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The fall out from SCU dropping arts degrees

Paul Bibby

Arts and design students from Southern Cross University (SCU) have vowed to fight on in spite of the university's decision to discontinue their programs.

The university announced last week that, from next year, the university will no longer take enrolments for its standalone Bachelor of Arts degree, or its degrees in Art and Design, Contemporary Music, and Digital Media.

While current students will be able to complete their degrees, no future enrolments will be accepted.

Past and current students from the Bachelor of Art and Design degree at the university have launched a petition opposing the decision, and some of the country's most significant artists and institutions have also spoken out.

'What we're losing here is an opportunity for emerging artists in our community to pursue tertiary level qualifications,' Bachelor of Arts and Design student, Rebecca Lavery, told *The Echo*.

'This is a huge blow, not only to our artists, but to the fabric of our community. You have to ask what this says about the university's attitude toward the arts and the attitude of society as a whole.'

Vice-chancellor Tyrone Carlin told the ABC that the degrees were no longer viable, owing to falling enrolment numbers.

Funding changes

Professor Carlin has also publicly stated that the changes to higher education funding

introduced by the Morrison Coalition government in 2021 may have contributed to this decline.

Under these changes, known as the Job-ready Graduates Package, the cost of degrees in arts, law and commerce were increased, while degrees in science, engineering, maths and technology were made cheaper.

'The cost of a degree like this, set against the cost of a degree in teaching or nursing, is quite radically different and much more expensive,' Professor Carlin told the ABC.

'But there could have been a whole range of other factors at play too. It's hard to know.'

But current students say they have seen no proof that enrolment numbers were dwindling.

'They've stated in the media that it was that, but that's not what I've witnessed,' Ms Lavery said.

'They had a good intake last year, and as far as I know, there have been very few dropouts.'

Calls for transparency

'The public deserve to have some transparency about what's really going on here... We should know what informed the decision.'

The students have also questioned whether the university deliberately allowed the arts courses to wither on the vine.

'I think you have to ask the question - have they been investing in these degrees: funding them, supporting them, promoting them?'

'We'd like to ask them "If the enrolment numbers have been dwindling, What have you done to

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Enter if you are deadly



Zombies, ghouls and dead-beats came dressed in their best Day of the Dead outfits to the North Byron Hotel last Saturday. There were fancy Mexican-inspired cocktails and delicious food, while punters danced to the beats by Afrodisea, Kenzo Cruz, Monsieur Diop and Soun of Seijin. Photo Jeff 'Great, Full, Dead' Dawson

Sugar zombie apocalypse last Thursday

Homes were ransacked for confectionary last Thursday, after the streets were taken over a large cohort of generation alpha (those born from 2010 to 2024).

It was part of the so-called Halloween tradition that is mainly observed in the US, yet has found its way across the pond.

Children as young as five - with prenatal supervision - were seen

consuming refined sugar products containing lab-made food additives, which are, remarkably, approved by Australia's food regulator, Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

Stranger things

'Stranger Things have been seen', said one bugged-eyed adolescent with a mouth full of Allen's Milko Chews as he zipped off on his

scooter to ransack treats from his closest neighbours.

The yearly event sees the mood of young children shift dramatically for a few hours, as they re-enact scenes from zombie movies made famous by George A Romero, John Carpenter, and Wes Craven.

'There will be increased appointments', said one dentist who wished to remain anonymous.

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Showtime for Mullum this weekend

The 2024 Mullum Show is on this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the showgrounds, and has a fully-packed program for all ages.

President Mark Ward has extended a warm welcome to everyone who will be attending the show, as well as all the competitors.

'This year will be the second year that we will be having a three-day show', he said. 'Friday will be stock horse events all day, starting around 9am, then trotting will begin around midday. A barbecue and bar will be opening from around 3pm'.

'There will be a fully-packed program during the weekend, with the truck show parading on Saturday morning, arriving at the showground around 11.30am. Following this will be non-stop entertainment on the main stage over both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening finishes off with a



A piglet and a kidlet get acquainted at Mullumbimby Show's petting zoo a couple of years ago.

Photo Jeff 'Years Ago Is My Middle Name' Dawson

terrific band and fireworks.

'There will also be the very popular mower races, show jumping, motorcycle barrel racing, trotting, as well as sideshow alley, rides for the children, heaps of food options and showbags.

'Sunday morning there will be a car show, then in the afternoon see Airtime FMX

team showing off their thrilling aerobatics and tricks. The day finishes off with the crowd favourite demolition derby and the popular One 2 Many Band'.

For more info visit www.mullumbimbyshow.org.au or turn to pages 22 to 25 for the special Mullum Show *Echo* feature.

Byron medical clinic to reopen

Further to last week's story around the closure of The Brightside Medical & Skin Cancer Centre in Byron Bay, management have contacted *The Echo* to clarify that the centre will reopen.

Elle Taylor from National Skin Cancer Centres told *The Echo* the closure is temporary, 'as we actively

work to finalise negotiations with new doctors, who will manage and provide services at the centre'.

She said, 'We anticipate reopening within the next two weeks, and will notify our patients as soon as a confirmed date is set'.

Ms Taylor' added, 'We apologise for any concern this

may have caused within our community'.

'Our priority remains to provide continuous and high-quality care, and we look forward to welcoming new doctors to the practice and continuing our service to the Byron Bay community.'

The centre is located at 9/20 Bayshore Drive.

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bolster them?'"

Current students say the way they were told about the axing was cold and failed to provide information about what the changes would mean for them. They were told in an after-hours email from the university's student services division.

'That was probably the most disappointing aspect of all of this... the fact that it was communicated by email,' Ms Lavery says.

Anxiety created

'We just got this generic students services email when they were already closed. It meant we weren't

able to support each other or to find out any further information about what was happening, so there was this flurry of anxiety with people wondering what it meant – for students, teachers, for the community.'

To sign the petition in support of the students, visit www.tinyurl.com/ym8y285p.

Lennox Surf Lodge a Dunn deal



Artists' impression of the Surf Lodge proposal in Lennox Head. Image from DA

Paul Bibby

Ballina Council has approved a three-storey, \$20m accommodation development in Lennox Head, despite the fact that the proposal breaches floor space, height, and set-back limits.

In the latest in a series of plus-sized developments in the town, Ballina's councillors unanimously approved the 'Surf Lodge' project at its Ordinary Meeting on October 24.

The development, located at 52 and 54 Ballina Street, will see two old beach bungalows demolished and replaced with a 35-room accommodation building, accompanied by a swimming pool, bar, and restaurant.

Beneath the structure will be a two-level basement carpark for 86 cars, 36 of which are surplus to the requirements of the accommodation operation.

The developer, Graham Dunn's Annloz Pty Ltd, sought and was granted permission to exceed the regulations in terms of height, floor space ratios and building set-backs.

61.5 per cent FSR exceedance

The biggest exceedance was for floor space ratio (FSR), with the development going 61.5 per cent above

the limit for the Lennox Head town centre.

The developer attributed this variation, in part, to the 36 surplus car parking spaces in the basement and 'a portion of the built form located above ground floor level'.

They also argued that the development was 'reflective of the built form anticipated in the E1 local centre zone and the Lennox Head village centre' which was 'an area undergoing transition'.

They further claimed that the floor space variation did not contribute to adverse bulk and scale impacts within the village centre and the development overall was consistent with the character of this area.

The application also successfully sought a 7.2 per cent variation of the height limit for the town, meaning that the structure will stand at 9.65m.

This exceedance relates to the lift overrun and three areas in the western portion of the building.

The applicant's justification for the variation was that it was necessary to achieve 'an architecturally-designed three-storey building that is of a scale consistent with other commercial and mixed-use developments approved within the Lennox Head village centre' and also that any overshadowing, overlooking and loss of views with be avoided because of the site's

corner location.

The developer further argued that the development would not materially change the village centre streetscape. This argument was accepted by both Council staff and councillors, with no significant conditions or limitations placed on the development.

In the public interest

Rather, they found that was both permissible and 'in the public interest'.


'The proposed development is permissible in the E1 Local Centre zone and aligns with the objectives the DCP including those specifically relating to Precinct A of the Lennox Head Village,' Council staff said.

Residents appear to have been divided over the proposal, with 19 of the 30 community submissions in favour, and 11 against.

Key issues raised in objection included traffic, construction and amenity impacts, including overshadowing and the scale of the development.

Those in favour argued that the development provided Lennox with much-needed tourist accommodation and that the design of the building tied in well with the upgraded village centre.

They also asserted that the development would be of benefit to local small business owners.





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Byron Chamber wins big at NSW Business Awards

Congratulations to the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce (BBCC), who have taken the title of 'Outstanding Local Chamber' at the NSW Business Awards held in Sydney on October 30.

A statement from the chamber reads, 'Out of 218 local chambers across NSW, BBCC was selected as one of only ten finalists before achieving this top honour'.

Vice President J'aimee Skippon-Volke and Executive Officer Izzy Durbin proudly accepted the award from Business NSW CEO Daniel Hunter at the ceremony.

The statement continues, 'BBCC's award-winning approach reflects its commitment to advocating for Byron Bay's unique business landscape. Guided by three pillars – advocacy, connection, and promotion – the chamber has dedicated itself to uplifting local businesses and strengthening community ties, especially during challenging economic times. Their initiatives have been both proactive and responsive, addressing critical issues like rising rents, staffing shortages, and Byron's unique identity



Daniel Hunter (Business NSW CEO), J'aimee Skippon-Volke (BBCC Vice President) and Izzy Durbin (BBCC Executive Officer) at the awards, held in Sydney. Photo supplied

amidst increasing commercial pressures'.

Membership growth

'These efforts have led to an 11 per cent growth in chamber membership over the past year and notable increases in event attendance and audience engagement. BBCC President Matt Williamson commented on the win, 'Being recognised as the Outstanding Local Chamber,

among 218 other chambers across NSW, is an honour that validates the hard work we put into keeping Byron's business community strong, resilient, and heard. This is a win for all of us.'

'As BBCC celebrates this prestigious recognition, they invite Byron businesses and the wider community to join them in a night of celebration at the Uniquely Byron Business Awards and End

of Year Party on Thursday, November 28 at Ember Byron Bay. Despite the many challenges faced in 2024, this event is an opportunity to come together, celebrate resilience, and honour the achievements of our local businesses across 19 categories, from retail to sustainability'.

For tickets and more information, visit www.byronbaychamber.com.

Wellbeing Hub removal concerns raised by P&C

The planned removal of a demountable building that houses Mullumbimby High School's Wellbeing Hub has been described as a 'huge mistake' by the school's P&C.

P&C President, Amy Colli said in a statement that the organisation, and parents, are 'absolutely devastated' by the plans, which she says will be undertaken by the NSW Department of Education.

'Like all those in all flood-impacted areas, Mullumbimby High students are experiencing the full gamut of

mental health conditions and related challenges – social anxiety, eating disorders, school refusal – and the hub serves as a much-loved safe space that many access daily'.

'This one dedicated demountable hosts a breakfast club and lunches (for students experiencing food scarcity) and allows wellbeing staff to run discreet group programs to build resilience, positive body image, social connection, emotional regulation, etc.

'Whether they're seeking

time out from the sensory and social overload of the playground, or access to wellbeing-trained staff, psychologists and youth workers, the hub is at the heart of the school's wellbeing support system.'

'Students have told us that one of the best things about Mullum High is this unique space where they can recharge, seek refuge or find support in challenging times'.

'I think it is outrageous that the department did not communicate with the

school about future use of their demountables.

'If they came to see what is being achieved here in this space, they'd realise that our Wellbeing Hub represents a huge success story and a model that many other schools around the state could benefit from,' Colli added.

■ As the P&C statements were provided on deadline, a comment from the NSW Department of Education will be sought for next week.

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Court reverses decision on the value of Byron Bay land

Paul Bibby

A 15-hectare greenfield site near Belongil Beach was massively overvalued by the NSW Valuer General, the Land and Environment Court (LEC) has found.

In a decision which could set a precedent for dozens of future land valuations in the Shire, the LEC last week overturned a land valuation for a vacant parcel of land on the corner of Kendall Street and Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay.

The court found that it was worth just 10 per cent of the value ascribed by the Valuer General.

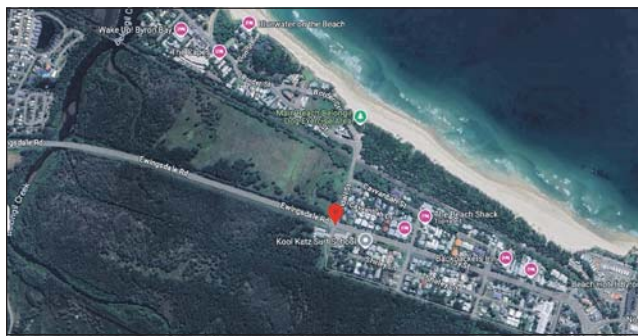
Owned by Hammock Investments Pty Ltd since the late 1980s, the land is one of the few large, undeveloped sites in the vicinity of Belongil Beach.

With property prices in this precinct soaring into the stratosphere over the last 10 years, the Valuer General valued the land at \$8 million back in 2022.

While such a valuation might have a developer breaking out the Dom Perignon, the folk at Hammock Investments had the opposition reaction.

Having tried unsuccessfully to have the site rezoned to residential for nigh on two decades, they were now facing a very substantial land tax bill that, in their view, did not reflect the land's true worth.

They appealed the valuation to the LEC, which heard



Vacant land on the corner of Kendall Street and Ewingsdale Road. Image Google Maps

the matter on October 24.

Acting Commissioner, Maureen Peatman, heard that the vacant site was a mixture of grassed and vegetated areas stretching north to Belongil Creek and east to the old train line.

It had a mix of zonings, including Rural Landscape, Environmental Conservation and Environmental Management.

Assistant Commissioner Peatman's job was to determine what the most profitable, potential use of the land was.

As part of this, she needed to determine whether there was a realistic prospect that the land might be rezoned for residential development in the next 10 years.

It was agreed by both sides that much of the land was flood-prone, meaning that any residential development would require significant fill beforehand. Such fill could potentially have a negative effect on adjoining properties, the court heard.

It was further agreed that the land currently has no

dwelling entitlements, had high biodiversity values, and was affected by acid sulphate soil contamination.

However, the court also heard that Byron Council's first residential strategy (2020) had identified the area for possible residential development.

This was not accepted by the Department of Planning and Environment, and it is understood the site was not included in the final version of the strategy approved by the department earlier this year.

From \$8m to \$810k

This was enough to convince Assistant Commissioner Peatman, who found that, far from being worth \$8m, the site is worth a much more modest \$810,000.

As a result of the decision, Hammock Investments is facing a massively reduced land tax bill for the site.

It is not known whether the company will continue to seek a rezoning for the land, given that it has argued in court that it is effectively unable to be developed.

Is it the mambo, pachanga, or rumba?



Rachel Kempson and Wesley Silva dancing the Brazilian Zouk at last weekend's Latin Fiesta, held in Byron Bay. Photo Jeff 'Cross Body Lead' Dawson

Water utility Rous welcomes new governance

Water utility Rous County Council have a new governing body, which took charge at their first meeting on October 30.

The board comprises eight recently elected councillors from across north coast councils and will serve for four years.

They are Cr Sharon

Cadwallader (Ballina), Cr Eva Ramsey (Ballina), Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Byron), Cr Elia Hauge (Byron), Cr Andrew Gordon (Lismore), Cr Steve Krieg (Lismore), Cr Robert Mustow (Richmond Valley) and Cr Sandra Humphrys (Richmond Valley).

Cr Robert Mustow was elected chairperson, and

Cr Sharon Cadwallader as deputy chairperson for a two-year period.

Cr Elia Hauge was appointed as the primary non-voting member for the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee, and Cr Sarah Ndiaye was elected chair of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group.

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The internet has spawned mass confirmation bias and cognitive dissonance, which produces fear and a distrust of

pointy-headed academics and institutions.

Perhaps we are the victim of controlled opposition?

No one seems to know what is true anymore.

If you listen closely in on conversations around the town's cafes, you will overhear that we are in the midst of a global reset, orchestrated by the Deep State, Soros and Gates!

They say nothing is by accident; it's all planned and is working out perfectly: fires, then plague, then flood. Is famine next?

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Calls to end native logging



Organisers say that there were over 700 people at the Mullumbimby rally, 'which was the second-largest rally in the country. Hobart was top with 3,000 people then Mullum, then Sydney with 600'. Photo of SCU Dean of Law, David Heilpern by Mark Seiffert

On Sunday, thousands of people at rallies across Australia called on the country's politicians to protect native forests and immediately end native forest logging.

In Mullumbimby, hundreds gathered next to the Civic Hall, with speakers including comedian and federal Greens candidate Mandy Nolan and SCU Dean of Law, David Heilpern.

'This growing tide of public feeling to end native forest logging will leave Albanese and Dutton like stranded

logs,' said Bob Brown, who spoke at Hobart's rally.

He said, 'China ended commercial logging in its native forests in 2016, but it seems Albo would prefer another load of woodchips to another Labor win. Matching the thousands at rallies today was the high spirits and determination to put an end to the forest destruction now.'

