure.

In the same way musical harmony can evoke emotions, certain combinations of atmospheric waves can lead to complex clusters of clouds that evoke extreme rain events.

Equatorial atmospheric waves were first discovered mathematically in 1966 by Japanese researcher Taroh Matsuno. By solving equations that describe the behaviour of the atmosphere near the equator, he found waves that could be categorised by frequency, structure,



Atmospheric waves travelling around the equator can increase the chances of heavy rain – and combinations of waves can have an even greater impact. Image Fadhil Rizki Muhammad

speed, and direction of movement.

Later research found these waves exist in the real world – and they have been studied ever since.

Some of the most important waves are called Kelvin waves and equatorial Rossby waves. Kelvin waves are centred around the equator, propagate to the east, and take between 2.5 and 17 days to complete one oscillation.

On the other hand, equatorial Rossby waves are structured as a pair of swirls, one north of the equator and one to the south, which propagate to the west. They are also slower than Kelvin waves, taking between 9 and 72 days to complete an oscillation (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/5zwdTWgfnSw?wmode=transparent&start=0>)

There are also two other kinds of equatorial fluctuations, discovered after Matsuno's original work. These are the Madden-Julian Oscillation, which propagates eastward, and tropical depression-type waves, which propagate to the west. Both of these have their own frequencies and influences on the Australian atmosphere.

Impacts on Australian weather

We studied the relationship between these waves and rainfall in northern Australia from 1981 to 2018. We found the waves had a significant impact on rainfall during the southern summer (December–February) and autumn (March–May).

Equatorial Rossby waves that cross Australia may make heavy rainfall around 1.5 times as likely as normal, while tropical

depression-type waves make it 1.3 times more likely.

When waves combine in certain ways, heavy rain events become even more likely.

For example, a combination of an equatorial Rossby wave and the Madden-Julian Oscillation can make heavy rain in northern Australia two to three times more likely. Similarly, if a tropical depression-type wave and an equatorial Rossby wave cross Australia at the same time, heavy rainfall could be twice as likely as usual.

Due to Australia's vast landmass and local geography, the impacts of these waves are quite different across the continent. Regions such as the Kimberley, Cape York and the Top End experience the largest impact from these waves, increasing the chance of heavy rain by up to 3.3 times.

Meanwhile, the impacts of these waves on the eastern coast of Queensland and inland Queensland are not as great as in the other regions. However, the change in likelihood is still quite high: the waves can make heavy rain 1.4–2.2 times more likely than it would otherwise be.

What does the future look like?

We have shown that the activity of these 'atmospheric melodies' is important and potentially provides room for improvement in weather models.

Currently, a good representation of these waves in weather models can improve forecasts up to two weeks ahead.

A better representation of these waves may improve future weather prediction in the tropics.

In addition, the impact of these waves in a warmer world is still a mystery. Recent research suggests some atmospheric waves, such as Kelvin and the Madden-Julian Oscillation, could become more intense, potentially with more organised cloud clusters and significant impacts on heavy rain events.

■ Fadhil Rizki Muhammad, Graduate Researcher, The University of Melbourne; Andrew King, Senior Lecturer in Climate Science, The University of Melbourne; Claire Vincent, Senior Lecturer in Atmospheric Science, The University of Melbourne; and Sandro W. Lubis, Earth Scientist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

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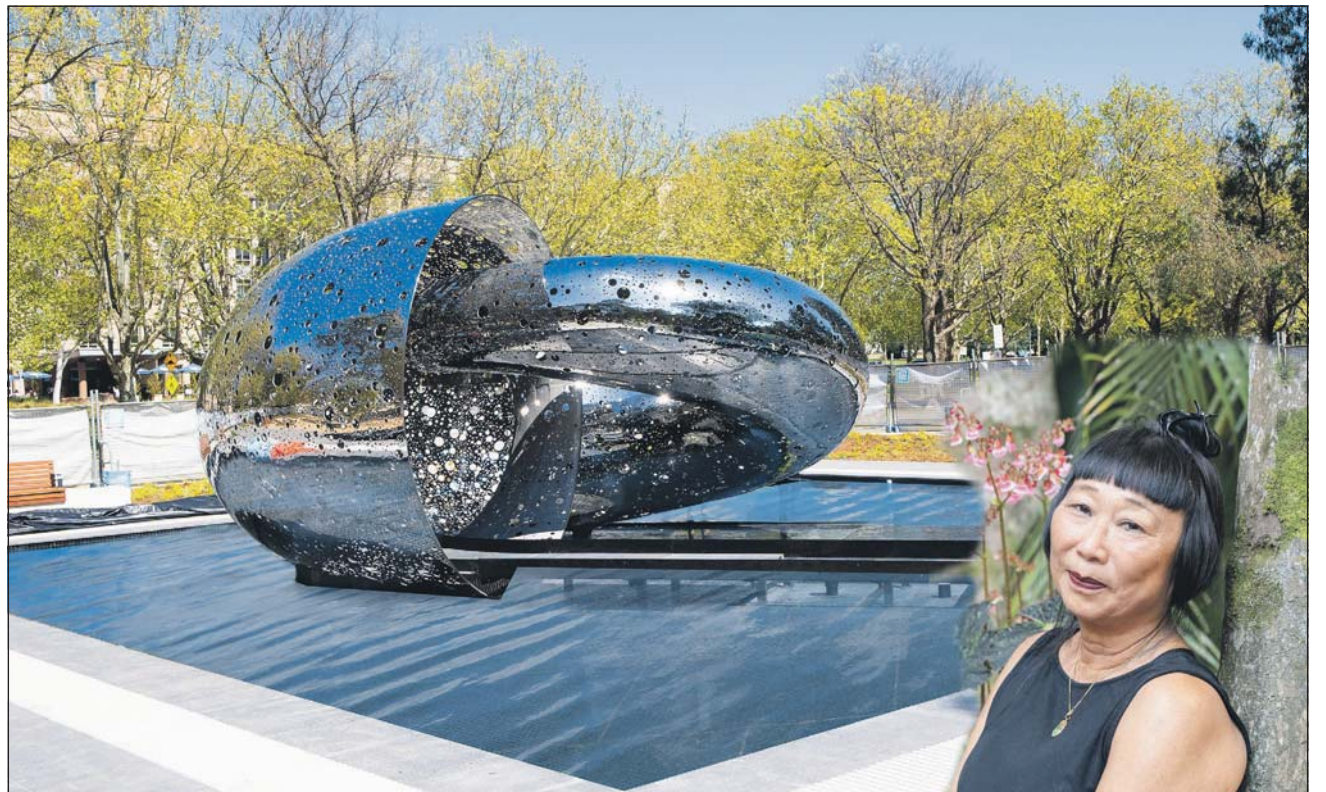
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Coorabell artist's sculpture graces National Gallery



Coorabell-based artist Lindy Lee's mammoth sculpture *Ouroboros* opens to the public on October 25. 'This work will become a beacon for the National Gallery, daytime or night-time, pulsing with light and energy. During the day, its highly polished mirror surface will reflect the imagery of the floating world. And at night, the *Ouroboros* will be lit internally, returning its light to the world,' said Lindy Lee. Photo montage Jeff Dawson

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Paul Bibby

An extraordinary art installation based on the ancient image of a snake eating its own tail has been officially unveiled by local artist Lindy Lee.

After years of planning and construction, *Ouroboros*, a shining, four-metre-high masterpiece has finally gone onto public display at the entrance to the National Gallery in Canberra.

Illustrating the eternal cycle of birth, death, and renewal, the \$14m work is the most expensive artwork ever commissioned by the National Gallery.

Visitors to the gallery

will be able walk into the 'mouth' of the snake and into the curved space to experience darkness that is illuminated by light beams emanating from the hundreds of perforations on its surface.

During the day its highly polished mirrored surface will reflect images of daily life. At night the work will be lit internally, returning its light to the world.

The sculpture, built at the Urban Art Projects foundry in Brisbane, is around four metres high and weighs approximately 13 tonnes.

Getting the work to Canberra was a major operation, requiring the

involvement of a heavy haulage trucking company, police, and road transport agencies.

A place for everybody

Ms Lee, who lives in Coorabell, told the ABC that she had chosen the design because it was genuinely inclusive.

'My experience is as a Chinese-Australian, and I grew up during the White Australia Policy,' Ms Lee said.

'So I kind of internalised a lot of racism and a sense of not belonging, so I wanted to create a work where it's about everybody,' she said.

'Under the open sky everybody belongs, everybody has their place.'

Ouroboros is a sustainable sculpture, according to the gallery – incorporating recycled materials, maximising renewable energy and measures to minimise its carbon impact.

The official opening of the work will be accompanied by the opening of an exhibition celebrating Ms Lee's career. The exhibition brings together highlights from across the artist's opus as well as a series of works on paper, exploring themes of ancestry, spirituality, the environment and the cosmos.

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► Continued from page 11 the principle of separating politics and finance.

This current debate echoes the Green's blocking of carbon tax in 2009 because they demanded a higher tax. Instead we got nothing and Australian companies continued to pollute without restriction or incentive to reduce.

A third party keeping the big two in check is a great idea IF that party can keep a firm grip on reality and promote good outcomes. That doesn't appear to be the case with the Greens at present.

Greg Wilson
East Ballina

Russian imperialism

Thanks to Juergen Klein for the reply to my letter (September 25).

I should inform Juergen the I've studied Russian and

Soviet history at university and visited the country twice, so I do have some knowledge of that region.

Any student of Russian history will tell you that Russia is the last of the European imperial powers to give up Imperialism. Its invasion of Ukraine is classic colonialism using all the old tricks... divide and conquer, population removal, terrorising Ukrainians into submission, transplanting Russians into occupied lands, even kidnapping local children to be raised in Russian homes. All sound familiar?

This isn't unique to Russia, but given their track record it's no surprise that many of its neighbours are clamouring to join NATO and the EU.

Who cares what territory the US and USSR carved up

in 1989! This is 2024. Ukraine is a sovereign, democratic state which can make an alliance with anyone it so desires.

If you neighbored a nuclear-armed, autocratic giant with no qualms about sacrificing its own people let alone yours, you wouldn't need much persuasion either! Putin's thuggery has so far backfired. Even Sweden has broken 300 years of neutrality to join NATO – thanks entirely to Russian aggression in Ukraine.

