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Halloween fun and frights at Bruns Public

Winter, looking pleasantly scary at Saturday's Fairtastic at Bruns Public School. Like a zombie, Brunswick Public School's Halloween Fairtastic, has risen from its hiatus and it was as fun as it was scary. Parents and students dug deep into their creativity to take horror to a new level, there were ghouls, the walking dead and, the most frightening of all, a Donald J Trump doppelganger. There was also a very successful silent art auction. The event is a major fundraiser for the school. Photo Jeff 'the working dead' Dawson

Drug summit for Northern Rivers

Aslan Shand

Drug reform is finally on the NSW agenda and the NSW Drug Summit will be held for a day in Lismore on Monday, November 4. It will also be held for a day in Griffith on November 1 and for two days in Sydney on December 4 and 5.

Australians have been pushing for a change in policy from both state and federal governments as they have seen the devastating impacts of the misguided 'war on drugs' approach over generations. In 2020 a national study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare revealed that Australians wanted to see a health and safety approach to tackling drug problems instead of locking people up. This approach was in line with the recommendations of the NSW special commission of inquiry into crystal methamphetamine and other amphetamine-type stimulants, or ice released in February 2020. The 14-month enquiry, chaired by Special Commissioner Dan Howard, SC, recommended 'that the government needs to introduce a system of decriminalisation if it is going to stop drug deaths in New South Wales'.

During the last state election NSW Labor promised that they would hold a drug summit but it has taken years for them to finally get the ball rolling while in the mean time Queensland has stepped forward providing pill testing for festivals or fixed locations, ► Continued on page 5

Lavertys Gap possible option for Mullum water supply

Paul Bibby

The option to source Mullumbimby's local water supply from Lavertys Gap has risen from the dead, after Byron Council backtracked on its decision to permanently connect the town to the Rous County Council (RCC) regional supply.

In a remarkable turnaround that reflects a political changing of the guard on Council, a majority of councillors voted last Thursday to

defer any decision on permanently connecting to the RCC supply for up to two years.

This time will be used to further investigate options for supplementing the existing Lavertys Gap supply, such as offstream storage, and to engage in an extensive community consultation process.

Works currently being undertaken to extend the emergency connection between the RCC supply to the whole of Mullum will

not be affected by the decision.

'This is Council's own water supply,' newly-elected Greens Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said of Lavertys Gap and its neighbouring water treatment plant.

'Council has maintained it over the last almost 100 years. We have an opportunity here to keep Mullumbimby more resilient and to support sustainability...

'Given how much new information has come to light, even in the

last 24 hours, it is incumbent on us to listen to the community, to explore this further, and to rule out the possibility that we are letting go of an essential public asset that will supply the Mullum community into the future.'

The stay of execution for Lavertys Gap was passed by a majority of five votes to four, with independent Cr David Warth voting with the Greens councillor block made up of ► Continued on page 4

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Old Byron Hospital gets new lease of life

Paul Bibby

It was a mid-week evening in June 2017 and *The Echo* was sitting alongside about 50 locals in a high-ceilinged room above the Byron Community Centre.

The meeting had been organised by a small group of prominent community members, including the then Mayor Simon Richardson and Byron Writers Festival founder Chris Hanley, to discuss the future of the old Byron Hospital.

With the shiny new hospital at Ewingsdale up and running, attention had turned to what might become of the old hospital site on Shirley Street, Byron Bay and the hopes that it might be used to enhance the lives of locals.

Community campaign

For at least some in the room, the idea that the state government might return the site to the community seemed far-fetched. After all, this was prime real estate near the centre of Byron Bay – surely developers would be circling as the government's bean counters rubbed their hands together with glee.

But as the meeting progressed, it became clear that the community had the stomach for a campaign.

One after another, locals stood up to share stories about the role the hospital had played in their lives – as a place of birth, of healing, and of work.

The ideas at that stage were vague: a homeless



Ben Franklin MLC, Tamara Smith MP for Ballina, Byron Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, Justine Elliot MP for Richmond, and CoLab CEO Tony Davies. Photo Jeff Dawson

support service, a drop-in centre for young people, an arts hub... But there was a common theme amongst the visions – the land holding the old hospital had been gifted to the community in the first place and it should be returned to the community free of charge.

For locals

It was this meeting and many more like it in the ensuing months and years that planted the seed for the community hub which was opened last week in Byron.

'The community was insistent that the site continue to be used for the health and wellbeing of local people and not be sold for commercial profit,' the current Byron Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

'To be here today with those community

representatives and (Upper House MP) Ben Franklin who successfully took the case to the state government, is such an example of what can be achieved with vision and trust and intent.'

The new 'CoLab on Arakwal Land' isn't exactly what everyone had envisaged, but it is consistent with the basic desires expressed by those who attended that first meeting – that the land be used to support the community.

The hub will provide office space and communal areas for community service providers, businesses, educators, health providers and the arts.

Any profits received from these tenancies will be invested back into local groups and community projects.

While it has long been known that the head tenant

and manager of the space will be local community service provider Social Futures, the identity of the tenants is yet to be revealed.

Previous plans for Southern Cross University to be part of the hub have been abandoned, and it is unclear who will take their place.

What is certain is that the community members who planted those first seeds will be keenly watching as their vision for the old hospital finally comes to fruition.

Fire ant depot

A major fire ant depot has been opened at Burleigh Heads as part of the National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP).

The NFAEP aims to delivering eradication responses in parts of northern New South Wales.

Support for female sexual assault survivors

Aslan Shand

Joana Sponsel is starting a free monthly group for female sexual assault survivors in Byron Bay.

Joana was raped in her 20s and felt like she had nowhere to go because there were no groups here at the time.

'Telling someone can be scary, but it also means that you can get help to deal with the experience. No one should be going through this alone. I was lucky to have had an incredible support network and amazing people in my life that believed me and that have supported me.'

'When my trauma first surfaced, I contacted a women's organisation in Brisbane and meeting other survivors was an important part in my healing journey,' Joana told *The Echo*.

Joana previously ran a similar group and said they had great feedback.

'There were women who had never told anyone, they came and felt safe and supported. This is a non-judgemental space and there are no expectations. If someone shows up and they don't want to share, and just listen that's fine. It can take a while to open up.'

This group is for women only but Joana said it is important to recognise that men are affected by sexual violence as well.

'Many people are still uneducated about the impact that sexual violence has on society,' said Joana.

'The prevalence of rape myths and victim shaming

makes it even more difficult for survivors to speak up. The advice I would give to anyone, no matter their gender or sexuality, is to find someone they can trust and tell them what happened. This could be someone they are close to like a relative or friend. They could also confide in a doctor or contact a helpline.

'Meeting other survivors was important. It made me feel like they understood what I was going through and they didn't judge, or put any pressure on me. They helped me to come to terms with the fact that someone raped me. Their strength and resilience empowered me and made me believe that I will be okay again one day.'

'This support group is a safe space for women to speak their truth, to be believed and to be supported. We can learn from each other and lift each other up. It is important to mention that this is not therapy but a peer support group.'

Joana is a sexual assault survivor and not a trained therapist. 'I would encourage anyone to seek support from a therapist or counsellor,' she said.

The group will be held in Byron (address upon request) on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm. The first circle will be on November 6. There are limited spaces. For more information and to register via the Facebook group #metoo Byron Shire Circle, via email metoobyronshire@gmail.com or phone 0490 776 541.

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Preparing for storm season with the SES

Thirty-two women between the ages of 20 and 80 headed to the Mullumbimby SES (State Emergency Service) women's workshop last weekend for free training on preparing for storm season.

The women were divided into groups that will rotate around six stations and learnt about sandbagging, ladders and gutters, first aid, fire extinguishers, preparing an emergency kit and more.

'During the flood I felt very unskilled and helpless, and I really wanted to learn more about how to protect my property and myself and help neighbours and so on,' said one attendee, Megan.

Organiser Jen King said they hope to run another workshop again next year.



Liza Neal demonstrating fire extinguisher technique at Saturday's SES preparedness day for women which was held at the service's Mullumbimby depot. Photo Jeff Dawson

Skye Ray brought sunshine, laughter, and love to so many lives

Peter Devine and John Ray

Skye Ray, a colorful explosion of beautiful, organised chaos, laughter, professionalism and sharp wit passed away on Sunday, October 13 with her husband John by her side.

Despite being dealt the worst hand of terminal illness, Skye's fortitude and zest for life never faulted and remained a gift to those around her. One could even say she was a Ray of light, cheekily signing off her texted messages with a rainbow.

You can't get any more cliché than that huh? But seriously, her name was Skye and she met a beautiful man with the last name Ray, they fell in love, married and began to build a life together.

They bought a dream plot of land in South Golden Beach and even though John was technically the builder, Skye had the owner building licence. Skye was a builder, not with bricks



Vale Skye Ray. Photo supplied

and mortar but with love, laughter, compassion, and colour. Skye knew how to have a bloody good time, she was infectious with no hand sanitiser needed, unless she spilt a drink on you!

At her core, Skye found joy by sharing in people's happiness. That's why she worked in the caring industry for the better part of her life and at a local aged care service, Byron Respite since 2019, contributing to her community as a Committee Member, WH&S Officer, Support Staff, and Centre Facilitator. Skye was committed to creating

learning opportunities for everyone and raising awareness about dementia.

Skye's commitment to learning shined when she taught ethics at the Ocean Shores Primary School. Skye started the local Dementia Friends Alliance, raised awareness at school fetes, and organised for over 1,000 Mullumbimby High School students to receive dementia awareness training and become Dementia Friends. Always committed to better people's wellbeing, Skye delivered the NSW Health, Stepping On falls prevention

program to older residents of our community.

Skye understood the power of building and creating together and needed no excuse to gather people together to decorate for an event or party. Every day turned into a celebration filled with laughter, stories and colour when Skye facilitated day respite for people living with dementia.

Residents of South Golden Beach may still have nightmares from witnessing the Ray's ghoulish cemetery creation for the annual anti-tooth festival for kids.

In the house they built together Skye and Big John created a loving home and raised three astute, switched on, yet cheeky boys, Little John, Thomas, and William.

A GoFundMe page has been set up on behalf of the Ray family to assist the family through this difficult time: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/skyes-road-to-recovery-now-possible-multi-organ-transplant>.

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Lavertys Gap water gets further investigation

► **Continued from page 1** Mayor Ndiaye and Councilors Elia Hauge, Delta Kay and Michelle Lowe.

This reflects the significant shift in power which occurred during the last election, with the Greens now only requiring the support of one councillor to win any contested vote.

But last week's victory on Mullum's water supply was not secured without a fight.

Backed by Council staff, and an analysis conducted by external consultants, Labor councillors Asren Pugh and Janet Swain, Independent Michael Lyon, and Independent Deputy Mayor Jack Dods all voted against the deferral motion.

Crs Pugh, Swain and Lyon argued that the ageing local weir and water treatment plant could no longer be relied upon to consistently produce good quality drinking water, and that the costs of upgrading these assets while simultaneously finding or building an alternative local supply were absurdly high.

'It is a completely and utterly irresponsible decision to not secure Mullum's water supply so that it is safe and

healthy to drink,' Cr Pugh said.

'I understand that some people don't like the answers to the questions that they've asked. But it doesn't mean you just keep asking until you get the answers that you want. That does not lead to good outcomes, it leads to endless delay, and to endless cost increases.

'Will never happen'

'This project with off-stream storage will never happen,' Cr Pugh continued.

'This is exactly the same thing that we went through with the rail trail – endless reports, endless questions... you delay things for ten years, you cost Council hundreds of thousands of dollars...'

Cr Pugh repeatedly questioned Mayor Ndiaye about how she expected Council to find the \$300,000–\$500,000 needed to further investigate supplementary water supply options.

He and Cr Lyon also grilled Council's chief legal counsel on whether Cr Ndiaye should have been required to move a formal rescission motion rather than a motion to defer.

The Greens countered by describing the claims

about the quality of Mullumbimby's water supply as 'misinformation'.

'It's really dangerous to mess with our community's trust in the quality of our drinking water,' Cr Hauge said.

'Once you break that trust it can be really hard to rebuild it. We haven't had boiling water alerts since the 2022 floods because our very talented water management staff and operators make sure that the existing emergency line is in continuous use.'

Cr Hauge also said that the economic arguments being made by Council staff, Cr Pugh and others, were based on a flawed analysis.

'It [the analysis] doesn't adequately consider climate change or capture the resilience value of having multiple water sources,' Cr Hauge said.

'It also doesn't adequately capture the environmental cost of Rous's future water options... or the community's opposition to the loss of their existing water source.'

'This is a once-in-a-generation decision, and our community really deserves it to be done properly.'

\$160m for food and beverage innovation



Food and Beverage Accelerator (FaBA) Director, Dr Chis Downs, Byron Shire Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye, and Mark Awad from Northern Rivers Food at the Common People Brewery last Tuesday celebrating the chance to share in \$160 million for research and innovation and training. Full story: *Echo* 23 October p.17. Jeff 'Piss Up In a Brewery' Dawson

Leave the dunes for the endangered birds

A pair of critically endangered beach stone-curlews are nesting in the dunes on Clarkes Beach, they are one of only 13 breeding pairs in NSW.

Beachgoers are asked to stay off the sand dunes and leave nesting birds alone as their nests are just a small area of scraped sand.

'It's so important these birds are not disturbed because they only lay one

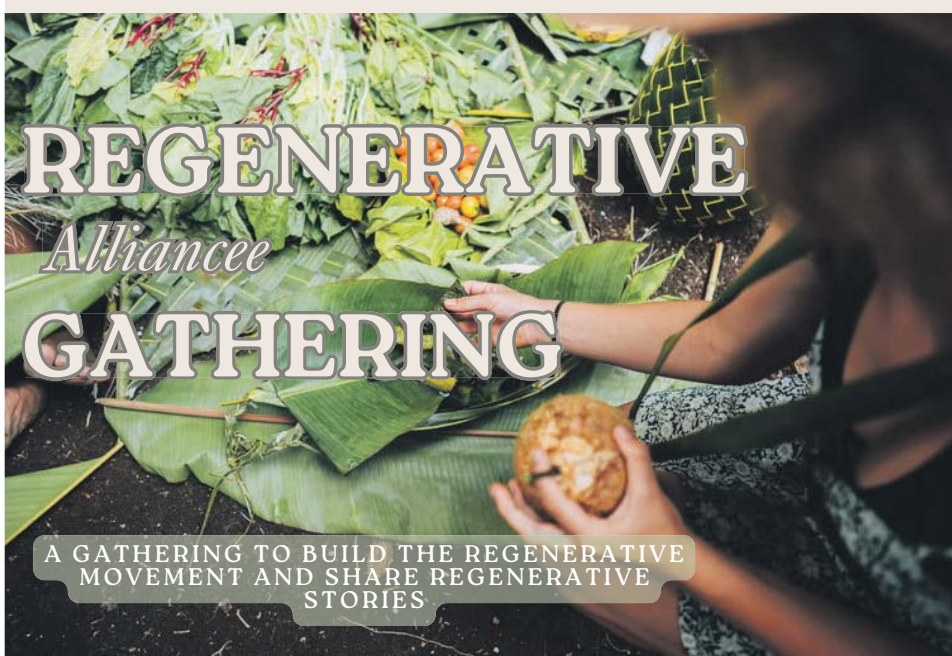
egg and the chick is cared for by both parents for seven to 12 months,' said Chloe Dowsett, Coast and Biodiversity Coordinator.

'We are hoping people will do the right thing and play their part in helping these special birds expand their family.'

On other beaches spotted pardalotes and rainbow bee-eaters have been sighted nesting in the dunes with the

Byron Bird Buddies rescuing a group of baby bee-eaters as the area surrounding their nest was being damaged by people trampling and climbing on the exposed dune.

'All of these precious birds are easily disturbed by walkers, joggers and especially dogs so we are asking people to be aware and take extra care when they are on the beach,' Ms Dowsett said.



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Ocean Shores pool to close

Paul Bibby

For decades the public pool at the Ocean Shores Country Club provided a place for northern Shire locals to play and keep cool during the heat of summer.

But the much-loved local swimming spot will witness its final game of marco polo next month, with the club announcing its imminent closure.

Expensive and risky

In a move that adds even greater urgency to Byron Council's plans to upgrade the Shire's public pools, the Country Club says that its pool has become too expensive to run.

'Significant and immediate costs are required to bring the pool up to a safe and usable standard, including essential repairs to the coping tiles, signage and safety equipment, fencing, pool furniture and shade replacement as well as the ongoing maintenance,' the club's board of directors said in a letter to members.

'In addition to the financial burden, there is also the issue of public liability risk. With society becoming more litigious and insurers taking on less risk while raising premiums, the potential liability



Vivienne Pearson says, 'This pool is an absolute gem. It's ideal for relaxing, family fun and gentle exercise as it has a toddler pool, an undercover area, and a deep-end to keep older kids entertained'. Photo Jeff Dawson

posed by keeping the pool open is a risk the club cannot afford to bear.

