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The great SGB Santa chase



Shara Community Gardens in North Ocean Shores held its annual Christmas in the Gardens event on Sunday. There was live music from Phil & Tilley, a scavenger hunt, plenty of food and the fastest runner on Clifford Street comp. But the highlight for the kids was a visit from Santa. The event was supported by Byron Shire Council. Photo Jeff 'In The Way Again' Dawson

Biodiversity officer could return to Byron Council

The position of a senior biodiversity officer is likely to return to Byron Council, after councillors unanimously voted at their Thursday meeting to hold a confidential 'workshop' meeting with executive staff to explore options.

During the debate around Council approving the Wallum urban development in the last term, it emerged that Council had removed the position, and the DA came without that assessment.

Position dropped

Council's former senior biodiversity officer, who is now a consultant, explained to councillors during the Wallum debate how the process was flawed.

Former mayor Michael Lyon had used his casting vote to proceed with Wallum.

Last week's motion, as moved by Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, reads in part that councillors will receive clarification around 'the current methods and effectiveness of

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Ecologically sensitive land makes way for new industry estate

Paul Bibby

A \$4.3 million industrial development will be built on a sensitive greenfield site next to the Harvest housing estate in West Byron after receiving approval from Byron Shire councillors.

The subdivision, to be built at 288 Ewingsdale Road, will see the site divided into 17 industrial lots varying in area from 11,447m² to 13,897m².

The project was approved at last week's Council meeting after the developer, Hannas Contracting Services, took Council to the NSW Land and Environment Court over its 'deemed refusal' of the development application.

74,000m³ of fill

With the project receiving the green light, Hannas is now free to truck a total of 74,000m³ of fill onto the site in a bid to mitigate

the risks of flooding.

It will also build an access road that will feed into and out of Ewingsdale Road, adding dozens of additional truck movements to the main artery each day.

Documents show that the land slated for development includes an area of wetland that is home to a number of threatened native species, including two different types of acid frog.

The developer has undertaken

not to build in this particular area, and to compensate for the sizeable areas of other vegetation that will be cleared to make way for the development.

While the consultant hired by the developer gave the proposal a clean bill of health in terms of its environmental and flood impacts, former Greens councillor Duncan Dey told last week's Council meeting that the storm water analysis

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Echo Christmas opening hours

Next week's paper will come out on Monday, December 23 (not Wednesday, Christmas Day).

The classified deadline will be COB on Thursday, 19 December.

The Echo office will be closed from Monday, 23 to Thursday, December 26, reopening Friday, December 27, and closed New Year's Day.

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Liberating good food

Zenith Dance Troupe were part of the end-of-year celebrations for the Liberation Larder, held at the Byron pool last Thursday. The larder's mission is: 'We rescue food from becoming waste. We prepare food for people who need it'. The team dishes out delicious food from the Byron Community Centre. For more info, visit www.liberationlarder.org. Photo Jeff 'Will Dance For Food' Dawson

Family-friendly fun planned for NYE

Music, face-painting, dancing, street dining and roving performers are some of the attractions at Byron Bay's Soul Street, a family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration event to be held in the town's CBD.

Organisers say celebrations start at 4pm in Jonson Street, with live music and children's activities. A main stage at Dening Park near the surf club will have entertainment from 6pm.
Byron Shire Mayor, Sarah

Ndiaye said, 'Community is at the heart of the Soul Street festivities and I hope people of all ages step out on December 31 and enjoy what the town of Byron Bay is known so well for – a safe, welcoming and

inclusive celebration'. Council staff say that, 'Much of the town centre is an alcohol-free zone and there will be a strong police presence. Camping in the streets is not allowed and people will be fined'.

Ecologically sensitive land makes way for new industry estate

► Continued from page 1 for the site was deeply flawed.

'I think a deep mistake has been made in the approach used in the analysis undertaken by the consultant, and that has been accepted by Council staff,' said Cr Dey, who is a qualified and experienced hydrologist.

Stormwater consideration

'The stormwater matter has not been correctly considered, and I'm asking you to take it back to the drawing board and get it considered properly.'

Councillors did not send the development back to the drawing board.

However, at the request of Greens councillor Elia Hague, a series of conditions were imposed on the development in a bid to address the stormwater issues.

This included a requirement that the developer submit a full and detailed stormwater management plan demonstrating that the project is in accordance with Council and state government

guidelines prior to any construction taking place.

Conditions were also imposed in a bid to address the absence of pedestrian and cycle access to the site.

In proposing these conditions, Deputy Mayor, Jack Dods (Independent), said that the industrial development was part of a 'very long and complex suite of approvals and planning proposals that relate to the infamous West Byron urban release area'.

'We don't have enough time to go through the long and arduous history of what happened here,' he said.

'But essentially, this site was a bit of residual land sold by the previous owner, the owner of the Harvest estate.'

Cr Dods said that the development was permissible and would release much-needed industrial land.

'The Byron industrial estate is basically full... it's at capacity. Every site is heaving with a multitude of uses,' Cr Dods said.

'From a strategic point of view this is necessary.'

The application was approved, with conditions, by all councillors.

Extra Christmas bin collections



There will be extra wheelie bin collections for households in the Byron Shire again this year.

For two weeks from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January all wheelie bins can be put out weekly for collection.

This includes red, yellow and green bins for urban households and red and yellow bins for rural households.

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Large Wategos DA knocked back

Paul Bibby

The sprawling 4,078 square metre site at 2 Brownell Drive, Wategos Beach, is arguably the most beautiful vacant coastal lot in the Byron Shire.

Sitting on the hill overlooking the iconic beach with the Byron lighthouse soaring above, the oversized block is six times the size of a 'normal' Wategos mansion site.

Yet this parcel of paradise is the subject of a development proposal that has produced bitter accusations and allegations, and could well end up in court.

The owner, media entrepreneur Antony Catalano, is proposing a development that has drawn the ire of some locals, and a decision of refusal from Byron Shire Council.

It is fair to say that the plans for this piece of paradise are 'eye catching'.

The proposal that came before Council recently was for the construction of two neighbouring mansions on the site: one a multi-level, six-bedroom dwelling with 'swimming pools', and the other a multi-level, four-bedroom house with a single pool.

The overall development, described as a family home, would have involved substantial clearing of protected littoral rainforest, and the excavation of up to eight metres into the steep hillside.

This excavation and associated work would require 4,078 cubic metres to be exported off site, requiring 30 trucks movements per day for four weeks.

'It is considered the proposed development is not sympathetic to the environmental constraints of the land, does not comply with



2 Brownell Drive, Wategos Beach. Image from DA

the relevant state and local planning controls, is unsuitable for this site in Byron Bay owing to bulk scale and land changes required to accommodate it, and is not in the public interest,' Council staff said in a succinct summary of their objections to the plan.

Some of the neighbours and other locals who opposed the project have objected in more colourful terms.

Outrageous defamatory claims

'We were subjected to an enormous amount of misinformation, deliberate lies, claims that it was a commercial property, claims that it was public parking, outrageous defamatory claims,' said Mr Catalano, who also owns the iconic Raes on Wategos.