Jenny Weber, Bob Brown Foundation's Campaigns Manager said, 'Right now, with the heating planet, vanishing wildlife needs forests

more than ever. There is a solution and that is the protection of Australia's remaining forests.'

'A national forest estate could stretch from Tasmania's ancient eucalyptus forests and rainforests to NSW's koala and greater glider habitat, Western Australia's and Victoria's mighty forests to Queensland's beautiful biodiverse forests.'

■ A pre-formatted email to send to the NSW Premier is available online at www.suehigginson.org/logging.

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Calls for a special commission of inquiry on North Coast missing persons

The issue of unsolved murders on the North Coast was raised as a matter of urgency in the NSW Senate last week, by Jeremy Buckingham MLC (Legalise Cannabis Party).

Other members of parliament spoke in support of more action on October 24, according to Hansard records, including Sue Higginson (Greens), Rose Jackson (Labor), Rod Roberts (Independent, former One Nation), Emily Suvaal (Labor), Natalie Ward (Liberal), and Penny Sharpe (Labor).

Buckingham told the chamber: 'For decades, the victims of these egregious and horrendous acts have cried out from beyond the grave for justice and attention.'

'Their families wake daily wondering what happened to their child, mother, aunt, sister, partner and friend, hoping for justice and some resolution.'

'Their communities do too. They demand action, resources and most importantly time focused on these most terrible of matters.'

'What we have before us is the worst serial killer in the nation's history getting away with it.'

– Jeremy Buckingham MLC

He said after his own investigations, he discovered there is a total of 67 unsolved homicides of women on the North Coast of NSW.

'... If we look at other jurisdictions around Australia with a similar demographic, and even a similar geography, such as the South Coast, there are not those numbers.'

'When we look at the North Coast cases, there is an alarming similarity. They were women going about their everyday lives – going home after the pub, going home after work, travelling to see their boyfriends, walking down the street, walking their dogs, or coming home from school. They were abducted, raped, tortured, murdered and dumped somewhere remote that required local knowledge.'

'It happened again and again. The list is absolutely appalling. Look at the faces and the pure numbers of women – all of them unsolved homicides – with families, partners and communities that are demanding action.'

'I call on the state government to initiate a special commission of inquiry to investigate these matters and for the police to redouble their efforts as they have with the LGBTQI+ gay hate crimes.'

Dismissed by Labor Premier Minns

While Buckingham said there had been a taskforce (Project Aletheia) to investigate these matters collectively, he said, 'It is distressing to me for the premier to dismiss my call for a special commission of inquiry straightaway, when we have not thoroughly interrogated these matters.'

'I ask the government, or anyone, to say it is not the case that what we have before us is the worst serial killer in the nation's history'

getting away with it. Ivan Milat was convicted of seven murders, but there is someone on the North Coast who has murdered as many or more, and they are still among us, if they have not died or fled the country.'

Lois Roberts

Greens MLC Sue Higginson told the chamber that she knew Lois Martha Roberts, describing her as a 'beautiful First Nations woman'.

'She was the daughter of Pastor Frank Roberts, a minister with the Church of Christ and an Aboriginal activist, and Muriel Roberts. She was the twin sister of the arts administrator and broadcaster, Rhoda Roberts...'

'My little girl and I loved her. My daughter would refer to Lois as the lady who wears the beautiful dresses.'

Ms Higginson says Lois disappeared hitching to Nimbin. 'She could not drive because of her injury', she said. 'Lois was found by bushwalkers months and months later in a bush grave in Whian Whian, up a fire trail... There are still no answers'

Developer seeks fill to sell land



Lot 55 is located off Ewingsdale Road opposite Bayshore Drive. Photo DA 10.2024.378.1

'Limited market interest' is the reason given for a request to fill a 1.806Ha parcel of land at the Harvest Estate, West Byron.

According to documents in Development Application 10.2024.378.1, 'A raised building pad and vehicle crossover to Harvest Boulevard has been provided to Lot 55, as approved, and as part of delivering stage 1 of the Harvest Estate.'

Page 6 of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) continues, 'Despite these works, there has been limited market interest in purchasing or developing Lot 55 in its current form. The lack of desire stems from the need for further earthworks'

to fill the lot and create a more usable and appealing lot within the agreed developable portion.'

The developer proposes to use 'clean fill material, compaction... ensuring adequate flood relief and drainage to the northern swale.'

According to page 3 of the Engineering Assessment, the fill would be between 1 and 2 metres high.

On page 9 of the assessment it says while the 'entirety of the site is zoned as residential', as part of the forthcoming DCP zoning amendment, the site will include environmental conservation area and residential footprint of 0.267Ha.

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Trains, integrated transport talk on Saturday

The Secretary of the Rail Tram and Bus Union (RTBU), Toby Warnes, will present his case for bringing trains back to regional NSW on Saturday, November 9 at the Bangalow Bowling Club, from 2pm.

Northern Rivers Railway (NRRL) secretary, Lydia Kindred, said, 'Toby's discussion will be around integrated transport and reactivating our Northern Rivers train services as public transport'.

'The presentation includes Q&A. Entry by donation'.

Palestinian women and children not forgotten



A silent vigil by local women was held in Mullum last week to highlight the ongoing killing of women and children in Gaza. In March, Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories, stated that there are 'reasonable grounds' to believe Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. Photo Jeff Dawson

Increased mayoral powers proposed

David Lowe

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has released a discussion paper seeking community feedback until November 15 on a new framework concerning local councillor conduct and meeting practices.

The paper says, 'Unfortunately, the existing councillor conduct framework is not delivering on the need for transparency or the necessary degree of respect in the community for the role that councillors have.'

The OLG has noted the growth in the number of complaints, 'often over trivial issues', and is particularly concerned at the lack of respect for mayors. It proposes giving them the ability to dock pay from councillors, and force apologies.

14 suspensions

Across NSW, from 2020 to 2023 there were 4,289 complaints made via the local government code of conduct process, resulting in 14 suspensions or reprimands of councillors, with four of those referred to NCAT, and one councillor being dismissed as a result of ICAC investigations.

Describing most of these complaints as 'frivolous',

NSW Office of Local Government proposals:

- Make OLG directly responsible for dealing with pecuniary interest and significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interest, with sanctions (suspensions and loss of pay) being determined by an appropriate tribunal or body
- Refer behavioural-based concerns about councillor conduct to a state-wide panel of experienced councillors to judge their peers
- Reset the code of conduct to be similar to parliamentary codes, making clear the expected patterns of councillor behaviour
- Ensure the community can observe local democratic processes by banning 'closed to the public' briefing sessions, while at the same time restoring the dignity and prestige of the council chamber

the OLG is now considering delegating additional powers to deal with them.

The OLG says these changes are only proposed for councillors, with no new processes proposed for local government staff's code of conduct.

Fine print

Page 17 of the discussion paper asks the question, 'Are there any other powers that need to be granted to the mayor, or chair, of the relevant meeting to deal with disorderly behaviour?'

The document suggests that 'dignity and reverence for tradition' could be served by reforming the powers of mayors to expel councillors for acts of disorder 'and to remove the councillor's entitlement to receive a fee for the month in which they have been expelled from a meeting.'

Councillors would also be forced to apologise for infractions, instead of simply avoiding the request, and the OLG would expand the grounds for mayors to expel members of the public from the chamber. For more: www.olg.nsw.gov.au

Students' DV films raise awareness via Rotary

Joanne Winwood

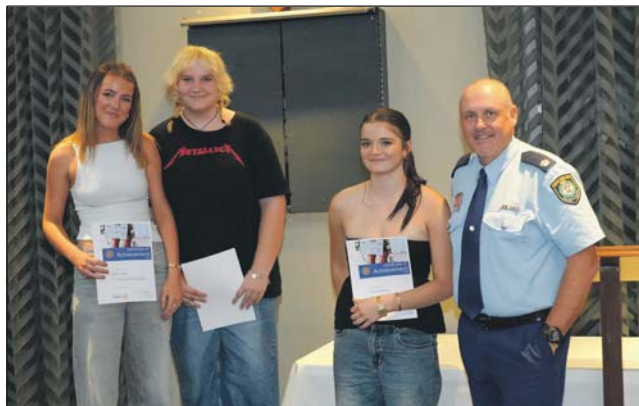
On Wednesday, October 22, Year 10 students from Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School attended an awards evening in celebration of their involvement in the Towards Respectful Relationships film project.

The project was a partnership between the school and the Byron Bay Rotary Club.

Students developed short films that addressed the issue of domestic violence for an audience of their peers. The awards night celebrated the amazing work, and two prizes of \$500 were presented.

The first award was the Rotary Award, which was judged by a panel of Rotarians, the second award was the People's Choice Award which was judged by a cohort of students. In total there were nine films entered.

Now in its fourth year, the Towards Respectful Relationships project continues to be led by its creator and facilitator, Rotary Youth Director, Ginny Giorgio, of



Winning students, from left: Elke Hook, Elise Nikkinen, and Stella Harris with Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe. Photo supplied

the Rotary Club of Kingscliff.

An award-winning filmmaker guided the students through the filmmaking process, while a representative from the Tweed Police Area Command conducted an educational session on domestic violence.

To have young people use film to share the message of respectful relationships with their peers is just so powerful. These students showed that this generation can make change in the fight against family violence and give us all hope.

This is an example of Rotary in action, with the project made possible through funds raised by Byron Bay Rotary Club matched by a grant from the Rotary District 9640.

Rotary Club of Byron Bay joins other Rotary clubs across Australia in a national campaign advocating for respectful relationships, with the project one of many Rotary activities to tackle family violence and support those whose suffer its impact. ■ Joanne Winwood is from the Byron Bay Rotary Club.

Day of the Dead ceremony Sunday

An inclusive ceremony of love and remembrance is planned at the fig trees, Heritage Park, in Mullumbimby on Sunday, November 10 from 3pm.

Local celebrant and deathwalker, Zenith Virago facilitates the event, and told *The Echo* it is the event's 18th year. 'Over those 18 years, thousands of people have come with their photos, mementos, even the ashes of their families and friends. The Day of the Dead

Ceremony is an opportunity for everyone to come together for those who have died, are dying, or who are lost to us in some way. Although it has the same name as the South American celebration, this is a uniquely Australian cultural experience, open to any religion, spirituality, belief or culture.'

For more information, visit www.naturaldeathcarecentre.org or join the event on Facebook.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR Commencing January 2025

Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School is a vibrant and progressive K-12 school, with 360 students, dedicated to the educational principles inspired by Rudolf Steiner.

The School Counsellor provides professional counselling services to our High School Students and their families, Monday to Friday 8.30-3.30pm (term time only) reporting to the Deputy Principal.

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Local beaches shine in State of the Beaches Report

North Coast beaches have been given excellent grades in this year's State of the Beaches Report, according to Lismore MP Janelle Saffin.

Murwillumbah rodeo accident

Around 9.30pm on Friday 1 November, a Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to Murwillumbah show ground.

Decriminalisation, pill testing, drug driving laws must be top of agenda for drug summit

Greens MP and drug law reform and harm reduction spokesperson Cate Faehrmann says she will attend the Lismore hearing of the drug summit today.

Fire at Ballina tip sparked by poor recycling behaviours

Ballina Shire Council is urging residents not to put hazardous materials in any kerbside bin, following a fire at the Resource Recovery Centre last weekend.

Region promised \$21 million for alcohol and drug services as NSW Drug Summit begins in Lismore

The NSW government says it is committing \$21 million over four years to enhance alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment and support for people in Northern NSW, as the regional Drug Summit begins in Lismore

Tweed River High School tests farming skills

Tuesday saw the best primary industries students from Casino, Richmond River, and Tweed River High Schools put themselves to the test at the VETiS Primary Industries WorldSkills Regional Competition.

Ballina Council approves new 'surf lodge' hotel

The new Ballina Shire Council has voted unanimously in support of a development application (DA) for a new hotel, including variations to the standard height limit in some areas.

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Residents to return to Cabbage Tree Island

Aslan Shand

Following the devastating 2022 floods, residents from Cabbage Tree Island have fought long and hard to be able to return there.

New Jali LALC

Kylie Jacky was elected as Chair of the new board at the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council's (LALC) AGM on November 20. This has led to a change of approach, with the board meeting of 28 October, 2024 now voting 'to support residents of Cabbage Tree Island to return to their homes'.

Jali Chair Ms Jacky, alongside other board members, strongly encouraged members to, 'vote with their hearts for our family who have been displaced for almost three years,' and living in temporary accommodation.

'This is a momentous milestone in the long history of self-determination for the Nyangbul people of the Bundjalung nation to return to our beloved Cabbage Tree Island,' Ms Jacky told the meeting.

James Davidson of JDA Co, who has experience



Kylie Jacky (Chair) Jali LALC Board, with Samuel Currie Jali LALC, and tenants of Cabbage Tree Island James Curry, Aunty Deliah Rhodes, and Madison James. Photo supplied

rebuilding flood-resilient homes, addressed the recent meeting saying he could not understand why the tenants had not been able to return to their homes after the floods of 2022.

'Cabbage Tree Island can be an example of a flood-resilient community for NSW and Australia,' said Mr Davidson.

Three-pronged approach

Speaking to *The Echo* Ms Jacky said the Jali LALC is taking a three-pronged approach to returning residents to Cabbage Tree Island.

The first approach is to

retrofit and build back better for current housing at Cabbage Tree Island.

'We will be using strategies to rebuild with flood-resistant materials so they are able to withstand future flooding. This will be done under exempt development,' she explained.

House raising

The second pathway involves raising homes to the probable maximum height level and will involve submitting development applications (DAs) for this to be done.

'That will mitigate against the impact of future flooding,' said Ms Jacky.

There are 17 homes, that currently meet the 100-year level, that will be raised to the probable maximum height level with each building being raised between 20cm and 100cm. This will take up to two years.

Not returning

For some residents the impact of the flood has left them with a preference for flood-free housing and the Jali LALC is seeking to find appropriate housing within the Jali LALC area.

'A small number of Cabbage Tree Island tenants do not want to experience another flood. They want homes on high, dry flood-free land,' explained Ms Jacky.

'We are working with the Aboriginal Housing Office to purchase homes in areas within Ballina, Alstonville, Evans Head, and Wollongbar. These will be homes within the Ballina Richmond areas where there is no flooding.'

They have government funding to help with the purchase of up to eight properties that will be owned outright by the Jali LALC. This is expected to take between six and 12 months.

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

Dead whale at Mooball Beach

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service says the carcass of a 10-metre juvenile humpback whale that washed ashore last Friday on Mooball Beach, near Pottsville on the far north coast, has been buried in the dunes behind the beach.

This method of disposal is consistent with the latest research, which shows that decomposition of whales buried above the water table and tide line, has very little detectable effect on the surrounding environment.

The carcass was buried behind the foredune, above the water table and tide line. Estimated to be

approximately 15 tonnes, the carcass was in an advanced state of decomposition.

No shark impact

To avoid having it break up, and spread the carcass and its fluids along the beach during the removal process, it was determined by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) that the best option was burial on site.

The burial is not expected to lead to any change in existing shark behaviour. The location was chosen following consultation with the Tweed Shire Council, the EPA and Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council rangers.

Ducks back for Ballina family fun day



Best-dressed corporate ducks. Photo Jodie Shelley

The ducks are returning to Fawcett Park in Ballina this Sunday, 10 November, from 11am to 3pm for Rotary's Community Duck Race.

Everyone is invited to buy a duck and watch it race along the river with the assistance of the current and wind (no electric ducks allowed).

First prize this year will

be a \$500 voucher donated by Harvey Norman Ballina. Second prize is \$300 cash donated by Launch Performance 4X4 at Ballina. Third prize is \$200 cash donated by Precision Kitchens and Cabinets.

It will be a great day out for the family with food, games, entertainment and music.

Dunoon dam and future water strategies to remain contentious

Aslan Shand

The election of Byron Shire councillors, Mayor Sarah Ndiaye and Elia Hauge, to the Rous County Council (RCC) will see them working with six other elected councillors from Ballina, Richmond Valley and Lismore Councils with a key issue of contention being the Dunoon dam over the next four years.

From a cursory look at the positions of the various councillors elected to RCC it would appear that there are six in favour of building the Dunoon dam and Crs Ndiaye and Hauge against.

Cr Eva Ramsey from Ballina Council and Mayor Steve Krieg from Lismore Council along with Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Sarah Ndiaye,

Andrew Gordon, Robert Mustow and Sandra Humphrys have returned this term.

'These councillors have a grave responsibility to educate themselves on all the various strategies to give us water security for our region,' Water Northern Rivers Alliance representative, Nan Nicholson, told *The Echo*.

'They need to examine the science, the economic costs, the social and cultural effects and the environmental effects, all within the context of a changing climate. The past is not necessarily a guide to the future and engineering solutions like big dams, which worked well in the past, can no longer give us water security.'