There's plenty of misery and suffering in Russian history. Dictator Putin is just the latest in a long line of strongmen who have misinterpreted world trends. That's what comes of living in ivory towers.

Simon Alderton
Ballina

Wuhan comedy

The article about the origin of Covid (*Echo*, October 2) was infected by hilarious Chinese double speak.

'The main diversity of SARS-COV-2 was in the market from the very beginning.'

Yeah mainly at the very beginning. Haha. How diplomatic. Let's not talk about the very very beginning... in the Wuhan Institute of Virology lab.

A chimera or chimeric virus is a virus that contains genetic material derived from two or more distinct viruses.

Shi, China's bat woman, was playing this way with genes of spike protein and other genes for years. Yeah, not Covid 2 though, noooo.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

Let the sun win for Byron Shire with stored renewables

Dr Anne Stuart

Do we need to change energy production, renewable energy storage and use, and if so, why?

On June 29 this year Essential Energy confirmed 34 houses at Ewingsdale lost power caused by a fault in the power lines described as a 'burnt neutral'. The outcome? For several residents, damage to electrical appliances cost them hundreds or thousands of dollars.

On July 7, a few days later, Essential Energy was instructed to shed 40 megawatts (MW) of electricity supply near Lismore in response to 'issues threatening power system security,' which affected around 24,500 customers in a wide arc across our region.

Shared community batteries

Research shows that events such as these are much less likely to occur through the installation of a series of large battery energy storage systems, often called community or neighbourhood batteries. These shared systems are designed to benefit everyone; whether households and businesses with solar panels, or renters, businesses or households without solar panels.

The principle of a large battery energy storage system is that it 'soaks up' excess solar generation during the middle of the day. The battery then discharges that power into the grid when the sun isn't shining during the evening. This reduces electricity costs for participants. These large battery systems can balance generation and consumption, and stabilise the grid by reducing voltage issues. New battery designs have no limit on energy capacity, have no noise or emissions and modules can be added to meet demand as they do not degrade like current batteries; and can be classed as an ongoing asset for the shire.

A community battery stores renewable energy and reduces reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation. It is a more decentralised, democratised, sustainable and resilient energy system, which increases local community connection to low-cost renewable electricity.

Battery energy storage systems work in two ways. First, there's the consumer



Concept art of a large battery storage unit. Image supplied

variety which most people are familiar with, the 'behind-the-meter' (BTM) system. This 'small-scale battery storage', which includes residential-level battery storage units, is a good thing because it helps reduce stress on the public grid and stores power for the household when the sun isn't shining. These household batteries are designed to improve the stability of their owners' energy supply and cut costs.

Then there is the 'front-of-the-meter' (FTM) system. An FTM system is larger and directly connected to the power – on the utility or power generation company side of the energy distribution equation, and usually belongs to a utility. They help the utility solve network congestion issues and/or provide an alternative to building new power lines; and of course, the battery stores energy for use at different times.

What happens when energy comes from different sources like solar, wind and fossil fuels? When the sun-soaked community battery is full, the system allows for 'arbitrage'. Arbitrage is the practice of taking advantage of a difference in prices in two or more markets. This means that energy generated during the middle of the day (when prices are lowest as rooftop solar penetration is high) is discharged during the evening when demand soars and when prices are higher as the electricity generated at night is generally from coal or gas, that is, they are non-renewable fuels.

This stored local renewable power, produced by the community and used by the community during the day can be sold back after dark. This practice leverages price variability through a combination of matching deals to capitalise on the difference between the market prices at which the units are traded – lower prices during the day and higher prices during the evening. In other words,

it can reduce electricity market price volatility.

Community batteries are usually installed as a stand-alone energy asset in a local area (say a local government area) at a medium scale, typically storing hundreds of kilowatt hours and transmitting the stored energy for direct community benefit. Big grid-scale community batteries are viable. Locally produced solar storage makes better use of the distribution networks of poles and wires, sending surplus capacity into the network. After all, big grid-scale community batteries have an economy of scale because they are hundreds of times bigger, connect to the grid in appropriate places, and give access to more competitive tariff arrangements as they operate as a large-market customer.

What is the economic downside?

There are large costs to set up a battery-grid connection. Utilities need to recover the costs of installing the battery and have a clear positive operating margin. In selling the discharged stored energy, utilities need an economy of scale to be profitable. There are many policy options on how to set prices of energy sold to the grid which need to be carefully considered to make that investment worthwhile.

If the government uses taxpayers' money to prop up ageing coal-fired power stations, or even fund new power stations, then surely investing in, and enabling, renewable schemes that support energy security, let alone reducing emissions, makes good economic sense.

To be sure, at the local level, there are pros and cons for the FTM and BTM cases. Individuals operating BTM have made a significant financial outlay in order to harness solar energy and discharge their battery in the evening for their private use. Households and businesses

avoid complicated arbitrage arrangements. They have the backup protection of their household battery and enjoy the private benefits but the potential public benefit is lost.

Without a doubt, there are techno-economic complexities in installing grid-scale community batteries, but they also raise new and exciting socio-political considerations. In a decentralised energy system, they can offer the benefits of increased community control over energy production, demand and planning, and reduce the inequalities within and across communities, especially those with acute disadvantage.

To ensure a positive social impact of new energy technologies, it is imperative to maintain social acceptance and sustainable community participation. Communities who have successfully trod this path have shown a commitment to engage, learn, and understand how the process works so they can contribute constructively. The feeling of energy security is vital, now more than ever – for businesses and residents.

The Australian federal government has committed to providing shared storage for up to 100,000 households. They claim that the community batteries will lower electricity bills, and provide energy security and reliability.

In addition, they allow households who cannot install solar panels to enjoy the benefits of renewable energy, which in turn reduces pressure on the electricity grid (say in times of heatwaves, bushfires, or floods) and absorbs excess energy that might cause voltage spikes in the electricity grid, and, of course, they help lower emissions.

Change is seriously underway in energy production, storage, and use – particularly in large battery energy storage systems (BESS), which includes the exciting application of community batteries. Byron Shire could be one of the communities working to take advantage of this opportunity for cheaper, cleaner more reliable energy.

There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

The science is in.

■ Dr Anne Stuart, Chair, Zero Emissions Byron and Adjunct Research Fellow at Griffith University, has lived in the shire for 36 years.

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\$1 million boost for women's surfing announced

Surfing Australia says it's stoked to announce that the organisation has been awarded \$1 million in federal funding for the 'New Wave of Female Boardriders' project.

This grant, delivered over the next three years, is intended to make surfing more accessible to women and girls across the country.

The funding will allow Surfing Australia to establish 50 new women's boardrider clubs, provide free female judging, coaching and officials courses, host an annual women's development camp at the Hyundai Surfing Australia High Performance Centre (HPC), and a range of other initiatives designed to support women's surfing at every level.



Justine Elliot MP, with Kate Wilcomes, Chelsea Hedges (2005 World Champion), Hannah Jessup, Belen Alvarez-Kimbl, Tru Starling, and Phoebe Kane (one of Australia's top female judges). Photo supplied

The announcement was made at the Hyundai HPC in Casuarina by local MP Justine Elliot, alongside key women from Australia's surf community.

'The "New Wave of Female Boardriders" is a self-sustaining program that fosters a culture of respect and gender equality, inclusion in sport and physical

activity at local, state, and national levels, and a strong sense of community belonging,' said Mrs Elliot.

'As your local Labor MP, I'm proud to be delivering \$1 million for Surfing Australia to increase female participation in surfing.'

The federal funding is from the Albanese government's Play Our Way program which is designed to remove barriers to women and girls participating in sport and physical activity.

Surfing Australia Chief of Sport – Events, Participation & Community, Luke Madden, said 'This investment is a game-changer for women's surfing.'

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

Locals try out for state futsal

Aslan Shand

Last weekend saw around 25 players try out for the futsal state teams at Byron Bay. The NSW Futsal Football trials are putting together state teams to compete at the National Futsal Championships taking place in Melbourne on January 8-13.

'There will be four different age groups: boys U14 and U16 and girls U13 and U15,' Damon Shaw, Futsal Development Manager, told *The Echo*.

The Byron trials were followed by one at Port Macquarie and the final trials will be at Newcastle.

'It would be really nice to get players from the whole state,' said Damon.

'I'm pretty confident that some of the Northern NSW players will be selected.'



Northern Rivers locals trying out for the state futsal teams in Byron Bay. Photo supplied

They are looking throughout the state for the best players to build squads of ten to represent NSW in January.

'The trials finish on October 27 and following that we will announce the squads'

For more information head to: <https://www.north-ernswfootball.com.au>.

Young and old oval ball enthusiasts hit local fields this weekend

Ross Kendall

All the action kicks off this weekend with the Mullum Masters '24 – a rugby league tournament for the young at heart; backed up by the Byron Bay Rugby 7s – including a junior series and a senior women's state of origin to help select the national side.

Mullum Masters '24

The first-ever Mullum Masters will see more than 200 players, well past their prime, descend on Les Donnelly field for two action-packed days of rugby league from 11am this Friday and Saturday, October 18-19. On Friday the play culminates in a Queensland versus NSW match from 6.30pm.

There will be at least 28 games played in a round-robin format, with no winners or losers, as per the NRL rule book (i.e. no one wants to lose any more teeth). Close to 200 players will be staying in town and at the adjacent camping



Old boys on the boil, and having fun, playing Masters footy for Mullumbimby last year. Photo supplied

ground. Teams are coming from Sydney and surrounds as well as locally, and from Queensland. The tournament will conclude with a live band on Saturday night. There is no charge for spectators at this inaugural event.

Rugby 7s

The iconic Byron Bay Rugby 7s 2024 will see action over Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, under a new format.

The main tournament will

kick off on Saturday featuring women's, premier men's, and social men's events in a one-day, high-energy competition. Sunday boasts a youth 7s tournament for U12s, U14s, and U16s.

'The new format, which includes a youth 7s event, adds another layer of excitement, and we can't wait to see the next generation of rugby talent take the field in Byron Bay,' Joey de Dassel, program manager for NSW Rugby Union said.