'The pool is no longer up to standard, and continuing to operate it exposes the club to significant legal and financial risk.'

The board acknowledged that the closure was 'a sad time' as the pool had been a central feature of the club for many years.

However, they said that the facility had reached the end of its lifespan and it would be 'irresponsible to continue investing members' funds into its upkeep, given both the financial burden and the potential risk of injury or worse.'

The imminent closure has brought calls for Byron Council to intervene to save the

facility or to at least provide advice about possible grant funding options.

However, at the time of writing, no eleventh hour interventions had been forthcoming.

Council is currently seeking community feedback on its plans to redevelop its two public swimming pools in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay.

Have your say

The preferred option put forward by Council staff is to redevelop the Byron Bay pool, and to build an entirely new swimming complex in Mullumbimby.

To have your say on the plans go to the 'Future pools and aquatic centres' section of Council's website.

Drug summit November 4 – Lismore

► Continued from page 1 including at health services.

'An overwhelming majority of voters don't support criminal sanctions against people who are found with a small amount of drugs and they don't support fining them either. Instead, voters want to see a more compassionate, health and evidence-based approach to drug use and possession – they prefer a referral to drug education or treatment, a warning, or no action at all,' Uniting NSW.ACT's General Manager of Advocacy & External Relations Emma Maiden told *The Echo*.

'Criminalising people for possessing small quantities of drugs is not only unfair and

harmful, it's also unpopular. Our current laws perpetuate harm and stigma, which deter people from seeking treatment and support. A criminal record can also have a detrimental effect on someone's ability to secure a job or home. This increases the long-term strain and costs on our public health and judicial systems.'

Thousands of voters across five key metropolitan and regional NSW electorates: Kogarah, Bankstown, Penrith, Lismore, Tamworth were surveyed as part of new uComms polling that showed 66 per cent of voters in key NSW seats support a health and welfare response to minor drug possession.

'These polling results must be taken into account for the upcoming Drug Summit. It's been 25 years between summits – since then we've seen strong evidence that favours health and welfare responses to drug possession, and growing support from the electorate for these changes,' said Ms Maiden.

'We've also seen other states and territories across the country, including the ACT and Queensland, adopt sensible and evidence-based laws and policies. NSW continues to lag behind. We're calling on the government to not take anything off the table for the upcoming Drug Summit.'

Attack on Bruns parking meters

A man has been charged over an alleged malicious damage incident which saw dozens of parking meters damaged.

Between 9.30pm on Saturday, October 19 and 7.50am on Sunday, October

20, approximately 40 parking meters were damaged at Brunswick Heads. He was apparently yelling 'f**k the council'. Police have since arrested and charged a person in relation to the vandalism.

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Water, homelessness in the sights of Byron Council's Elia Hauge

Eve Jeffery

One of the six new councillors at the Council bench in the Byron Shire is Elia Hauge, member of the Greens team.

Cr Hauge was raised in the area and after gaining her degree in engineering and working as an educator, she is back on her home turf.

Hauge says her values are Greens values and her mission is to create a sustainable future for people and the planet.

At 29, Cr Hauge believes she may be the youngest councillor and she hopes that is just one more link in Council's diversity chain.

'You're always going to make better decisions as a group when there's diversity at the table. And I think young people in this town face a lot of challenges, and the town faces challenges to keep young people here.'

'It's a hard place to be starting a career. It's a hard place to live while you're trying to start a career. The housing crisis is pretty out of control, and I think a young person's perspective on that is particularly important.'

'But in general, we as a collaborative Council, will make better decisions for



Elia Hauge. Photo Tree Faerie

having greater diversity and youth is one of those things for sure.'

Cr Hauge is currently working as a civil engineer – she feels it's a good idea to keep her foot in that engineering world.

'I worked for Sydney Water for some time. Then I started, but did not finish, a PhD – a chance to upskill coming back to the Northern Rivers during COVID-19 – that was looking at climate adaptation and specifically regional water supply systems. I did a lot more about how engineering interacts with community and society. I did projects in Nepal and projects in Uganda during my undergrad.'

Dunoon dam

Bringing plenty of technical knowledge to the table, Cr Hauge, along with Cr Ndiaye, has been appointed to the Rous County Council and has strong opinions about the proposed Dunoon dam.

'I am firmly opposed to the Dunoon dam. I campaigned against it with Water Northern Rivers a couple of years ago. There are so many reasons I oppose it as a project.'

'I can give you three really good reasons – they're all critically important and resonate differently for different people. The first one obviously being the cultural heritage and the Widjabul

Wia-bal being very clear about the importance of that place.'

'The second one being the environmental value and the unique ecosystems, that would be destroyed if we dammed that gorge. But the third one, wearing my engineering hat, it is just a poor decision in terms of a resilient water supply for our region.'

'It's a second dam in the same catchment as the existing dam, and it's putting all of our energy into only surface water within that one catchment, which is about as narrow an option as you can get.'

'I think when we think about a resilient supply, it's always going to be a diversity of options – different sources, and smart water options. So I'm firmly opposed to the Dunoon dam.'

As well as water, Cr Hauge says her priorities this term are to address the housing crisis and support community resilience and enable water security in the face of the climate crisis.

'These are all interwoven challenges, and I believe Council must embed meaningful community participation to ensure our community is sustainable, liveable and resilient,' she said.

Rebuilding lives together



Foaad Makansi will join MC Ellen Briggs, who brings her usual light and very funny touch to a trivia night on Saturday, November 16 in Mullum. Photo Jeff Dawson

Seven families from Syria, Venezuela and Afghanistan have settled across the Northern Rivers region thanks to volunteers and the Northern Rivers for Refugees (NRFR) with two additional families expected in early 2025.

MC Ellen Briggs and the NRFR will provide a night of laughter and hope as part of their fundraising trivia night on Saturday, 16 November at St John's School Hall Mullumbimby to support refugees settling in our region.

Foaad Makansi and his family escaped Syria when their house and business were destroyed by bombs and spent many years in limbo waiting for their UNHCR visas. They arrived

in Ocean Shores in late 2023 and with the support of volunteers achieved driver licences, school and TAFE English class enrolment, and employment.

'I am unable to describe what's been provided to us since our arrival by this group of volunteers,' said Foaad who will be guest speaker for the NRFR Trivia Night.

'Thank you for your support and standing alongside the refugee families whom you have given safety, humanity, love, full care and integration with their beautiful surroundings.'

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No more Bright Side for Byron patients

Mia Armitage

Operators of The Bright Side Medical and Skin Cancer Centre in Byron's suburb of Sunrise have announced its closure from this week, in a social media post, leaving patients shocked and frustrated.

Last week's post failed to include an apology but asked patients to please rest assured their trusted doctors would continue to practise,

before listing other clinics in Byron, Ballina and as far away as Goonellabah.

No explanation was offered for the change.

The post said staff would ensure the smooth transfer of patients' medical records and were committed to supporting patients throughout the transition.

Updates in coming weeks were promised.

It's understood the Sunrise space is to become

a dedicated skin clinic but when the clinic was contacted for comment they sent an email saying no further details were available.

Patients have reportedly been told they can bring a USB stick to the clinic if they want a copy of their medical records before it closes on Friday, November 1.

The clinic's closure means fewer bulk-billing GP options for people in the Byron Shire.

NSW regional media fund extended

Regional and rural papers providing public interest journalism will get financial assistance in what the Minns Labor government says is its 'ongoing work to deliver solutions which will support regional NSW communities to thrive.'

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said, 'Regional media plays a vital role in keeping their communities informed and reporting on matters of importance, as well as informing, celebrating and connecting people.'

'The Minns Labor government understands the importance of local papers and local stories particularly in regional communities. It is regional and rural papers that help get local issues on the agenda that would otherwise fall through the cracks.'

'We understand complex barriers face these outlets, including the rise of technology. This funding is about providing responsible

support which will ease the pressure facing regional media,' said the minister.

Ongoing challenges

Country Press Australia had lobbied extensively for this funding, and NSW President Lucie Peart said of this 'key piece of the government's election commitment' that, 'we are grateful that this round will provide further support to regional publishers. Since the first round of the fund, the landscape for regional news businesses has changed; we are challenged by digital platforms and a further decline in newsrooms across the state.'

'This second round of funding will provide a boost to the regional news industry and allow journalists and local newspaper publishers to keep doing what they do best - keeping communities informed and providing vital public interest journalism.'

The Echo's General Manager, Simon Haslam, unsurprisingly welcomed the news.

'Each community has a distinctive voice, issues, range of opinions and level of engagement,' he said.

'We are lucky here in the Byron Shire to have more engaged, positive community members interested in contributing their energy to an informed debate than elsewhere. If a diversity of constructive opinions is distributed free to the whole community, this builds a more tolerant, informed community.'

'The process is diluted by corporate media groups with a broader focus than local issues, and tech giants with a financial interest in polarising opinions. As we've seen in the US, this tribal approach to the truth is bad for a democratic society.'

'Small, independent papers are part of this process, the more of them the greater the chance that everyone will hear their issues raised in their community, and stay part of the democratic process.'

RVC decides not to appeal Iron Gates ruling

At its first ordinary meeting of the new term, Richmond Valley Council (RVC) voted not pursue an appeal regarding the recent court ruling on the Iron Gates subdivision.

The previous Council reserved its appeal rights by lodging a notice of intention to appeal the judgement made by the NSW Land and Environment Court on the Iron Gates development at Evans Head so incoming elected councillors could consider the matter in full.

Newly-minted councillor Lyndall Murray put a motion seeking more time and additional information 'so that Council can complete additional due diligence, given it was under caretaker mode for the majority of time that has lapsed under the current timeline, due to the local

government election' but this did not get up.

Three representatives from two groups opposing residential development of the site, Evans Head Residents for Sustainable Development (EHRSD), and Stop Iron Gates, spoke against the recommendations of the general manager not to appeal, questioning the accuracy of the report prepared for Council.

Another newly-elected councillor, former GM John Walker, moved the current GM's recommendation, seconded Sandra Humphrys.

Cr Walker was GM at the time the development application was submitted for Iron Gates in 2014. Cr Walker was named by the developer Graeme Ingles at the Northern Regional Planning Panel

hearing, where a decision was made against development, as 'encouraging him to make the DA'.

A spokesperson for EHRSD said that 'the association was surprised Cr Walker had not declared a "potential conflict of interest", but was also surprised that Cr Robert Hayes had also not declared a "potential for a conflict of interest" as in 2013 he moved a notice of motion related to the [Iron Gates] site as a councillor of RVC.'

'Naturally we are disappointed in the decision of Council as, in our view, there are appropriate legal grounds for pursuit of a case in the Court of Appeal raised by the community notwithstanding the "independent" legal advice obtained by Council,' said EHRSD.

Music in the Valley a success



Joel Salom, Bobby Alu, Emily Lubitz and Harry Angus at Sunday's Music In the Valley at Upper Main Arm School. Hundreds enjoyed some very fine music from some of our country's finest musicians. Bobby Alu said, 'My last performance was in Oceanside California a little over a week ago. My next gig is in Berlin this coming Wednesday. This little festival is so sweet'. Photo Jeff Dawson

Women Like Us bring it home!

Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs are 'bringing it home' this November 30 at Coorabell Hall in support of the Grandcarers Project - that supports grandparents caring for their grandkids.

These are kickass comics AND middle-aged women - they realised that it didn't matter how good they were,

they were always going to be behind the eight ball in an industry that favours under-30s and is dominated by blokes. After years of performing for women's luncheons and fundraisers to audiences that fangirled them like crazy, they both decided that there was an audience out there for them

- they just had to go out there and find them. And so began Women Like Us.

Celebrating their tenth anniversary, Women Like Us is stand-up comedy at its best and Mandy says this might well be their last local show. So don't miss out and get yourself a ticket at: www.womenlikeus.com.au.



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Clunes residents call for transparency on Clunes Masterplan selection

Clunes locals gathered last week to discuss the current proposed Clunes Masterplan process that is being run by Ethos Urban on behalf of Lismore City Council.

Lennox police station idea rejected by police

The new Ballina Shire Council returns for its first meeting tomorrow, with the idea of a new police station at Lennox Head already being knocked back by police, who say there is no increased crime in the area, in spite of what some councillors were suggesting in the last term.

Functions at Salt Surf Life Saving Club?

Residents are invited to provide feedback on a draft Plan of Management for Salt Surf Life Saving Club to allow functions at the venue, as well as proposed changes to surrounding community land categorisation.

Motor vehicle accident at Condong

Around 1pm on Thursday 24 October a Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to a motor vehicle accident at Condong, near Murwillumbah.

Lennox Village Vision realised – Transforming the heart of Lennox Head

Ballina Shire Council has declared that the Lennox Village Vision, a \$11.5m revitalisation project that has transformed the heart of Lennox Head, has been completed.

NRAS adoption day coming soon

Northern Rivers Animal Services at Ballina is holding an Adoption Day on Saturday 2 November, from 10am-1pm.

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Investigation underway following Ballina fire

Police say an investigation is underway following a fire at a business in Ballina.

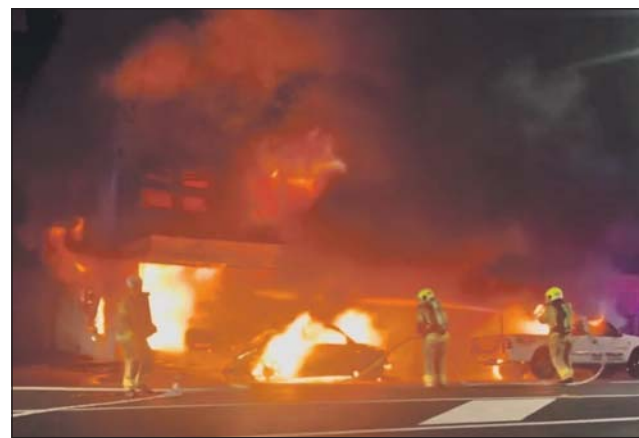
At 3.30am Wednesday, 23 October, emergency services were called to River Street, Ballina, following reports of a building fire.

On arrival, officers attached to Richmond Police District located a silver Mercedes sedan inside a shopfront, well alight. Police were told the sedan drove into the business before the vehicle caught fire, with the occupants of the vehicle leaving the scene prior to police arrival.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) firefighters attended and extinguished the blaze; however, the building was extensively damaged. Surrounding units were evacuated. No injuries have been reported as a result of the incident.

A crime scene has been established and an investigation into the incident has commenced.

As inquiries continue, anyone with information or footage in relation to the incident is urged to



The fire at River Street in Ballina last Wednesday. Photo Ballina Community Noticeboard

contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A FRNSW statement said that FRNSW crews have extinguished an extensive building fire early Wednesday morning at Ballina. Multiple Triple Zero (000) calls were received about the blaze.

'More than 25 firefighters and six fire trucks responded to the incident in the two-storey premises. Upon arrival, firefighters quickly got to work to extinguish the blaze and protect neighbouring properties.

'The building was

completely destroyed and three vehicles parked outside the property were extensively damaged. It took crews over two hours to contain the fire.

'Residents in the two units on the second floor self-evacuated, as well as from adjoining properties, and there were no reported injuries.

'Firefighters set up an exclusion zone for specialist engineers to assess the structural integrity of the building, and conducted air quality testing in neighbouring units.

\$90,000 raised for domestic, family and sexual violence

Women Up North (WUN) CEO Jillian Knight-Smith has thanked the Lismore community for supporting the Women Up North Spring Gala on Saturday, 19 October.

Ms Knight-Smith says the Northern Rivers came together to create a highly successful fundraising evening for women and children experiencing domestic, family, and sexual violence in the Northern Rivers.

'It was a memorable evening,' she said. 'Jenny Smith gave us an inspiring and humbling Welcome to Country followed by a performance by the talented Ninhi Nari Gali Bundjalung dance group.'

Sponsors and donors of the Women Up North Spring Gala raised approximately \$90,000. 'We are so grateful,' said Ms Knight-Smith.

'It is such a huge relief for all of us at WUN to know that we are able to support women and children in dire need, to help women to leave violence and have a hope of affording to set up and find a new home.

'This money will pay for removalist trucks, ensure families have money for food, petrol, phones and travel, it will repair and register cars, assist children to go to and participate at school with dignity because they have lunch and uniforms, support families to find and keep housing and access emergency accommodation and transport.'

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

Ballina Council makes key appointments

David Lowe

In the first meeting of the newly-elected Ballina Council lineup, the conservative majority used its numbers to fill key positions for the next term.

Crs Eva Ramsey, Damian Loone and Simon Chate were nominated for deputy mayor. Despite his complete lack of council experience, Mayor Cadwallader's team-member and former police detective Cr Loone was elected deputy mayor.

After the revelation that \$45,000 of Ballina Council's

budget was spent on code of conduct disputes with misbehaving councillors in the previous short term (mostly relating to a certain councillor who did not stand for reelection), the next vote related to who would be representing Ballina at Rous County Council (RCC).

Rous County Council is made up of representatives from all Northern Rivers councils, and is responsible for crucial decisions about water management and weeds across the region.