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



South Ballina Beach: Fox and wild dog control to protect priority threatened species

Crown Lands is running a targeted Fox-baiting program using sodium fluoroacetate products, also known as '1080' baiting, from **5 October 2024** until **21 December 2024** on Crown land (Lot 7303 DP 1163711 – including the beach and some dunes) near South Ballina Beach. Baits will be deployed between Boundary Creek Road in the south and Richmond River Nature Reserve in the north. 1080 baiting signs will be placed at all beach entrances along this reach where baits have been laid.

The baiting is to protect threatened shorebirds against Fox predation during the bird breeding season. This is a priority action of the NSW Fox Threat Abatement Plan.

Keep your pets safe

Visitors to the affected Crown land should keep their domestic dogs or cats restrained and prevent them from eating any unknown items on the ground during and directly after the 1080 Fox-baiting. Muzzling domestic dogs during this time may help avoid the risks. If you suspect your pet has taken a 1080 bait, contact your vet immediately.

For more information, call the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands on 1300 886 235.

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Interview with newly-minted councillor, Jack Dods

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

As a first-timer running for Council, Jack Dods found himself not only in a seat at the Council bench, but deputy mayor as well.

Crs Dods' 'day' job is in the building industry, and though he has studied architecture, he is not working as an architect.

'I have always practised as a building designer, or as a design consultant,' he says.

'I do have a Bachelor of Design in Architecture, and completed the masters studio of a Masters of Architecture. I also completed an urban design specialisation from Columbia University.

'I just never bothered to get registered, as it didn't relate to my work when I came back to Byron.

'People in public sometimes refer to me as an architect (not understanding this distinction), and I correct them wherever possible.'

Dods says his workload will be reduced as he dedicates more time to Council and that his passion is to put his skills and insight into improving the quality of development in Byron Shire.



Independent Byron councillor and Deputy Mayor, Jack Dods.

'This is why I have dedicated my time to serving on numerous advisory committees over the past six years.

'I am always pushing for more considered, better designed, people-friendly development. That is what drives me, and that is what I'm good at.'

Fully transparent

'I aim to be fully transparent if, and when, a perceived [conflict of] interest arises, declare as such, and recuse myself from any dealings or votes on those matters.

'However, I estimate such instances to be few relative to the broad scope of what Council deals with.'

Dods was only on Council for a Byron Bay minute before he was elected to the position of deputy mayor – a controversial move on many levels. 'I know, it's big,' he said.

'It's not something I take lightly. It was put to me by Sarah [Ndiaye] that she really wanted to have someone there with balance, which I think was the right approach.

'She didn't want to put another Green on as deputy, because I think she wanted to show that she had the desire to reach out and put someone there that might have differences of opinion on certain things, but [someone] that she

could work with really constructively.'

As far as development in Shire goes, Dods feels that change is inevitable.

'I think there's been some amazing protest movements and environmental movements that did so much good work in protecting not just our environment, but downstream of that – [it enhanced] our culture and the unique sense of place and the unique sense of character that we have here'

'I guess one thing that maybe we didn't realise until too recently is that the flip side of that is that we kind of shut ourselves off to providing more dynamic, affordable types of housing, because we just said no to everything.'

Saying yes

'I think going forward, we're going to have to be really intelligent and really incisive, and say yes to things that we think are actually going to allow us to grow, but grow in a way that still supports that character and that dynamism that we are known for and that we all love.'

Bangalow bush poets return

The popular bush poetry event returns to the Bangalow Show, at a new time of 11am Saturday, November 16.

Co-organiser Sue Franklin says it promises to be an entertaining showcase of literary talent and creativity.

'Poets of all backgrounds and experiences are invited to participate with just one simple rule: create and deliver a poem that lasts a maximum of three minutes. The catch? Your poem must incorporate the word 'chook', which is this year's show theme. Your poem does not have to last the whole three minutes – short and punchy can sometimes be more effective.'

'This event, sponsored by *The Bangalow Herald*, offers not only the chance to

express your artistic flair, but also the opportunity to win a \$100 first prize along with an exclusive winner's show sash.

'Local poet and MC, Angus Thurgate, will return as the event's host. Once again, he's joined by a distinguished panel of judges who will be scrutinising the performances. They will be gauging factors such as audience engagement and crowd reaction.

'The bush poetry competition will take place at the picturesque Village Green, located just past the Moller Pavilion. Be there at 11am (or slightly before) on Saturday, November 16. To register your poem or for more information regarding the bush poetry event contact Angus at athurgate@hotmail.com'.

Drug support funds promised

The NSW Labor government have announced '\$21 million over four years to enhance alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment and support for people in Northern NSW'.

A statement reads, 'This includes \$6.8 million for three new programs to be provided by not-for-profit AOD services and mental health organisation The Buttery,

including \$2.6 million for a new day rehabilitation program and counselling for people with dependent children; \$2 million over four years for community-based withdrawal management and counselling for priority population groups; and \$2.2 million over four years for a new post-custodial support service'.



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT LISMORE

Optus and Vodafone propose to upgrade the existing telecommunications facility at the below address:

Lot & Plan No:1/DP874980 – High Street (Adjacent to 42 High Street) Lismore NSW 2480

The proposed upgrade will consist of:

- Replacement of existing headframe with a new headframe;
- Installation of three (3) new Optus panel antenna (each no longer than 0.8m)
- Replacement of six (6) existing panel antennas with six (6) new Optus and Vodafone panel antennas (each no longer than 2.8m);
- Relocation of existing parabolic antenna;
- Replacement of eighteen (18) existing Remote Radio Units (RRUs) with twenty-one (21) new RRUs;
- Installation, removal and relocation of ancillary equipment including mounts, feeders, cabling and other associated equipment; and works within the existing equipment shelter.

Optus and Vodafone regard the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the description above. The proposed infrastructure will comply with ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.

In accordance with Section 7 of *C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2020*, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to Ms Pranal Salunke at Service Stream Limited, 0437 384 924 or Optus.Submissions@servicestream.com.au or Level 3, Tower B, Zenith, 821 Pacific Hwy, Chatswood NSW 2067 by **5pm Thursday 21 November 2024**.

If you would like to know more about this site, further information can be obtained from www.rfnsa.com.au/2480004.



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT MEERSCHAUM VALE INCLUDING 5G

Optus plans to upgrade the telecommunications facilities at the below mentioned address with the addition of new 5G equipment:

140 Buckombil Mountain Road, Meerschaum Vale NSW 2477 (RFNSA: 2477005)

The proposed 5G upgrade will consist of:

- Replacement of three (3) existing panel antennas with three (3) new panel antennas (each not more than 2.8m in length);
- Replacement of six (6) existing Remote Radio Units (RRUs) with five (5) new RRUs;
- Installation, relocation and removal of ancillary equipment, including a GPS antenna, mounts, feeders, cabling, combiners, and other associated equipment; and
- Internal works within existing equipment shelter.

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Accounting! It's really an art

Taxes, it is generally agreed, help pay for things that benefit society.

Things like roads, schools, hospitals, the police and skate parks.

And then there's dumb things our taxes fund, like AUKUS, and bloated, unaccountable bureaucracies that are supposedly there to help us.

So if a big corporation makes a bucketload of money, say off resources they mine, or from selling and making stuff, you would think the ATO would have the powers and ability to ask for a fair share so that we can have nice roads and skate parks.

The **2024 ATO tax transparency report**, published last week, gives the public an idea of who is not paying for things that society needs in order to function.

While there was a familiar line-up of non-payers (Chevron, Santos mining, etc) the ATO said in a media release that they 'received \$97.9 billion in income tax from large corporates, up 16.7 per cent from the previous year'.

They added, 'Tax paid by the oil and gas sector increased to \$11.6 billion in 2022-23, with some oil and gas companies now amongst the largest taxpayers in Australia'.

What good news!
Those who paid nothing include Qantas Airways and Virgin Australia, along with Netflix Australia, Canva, TPG Telecom, Sony Australia, News Australia Holdings (Murdoch), Domino's Pizza Enterprises, and Mineral Resources.

The reason why corporations may be legitimately paying no tax could be from making an accounting loss and claiming tax offsets,

'I am not evading tax in anyway, shape, or form. Now, of course I am minimising my tax. I don't know anybody that doesn't minimise their tax... If anybody in this country doesn't minimise their tax they want their head read.'

As a government I can tell you you're not spending it that well, that we should be paying extra.'

– Kerry Packer, Australian media tycoon (1937–2005)

according to the 2021-22 corporate tax transparency report.

Specifically, some firms may be eligible for tax incentives like research and development credits, which can significantly reduce their income tax liability.

The good news was that overall, tax collection increased by 22 per cent from the previous year.

What is the Australian Labor government doing about companies that pay no tax?

Along with the ATO's Tax Avoidance Taskforce, Labor introduced a '**Multinational Tax Avoidance Plan**' in 2022.

Is the plan working? Well sort of.

The ABC reported as recently as October 2024, 'There is significant pushback from businesses and consultants like PwC, who are advocating for delays in implementing country-by-country reporting requirements'.

Given what the public now know regarding the **conduct of PwC** and other consultants, it's astounding they are still involved with governments and have influence.

Perhaps that is the problem? Too many snouts and not enough good faith in governance.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Like a bird, on a wire

Saturday – 4am. It's a big week.
On Thursday I delivered the Hal Wootten Lecture at the University of NSW*. I've got this column due today.

On Sunday I'm speaking at the Bob Brown gig, and then on Monday I have been anointed with one of the coveted tickets to the NSW Drug Summit. It will be my 14th enquiry on drugs. It is hard to see what the Lismore forum will actually achieve given that the premier has ruled so much out, and this ground has been covered so well by other enquiries, and postponing it so long as they have means that the electoral cycle conspires against change.

I fear it is just another talkfest in a long line of bullshit tick-a-box window-dressing talkfests.

It is difficult to imagine that little old me speaking out about old growth forests for the 300th time is going to improve things, given that the Koala National Park is likely to have the guts logged out of it before it is proclaimed.

The ALP seems captivated by the F in the CFMEU, and people I trusted who have looked me in the eye and sworn to protect habitat have betrayed the furry, feathered, winged, legged, leaved and barked.

And all of us. I mean what can I say – 'FFS stop it'?

And for the lecture in Sydney, probably the biggest deal talk of my career, I waxed lyrical about over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison, victims' rights in a post-Lehrmann world, mushroom law reform and (yes, you guessed it) drug driving.

With a dash of Palestinian rights too. The nodding and clapping was pleasant, I guess. I'm pretty certain that in ten years' time, no matter what I do or say, First Nations people will still be the most imprisoned race in the world, reporting sexual assault will decrease in the face of the erosion of victims' rights nursed by Murdoch-style blind justice and medicinal cannabis drivers will still be persecuted. I see



'What is a travel bucket list but a set of dollar bucks flash spending external stimulatory experiences based around selfishness and carbon-hungry flights?'

David Heilpern

no bright lights in the Palestinian journey either. Does anyone?

So why do it? Why do any of us do it? What's the point? I ask this in the face of a friend's recent diagnosis of advanced cancer, and her rapid propulsion toward death.

Her imminent and eminent passing reinforces viscerally the fantasy of immortality, the transient nature of life itself and the echo chamber of ego and outspokenness.

Why not just retire to silence and tick a few things off the bucket list, I ask myself as I hug a loved one, gasp at sculptures by the sea and gawk at a whale.

For me, and I judge not others, that alternative just won't wash.

What is a travel bucket list but a set of dollar bucks flash spending external stimulatory experiences based around selfishness and carbon-hungry flights?

Death voids lists anyway, mate.

What is retiring into silence, but a forlorn hope that the woes of the world can be blanked out by curtains, spy novels, anaesthetic drug use and the off button on the iPad? And then you die. What is hopelessness but an acceptance of bland? Gratefulness does not excuse inaction.

Hal Wootten address

I wrote in the Hal Wootten address that the inability to rest easy in the face of inequity is a blessing and a curse.

And that it hurts, physically and mentally. Sometimes I look on at those who detach themselves from the cares of others with envy and wonder. How do they do it? Can I drink from that tap?

Previous deliverers of the Hal

Wootten lecture have included my heroes Albie Sachs and Jennifer Robinson. Cushioned between the old warrior, and the young blood, I know that continue I must.

I was asked at a leadership forum if there was something I wish I had known earlier in my career.

Vulnerably pessimistic

I said that there was – that exposing vulnerability was a sign of strength, not weakness, and that it brought out the best in others.

Well, I'm feeling vulnerably pessimistic about just about everything from climate change to the Middle East. And please don't say the word Trump.

But, nevertheless, I will keep on keeping on, frantically hoping that my efforts will result in something other than just salving my melancholic searing burn. It is exhausting and a rollercoaster but there are lots of laughs on the way, and I share the stage with awesome conspirators and receive more fan mail than hate mail. Actually, that is probably untrue.

So, metaphorically I hold the hand of my dying friend, herself a battler, spiritual warrior and healer. I imagine her shooing me out the door: 'Go forth and spew truth as best you can. For on your death bed at least you can say to yourself and your god that you tried, in your own way, to be free.'

■ *David's Hal Wootten Lecture 2024 is available at www.unsw.edu.au/law-justice/news-events/events/annual-hal-wootten-lecture.

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Some local comment on the US election. Photo Stephen Van Der Kleij

Koalas

On Sunday night I was travelling from Byron Bay to Lennox Head on The Coast Road, which has signage everywhere cautioning motorists to look out for koalas.

Twice recently a koala has walked out in front of my car on The Coast Road, each time stopping in the middle of the road before slowly heading to the other side. I am therefore now very wary and was doing 60 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. The driver of the vehicle behind me was very aggressive, tailgating my car and flashing his lights onto high beam. Eventually he overtook me and sped off.

Out of nowhere a police car appeared behind me, siren on and lights flashing, indicating I should I pull over. The policeman politely told me that while I was not breaking any law by doing 60 km/h in an 80 km/h area, he had noticed the other driver's agitation and he suggested in future I should

pull over and let others pass. He had obviously noted the other driver's intimidating behaviour but it was me he chose to lecture.

So, it appears the take-home message is, don't worry about the koalas, aggressive drivers should be accommodated, and on a winding road at night feel perfectly free to blunder off the road into the bushes. But surely the simplest solution would be to adjust the speed limit down, making the road safer for both koalas and drivers?

Louise Andrews
Lennox Head

Masters of spin

For those still impressed by the so-called mature, responsible Labor government's climate policy, Pacific island nations have a different view.

While Pacific leaders have requested no more coal and gas exports (by companies which are permitted to port Australian taxpayers - paying

little to no tax) Labor's unbelievable response is that 'we are not responsible for what other nations do with our coal and gas exports', and so we continue to open up more coal and gas.

Further spin and denial from the masters relates to Labor's two-way arms trade with Elbits ('Israel's arms manufacturer given billions by Australian taxpayers': *Crikey*, October 23, 2024).

While Labor continues to bemoan the loss of lives in the Middle East they fail to mention the constant supply of weapons to Israel from the US, to continue what I would call the genocide.

And is anyone interested in the fact that US bombers took off from Tindal airbase to bomb Yemen? A fact we heard about only days later. This diminishes Australian sovereignty while we blindly follow the US war machine making Australian soil unsafe.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

Care in Nimbin

Carelessly, recently I broke an arm and a leg and have been interned in Nimbin Multi Purpose Centre for the last few weeks with more weeks to come.

The care has been tremendous and we are fortunate to have such a facility in Nimbin.

An observation: if you visit our emergency department and are sitting and waiting for some attention, consider how lucky you are to be triaged at 3.

If you want immediate attention get triaged at 1 or 2. This entails coming in a different door, the ambulance door, on a stretcher with probably some body bits on the stretcher next to you.

So aren't you fortunate being triaged at 3? Just sayin'.

Doug Pinch
Nimbin

Pansies take crack

A few weeks ago I noticed a small flower growing from a crack in the concrete outside Mitre10 in Mullumbimby. I took a photo and sent it to the editor of *The Echo* thinking it could be used on the back page. A resilient little flower overcoming the odds in troubled times.

Well the image was indeed used on the back page along with (to my surprise) a caption which read 'Pansies take crack'. Whilst I appreciate the photo being published, I just want to make it very clear that I did not write the caption.

Enough said.
Brendan Kelly
Wilson's Creek

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Why building more big dams is a costly gamble for our future water security and the environment

The Conversation

Climate change and biodiversity loss are mounting threats to Australia's water security. So we often hear calls for more dams. But is that the answer?

Our recent research reveals large dam projects are costly gambles with public money. They often fail to deliver promised economic benefits. They also have major environmental, financial and social impacts.

In New South Wales, some members of the Lower Lachlan River community were concerned about plans to expand Wyangala Dam. They first asked us in 2020 to investigate its full costs and benefits, with findings presented at a local workshop in 2022.

The first WaterNSW estimate of capital and operating costs was A\$620 million in 2018. Within a few years, it had soared to as much as \$2.1 billion. In 2023, the project was scrapped because it wasn't economically viable.

Similar concerns surround other projects overseas and in Australia, including Hells Gate Dam in Queensland, and Dungowan Dam and Snowy Hydro 2.0 in NSW.