Sunday will include the third and final game of the Next Gen Sevens series featuring the best up and coming women's talent from the NSW Waratahs and Queensland Reds. NSW Waratahs Womens Sevens has included Australian Sevens rookie Ruby Nicholas, who made her debut with the national side last season, to help lead the Waratahs against the Reds.

'The Next Gen Sevens series is integral to recruit and develop the next generation of the best of the best "top gun" oval ball athletes to represent Australia on the world stage,' Australia Women's Sevens coach Tim Walsh said.

Local talent

Ballina Coast High School student Savannah Roberts-Hickling has been selected into the Australian Schoolgirls Rugby Sevens 2024 team. Far North Coast Rugby Union said it was a 'huge achievement'.

Canning takes silver at Qld Karate Championships

Richard Light

Byron had two qualifiers for the Qld state championships, but with Anthony Dinh competing in Japan, Sam Canning stepped up for the Byron Bay Jin Wu Koon Karate dojo at the AMAC Queensland Karate Championships in Nerang.

Sam won silver in the Veterans Points Sparring event. He placed fourth in the Veterans and Open Kata events but made it to the final of the Veterans Points Sparring.

With both finalists even when time ran out, it went into extra time. Sam lost a tight contest in the shoot out for gold but was pleased to come home with silver and is looking forward to the Australian Championships from 30 November to 1 December at Carrara.



Sam Canning won silver at the AMAC Queensland Karate Championships in Nerang. Photo supplied

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End the Monopoly



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



Yesterday I watched my daughter and her friend play the Byron/Ballina version of Monopoly. It was mildly ironic and a little sad. A game of property where kids like these, without intergenerational wealth, won't own property. Monopoly is a horrible game. Mainly because it never feels like a game. It feels like a reenactment of everything that's wrong with our relationship with property. According to a google, Monopoly started with the name, The Landlord's Game and was invented by a woman who only got \$500 for the patent. Classic patriarchal capitalism in action! And nice work grooming kids into sociopaths so they can be ruthless property developers of the future. Yuck.

I never liked Monopoly. It always went badly for me. I always lost. I could never see the point in the rampant property hoarding, had no desire to erect a hotel, and never wanted more than one house. As a kid living in housing commission, I was happy with just one. If someone landed on my property I didn't get why I'd be charging them rent if they were just visiting. So I wouldn't. I also never bought any other properties I landed on. I just travelled around the board collecting my universal basic income of \$200, I tried to avoid jail, won the odd beauty contest and waited for iron and boot to pop over to say hi. My instinct to redistribute cash made the other kids angry. No one wants to play Monopoly with a budding socialist. When the losers create solidarity, it makes them harder to dominate and oppress.

Some kids become scary playing Monopoly. They are prepared to send each other into bankruptcy to win. Nice kids became tyrants. I'd saved some money so if someone got into trouble on Mayfair, I'd bail them out. They could pay me back. Without interest. Or not. This apparently ruined the game. The inability to send a player to the wall because one of the kids kept helping was seen as 'cheating'. The kid with the most money, and all the properties with the massive developments, had undergone a personality change.

The sweet kind 12-year-old was laughing maniacally while their younger brother grovelled and begged for respite. 'Please let me go this time, I can't pay'. I couldn't stand it. I found

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watching people hit poverty while others got rich just from 'chance' so upsetting it made me have an anxiety reaction. So I'd swoop in and pay the fine. Or I'd suggest that you don't have to pay the fine, just keep rolling. That would send the property owners into a rage, because that's 'not the rules' and more often than not the board would be kicked and the game ended.

Revolution and redistribution of wealth were not allowed. Social enterprises not allowed. Rewilding Pall Mall, not allowed. Community gardens not allowed. What is allowed is jail. Gambling. Property hoarding. Selling off of utilities. Winning by causing others hardship. And most importantly, just keeping going until one person owns everything.

What's scary is that Monopoly isn't even as bad as the real game we're

forced to play. In that game we've privatised child care and aged care. We charge for university. Some people are homeless while others own so many homes many sit empty. Fossil fuel companies and big banks write the rules. The government owns and controls the mineral resources under the surface of the land. People are anxious, and sad, and drug-dependent, and lonely. We lock up people who have escaped tyranny and persecution in offshore jails. We chop down forests for woodchips. Koalas become extinct.

We pollute and poison and perpetrate violence. That's how you win. Life on planet Earth becomes impossible. Billionaires who are winning the game plan to colonise Mars next. Newsflash: they're not taking you.

I hate that game even more than Monopoly. Why would you keep playing a game where only a few people win? It sucks.

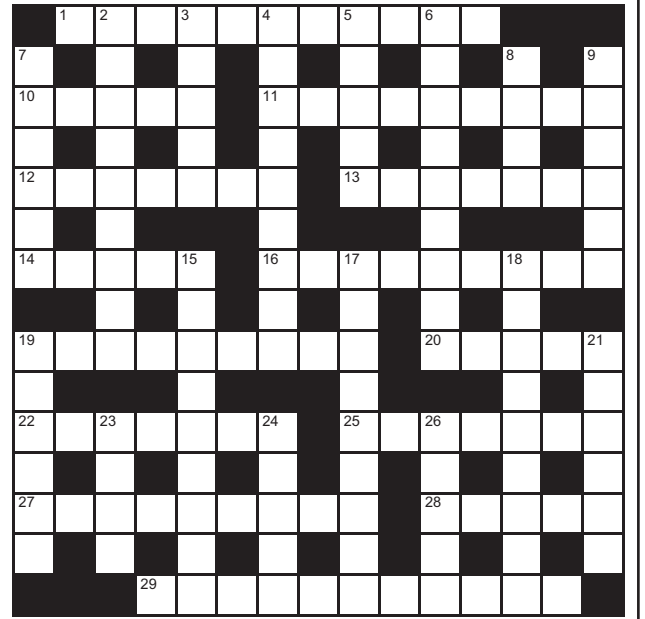
But it's not too late. We CAN change the rules.

And then everyone can win. It's not socialism. It's fair. And unlike Monopoly, it's actually fun.

■ Mandy Nolan's Soapbox column has appeared in *The Echo* for almost 23 years. The personal and the political often meet here; she's also been the Greens federal candidate since before the last federal election. *The Echo's* coverage of political issues will remain as comprehensive and fair as it has ever been, outside this opinion column which, as always, contains Mandy's personal opinions only.

Crossword by Stephen Clarke

#25



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- The common people are upset, hot and tired at present (5,6)
- Saying of a fool: in the end it's Trotsky's head, not Marx's (5)
- Cat, or hybrid, borne in style in procession (9)
- Keep up with us as we turn to weaving satin! (7)
- Naval officers have standards (7)
- Bishop latches onto a crowd that's turning explosive (1-4)
- Retreat from tradition Frenchman embraced (9)
- Corrupt old Medici at home (9)
- Money sure to be crook if Oscar is involved (5)
- Station accepts hard work (3,4)
- US city less than clean (7)
- City in Kentucky uses old Roman law, noting changes (9)
- Goat knight dumped in marketplace (5)
- Determined Cartesian assaulted a journalist (11)

DOWN

- Wild weather event greets starters in today's official race meeting (9)
- Dance is off, to a degree (5)
- Hamlet crazy about blokes - and cheese! (9)
- Tenth little bird gets that bloke (5)
- Convert has a vocal manner that could impede access (9)
- Seats I organised for break time (6)
- Why, in the end, anger encapsulates a Chinese principle (4)
- Tenant gets take away at Echo Point (6)
- Shots of Spooner's illegal access groups (9)
- Hearing examined scheme to get alien to Mars (3,6)
- O dear me! Run out foolishly to flight facility! (9)
- Brew of coldie that can be managed (6)
- Second best joke (6)
- Unpleasant agent spurns royal (4)
- Movie makers on way to East (5)
- University cleric reflecting taste (5)

Quick Clues

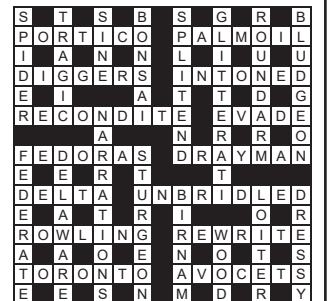
ACROSS

- In pre-revolutionary France, the bourgeois and working classes (5,6)
- Characteristic linguistic or artistic style (5)
- Ceremonial line of slow-moving vehicles (9)
- Continue, prolong (7)
- Flags (7)
- Nuclear-armed explosive (1-4)
- Full-bodied Rhone Valley wine (9)
- At home (9)
- Units of currency (5)
- Police station (3,4)
- Manipulate ill-gotten gains (7)
- Southern US city, scene of an early battle of the War of Independence (9)
- Place of assembly in ancient Greece (5)
- Acquired sure knowledge of (11)

DOWN

- Tempest of ice grains (9)
- Dance originating in Cuba (5)
- A Swiss cheese (9)
- Charitable donation (5)
- Barrier you must push through! (9)
- Afternoon snooze (6)
- Source of light in Chinese philosophy (4)
- Party to a rental agreement (6)
- Tennis strokes (9)
- It's in our solar system (3,6)
- A transport hub (9)
- Submissive; easy to teach (6)
- Sudden loud cry (6)
- Spotty; rotten (4)
- Film production company (5)
- Savouriness of flavour (5)

Last week's solution #24



STARS BY LILITH

Full moon in flammable Aries, Venus leaping into energetic Sagittarius and Mercury shimmering into sizzling Scorpio predict a week of emotional intensity. Tune into gracious Libra sun to stay civil, tactful and diplomatic...



LIBRA THE SCALES

ARIES: Your ardent spirit isn't inclined to give in easily, especially when Aries full moon highlights your unapologetic characteristics, those features that make you such a rare and unique individual. This is your perfect opportunity to honour the fact that everyone else also has their own version of rare and unique.

TAURUS: With your planet guide Venus bounding into her most free-ranging mode, it's an excellent time to take a vacation or plan something new with partners or friends. You may find common ground now with people quite different from your usual type, who open doors into unexplored viewpoints and experiences.

GEMINI: Collaborations may have got messy and stressful of late, and this week's moods could vary abruptly from fun to furious, but between the dramatics (peaking around full moon) there's still plenty of in-depth discussions and stimulating exchanges to engage in. Just be sensitive about how you express yourself.