There were four

nominations for two positions; Crs Kiri Dicker, Phil Meehan, Eva Ramsey and Cadwallader. In an unsurprising decision, Cr Cadwallader was returned. She will be joined at RCC by Lennox Head's Eva Ramsey, replacing former Cr Rod Bruem.

The mayor and deputy mayor were then approved as delegates to the Northern Regional Planning Panel.

Crs Simon Chate and Therese Crollick will be the new Ballina Council delegates to the Richmond Tweed Regional Library Committee.

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Body located in water at Tweed Heads

The body of a man has been located in the water at Tweed Heads.

At 6.15am on Tuesday, 22 October, police were called to Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Tweed Heads following reports a body was seen in the water.

Police attached to Marine Area Command, assisted by Tweed/Byron Police District, attended the scene and recovered the body of a man.

The body has since been



identified as that of a man aged in his 60s.

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A healthy approach to drugs

If you don't have a drug problem then the last thing you need is a conviction; if you do have a drug problem then the last thing you need is a conviction.' This was the point Tom Lloyd, former chief constable of Cambridgeshire police (UK) and international drugs policy advisor, made to the British Home Affairs Select Committee drug conference in 2015. It still holds true.

On Monday, we will see the NSW Drug Summit come to Lismore for one of the four days – only two in Sydney and two in the regions! – set aside to hear about the impacts of existing drug laws and possible future changes to these laws. The summit will bring together health experts, police, people with lived and living experiences, drug user organisations, families and other stakeholders to provide a range of perspectives, according to NSW Health.

The summit will focus on: health promotion and wellbeing, equity, respect and inclusion, safety and justice, keeping young people safe and supporting families, and integrated support and social services.

As a parent, especially one in the Northern Rivers, 'keeping young people safe' is where my focus tends to end up, and having any of my kids end up in the criminal justice system as a result of dabbling in a few drugs would be a bad outcome. But even worse would be if they were permanently injured, or died.

What I would like to see is a change of focus in NSW from punitive measures to a focus on a health-based approach. That would include, at a minimum, decriminalisation of small amounts of illicit drugs, impairment-based roadside drug testing, and quick and easy drug testing for anyone who has

bought a drug with the intention of using it recreationally.

Both decriminalisation and impairment-based roadside drug testing would remove the threat of ending up with a criminal record and it also facilitates more effective education programs about the use of, and dangers of, drugs.

Twelve months ago small amounts of illicit drugs were decriminalised in the ACT, with anti-drug campaigners such as Coalition Senator Michaelia Cash, warning that people would visit Canberra 'hoping to experience the ACT's party lifestyle, ending in addiction ... and even death'. (abc.net.au). Twelve months on? ACT Chief Police Officer Scott Lee said, "we haven't seen a significant change in behaviour at all".

And in regards to those dangers, pill or drug testing facilities, as have been introduced in Queensland, give anyone who is thinking about taking a drug a chance to dodge death by being able to get their drugs tested.

When I interviewed emergency medicine consultant Dr David Caldicott at the Rabbits Eat Lettuce Festival, the first Queensland festival to have drug testing available, it became clear what the benefits of these facilities are. Not only were they able to inform people if the drugs they were considering taking were potentially more dangerous than they thought they were, they were able to educate people about drugs and their risks. That's what works. That's what we need here in NSW.

You can have your say at: www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/drug-summit.

Aslan Shand, editor
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What if Trump wins?

The Queensland election was not the rout most pundits predicted. Labor did well to hold metropolitan seats but lost heavily in the regions.

Outgoing Premier Steven Miles may have clawed back some last-minute support in urban areas by 'stealing' several Greens policies – free school lunches, a big boost to public housing, 50c public transport fares and setting up a public electricity retailer.

A woman's right to agency over her own body became an election issue and that must have had an impact on the result.

Once again, the huge divide between the progressive city and conservative country was evident, just as is happening in the US.

The epic battle taking place in the US will have profound ramifications for Australia and the world.

A majority of women support Kamala Harris and most men support Donald Trump, according to polls. Fortunately, there are more women voters and they tend to turn out to vote more than men.

Trump represents masculinity for many men, some of whom are aghast at the idea of a female president and a woman of colour.

Polls indicate the two are neck and neck which is hard to believe for most Australians.

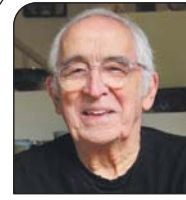
How could fifty per cent of adult Americans think it is OK to elect a misogynistic, racist, climate crisis-denying, convicted felon who says he wants the kind of generals Hitler had? His own former longest-serving chief of staff, General John Kelly, has labelled him a fascist, as have others.

He can barely string two words together coherently, fawns over dictators like Putin and says Russia can do 'whatever the hell they want'.

Yet in a few days he could be president again! It will be a wild ride if he wins. Anything could happen.

Australia will need to rethink its relationship with the US.

As a nation we will be forever grateful for America coming to our aid in World War II but this gratitude has led us into several military



'Anthony Albanese and his cabinet colleagues will need to do some hard thinking if Trump wins.'

Richard Jones

misadventures. We have acted like a deputy sheriff, meekly following the US into whatever wars the US president chooses.

Joining the Bush 'Coalition of the Willing' to invade Iraq based on a lie about Iraq having 'weapons of mass destruction' was a tragic mistake, for example.

If Trump wins, we could be dragged into a conflict with our number one trading partner, China, either over Taiwan or trade.

Trump has announced he will introduce massive tariffs on Chinese imports which would be seen as a trade war. He seems moronically unaware that the American people will pay these tariffs not Chinese exporters. They would cause a massive blowout in the deficit to an estimated \$7.5 trillion and wreck the US economy.

Trump would turn the US into Fortress America, turning inward and disengaging from long-time allies. There's no reason to believe Australia would receive special treatment.

Anthony Albanese and his cabinet colleagues will need to do some hard thinking if Trump wins.

We are part of Asia, not an American or European outpost, as former prime minister Paul Keating pointed out.

We need to seriously consider becoming non-aligned like Indonesia. In doing so we could cancel the absurd AUKUS deal to spend around four hundred billion dollars on nuclear-powered submarines which we wouldn't even effectively control. They would only last a few days in a conflict with China. Drones would track and destroy them.

It's also beyond time for Australia to cut its colonial ties with the UK and become a republic. Whilst Lidia Thorpe's protest was considered jarring, she spoke for many

Australians. Only a third of Australians now claim British heritage.

Anthony Albanese faces an election in a few months and he's not polling well currently. There's no possibility he will announce having a referendum on a republic after the Voice referendum disaster. It would need to be bipartisan and Peter Dutton is in no mood to cooperate.

Likewise, the PM is not going to frighten the horses by cancelling the AUKUS deal, even if Trump were to win.

He's not even brave enough to tackle the obvious capital gains tax and negative gearing reforms that would pay for so much public housing.

Albanese is in a real dilemma. If he goes to the people with no changes and no reforms, he is very likely to lose ground and even the election, unless he steals some Greens policies, as Steven Miles did.

Currently it seems the best he can hope for is a minority government with Greens and Teals holding the balance. Polls show most Australians would favour such an outcome.

The Teals are a real thorn in the side of the Dutton Opposition. He needs those once-safe Liberal seats to win government, but to do so he would have to drop his pie-in-the-sky nuclear program and genuinely embrace effective climate action. His National Party partners wouldn't have a bar of it.

In a few days the world may be turned even more upside down and both major parties will have to carefully consider the consequential effects on Australia. Let's just hope Kamala Harris romps home and negotiates a just peace in the Middle East.

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Numbers game

The other day I was just trying to count the number of empty shops at the southern end of Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Especially from Marvell Street till the empty Cheeky Monkeys nightclub.

You'd be thinking that Byron is in some type of recession. With the ever-increasing shop rental hikes soaring to record highs, rumour has it that some shops are renting for up to \$5,000 per week. That's a lot of coffees to sell.

Look what happened to the Fresh cafe near the Beach Hotel which closed after 25 years of business, that had a prime trading location. These hikes in rent have caused a collapse in local and independently-owned shops. The only businesses who can afford the high rental prices are overseas and Australian hospitality groups and clothing companies.

For any visitor to the town of Byron Bay they must be thinking that they have arrived at a British seaside town. With its closed and empty shopfronts.

The Instagram image that people perceive may only be a fantasy.

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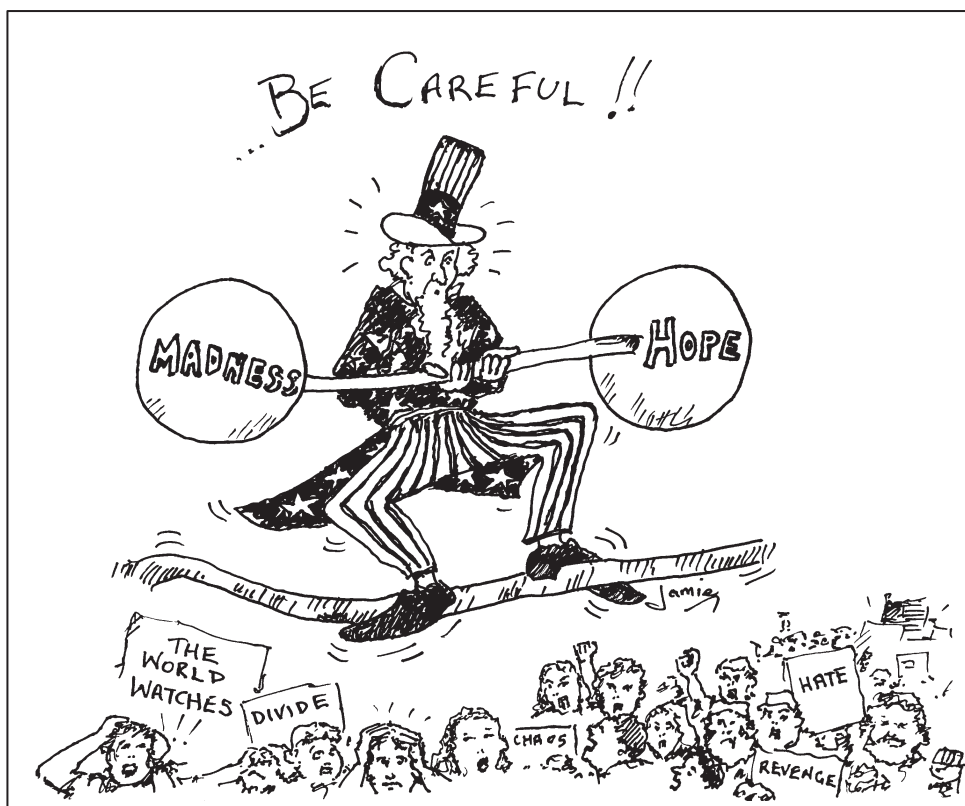
I'm a 75-year-old woman who lives in Queensland and in Ocean Shores for 52 days of the year, to be near my children. When I'm here I drive my car, so I applied to Byron Council for a paid parking permit as a resident. However, because my car is registered in Queensland Council staff told me that I could not obtain a permit.

I understand that permits cannot be issued to both the owner of a premises, and the tenants, but I cannot rent my unit out as it is in an over-50s situation that forbids rentals. I am the only occupant of the unit. I rang the mayor and complained, and she said that she wasn't happy with the situation.

Page O'Hara
Ocean Shores

Re 'The Bay'

You can have a wide, sweeping, world-attracting Byron beach or you can have a pool on a broken, undermined beach, but you can't have both.



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

Already the rocky outcrop on Main Beach is tearing 'The Bay' apart, particularly on the northern end from First Sun to Kendall Street and Belongil.

Now Byron Shire Council (BSC) is supporting the idea of not only strengthening the beach-killing seawall at Main Beach, but implanting an aquatic centre over the existing Byron pool.

Further development of these man-made impediments at the heart of 'The Bay' will only increase erosion to the north, especially given Council's neglect of the fiercely-eroded dunes on that side.

Meanwhile residents are laying more illegal rock walls on the beach at Belongil, despite a court ruling some time back that forbade residents using rocks to protect their properties from storm damage. They go ahead anyway and Council turns a blind eye.

In fact, Council turns a blind eye to anything happening north of the Main Beach carpark.

Consequently, by choosing to compound damaging past mistakes, Council seems hell bent on destroying the bay, leaving us, eventually, with only half a bay, half a beach.

Personally, I'd prefer our old 'Bay' back, with a wide sandy beach stretching from The Pass to Belongil and beyond. We've always had ingress and storm erosion periodically and yes, one day, no matter what we

do, the sea will envelop the township. But that scenario should be hundreds, thousands of years away, not in our lifetime.

Council is also well aware that there are tried and tested ways of regenerating and reforming our original sandy bay, while still protecting town infrastructure (buried rock walls for one). The reason they are not willing to consider realignment and hybrid coastal protection, is that they fear litigation from the Belongil end.

It's so crazy, because if done properly even the Belongil residents' fears would dissolve.

So, a complete bay, or half a beach under the cape? I know what I'd like to see - some responsible action from Council and a restored, realigned beach. Oh, and an aquatic centre well away from our receding beachfront.

Don't listen to 'oh, we'll lose the town' or 'the waves won't be as good without the groynes'. That's all poppycock and all the coastal engineers I've spoken to over the years agree.

Jan Hackett
Byron Bay

Julian's persecution

I felt driven to respond to the letter from Ms Farlow (October 23). Julian Assange did not put any lives at risk, as stated by Ms Farlow. This is precisely why the US government could NOT provide any evidence of this in several UK court cases in an attempt

to extradite Julian. In fact 'ironically' it was the US government who often put civilian lives at risk. It was Mr Assange who revealed these war crimes at unimaginable risk to himself. Julian was accused many times of not redacting names (e.g. in the Afghan war logs) - in order to protect informants.

Fact is, Julian did redact names within thousands of documents and I believe employed many people to do this. He had a genuine commitment to reveal the truth, which we all as citizens of the world had a right to know.

Chelsea Manning first approached many news outlets and no one would touch these dynamite government documents, only Wikileaks agreed. However, many journalists around the world,

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► Continued from page 11 including the *NY Times* and *The Guardian* etc did finally publish Wikileaks documents which benefited their expanding careers, while Julian rotted in jail. May I add there was no reason at all to place Julian in solitary confinement for 23 hours a day, except for the purpose of revenge and a huge red flag to others, not to attempt the same brave acts.

I do acknowledge that the release of documents impacting upon Hillary Clinton's campaign in 2018, was probably not wise, but don't know if Ms Farlow was concerned about this? Wikileaks was also committed to not withholding any information, except that which would endanger informants' lives. Nevertheless, nothing justified the torture Julian endured for seven years in Belmarsh prison. Finally, when Julian received the prestigious Walkley Award in 2011 most of the people in the room applauded and I certainly would have been one of them if I was present. We must never underestimate the global importance of whistleblowers, never, ever.

Lindy Stacker
Binna Burra

Mullum's water

At the recent Council meeting, the new Council voted in favour of deferring the decision to pursue a permanent connection for Mullumbimby to Rous for up to two years. This decision to connect to Rous Water was made at the final Council meeting in August, and this week the mayor, who voted against it, put forward a motion to rescind the decision, in other words, to go back to the drawing board – again.

This means that Council staff will need to commission more expensive reports that will almost certainly repeat the recommendations that have already been made. It has been made clear by Council staff, who are professionals in their field, that the Water Treatment Plant at Lavertys Gap is fit for purpose only up until 2027.

To rebuild (not fix, but completely rebuild) it will cost millions of dollars. We had the opportunity, after over 20 years of debate, to immediately secure the connection of Mullumbimby to Rous Water, joining the rest of the Byron Shire to ensure that everyone has access to clean, safe, affordable and secure water.

I am brand new to Council, and I did a lot of background reading to understand this extremely important issue. Call me naive, but at the same time I was astonished to learn that the bypass in Byron took 40 years to get the green light. 40 years! Same with the rail trail. So many delays, so many reports, so much money spent with nothing to show for it.

I understand that there is a long history of autonomy in Mullumbimby of which we should all be proud. However, it is one of the core jobs of Council to ensure safe water for the community.

To defer the decision for up to two years is to delay and risk the safety and health of Mullumbimby residents. I hope that we, as a publicly-elected Council, responsible to the whole of the Byron Shire, can get on with the job and not wait another, however many years, to ensure water security for everyone.

Janet Swain
Ocean Shores

Byron Bay Golf Club

In relation to *The Echo's* front page last week on the future of Byron Bay Golf Club. It is rather unfortunate that a member of that club feels

that the fees are too high for the common person. Everything in Byron Bay has gone up, just like the cost of everything else.

So why has this happened? Australia has too many people, the population is expanding far too quick. There have been nearly 400,000 arrive from January last year to August this year, nearly 500,000 by the end of this year.

The Labor government is allowing this to happen. There is a mixture of people in Byron Bay like all clubs have, just to move to Myocum would not make much difference. This land was given to the people of Byron Bay back in 1957. It started out as a nine-hole course, the old house on the property was used for the clubhouse for many years.