'We're a family that works in this community, employs 100 people, soon to have more than 300 people...'

Mr Catalano's planning team submitted a revised development application for the site after being told that the first was unsatisfactory.

This proposal involved a significant reduction in the number of rainforest trees to be removed, and the replanting of native trees around the

border of the home.

They argue that their proposed rehabilitation strategy for the property will, in fact, improve the quality of the rainforest because it will increase the number and quality of the native trees there.

But Council staff say the revised plan is also inappropriate, pointing out that, under state planning laws, a development cannot be approved if it involves the destruction of coastal wetland or littoral rainforest.

With Mr Catalano's team disputing this interpretation of the law, it seems entirely possible that the matter will ultimately be decided in court.

Mr Catalano told the recent meeting that, far from seeking to destroy or degrade the environmental integrity of the site, he was 'trying to save it'.

'When I bought this property, I bought it because I discovered that the developer was planning 17 dwellings on the property,' he said.

'That was going to be his ambit claim to then get 10 which was permissible under the sub-division rules... I was horrified at the prospect of that and I approached him and asked to buy him out of

his option and to give him the development margin on the property.

'I paid him \$10m to go away because I didn't want that in our area.

'It was an enormous price to pay to protect Wategos and to buy a family home. I did it to protect the property, to protect the area.'

The meeting also heard that Mr Catalano has nine children between the ages of five and 34, which justified such a family home comprising two mansions with swimming pools.

When the matter came before Council, Mr Catalano's team sought a deferral so that they could engage in further discussions with Council staff.

Unanimously refused

But this request was refused, with councillors unanimously voting to the refuse the application.

'I can't see how anyone could pass the plans in front of us in good faith on behalf of our community,' Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said.

'They don't meet environmental, planning, or community expectations.

'We're not assessing the revised plans, and you'll either bring those back to us or it will go to court. They do seem greatly improved, and I can acknowledge the potential environmental benefits.

'It does keep the whole ring of trees around it. I think it's a much better design.

'But unfortunately what's in front of us is what's been assessed so far.

'If the plans that had originally come to us were within the parameters of what most people would consider reasonable we might be in a different place.'

Marine Rescue anticipates busy holiday season

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers across the state say they were busy during November, with the service expecting demand to increase over the holiday season.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner, Alex Barrell said volunteer crews completed 375 search and rescue missions last month.

He said, 'The large number of search and rescue missions performed by our volunteers across the state in November indicates that Marine Rescue NSW is anticipating

an extremely busy holiday season ahead'.

For the Northern Rivers region, Marine Rescue say they conducted 29 search and rescue missions, including 16 emergency responses with 56 people safely returned to shore across all seven Northern Rivers units – Point Danger, Brunswick, Cape Byron, Ballina, Evans Head, Iluka/Yamba, and Woolli.

The number of search and rescue missions in locations of highest demand were Point Danger (13), Iluka/Yamba (eight), and Ballina (seven).

Tip closed over 'incident'

Byron Shire Council staff are remaining tight-lipped about an incident involving a labour-hire worker at the Resource Recovery Centre in Myocum on Wednesday, December 11.

The Echo asked why the tip was closed on that day,

when apparently police and a helicopter were called in.

A media spokesperson replied, 'Safe Work was notified on the day of the incident.

'An investigation into the incident is underway'.

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Bat, ball and beers in Bruns



Tradies raise cash for Ballina Hospital

It was a day on the green for a good cause last Friday, at the Cavenbah United Nice Tradesmen's Society's annual fundraising cricket match in Bruns. It was mate against mate, plumbers against sparkies, chippies versus tilers. The day got off to a brisk start, but rapidly fell into disrepair after the drinks break, when the assembled athletes demolished the keg within the ten-minute drinks break. The boys raised \$1,900 towards a Video Laryngoscope for the children's ward at the Ballina Hospital. Photo Jeff 'Acronyms Are Us' Dawson

Biodiversity officer could return to Byron Shire Council

► Continued from page 1 ecological oversight on planning applications, including options for the establishment of a senior ecologist position within the planning directorate to enhance ecological

oversight on planning applications'.

The allocation of funds in the 2024/25 budget will be sought, 'with the goal of recruitment and commencement in the early part of the new financial year'.

The motion also says that Council will explore, 'Options for short-term funding during the upcoming quarterly review, to engage an ecologist on a part-time or temporary basis until the permanent role is established'.

Sydney police blitz area for pot

'Utter waste of money and resources' says former magistrate

Aslan Shand

Police helicopters hovering over Simpsons Creek near Ocean Shores around 11.30am on Wednesday were not a search and rescue, they were searching for drugs, namely cannabis.

According to a spokesperson from NSW Police, local police were not involved in Strike Force Hyperion, which was an operation coordinated by the State Crime Command's Drug and Firearms Squad.

It targeted outdoor and greenhouse cannabis cultivation across NSW.

'During the operation between December 9 and 12, strike force detectives conducted aerial searches across 50 suburbs in the Tweed Byron Police District,' the spokesperson told *The Echo*.

'Police seized a total of 1,094 cannabis plants across 27 individual sites in the area. The drugs seized have a street value of approximately \$2,735,000.'

Investigations are continuing and helicopters were sighted again on Thursday

at Sharpes Beach in Ballina Shire around 9.15am.

The question around how much the police spend on these operations is one they have historically been unable to answer, and many in the community have questioned the use of important police resources to find a plant that is currently legal to grow for personal use in many states and territories in Australia.

Cannabis seedlings valued the same as a mature plants

Former magistrate David Heilpern told *The Echo*, 'First, the \$2,500 per plant stated by police to be the "street value" is simply self-justifying twaddle'.

'That is a fully matured female plant, dried and cut into deals and sold. It does not take into account seedlings seized, male plants, or those that were being grown for personal use.'

'Second, I note that police have been active at public meetings telling people that the best way to cope with

the spate of break-and-enter-offences in the area is to lock up, install lighting, and hide your keys.

'Perhaps they could also survey the victims of these offences as to whether they would rather precious police resources from specialised commands be used investigating actual crime, high profile patrols in key areas, and forensic intelligence gathering, rather than flying helicopters over greenery.'

Grown by licence

'Third, the police need to realise that cannabis is now available by prescription, and can be grown by licence for industrial and medicinal use.'

'Possession is able to be dealt with by diversion.'

'Times have changed, and the days of harassing hippies to stop them financing their rego by a fully paid aerial holiday with travel allowance to Byron Bay in early summer should have been long gone.'

'The community is shaking its head and thinking "what a complete and utter waste of money and resources"; he said.'

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Degraded New Brighton foreshore gets attention

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will undertake emergency remediation measures in a bid to address the 'significant and accelerating erosion' occurring at the Marshalls Creek foreshore in New Brighton.

But it will require the cooperation of multiple state and local agencies, and private landowners if a longer-term solution is to be found for the cherished spot.

The area of foreshore along River Street and Casons Road, New Brighton has been a much-loved picnic, swimming and gathering place for residents of the Shire's north for many years.

It also has considerable cultural and environmental significance.