CANCER: Been feeling the urge to put yourself out there? Then don't hold back when this year's flamboyant full supermoon on 17 October dares you to take a little walk on the wild side to share your mischievous wit. And possibly use that Cancerian humour to defuse a volatile situation.

LEO: Full moon on 17 October in the fieriest sign of the zodiac is this year's prime opportunity for you to showcase your inspiring leadership style and shine an appreciative spotlight on your support team. Even if you're not in agreement with everyone, look for a compromise you can all live with.

VIRGO: With cerebral Mercury moving into its most executive placement your mental perception is exceptionally acute, though it's worth giving that inner perfectionist a time out and reining in fussy impulses. Instead, tap into this week's finest traits by giving others points for trying, and approaching challenges with an open mind.

LIBRA: Venus frisks into one of her friendliest and most fun-loving placements this week, ready for new adventures. So far, so fabulous. Do conditions apply? They do, so when organising social gatherings, it's perfectly acceptable to leave that loose cannon or ticking time bomb off the guest list.

SCORPIO: With Mercury moving into Scorpio, to hone your communication style resist any tendency to apply the sting, because sarcastic comments could damage VIP connections. Better to work on building trust with others, from existing friendships to powerful new people who could help advance your goals.

SAGITTARIUS: You might think you're entitled to sound off, but if others disagree or take offence, like it or not you might be the loser. If you're the one on the receiving end of some tough love, this week's Venus breezing into Sagittarius can help you use it as constructive feedback.

CAPRICORN: Let Pluto's final burst of intensity in your sign help process and release anything you may have struggled with during recent years, from grief to resentment to compulsive tendencies to repetitive thought patterns. The celestial force is offering its final support for an in-depth makeover and recalibration.

AQUARIUS: Irreverent Mercury and rebellious Uranus could potentially activate some polarising discussions this week, so take the time before engaging to assess whether your words are promoting progress or stirring up further dissent. If agreement can't be reached, then aim for a place of mutual respect.

PISCES: As Mercury slides into the sign of the incisive tongue, people may seem blunt and brusque, with a sting in their delivery. Don't take it personally, do take some distance. This week's silver lining? A strong full moon/Chiron connection is available for deep healing of an ancient issue.

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Golf for Beginners: 5-session course starting Tue 22 October, with Chris Graham at the Ocean Shores Country Club.

Yoga for Over 60's: 6-sessions starting Mon 28 October, with Barbi Joffe.

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Date: Wednesday 23 October
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm
Address: New Byron Bay Campus (Byron CoLab Space, Shirley St)
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Yoga For Over 60's

Held by: Byron Community College
Date: starts Monday 28 October (6-sessions)
Time: 9:30-11:30am
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Self-Help for Anxiety

Held by: Byron Community College
Date: starts Friday 8 November (6-sessions)
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Held by: Vicki Veranese
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Day of the Dead: 1 November

It's almost time to gather the people from far and wide, for the Day of the Dead shall arrive soon. This November 1, North Byron Hotel will welcome you to the land of your ancestors.

Day of the Dead is a collaboration between North Byron Hotel and Bare Foot Beat. Arrive early as the first 50 guests will receive a free offering from the bar on arrival.

Doors open at 4pm, food will be served in the open skies garden BBQ, and a selection of delicious Mexican-inspired cocktails will be poured at the bar, along with your standard favourites.

Performances, designed for this night only, and face-painting stations can be spotted throughout the evening - so if you forget your face, we've got you.

This tradition is themed, we must attract the ancestors through vibrance and patterns, so put on your best Day of the Dead attire and disguise yourselves as one. North Byron Hotel, Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay
Tickets: sevenrooms.com/events/northbyronhotel



Locals' night at Three Blue Ducks

Every Thursday is Locals' Night at the Three Blue Ducks: there's a two-course menu for \$49 and drinks for \$10.

Guests can select from a menu of the Ducks' most popular dishes from their recently refreshed dinner menu including: beef tartare, stracciatella, rye cracker and sesame; charred squid, roast chilli and lime, fried garlic and coriander; polenta gnocchi, green pea, sugar snaps and tomato pesto; mussels, charred zucchini, cannellini beans and fennel; lamb shank massaman, parsnip, coriander and peanuts; and eggplant parmigiana with cos salad.

The locals' night drinks menu features wines by the glass from M&J Becker and MEREDITH and Seven Mile beers, all for \$10.

Fish crudo,
avocado, taro
chips, salt bush
and capers.





Byron Farmers Market is moving to a zero-waste environment!

Byron Farmers Market is on its way to becoming the first zero-waste market in the region. While the weekly farmers' market has had a cup washing station in place for a number of years – saving more than 18,000 disposable cups from going into landfill every year – it is now set to take its war on waste to the next level by phasing out all single-use food and drink packaging.

The waste-saving move is being supported by Byron Shire Council as part of its Single-Use Packaging and Materials Policy, which comes into effect next month.

Byron Farmers Market manager Tom Carey says the market has been working closely with Council and North East Waste to audit the market's waste and garner feedback from the community about the move from single use to reusables.

'We are always looking at ways to run the market more efficiently and reduce our impact on the environment,' Tom says. 'And there is a lot of greenwashing out there when it comes to food and drink packaging.'

'Just because plates and cups look natural and brown and have words like "bio" or "compostable" on them, it means very little in reality.



Byron Farmers Market manager Tom Carey with Sarah Child and Danielle Hanigan with some of the waste generated at the market.

The reality is, none of those items are going into compost or being recycled. They are all going into landfill! So, we are working towards not just offering reusable coffee cups on site, but also plates, cutlery and juice cups so that we reduce our waste to as close to zero as possible.'

Linda Tohver, Education Coordinator for North East

Waste, says there is a 'massive amount' of confusion in relation to which bin single-use coffee cups, containers, bio-cups and wooden cutlery should go in.

'In a recent survey conducted with consumers at events and markets across the region, including Byron Farmers Market, when asked the question about which

bin these items should go in, more than 60% of the 200+ responses were incorrect, thinking these items could be recycled and/or composted,' Linda says.

'The bottom-line is that no amount of "wish-cycling" will make those single-use coffee cups, bowls, plates or bio-cups eco-friendly. They all need to go into the

landfill bin, but often end up contaminating both the recycling and organics streams. We all need to be moving to embrace reusables.'

The 'Move To Reuse', as Byron Shire Council has dubbed the campaign, is not without its challenges, but Tom says he is confident

there will be a smooth transition to remove single-use items in the market in the coming weeks.

'Our local community is very passionate when it comes to environmental issues, so it's about changing people's mindset when it comes to single-use items in the market,' Tom says. 'They are used for such a short period of time, but their impact on the environment lasts for decades.'

'As a market, and a community, we can take this simple step to move to reuse which results in less emissions, less waste generation and less litter in our environment.'

So, when visiting Byron Farmers Market next, don't forget to bring your reusable cup and containers, along with your market bags and baskets, or use the reusable options provided and help the market on its quest to become a zero-waste event.

Byron Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 7am to 11am at Butler St Reserve, and Bangalow Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 7am to 11am behind the Bangalow pub.

This Sunday, 20 October, enjoy Raes Community Day

On Sunday, October 20, food, drinks, family entertainment, and activities will be held at Raes on Wategos, and the Wategos lawn in front of Raes, between 11am and 4pm.

A free shuttle will run between the Byron Surf Club and Wategos to help people to enjoy their day.

'We are celebrating our 30th year,' said Marty McCaig, Raes General Manager. 'This day of feasting and enjoying our beautiful part of Byron is our way of saying thank you to the Byron community that has been at the heart of Raes for the past three decades. And at the same time raising funds and awareness for our partner charity, Flying Fox.'

Events will take place on the lawn, the Cellar Bar & Terrace, and in Raes Dining Room. Children's activities, facilitated by the Flying Fox team, include a silent disco, giant Jenga, and ring

toss. A funky daytime DJ set by Sammy KC will keep the energy up, and a silent auction will be held with items such as a custom Otis Carey artwork, a private dining experience with Raes Executive Chef Jason Saxby, a two-night stay at Raes, and a one-off furniture piece from MCM House.

Chef Jason Saxby (awarded two hats in the *Sydney Morning Herald* 2024 *Good Food Guide*) and his team will be at the Traeger grills on the lawn. Dishes, starting at \$8, include shellfish BBQ: split bay lobster, scallop in the shell, or Ballina king prawn, whole local pink snapper BBQ with applewood, and meat BBQ featuring porchetta roll with hickory.

Additionally, Jason's fried lobster roll, Raes' infamous salt and vinegar fries, freshly shucked oysters, sashimi, and a selection of vegetarian

dishes will be served, along with a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

The free shuttle will depart every hour on the hour between 11:00am and 3:00pm from the Byron Surf Club on Bay Street, with the

return service departing from Raes to the Byron Surf Club at 12:45pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm and 4:00pm.

Raes on Wategos and the Wategos lawn, Marine Parade Wategos Beach from 11am to 4pm on Sunday, October 20.

For more information about the Raes Community Day visit www.raes.com.au or contact them on (02) 6685 5366.