My husband was an instigator to borrow money to extend the course to 18 holes. Later on Mr Ken Tough built the new clubhouse to the exact amount of funds the club had available. In recent years the club made an offer to the then owner of Byron at Byron to take their excess water for the club to use. A new dam was created and resident golfer Mark Wilson redesigned several holes to accommodate this. In return, Gerry Harvey supplied thousands of trees along the fence line. To sell this beautiful club now would be a huge mistake, just for housing, because the Labor Party has increased the population.

To describe a common person: that means to show a lack of taste, education, and good manners, vulgar, low, inferior and coarse. I hope the person who describes the members who find the fees too high understands what that means.

Virginia Black
Suffolk Park

Vicarious trauma of screens

Last week my 11-year-old son awoke with horrendous nightmares. His body shook in fear. The evening before he'd watched a MA+ film at his friend's house, one that involved gratuitous violence and murder.

His friend's mother had allowed him full access to her adult Netflix account and, according to my son, may have left the house at the time. The boy's parents were people one might describe as 'Mullum hippies'. I'd seen them on occasion at Ecstatic Dance and group meditations. Had they forgotten the original hippie mindset of peace and non-violence, of beauty and flowers?

Sadly they aren't the only ones whose actions seem incongruous with their hippie image. I know of mothers away on yoga retreats whose sons sit at home all day playing violent combat video games. Or dads adorned in prayer beads with pre-teen kids on TikTok till midnight.

Many local kids have their own phones nowadays before they even enter high school, with access to all sorts of gross online content. Of the top ten movies and TV series on all major streaming platforms at any one time, most contain highly distressing depictions of death, rape, torture, and murder. It is no coincidence that much of this content is produced in the US where audiences seem to have become thoroughly desensitised, requiring ever-more shocking images to keep them stimulated. A country with the highest violent crime rate in the world.

Allowing our children free range to explore the poisonous exports of the US film industry before they have the maturity to make sense of it is neglect, perhaps even

abuse. Why do we so flip-pantly enable such vicarious trauma in those we love?

As a long-serving paramedic I know a thing or two about vicarious trauma. And for me, seeing tied-up, blood-splattered bodies on a top-rating crime show or a Hollywood movie is not so different to seeing it in real life. It's often worse, I think, given how the modern cinematographer loves a slow pan over ligature marks.

Would I ever have invited my children for a ride on the ambulance to gawk at some mutilated dead bodies? Would a soldier take his kid into battle, to have a go of the gun? A rising mountain of research now supports the argument that viewing graphic content can have a cumulative negative effect on not just children, but adults too. A recent study by the University of Bradford in the UK has gone even further by making a connection between viewing violent TV shows or videos and exhibiting symptoms of all-out PTSD.

Yes, I know, parenting is exhausting work. Sometimes we just want to switch off and let the kids do what they want. But I'm compelled to ask, at what cost?

Name withheld

Wategos corporate

As a resident of Wategos beach it was very disturbing to see Raes hotels hold what I would call a 'corporate event' selling alcohol all under the guise of community.

In my opinion this is nothing other than commercial – brought to you by the same company that wants to take out 66 trees of littoral rain-forest for development at the other end of Wategos, a PR stunt to try and cover up the 200 objections to their development application (DA). When is enough, enough? No wool over my eyes.

Justin Joye
Wategos Beach

'The Australian Taxation Office is a company that's 100% owned by Black Rock Inc, an American multinational investment company.'

Let's face it, not many people think issues through critically, or thoroughly, which is why we're all at risk of believing complete bullshit, like the above.

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Glenn Miller

I am flying back to the small town of Woodbine, Iowa. In one week from now I will be joining the class of '73 for their 50-year graduation celebration. This will be my seventh trip back to a small farming community that stole a piece of my heart.

1973 was an eventful year. Palestinian terrorists scaled a wall that was never intended to keep out evil in the early morning hours in the Munich Olympic Village and took 15 Israeli athletes hostage. The world was not prepared for such an act, much less the German police force who failed badly in a bungled operation that resulted in the deaths of 15 athletes.

The Vietnam War was raging, President Nixon was reelected in a landslide victory and four men were arrested entering the Democrat operations centre, which was to become the start of the Watergate saga.

The United States of America was the undisputed superpower of the world and its people walked with

In Woodbine the people respect and work with each other and have built a community that 'bats well above its weight'...

a confident swagger and a general ignorance of most countries outside its borders. So self-centred that they called their own domestic baseball competition the 'World Series'. We self-deprecating Aussies, just breaking free from our own inferiority complex, could only smirk at the overblown national ego of the Americans.

Heading to the US heartland

The farming community I lived in for one year was nothing like that. Yes they still had a swagger and an unshakeable belief that all things American were the best, but overall they were a hard-working, down-to-earth people who generously opened their hearts to this young 'ossie'.

The rich Missouri valley is one of the prime farming



Glenn Miller has been visiting Woodbine, Iowa since 1973. Photos supplied

regions in the world. Corn and soya beans combined with fat cattle and hogs.

Woodbine (population 1,100) with a crushed brick athletic track and state-of-the-art indoor basketball complex had better sporting facilities at the community school than Sydney at the time.

Over the years many, including Americans, have asked incredulously 'why in Earth's name are you going to

Omaha?' (that city being the closest notable city).

Iowa is the heartland of the United States and not just because both John Wayne and Radar were born there. In Woodbine the people respect and work with each other and have built a community that 'bats well above its weight' on the sports field but also has a great pride in keeping a well maintained lawn which tells you something about the

pride those who live there have in the town.

View to the future

In those days it was more evenly split between Republicans and Democrats (now 80 per cent Republican). There are still many Trump sympathisers, even after his litany of lies split a deep divide in the nation, that have many suspecting it may lead to civil war, a

thought that until recently was never a remote consideration.

Woodbine was, and largely still is, a community that can join together socially regardless of political persuasion. It doesn't demonstrate the deep divide that is evident in some other parts of the county. The welcome sign and traditional American hospitality is alive and well.

We Aussies shake our heads in dismay and disbelief as lies and deception appear to gain the upper hand on the world stage.

As Abraham Lincoln said: 'To stand in silence when they should be protesting makes a coward out of men. America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.'

In my lifetime Australia has always followed closely in the footsteps of America and Lincoln sends all of us a prophetic warning.

Let's accept each other's faults and then care and work together to build the best nation we can be.



PROPOSAL TO 5G UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT THE EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE IN MULLUMBIMBY

- The site at which this works is being undertaken is located at Council land lot 1, Vallances Road, Mullumbimby NSW 2482. The proposed works include:
 - Replacement of six (6) panel antennas (each no longer than 2.8 metres in length) on a new triangular headframe atop of the monopole;
 - Installation of six (6) active antenna units (AAUs) (each no longer than 0.75m in length) mounted on the headframe with future provisions for nine (9) AAUs;
 - Replacement of one (1) 600mm parabolic dish installed on the monopole at a height of 27m;
 - Replacement and installation of ancillary equipment including but not limited to a new headframe on top of the monopole, twenty (20) radio remote units (RRUs) (with provisions for future ten (10) RRUs), three (3) rejection filters and six (6) combiners, cable ladders, and electrical cabling; and associated works, including activities inside the existing equipment shelter, to ensure the proper functioning of the facility.
- The purpose of this installation is to replace Optus and Vodafone's equipment that was damaged because of suspected vandalism, as well as to add 5G technologies to the site.
- Optus and Vodafone regard the proposed works as maintenance activity under Telecommunications Act 1997 and a low-impact facility under Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 and based on the description above.
- The proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements. An EME Report and further information can be obtained from www.rfnsa.com.au site number 2482005.
- In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: CPS Technology & Infrastructure, (02) 9300 1700 planning-vic@cpstech.com.au by 5.00pm on Thursday 14 November 2024.

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Splitting heirs

You are not my king.

As Lidia Thorpe's words reverberated around the parliamentary chambers, it was an opportunity for some colonial reflection. 'This is not your land' (whose land is it anyway?), 'we want a treaty' (why the hell don't we already have a treaty?).

'You are not my king' (nor mine, actually). Lidia's protest was far more effective, precisely because it happened in parliament in the presence of King Charles. Her message echoed around the world and raised so many contentious issues.

Here's what we know. The first Aboriginal people arrived on this continent around 70,000 years ago. 254 years ago Cook claimed this continent (which included over 300 Aboriginal nations) in the name of the English king.

In 1901 the colonisers declared this continent an independent nation with a Westminster parliamentary system. In 1967 Aboriginal people were acknowledged.

In 2023 Aboriginal people were denied recognition in this nation's constitution and denied a voice in matters affecting their lives.

Little wonder Lidia made her feelings known. She is being accused of 'breaching her oath of office'. Some things are bigger than swearing oaths. The traumatic back-story of colonisation is not pretty.

We say we live on Bundjalung land and honour elders past, present and emerging. Is this just white-fella tokenism or do we really live on Aboriginal land? And do we really honour elders? Symbolism is important. Acknowledging historical wrongs is part of truth-telling.

King Charles is a prisoner of history whose life is dominated by duty. He is a man of science and awkwardly, head of the Church of England, obliged to attend church every Sunday. How does he reconcile evolution with creationism?

Everywhere he goes people fall about, fawning and obsequious. Perhaps Lidia's charge was a timely reality check? An awkward, self-conscious moment of truth-telling. The embarrassment many felt was as much about the way we kowtow to this distant monarch.

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The ambivalent relationship we have with this British king of Australia.

In this, the most secular nation on earth, parliament begins with The Lord's Prayer. In the same spirit, every new politician is compelled to swear an oath to the reigning monarch, when probably more than half our parliament is both atheist and republican.

If you were a committed Aboriginal woman how might you feel about kowtowing to an English king? There is tension in being both Aboriginal and a senator. Conflict between allegiance to the crown and allegiance to her Aboriginal heritage.

The federal Coalition wants to throw the book at Lidia and drive her out of office. I don't think Lidia's outburst should exclude her from the government. It was an honest expression of her feelings and historical fact. I guess the more outcry that takes place, the better for her cause and ultimately, better for all Australians.

Mike Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

Sandwiched

I would like to encourage everyone to refer to that large country sandwiched between Canada and Mexico as the United States. It is not America.

North America begins in the Arctic Circle and South America finishes way down south in Tierra del Fuego. It is all America.

Bronwyn Sindel
Mullumbimby

Screaming, obstructionist Greens

Re the 'screaming, obstructionist Greens' rhetoric – the Greens challenge a status quo where Labor and the Coalition are in bed with the one per cent and the capitalist power lobby.

This is why they let corporations pay little or no tax, subsidise the

fossil fuel industry with billions of taxpayers' money and allow our mining tax to be one of the lowest in the world.

Many economists say it is the mind-boggling mega profits of corporations that have driven up inflation yet the banks have put up interest rates and affected millions of ordinary Australians.

The Greens have an alternative to the injustices of this system and want to close the loopholes, stop the subsidies and tax the one per cent in an appropriate way so that there are billions to pay for free education, health care, aged and child care, social and low-cost housing. They want to freeze rents and end negative gearing which is one of the reasons we have one of the most expensive housing markets in the world, and they want more action regarding the enormity of the housing crisis.

They stand for justice and support of the Australian people and are not part of the capitalist stranglehold – they expect to negotiate in a reasonable way to make steps towards their policies as they hold balance of power in the senate. What's not to like?

Christina Henry
Bangalow

More obstructionism

There has been much grandstanding and obstructionism of late by the federal Greens in blocking the Labor government's badly-needed housing reforms in the Senate, resulting in unnecessary long delays and inevitable cost blowouts, and really the country deserves much better.

The NSW Minns Labor government is currently introducing a raft of rental reforms to make renting much fairer by: banning no-grounds evictions in NSW, stopping tenants from being charged for background checks when making rental applications, requiring landlords and agents to provide tenants with fee-free ways to pay their rent, making it easier for tenants with pets to find accommodating properties.

Let us pray that the Greens MPs in the NSW parliament ignore their obstructionist comrades in the federal jurisdiction and pass these badly-needed reforms. The political games the federal Greens

are playing are disgraceful, they blocked the passage of the HAFF legislation for almost 12 months, and are still blocking the passage of Labor's 'Build to Rent', and 'Help to Buy' bills.

You would have to think that moderate Greens voters would be aghast at where Adam Bandt and Max Chandler-Mather are now leading this environmental party. Mandy Nolan's glib comments need to be subjected to much more scrutiny on this issue and she cannot hide behind her association with *The Echo* and popularity as a local entertainer forever, she is just as complicit as Bandt and Chandler-Mather in the ugly obstructionism the Greens party has descended into.

Keith Duncan
Ballina

Confusing

The Byron Shire Council's (BSC) utility manager Cameron Clarke makes some confusing statements in *The Echo* concerning the Laverty Gap Water Filtration Plant (LGWFP).

Mr Clarke claims any delay in handing the Mullumbimby water supply over Rous has health and financial grounds. The health implications Mr Clark describes are that the LGWFP is now past its useful process life causing a significant day-to-day risk of meeting modern day Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) causing significant risk to public health.

Mr Clarke also claims this situation exists every time there is a moderate to large rain event.

Mr Clarke should describe the risks being caused by rainwater impacting on the ability of the LGWFP to supply safe drinking water. If the risk to public health is so high why has not Mr Clarke made mention of this previously and also what steps during rain events has Mr Clarke put in place to protect the residents of Mullumbimby from the health risks he claims exist?

One obvious action would be to stop the LGWFP from supplying water to the Azalea Street reservoir, does this take place?

The drought emergency water main laid in 2007 is not capable of supplying the whole lower area of Mullumbimby nor delivering the water up to the Azalea Street

reservoir, this will require some substantial increases in infrastructure, is Rous going to pay for the costs of this or is BSC paying for it?

Again we have a Council staffer saying an important piece of Council infrastructure is past its useful life, I hope this has been raised previously, and that Water & Recycling is going to start upgrading its existing infrastructure before it reaches the past its use by date.

Alan Dickens
Byron Bay

War profiteers

One of the most disturbing things about the ongoing carnage in Gaza is the fact that wealthy plutocrats, comfortably ensconced in Western capitals, are making huge profits from the sale of weapons to Israel.

The bombs that are used to level apartment buildings and shred human bodies in Gaza, are made by American arms manufacturers, merchants of death who don't care what happens to the Palestinians.

These corporate executives are complicit in Israel's genocidal war of extermination, and while they might be American billionaires, they're also morally bankrupt.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Genocide

Danny Wakil denies that Israel is committing genocide claiming that Hamas inflates the figures and that probably 17,000 of the 40,000 (sic) Palestinian victims, were Hamas fighters (October 23).

What about the other 23,000 innocent deaths, Danny, or don't they count?

The British medical journal, *The Lancet*, employed highly sophisticated estimates of Israel's massacres and arrived at approximately 186,000 dead (including those buried under the rubble and in mass graves).*

Given the number of journalists and press killed and now the threats Israel is making against six Gaza-based Al Jazeera reporters, it is amazing any news of Israel's atrocities is coming out, for example Israeli soldiers have been videoing themselves vandalising and stealing Palestinians' property and beating up their captives.

Danny claims he is a great

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What do real nature positive laws look like for Australia?

Cosmos Magazine

Following a ‘disappointing’ inaugural Nature Positive Summit in Sydney, a team of researchers say that current laws are not sufficient to achieve the summit’s lofty goal.

In a perspective in *Science*, Australian researchers argue that ‘net gain’ legislation – that is, legislation that doesn’t allow for any loss – is required to make the world, and Australia, truly nature positive.

‘Nature positive means holding or stopping and reversing nature loss by 2030, with a full recovery by 2050, using 2020 baseline,’ co-author Yi Fei Chung, a PhD candidate at the University of Queensland, tells *Cosmos*.

‘Absolute net gain could be a powerful lever in legislation because it would ensure that nature is in a measurably better state than before a development takes place,’ says co-author Dr Michelle Ward, a lecturer at Griffith University.

Ward says the current reforms proposed for the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* ‘leave the door open for continued decline of our environment’.

This is because they operate on the assumption of ‘relative net gain’.

‘We know that a business-as-usual scenario often involves a declining biodiversity trend,’ explains Chung.

‘Any slight improvement is good enough to satisfy this relative net gain policy, but this very slight improvement can still mean overall decline,’ Chung adds.

‘For example, under an ‘absolute net gain’ scenario, if there were 200 quolls before a project, there must be more than 200 quolls afterwards. In contrast, a ‘relative’ net gain allows some decline,’ says Ward.

‘If the quoll population was expected to drop from 200 to 150 without the project, reducing the decline to 170 would count as a gain. However, this still leads to an overall loss. A truly “nature positive” approach wouldn’t allow nature to keep declining.’

‘If you’re speeding at 130km/h on a 90km/h road, and you reduce the speed to 115km/h, you’re still exceeding the speed limit, right?’ says Chung.

Chung says that only a few net gain laws have been introduced worldwide, citing the UK’s biodiversity net gain legislation, which



A hollow tree in northern NSW. Photo David Lowe

requires developments to deliver a ten per cent increase in biodiversity, as an example.