However, a combination of bank undercutting from wash, current scour, and public trampling of the riverbank is threatening the area, with significant sections already having crumbled into the creek.

The worsening erosion is a major concern for many Ocean Shores, New Brighton, and South Golden Beach residents, who have been calling for significant foreshore remediation works to be undertaken there for some time.

They say this work would not only allow for formalised public access to a stable, designated community space, but also provide protection for the intertidal habitat within the marine park and nature reserve.

The community call was finally heeded at last week's Council meeting – at least to



Marshalls Creek foreshore in New Brighton. Photo Byron Shire Council

a point – when councillors agreed to undertake emergency remediation measures to address the significant and accelerating erosion.

Wrangling multiple agencies

However, it appears that for meaningful, long-term protection to be achieved, Council will have to wrangle the multiple state and local agencies that share responsibility for the site.

This includes Crown Lands, Fisheries and Marine Parks, and Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Further muddying the waters is the fact that part of the area is private land that is registered in the names of its former owners who passed away more than 30 years ago.

As part of their motion passed last week, Council's legal services team have been asked to investigate the potential acquisition of these private lots, providing a report that will come back to Council in the first half of next year.

Council will also request an urgent meeting with Crown Lands, Fisheries and Marine Parks and Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council to advocate for the project and seek timely action.

'The foreshore is in a really interesting place where a beautiful natural environment meets our infrastructure with a hard boundary,' Greens councillor Elia Hauge told last week's Council meeting.

'The degradation that is taking place is really concerning because it's posing a risk to both the environment, infrastructure, and then obviously there's public safety at play here as well.'

The motion was passed unanimously.

In related news, Tweed Shire Council will update their flood study, including a plan for the Tweed coastal creeks catchments. The media release says the 'flood study will cover all areas of the coastal catchments within Tweed Shire, plus Marshalls Creek in Byron Shire, as these systems interact during heavy rainfall'.

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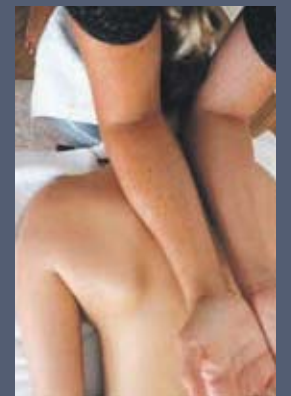
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Harvest restaurant and deli closes its doors

Newrybar-based restaurant and deli Harvest has closed its doors, with owners saying it was owing to rising operational costs, compliance pressures and an uncertain tenure.

In a social media statement, the owners said, 'After many incredible years as the cornerstone of the Newrybar community, it is with profound sadness that we announced the closure of Harvest, effective from last Friday, 13 December 2024'.

Place for connection

'Harvest has always been more than a restaurant and deli – it has been a place for connection, celebration, and shared memories.

'This legacy was only possible thanks to our dedicated staff, trusted suppliers, and the loyal community that embraced us.

'Your passion and support have meant the world to us.

'The reality of rising costs – up over 30 per cent in recent years – combined with compliance pressures and an uncertain future for tenure, made continuing operations unsustainable.

'Our commitment to local



This front-porch pooch was sad to see Harvest close its doors last Friday. Photo Jeff Dawson

produce and a people-first approach, while central to our mission, became increasingly difficult to sustain in a world that values sustainability but challenges its feasibility.

'For those who have placed deposits for Christmas food orders, events, or weddings, we want to reassure you that you will receive a full refund, and we have contacted you personally to arrange this', they added.

Greens pitch for free dental

The Australian Greens say their election pitch to add dental into Medicare could save residents in the federal electorate of Richmond at least \$116m in its first year.

Local Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, says, 'Under the plan – which would see dental care ranging from cleaning and filling to dentures and orthodontic work covered by Medicare – an individual could save

around \$978 dollars in the first year, while a family with two adults and two children could save around \$2,656'.

The Greens say the cost-of-living measure would be paid for by taking on big corporations through the party's previously announced Big Corporations Tax.

'In the power-sharing parliament of 2010, the Greens secured dental into Medicare for children'.

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Rare ecology on show December 18, 19

A two-day photographic exhibition presenting the stunning, unique beauty of the 'Wallum' landscape will be held at the Brunswick Picture House on Wednesday December 18 and Thursday December 19.

Organisers say Wallum, located in Brunswick Heads and slated for urban development, is a 'remnant landscape teeming with biodiversity, is home to species of state and national significance'.

'It hosts 200-plus year-old scribbly gums, giant banksias, coastal grass trees, and delicate fungi, while



Mark Seiffert's photo, Glossysmitty. Photo supplied

supporting a rich array of birdlife and other wildlife. Yet this land faces immense

threats from development'. The opening event begins at 6pm, Wednesday

December 18, with the Northern Rivers premiere of Save Wallum, a short film by documentary filmmaker Adriano Pantaleo.

Spirit of the Wallum

The film captures the spirit of the Wallum, the community's fight to preserve it, and the urgency of the cause.

Learn about the Save Wallum campaign and the Community Land Acquisition Initiative (CLAI), which aims to purchase and safeguard this critical land in perpetuity.

Local councils back return of SCU arts degrees

The recent cuts to Southern Cross University (SCU)'s undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music, and digital media, from 2025 have prompted north coast councils to call on the university to reconsider, given the importance of the sector to the Northern Rivers.

Byron Shire Council was the latest to join Ballina, Lismore and Tweed councils in asking the uni to reconsider. Tweed Council mayor,

Chris Cherry, wrote in her recent mayoral minute, 'If all Northern Rivers councils unite to try to save the arts courses in regional NSW, we are more likely to be successful'.

At their meeting on Thursday, Byron Shire councillors voted unanimously for a motion that read in part, 'Council will write to relevant federal ministers urging them to restore equity to the cost of arts degrees to ensure that young people

can pursue in a career in music and the creative arts without undue financial burden; and write to relevant state ministers to take urgent action to increase funding and other support for regional arts and music events, noting the negative impact that the cancellation of large music events such as Bluesfest and Splendour in the Grass will have on Byron Shire's local economy'.

At the Ballina Council

meeting of November 28, Cr Kiri Dicker was successful with a similar, unanimous motion that, 'calls on Southern Cross University to reconsider its recent decision to discontinue its undergraduate programs in art and design, contemporary music and digital media from 2025'.

Lismore councillors defeated a motion to write to ministers, but instead decided to write to SCU asking why the courses were scrapped.



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Advisory committees slashed from previous year – Council

Hans Lovejoy

A new cohort of community members who advise Council around planning and policy matters were appointed to Council’s advisory committees at last week’s meeting.

Yet the number of committees, totalling just seven, is greatly reduced from the 12 who advised Council in the previous term.

And prior to that term, there were 16 committees advising Council.

Councillors went into a closed door session during last week’s meeting to select the new members.

Given the apparent reduction of community input to Council, *The Echo* sought comment from Greens councillor, Elia Hague, who moved last week’s confidential motion.

She said, ‘As a former community representative on the Water and Sewer Committee, I understand that advisory committees are an essential step of our community partnership

Who is on the advisory committees for the 2024-2028 term?