To avoid repeating costly mistakes and mismanaging taxpayers' money, we need a smarter approach to major water projects. This includes independent assessments and greater transparency, with business cases made public and decision-making open to scrutiny. And planning for climate change must become a priority.



Lessons from past mistakes

Inadequate economic assessments of big dam projects are a global problem. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and India's Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project promised big, but had rising price tags and devastating impacts on ecosystems.

In Australia and worldwide, big dam cost overruns can be up to 825 per cent. The average overrun is 120 per cent. This casts serious doubt on such projects' financial and social viability. Public costs for private gains are a major concern.

Our study reviewed the original business case for the Wyangala Dam expansion. The original study had concluded there would be net social benefits and gave the project the green light.

Our review found the business case was seriously flawed. It overestimated benefits and grossly underestimated physical capital and environmental costs.

Estimated building costs blew out by 239 per cent. If the project had gone ahead, the costs would undoubtedly have increased.

On top of this, assessments of impacts on rivers and wetlands were poor and superficial. They greatly undervalued the environmental effects of expanding the dam, particularly on downstream wetlands.

On the other side of the equation, its benefits were overblown, particularly for water security and agriculture.

Local voices believed many of their concerns had been ignored. There were deep concerns that flood-dependent farmers downstream might lose some of their livelihoods. Indigenous communities were worried about their cultural sites being destroyed.

Our analysis provided a more rigorous assessment of benefits and costs of the Wyangala Dam expansion.

We found total project costs were underestimated by at least 116 per cent.

The benefits were inflated by 56 per cent. This meant the true impacts on the environment, agriculture and local communities were misrepresented.

Rethinking Australia's water future

Our analysis provides a salutary lesson on why we need to rethink water security. Instead of sinking billions into dams, we should find smart and sustainable ways to manage our water.

The fixation on building and expanding dams means innovative alternatives are often ignored. These other options include recycling water, managing demand, and carefully recharging aquifers (using aquifers as underground dams).

The National Water Grid Fund exemplifies the misguided 'build more dams' mindset. Its portfolio of 61 large water projects has a total capital cost estimate of up to \$10 billion.



Left: Locally there is a push to build the Dunoon Dam, lower down on the Rocky Creek as pictured. However, this has been objected to on multiple grounds including the impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage and the environmental impacts. Photo David Lowe. Top: the existing Rocky Creek Dam. Photo supplied

Despite this massive investment, only 23 of these projects have publicly available business cases. It leaves more than \$1.7 billion in committed funding shrouded in secrecy.

This lack of transparency is alarming, given the history of cost overruns and inadequate assessment of environmental damage. It points to the urgent need to reassess our approach to water security. The public has a right to know that their governments are spending wisely.

To avoid repeating costly mistakes and mismanaging taxpayers' money, we need a smarter approach. Independent business cases should be mandated for all major water projects.

We also need a strong public sector capable of transparent evaluation. Promised new National Environmental Standards as part of reforms to environmental protection laws are likely to require rigorous scrutiny too. We must embrace transparency

by opening decision-making to public scrutiny and diverse perspectives, including local voices and Indigenous stakeholders, from the start. Finally, infrastructure planning must account for long-term climate impacts on water availability. Planning for climate change is vital.

As projects such as the proposed Wyangala Dam expansion demonstrate, Australia can no longer afford to gamble its water future on outdated, costly and environmentally destructive solutions. It's time to end the wasteful spending.

Instead, we need to channel our efforts into truly effective, sustainable and transparent water management. Strategies must give priority to community needs, First Nations' water rights, environmental protection and long-term climate resilience.

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Lismore CBD

I understand Lismore Council has had a hard time since the 2022 flood, and I also understand businesses in the CBD, especially those reliant on customer numbers, are having a really hard time.

From my observation and experience, few of those with shopfronts in the CBD are there after 3pm. I know Council is organising and publicising events to draw people to the CBD. However, Ballina LGA's population now exceeds Lismore's, and businesses are relocating there.

Ballina Council wants to become a 'regional city', and its arguments for many years have been for Lismore to abandon its passenger flights (now achieved) and for the rescue helicopter to be relocated there. It worked hard to get Rous Council to relocate there.

From my perspective Lismore Council needs to do more to make our beautiful city attractive to those who don't live here. As one small example, it is sad to see the state of the median strips and road verges along both highways. They look as if no-one cares about the main roads into our CBD and are not at all welcoming.

On the other hand, when driving into Ballina, excluding the vegetation that has escaped from the MI (which I think is the state government's responsibility), it's a very different story. I know Ballina itself didn't receive the same damage that Lismore and Ballina's villages received, but in my opinion Lismore Council can no longer cry poor, particularly given Council's frequent references to its improved financial position. The section of Council with responsibility for medians and road verges simply does not receive sufficient funds to carry out what is their prime responsibility. To me, it reflects Council's priorities and does nothing to make our city attractive to tourists. You never get a second chance to make a first impression!

Roslyn Irwin
Caniaba

Forward planning

Recently, when the MP for Broken Hill said '... we've failed... in planning and resilience for power in the far west,' he made an understatement, given that 12,000 properties were without power for - at last check - a week.

The promises by the NSW Energy Minister Penny Sharpe to 'bring everything on to get [the residents] up as soon as we can', turned out to be one poorly-maintained generator that failed and several diesel generators trucked in from Sydney. Is this a masterclass in reducing emissions and ignoring extreme weather? Does the sun shine in Broken Hill? Would a large battery energy storage system from soaked-up sun be a future solution?

But future planning is not what humans do. We compensate for busted things. So, account holders in Broken Hill who lost power will be paid \$200, and small businesses \$400. Another masterclass in costly failed forward thinking.

Then we have IPART investigating whether Transgrid breached its reliability standards. Past tense. What help is a tribunal to residents when they have no power or are waiting for transmission lines to be restored?

And in the future? Let's not compensate or investigate. Let's initiate. Future tense. A community battery is a 'power-full' backup - security for businesses and residents.

Dr Anne Stuart
Mullumbimby

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To Rous County Councillors

Dear Councillors,
We were heartened to read an article in the *Tweed Coast Times*, 'Leading the way for a sustainable future water supply' (October 6).
In the article Sharon Cadwallader, newly reelected as a councillor to Rous County Council (RCC) and Ballina Mayor, said working to minimise water demand from big water users is an important part of water sustainability. Eight Reflections holiday parks between Evans Head and Brunswick Heads were supported by RCC's Sustainable Water Partner program to save 8.9 million litres of water annually. Water-efficient showers and smart water meters were installed to continuously monitor and quickly detect water leaks. Rous said that last financial year participating businesses received planning support and rebates totalling \$30,000, with annual cost savings of \$10,000 achieved through optimising their water use.
Mayor Cadwallader, RCC and participating businesses should be applauded for their efforts to reduce water wastage in our region.

Imagine if this could be done on a larger scale?
Sydney Water took on the challenge of implementing large-scale water efficiency measures, with outstanding results. From the 2006 Metropolitan Water Plan: 'Although there are now 950,000 extra people living in Sydney, we are using around the same amount of water as we were 25 years ago.'
Professor Stuart White (Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology, Sydney) worked on Sydney Water's efficiency programs. He has also worked on water efficiency proposals for our area. In 2020 he presented 'The Rous Sustainable Water Program: Towards a secure, reliable and affordable water future'. This explains in detail how we could implement large-scale water efficiency in our region (and deliver cost savings to businesses and taxpayers) without the need to build more dams.
Congratulations on your election to RCC, and here's to water efficiency for our region.
(Quotes from documents available on the Water Northern Rivers website: waternorthernrivers.org).
J Lowe
Water Northern Rivers

What if...

Surprise, surprise, more vitriolic statements hurtled at Mr Trump.
Well, Richard Jones, I hope he wins. You cite he 'can barely string two words together coherently'. You obviously did not watch him deliver a flawless speech to a record number crowd at Madison Square Gardens, in New York, recently. No teleprompter. Nor, most likely, have you listened to his recent three-hour conversation with popular influencer Joe Rogan (yeah, best look him up). Perhaps you are mixing up Mr Trump with Ms Harris. Kamala has been given the epithet, 'word salad', by the media which may indicate she is not an erudite nor eloquent public speaker.
Perhaps ask why Tulsi Gabbard – Samoan American and former 2020 presidential candidate (Independent) – and Robert Kennedy Junior (hailing from a long line of Democrats) now endorse the Republican Party. Better yet, listen to what they say at Trump's rallies in terms of democratic governance. Listen to the millions of Black Americans who support Trump. Why is this so? Racist? Nope.

Why are the crowds so huge and Mr Trump so popular? Well, he is bringing solutions to a broken and divided country. It is popular to bash Trump in Australia and not hold the Democratic Party accountable for, well, anything. I am not here to educate you, Mr Jones, just seeking some responsible and ethical journalism.
Sarah Seaward
Suffolk Park

Green loss

It should come as no surprise to see the Greens political party lose support in the recent ACT and Qld elections despite their expectations.
Over the years, I've noticed a distinct pattern emerging with the behaviour of the Greens. When Australians vote in a progressive Labor government, the Greens suffer relevance deprivation, so to gain some relevance they push the envelope to the point of the ridiculous. The Greens have a history of sabotaging and sacrificing good Labor policy for the unattainable perfect. This inhibits efforts to make progress on changes that are vital but hard to achieve because unfortunately, the game of politics takes precedence.

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▶ Another example is the irrational decision by Max Chandler-Mather to address a recent rally in support of allegedly corrupt [CFMEU] union officials. This raises questions about his credibility as a MP where his behaviour closely resembled Tony Abbott's ugly behaviour when he bellowed from the stage condemning Julia Gillard, Australia's first female PM. Calls from within the Greens political party to review the party's in-your-face rhetoric and obstructionist behaviour in the Senate are timely.

The Greens should stop their opportunistic attacks on the Labor government and focus on the real enemy of progressive policy, namely Peter Dutton. I say to the Greens: get behind the Labor government's attempts to deliver on their mandate to address the housing crisis or are you more interested in helping elect Peter Dutton to make yourselves more relevant?

Helen Cust
Ballina

Qld elections

The LNP's 'earth shattering' win over Labor in Saturday's Queensland state election and the Greens' loss of one of their two iconic Brisbane

seats sets the stage for the looming federal election.

The Greens' aim was to double its number of Brisbane seats via a wave of support from renters and younger voters suffering from staggering housing costs and 'sky rocketing' costs of living.

In the federal election contest in the key seat of Richmond the Greens' high-profile candidate Mandy Nolan is running the same Green campaign and Labor's Justine Elliot needs to hold the seat 'at all costs' for the eighth consecutive time for any chance of a miracle return of Labor's Albo government!

First-preference results in the 2022 Richmond election were: ALP 28.8%, Greens 25.3%, Nationals 23.3%, minor parties 17%, independents 5.6%.

The above results mean that around one out of five of voters did not wish to vote for any of the major parties, but were forced to, by the compulsory voting system where sufficient boxes have to be numbered for a valid vote to be registered.

In the coming 2025 federal election for the seat of Richmond the 23% of 2022 Richmond swing voters will grow by at least another 3%

to 6%, a matter every major party campaign manager should be focused upon.

Terry Sharples
Tweed Heads

Mercenary politics

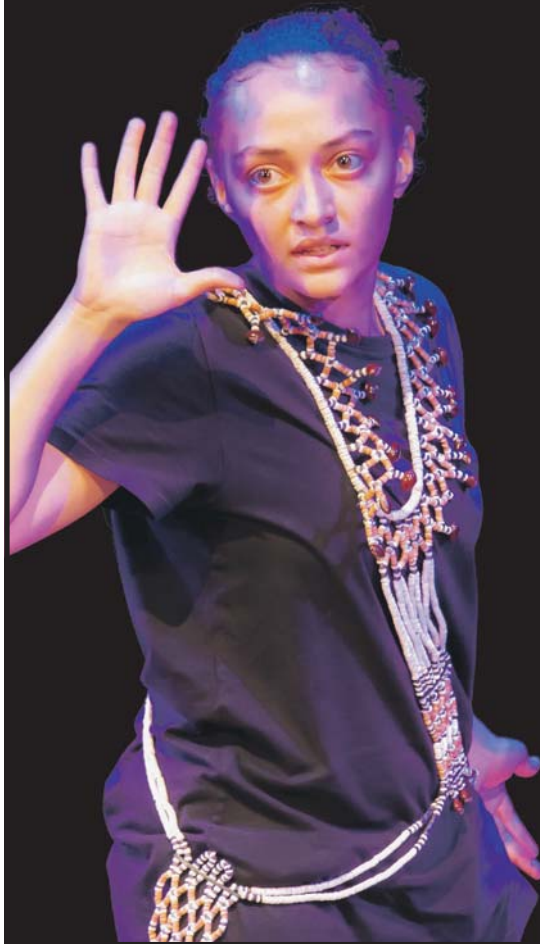
The ABC Radio RN has headlined that planet Earth is recording the highest contemporary carbon emissions ever in the atmosphere. The *Saturday Paper* has written a highly distressing article on Santos and their gorilla US lawyers Quinn Emanuel, (a firm which openly boasts about its status as 'the most feared law firm in the world') viciously and aggressively entering the bloodstream of Australian environmental law organisations and activist organisations and employing 'scorched Earth' tactics.

These legal proceedings could silence future opposition to the fossil fuel industry's expansion plans in Australia. The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) is targeted and threatened. Santos is engaged in a form of 'lawfare' against any challenges to its future oil and gas plans.

Can we think globally and act locally and voice our remedies and sentient rights for peace?

Jo Faith
Newtown

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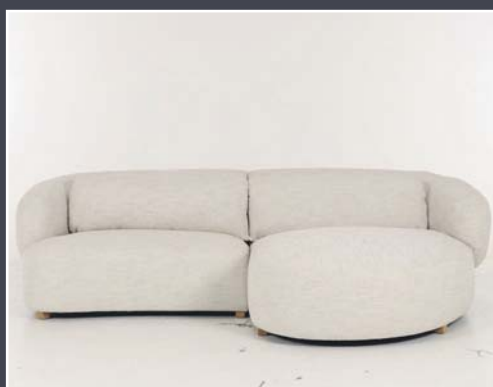
From a cohort of 28 students who completed their HSC we had an extraordinary 11 nominations for exemplary works from the NSW Education Standards Authority so far – art has not been finalised.

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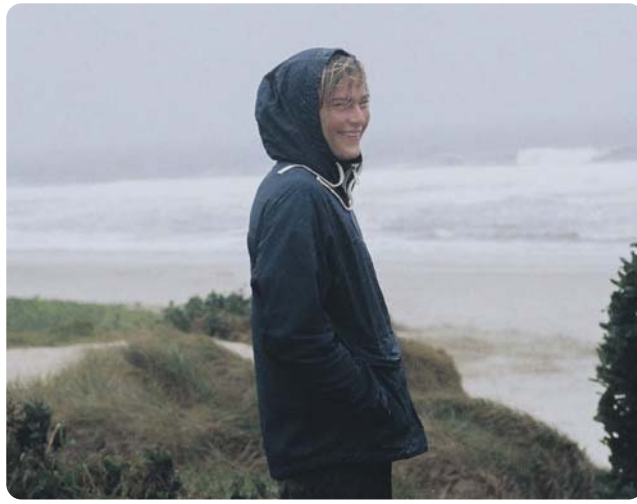


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Challenges ahead for LJ Hooker cricket teams



The Tweed Banora Colts model their new kit for the 2024/25 LJ Hooker League. They are currently undefeated and will be a challenge for local teams. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

Local teams have a big few weekends of LJ Hooker League cricket coming up, as they look to consolidate mixed starts to the 2024/25 series.

This season's top local league involves both one and two-day games, and sees Tintenbar East Ballina (TEB) sitting in fourth place after three rounds after recording two wins and a loss.

Last weekend they won a low-scoring, two-day game when they played away against Alstonville.

Alstonville won the toss and, after deciding to bat, found themselves at 9/104 after 54 overs at the crease. TEB bowler Steve Leahy picked up the first and second drops both for ducks.

But in reply, TEB made the

total look good when they limped to 10/66, including six ducks. Just one batter, Lennox Broadly, reached double figures with a defiant 33 runs from 124 deliveries.

Alstonville's opening bowlers, including Terry Murphy (3/25), and Lachlan Barnes (4/5), combined to deliver 7/30 off 27 overs including 16 maidens.

All out for 40

But Alstonville couldn't capitalise on the first innings lead, as they slumped to all out for 40 runs after another bowling barrage. Only number 11 reached double figures. Steven Leahy took 5/18 off 14 overs giving him nine wickets for the game.

But in the 78-run chase TEB batters also faltered again and the side managed

to get home with just one wicket to spare. William Elphick (2no) and Riley Green (3no) did enough with the bat to save the day.

Alstonville's Terry Murphy almost got his side home, bowling 5/24.

TEB will again be tested this weekend, when they travel away to Reg Dalton Oval to take on the season's top team, the Cudgen Hornets, who along with Marist Brothers are undefeated so far this season.

The Lennox Head Pirates are also competing in the LJ Hooker League this season, and so far have just one win from their three outings.