Legally binding standards needed

But early research on this law suggests that some local councils are struggling to judge biodiversity loss and gain.

‘Effective implementation and resourcing is crucial for good policy,’ says Chung.

Ward says that, as well as an absolute net gain approach,

Australian environmental laws need legally binding national environmental standards that embrace genuine nature positivity. She also wants to see a national Environment Protection Agency (EPA), which the federal government committed to establishing in its 2023-24 budget.

‘We need a strong, truly independent EPA to ensure compliance and enforcement of environmental laws and standards,’ says Ward.

‘Any biodiversity loss from development should be fully compensated, and any irreplaceable biodiversity loss must not be permitted,’ says Chung.

Irreplaceable biodiversity loss includes things like old-growth forests, which take decades or centuries to develop and which provide habitats that newer forests cannot, like hollowed trees.

‘The current compensation schemes are woefully inadequate at covering the true cost of an offset site,’ says Ward.

In their paper, the researchers point out that 90 per cent of proponents in Queensland have chosen to pay into a fund rather than secure their own biodiversity offsets.

‘The current compensation

scheme in NSW are performing so badly that an independent review has recommended they are completely phased out,’ says Ward, adding that an independent EPA should be able to enforce the quality and size of ecological compensations.

‘We need strong monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure the policy is effectively implemented,’ says Chung. ‘There is no point of having a good policy without people complying.’

Biodiversity policy is on the minds of many governments this week, as the 2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference of Parties (COP16) has kicked off in Colombia.

The researchers say that Australia has an opportunity to steer global conversations about environment laws.

‘We can lead by example to show other countries that this is a potential method that they can adopt,’ says Chung.

But for now, the researchers are dissatisfied.

‘We have an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy of environmental reform,’ says Ward. ‘But unfortunately the current proposals fall far short of what is needed.’

► supporter of Palestine but never once does he refer to Jewish Voice for Peace, B’Tselem, +972, the Israeli Refusers Network nor does he praise the hundreds of Jews who shut down the NY Stock Exchange.

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

■ Ed: *The Lancet* study said if there were four indirect deaths (from factors such as disease and destroyed infrastructure) for every one direct death, it was not implausible that 186,000 deaths or more could be attributed to the Gaza war Al Jazeera, July 2024).

Restoring scattered thoughts

Truth and victorious peace: a scattered journey we live in a scattered world. Violence, wars, deaths of innocent children, imprisonment of children, the failure of institutions and the rise of the military industrial complex, the rise of mad men in power, the enemy within and without, scores of refugees in limbo, homeless people living on the streets and always in Australia the sanitised colonial history of colonisation and the ‘frontier wars’ that continue to brutalise First Nations people and justify imprisonment of

ten-year old-children in the Northern Territory.

Authoritarian/colonised Australia continues to violate International law and the rights of the child. I am destabilised by such suffering. I am trying to develop stabilising strategies.

I decide to start each day with an act of love. I tell myself it will keep me stabilised. I will visit Elly, a sweet, kind, generous loving man. He is my bootmaker. We share boots, beauty and philosophy as shared interests.

Elly is in a desperate state of grief, loss and fear. He has just heard that his family of 30 people have left their

family home as it has been bombed. He has no idea where they are. He informs me that no one in Lebanon uses a mobile phone since the pagers were blown up in Lebanon. Despite this knowledge Elly keeps phoning Lebanon. He informs me of the imprisoned children, a weapon of war. 800,000 Lebanese people are now displaced since the war. I am aware that my feeling system is churning and spinning. Feelings that the Australian government would not approve. Not hostile feelings just deep sad, sad feelings.

I so believe in the beauty of peace but question this most fundamental

value for humanity. As I leave Elly’s shop he calls, ‘I love you!’

Leaning on my wheelie, I pass the homeless Indigenous folk sleeping and begging on the street. I am greeted by a youngster ‘giddy aunty granny’. I am comforted by this greeting. I pass the Indigenous graffiti ‘Aunty Mary is a scrumptious tart’. My sense of humour rises. I had also another purpose for the day. I realise that I cannot control these scattered forces and to write in scattered times begs patience from the reader. I will understand if patience has left town.

Jo Faith
Newtown



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Inaugural cyclocross race at Byron



The Byron Bay Cycle Club holds first cyclocross race. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

A collection of cyclocross (CX) aficionados broke new ground 'literally' and made history for the Byron Bay Cycle Club when they held the first event of its type two Sundays ago at the

Cavanbah Centre, according to organiser Martin Bloor.

Something for everyone

'A great day was had by all who took part in the racing and who helped out with

the course set up and take down,' Martin said.

'A mixed entry list from young juniors right up to the pointy end of A-grade riders made the racing well-spaced and interesting. It was a great course with a bit of everything for everyone to enjoy.'

Mullum North Coast champs again



Mullumbimby High School's girls futsal team are Combined High Schools North Coast Champions for the third year in a row. Photo supplied

Brian Hedge

The U/14s Mullumbimby High School squad travelled to Coffs Harbour to contest the North Coast Championship. This followed their

success in the Far North Coast division.

After getting through their semi-final 2-1, they came away with a great win in a thrilling final which had to be decided via a penalty shootout.

The girls put in an enormous effort to get a great result and had a fun trip to Coffs Harbour with a walk up Mutton Bird Island as part of their warm up for the day's play.

Rainbow Dragons second in the state

Monica Wilcox

The seven Rainbow Dragons placed second as the Northern Region representatives at the Dragon Boat NSW Region v Region (DBNSW RvR) at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. It had been a long time coming and there was only one point between them and first place.

In early January, these Rainbow Dragons completed the tough try-outs for the Northern Region DBNSW RvR's team which is considered a stepping stone in the athletes' development between representing their club and representing the state.

Six teams compete

They were all accepted, and then they committed to the next three months of rigorous training (on and off the water) and mileage to attend training with their team.

Unfortunately, in April, the 2024 State and RvR



The Rainbow Dragons were winners at the Dragon Boat NSW Region v Region competition in Sydney, coming in second, just one point behind the winners. Photo supplied

Championships were a last-minute cancellation due to serious flooding of the regatta centre. It was only recently that the six regional teams were able to come together again and race.

Club president, Lu Cooney said, 'We were ecstatic to finish the day, winning

second place against some strong teams. Banks Street won the day by only one point!'

'We hope that these Rainbow Dragons have inspired more Rainbows to try out for the representative teams next year! It's a great experience.'

Craig Watson wins Jeanneau Cup



Craig Watson enjoys the spoils of his victory. Photo supplied

Local, Craig Watson has won the Jeanneau Cup and The French Yacht Challenge in Moreton Bay again.

'I skipped my yacht Coopers,' he told *The Echo*.

'This was actually the second time I've won this regatta, but this time during the race winds were gusting up to 26 knots.'

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Could the boys in big hats please take their dirty mitts off our tubes?

Mandy Nolan

Why are conservative men so obsessed with women's choices? Why do men like Trump in the US, and Robbie Katter here in Oz want to rule our wombs? Abortion is a health issue. It is not a soft place for the patriarchy's hard hand. My uterus is not an electorate. You cannot hammer the corflute of your big hat and your smiling face into my ovaries. It is not somewhere a cowboy can ride in and make himself sheriff. That's women's country. And what happens there belongs to us.

But after years of fighting for our bodies, power-hungry old white men are straight in there planting their flags in our fallopian tubes.

We've seen what's happened to abortion rights in the US. And here we have men like conservative MP Robbie Katter promising to reintroduce legislation in the next Queensland parliament to restrict abortion access. He told the ABC, 'We will, quick as you like, put a repeal bill back into the Queensland parliament on those abortion laws.'

Abortion is currently decriminalised across Australia but it could be recriminalised if anti-abortion state governments are elected. And Queensland could be just the state to do it. I know what it is like to live without access to legal abortion. I used to live in Queensland.

When I was 21 I fell pregnant to my then partner. He was in his early 40s. I had no plans of staying with him or having a baby. I was a university student living in a share house on tertiary income support. My choice as a young woman was to end the pregnancy. I couldn't access it in Queensland where I lived, so I had to go through a rather confusing process to book into a clinic across the border in Tweed Heads. It was a covert mission. I had to cross the border for health care.

I was young. I was scared. Having to travel to another state for a medical procedure was a big deal. I was very stressed. The procedure went to plan and I remember feeling an enormous



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sense of relief. A week or so after the termination I developed really intense pelvic pain. I didn't know what was happening. I thought maybe it was normal after an abortion. I'd never had one before so I didn't know. The covert nature of how I'd accessed the procedure meant I didn't feel I could just go to the doctor. I thought I'd get in trouble. So I took Panadol and waited for symptoms to ease.

They didn't. I was in so much pain I was crying. I could barely walk. I took myself to a clinic but couldn't sit on the chair. I lay on the floor in the waiting room moaning in pain. The doctor thought I was a drug addict after painkillers and sent me home. Later that night I started vomiting. I felt like I was going to die. And actually, I probably could have. I had an infection and it was on its way to going septic.

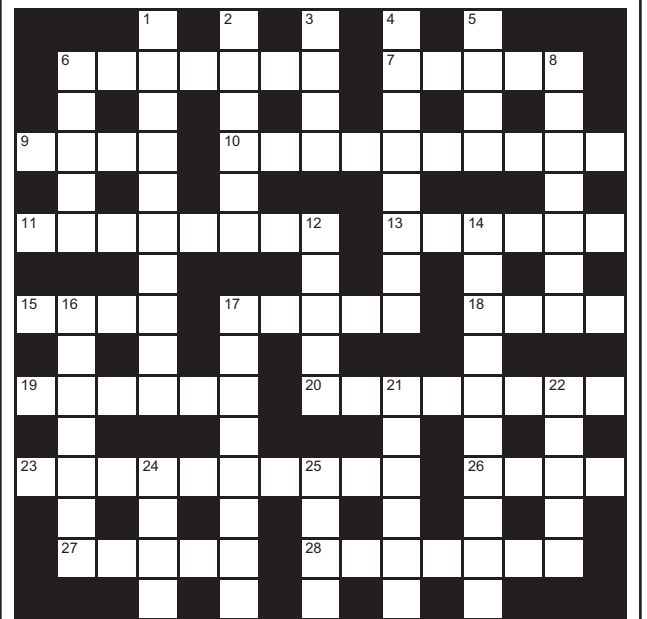
My housemate took me to ED and they diagnosed my condition and rushed me straight into theatre for an emergency procedure. I had developed a secondary infection. The difficulty in accessing the termination had meant the care I should have received, as part of the support by medical professionals in the state where I lived, was not there. As a vulnerable young woman, it put me at significant risk. A simple medical procedure that I had difficulty accessing had compromised my care, and I could have died, just like the women before me who had accessed illegal 'backyard' services.

Get out of our wombs. Abortion is health care.

'Young women need to know that abortion rights and abortion access are not presents bestowed or retracted by powerful men (or women) but freedoms won, as freedom always is, by people struggling on their own behalf' - Katha Pollitt.

■ 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 #27



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- In Spring deltas at mouth of Euphrates become a sea (7)
- Whiff of decay, mostly among doctors (5)
- Opposed to involvement in Indonesian Timor (4)
- Joined in targeted changes (10)
- Porky almost hidden in trough: how to wangle a thirteen? (8)
- As quoted by King, that is, 'time off on medical grounds' (6)
- A final notice? Of course, right away! (4)
- Profession of belief is firm about wine, for example (5)
- Grades at audition for political thinker (4)
- Doctor attending British party returned with fungal disease (3-3)
- Tom turns to fair Alice, finally finding that perfect word! (3,5)
- Nine linked with article, one that's related to opposition (10)
- Papa dodges rich drunk (4)
- Soldiers going around leaderless on trail (5)
- Urge to take a turn clad in lead causes shock (7)

DOWN

- Give notice to cabinet member (10)
- Carry *Echo*, imported by sea (6)
- Storyline one cut from trial programme (4)
- South Australian grass growing wild, using oxygen from the sea (8)
- Exercise system brought back in the past year (4)
- Vine from Gondwana hacked about and cut out (5)
- Studio elite ordered to appear in premieres of *Amadeus* and *Rocky* (7)
- Discharge of spirituous liquor over Her Excellency (5)
- Disguise that's sometimes spotted in the jungle! (10)
- Stop weaving nets at sea (7)
- Spooner's close entourage is checked (3,5)
- Sea starts to toss and surge over crew (6)
- Sailor traverses sea that has no end - that could give him a shock! (5)
- Image of shooter with head blown off (4)
- Questionable children's author *Echo* cancelled (4)

Quick Clues

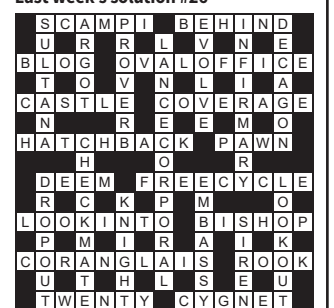
ACROSS

- A sea in the Southern Ocean (7)
- Odour; redolence (5)
- Against (4)
- Assimilated; in harmony (10)
- Feign or exaggerate illness (8)
- Time off work due to illness (6)
- Account of the life of a deceased person (abbreviation) (4)
- Formal statement of principles or convictions (5)
- Author of *Das Kapital* (4)
- A decay of timber caused by *Merulius lacrymans* (3-3)
- The appropriate word or expression (French) (3,5)
- Contrast; contradiction (10)
- Doctor attending British party returned with fungal disease (3-3)
- Track of a hunted animal (5)
- Reel; waver (7)

DOWN

- Conduct, supervise; mete out (10)
- A sea of the Northern Pacific Ocean (6)
- Devise; machination (4)
- A sea in the Atlantic Ocean, unique in having no land boundaries (8)
- Hindu philosophy to unite the soul with the supreme being (4)
- Evergreen native climbing plant of the family *Bignoniaceae* (5)
- An artist's workshop (7)
- Watery mucous discharge (5)
- Guise; deceptive markings (10)
- A sea of the Arctic Ocean (7)
- Truncate; interrupt (3,5)
- Marginal sea of the South Pacific Ocean (6)
- Weapon inducing temporary paralysis by firing electrical barbs (5)
- A figure representing Christ, the Virgin Mary or a saint (4)
- Dubious, as of a story; to work out a situation using reason or intuition (4)

Last week's solution #26



STARS BY LILITH

This week's sun and new moon announce Scorpio's latest cycle round the sun, the feast of Halloween and the Day of the Dead, which celebrates and honours the memory of ancestors who have passed...



SCORPIO THE SCORPION

ARIES: November commences with two of the most volatile planets, Mars and Pluto, in a pressure cooker combination. While restraint may be hard this week, especially if your sense of security feels threatened, angry reactions could damage your chances of a beneficial outcome. Stay cool for best results.

TAURUS: You sensible sensualists love luxury comforts, and know that for you the key to enjoying them is ensuring the basics are covered first before indulging wholeheartedly in earthly delights. That said, you can't help but appreciate and enjoy November's percolating and pleasurable sexy energies.

GEMINI: As the zodiac's mutable air sign, Geminis like to keep communications light so ideas can take flight, but current astral energies are uninterested in small talk. Which makes your November challenge to gracefully find your way through dense interactions and leaven them with some of that Mercurian wit.

CANCER: Deep feelings of affection bubble to the surface this week, as passionate Mars in Cancer and intuitive Neptune in Pisces form a tender connection. So schedule quality time with your nearest and dearest to let them know how much you treasure them: compliments and gifts are this week's love language.

LEO: What does November's astro-focus have to teach Leo? About subtlety, layers and nuance. That the world is not logical, sensible, straightforward, cut and dried. The understanding that in this time of polarised opinions, high anxiety and combustible tempers, nothing is sometimes the wisest and kindest thing to say.

VIRGO: November offers excellent cosmic conditions for researching, editing and/or crafting behind the scenes. For being watchful, strategic and paying attention to subtle cues, which this week can speak volumes. Would current circumstances benefit from examining and perhaps readjusting what you believe about a certain situation?

LIBRA: Your planetary muse Venus breezes into November in easy-going, extravagant mode: an enjoyably carefree cycle while it lasts. Which is up until 11 November when the love and money planet starts getting down to business in her most structured and organised mode: think material girl in a material world.

SCORPIO: On the first day of November, when the sun and new moon in Scorpio have your manifesting powers at their most potent, be mindful of what you focus on. Energy flows where your attention goes during this charged period, which can open an astrological portal to download life-changing flashes of inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS: As always, you'll want to speak your truth this week, but try softening any blunt edges by engaging your inner editor first. Words carry extra left right now, so combine honesty with being kind. Let November's powerful energies morph those flammable passions into helpful and compassionate expression.

CAPRICORN: As Capricorn's planet ruler Saturn nears the end of its long hibernation in your communication sector, enhancing your creative powers, artistic talents and spiritual gifts, this period of heightened sensitivity makes you an empathetic mentor for anyone seeking your advice. Remember to be a friend to yourself as well.