The Arts Advisory Committee: includes Ed Horne; Marisa Snow; Sara Yael Cowan; Samantha Collyer Moss; Philip Channells; Oriel Paterson. Two positions are reserved a representative from Arts Northern Rivers (Jane Fuller) and another for an ‘Aboriginal Arts representative (to be appointed at a future date)’.

The Biodiversity and Agriculture Advisory Committee includes Lindsay Murray; Annette McKinley; Hedley Grantham; James Jackson; James Barrie and Peter Westheimer.

The Climate Change and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee includes Bronwyn Elliott; Madeleine Green; Ken McLean; and Anne Stuart – Zero Emission Byron (ZEB).

The Coast and ICOLL Advisory Committee includes Anne Leitch; Mark Tidswell; Lucy Jepson and James Norton.

The Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee includes Matthew Lambourne; Robert Crossley; Duncan Dey and Catherine Lane.

The Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee includes Anthony Stante; David Michie; Anne Villeseche; Katherine O’Regan; Bruce Clarke and Anthony Pangallo.

The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee members are Duncan Dey; Ben Fawcett. The minutes read, ‘Further nominations [to] be sought for the remaining position/s’.

and oversight into Council decision-making’.

‘The advice provided by our passionate and engaged community members is invaluable, and we are so lucky to have such a knowledgeable and skilled community willing to volunteer their time and energy to create a better Byron Shire

for all of us’.

She said that establishing the committees for this Council term occurred in public session on October 24, 2024, ‘which also included representations and questions during public access on this matter’.

Cr Hague said councillors were concerned around

the ‘dissolution of so many committees’.

‘In addition to establishing and calling for nominations for the community representatives on the eight committees, we requested an options report on engagement opportunities for Aboriginal engagement, heritage and housing.

‘We have already been briefed and had workshops to move forward with a more robust, inclusive and culturally appropriate model for Aboriginal engagement, and this will be a priority for the new year.

‘I look forward to working with councillors and community to establish more effective, responsive models of engagement for heritage and housing as well; I can see how a quarterly meeting may not have been the most effective mode of engagement on these important issues when the planning system runs on its own schedule.

‘The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) was established in our first meeting on October 10, 2024 (report 5.1/ res 24-462). I was appointed as the councillor non-voting member to ARIC for this term.

Reps needed

‘The Finance Advisory Committee was established on October 24, and doesn’t have community representatives, so was not discussed in the December 12 meeting.

‘We did, however, agree with staff that 12 committees was an inefficient way to engage; committees require significant time and input from councillors, staff, and community members, and on some issues there are more effective and meaningful ways to engage’.

Cr Hague added, ‘We remain strongly committed to a sustainable and circular economy for Byron Shire, and certainly to improving communications between Council and community’.

Member quits

In July 2023, an expert in their field quit from Council’s Affordable Housing Committee, and the Place Planning Collective. David Brown told *The Echo* part his decision to resign was because Council (councillors and staff) were ignoring the input of committees.

Again in 2023, without a quorum to include the local business community, former mayor Michael Lyon held closed door meetings with staff – without business

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staff's replacement model unknown

► leaders – under the guise of a 'Business and Industry Advisory Committee'.

Matt Williamson, president of the Byron Bay Business Chamber told *The Echo* at the time he was keen to be a part of those meetings, but never heard back from Council when he asked.

Moving forward, Mr Williamson told *The Echo* last week his team will now hold four informal meetings a year with Mayor Sarah Ndiaye and General Manager Mark Arnold.

Mr Williamson said he was keen to participate and collaborate with the new Council.

Heritage Advisory Committee scrapped

Yet not everyone is happy. Susan Tsicalas, secretary of the Brunswick Valley Historical Society, wrote to both Director Sustainable Environment & Economy, Shannon Burt, and Greens Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye, asking why the Heritage Advisory Committee was not on the list of committees for this term of Council.

She wrote on October 27,

'Two of our members were on the committee and kept us informed of what was happening with heritage aspects in the Shire'.

'We are worried that the ongoing protection of Indigenous and European heritage in the Shire will be neglected and also ignored by developers.

'We wish to be advised as to what steps will be taken to protect this heritage if no committee is being formed.

'Also we would like to know how Council is planning to supervise those buildings, already listed, [to prevent them] from becoming derelict and unloved. Does Council have the powers to ensure that buildings listed are maintained by their owners?'

Council staff to reframe 'public engagement'

Ms Burt replied, 'All committees of Council have now been reviewed with some staying, and others amalgamated and/or repurposed'.

'A number of factors were considered by staff to inform

'We haven't seen the report outlining the proposed new format'

– Mayor Sarah Ndiaye

this review for Council.

'With the Heritage Committee/Panel it has been decided that a reframe of how we engage with historical society members, interested community, and landowners moving forward – outside a formal committee structure would be best.

'What this looks like is a quarterly workshop/meeting/event with the above stakeholders, Council staff and heritage advisor to do, or learn about, local heritage. I would like to have each historical society host a meeting.

'I have not worked through the exact details yet with Deb Wray, our Heritage Advisor, but will, for a further report to Council as per the resolution from the last meeting.

'All other heritage services, and our annual grants program will continue as normal. We have annual grant funding for these from state government.

'The current heritage

listings in the LEP [local environment plan] remain with its protections. LEP and DCP [development control plan] updates as recommended will also continue to be reported to Council.

'Our Heritage Strategy, as per the state grant remains, and is due for review this year, which the historical societies will be involved'.

Ms Burt added, 'The new approach is not unlike what other councils do, and in my opinion, provides for better communications and collaborations by all interested in local heritage'.

Supported by mayor

Mayor Sarah Ndiaye told *The Echo*, 'We haven't seen the report outlining the proposed new format'.

'It sounds like the new model will meet as many times as the committee did previously, but it will meet in different towns and villages.

'I haven't been on the Heritage Advisory Panel, so I'm not sure how the new model will compare, but I'm open to exploring new ways of engaging with community'.

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Man with toy gun arrested in Ballina

A 36-year-old man accused of using a toy gun to threaten bank workers in Ballina is to face court in January.

Missing hiker located safe

Police say a missing hiker has been located safe near Tyalgum after a three-day search.

Vacant aged care facility in Lismore to be transformed into crisis accommodation

As part of the \$100 million Homelessness Innovation Fund, Homes NSW, in partnership with Social Futures, will deliver 30 self-contained en-suite rooms, providing safe and secure shelter for individuals and families.

Kingscliff death 'non-suspicious'

Police say the death of a woman whose body was found in a home in Kingscliff last week is non-suspicious.

Cudgen, Cudgera and Mooball – what were your flood experiences?

Residents of Cudgen, Cudgera and Mooball catchments are being asked to share their flood experiences and records as part of a new flood study of the area.

Teen charged over alleged break and enters – Lennox Head

A teenage boy faced court yesterday charged over several alleged property offences at Lennox Head.

What is your vision for Ballina Shire?

With five new councillors on the Ballina Shire Council, residents and businesses are being asked to share their vision of the future of their areas with councillors.

Police chase ends in truck crash

A 19-year-old was in a critical condition after a police pursuit and crash last Thursday, officers said.