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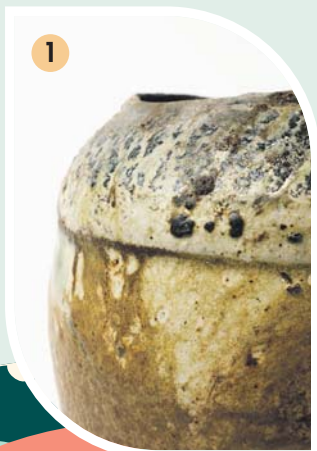
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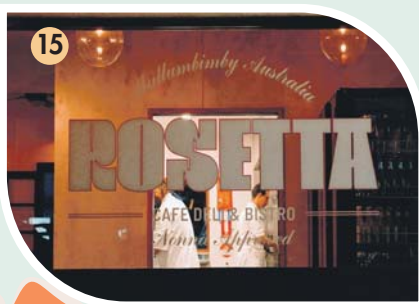
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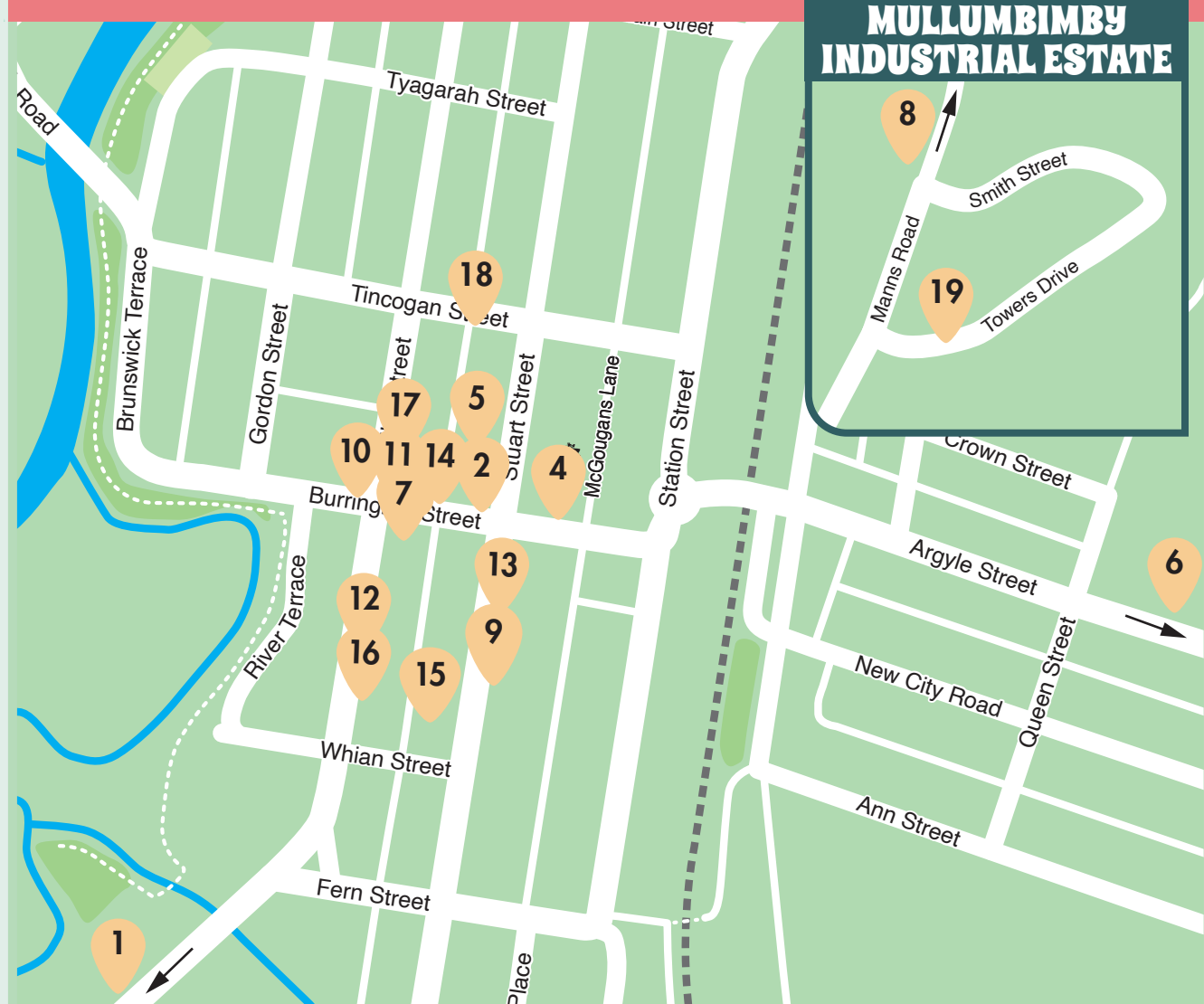
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



CONCRETE GOLD

✿ **Lager Palooza** is on with three bands for the price of none on the lawn at The Channon this weekend – get your fill of **Seaside, Concrete Gold** and **Human Dinosaur Machine**.

Saturday from 4pm at The Channon Tavern. Free entry.

✿ Faster, steeper, higher, deeper! The most adrenaline-inducing mountain sport films from around the globe will thrill and inspire you with big-screen adventures when the **Radical Reels Tour** hits Bruns this week.

The festival is the Banff Mountain Film Festival's more outrageous, adventurous little sibling and is characterised by 'Oh my God' moments as elite athletes and adventurers conquer their challenges and dreams.

Wednesday 7pm at Brunswick Heads Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets from \$24 from brunswickpicturehouse.com.

✿ **Lachlan and Jaxon Fairbairn** present **Kill an Hour Live on Stage**. This is the live tour from the comedy duo behind *Fairbairn Films*.

The show includes extensive crowd work and improv, audience participation, and Lachlan and Jaxon finding as many ways to run the clock down as they can.

Friday 7pm at the Soundlounge, Currumbin. Tickets \$35 from soundlounge.com.au.



✿ Hosted by **Laura Nobel** and **Greg Lyon**, the **Lismore Supper Club** is a unique, boutique music club with **The Supper Club Soul Band**. Bring a plate and a mate – or two.

Thursday 7pm at the Lismore City Bowlo. Tickets \$15 on the door.

✿ Multi-instrumentalist and singer/songwriter **Ally Palmer** creates beautiful, heartfelt, soulful-folk songs that reveal her enticing blend of vulnerability and strength. Her smooth harmonies and laid-back style provide feel-good vibes for

those hot summer days spent by the ocean. Ally's music is heavily influenced by her love of old soul music, mixed with her roots in folk.

Tuesday 7pm at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.



✿ **The Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra Ensemble** is thrilled to present internationally-acclaimed artist/composer **Matt Ottley's The Sound of Picture Books** series, in a concert featuring the award-winning picture book *How to Make a Bird* by author **Meg McKinlay**.

The second half of the concert will showcase **Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op. 44**. Often regarded as the greatest of Schumann's chamber music works, this sublime masterpiece features pianist **Ayesha Gough**, violinists **Hugh Won** and **Alison Fletcher**, violist **Nick Stefan**, and cellist **Zoe Heflin**.

Saturday from 2.30pm at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre. Tickets from \$10, general admission \$50, from nrso.com.au



The bliss of Bach

The Gold Coast Chamber Orchestra (GCCO) presents *BACHitecture* at the **Abedian School of Architecture** on **October 18 and 25, and again on October 26 at the Bangalow A&I Hall**.

Combining the magnificent timeless brilliance of JS Bach with the extraordinary design and acoustics of the Abedian School of Architecture at Bond University, Gold Coast, this concert will be a breathtaking sensory experience.

The intricate compositions of JS Bach continue to captivate minds and hearts across generations. GCCO will present a program including 'Concerto for Violin and Oboe', featuring superstar performers **Tania Frazer** (oboe) and **Margaret Blades**, the leader of GCCO (violin). There will be a performance of the famous 'Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor BWV 565', one of the greatest works for organ, arranged for string sextet.

Also featuring in this concert will be **Vox Bond**, the new choir at Bond University, presenting a choral masterpiece by Finnish composer **Pekka Kuusisto**.

BACHitecture is on at The Abedian School of Architecture on Fridays, October 18 and 25 at 5.30pm at Bond University, and on Saturday, October 26 at 5pm at the Bangalow A&I Hall.

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Get back to the roots of Byron

Since its first opening night back in 2006, the **Byron Bay Film Festival (BBFF)**'s opening nights have always sold out. This year, tickets have flown out the door for the premiere of *Aquarius*, a documentary about the 1973 festival that changed the cultural landscape of the Northern Rivers forever. To ensure that everyone has a chance to release their free spirit and let the sunshine in, the BBFF team have designed **Aquarius Rising** – an after-party held in Byron's colourful and psychedelic gallery **Otherworld**.

Aquarius Rising will feature live sets from DJs remixing tracks guaranteed to get you up and out on the dance floor to let your freak flag fly!

Guest **DJ XFakta** has been energizing dance-floors in Byron Shire with his dynamic remixes of beloved tunes for more than 30 years. He played an integral role in the early days of BayFM, hosting their Friday night show 'Into the Unknown' for 12 years and spinning tunes at Byron's iconic BayFM New Year's Eve street parties which were developed as a response to Byron's 1993 NYE riots.

XFakta has played at major festivals like Splendour in the Grass with the Electric Garden DJ collective, had a five-year stint at the Falls Festival in Lorne's Electric Garden silent disco and has performed at Nudge Nudge Wink Wink and Balcony Beats as well as scores of private events.

A dancer himself, he blends funky, old-school tunes with new-school beats,



keeping dance floors filled with happy, dancing revellers.

Scott Plant, the founding member of Wax Addicts, began his journey in the music scene in Sydney, hosting his inaugural party and DJing in 1990 with a focus on old-time Jamaican music and soul. With more than three decades of rich experience, he established Wax Addicts in 2022, rapidly becoming a fixture at many of the region's major venues.

As a key part of Wax Addicts, Scott hosts the bi-monthly, 'strictly vinyl' night at Coorabell Hall, known as Renaissance, which has garnered the attention of numerous old-school music enthusiasts. This event promotes a simple, yet profound, ethos of love, connection, good times, and quality music, alongside The Funk Club, enhancing the local music scene's vibrancy.

This eclectic and electric duo are bound to set a mood that captures the Aquarian

spirit and brings back memories of good times and great vibes – whether your heyday was 1973, 1993 or 2023.

Whether you are attending the red carpet gala for *Aquarius* or the after-party, BBFF is encouraging attendees to channel their inner flower child and dress for the occasion, with prizes for best dressed.

2024 marks the 18th Byron Bay International Film Festival and although the spotlight is on the film, and filmmakers behind the film, *Aquarius Rising* is also a celebration for the scores of filmmakers whose work will be shown across the ten days.

At the event, which is sponsored by the region's only independent newspaper, the *Byron Shire Echo*, you'll meet some of the original *Aquarius* Festival organisers and attendees and their families, continuing to keep the alternative spirit alive; the makers of the documentary, and other filmmakers from around Australia and the world – including well-known names from the surfing community, as well as actors, sound people, directors and film creatives of every sort, and perhaps most importantly, locals who have supported BBFF forever and come out every year to watch films, party, and ensure that Byron Bay's greatest film show goes on.

Tickets to *Aquarius Rising*, the Byron Bay International Film Festival opening night after-party are \$30 in advance from www.bbff.com.au/aquarius-rising and \$35 on the door.