AQUARIUS: November's breaking news for water bearers is Pluto making its historic shift into your sign - a 20-year cycle of transformational progress in Aquarian areas of life: science, technology, space travel and distribution of resources. For you personally, it suggests taking inventory of who you surround yourself with.

PISCES: All the soul-searching and lesson-learning of taskmaster Saturn's long retrograde in your sensitive sign might finally seem worth it this week, which suggests an opportunity for mentoring: a valuable way to give back and contribute to someone else's development by sharing your experience.

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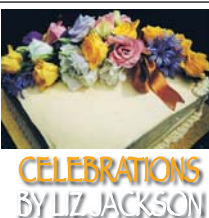


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Lulu's is now serving Middle Eastern food Saturday and Sunday nights Photo Jeff Dawson



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The Good Life

Lulu's Nights: featuring unforgettable Middle Eastern food



The team at Lulu's Café Photo Jeff Dawson

Longstanding Mullum cafe Lulu's has recently added Friday and Saturday Middle Eastern nights to its repertoire. Open Friday nights from 5.30pm and Saturdays from 4.30pm.

Indulge in a feast of authentic flavours at Lulu's Nights, featuring delicious dishes such as kibbeh and shanklish cheese balls, with everything made freshly in-house. Experience the warmth of their hospitality complemented by traditional desserts and refreshing cocktails. Their relaxed vibrant atmosphere transports your tastebuds to the heart of the Middle East. Don't miss this culinary journey—reserve your table today!

Home-cooked meals carry their own special warmth. There's something deeply comforting about the aromas wafting from the kitchen, the sound of pots and pans clattering, and the joy of sharing a meal with loved ones. Meals are tied to personal traditions and bring back memories of celebration and connection around the dining table.

Dining at Lulu's Café provides a warm atmosphere that feels like a home away from home. The cafe is designed for comfort, with friendly staff who treat you like family. The new nights' menu features dishes that celebrate authentic flavours, made where possible with locally-sourced ingredients and attention to traditional preparation methods, making you feel like you're enjoying a meal prepared by a loved one.

Lulu's continues its popular daytime menu offerings of wholesome healthy breakfasts and lunches, which change from time to time. Lulu's values high quality fresh and locally-sourced ingredients. They ensure healthy preferences are upheld by using for example, no seed oils at all and supporting local producers for their greens, eggs, and bread.

At Lulu's Café, the coffee experience stands apart and becomes more than just a beverage, each cup is crafted with care, showcasing the rich, complex flavours of meticulously (organically grown and fair trade) sourced beans. By prioritising quality, the baristas, passionate about their craft, ensure that every brew captures the essence of its origin, whether it's a smooth, velvety espresso or a bright, aromatic pour-over.

The laid-back atmosphere at Lulu's encourages you to relax, whether you're catching up with friends or enjoying a moment of solitude. With each visit, you'll discover new flavour profiles and seasonal blends that keep your experience fresh and exciting.

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Byron Bay has a new destination for oysters and seafood, Byron Bay Oyster Bar & Seafood Restaurant at Hotel Marvell, inspired by lively oyster bar experiences found in places like New England and New York.

With oysters being the star of the show, Byron Bay Oyster Bar & Seafood Restaurant is taking the freshness of them very seriously. So much so, they purchased a huge land-based oyster tank that purifies and holds up to 500 dozen oysters at a time.

Says Hotel Marvell GM James Pearce: 'Our state-of-the-art oyster tank uses carefully filtered water collected on a king tide from nearby Brunswick Heads to naturally cleanse the oysters of any impurities. It also regenerates them to the pristine condition that's usually reserved for oysters consumed straight from the water at a farm.'

'This means that every single oyster we're serving is as fresh and pure as nature intended. Nowhere else in Byron Bay will you find oysters as fresh as those that we'll be shucking.'

James adds: 'We want diners to come in and enjoy oysters and seafood in a relaxed and generous setting and be the kind of place where they can settle in for a long, leisurely meal, or just drop by for a drink and a round of oysters. From Tuesday through to Saturday between 5pm and 6pm, we'll be doing an Oyster Hour with \$3 oysters, too. We hope the local crowd will make the most of that one!'

The team will shuck oysters to order in front of diners at a live shucking station, and offer oysters in various cold preparations including natural, mignonette, Bloody Mary, and verjus with pomegranate. There will also be hot preparations including Kilpatrick,



Fresh oysters at Hotel Marvell Photo Supplied

mornay, baked miso, Rockefeller and lemon & herb butter.

Oysters will be sourced from across Australia and New Zealand including Nelson Lake, Sydney Rocks from Tathra on the Sapphire Coast of New South Wales, Black Lips and Milkys from Bowen in Queensland, Akoya and Quampis from K'Gari in Queensland, and Angasi from the Tasman Peninsula.

There's also a full raw bar, with dishes such as a caviar trio with potato rosti, confit egg yolk and chive crème, rainbow trout tartare with Bloody Mary vinaigrette, roe and potato crisps, and tuna carpaccio with sauce tonnato, capers, rocket and native pepper.

Moving through to starters, there's lobster rolls, pork and fennel stuffed squid with green goddess, half shell scallops with garlic butter and gremolata crumb and BBQ Mooloolaba prawns with chermoula and preserved lemon.

For mains, dishes include Fremantle octopus with tomato relish and herbs, confit King Ora salmon with pomegranate, watercress and



verjus, whole fried market fish with sauce vierge, and lobster mornay with dressed bitter leaves.

There's also a grill menu with a 250g swordfish loin, 350g Bangalow pork chop, 200g Darling Downs eye fillet and a pure Angus OP ribeye. All are served with a choice of sauce, with options being Café de Paris butter, caviar beurre blanc, sauce vierge, pink peppercorn jus, and house mustard.

Byron Bay Oyster Bar & Seafood Restaurant takes the space of Hotel Marvell's Bonito restaurant. The indoor-outdoor space is rich with

warm ochres and rusts, tactile textiles and luscious greenery which provides a striking and unexpected contrast to the seafood-driven menu.

Open seven days a week for lunch, with dinner offered Tuesday to Saturday. From Tuesday to Saturday they will also host Oyster Hour with \$3 oysters from 5 to 6pm. A separate breakfast menu is also offered seven days a week.

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✳️ Did you know... every month **Mandy Nolan** presents a free comedy night with local, national and international comedians called **The Big Gig Free Live Comedy?**

This month features MC Mandy and comedian **Dan Willis**, supported by **Andrew Roper**.

Thursday, doors 6.30pm show starts at 7pm at Ballina RSL, Ballina. A free event.



✳️ **The 19th Annual Byron Latin Fiesta** is ready to ignite Byron Bay with Latin passion!

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✳️ **The Nightmare of Dracula** will be celebrated as a **Halloween mini festival** at Otherworld on Saturday night. Brought to you by **The Ambassadors**, 'The Wedding' will host, **Late Nite Tuff Guy, JMCEE, Lunar Disco, Versace Boys, China, Frank Gazzola, Skye Walker, Afrodisia** and **Rom**.

Saturday from 7pm at Otherworld, Byron Bay. Tickets from eventbrite.com.au.

✳️ **JoJo Smith** is set to return to the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club on Friday, November 1, bringing her dynamic band and soulful music back to the stage. Joined by an all-star lineup of: **Greg Lyon** on bass, **Aaron West** on guitar, **Brendan St Ledger** on keys, **Dave Sanders** on drums, **Geoff Wright** on guitar and **Laura Nobel** on vocals. Always a fantastic show!

Friday at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Tickets at mullumexservices.com.au



✳️ **Day of the Dead** is a collaboration between North Byron Hotel and Bare Foot Beat. Featuring **DJs Afrodisia, Kenzo Cruz, Monsieur Diop** and **Seijin**. Wear your best Day of the Dead attire.

Food will be served in the open skies garden BBQ and there will be a selection of delicious Mexican-inspired cocktails. Performances designed for this night only, and face-painting available.

Friday from 4pm to 11pm at North Byron Hotel, Byron Bay. Tickets from www.mrashbrown.com.

✳️ Acclaimed Australian guitarist, three-time ARIA award-winning, singer/songwriter and producer, **Jeff Lang**, is hitting the road through September, October and November to introduce his forthcoming album to his fans and friends all around Australia.

Jeff will perform with his band for this show, which will also feature ARIA award-winning singer/songwriter **William Crighton** as special tour guest.

Saturday from 7:00pm at The Eltham Hotel, Eltham. Tickets from moshtix.com.au.

✳️ Byron Bay-based artist **Dan Hannaford** has opened Australian tour shows for the likes of Charlie Musselwhite, Donavon Frankenreiter, Charlie Parr and Australia's own Chad Morgan, Tex Perkins, Ash Grunwald and The Black Sorrows.

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Rally for Native Forests

Live music, expert speakers and a huge crowd from all over Richmond, are gathering to demand an end to native forest logging in NSW, and everywhere. Hundreds of people have already signed up for this powerful **Rally for Native Forests in Mullumbimby on Sunday, 3 November** via rallyforforests.org and Facebook.

'The response has been fantastic,' said rally organiser **Jenny Fitzgibbon**. 'A great majority of Australians want the horror that is habitat destruction to stop. There is nowhere else for forest dwelling native animals to go. They starve and die. It's as simple and sad as that. People are showing how they feel by coming along.'

For the **Bob Brown Foundation** rally there is a fine line-up of speakers including **David Heilpern**, a retired magistrate and Dean of Law at Southern Cross University, who says the Forestry Corporation should be declared 'a criminal organisation'. Also among the passionate speakers are: **Mandy Nolan**, well-known social provocateur, comedian, and Greens candidate for Richmond; **David Milledge**, an ecologist; and **MJ** a forest defender.

'I'm really looking forward to singing a few songs at the rally,' says **Jesse Witney**, 'These are our public forests, and it's well past time that we stop logging them.' Jesse's songs are intricate, intimate, courageous and enlivening.

Sue Higginson MLC is speaking too. 'Logging our unique forest ecosystems is driving the extinction and climate crises, and it is costing the public millions of dollars every year in losses and subsidies... it has to stop,' she says.

'If you only have an hour, come at **11am** for the **rally and march**. Got time to dance, create or just listen to the music and share a cuppa? Come from **10am until 1pm**,' **Jarrah**, another of the many musicians says. 'This is a time to come together to celebrate our love of forests and critters, feel our grief and rage at watching them be destroyed, and take action together.'

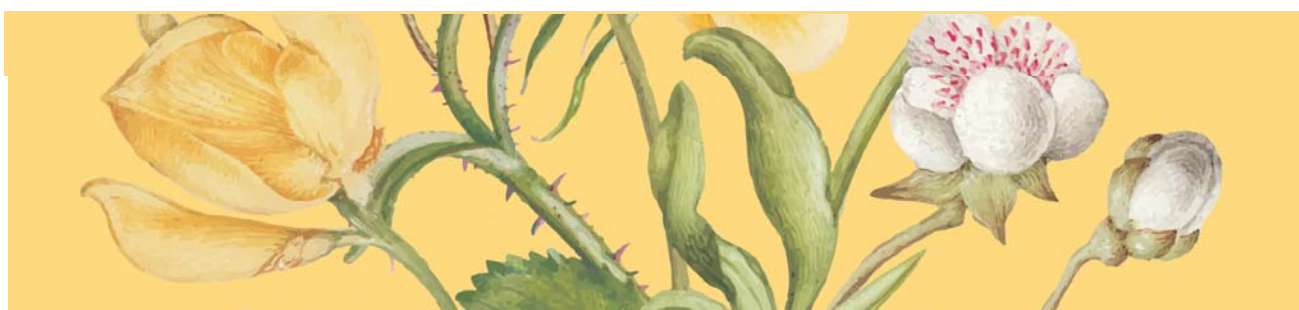
The Mullumbimby rally is one of ten Bob Brown Foundation's Rally for Native Forests events around Australia. Bring your friends and family to the Mullum Civic Hall on Sunday, 3 November at 11am. Be part of it.

D-Nox & Beckers at Otherworld

Get ready for an epic night with **Flow Music** as they bring the legendary German Melodic and progressive house and techno duo **D-Nox & Beckers** to Byron Bay for a four-hour set that'll take you on a deep, melodic journey. Known for headlining festivals like Rainbow Serpent, Boom, Universo Paralelo and Ozora, D-Nox & Beckers are true icons of the electronic music scene, and they're now coming to Byron Bay to celebrate 20 years of music with you.

Flow Music is turning **Otherworld** into an intimate, high-energy boiler room-style space, where you'll be right in the middle of the action. With top-notch sound from **Sound is Everything's Danley** system and opening sets from the Italian stallion **Lostboy Ludo** and local legend **Jason Lewis** to get things warmed up! And since it's Halloween weekend, dress up in outrageous festival fashion! Tickets are limited, so grab yours now for a night to remember!

Flow Music presents D-Nox & Beckers, 1 November, 8pm to 2am. Otherworld, Byron Bay. Tickets from humanitix.com.



2 hour show w/ Visuals

1969

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Groove for Good

Feel the heat at **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** this November!

Get ready to let loose and soak in the feel-good energy at Nudge Nudge Wink Wink on **2 November**. With legendary beats, infectious vibes, and plenty of belly laughs, this is the ultimate weekend 'party with a conscience' you won't want to miss.

November's epic line-up will have you dancing, prancing, and maybe even romancing from start to finish! Guests **DJs Phil Perry** and **O'Shagahan** are joining the Cunning Stunts resident **DJs Lord Sut** and **Dale Stephen** this November.

But this party with a conscience isn't just about the music – it's about the community! In November and December, Nudge Nudge Wink Wink is raising funds for **Women Up North**, a local charity supporting women and children who have faced domestic violence. Every ticket sold helps bridge the gap in much-needed funding for safety, crisis support, and advocacy.

Nudgers have helped raise \$416,500 to date, helping 39 local charities since December 2015. Community supporting its own!

Saturday, 2 November 2024 from 4:00pm to 11:00pm. A ticketed 18+ event at The Billinudgel Hotel. Final tickets available from <https://bit.ly/Nudge-Tickets-Nov2> (www.eventbrite.com.au).

Tickets are going fast – if sold out, head to tixel.com for legitimate resale tickets.

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1969 – A Year in Music

The Honey Sliders are bringing their new show '**1969 – A Year in Music**' to the **Byron Theatre** for two nights only on **Friday 8, and Saturday 9 November**. They'll be performing as a nine-piece band featuring horns, percussion, and singers, all in front of a vivid screen projection.

Famously, 1969 gave us the 'peace and love' of Woodstock, only a month after the world stopped to watch Neil Armstrong take his giant leap onto the moon's surface. It was the year The Beatles released their last album *Abbey Road*, and movies like *Easy Rider* and *Midnight Cowboy* broke new territory and were the first of a new generation of rogue filmmakers. 1969 also witnessed the end of flower power as The Rolling Stones and the Hell's Angels raised the devil at their free concert in Altamont – all this happened while the Vietnam and cold wars raged.

The Honey Sliders will play the soundtrack to these events and more, in front of a movie projection that pulls you through space and time – right back to '69. You'll hear artists like The Beatles, The Stones, Canned Heat, David Bowie, The Band, Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane, The Doors, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Who, Sly and the Family Stone, Led Zeppelin, Tony Joe White and more...

A band made up of some of the most respected musicians in Australia, The Honey Sliders include the multiple award-winning **Danny Widdicombe** (The Wilson Pickers, Bernard Fanning, Tim Rogers, Shane Nicholson), **Dan Mansfield** (You Am I, Gin Club), **Bos Borley** (Bernard Fanning, The Resin Dogs), and **Ben Carstens** (Mexico City). Augmenting the band on the night are **Dana Gehrman** (vocals, guitar flute), **Ruby Gilbert** (vocals), **Glenn Minto** (trumpet), **River Petein** (sax), and **Tony McCall** (percussion). The Honey Sliders meticulously recreate songs that have touched the hearts of so many people around the world.

Friday 8, and Saturday 9 November at 8pm. Tickets available from the venue www.byrontheatre.com.au.



CINEMA



Highlights of the 2024 Russell Hobbs British Film Festival

This November, the 2024 **Russell Hobbs British Film Festival** returns to **Palace Cinema, Byron Bay** with a stunning selection of films from the British Isles. The line-up includes films direct from international film festivals and is brimming with tender dramas, action-packed thrillers, comedies, documentaries, and retrospectives, featuring many of Britain's most admired acting and directing stars.

Opening this year's festival is **Steve McQueen's** visually stunning period drama *Blitz*, depicting pivotal moments of World War II in London. This powerful and sweeping portrayal of British life during these events, which arrives direct from its London Film Festival Premiere, features stellar central performances from **Saoirse Ronan** and **Paul Weller**, in addition to exceptional newcomer **Elliot Heffernen** who plays 9-year-old George.

Closing this year's festival is the exclusive Australian premiere of the highly anticipated *We Live In Time*. Featuring beautifully nuanced performances from Oscar nominees **Florence Pugh** and **Andrew Garfield**, this heart-rending romance delves into the profound question of how to make the most of the time we have in this world.