New police knife-checking powers

New police powers are effective in NSW this week, said to be aimed at reducing knife crime and boosting community safety.

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Lismore and Nimbin CSG signs to go – but fight not over

Aslan Shand

Lismore councillors Big Rob and Andrew Bing have led the charge to remove all CSG (coal seam gas) and nuclear-free-area signs from the Lismore local government area (LGA).

Speaking to the motion at the December 10 Council meeting Cr Rob made it clear he wasn't happy with what he sees as the negative messaging from the 'CSG and nuclear free' statement on the 'welcome to Lismore' signage.

'I even don't like the signs on the bins, it has like 20 different things you cannot do,' said Cr Rob emphasising his point.

Supporting the motion Cr Electra Jensen told the meeting she had supported the 'No CSG' campaign at the time but, 'we don't want to rehash history [we want to] look to the future... it is time to move on.'

87 per cent against

The signs were part of the response to the federal coalition proposal to approve CSG mining in the region. A long and powerful campaign from the local community brought together people from all walks of life including farmers, alternatives and

conservatives who didn't want to see their local region devastated by the impacts of CSG mining.

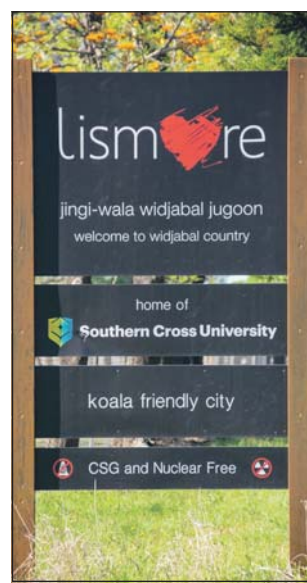
In 2012, then Cr Simon Clough put forward the motion to have a referendum on who supported CSG in the Lismore LGA at the local election.

'A high proportion of people responded to it and it was a clear indication of the community's opinion – 87 per cent opposition to CSG,' Mr Clough told *The Echo*.

'What particularly concerns me about the removal of the signs is that they are a symbol of the empowerment of the local community to protect itself and their farmland. We didn't want the industrialisation of farmland, the loss of water, the poisoning of water, and the generation of methane; the fugitive emissions from CSG are huge,' he explained.

Speaking to the meeting Cr Virginia Waters said, 'this decision that we're making is a really big decision.'

'This is not just about the Lismore welcome signs. It's about all of our villages and all of our people, and that we had such an incredible win. I think that we need to respect that, and we should still have these signs in our town and villages, because



Lismore's CSG and nuclear free sign. Photo David Lowe

it demonstrates what we can do as a community, and what we value as a community, and what we value as a community here is our landscape, is our water, and is our care for country.'

Cr Jasmine Knight-Smith told the meeting, that she was proud of the 'CSG free' signs.

'When I drive into other towns and I see that they have signs that say 'No CSG', then I know that I'm driving to a place that's probably really lovely,' she said.

'Every time I drive into this town and I see those signs, I feel proud, proud that our landscape isn't marred

by a sea of mines. If you look above Toowoomba and a variety of other places [that have mines] and you drive around those places, it's horrific. It's not attractive, it's not beautiful. It detracts from the beauty of the region.'

Councillors voted six to four in favour of removing the CSG signs with Crs Gordon, Battista, Rob, Bing, Jensen and Krieg in favour and Crs Dalton-Earls, Knight-Smith, Guise and Waters opposed.

Rescission motion lodged

Following the meeting a rescission motion has been lodged by Crs Knight-Smith, Guise and Waters.

'The fact that 87 per cent of Lismore LGA voted to be CSG-free means the Krieg team would have their own constituents who would have supported the referendum,' Cr Guise told *The Echo*.

'I'd like them to listen to the sentiment of the community and recognise that they should proudly display those signs as a symbol of community pride and what we have gained from being gasfield-free.'

'We've got a united, powerful community, we have protected our farmland, we have clean air and water.'

These signs are something that a farming and a food-growing region should be proud of, as it is essential to a food-growing and agricultural region to have clean farmland and water,' he said.

'CSG is still a clear and present danger. You have communities fighting against gas fields across NSW and Australia right now. CSG is a dirty fossil fuel on a par with, or worse than, coal.'

Community response

There has already been a significant response on social media against the removal of the signs from across the community including from those celebrating the opening of the Lismore to Bentley section of the rail trail, with Anna Mackney pointing out that Bentley was, 'where collectively we made history by stopping the CSG industry from drilling in our area.'

'I think we have an extraordinary community,' Mr Clough told *The Echo*.

'People will be meeting in halls and homes and I believe they will be working out some wondrously humorous responses to what they propose to do with the signs.'

Next section of Northern Rivers Rail Trail opens

David Lowe

Lismore Station was the scene on Saturday morning for the official opening of the next section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, providing a safe off-road route for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders to travelling from Lismore to Bentley.

The newly-completed trail carries travellers 16 km in one direction, linking up with the Casino-Bentley rail trail which opened earlier this year. Together, these sections provide almost 30 km of what will eventually be the southern leg of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

After wending its way out of Lismore, the views from the new trail open up to farmland, creeks and forested hills.

When this section connects through to Eltham, Byron Bay and then Crabbes Creek (don't hold your breath), it will be possible to ride all the way from Lismore to Murwillumbah, 132 km off road through



Happy cyclists at the opening of the Lismore-Bentley rail trail. Photo David Lowe

rural land and forest, creating a major tourist drawcard for the region.

So what's it like to ride?

It's a fascinating perspective on Bentley to see the other side of the hill where history was made (no plaque though), and the spots where there are established trees provide a welcome respite on a hot day (it would be great to see more trees planted along the route).

There were lots of happy faces from near and far enjoying the trail on day one, including cyclists of all shapes and sizes, walkers with dogs, scooters, horse-riders and a couple of tandems.

Unlike what happens at the Murwillumbah end, there's no integration of the rail trail with Lismore Station (not even a ramp to explore the heritage building), which seems like a missed opportunity.

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Future housing options for Tweed deferred

Aslan Shand

The decision to adopt the Tweed Shire Council (TSC) version two of the draft Growth Management and Housing Strategy (GMHS) was deferred at the last Council meeting with concerns raised over the merit of some of the land that had been included in the strategy, and potential property speculation.

The GMHS was exhibited in February-March 2024 and received over 639 submissions that 'when analysed on a theme-by-theme basis raised over 4,000 separate matters for consideration,' said the staff review.

At the meeting Tweed Mayor, Chris Cherry moved an alternate motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Meredith Dennis, that sought to defer the decision while 'a high-level, multi-criteria analysis of all 83 options exhibited, minus those that have now been discounted

in version 2 of the Options Report and with the four additional options added as a response to public consultation, in order for Council to assess which options to retain going forward.'

Cr Cherry told the meeting that the GMHS was the most important strategy that she has dealt with in her nine years as councillor and mayor.

'We have to get it right, because it's talking about the growth in our Shire over the next 20 years, and it's really important that this strategy matches what our community want,' she said.