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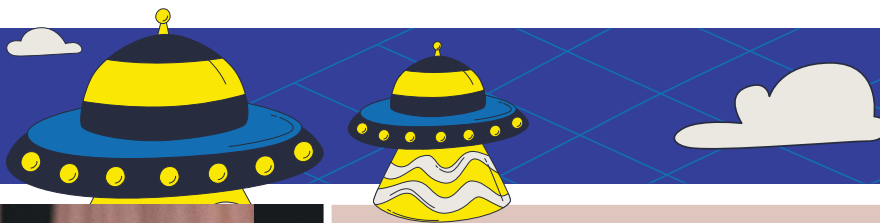
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It was the musical that got the whole region talking. Written in the Byron Shire, the award-winning and critically-acclaimed musical *New Blood* returns to the **Byron Theatre** for two nights only.

New Blood follows the lives of five individuals, offering heartfelt, hilarious, and powerful observations about life in a small regional coastal town. With the perfect blend of humour and social commentary, *New Blood* beautifully tackles themes like the current housing crisis alongside comedic conversations while waiting for a double-shot flat white at the local cafe. This bold piece of theatre examines community relationships, development, gentrification, the fear of change, and the beauty of living in a small town – much like ours.

With a clever, fluid set and a stunning original score, the multi-talented cast brings the town to life through five-part harmonies, agile movement, and compelling storytelling.

The cast and creators of *New Blood* are nothing short of exceptional. Local performers and writers **Joel Cooper, Anouska Gammon, Melia Naughton, Mikey Bryant, and Elodie Crowe** garnered an impressive 12

nominations and took home the 'Best New Work' award at the Gold Palm Theatre Awards. This is the first time *New Blood* has been performed locally since its sold-out season at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, where it was described by *Glam Adelaide* as 'provocative, moving, and memorable' and by *International Times* as 'truly grounded in reality, challenging our perspectives. Bravo!'

If you missed out on this brave piece of local theatre last year, now is your chance to support and celebrate original, independent theatre created right here in our hometown. *New Blood* is both heart-mending and heartbreaking, deeply moving yet incredibly uplifting. As one reviewer, Sally Schofield, put it, the show 'fires arrows into the heartland of regional Australia.'

Director Joel Cooper has been overwhelmed by the support and response to the show since staging it originally at Newrybar Hall and again at the Byron Theatre in 2023. 'I've never been involved in a show that has resonated so strongly with an audience. And we are most excited to be bringing it back to the Byron Theatre as we believe the themes and story is even more powerful and potent than ever.'

Tickets are now available from the Byron Theatre and are selling fast. Also follow the team on their Instagram as this show takes to the road in 2025 – @newbloodthemusical.

There are three shows over Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. Tickets from byroncentre.com.au/theatre-events/new-blood---the-musical.



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A wonderful carpark fiesta

Tweed institution, **The Imperial Hotel** has announced its biannual carpark fiesta **Impy Yard Party** will be returning this November. The all-ages community event will take place on **Saturday, November 9**, with an afternoon of local music, local beer, and good times galore. This round there's a collab on the cards, with the event co-hosted by fellow Mur'bah locals, and good mates, Spangled Drongo Brewery in a toast to their latest beer launch, the Organic Lager.

While a new line-up will take to the stage, November's yard party will again take place all afternoon through, from **1pm to 7pm**. It's a celebration of local musical talent, with Fingal Head's hip hop, and R&B-inspired **Blackline** headlining, supported by the Gold Coast's own **Wet Bandits**, and **Eyesite**, Kingscliff's **Da Manager**, and Murwillumbah lads **Splitlid**. Throughout the event, the crowd will be quenching their thirst with Spangled Drongo's new Organic Lager, available from the bottle shop out back, though the Impy's famed margaritas will also be enjoyed, and (of course) the classic pub grub for which the historic space has a reputation. The Impy Yard Party is another chance for Northern Rivers' locals to connect over good (local) music, and good (local) beer - it's a true celebration of, and for, the Tweed community.

Impy Yard Party Murwillumbah, Saturday, 9 November from 1pm. Tickets are available to purchase online from oztix.com.au for \$25, or \$30 on the door on the day, with free entry for kids under 15.

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The first time for Youth

The first-ever **Northern Rivers Youth Theatre Festival** will be held on **Saturday, October 26**, at the **Mullumbimby Drill Hall Theatre** as part of a new initiative by **Ajita Cannings, Noa Rotem** and the **Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP)**. The evening of performance will bring together performers aged 10 to 26 from



across the Northern Rivers to showcase their ideas and talents, with a view to creating a yearly performance event for young performers to aim for each year.

Understorey Youth Theatre (Evans Head), with the support of the flagship youth theatre company ATYP, will present 15-minute original works alongside **Byron Youth Theatre, D-Vine Drama** (Lismore) and **Murwillumbah Youth Theatre**. The performance from **Understorey** will come from ongoing workshops run through ATYP's Generator Program, where teaching artists across regional NSW have been upskilled in delivering holiday workshops and masterclasses.

In Evans Head, these have been facilitated by Ajita Cannings and internationally-acclaimed theatre and movement artist, Noa Rotem, from Mullumbimby.

Noa's 'theatre making' has taken her across Asia, Europe and America, having performed with NORPA, La Boite and Zen Zen Zo. 'It has been a real pleasure working with these talented young people. They have all come so far in our time together and I am extremely proud of their work. The Northern Rivers Youth Theatre Festival is an exciting project to be working on as a means of bringing together young people across the region and cultivating artistic networks,' said Noa.

Festival producer and Evans Head local, Ajita Cannings, is keen to make an impact on young people interested in the arts across the Northern Rivers.

Tickets available now at Humanitix, <https://events.humanitix.com/northern-rivers-youth-theatre-festival>.



Kirtan is easy yet effective

Kirtan is very easy, yet most effective. This evening event will begin with the yoga sound 'Aum Hari Aum' and flow on from there.

In January this year, the **Australian School of Meditation and Yoga** started traveling around doing kirtan events as a gift to the community. All free or by donation.

The group are moved to share kirtan because it has transformed and benefited their own personal lives, and so they decided to pick their favourite locations and go out and do it! They encourage people to come and experience kirtan and if they wish, to continue kirtan with their friends and family.

The events are made possible with the help of the Australian School of Meditation and Yoga, which is an amazing non-

profit that hosts kirtan, yoga, wellness, and meditation programs/events around Australia.

Kirtan community gathering on Saturday, October 26 at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall. This is a free event.



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Join us for the opening night of our first exhibition, showcasing an exceptional group of contemporary artists from the Northern Rivers.

For more information contact Anthea: anthea.amore@gmail.com

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The new bank in town

The **Bank Gallery** is a new, contemporary, cooperatively run, art space, presenting emerging and established artists, located in Mullumbimby town centre.

Gallery organisers aim to provide a space for contemporary artists from the Northern Rivers region and beyond, offering a unique selection of dynamic exhibitions, and support for the development of artists and art culture in the region.

The gallery is focused on creating exhibitions with exciting and innovative work and welcome proposals in all mediums from artists at all stages of their careers. The ongoing exhibition program is based on a combination of group shows and is also available for solo and collaborative projects. The shows will run for approximately four weeks.

Knowing there is so much incredible talent in the area, organisers have hand-picked an exceptional group of artists

for the first show to launch the new gallery space.

Set in the old National bank in Mullumbimby town centre, this heritage building adds a charm all of its own. The Gallery comprises three spaces to exhibit art in and a small, curated gift shop.

The Bank Gallery organisers would love art patrons to be a part of the exciting **launch which opens on Thursday** – with **live music and DJs** adding to the good vibes and our unique community coming together to support some of the most interesting and dynamic artists of this region.

They want to sell art – they want to create an exciting space for affordable art with *no commissions or expensive room rental fees*. They want to make art accessible and important in people's lives again.

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Ghostlight

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Cut off from his devoted wife, Sharon (Tara Mallen), and talented but troubled daughter, Daisy (Katherine Mallen Kupferer), Dan finds comfort and community in a misfit company of amateur actors.

While Dan commits more time to the theatrical production, and is cast as Romeo, he is put on mandatory leave at his job and lies to his family about his whereabouts. Daisy follows him to the theatre, discovers the truth, and quickly bonds with the cast. When they arrive home, Sharon, having learned from Dan's coworker that he is on leave, accuses him of infidelity, forcing him to admit the truth. Moved by his talent, Sharon allows the cast to perform in the school's gym, and they decide to make the play a one-night event with Daisy cast as Mercutio.

While moonlighting in this low-rent production of Shakespeare's tragedy, Dan is forced to confront his buried emotions.

Real-life family, Mallen, Kupferer and Mallen Kupferer, bring tenderness and authenticity to this poignant portrait, while Dolly de Leon – last seen stealing the scene in *Triangle of Sadness* – is hilarious as Dan's irascible, improbable co-star. After premiering at Sundance this year, *Ghostlight* has impressed audiences and critics alike with its touching and gently comic tale of the healing power of art. With 100% on Rotten Tomatoes and a high placing on Letterboxd's top ten films of the year, this is one you don't want to miss.