Their win came in round two, a one-day game, played at home against Pottsville, who are yet to win a game this season.

This weekend Lennox Head are at home again on Megan Crescent Oval playing Murwillumbah Panthers, who are also without a win so far this season.

Ladies celebrate 90 years of golfing in Mullum

It was a day of celebrations and memories when Mullumbimby Lady Golfers recently celebrated their 90th birthday.

Present and past members, life members, sponsors, and Club President, Alex Briggs, were treated to a delicious light lunch provided by the Bitz and Pizzas restaurant at the Mullum Golf Club.

Ladies President, Michelle Stenner, gave an entertaining account of the ladies' golfing history. They originally played on Walkers Farm, now the site of Coolamon Villa, and if their ball landed in wet manure, it could 'be moved without penalty.'

The golf course moved to



Ladies President, Michelle Stenner, with Edna Leclere who, at 92, is the ladies oldest member who still has a hit now and then. Photo supplied

its present location in 1947.

One thing that has been consistent throughout the years though has been the

prevalence of wet weather!

The ladies look forward to celebrating their centenary in 2034.

Local Karatekas off to Victoria

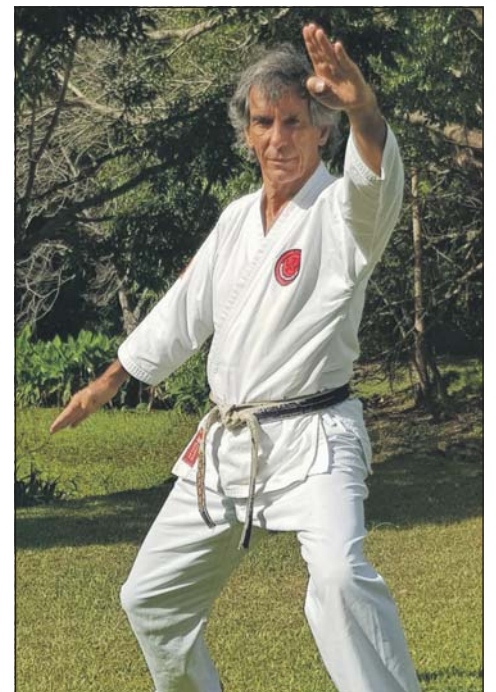
Byron Shire Shotokan Karate Do and Self Defence is sending a strong team of six local Karatekas to the 2024 Kase-Ha Shotokan Karate National Seminar (Gasshuku), to be held in Sale, 200kms north of Melbourne, from November 22 to 24.

One of the 1st dan black belts, Damien O'Meara, will present his self defence black belt, while Chief Instructor, Jean Boussard, will go for his 5th dan.

Sensei Jean says, 'It is a unique opportunity for our dedicated Karatekas to benefit from the teaching of a master in this remarkable workshop in practical self-defence, The Kase Way.'

He says the event is realistic traditional Shotokan Karate, and is not competition-oriented, but genuine martial arts.

'There will be very challenging sessions during these three days, physically, emotionally and mentally, but the team is passionate and ready,' Jean adds. Karate training is held throughout the week at the Bangalow Showgrounds, and new members are welcome. For more info call Jean on 0458 245 123; or visit www.byronshireshotokan.com.



Jean Boussard will go for his 5th dan in Sale, Victoria in late November. Photo supplied

Dad's Army victorious against interlopers



A bunch of local dads, from Byron Bay Football Club and Byron Bay Tennis Club, celebrated a win over an interstate opponent in the Over-45s (well-) seasoned division at this year's AFL 9s tournament weekend, held at the Cavanbah Centre. Photo supplied

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Jazz Dinners and Lawn Bar soirees: music is also on the menu at Tweed River House

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The Tweed River House is well known for supporting talented local artists and offers the following monthly music events.

Their signature Jazz Dinners, where the soulful Caroline Agostini fills the night with timeless jazz classics from icons like Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Gershwin, and Nat King Cole, along with some modern favourites. Caroline performs three captivating sets on select Saturday nights, perfectly paired with either the à la carte or set dinner menus, which you can choose on the night. The next performance is on November 16, in addition to a special Christmas Eve Jazz Carols Dinner to celebrate the festive season in style.

On select Sundays this spring and summer, you can enjoy local musician Luke Pauley, performing his own hits as well as famous covers at the riverside Lawn Bar. The perfect place to enjoy your favourite drink as you watch the river flow by.

Dining here offers several areas, you can enjoy sweeping river views from the

verandah, experience the main dining room's vintage pressed-tin ceilings and palm fans, or celebrate in the Chandelier Private Dining Room. For a more casual setting, the riverside Lawn Bar serves a tapas-style menu, while the chic Palm Lounge, indoors, offers comfortable Bahamas lounge chairs, perfect for pairing drinks with hors d'oeuvres or afternoon tea.

The menu celebrates the finest ingredients from Northern Rivers' farms, rivers, and oceans. Guests can select from two- and three-course à la carte options or savour the five-course tasting menu, featuring crab, Ballina prawns, duck, and beef, among other delights. For those seeking a leisurely meal, the seven-course degustation is ideal. Dietary options, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and kid-friendly choices, ensure all guests are catered to.

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The tomatoes that everyone loves

Victoria Cosford



The day I visit my friend Lynett, she's preparing a second round of snacks for her boys, not long returned from the farmers' market where she'd picked up bread and tomatoes. On top of hunks of Crabbes Creek Khorazan she is laying thin slices of tomatoes, firm-fleshed and seedless, meaty and

vibrantly red. 'My kids don't like tomatoes and won't eat them usually,' she tells me, 'but they'll eat these ones!'

These ones are, of course, the famous Coopers Shoot tomatoes – specifically red beefsteaks – back for some weeks now at the markets to an almost audible blast of trumpets. Everyone loves Coopers Shoot tomatoes, and those months they are absent are keenly felt.

There's Heather up front, apron on, weighing out the fruit, patiently moving from one customer to another in a line which never seems to diminish. Before her, baskets and trays of tomatoes, fiercely red, pale pink, pleated, and ridged and smooth, and glossy, big and bulbous, small and perfectly formed. If we can't get to Italy to experience the flavour of a real tomato, not some watery, insipid, storage-cold pretender, then at least we have these.

For dinner I thinly slice a ridged, pink beauty, a Bulgarian beefsteak, slicing myself in the process with my small serrated Victorinox, a brisk band-aid later I am dressing the tomato slices with my best extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic, seasoning them and serving them alongside some lovely local lamb sausages, the tomatoes a triumph, the only sauce I need. And with the cherry tomatoes I plan to make Peter Gordon's gorgeous pasta sauce.

Cherry tomato, feta and basil sauce

In a saucepan heat 200ml extra virgin olive oil and 15 cloves of garlic, peeled and halved. Fry for about 6 mins or until the garlic is golden and soft, then tumble in 500g cherry tomatoes and 1 cup of loosely packed basil leaves. Stir well, keep cooking till the tomatoes start to split then gently fold through 250g of crumbled feta before spooning over cooked pasta.

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Vestiges is the first solo exhibition by emerging Northern Rivers artist Emily-Sarah Boldeman. Her practice comprises films, automatic drawings and objects - each a remnant of unpredictable processes and performances.

Through spontaneous, often repetitive, marks and erasures, she creates a dialogue between emergence

and disappearance. Some pieces evoke alchemical transformations, suggesting the cindery process of change. Ballet, saturated with femininity, beauty and pain is a recurrent motif. Boldeman's work explores the disorganised female body, control, chaos and transformation.

On display 22 November 2024 to 9 February 2025

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Remnant 2023
Emily-Sarah Boldeman
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22 November 2024 – 9 February 2025

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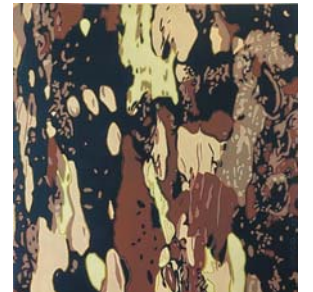
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Art in the heart of Mullumbimby

Art lovers need look no further than the Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre, home to the H'Art Gallery. Featuring more than 30 artworks by 10 local artists, the gallery is an absolute must-see.



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

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

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

Enquire at info@solveig.com.au

Lismore Regional Gallery

Since reopening the newly restored building, Lismore Regional Gallery has attracted over 6,500 visitors.

The current exhibitions - Hannah Halle, Buruugaa Garaa Buruu Garaa Budgeramgali (Saltwater People Freshwater People Stories), Blue Island and Sprung News - will be on display until 17 November. The gallery will then open the Koori Mail Indigenous Art Award on 30 November, followed by William Kentridge's, 'I am not me, the horse is not mine' on 6 December.

The gallery offers a diverse, engaging, and inspiring program for visitors of all ages and interests, including the dedicated First Nations Gathering Space, After-School Art Classes for Teens and Tweens, an Art and Ageing Enrichment Program, Culture Dose for Kids with Mild Anxiety, Collage Club, and Deaf-led Auslan exhibition tours. Responsive programs such as talks, tours and immersive experiences are designed to expand the understanding and enjoyment of art for everyone.

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Ballina Art Society 2024 Exhibition

Each year since 1972, the members of Ballina Art Society have showcased their latest artworks for the public.

This year's exhibition will again be held at the historic Tintenbar Hall where you can meet the local artists and enjoy refreshments and homemade treats.

Friday, 15 November 1–5pm
with the exhibition opening and awards at 6–8 pm.

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Come to see over 160 artworks across a range of styles and mediums, created by both well known, and emerging local artists. All artworks are for sale.

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Into the Giants by June Hoffman

Christmas Ceramic Market – Clay Northern Rivers

Join Clay Northern Rivers at the Bangalow Moller Pavilion on 30 November and 1 December for a Christmas market, featuring the work of over 40 talented ceramic artists.

Discover unique handmade pottery pieces, from tableware to sculptural artworks, jewellery, and planters. Find one-of-a-kind treasures and support local artists. Enjoy local coffee, food, and meet the makers.

Moller Pavilion, Bangalow @Clay Northern Rivers



Muckware by Grace Chaplin

Study Visual Arts in 2025

Applications are now open for 2025 year-long courses at Byron School of Art (BSA). These courses incorporate studio programs designed to help students acquire the knowledge, skills and experience needed to form an integrated understanding of contemporary ideas and practices.



The BSA Open Day is on Thursday, 14 November, where you can visit with the Second and Third Year students working in their studios. BSA Director, Michael Cusack, will open his studio and be available to answer any questions. There will be two sessions, at 11.30am and 2pm. Contact BSA for more information.

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Byron Writers Festival

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To stay in the know for ticket releases and program updates, sign up to their e-newsletter, follow socials @byronwritersfestival and keep an eye on the website byronwritersfestival.com



Trent Dalton and Julia Baird



Clay Northern Rivers Ceramics Market

Join Clay Northern Rivers at the Bangalow Moller Pavilion on 30th November and 1st December for a Christmas market

Discover unique handmade pottery pieces.

Enjoy local coffee, food, flowers and meet the makers.

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Image: Brooke Jenkins Ceramics

Lismore Regional Gallery

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Exhibition

Ballina Art Society

15, 16 and 17 November - Free Entry



'Into the Giants' - June Hoffman

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Fri 15th 1–5pm

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Mullumbimby Show 2024



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Mullumbimby Agricultural show

Mullumbimby annual show is on this weekend. There is a great diversity of sights and sounds to be seen, heard and experienced by all, from within our community and surrounds. This year we have again created an action-packed three days of events, displays and entertainment. The Main Pavilion theme this year is "Gone Fishing". This coincides with the Brunswick Valley Historical Society's display in the Main Pavilion featuring the history of the Brunswick Heads Fishing Trawler Fleet and Co-op. Briefly, the Brunswick Heads Fleet was established in 1954 when it was moved from Byron Bay Jetty. At that time there was a severe cyclone that destroyed the Byron Bay Jetty with 200 metres smashed and washed away, taking with it 23 fishing trawlers. The Trawler Fleet prospered in their new home within the Brunswick River and the Co-op was formed. From 1965 an annual festival took place called the "Blessing of the Fleet". The fleet and co-op operated for 63 years till closure in 2017. Now the fishing area makes up Cape Byron Marine Park extending 37 kilometres (23 miles) from the Brunswick River to Lennox Head. From Saturday, visit the

Pavilion to check this display plus view all the other items. Well worth some time to wander around and also view local crafts, baking, etc, etc. This year's show continues our community engagement through exhibition, involvement, competition and entertainment. The three-day show kicks off on Friday, a FREE entry day. First up is the stock horse judging from 9am in the Main Ring following from 3pm to 7pm with trotting demonstrations. Side Show Alley cranks up from lunchtime as does the BBQ and bar. Saturday really fires up with Main Gate (pedestrians only) opening from 8am. Chinbible Gate for car parking within the showgrounds opening 6.30am. Everything is then full swing with horse judging, show jumping, beef cattle judging, poultry judging and trotting demonstrations. Pavilion judging, side show alley, trade stalls, food vans, displays with petting zoo, reptile show, truck show, antique machinery, camp oven demonstrations, mowers races – hot laps, plus entertainment up on the

Main Stage all day from 10.30am. The night concludes with fireworks incorporating laser lights at 8pm and Billy Gudgeon Band on Main Stage till 9pm. BBQ & bar open all day. Sunday is the FUN day, again main gate (pedestrians only) opening at 8am. Show jumping, Main Pavilion, side show alley, trade stalls, food vans, motor bike barrell racing, show n shine cars & bikes, antique machinery, tug o war, petting zoo, Main Stage entertainment from 1am with Schools Rock, pet show, trick riding show, mower races, trotting demonstrations, working dog demonstration, Airtime FMX freestyle motorcross show, trotting final, mower racing final and demolition derby. Finishing up with One 2 Many on Main Stage till 5pm. BBQ & bar open all day. Bring the family along and join us again at Mullumbimby show for a great weekend of entertainment, renewing friendly acquaintances from last year and meeting new ones, not mention catching up with friends and family members.

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- 9am** Stock horse events and judging
- 9am-3pm** Membership available at Secretary, Office Showgrounds
- 3pm-7pm** Trotting demonstration
Side show alley

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY

- Trotting display
- Reptile shows
- Display all day
- Camp oven demonstrations

MORNING

- 6.30am** Gates open horse entries open
- 8am** Horse, show jumping and poultry Competitions start
Side show alley open
Beef cattle judging starts
Main Pavilion open
- 10am** Welcome & sponsors thank you
Ring announcer John Norris
On stage Ray Essery
BBQ - Bar open
- 11am** Petting zoo open
Spaghetti Circus performance - \$5 entry
- 11.30am** Trucks enter showgrounds
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AFTERNOON

- 12.30pm** Official opening
Spaghetti Circus performance - \$5 entry
Cattle sashing supreme champion
- 1pm** On stage - Clelia Adams and band
Truck show presentation
Supreme horse sashing
- 3pm** On stage One 2 Many Band
Mower racing hot laps
- 6pm** On Stage Billy Gudgeon Band
- 8pm** Fireworks and Laser show

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY

- Trotting display
- Reptile shows
- Display all day
- Antique machinery and tractors on display all day

MORNING

- 8am** Show jumping competitions start
Main Pavilion open
Side show alley open
BBQ & Bar open
Show n shine cars & bikes display
HLS trick riding show
Tug of war
Mower races
Working dog demonstrations
- 10am** On stage - Schools Rock
- 10.30am** Pet show
Show n shine lap - cars & bikes
Motor bike barrel racing
Petting zoo

AFTERNOON

- 1pm** On stage - Yazmindi
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Trotting final
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This weekend, the Mullumbimby Show will bring a range of music for your listening pleasure. Ranging from classic country to classic rock, with some talented youngsters and local entertainers.

On Saturday the main stage will start with some bush poetry from the legendary Ray Essery. His audiences can be left in stitches with hilarious tales that reflect his years as a dairy farmer, Navy man and Sydney pub manager.

Following Ray, the internationally-acclaimed, and multi-award-winning singer/songwriter Clelia Adams joins with the UKE MULLUM Team of Stu Eadie (Stukelele), Miss Amber Weedon and bass player Rod Coe in a performance at 1pm. Extra band member from the River Valley Express, Jason Caspen on drums and Steve McLeod on guitar will bring a set of favourite tunes spanning the decades. Put on your happy shoes and glad rags and join in the fun for young and old.

In the afternoon local band, One 2 Many will entertain you with classic pub rock spanning from the '60s to now. All band members live and work in the Mullumbimby/Byron area and have been playing in bands in and around the area for over 20 years. They have been regular performers at the show for the last two years. Come along and have a dance and sing a long with them from 3pm Saturday & Sunday.

Saturday night will see the return of the Billy Gudgeon Band. Billy Gudgeon is an

Australian country singer whose powerful blend of raspy, emotive vocals and heartfelt melodies is captivating audiences across the nation. Drawing inspiration from childhood icons like Randy Travis, Brooks & Dunn, Bruce Springsteen, and Tom Petty, Billy's music weaves a rich mixture of classic country sounds with a modern edge.

'Ranging from classic country to classic rock, with some talented youngsters and local entertainers..'