The issue of what land should be included in the strategy was key. Issues to be considered include tidal inundation, coastal hazard, flooding, the ability to service sites with water and wastewater, and the costs involved for each issue.

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Advance Australia's next big hit

Look out, you latte-sipping do-goody Greens, there is a movement preparing war against your party for the upcoming federal election (to be held any time between March and May, 2025).

No, it's not Labor.

It's a whacky little fringe-dwelling party called Advance Australia (AA).

Who are they? They were the main lobby group behind the 'No' campaign, which successfully defeated the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum in 2023.

One high point of their 'No' campaign was convincing the *Australian Financial Review* (Nine) to publish a full-page US Jim Crow-era style cartoon, depicting an Indigenous Voice campaigner as a dancing monkey at the feet of white people.

Nine later apologised.

So yes, Advance Australia is well funded and super classy.

And ambitious.

After destroying the hopes and dreams of First Nations people, their next target is to demolish the Greens, who they claim are a threat to their Christian Judaic values.

Their three Orwellian pillars – that presumably come with a hat and t-shirt – are 'freedom, security and prosperity'.

Matthew Sheahan, CEO of Advance Australia, made a guest appearance on the Youtube site of discredited Zionist group, the Australian Jewish Association (AJA), last July.

Sheahan laid out his reasoning for the impending attack, with the usual ramblings of a paranoid middle-aged white reclusive male, locked in a cabin somewhere deep in the woods.

The Greens, he says, are growing in numbers while other parties are not.

'They are anti-Semitic, anti-capitalist, they want to do away with the US alliance, they want to legalise hard drugs, which is what they did in the ACT; they want to get rid of public funding for private schools, which would increase school fees; they want to do away with borders and immigration and open it up to anyone.'

So get ready for the 'Greens Truth' campaign, which will be the focus of Sheahan's shady mob between now and the federal election.

A point of difference the Greens have over other parties, he says, is their brand.

Sheahan points out that nobody knows what the major parties stand for anymore, which leaves the Greens with the impression they are warriors for the environment.

He even admits the Greens have the strongest brand in the country, and suggests that given the lack of recognition of what the Nationals stand for, 'I'd trade in that brand'.

So the messaging will be that, 'they are not what they used to be', followed by attacking their policies. Sheahan plans to use 'geo-targetted messaging, like we did in the Voice campaign', and mansplain to 'predominantly women aged between 33 and 49, who are persuadable'.

He says focus groups are telling AA mums are most concerned about the legalisation of hard drugs, national security and law and order, and safety and security.

Given AA knocked the 'Yes' voice out off the park, and the recent Trump election, will they make a difference?

Their manifesto is at <https://tinyurl.com/5ybtcmrd>.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Those influential billionaires

It's that time of the year again. Friday Hut Road from The Buttery has been renamed Santa Claus Lane and dozens of colourful Santas, gnomes and sleighs – one pulled by six white kangaroos – have appeared by the roadside.

We cling on to old traditions like comfortable security blankets in this wildly-changing world. It helps numb the uncertainties and turbulence we all face. It's hard to believe 2025 is just around the corner. What can we expect? We can forecast that the new Trump administration will create global chaos if they fulfil their promises.

The atmosphere is already at fever pitch, exacerbated by the assassination of UnitedHealthcare (UHC) CEO, Brian Thompson.

Alleged killer, Luigi Mangioni, wrote a manifesto detailing how he and his mother had suffered from being denied health care by their insurers UHC.

Suddenly he is a national folk hero and a lightning rod for millions who are suffering under the American health care disaster.

Over half a million Americans go bankrupt each year unable to pay medical bills.

Luigi Mangioni now has more than four hundred thousand followers on X, his sole remaining social media account that was reinstated personally by Elon Musk.

The billionaire told Tucker Carlson on Murdoch's Fox News that the word 'homeless' is a 'lie' and 'propaganda'.

He said, 'Homeless is a misnomer. It implies that someone got a little bit behind on their mortgage, and if you just gave them a job, they'd be back on their feet. What you actually have are violent, drug zombies with dead eyes and needles and human faeces on the street'.

This awful man will undoubtedly attempt to influence Australia's election. He helped install Trump, assisted by Aussie billionaires Gina Rinehart, Rupert Murdoch and Anthony Pratt.

The same team will work to elect Peter Dutton in a 'Billionaires vs The People' contest.

Ann Lipton wrote the paper *Every*



'Ann Lipton wrote the paper, Every Billionaire is a Policy Failure, and it's becoming increasingly obvious.'

– Richard Jones

Billionaire is a Policy Failure and it's becoming increasingly obvious.

The battle today is between billionaires who have an iron grip on governments, and people like you and me.

When poorer Americans discover they were lied to by the billionaires and start suffering even more, as prices of imported goods and health costs rise, it will set the stage for a revolution.

In a sense, the first shot has been fired with the assassination of Brian Thompson.

As President Kennedy said in 1962: 'Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable'.

So, will billionaires win the upcoming Australian election?

Will they help convince the majority of Australians to vote against their own interests as they did in the American election? They will try. They want their man, Peter Dutton and his climate-crisis-denying mob at the helm.

More tax cuts

They don't give a damn that the Coalition's mad taxpayer-funded nuclear power plan will increase Australia's emissions by a reported one billion tonnes and increase power prices. They want more tax cuts and no hindrance to exporting fossil fuels.

They want to retain their wealth and power at the expense of people and the planet.

It's not impossible they will succeed, as current polls indicate.

Most people are not engaged in the day-to-day cut and thrust of politics. They have enough going on in their lives just trying to pay bills.

Inequality is at an all-time high and not being addressed with obvious reforms, like restoring capital gains tax to where it was before John Howard wrecked it.

The government is tinkering tentatively around the edges, perhaps not wishing to give Murdoch yet another excuse to attack them.

Hopefully Murdoch's failure in his legal battle to ensure his right-wing legacy is retained solely by son Lachlan will mean the dismemberment of his empire when he dies, liberating timid governments to deal with inequality, finally.

The lack of meaningful action by the Albanese government is in breach of our obligations under Article 25 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (UDHR), to which we are a signatory.

Article 25 states in part: 'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family...' This includes housing and unemployment.

Australia has the lowest unemployment payments in the OECD.

Half of those unemployed are unable to work. Homelessness is increasing and there are many families living in cars with children, right here in Byron Shire.

These UDHR breaches are a national disgrace and need dealing with as number one priority.

There is one way the Albanese government can virtually guarantee reelection – enact legislation to reduce the voting age to 16.

That will give them the vital extra two per cent they need, half via Greens' preferences. Sixteen countries have reduced the voting age to 16 including Germany, Scotland, Wales and Indonesia.

Surely if they're old enough to use social media and pay taxes, they're old enough to vote.

Happy Christmas to you, your family and friends and a peaceful Chinese Year of the Wood Snake!

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Mullum carpark highrise

The elephant in the room for the 57 Station St development application (DA), site suitability, is censored from public feedback on the DA by the applicant company, Landcom.

All such comments are not published on their online site, and at the so-called public consultation last week, any such questions were immediately referred to Council as we are told they have deemed the site suitable. Yet all sorts of technical and social studies are underway.