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- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM INO PIO
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM RADICAL REELS TOUR 2024
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- LENNOX PIZZA 6.30PM ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC

THURSDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SARAH GRANT DUO
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM ADAM JAMES
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM OPEN MIC
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM OLE FALCOR
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM DALLAS FRASCA
- THE BANK GALLERY, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM THE BANK GALLERY OPENING NIGHT
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE CHRONICLES OF ELDELSHAW
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5.30PM THE LONESOME BOATMEN
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT

FRIDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, BULLETPROOF
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM THE BIG CHILL LIVE EVENT
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4.30PM DJ SHANE COLLINS
- HABITAT, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM FORRO JAM
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM DAN HANNAFORD + URBAN CHIEFS
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 9.30PM AQUARIUS RISING
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM WILL HENDERSON

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM KASEY CHAMBERS
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM DJ NIGHT FEAT. TEXI, HOSCO & STIGZY
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE CHRONICLES OF ELDELSHAW
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM NATHAN KAYE
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM PINK ZINC DUO
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM JONNY FRITZ & JOSHUA HEDLEY
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM DJ MAGNUS
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7PM ZAK CRACKALAKA
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- BOND UNIVERSTIY, ROBINA, 5.30PM GOLD COAST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS BACHITECTURE

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- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM WEAR THE FOX HAT + LUKE HAYWARD + DJ BEATDUSTA
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM FRENTE

SUNDAY 20

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM LOONALOOP
- PLAYGROUND, BYRON BAY, 1PM TAHLIA TABONE, COS MICOS LIVE JAM & LAISA LOVED
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- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM YULLI'S OPEN MIC
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM MATTHEW ARMITAGE DUO
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM GARETH LINDSAY

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM LAZY GHOST + CALLUM CREELMAN
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 5PM ANTONY & CLEOPATRA
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
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- PEARCES CREEK HALL, PIERCES CREEK, 3PM EMILY LUBITZ, DIEGO ZARAGOZA AND JIMMY DOWLING
- LENNOX PIZZA 5PM MARTIN LARTIGAU

MONDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, GUS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM JASPER O'MALEY

TUESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, ALLY PALMER
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM AKOVA
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM MARSHALL OKELL

WEDNESDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, ISAAC FRANKHAM
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- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM OLE FALCOR
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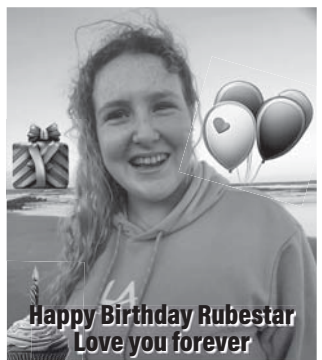
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MARGARET ROSE ALDERTON



November 10, 1942 - October 12, 2024
Our beloved Mum, Margaret, left us peacefully on October 12, 2024, to be with our Dad, Viv, once again.
She will be dearly missed by her daughters, Victoria (Vicki) & Linda; their partners Rae & Phil; her grandchildren Abbie, Anthony, Jesse and Samantha; and her great-grandchildren, Bailey, Honeyrose, Skye, and Malakia.
Margaret cherished her family, friends, church, View Club and the Mullumbimby community.
The funeral service will be held at Tweed Valley Cemetery on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

DEATH NOTICES

Bhranti Nellor Feb 24 1953 - Oct 8 2024



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SUN, MOON & TIDES

- TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Oct)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
16	W	6:07 18:55	17:34 5:04	0807 1.52 2023 1.67	0153 0.09 1358 0.15
17	TH	6:06 18:55	18:43 5:38	0854 1.65 2107 1.60	0230 0.03 1450 0.12
18	F	6:05 18:56	19:54 6:15	0940 1.75 2150 1.48	0306 0.01 1544 0.14
19	SA	6:04 18:57	21:07 6:55	1027 1.80 2233 1.33	0344 0.04 1638 0.20
20	SU	6:03 18:57	22:18 7:41	1114 1.79 2319 1.18	0422 0.10 1737 0.28
21	M	6:02 18:58	23:26 8:33	1203 1.74	0501 0.19 1841 0.36
22	TU	6:01 18:59	9:31	0009 1.03 1257 1.64	0545 0.31 1950 0.44
23	W	6:00 18:59	10:33	0109 0.93 1356 1.54	0637 0.43 2102 0.48
24	TH	5:59 19:00	11:35	0232 0.88 1503 1.46	0748 0.52 2214 0.48
25	F	5:58 19:01	12:36	0403 0.92 1612 1.41	0915 0.57 2313 0.46
26	SA	5:58 19:01	13:34	0514 1.01 1713 1.39	1034 0.56 2359 0.41
27	SU	5:57 19:02	14:30	0606 1.11 1803 1.39	1138 0.52
28	M	5:56 19:03	15:23	0648 1.22 1845 1.40	0035 0.36 1230 0.47
29	TU	5:55 19:03	16:15	0726 1.32 1923 1.39	0106 0.31 1315 0.43
30	W	5:54 19:04	17:06	0800 1.42 1957 1.38	0134 0.26 1357 0.39

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

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1st SAT	Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415
1st SUN	Byron Bay	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN	The Channon	02 6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN	Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
2nd SUN	Tabulam	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	02 6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
3rd SAT	Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
3rd SUN	Federal	0433 002 757
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Ballina	0422 094 338
4th SAT	Evans Head	0432 275 765
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4th SUN	Bangalow	02 6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
4th SUN	Coolangatta (in a 5 Sunday month)	
5th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764
5th SUN	Lennox Head	02 6685 6807

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE	New Brighton	0424 168 672
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	
Each WED	Murwillumbah 7-11	0415 328 672
Each WED	Nimbin 3-6pm	0418 940 653
Each WED	Newrybar Hall 4-7pm	
Each THU	Byron 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each THU	Lismore 2.30-6.30pm	0459 309 223
Each FRI	Mullum 7-11am	0424 168 672
Each FRI	Evans Head 2.30-6.00pm	0428 291 068
Each SAT	Bangalow 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each SAT	Duranbah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT	Uki 8am-1pm	02 6679 5438
Each SAT	Lismore 8.30-11am	
Each SAT	Wadeville 8am-12pm	
Each SAT	Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr	
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.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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HIV/AIDS - ACON Confidential testing & information	6622 1555
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KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

Community at Work

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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GCAT

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, 20 October 9am to 12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. From 12 noon to 1pm, enjoy a delicious free BBQ and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. It's good fun. Inquiries to Veda 6685 7991 or Peter 0488 715 565.

Suffolk Park PA's AGM

Suffolk Park Progress Association is now holding its AGM on Tuesday, October 22 at 4pm at the Suffolk Park Hall. This has been changed from October 15 due to repairs to the hall. All welcome.

Hoop Pine Forest

Enjoy a guided walk in the Hoop Pine Forest at Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens on Sunday, October 27. Learn more about the beautiful, majestic hoop pine and its reproduction, unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs. Sit and ponder in the ferny glades and enjoy the stone labyrinth as you enjoy the guided walk. Meet Trudi at the Visitor's Centre at 9.45am,

wear sturdy shoes and hat. \$5 adults, children free. No card facilities sorry. Bookings essential at: publicity@friendslrbg.com.au.

Northern Rivers

Community Gateway

Northern Rivers Community Gateway (NRCG) provides a **free community lunch** on the first Friday of each month, 10.30am to 12pm at 76 Carrington Street Lismore. Call Community Gateway for more details 6621 7397. All are welcome. Produce generously donated by Brad's Butchers and Southside Bakery. Next lunch is Friday 1 November. **Help with bills and free support services** are available on Tuesday, October 22 from 1-4pm. Support includes energy bill assistance, chemist and retail vouchers, food boxes and access to a range of other support services. Bookings essential. Call Community Gateway on 6621 7397 for more information and to check eligibility. **A free Mums & Bubs inclusive playgroup** for children aged 0-3 years, their parents and carers is being held on Wednesday, 16 October,

9.30-11.30am in Goonellabah. Bookings are essential. Call 0429 640 075 for more information and to reserve your place.

Friends of Libraries AGM

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their Annual General Meeting on October 16 in the Arakwal Room in the Byron Library at 10am, followed by author Stephen Wyatt who will discuss his book 'Rainforest Warriors'. The book covers the history of the Terania Creek blockade and how its actions helped the stopping of logging in pristine eucalypt rainforests 50 years ago and went on to influence the NSW government to establish a host of national parks. Morning tea will be then served.

Byron seniors program

Connect with your community at Byron Community Centre through the Byron Community Centre Seniors Program. It now offers African dance, drama and a computer club. Find out more by calling: 6685 6807 or look at: www.byroncommunitycentre.com.au.

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

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

Byron Community

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

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **The Hub** Baptist Church in Ocean Shores has food relief available for anyone doing it tough, please contact us on 0434 677747 if you find yourself doing it tough. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

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

ACA

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

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts

who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

Volunteer call out

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

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 or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina and South Tweed) or Peter 0429 950 352 (Ballina).