Last year Billy and his band took us into the night, with a packed dance floor and plenty of singing along. Can't wait to be entertained again by Billy and the band from 5pm.

Sunday morning opens with a new segment called "Schools Rock". This segment will be filled with our young, local, talented musicians from surrounding schools. Mullumbimby High School students will feature, along with students from local primary schools and the special addition of a young performer who has been a regular in our Talent Quest in previous years. Can't wait for this segment, the talent we have in our local area is astounding.

Sunday 1pm, internationally-acclaimed artist, Yazmindi, will take the stage. Yazmindi, now a Byron local, brings her unforgettably fun and fabulous show to the Mullumbimby Agricultural Show. Known for her authentically mixed sound of indie alternative roots, Yamindi encapsulates audiences of all ages with her debut album, *Dream on*, connecting the emotive stories from her past to the youth of today. Yazmindi's live performance is one you don't want to miss! Playing her feel-good originals and cool covers for everyone to enjoy.

Mullumbimby Showgrounds 8, 9 & 10 November



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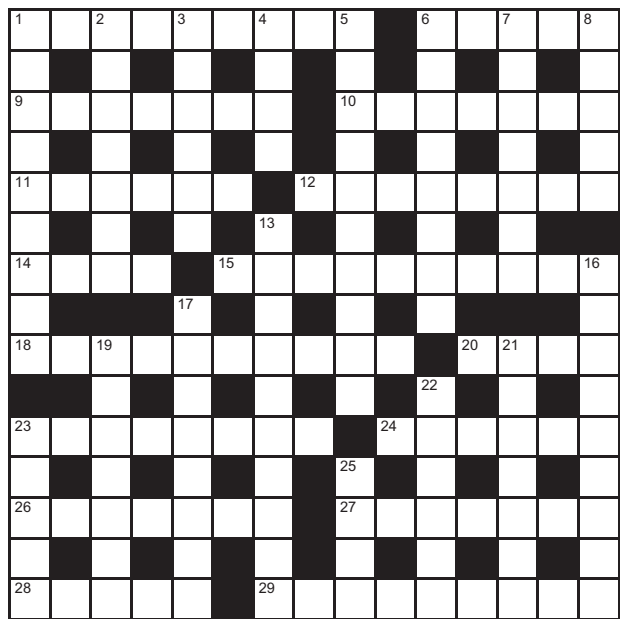
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Chablis medical officer ordered when confused (9)
6. Publicity gets Romeo very excited (5)
9. EPL heavyweights behind network switch (7)
10. Initially NATO updated Croatian jet plane for this kind of war? (7)
11. French writer in esoteric Zulu cabal (6)
12. Soldiers echo Saul's confusion about ancient king of Sparta (8)
14. Payment women rejected for a long time (4)
15. *Echo* initially dispatched complaint after foot condition caused by meat dish (6,4)
18. Sayings, not quite fake, found in old tape recorder (10)
20. French writer strips usher of uniform (4)
23. Spooner's hit - pretty good for a French writer (8)
24. French writer parking right beside ditch (6)
26. Green in panic, wavering between solar and hydro initiatives! (7)
27. Receiver takes a new revolutionary article around network (7)
28. French writer unclear as mud! (5)
29. Hurry with Spooner's sacred bread stick (4-5)

DOWN

1. Right vermin showing up on table (9)
2. Release shortened version of Abba's 'Tainted Love' (7)
3. Combative little guy Nick flipped on train, drained of energy (6)
4. Stay hidden, reportedly on pool lounge (4)
5. About to become worrisome (10)
6. Echidna trained on top of a house (8)
7. Pence to tell a story to Abbot? (7)
8. Scams by degenerates, involving royal (5)
13. Supply vessel makes dams with it (6,4)
16. Spooner's gum perhaps worn away by unrestricted transactions (4,5)
17. Masai and BNZ merge corruptly with African nationals (8)
19. Metallic element university converted to carbon, to form part of skeleton (7)
21. Returning American soldier at sauna assaulted by lizards (7)
22. Odd bits of work make an impression on poor fellow (6)
23. Leader of footballers employed by United (5)
25. Explorer runs out of money (4)

Quick Clues

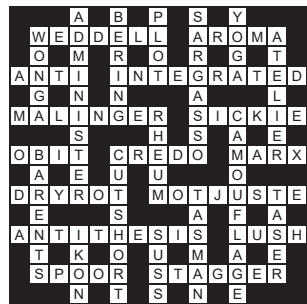
ACROSS

1. Very disorganised, chaotic (9)
6. Overactive (5)
9. Munitions store (7)
10. Relating to the massive part of an atom, containing protons and neutrons (7)
11. Author of *La Comedie Humaine* (6)
12. Husband of Helen of Troy (8)
14. Matures (4)
15. Preserved salted meat (6,4)
18. Portable speech recorder (10)
20. French man of letters, winner of the 1947 Nobel Prize in Literature (4)
23. Author of *Madame Bovary* (8)
24. Author of *A la Recherche du Temps Perdu* (6)
26. Leafy vegetable (7)
27. An insect's feeler or horn (7)
28. Author of *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* (5)
29. Immediately (4-5)

DOWN

1. The right-hand side of a ship (9)
2. Pardon (7)
3. Small breed of domestic fowl (6)
4. Inflatable pool furniture (4)
5. In the matter of (10)
6. In Spain or Spanish America, a landed estate (8)
7. A church officer of high estate (7)
8. Rackets (5)
13. Vessel providing supplies and facilities for others (6,4)
16. International commerce exempt from tariffs, duties, taxes etc (4,5)
17. Citizens of a Central African republic bordering the DRC and Tanzania (8)
19. Skull (7)
21. Large thick-tongued grey-green arboreal lizards of tropical America (7)
22. A despicable person (6)
23. Welded; run together (5)
25. Sea perch (4)

Last week's solution #27



The Wild Truth

It's dark, you're on a country road. A fragment of what was once, dense bushland. Suddenly you notice something in front of your car. It comes out of nowhere. Maybe you were going faster than you should have. Maybe you weren't. You swerve and brake. You feel the sickening thud as the edge of your wheel clips something live. You see it propelled to the side. You've hit a koala. Car strikes are one of the biggest risks to koala populations, and you've just added to the stats.



You stop the car. The lights are still on, so you can see the koala is not dead. But it's hurt. You feel sick. And panicked. What do you do? You have no reception to call a wildlife organisation. You're alone on a dark road with a koala whose life you have almost ended. You can't just leave it. This is an endangered species. You have a towel in the car and there's an empty box. You meant to take it out of the car but now you're glad you didn't. You manage to wrap the animal in the towel and place it gently in the box. All the time your heart is beating out of your chest. The koala is making a low noise, it's scared but it's in shock. Now you have an injured koala in your car. You can't go home.

You drive into reception, and you call the Byron Wildlife Hospital. They ask you to bring it in. You are greeted by a young woman - a wildlife vet. She takes the box from you, and the recovery journey for this koala begins. You drive home, very slowly this time and burst into tears.

This scene plays out every day on roads all around our region. It may not be a koala. It could be a magpie, or a possum, or a wallaby. But as habitat is destroyed by overdevelopment, as roads wind through what's left of our corridors and as short-sighted governments continue to log native forests, our wildlife pays the price.

Australia has some of the world's most diverse wildlife. Among approximately 2.16 million described animal species from a total world population of 8.7 million. We have an estimated total animal species of 570,000. We also have the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world. Last year alone, 144 animals, plants and ecological communities were added to the national list of threatened species. Five times more than the yearly average.

The black summer bushfires killed or displaced three billion native animals.

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And since 2000 we have cleared millions of hectares of critical habitat. There is a systematic failure by policy makers to stop the attrition. It's why tens of thousands of people gathered around the country yesterday as part of the Bob Brown Foundation movement to end native forest logging.

One thing we forget to consider in this, is the mental health of our vets and volunteers who do the government's work, looking after sick and injured animals. They are the people at the coalface of policy failure. They are constantly exposed to the trauma and suffering of animals and in a report tabled to NSW parliament this year it showed that the suicide rate for vets was four times the national average.

Since it opened, the Byron Wildlife Hospital has treated over 8,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals and wildlife. They do this without recurrent government funding. Until the government accepts the recommendations made by independent Senate inquiries and reviews of the *Conservation Act*, the Byron Wildlife Hospital has to ask for donations, sponsorship, sell merchandise, apply for grants, and run fundraisers like WildAid to raise all the funds it needs to operate.

It's such a vital cause, that's why I'm joining Jimeoin, Lehmo and Madeleine West to donate my time to perform at Wild Aid 2024 - Stand Up #ForTheWildlife. Hell, I'm even donating myself to have a Banya bathhouse experience with two bidders at the live auction on the night.

We shouldn't have to do this, but if the government won't do it, then the community will always come to the rescue.

Stop logging native forests. And fund the frontline workers in our biodiversity crisis!

Tickets are selling fast - so jump on now moshtix.com.au/v2/event/wild-aid-2024-standupforthewildlife/172082

■ 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.

STARS BY LILITH

With ardent Mars in Leo and Mercury in fiery Sagittarius everyone's feeling the heat, so this week's celestial press release reads: Take it easy. Step away from power politics. Don't push. Let things unfold organically...



SCORPIO THE SCORPION

ARIES: Mars entering an extended stay in the sign of stylish leadership issues a wardrobe, hair and makeup call to dress for success this week. With a reminder that the best leaders share the spotlight, so acknowledge your colleagues and supporters by inviting them to step forward and shine.

TAURUS: As questions of where you invest time/energy/money, who you invite into your life, how you deal with power dynamics and, are you being stubborn about something, all vie for attention, know that surrendering doesn't have to mean giving up. It can mean letting go of what doesn't work.

GEMINI: With your mentor Mercury jetting into the sign of expansive plans, schedule brainstorming discussions before the silicate planet backtracks on 25 November. Truth bombs often drop during this transit, so if things get uncomfortably candid, don't underestimate the power of a joke, witty comeback or sincere apology.

CANCER: This week's confidence-boosting Mercury placement gives you the go-ahead to open your heart and speak freely, because a contentious issue finally has a chance now of being resolved after weeks of waffling. Plus, some interesting money-making opportunities are available if you stay alert.

LEO: Mars igniting your fiery sign fuels up Leo energy tanks this week. The downside? It's combustible, tends towards non-negotiable, and could incline you to take on too much. It also encourages transparency, so if a situation needs an air-clearing talk, address it now before end of year busyness sets in.

VRIGO: This week's Mercury, in chat mode, is buzzing with information, everyone airing their opinions, not so much listening. Don't think of adding to this cacophony or competing for airspace. Let others talk over one another while you tune-in and get a sense of what important things aren't being addressed.

LIBRA: If you're feeling pressured to make a decision before you're ready, let others rush while you take the time you need. This week's auspicious astral transit suggests doing whatever homework, research and fact-comparisons you think necessary. Or else just slowing down, smelling the roses, tasting the wine and relishing the ride.

SCORPIO: Although it won't be without challenges (what is these days?), this week brings increased clarity to the remainder of your birthday month. So pause and observe. Let realisations settle. Keep discussions calm, cool and objective. And try not to demand too much of those closest to you.

SAGITTARIUS: With wordsmith Mercury galloping into your chatty sign, there's no stopping your vocal flow. Which could work for you this week - or not, depending on how skilfully you navigate the fine line between risqué and risky repartee. This is one of your major foot-in-mouth transits, so do a quick edit before you utter.

CAPRICORN: It's easy for anyone to be swayed by groupthink, but this week's sun/moon combination says stop, look, and listen to your own inner voice, even if it's telling you what you don't want to hear. Especially then. With all kinds of sparks flying, keep boundaries firm, clear, but still flexible.

AQUARIUS: This week opens a crack in current existential bottlenecks to slide through into a few days of easy communication and smooth operating. And recommends tackling any air-clearing convos that might be necessary before Mercury retrogrades later this month. Smart Aquarians won't waste this invitation.

PISCES: If you don't want to keep doing what you're doing, now's the time to consider ways of making a change. Because this week offers a glimpse into something hidden, an unexpected reveal, a celestial window of opportunity to deeply, honestly examine where you're going from this point forward.

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Eclectic Selection



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



✿ A band made up of some of the most respected musicians in Australia, **The Honey Sliders** are bringing their new show *1969 – A Year in Music* to the Byron Theatre. They'll be performing as a nine-piece band featuring horns, percussion, and singers, all in front of a vivid screen projection, Meticulously recreating songs that have touched the hearts of so many people around the world.

Friday and Saturday night from 8pm at Byron Theatre. Tickets available from the venue www.byrontheatre.com.au.

✿ **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 today (Wednesday), concluding Sunday at Palace, Byron Bay. For more information and times visit www.britishfilmfestival.com.au.

✿ One of Australia's most iconic rock bands, **The Radiators**, are back to take on Mullum this November. Even after decades, The Radiators continue to tour vigorously, performing around 100 shows each year. Fans, both young and old, gather to experience a slice of living Australian rock history, dancing the night away to the timeless hits that have made The Radiators a household name in Aussie rock music.

Friday from 8pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Ticket from the venue www.mullumexservices.com.au.



✿ Making fun of life, the **Versace Boys** create satirical pop-hop that hits home every time. They lace their shows with freestyle litness, synchronised dance moves, anthemic bangers and insight into the struggles of being incredibly rich, famous, gorgeous and humble. Absolutely hilarious – so much fun to watch. Go have a dance!

Saturday from 7pm at the Billinudgel Hotel. A free event.



✿ **Salmonella Dub SoundSystem** will be playing the Sunday session at the Hotel Brunswick. Featuring band originator Andrew, aka Dj Rudeboy, MC's Mighty Asterix & Whirimako Black, alongside the Sal Dub horn section. In what they describe as a space weaving two-hour dance floor journey through basslands, prepare for an audio-visual mashup of the bands full catalogue with new album tracks.

Sunday from 4pm to 8pm at The Hotel Brunswick, Brunswick Heads. A free event.

✿ With his trademark dazzling smile, 1,000-watt polyester safari suit, and unmistakable flair, **Barry Morgan** invites you into his world where music meets comedy. It's an unforgettable experience showcasing Barry's high-energy excitement (thanks to the Bex powder) and his mastery of the magnificent home organ, with a few surprises along the way. It promises to get you *All Key'd Up* and will have you begging for more.

Saturday at The Brunswick Picture House. Tickets from brunswickpicturehouse.com.



The Rions play Byron Bay

Hitting the road for their biggest Australian headline tour yet, indie rockers **The Rions** are playing Byron's Beach Hotel on Sunday, November 10, with special guests Holly Hebe and Felony.

Releasing their second EP, 'Happiness In A Place It Shouldn't Be', the Eora/Sydney-based four-piece can't wait to bring their latest hits to audiences all across the nation.

After their breakthrough hit 'Night Light', they went on to win triple j Unearthed High in 2021. Years since have seen award nominations, accolades and international tours, The Rions have emerged as one of the country's most in-demand acts, and are showing no signs of slowing down. Don't miss your chance to catch them in Byron – tickets are selling fast.

From 8pm at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay on Sunday 10 November. Tickets available at moshtix.com.au.

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Periwinkle Christmas Fair

Experience the magic of the holidays at the Periwinkle Preschool Christmas Fair, this Saturday, November 9, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 5 Sunrise Blvd, Byron Bay. This promises to be a day filled with joy and community spirit.

The fair features an array of activities designed to engage and entertain all ages, with live music by **Peter Hunt** as the perfect backdrop. The event will be a wonderland for kids, offering a variety of games and activities to entertain and engage. Children will have the chance to explore and enjoy numerous fun-filled experiences.

There will be a Christmas market, where you can find unique gifts and crafts perfect for the holiday season. It's a great opportunity to support local artisans and complete your holiday shopping early.

Food enthusiasts are in for a treat with delicious offerings from La Casita, a Mexican restaurant in Brunswick Heads. Plus, you can enjoy a variety of home-cooked and baked goods, along with refreshing drinks.

Bring the family and friends and enjoy a heartwarming day that supports fundraising efforts to improve the playground at Periwinkle Preschool, providing an even better space for the children to learn and play.

Saturday, 9 November at Periwinkle Preschool, from 10am to 2pm. 5 Sunrise Blvd, Byron Bay.



Katchafire at the Beachy

Māori reggae rockers **Katchafire** are touring in November and December. They are launching the tour with a show at the Beach Hotel in Byron, on Thursday, 14 November, with special guests, fellow **Aotearoan Laughton Kora** and locals **4'20' Sound**, doing DJ sets.

Twenty years after its original release, Katchafire began working on an epic project to revive their *Revival* album with the first taste 'Seriously' (revived version) being released on November 15, as they kick off their Australian tour. The band have been working on remixes of the original *Revival* tracks with engineer **Philip McFarlane** (EarthKry) and producer **Stephen 'Dubklaat' Maxwell**

from Jamaica, and this momentous album project will also see songs being re-recorded with a host of very special guests from the global reggae world.