Screening in special festival previews one week prior to the official opening, and during the festival, is *Widow Clicquot*. The British/French co-production, based on a true story, offers an effervescent portrait of Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin, the 'Grande Dame of Champagne,' otherwise known as Madame Clicquot.

Aylin Tezel's directorial debut *Falling Into Place* is screening in its Australian premiere as part of the festival. This tender drama follows Kira (played by Tezel) and Ian, each fleeing their own personal struggles, who cross paths during a winter weekend on the Isle of Skye. Their connection is profound but when they return to London, they must both confront their past.

The festival is excited to present the romance *Four Letters Of Love*, featuring a commanding ensemble cast including **Pierce Brosnan** and **Helena Bonham Carter**. Polly Steele's beautiful story follows Nicholas and Isabel who are destined for each other. As ghosts, fate and the sheer power of true love pull them together, so too does life threaten to tear them apart.

The Russell Hobbs British Film Festival, presented by Palace Byron Bay, opens on Wednesday, 6 November, and concludes on Sunday, 8 December at Palace Cinema, Byron Bay. For more information visit: www.britishfilmfestival.com.au.



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The Wild Robot

From DreamWorks Animation comes a new adaptation of a literary sensation, Peter Brown's beloved, award-winning, #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *The Wild Robot*.

The epic adventure follows the journey of a robot – ROZZUM unit 7134, 'Roz' for short – that is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming the adoptive parent of an orphaned gosling.

The Wild Robot stars Academy Award winner **Lupita Nyong'o** (*Us*, the *Black Panther* franchise) as robot Roz; Emmy and Golden Globe nominee **Pedro Pascal** (*The Last of Us*, *The Mandalorian*) as fox Fink; Emmy winner **Catherine O'Hara** (*Schitt's Creek*, *Best in Show*) as opossum Pinktail; Oscar nominee **Bill Nighy** (*Living, Love Actually*) as goose Longneck; **Kit Connor** (*Heartstopper*, *Rocketman*) as gosling Brightbill; and Oscar nominee **Stephanie Hsu** (*Everything Everywhere All at Once*, this summer's *The Fall Guy*) as Vontra, a robot that will intersect with Roz's life on the island.

A powerful story about the discovery of self, a thrilling examination of the bridge between technology and nature and a moving exploration of what it means to be alive and connected to all living things, *The Wild Robot* is written and directed by three-time Oscar nominee **Chris Sanders**—the writer-director of DreamWorks Animation's *How to Train Your Dragon*, *The Croods*, and Disney's *Lilo & Stitch*.

The Wild Robot is showing at both Ballina and Byron Bay Palace Cinemas. For times visit palacecinemas.com.au.

WEDNESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **KANE MUIR**, 7PM **BAY TRIO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY – FEAT**

THURSDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM **PABLO LAVERDE**, 6PM **HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH SONSOLE, FEATURING ZACH**, 7PM **LOS ANTONIOS**, 9PM **DJ MECHI ROMEO**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **BYRON LATIN FIESTA**, 8PM **25TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING OF THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ZEE GACHETTE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT MC MANDY NOLAN FEAT. FEATURE DAN WILLIS + ANDREW ROPER /**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **BASSIX**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- PEARCES CREEK HALL, PIERCES CREEK, 6.30PM **NOKOSEE FIELDS TRIO**

FRIDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **CINNAMON SUN**, 9PM **42 BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE **BYRON LATIN FIESTA**

- NORTH BYRON HOTEL, 4PM **BARE FOOT BEAT PRESENT DAY OF THE DEAD WITH AFRODISEA, KENZO CRUZ, MONSIEUR DIOP AND SEIJIN**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 8PM **FLOW MUSIC PRESENTS D-NOX & BECKERS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **SON OF THE EAST + NANA'S PIE, SUNDAY LEMONADE AND DJ WHO'S WHO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **NATHAN CAVALERI & HUSSY HICKS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ PAPA BITCHO**

- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **JOJO SMITH & BAND**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- BALLINA RSL 10AM **MORNING MELODIES WITH TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **JAMIE SULLIVAN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSLIFF, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE DOORS ALIVE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **RICHARD NEILL**, 9PM **GEED UP BAND**

SATURDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **MICKA SCENE SOLO**, 6PM **ALLY PALMER TRIO**, 9PM **JAM HOT LIVE**
- BYRON THEATRE **BYRON LATIN FIESTA**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 6PM **THE WEDDING BY THE AMBASSADORS WITH LATE NITE TUFF GUY, JMCEE, LUNAR DISCO, VERSACE BOYS, CHINA, FRANK GAZZOLA, SKYE WALKER, AFRODISEA, ROM**, 9.30PM **DJS: DEVILION AND EPINCE**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 10.30AM **CALLUM CREELMAN**, 4.30PM **THE WET FISH + DJ-BEATDUSTA GOODIE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8PM **GLITTERATI RIOT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ ROB SYDNEY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK WITH DJS PHIL PERRY AND TAZ O'SHAGAHAN, LORD SUT & DALE STEPHEN**
- BALLINA RSL 6PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**, 8PM **ADAM HARVEY WITH SUPPORT BY LOREN RYAN**

- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JEFF LANG AND WILLIAM CRIGHTON**
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE, 4PM **ALEX RAINERI**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DOUBLE SHOT BAND**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **ROCKIN' RON**, 6PM **CINNAMON SUN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSLIFF, 6PM **INO PIO AND ANIMAL VENTURA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM **DAVID CAMPBELL, GOOD LOVIN & MORE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **CHESTER DUO**, 9PM **RAMJET**

SUNDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **EPIC**, 7PM **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DJ ALL STARS NIGHT**
- BYRON THEATRE **BYRON LATIN FIESTA**
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM **OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE APPOINTMENTS + TOMI GRAY**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 11AM **BOB BROWN FOUNDATION RALLIES FOR NATIVE FORESTS AROUND AUSTRALIA WITH JARRAH & MAX, JESSE WITNEY, TERRI NICHOLSON, SOPHIA FLETCHER, DJ HONOR**

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN-MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ ABEL TORO**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10.30AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**, 2.30PM, BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BALLINA BLUES CLUB WITH THE JAMIE ASHFORTH BAND**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2.30PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 2PM **KAYEL**
- SALTBAR, KINGSLIFF, 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **DAMIEN LEITH, IRISH CLASSICS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**

MONDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**

TUESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 12PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 3.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BALLINA RSL 12PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN **JON J BRADLEY**

WEDNESDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE TRIO**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **TAMING OF THE SHREW – AUSTRALIAN THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**, 6.30PM **THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA – ENCORE SCREENING**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**

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 Mon: 6:30PM

BLITZ (ICTC)
 BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT
 Wed: 6:15pm arrival, 6:30PM

MOZART'S SISTER
 (G) Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:00PM

NOSFERATU (1922)
 (PG) DRINK ON ARRIVAL
 Thurs: 7:00PM

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL (PG)
 Sat, Sun: 1:00PM

FAMILY FILMS

RUNT (PG)
 Thurs, Fri: 1:30PM. Sat, Sun: 10:50AM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 11:10AM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM,

THE WILD ROBOT (PG)
 Daily except Sat, Sun: 11:15AM, 1:30PM. Sat, Sun: 11:20AM, 1:10PM

ALL FILMS

BEETLEJUICE (M)
 Daily: 11:00AM, 8:30PM

FROM HILDE, WITH LOVE (MATS-1)
 Daily except Mon, Wed: 11:10AM, 5:50PM. Mon, Wed: 11:10AM

HERE (M) NFT
 Daily: 11:10AM, 1:30PM, 3:50PM, 6:10PM

JOKER: FOLIE À DEUX (MATS-1)
 Daily: 1:40PM

LEE (M) NFT
 Daily except Mon, Wed: 11:10AM, 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM,

8:20PM. Mon: 11:10AM, 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM. Wed: 11:10AM, 1:15PM, 3:20PM, 5:50PM, 8:20PM

MEMOIR OF A SNAIL (M)
 Thurs, Fri: 11:00AM, 3:40PM. Sat, Sun: 11:00AM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:10PM, 3:40PM

SATURDAY NIGHT (MATS-1) NFT
 Daily: 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 3:40PM, 6:00PM, 8:20PM

SINGHAM AGAIN (ICTC) NFT
 Daily except Thurs: 7:00PM

SMILE 2 (MATS-1)
 Daily except Wed: 3:15PM, 5:45PM, 8:20PM. Wed: 5:45PM, 8:20PM

THE APPRENTICE (MATS-1)
 Daily except Sat, Sun: 11:10AM, 8:20PM. Sat, Sun: 8:20PM

THE SUBSTANCE (R18-1)
 Daily: 4:10PM

THERE'S STILL TOMORROW (M) NFT
 Daily except Sat, Sun: 11:00AM, 1:45PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM. Sat, Sun: 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM

VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (M) NFT
 Daily: 1:45PM, 3:45PM, 6:10PM, 8:30PM

WEEKEND IN TAIPEI (MATS-1) NFT
 Daily except Mon: 4:10PM, 6:20PM, 8:30PM. Mon: 4:10PM, 6:00PM, 8:30PM

BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS SESSION TIMES

BLITZ (ICTC)
 BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL OPENING SESSION
 Wed: 7:00PM

HERE (M) NFT
 Daily: 3:15PM, 7:40PM

LEE (M) NFT
 Daily except Wed: 10:30AM, 2:50PM, 7:30PM. Wed: 10:50AM, 5:00PM

SATURDAY NIGHT (MATS-1) NFT
 Daily: 12:20PM, 2:40PM, 7:40PM

SMILE 2 (MATS-1)
 Daily except Wed: 5:00PM. Wed: 4:15PM

THE WILD ROBOT (PG)
 Daily: 10:10AM

VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (M) NFT
 Daily except Wed: 10:10AM, 12:30PM, 5:15PM. Wed: 10:30AM, 1:40PM

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A world of wonderful things Made Here, in the Northern Rivers



Welcome to the Northern Rivers. The place where we all came to make it big. And make it small. But mainly make it local!

Mandy Nolan

I loved it so much I made my own people here. Made in Mullum, literally – three lovely humans, conceived, grown, and home-delivered in the Byron Shire. We love making stuff. We are creative thinkers. We are home growers. We are makers.

I love our 'made local' economy. It was what first attracted me to this region – the markets! I have always been blown away by the creativity and the stunning out-of-the-box thinkers. In fact there was once a guy we called The Box King. Because he made things out of boxes!

We came here as dreamers! As schemers! We are all about the big idea!

The awesome unique invention that means you no longer work for the man! The idea that will give you the freedom to set your own hours, to be your own boss! The idea that has our hands in the soil to grow organic vegetables in our rich chemical-free soil. The idea that has us sticking hand-drawn labels on kombucha bottles. The idea that has us creating a tea tree plantation that later becomes the site of a sculpture show.

We love to use our home to make stuff. I remember strolling the markets and seeing how creative this region was. Like sandals made from recycled tyres. Hub cab handbags with seatbelts for straps. Like signature hats. Like jewellery made from cutlery. Or driftwood mobiles. The Byron markets were the birthplace of innovation. Eventually that innovation found its way from kitchens to garages to the Arts & Industry Estate to shop fronts.

We have such an incredible diversity of locally-made products.

Some of my favourites are made by friends. Like Bella Rosa. In a street full of ice cream and gelato, it's worth noting that this particular Byron-based locally made gem is named after the daughters of the owners. Also made here. The store dates back to 1999 and has been bringing sweet treats to the people for 25 years! I love that it's not a franchise. You can only get it here!

Some of our local bakeries supply the best bread on the planet. As a gluten-intolerant person who thought she had moved to the land of hard bread. That's bread that can't be cut with anything that's not a buzz saw. But in Mullumbimby there's a bakery that makes the best gluten-free bread I have ever eaten. It means I can have a sandwich. It gives me a reason to live!

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I love buying locally-made products. I love knowing that I am supporting a local maker. I love knowing that what I am using was made here and it hasn't involved the labour of the third world. I love that what I have bought isn't part of the global product economy of harmful materials being flown around the world. I love knowing that buying locally not only supports my friends and community but it has a low carbon footprint.

I love supporting innovation. I love knowing that we can create eco-friendly makeup, and massage oils, and plum jams, and tasty beer. There is something very satisfying about a good Davidson's plum jam.

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HONEY HUNT STYLE

Honey Hunt is excited to welcome you to their new studio, offering the same friendly bespoke experience while you explore the curated collection of outfits perfect for everyday leisure. Breezy summer linen dresses, stunning art-tops and travel-friendly skirts, all handmade in Byron for everyBODY. Find your next pair of oh-so-comfortable signature leggings for exercise or leisure. You'll love Jules' new delicate whimsical design "Joy" bringing happiness and colour to your days – think Christmas.

Honey Hunt creates fashion where your inner beauty shines and every woman is celebrated. In-person or online, find your perfect outfit and enjoy a personalised shopping experience today. Appointments are easily made via phone or text and with ample free parking your visit will be a delight!

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MADE IN MULLUM

Made in Mullum is an amazing collective of 64 local artists and makers sharing one shop. Open seven days a week, they have everything from handmade clothes, toys, ceramics and jewellery to original art, tie-dye kits and perfume.

Instagram/Facebook: **Made in Mullum**
22 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby

BYRON BAY COLD PRESSED JUICE

Byron Bay Cold Pressed Juice was founded in Byron Bay in 2014 and underwent a relaunch in 2019.

The aim of starting this cold pressed juice Co was to give Byron Shire residents and visitors a delicious, healthy juice to drink.

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Mullum Clayworkers STUDIO & GALLERY

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Wood by Mossy is a local Northern Rivers business, born from a desire to create meaningful, eco-friendly, unique timber homewares, that are 100% sustainable.

The business is the brainchild of Wayne "Mossy" Moss and Caz Moss, who are partners in work, life and love. Between them they have over 45 years of wood-turning knowledge and skill.

Their aim is to create beautiful, functional, earth-friendly homewares that will last a lifetime. Each creation is handcrafted from recycled timber using solar power.

Wood by Mossy also does specific commission orders and antique restoration.

Contact Caz or Wayne on:
Phone: 0414 462 106
Email: woodbymossy@gmail.com
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PERACLES FOOTWEAR



In the heart of Bangalow's industrial estate, Peracles brings together shoemaking tradition and barefoot design. Founded by Chilean artisan Andrés Pérez, they craft sandals that feel as natural as walking barefoot, with a fresh and laid-back vibe that fits right into the Northern Rivers lifestyle. Their sandals embrace simplicity and sustainability, blending timeless craftsmanship with local production that's easy on the planet.

Designed to support the natural movement of your feet, they help strengthen muscles, improve posture, and give you that grounded, barefoot feeling. With customisable styles and finishes, Peracles sandals are versatile enough for a casual weekend or a night out.

Peracles source local materials like Australian full-grain leather and upcycled off-cuts, keeping their environmental footprint light. Plus, their sandals are made to last, and when they need a little TLC, Peracles offer a repair service to keep them going season after season. Their brand is all about stepping lighter while staying connected to local craftsmanship, understanding the significance of the choices we make about what we wear.

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DEATH NOTICES

LEONIE DEDREUX-CRAWFORD



Much-loved and greatly admired mother, grandmother, friend and community member, Leonie Anne Dedreux-Crawford passed away peacefully on 14th October 2024, aged 81 years. Known for her kindness and commitment to the liberation of the Palestinian people, Leonie's warmth, humour and generosity of spirit will be remembered with fondness by all those who knew her. A wonderful character with a rich and colourful past, Leonie will be greatly missed, yet her spirit will remain deep in our hearts and minds. **A memorial service for Leonie will be held at the Uniting Church in her beloved Mullumbimby on November 8th at 10am.**

DAVID MCILRAITH

Born 4th August 1949, passed away peacefully on 22nd October 2024. We plan to have a grand celebration of his life, including over 50 years in Main Arm, of the McIlraith macadamia farm, in about a month to allow time for relatives to come from overseas. Watch this space for details 02 66845211.

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MAX

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Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)



LUNA

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She will need ongoing training and an active companion or family with a decent-sized fenced yard.

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CALYPSO

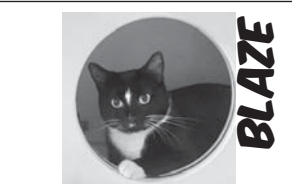
Calypto is a 10 month old Staffy X. He has a loving temperament and experience living in a home with children and another dog. Calypto would thrive in a household where someone is home frequently, as he enjoys companionship and being part of a family.