Isn't this the cart before the horse?

We need social housing, yes, but we need enlightened councillor input before this process at such an unsuitable site gets too far.

Issues include flooding, aesthetics, no parking, traffic jams, emissions from cafes, overcrowded CBD – and dismissal of the Mullumbimby Masterplan.

And what's happening with the bigger, old hospital site please?

Peter Ryan
Mullumbimby

Support new parents

I'm writing to raise awareness about changes to Byron Hospital's weekly new parent group – a service that has been a lifeline for so many in our community. Run by the wonderful Brooke and Helen, this group offers more than just expert advice; it provides a supportive, non-judgemental space for new parents to meet others and navigate the early weeks of parenthood together (from six weeks to six months).

From January, the hospital plans to replace this ongoing, flexible format with a structured six-week program starting at six weeks postpartum. While well-intentioned, this change risks adding pressure during what is already a fragile time. For many parents, committing to a program so soon after birth – while still healing, adjusting, and building confidence – may feel overwhelming and deter participation.

Beyond the immediate impact on parents, this change could also affect the broader community. Groups like this foster connections that strengthen local support networks. Losing this flexibility might mean fewer opportunities for new parents to meet and bond, which could leave many feeling isolated at a time when connection is most needed.

I hope the community can come together to support these services and advocate for approaches that truly meet the needs of parents during such a delicate period. Anyone seeking more information can reach out to Brooke and Helen at the hospital. Helen can be reached on 0418 912 241.

Cécile Caminade
Mullumbimby

Backlash Dec 11

I don't know if Backlash coined the nickname P Duddy (*Echo*, December 11) for the leader of the opposition – another appropriate name for him – but gee I like it!

Rose Fox
Byron Bay

Byron's dangerous zebra crossing

Further to the recently published letter in *The Echo* regarding the virtually invisible and highly perilous lip at the end of the zebra crossing between Fundies and the Commonwealth Bank: today I witnessed the aftermath of a shocking accident there.

An elderly lady with a walking stick was seated under the fig tree waiting for an ambulance to arrive. She had tripped on the unclear concrete rise (on the Commonwealth Bank side) and had fallen flat on her face. She had a badly broken nose, and was significantly bruised and bleeding.

I have also stumbled at the exact same spot and needed medical assistance to clean and bandage the wound that I sustained to my knee. I am among many who have been injured there.

It was very upsetting to see the trauma and damage to that poor woman's face. It's a perilous spot and Council needs to fix it as a top priority before someone is seriously injured – or even killed. Elderly bones fracture easily and it is also possible for anyone to die from falling and whacking their head on cement.

I called Byron Council late today and someone from the Council depot called today and said that repairing the footpath problem would be given top priority. Two possible options were discussed – either removing a tree root or perhaps the entire cross-walk might be raised.

Margot Duell
Byron Bay

Cape Byron Lighthouse

Having just seen a previous copy of *The Echo* we were very interested in Paul Jones' letter criticising the new concrete path up to the lighthouse from Wategos. We're sure he's right – though we haven't seen the path yet, it certainly doesn't sound imaginative enough for such a site.

As he says, it is a sublime location – we make the pilgrimage from Tweed a few times a year just to 'sit and stare' now we're in our 70s.

We've loved it since we were in our 20s but lately it is not looked after. At least a year ago, probably getting on for two, we saw a pile of vomit in the left-hand corner of the lighthouse porch. A few weeks later it was still there – dried up by now in the sun. Subsequent visits convince us the porch is never cleaned and remnants are still there.

Tourists have commented unfavourably about the lack of cleanliness. For goodness sake, I feel like taking a bucket of water there myself. Please look after it.

Mrs Janice Lamb
Tweed Heads

Trying to find Pam Fowler

We have lost contact with Pam Fowler, a friend we made back in 1982.

The last known address we had for her was 643 Booyong Road, Booyong, 2480. Our last letter to her was returned to us in Guernsey, Channel Islands marked 'Gone to Scotland'. She lived with her son Joe and his partner Fingal. Having

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► **Continued from page 13** looked up the property we can see it was sold in 2023.

If anybody in the area could let us know what has become of her and the family, or if they have a forwarding address either for Pam or Joe, we'd be very grateful if they could contact us.

Thank you for any assistance you are able to provide and look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us at: Uluru, Le Petit Bas Courtil, St Saviours, Guernsey, GY7 9YH, Channel Islands; Phone +44 1481 265407 or mobile +44 7781 402830; email sdecarteret@cwgsy.net/
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'No' to traffic lights

Say 'no' to traffic lights on Broken Head Road at Suffolk Park.

I can't believe that the Byron Shire Council (BSC) seriously thinks that installing traffic lights on Broken Head Road at Suffolk Park is a good idea and that they will be of any real benefit in effectively resolving the ever-increasing number of vehicles using this road.

I feel they have no place in our Byron Shire and will definitely impact on the uniqueness and beauty of

the place. I'm sure many other residents and visitors would agree with this. Please be aware if traffic lights are installed, then this may give Council the green light it needs to install more. The community at large needs to send a strong message to Council that we definitely don't want intrusive and inappropriate traffic lights proliferating on our Shire roads.

The BSC needs to do the right thing and consult with the community regarding this controversial matter.

To help in the medium term, to alleviate traffic congestion on Broken Head Road, three roundabouts need to be constructed: one at Clifford Street, another on the corner of Bangalow Road, and one at the entrance to the Byron High School. These are key points which are causing traffic congestion, in part, to occur. There was an opportunity for our Council to construct a roundabout on a vacant block of land on the corner of Clifford Street and Broken Head Road that sat vacant for many years. Unfortunately, the opportunity was lost last year when the Council approved a new house to be built on this corner block of land.

We clearly need progressive planning to deal with traffic congestion, which is destined to get a lot worse due to an ever-increasing number of large developments being approved in and around Byron Bay. A 'park and ride' system and better public transport options need to be implemented. Minibuses (possibly electric) could be one of the ways to move people in and around town, thereby reducing the number of vehicles clogging up our roads and streets.

Graeme Chapman
Suffolk Park

Invisible ageing

My talk to Byron Shire Council last week about the invisible ageing people in our shire was introducing a proposal which I called 'The Ministry of Ageing', a community-led initiative to provide our old people with a platform to speak for themselves, instead of the current top-down assistance, usually lacking empathy and, often, relevance.

As well as providing an 'Elders Hub' as a central gathering and communication place, I also proposed a series of affordable courses, both because they're relevant (like 'Yoga for the decrepit' and 'How to stay

sane while you're losing your memory') and also because humour is a good way of changing the frame through which we view ageing.

And yes, there are many old people in this Shire who struggle to pay rent and run a car and who need support from our community to enjoy the full flowering of their lives, which is the joy of growing old. Let's give them a voice?

Anjali (Trish) Walsh
Myocum

The role of our thoughts

Reading your article about the recent fundraising lunch for men's mental health (*Echo*, November 13), one statement stood out to me: 'By the time it's physical, it's very hard to treat'. It's a sobering thought, but I'd like to share this: while challenges can feel overwhelming and result in physical symptoms, it's important to believe that it's never hopeless.