Katchafire recently released a new single 'Commit' with a powerful message about human connection, empathy, and peaceful resolutions. According to singer Logan Bell, 'Commit' is about humans making a commitment to each other to choose life, communication, love and understanding, overall. A commitment to treating others how you would like to be treated. To have the empathy to look through another's eyes and come to peaceful resolutions... Imagine a future where we commit to avoid violence and war, at any cost. If I had one wish, it would be for us all to get along. No matter our indifference! In the words of one of my favourite Bob Marley quotes – "If puss and dog can get together, why can't we love one another?"

Katchafire's music blends classic roots reggae, R'n'B, funk, and modern dancehall. Their universal vibe resonates with fans worldwide, combining slinky pop, cool grooves, and uplifting energy. Get ready to groove to 'Commit' and embrace the spirit of unity – it's a celebration of love, empathy, and shared humanity.

From 8pm at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay on Saturday November 14. Tickets available at moshtix.com.au.



Women Like Us bring it home!

Women Like Us is the stand-up comedy sensation created by local comedians **Mandy Nolan** and **Ellen Briggs**. With over 320 performances in cities and regional centres, big city theatres and dusty regional halls they are excited to dust off their heels for a gig at Coorabell Hall with some of the proceeds going to Grandcarers Project for grandparents caring for their grandkids.

An anomaly in their industry – 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.

Mandy initially thought the show might last a year. Now, nearly a decade on, they've had sell-out shows across the country and a fan base that is truly nationwide.

The magic of the show is the combination of talents. The big, warm, outrageous Mandy Nolan and the laid-back charisma of sharpshooting, natural born storyteller Ellen Briggs. 'We've had heaps of five-star reviews from

Australia's premier comedy festivals,' says Ellen, 'but the reviews we take to heart are the ones we get from audiences, show after show. They keep turning up, some coming back for a fourth and fifth time.'

Ellen Briggs is a nationally-recognised headline comic, a RAW finalist, she's featured on *Hughesie*, *We Have a Problem* and is a regular on ABC radio. Mandy Nolan is a columnist for the *Byron Shire Echo*, a writer for *Mamamia*, and most recently took her award-winning show *The Candidate*, about her run for politics, to Melbourne Town Hall for the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Women Like Us is stand-up comedy at its best. It's about housework, chickens, love, feminism, small dogs, big butts, disappointment, resentment, sex when you're drunk, fit bits, yoga farts and being a menopausal woman dealing with teenage angst. They're overworked, overweight and over it...

Women Like Us bring the comedy love to Coorabell Hall on November 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets from womenlikeus.com.au.



Experience the power of flamenco with Circe's Chords

Prepare for an electrifying evening as **Circe's Chords**, a cutting-edge flamenco production, comes to The Brunswick Picture House. Created by renowned flamenco artist **Chachy Peñalver**, this contemporary show draws inspiration from the mythical Circe, celebrating the profound feminine energy at the heart of flamenco.

Circe's Chords promises a powerful spectacle, brought to life by a stellar eight-member ensemble. With a vibrant mix of music, dance, and poetry, audiences will be captivated by four dancers, two guitarists, a singer, and a versatile percussionist and keyboardist, all in harmony to present flamenco in its most potent form.

Sydney-based and Venezuelan-born, Chachy Peñalver is a celebrated flamenco dancer and founder of The Sydney Flamenco Studio. After years of working with leading artists, she brings her new company ensemble to Brunswick Heads for the first time. This debut offers audiences a chance to experience authentic flamenco in an intimate setting, featuring award-winning Australian talent.

Flamenco, a Spanish art form, resonates worldwide for its passionate expression of humanity. Don't miss this chance to experience its timeless energy live.

The Brunswick Picture House, Saturday, November 16.
Tickets from www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.

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Mullum Roots Festival announce first round of performing artists

The inaugural **Mullum Roots Festival** is set to take over all of our favourite venues in Mullumbimby on **July 12 and 13, 2025**, and they're beyond excited to announce the first wave of incredible artists who will grace the stages.

Leading the charge are the original independent avant-garde folk heroes **The Waifs**, headlining what is sure to be an unforgettable weekend of music. Joining them are an incredible mix of talent. Other artists performing are **Shane Howard, Dog Trumpet, Robert Forster, David Bridie, Claire Anne Taylor** and **Jeff Lang**. Many more amazing artists are still to be announced over the coming months.

Festival Director **Lou Bradley** – fresh from the success of the 9th Nimbin Roots Festival, that only just wrapped on October 27 – shares her enthusiasm for this new venture: 'We can't wait to bring the same celebration of original music and artistic expression to Mullumbimby with our sister festival. The experience we've gained with Nimbin Roots has taught us how to craft an unforgettable festival, and Mullum Roots will deliver a world-class event while staying true to our deep sense of community.'

World-famous artist Reg Mombasa, who is also a member of Dog Trumpet, has designed the exclusive festival artwork, so keep an eye out for posters around the shire.

Tickets are limited and now available for purchase. Book now at www.mullumrootsfest.com.



DREAM DANCE BY SHELLY McNAMARA

Hot Shorts 2024 returns to Mullumbimby's Drill Hall

The much-loved 'Hot Shorts' competition of short plays returns to Mullumbimby's Drill Hall Theatre, running over two weekends starting Thursday, November 14. For over 25 years, Hot Shorts has given local writers, directors, and actors a platform to showcase their talents.

This year's program premieres nine original plays, with influences ranging from Shakespeare to commedia dell'arte and farce. Audiences can expect laughter, tears, and everything in between. Featured shorts for 2024 include: *Artificial Intelligence* by **Warwick Porter**, *Big Fizzer* by **Brin Prichard**, *By a Thread* by **Michael Lill**, *Dream Dance* by **Shelly McNamara**, *Judgement Day* by **Al Percival**, *Love in the Afternoon* by **Tanya Ogilvie-White**, *Saint Marie* by **Kylie Strelan**, *The Impersonator* by **Ana Davis**, and *The Knot* by **Beth Would**.

To reward Hot Shorts playwrights, three audience-voted cash prizes totalling \$1,000 will be awarded, along with a \$500 Byron Bay Writers Festival prize for the best-written play. Artistic Director Mike Russo said: 'Hot Shorts celebrates our community's creative skills and energy. It's held every two years, reflecting the Drill Hall's commitment to nurturing local talent.'

Hot Shorts runs from November 14 to 23 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7.30pm, with Sunday matinees on November 17 and 24 at 5pm. Tickets are \$25 and \$20, available at drillhalltheatre.org.au.

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Saturday Night

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At 11:30pm on October 11, 1975, a ferocious troupe of young comedians and writers changed television – and culture – forever. Directed by **Jason Reitman** and written by **Gil Kenan and Reitman**, *Saturday Night* is based on the true story of what happened behind the scenes in the 90 minutes leading up to the first broadcast of *Saturday Night Live*. Full of humour, chaos, and the magic of a revolution that almost wasn't, we count down the minutes in real time until we hear those famous words...

Saturday Night Live launched the careers of dozens of comedy legends. Characters played in the film such as Chevy Chase, Gilda Radner, Dan Aykroyd, Jane Curtin, Andy Kaufman, and John Belushi, give a hilarious insight into the goings-on behind the scenes.

This film has a knock-out ensemble cast including **Gabriel LaBelle, Rachel Sennott, Cory Michael Smith, Ella Hunt, Dylan O'Brien, Emily Fairn, Matt Wood, Lamorne Morris, Kim Matula, Finn Wolfhard, Nicholas Braun, Cooper Hoffman, Andrew Barth Feldman, Kaia Gerber, Tommy Dewey, Willem Dafoe, Matthew Rhys, and J.K. Simmons.**

Showing at Ballina Fair and Byron Palace Cinemas. See palacecinemas.com.au for dates and times.



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**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **BARRY MCLAY**, 10PM **KANE MUIR**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **DE'VU**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ AFRODESIA**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUM WITH DJ ISHWARA**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **THE RADIATORS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **KAFFENE DUO**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **YOLAN**
- THE LEEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **DJ BIG RED**

THURSDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA – ENCORE SCREENING**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALEX BOWEN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ZAC HUBBARD**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **ARCHER**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, **THIRSTY THURSDAY OPEN MIC**
- THE LEEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **STEVEN MULLER**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 6PM **QING MIBILHAM AND MOSESE PARKER TRIO**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7PM **JON J BRADLEY DUO**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MERLIN**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **JB & THE MMMMS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM **LEE KERNAGHAN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **FAT ALBERT BAND**

FRIDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **1969 – A YEAR IN MUSIC – PLAYED LIVE BY THE HONEY SLIDERS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 8PM **ZANDA RECORDS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 6PM **EVAN AND DION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **CELESTIAL SERPENT & LIONHEART REBELLIONS**

SATURDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KANE MUIR**, 6PM **SUNNY LUWE**, 9PM **THE VYBEZ BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **1969 – A YEAR IN MUSIC – PLAYED LIVE BY THE HONEY SLIDERS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SAM BUCKLEY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SAM BUCKLEY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- OTHERWORLD, BYRON BAY, 8PM **ZANDA RECORDS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 6PM **EVAN AND DION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **CELESTIAL SERPENT & LIONHEART REBELLIONS**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BARRY MORGAN: ALL KEY'D UP**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ EZZY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**
- BALLINA RSL 6PM **OOZ**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- DUNOON SPORTS CLUB 3PM **DUNOON MUSIC FESTIVAL FEATURING CERBERUS, TIMBUKTU, LUCY'S HOUSE, MULCH, LEVI MAXWELL BAND, LOADING ZONE, AND THE UPSTARTS**
- THE LEEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **FLAMENCO NIGHT**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8.30PM **MAXIMUM THRUST**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 9PM **BONEY M EXPERIENCE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- ALSTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **SCREENING 'RADICAL' + VERANDAH FRIDAYS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **DR BAZ**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **FANNY LUMSDEN-STORY CLUB**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **LEE-ANNE JOY**, 6PM **GRAVITY'S GUMBO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM **SONGS IN THE KEY OF MOTOWN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **LIVEWIRE DUO**, 9PM **RUSS WALKER BAND**

MONDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS FISHER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK USHER**

TUESDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BEN OTTWELL & IAN BALL (OF GOMEZ)**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 11PM **BRIT BEAT MANIA -THE BRITISH INVASION TRIBUTE SHOW WITH TONY WORSLEY**

WEDNESDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **INO PIO**, 7PM **CINNAMON SUN**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **TAKAYNA, THE HEART OF LUTRUWITA FILM PREMIERE AND BOOK LAUNCH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **WILD WOMEN 2**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 5PM **IRISH FOLK JAM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM **SWEET, THE FAREWELL TOUR**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5.30PM **COL GERMANO**

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SESSION TIMES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7 TO
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PALACE BYRON BAY

SPECIAL SCREENINGS
GLADIATOR II (M) MOVIE MIXER OPENING SCREENING Wed: 7:00PM
HERETIC (CTC) FRIGHT NIGHT PREVIEW Fri: 6:30 PM
MOZART'S SISTER (G) ENCORE Daily except Fri, Sat: 3:40PM, Fri: 4:10PM, Sat: 3:50PM
PARIS OPERA BALLET: SWAN LAKE (CTC) Sun: 1:00PM
THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (M) CINEVAULT Mon: 6:30PM
UNBREAKABLE: THE JELENA DOKIC STORY (CTC) Daily except Sun: 1:45PM, Sun: 1:30PM

FAMILY FILMS
PADDINGTON (RE-RELEASE) (G) NFT Sat, Sun: 11:00AM
RED ONE (PG) NFT Thurs, Sun, Mon, Tues: 11:10AM, 1:45PM, 4:20PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, Fri: 11:10AM, 1:40PM, 4:20PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, Sat: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 4:20PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, Sun: 11:10AM, 1:45PM, Wed: 11:10AM, 1:45PM, 4:20PM, 6:00PM, 8:10PM
RUNT (PG) Daily except Sat: 11:00AM
THE WILD ROBOT (PG) Daily: 11:15AM, 1:00PM
ALL FILMS
AUDREY (M) NFT Daily except Sat: 11:10AM, 3:50PM,

SESSION TIMES
6:10PM, Sat: 11:10AM, 4:00PM, 6:10PM
HERE (M) Daily: 1:30PM, 8:30PM
JOKER: FOLIE À DEUX (M) NFT Daily except Sun: 11:00AM
LEE (M) Daily: 11:10AM, 1:15PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM
SATURDAY NIGHT (M) NFT Thurs, Fri, Mon, Wed: 11:00AM, 3:10PM, 6:15PM, Sat: 11:00AM, 3:10PM, 6:15PM, Sun, Tues: 11:00AM, 3:10PM, 6:15PM, 8:20PM
SMILE 2 (M) NFT Thurs, Sun, Mon, Tues: 3:40PM, 5:30PM, 8:10PM, Fri: 3:40PM, 8:10PM, Sat: 3:40PM, 5:50PM, 8:20PM, Wed: 3:40PM, 5:30PM
THE MOOGAI (M) Daily: 8:30PM
THE POOL (CTC) NFT Daily: 4:00PM, 8:30PM
THE SUBSTANCE (R) NFT Thurs, Sun, Tues, Wed: 1:40PM, 5:45PM, Fri, Mon: 1:40PM, Sat: 1:40PM, 5:30PM
THERE'S STILL TOMORROW (M) Daily except Sun: 11:00AM, 1:20PM
VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (M) Daily except Fri, Mon: 1:30PM, 3:50PM, 6:10PM, 8:30PM, Fri: 1:30PM, 3:50PM, 5:45PM, Mon: 1:30PM, 3:50PM, 6:10PM

BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS SESSION TIMES

ALL FILMS
GLADIATOR II (M) MOVIE MIXER OPENING SCREENING Wed: 7:00PM
HERE (M) Daily: 10:00AM
HERETIC (CTC) FRIGHT NIGHT PREVIEW Fri: 7:30PM
LEE (M) Thurs, Mon, Tues, Wed: 10:45AM, 12:15PM, 7:30PM, Fri: 10:45AM, 12:15PM, 7:00PM, Sat, Sun: 9:45AM, 12:15PM, 7:30PM
PADDINGTON (RE-RELEASE) (G) Sat, Sun: 12:00PM

RED ONE (PG) NFT Daily except Sat, Sun: 1:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:20PM, Sat, Sun: 2:10PM, 5:00PM, 7:20PM
SMILE 2 (M) NFT Thurs, Mon, Tues: 4:15PM, 7:15PM, Fri, Wed: 4:15PM, Sat, Sun: 4:40PM, 7:15PM
THE WILD ROBOT (PG) Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:00AM, Sat, Sun: 9:45AM
VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (M) Daily: 12:10PM, 2:40PM, 5:00PM

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NSW Rail Tram and Bus Union (RTBU) Secretary, Toby Warnes. Toby will discuss reactivating our Northern Rivers train services as public transport: Q&A. This Sat 9 Nov from 2pm to 3pm Bangalow Bowling Club, Bangalow. All are welcome, entry by donation. For info text Lydia: 0422007724

NOTICE of Northern Rivers Rail Ltd (t/as Northern Rivers Railway) Annual General Meeting (AGM). You are invited to our AGM on Saturday 9th November from 3pm at the

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre
Connecting the Byron Shire Community

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Mon-Fri
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AGMs



Annual General Meeting

BYS would like to invite all members of the Byron Shire to attend our Annual General Meeting.

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MULLUMBIMBY & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE AGM
19th November 2024 5pm for 5.30pm start at The Hub, 55 Dalley St, Mullumbimby. All are welcome to attend. All new memberships are welcome, and paid-up members can vote at the AGM. Membership is \$5 per year. To join or renew your membership pop in to the centre or go on our website www.mdnc.org.au. For members who cannot attend in person, proxy forms are available from the MDNC reception. For catering purposes, please RSVP your attendance either by email to ops@mdnc.org.au or call 66841286.

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Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

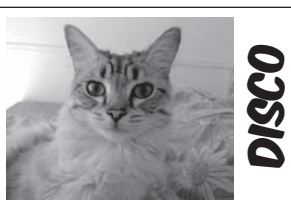


LUNA
10-month-old desexed female Irish Wolfhound x Kelpie 'Luna' needs a new home. Only weighing 23.5kgs, Luna is tall but very petite. She is great with children and other dogs and LOVES to play. She has the sweetest, most adorable temperament. She will need ongoing training and an active companion or family with a decent-sized fenced yard.
Please contact Shell on 0458461935. MC: 978142000105470



SARI
Sari is a gorgeous, dark tortie girl who has the sweetest nature and comes running to see you. Sari has been in the shelter for too long now, being overlooked by the popularity of kittens. She truly deserves a loving home now. To meet Sari and our other cats and kittens, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

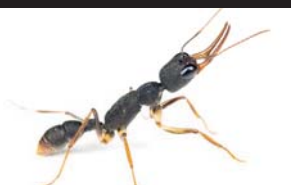
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Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 30th October 2024 89 years young.

Much loved Mother to Wendy, Sister to Margaret, Grandmother to Matthew, Great Grandmother to Benjamin & Sophia.
Zena will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at the Presbyterian Church, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby on Tuesday (12th November 2024) commencing at 10.00am.