Carers' support

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

Rainbow Dragons

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



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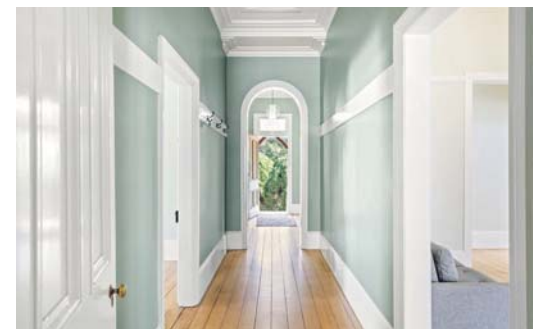
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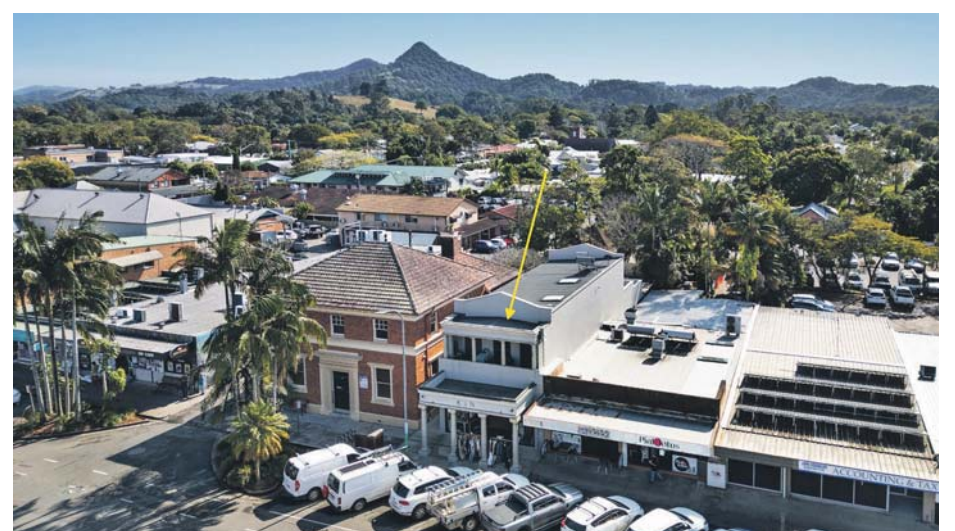
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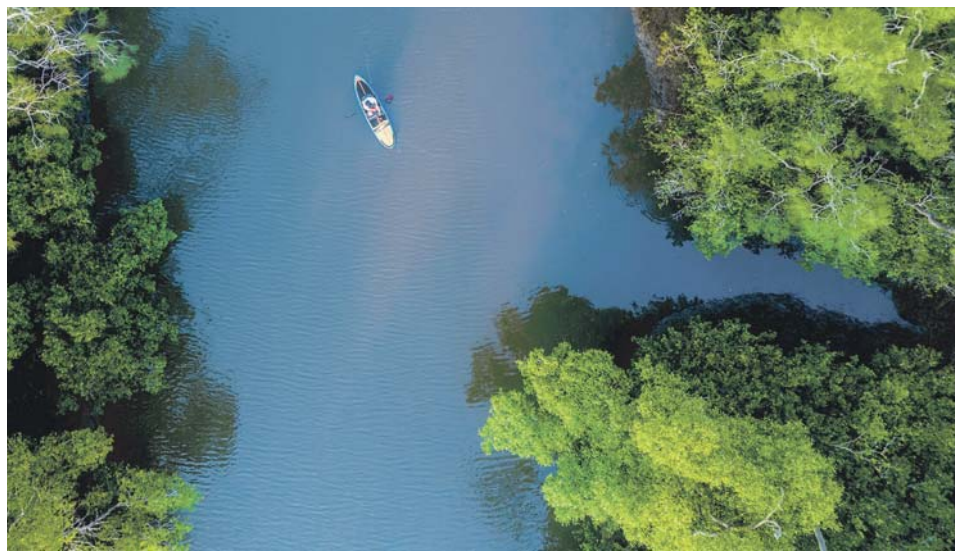
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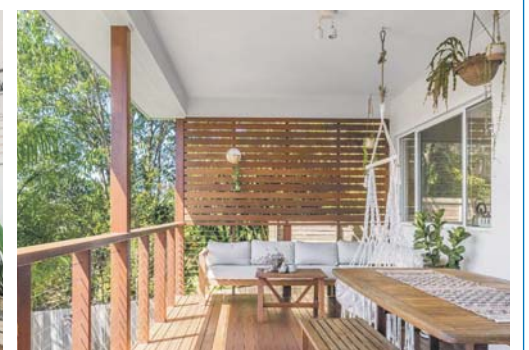
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Amir Prestige

- 177 Mullumbimby Road, Myocum. Sat 1–2.30pm

First National Byron Bay

- 440 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby. Wed 2–2.30pm
- 16 Henderson Place, Modanville. Wed 3–3.30pm
- 2/28 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 2/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Thurs 10–10.30am
- 5/75 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Thurs 11–11.30am
- 1/14 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Thurs 11–11.30am
- 50/11–19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Thurs 12–12.30pm
- 34 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Thurs 12.30–1pm
- 30 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Thurs 1–1.30pm
- 1 Settlement Road, Main Arm. Fri 10–10.30am
- 1363 Main Arm Road, Upper Main Arm. Fri 10.45–11.15am
- Lot 1, Wilsons Creek Road, Wilsons Creek. Fri 11.30am–12pm
- 28/11–19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Fri 2–2.30pm
- 15/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1/6 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 19A Gordon Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 56 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 9–9.30am
- 2/27 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1 Settlement Road, Main Arm. Sat 10–10.30am
- 5 Barby Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 41 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 2/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/14 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 2A Clifford Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 50/11–19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 3 Weemala Lane, Federal. Sat 10.30–11am
- 3/64 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 124 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5/75 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 6/133–141 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am

- 1135 Booyong Road, Clunes. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 835 Federal Drive, Goonengerry. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 34 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 2B/107 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 29 Benloro Lane, Myocum. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 19 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 30 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.15–12.45pm
- 4/113 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 37 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 16 Henderson Place, Modanville. Sat 1.30–2pm
- 10 Muli Court, Myocum. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 440 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 50 Rocky Creek Dam Road, Dunoon. Sat 2.30–3pm
- 2/28 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sun 10–10.30am

North Coast Lifestyle Properties

- 104 Orana Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 52 Norton Street, Ballina. Sat 10–10.30am
- 18 Cockatoo Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.45am
- 1/15 Boondoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.45am
- 2/9 Grandview Street, East Ballina. 11–11.30am
- 22 Mill Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30–12.15pm

Ruth Russell Realty

- 7 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.45am
- 73 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 12.30–1pm

Tim Miller Real Estate

- 90 Bates Road, Federal. Sat 11.15–11.45am
- 113 Kings Road, Federal. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 9 Walker Street, Clunes. Sat 1–1.30pm

MANA RE

- 197 Billinudgel Road, Billinudgel. Wed 12–12.30pm
- 42 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 44 Lalina Avenue, Tweed Heads West. Sat 9–9.30am
- 42 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 9.30–10am

- 86 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 197 Billinudgel Road, Billinudgel. Sat 10.30–11am
- 49 Eviron Road, Condong. Sat 10.30–11am
- 4 Hart Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1 Prince Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 5 Aldinga Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 1/3 Miram Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 121 Blackwoods Road, Nobbys Creek. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 80 Harbour Way, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1–1.30pm

DJ Stringer Property Services

- 12/28 Coolangatta Rd, Coolangatta. Sat 10–10.30am
- 35 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/134 Kennedy Dr, Tweed Heads West. Sat 10–10.30am
- 10 Ballymore Ct, Banora Point. Sat 11–11.30am
- 301/6 Coyne St, Kirra. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1/6–8 Endeavour Pde, Tweed Heads. Sat 11–11.30am

Dodds Real Estate

- 19 Ballina Road, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am

Harcourts Northern Rivers

- 10 Eider Quadrant, Ballina. Sat 9–9.30am
- 337 Hermans Lane, Pimlico. Sat 9.30–10am
- 6 Princess Avenue, Ballina. Sat 9.45–10.15am
- 52 Riverview Avenue, West Ballina. Sat 10–10.30am
- 9 Fitzroy Street, Wardell. Sat 10.30–11am
- 7 Sunnybank Drive, West Ballina. Sat 10.45–11.15am
- 43 River Drive, East Wardell. Sat 11.15–11.45am
- 2 Newland Drive, West Ballina. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 5 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 19B Sunray Crescent, Lennox Head. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 6 Condon Drive, East Ballina. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 15 Killarney Crescent, East Ballina. Sat 1.30–2 pm
- 73 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Sat 3–3.30pm

Helene Adams Property

- 7/99 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 234a Bangalow Rd Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 1.06/139 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm

Real Estate of Distinction

- 280 The Pocket Road, The Pocket. Sat 10.30–11am

NEW LISTINGS:

First National Byron Bay

- 16 Henderson Place, Modanville
- 19 Childe Street, Byron Bay
- 2/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park

MANA

- 5 Aldinga Court, Ocean Shores
- 1/3 Miram Place, Ocean Shores
- 1 Prince Street, Murwillumbah
- 121 Blackwoods Road, Nobbys Creek
- 86 Orana Road, Ocean Shores
- 134/399 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay

North Coast Lifestyle Properties

- 8 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Expressions of Interest
- 1408 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. \$995,000
- 29 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. \$1,895,000
- 3/92 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. \$925,000
- 18 Cockatoo Crescent, Mullumbimby. Contact Agent
- 22 Mill Street, Mullumbimby. Contact Agent
- 25 Weeronga Way, Ocean Shores. Contact Agent
- 104 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Contact Agent
- 268 Burringbar Road, Burringbar. Contact Agent
- Lots 332 & 334 Riverside Crescent, Brunswick Heads
- 6/79–83 Tweed Coast Road, Bogangar. Guide \$720,000
- 104 Orana Rd, Ocean Shores. Contact Agent

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The Byron Writers Festival is back on for 2025 at the Bangalow Showgrounds, 8–10 August 2025. Last year saw a sell-out event and festival organisers are excited to again give you the chance to be inspired by the world's best writers and thinkers.

With a price guide of around \$182 million, Tweed Shire's Teitzel family are putting up for sale a 62-hectare agricultural property in northern NSW's Bilambil Heights for residential development.

With over 20,000 lots already approved for residential development in the Tweed Shire, more approved housing lots won't solve the housing crisis. The developers actually need to build housing rather than land banking for future profit.

Any chance the state government might step in and give local councils the real tools needed to create actual affordable housing – let alone push land bankers to actually build houses?

Here's holding our breath.

If you like to combine stargazing with a delicious Sunday roast then head to Three Blue Ducks at The Farm this Sunday evening. Dinner and an astrophysicist are on the menu. Find out more at: www.byronbaystargazing.com.au.

Applications for the 2024/25 Byron Shire Mayoral Fund are now open with \$3,500 available to support small projects. 'This fund is about making a small difference to some of these hard-working groups that provide terrific services for our community,' Sarah Ndiaye, Byron Shire Mayor said.

A fine time had at the gardens



One half of the Versace Boys, Will Henderson, chilling with his family Gabrielle and Freddie between sets at Saturday's Mullumbimby Community Gardens' Spring Plant Fair. Photo Jeff 'Swingin like it's still the sixties' Dawson

More information about the Mayoral Fund and how to apply is on Council's website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/About-Byron-Shire/Grants/Mayoral-Fund.

Sprung Dance Theatre is letting the world know about their 'Dis-co Ball 2024' – a radically inclusive dance celebration that brings together artists with disability and/or who are deaf alongside the wider community in the Northern Rivers region. Dis-co Ball 2024 is set to take place on Saturday, November 23 at the A&I Hall in Bangalow. Doors open at 5.30pm, with the main show running 6–7.30pm.

Will you be a part of the fun? To find out more and/or book your ticket visit events.humanitix.com/sprung-dis-co-ball-2024.



Byron Bay's Lawson Street shops are open

Council is upgrading Lawson Street, between Fletcher and Middleton Streets. The road is closed but **THE SHOPS ARE OPEN.**

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- Atlas Homme
- Byron Deli
- The Bay Seafood Market
- Byron Massage
- Success Thai Food
- The Rocks café
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- Jades on Lawson
- Byron Bay Real Estate Agency
- Hibiscus Motel



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The Echo will be offering a very special 'Made Here' lift out in 30 October issue of The Echo to showcase Northern Rivers creators and makers.

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