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DATE (Oct/Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE/SET	MOON RISE/SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
30	W	5:54 19:04	4:30 17:06	0800 1.42 1957 1.38	0134 0.26 1357 0.39
31	TH	5:53 19:05	4:56 17:59	0833 1.50 2030 1.34	0200 0.22 1435 0.36
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2	SA	5:52 19:06	5:54 19:50	0940 1.61 2136 1.23	0252 0.20 1553 0.35
3	SU	5:51 19:07	6:29 20:48	1015 1.63 2210 1.16	0319 0.21 1633 0.37
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6	W	5:49 19:09	8:50 23:39	1213 1.56	0458 0.35 1856 0.46
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8	F	5:48 19:11	10:53 0:28	0118 0.94 1401 1.49	0642 0.47 2104 0.46
9	SA	5:47 19:12	11:58 1:12	0238 0.96 1508 1.49	0758 0.51 2208 0.41
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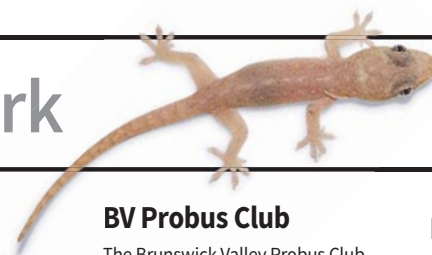
1st SAT	Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415
1st SUN	Byron Bay	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN	The Channon	02 6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN	Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
2nd SUN	Tabulam	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	02 6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
3rd SAT	Salt Village Market, 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
4th SAT	Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au
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

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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 2.30-6.30pm	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	

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Community at Work



On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Richmond-Tweed Family History

The next general meeting of Richmond-Tweed Family History Society will be held on Saturday, November 2, at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina, from 2-4pm. The topic at this meeting will be 'They Came In Chains' stories of our convict ancestors including research tips on our convict ancestors. For further enquiries contact Vicki Evans on her mobile phone number 0467 573 282.

Life and death

A free Death Cafe is being held on Saturday, November 2 at 10.30am and will be held the first Saturday of each month in Ballina. The venue location will be supplied on registration. The Death Cafe provides an opportunity to have a discussion about death and dying in a safe and respectful space. The object is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their lives and to break down taboos. A Death Cafe is not bereavement support or grief counselling and there are no agendas. For further information and/or to register attendance please email Kerry Johnston at kerrymj@gmail.com.

Northern Rivers for Refugees fundraiser

Northern Rivers for Refugees (NRFR)

help refugee families settle in our beautiful region. The fabulously funny Ellen Briggs is MCing a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, November 16 at St Johns School Hall, Mullumbimby. Buy tickets from Humanitix by searching 'Mullumbimby trivia night' or from www.nrfr.org.au or send an email to hello@nrfr.org.au.

AIR

The next meeting of the Australian Independent Retirees (AIR) will be held on Friday, November 1 at the Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant Street, Ballina. The meeting commences at 10am, but friendly greetings will take place from 9.30am. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mark Poole, a Community Engagement Specialist who will discuss scams and other problems which can occur with the elderly community. Meeting fee is \$5. Our Christmas party will be held on December 6. Val King will be the contact for the names and payment for this event on 04531 347 208.

Organic Landcare

Organic Landcare and Brunswick Bush School will work together on a big dune clean up on Saturday, November 2, 8am until 12.30 pm, at Brunswick Heads dunes chemical-free site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads, fire trail gate.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm (closed 12.30-1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include:

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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**

BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday, November 5, 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Visitors welcome.

Murwillumbah organ recital

Dr Ross Windsor, from St Paul's Anglican Church in Ipswich will play an organ recital at Presbyterian Church, Murwillumbah November 9 at 2pm at 16 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah. Dr Windsor is the Vice President of the Organ Society of Queensland. He trained in Brisbane and in Europe and specialises in the music of the Renaissance and Baroque, and playing on historical organs. Cost \$10.

Saving Paterson Hill

The Saving Paterson Hill display continues at Byron Bay library throughout November in the Local History room. The Paterson Hill Action Group saved this precious coastal heathland between 1993 and 1997. Were you there? Can you name anyone in the photos?

End-of-Life Choices

Voluntary Euthanasia End-of-Life Choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. Last meetings for the year are being held soon. Meetings are held at Robina, South Tweed and Ballina. Attendees must be Exit Members. For further information visit www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina & South Tweed) or Peter 0429 950 352 (Ballina).

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

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Volunteer call out

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

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Bahá' in Byron

Bahá' in Byron will be celebrating the Twin Holy Days, during the first weekend of November, a time which marks the birth of the Báb and the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet founders of the Bahá'í Faith. For more information email byron@nsw.bahai.org.au or visit www.bahai.org or www.bahai.org.au.

Cabarita and Pottsville Lions meetings

The Cabarita Beach and Pottsville Beach Lions Club hold monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and social dinner is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact President Bill Brodie on 0411 406 143.

Northern Rivers Community Gateway

Northern Rivers Community Gateway (NRG) 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.

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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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, mazzerati2010@gmail.com.

Older adult exercise

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

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Pottsville Community Association

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

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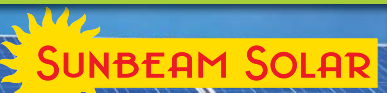
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Enjoy breathtaking views of Mt Chincogan and Mt Warning, with a second homesite that

offers equally spectacular vistas. RU2 zoning unlocks endless possibilities for the land.

With two road frontages and bordered by Kings Creek, the property has an incredible abundance of water and currently accommodates cattle and six horses with ease.

Embrace the natural beauty here: ride horses, fishing and kayaking, grow your own food, or safely bike to Byron on the rail trail once completed. Enjoy family life surrounded by a stunning landscape that offers adventure, self-sufficiency, and ample space for creating a truly sustainable lifestyle.

This property will be auctioned on 23 November, 2024 at 11 am on site. The next Open House/Property Walk will be on 9 November, 1 to 2.30pm at 177 Mullumbimby Road, Myocum. For a private inspection call Rose Wanchap from Amir Prestige, Byron Bay on 0427 016 451.

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PRICE | Contact Agent
OPEN | Sat 2nd Nov 10 - 10:30am



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5 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY



Charming Cottage in the Very Heart of Byron - Residential or Business Opportunity

3 bedrooms 1 living area 1 bathroom 2 cars 360M²

- Zoned commercial with two street access and easy parking
- Can be used for business use (STCA), full time holiday rental, land-bank for future investment or as a central home
- The adjoining property (7 Kingsley Street) is also available to purchase separately
- Walking distance to the heart of Byron and beaches

PRICE | \$1.95M - \$2.1M
OPEN | Sat 2nd Nov 12 - 12:30pm



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132 LOCKTON ROAD, BEXHILL



Historic Charm Meets Modern Living: 89 Acres with stunning hinterland views!

4 beds 1 living 2 bathrooms 2 cars

88 ACRES

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10.7 ACRES

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18 ACRES

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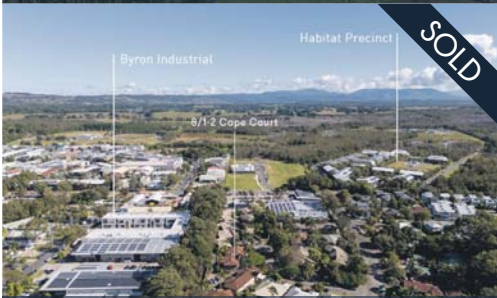
6/122 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, BYRON BAY



47 CURRAWONG WAY, EWINGSDALE



797 FERNLEIGH ROAD, BROOKLET



8/1-2 CAPE COURT, BYRON BAY



45 CORKWOOD CRESCENT, SUFFOLK PARK



5/37-39 BOTTLEBRUSH CR, SUFFOLK PARK



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56 RUSKIN LANE, BYRON BAY



6 VICTOR PLACE, LENNOX HEAD



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16/18 SUNRISE BOULEVARD, BYRON BAY



35 BENCLUNA LANE, EUREKA



16 RIFLE RANGE ROAD, BANGALOW



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146 ALCORN STREET, SUFFOLK PARK



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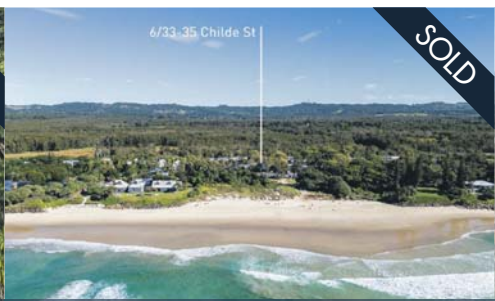
169 CEDAR ROAD, WILSONS CREEK



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855 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, COORABELL



371 WHIAN WHIAN ROAD, WHIAN WHIAN



154 WALTONS ROAD, FEDERAL



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7/18-20 JACARANDA DRIVE, BYRON BAY



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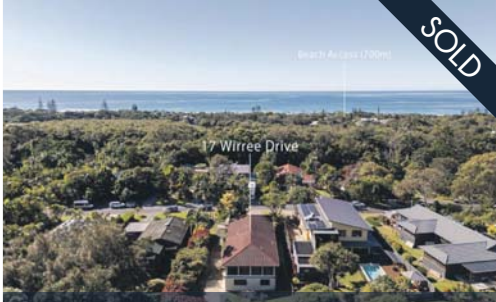
7/1-2 CAPE COURT, BYRON BAY



7/11-19 COOPER STREET, BYRON BAY



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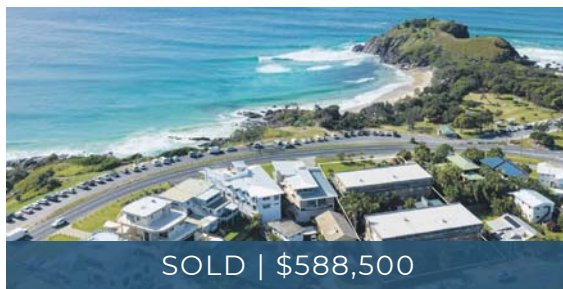
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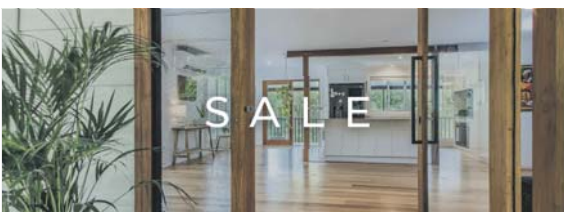
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- 835 Federal Drive, Goonengerry. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 15/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 1/6 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
- 9/18 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 6/133-141 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
- 2/46 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 2/27 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 41 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 346 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 10-10.30am
- 3/2-6 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 50/11-19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 65 Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Settlement Road, Main Arm. Sat 10.30-11am
- 2/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.45-11.15am
- 3 Palm-Lily Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 14 Oakland Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 19A Gordon Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

- 5/75 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 11 Lizray Road, Federal. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 5 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 132 Lockton Road, Bexhill. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 29 Benloro Lane, Myocum. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 16 Henderson Place, Modanville. Sat 12.15-12.45pm
- 18/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.15-12.45pm
- 50 Rocky Creek Dam Road, Dunoan. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 10 Muli Court, Myocum. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 440 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby. Sat 1.45-2.15pm
- 2-4 Standing Street, The Channon. Sat 2.15-2.45pm
- 147 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian. Sat 3-3.30pm

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- 55 Eureka Road, Clunes. Thurs 5-5.30pm
- 8 Whian Road, Eureka. Sat 10-10.30am
- 55 Eureka Road, Clunes. Sat 11-11.30am

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- 197 Billinudgel Road, Billinudgel. Wed 12-12.30pm
- 5 Aldinga Court, Ocean Shores. Wed 1.30-2pm
- 27A Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Wed 3.30-4pm
- 86 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat-9.30am
- 44 Lalina Avenue, Tweed Heads West. Sat-9.30am
- 4 Hart Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 49 Eviron Road, Condong. Sat 10.30-11am

- 26 Robin Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 467 Tweed Valley Way South, Murwillumbah. Sat 11.30-12pm
- 5 Aldinga Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 121 Blackwoods Road, Nobbys Creek. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 27A Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 142 Bakers Road, Dunbible. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 80 Harbour Way, Brunswick Heads. Sat 2-2.30pm

North Coast Lifestyle Properties

- 744 Upper Burringbar Road, Upper Burringbar. Sat 10-10.30am
- 52 Norton Street, Ballina. Sat 10-10.30am
- 18 Cockatoo Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.45am
- 268 Burringbar Road, Burringbar. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6 Park Street, New Brighton. Sat 11-11.45am
- 22 Mill Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30-12.15pm

Ray White Byron Bay

- 3/66 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Thurs 11-11.30am
- 48 Tobin Close, Lennox Head. Thurs 1-2pm
- 13/41-43 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30-10am
- 243 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am
- 70 Charltons Road, Federal. Sat 9.30-10am
- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 10-10.30am
- 17 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am

- 19/183-205 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 16 Cypress Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 152 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 9 George Street, Bangalow. Sat 11.15-11.45am
- 15 Little Burns Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 9 Bunjil Place, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 19/183-205 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 11 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30-1.00pm
- 47 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 16 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

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

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- 22 Cabbage Gum Rd, Cudgera Creek. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1066/20-22 Stuart St, Tweed Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
- 8/10 Tweed St, Coolangatta. Sat 10-10.30am
- 12/28 Coolangatta Rd, Kirra. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15/955 Gold Coast Highway, Palm Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
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<p>Helene Adams Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 234a Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11am • 7/99 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm 	<p>Vaino Lillioja Real Estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/79 Pine Avenue, East Ballina. Sat 1-1.30pm 	
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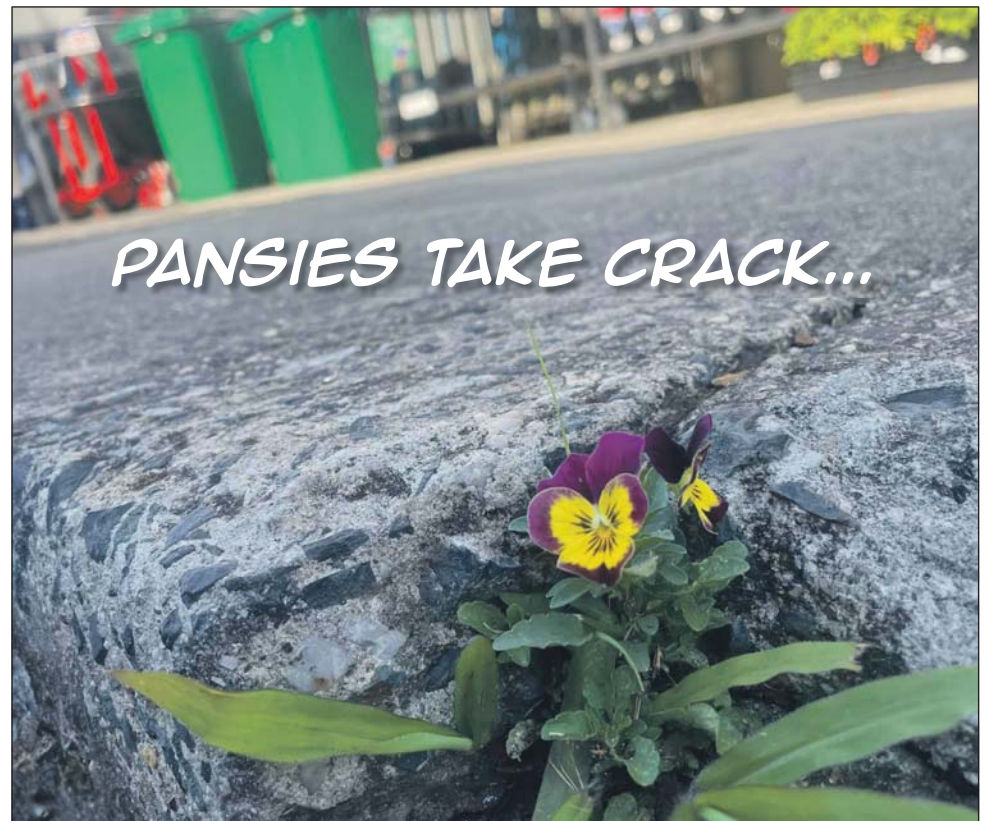
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The brain eats itself. Yes – you read correctly. ‘Research has shown that the brain is in fact continuously changing its microstructure, and it does so by “eating itself,” according to portlandpress.com. ‘The processes of eating things outside the cell, including other cells, is called phagocytosis. In the brain, phagocytosis is performed by a particular type of cell called microglia, which can “eat” neurons (nerve cells) or the connections between neurons (synapses).’

The NSW government is seeking four experienced and dynamic individuals to join the board of Reflections Holidays which oversees the state’s network of Crown Land holiday parks – including those in Brunswick Heads. Interested in joining? To apply for a board position visit the I Work for NSW website – applications close on 17 November at 11.55pm. For further information on Reflections Holidays visit www.reflectionsholidays.com.au.

In case you hadn’t heard, from 28 October Optus began switching off the 3G network. So it is 4 and 5G from here on forward.

There have been hundreds of reports of people who have been targeted in scams by criminals who are emailing people and falsely claiming they have hacked into their computers or webcams and have access to compromising images and videos of them. It’s like the urban legend about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle sending a telegram saying ‘All is discovered. Flee at once!’



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The scammers threaten to release these compromising images or videos if they aren’t paid cryptocurrency to a specified address. The emails include your birth date, full name and, in some cases, mobile number and home address. This makes them seem more real. If you receive emails like this, don’t respond and don’t pay any money. There is no evidence that the scammers who send these emails have access to your webcam or computer.

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