BRUNSWICK VALLEY FUNERALS
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DEATH NOTICES

In loving memory of **WILLIAM RONALD EVANS (BILL)** of Brunswick Heads 15.06.1940 – 25.10.2024 Forever in our hearts

Loved Dad of Karen and Jo, cherished companion of Margaret, treasured father-in-law of Joel and Luke, proud Poppy of Billy, Liam and Arthur. A celebration of his life will be held at Ocean Shores Country Club on Friday 15th November 2024 at 10am (NSW time).



IN MEMORIAM



MATHEW BILLETT
09/11/1988 to 01/11/2021
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LOST & FOUND

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- TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
6	W	5:49 19:09	8:50 23:39	1213 1.56	0458 0.35 1856 0.46
7	TH	5:48 19:10	9:49	0015 0.98 1303 1.52	0543 0.41 1958 0.48
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
10	SU	5:46 19:12	13:03 1:51	0400 1.04 1614 1.51	0921 0.50 2302 0.33
11	M	5:46 19:13	14:07 2:26	0507 1.17 1715 1.53	1039 0.46 2350 0.23
12	TU	5:45 19:14	15:13 3:00	0604 1.33 1811 1.53	1147 0.39
13	W	5:45 19:15	16:19 3:33	0657 1.50 1903 1.50	0032 0.15 1250 0.32
14	TH	5:44 19:16	17:28 4:07	0746 1.65 1953 1.45	0113 0.09 1349 0.26
15	F	5:44 19:16	18:39 4:45	0835 1.77 2041 1.36	0152 0.05 1446 0.23
16	SA	5:43 19:17	19:52 5:27	0922 1.85 2129 1.26	0230 0.05 1543 0.22
17	SU	5:43 19:18	21:04 6:17	1010 1.88 2215 1.16	0311 0.08 1639 0.24
18	M	5:42 19:19	22:10 7:13	1058 1.85 2304 1.07	0352 0.14 1734 0.28
19	TU	5:42 19:20	23:07 8:15	1145 1.78 2355 1.00	0435 0.23 1830 0.34
20	W	5:42 19:20	23:55 9:20	1234 1.68	0521 0.33 1926 0.39

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE 000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay 131 233

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Bangalow..... 6629 7500

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Shedding AGM

Join our Shedding Community Workshop AGM and potluck dinner on Monday, November 18 from 5.30-8.30pm at The Railway Shed, 18 Prince Street in Mullumbimby. Bring a dish and join the celebrations! RSVP to 0458134551 or hello@shedding.com.au.

ShedFest 2024

Want to play with tools? Join ShedFest our end of year celebration and open day on Sunday, December 8 as we bring together shedders, repairers, collaborators and guests in a free event for all people! A hands-on day of workshops, live music, food, drink and activities to discover our workshops for wellbeing, our creative community and a smorgasbord of skills! 10am to 3pm, 18 Prince Street. RSVP to 0458 134 551 or hello@shedding.com.au.

Prostate cancer support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is on Wednesday, November 13, 10am until 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club, Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group to experience the personal cancer stories. Partners and carers are also most welcome to attend. This will be a morning of quality sharing on health and wellbeing updates. Enquiries phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

Banora Point Church Fete

One of Banora Point's most popular community events is back again this year! The Banora Point Uniting Church Fete is taking place on Saturday, November 23 at the Uniting Church, 63 Darlington Drive, Banora Point, from 8am to 12 noon. All the popular favourites are back including a scrumptious BBQ breakfast, and lovely Devonshire teas. The award-winning Banora Point High School Concert Band are performing from 11am. T

BV VIEW

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will hold a luncheon meeting on November 14 at Brunswick Bowling club, Brunswick Heads. The meeting will start at 10.30am for 11am and members are welcome to bring along friends to join in. Cost for members \$23 with choice of menus. Apologies call Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email: wjhunt@yahoo.com.au.

NR Gateway

Free community lunch is a regular community lunch the first Friday each month. All are welcome to come and connect, enjoy a free barbecue

with vegetarian options, cakes, snacks and coffees. **Community support** in Goonellabah provides free support services on Tuesdays 10am-4pm. Supports include energy bill assistance, chemist and retail vouchers, food boxes and access to a range of other support services. Bookings essential. Call Community Gateway on 6621 7397 for more information and to check eligibility. **Mums & Bubs** free inclusive playgroup is a free regular morning tea and inclusive playgroup, for children aged 0-3 years, their parents and carers. Wednesday, November 13, 9:30-11:30am in Goonellabah. Bookings are essential. Call 0429 640 075 for more information and to reserve your place. **Adopt a family for Christmas.** Christmas is only eight weeks away, and there are more families than ever in our communities that will be financially struggling through the holidays. If you want to donate any presents, gifts or food to brighten up a family's Christmas call community Gateway on 6621 7397.

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.

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).

Byron seniors program

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A separate pool house provides an additional retreat, ideal for teenagers or hosting guests.

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147 WHIAN WHIAN ROAD, WHIAN WHIAN



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- High ceilings, parquet flooring and French doors
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PRICE | \$6M - \$6.5M
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132 LOCKTON ROAD, BEXHILL



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

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- Breathtaking elevated views of the hinterland
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- Versatile studio and two original bails
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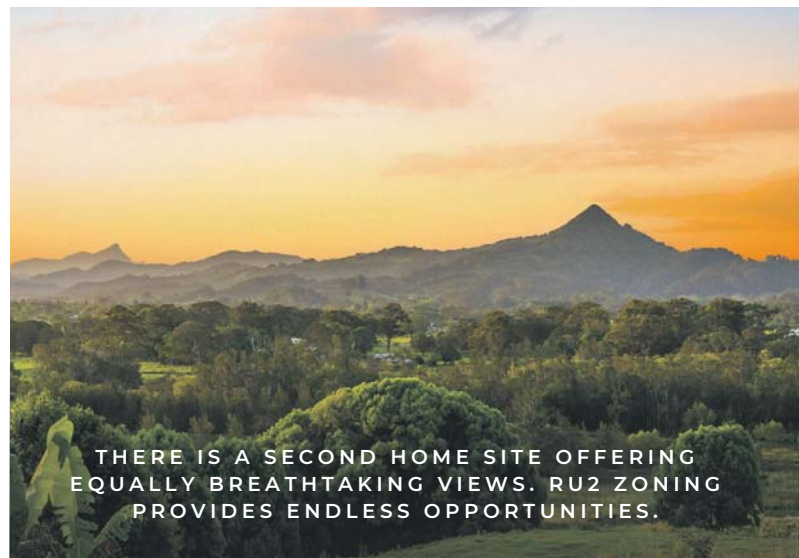
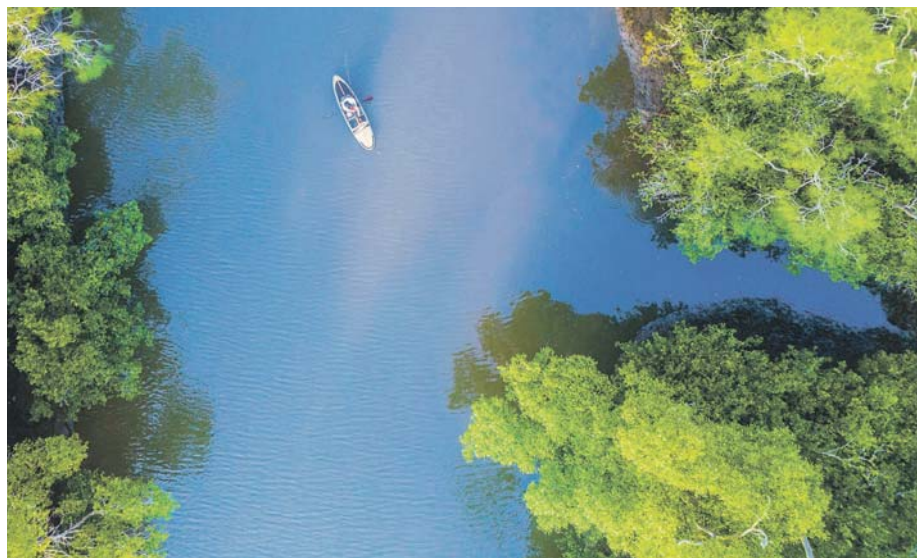
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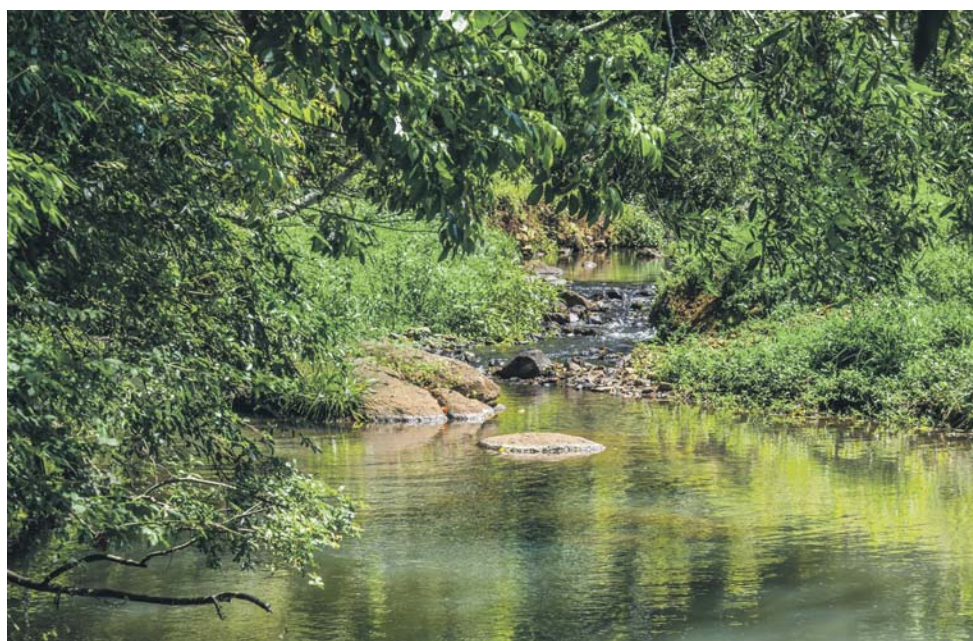
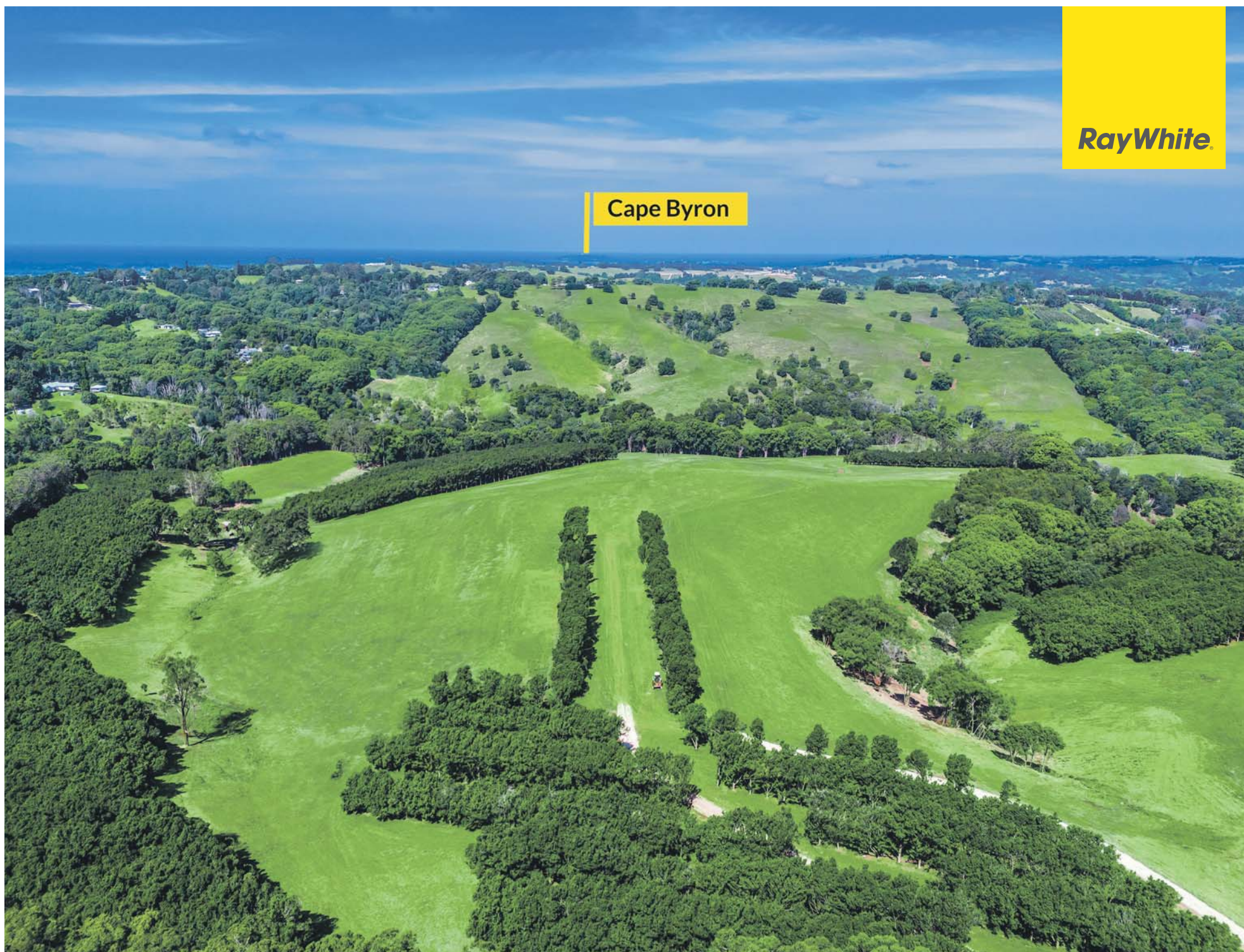
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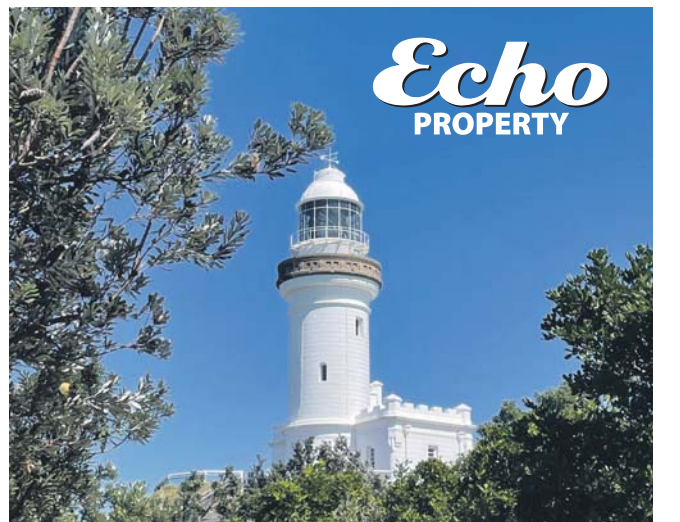
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It's World Tsunami Awareness Day on November 5! Perhaps we also need a Carrington Event Awareness Day too? The 1859 Carrington Event was the most intense geomagnetic solar storm in recorded history, and knocked out primitive electrical circuitry and power lines.

A comedy night is planned for November 21 at the Beach Hotel to assist the vital work of the Byron Wildlife Hospital. The night features Jimeoin, Lehmo, Mandy Nolan and MC Madeline West. Visit www.byronbaywildlifehospital.org/wild-aid-2024 for more info.

Bangalow Theatre Company's latest production, *Into the Woods*, opens November 22 at the Byron Theatre, and organisers say tickets are selling fast. Directed by Amy Skene, the musical classic by Stephen Sondheim is based on the book by James Lapine. For more info visit www.byroncentre.com.au.

Psst: The newly released Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding has recommended that state and territory governments mandate 'regular capability assessments of local governments' to identify 'the readiness of a region to handle a disaster event'. Isn't that way too responsible for modern bloated, unaccountable dumpster-fire governments?

The Echo apologises to Brendan Kelly for adding a caption to last week's *Backlash* photo without his knowledge or consent. Apparently some readers were not impressed by *The Echo's* caption and assumed that Mr Kelly was its author



Local sculptor Drew McDonald, who also runs the Electric Mermaid barbershop in Brunswick Heads, was one exhibiting artist at the Sculpture by the Sea in Bondi. His work *Sharnana* featured along the Tamarama coastal walk from October 18, and the exhibition is touted as the world's largest free public outdoor sculpture exhibition. Photo supplied

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since he was credited for the image. Sorry Brendan.

Byron Bay High's P&C fundraising trivia night registrations are open - It will be held Wednesday November 27 at the Byron Bay Golf Club from 5pm. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mryhwu5j> for more.

Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday March 2 - are now open. Visit cleanup.org.au for more info.

The ATO's new report on corporate tax transparency (2022-23) is out! (tinyurl.com/24facm66). If you have paid any tax in the last six years, you are helping to fund a road, hospital, school or a politician's long lunch. Unlike AGL, Santos and Adani etc, who paid nothing.

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