Groups like the Men's Shed and the Lions Club are doing amazing work creating spaces for men to connect, share, and find support. These efforts go a long way to remind folks that no one

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How coffee saved the world

Mandy Nolan

There's a worldwide coffee shortage. Sorry, there was no easy way to tell you, so I came right out with it.

It's climate change. Unseasonal and adverse weather in Brazil and Vietnam has meant the price of Arabica and Robusta coffee beans are climbing to record highs. And climate change, the increase and in some cases decrease of temperatures, wild storms, sudden frosts – well it's making the beans taste different. More bitter.

And in some cases it's wiping out whole crops.

Climate change is killing coffee! Why aren't they telling us this?

Is there a coffee conspiracy? I suspect the tea people.

If you want to bring an end to fossil fuels, you have to tell people about the end of coffee.

They thought that 'your children won't have a future' was a powerful message to drive home the urgency. But it just isn't getting through. People aren't that worried about what happens when they're gone. But a future without coffee? Now that's a truly unlivable planet.

They need to tell people. Even climate denialists would shit themselves.

Not even disinformation is palatable without a coffee in your hand.

End of your favourite coffee?

By 2050 experts believe that climate change could kill off our two main coffee varieties. There are 11 million daily coffee drinkers in Australia.

Over one billion worldwide. That billion consumes



What type of coffee drinker are you? Photo Bex Walton

two and a half billion coffees a day.

That's a lot of coffee. That's a lot of cranky people with a coffee headache.

One billion people hanging out. One billion people who have nothing to look forward to when they wake up. I'm definitely one of them. That's my cohort.

I can't live without coffee. I've given up alcohol, ciggies, sugar, wheat. I don't drink cow's milk. I don't take hard drugs. I barely take panadol.

Coffee is my love. It's a ritual. It's what gets me out of bed to walk the beach – I grab a coffee first. It's my morning routine. For decades I've met with a small group of friends in a cafe. It's been like the cafe scene out of Seinfeld or Friends. I've always met someone for coffee at least a few times a week. It's how I start friendships. It's how I end them. It's how I have meetings. 'Want to meet for a coffee?' It's a low ask.

No one is meeting for water. That's just weird.

'Want to meet at 9am tomorrow for a water? You name the tap.'

The endangered bean

I never quite trust people who don't drink coffee. I don't know what to meet

them for. They can have a dandy soy latte, but it's already a bit of a disappointment. I have two coffees a day. They have to be good. Life is too short for bad coffee. One bad coffee can ruin my day.

Coffee is my reward

Hope, smells like coffee. It fills the house. It lingers on the furniture. It curls around the curtains. It's better than any stinky candle.

It's what puts me off international travel. No one makes a coffee as good as us. I remember sitting in Paris and thinking, this is gonna be good. It was awful. Australia has never celebrated their true world achievement. We make the best coffee in the world. Don't even ask me about that awful American coffee. It's an abomination. Percolating is disrespectful to the endangered bean. Aussies are world class baristas. I don't know why, but we nailed it.

So this Summer you need to think long and hard about what lies ahead. About the end of coffee.

This may be the climate movement we've been waiting for.

One billion cranky coffee drinkers who woke up one day, and saved the world.

reach, and hope is always justified. As a counsellor, I've seen firsthand the power of connection and insight to transform lives – let's keep encouraging conversations like these.

Sandy Loyall
Bangalow

Bike helmets ignored

Wear your bicycle helmet! It is the law and it is for your safety.

I notice that the lax enforcement of the NSW road rules, dominant in Byron, has now spread to Ballina.

If you are caught riding without a helmet (or are using an unapproved helmet which does not meet these safety standards), you

can face on-the-spot fines of \$344.

Helmet rules also apply to a passenger on a bicycle.

It is illegal to lead an animal (such as a dog) from a bicycle which you are riding. Fines of \$76 apply.

E-bikes must be mostly propelled by riders – a motor can't be the only source of power and should only help riders, like when going uphill.

Throttle e-bikes are now illegal in NSW.

In January 2021, the Department of Infrastructure made a change to the federal vehicle standards, adding the criteria 'cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor or motors' which effectively bans bikes with

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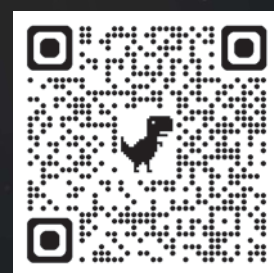
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A prayer for children this Christmas

Belle Budden

Christmas is a time for children. Our contemporary Christmas has evolved from northern hemisphere seasonal celebrations, including the pagan harvest festivals and winter solstice celebrations encrusted with Christianity. Celebrating the birth of baby Jesus, the Christian King of Kings in the unlikely place of a manger in a stable. Nativity scenes celebrating humble beginnings of baby Jesus born into simplicity, humility, and poverty. The holy time of the babe.

According to Christian tradition, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a town in the Palestinian West Bank. What would the experience be of a babe born today in that town of Bethlehem, in occupied Palestinian territory?

Conservative estimates of the impact on children in the occupied Palestinian territory are appalling. Oxfam report more than 6,000 women and 11,000 children were killed in Gaza by the Israeli military over the last 12 months. Save the Children cite that the occupied Palestinian territory

is now ranked as the deadliest place in the world for children. They estimate 30 per cent of the 11,300 identified children killed in Gaza were younger than five and Gaza currently has the highest rates of child malnutrition globally. Palestinian children are experiencing constant exposure to violence in Gaza and a denial of adequate healthcare and food aid. UNICEF state the true cost of the violence in the State of Palestine and Israel will be measured in children's lives – those lost and those forever changed by it. The children of the occupied Palestinian territory need their human rights respected and upheld, and they need an end to the violence, long term peace. We must demand it.

Intergenerational poverty

Back home here in Australia, in the grips of inflation and the devastating housing crisis, more children are being born into living in garages and overcrowded accommodations and poverty. The Child Poverty in Australia 2024 report

released by Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre shows that rates of child poverty have risen substantially post Covid, with 823,000 children (or 14.5 per cent) living under a standard (50 per cent) poverty line. Mission Australia report one in every six children are living in poverty, and that sole-parent families and renters over 65 years of age are being slammed by the economic crisis. It's grim.

This is compounded for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children. The enduring impacts of colonisation from dispossession of land to slavery and stolen wages have resulted in intergenerational poverty, especially for people locked out of housing markets. This is well documented and the statistics are alarming. This has resulted in the ongoing Close the Gap campaign which has commitments from all levels of governments. The continued failure to meet the targets under Close the Gap prompted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled peak body organisations to form



Artwork 'Growing up strong on Country' by Belle Budden.

the Coalition of Peaks and pressure the government to demand action. The outcome was the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, with four priority reform areas and 17 targets to address the appalling conditions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from the enduring impacts of colonisation, racism, and poverty.

Increasing risk to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

This includes addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system. Target 12 is, by 2031, to reduce the rate of overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45 per cent.

The 2024 Family Matters Report, published by SNAICC found Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are grossly overrepresented

at every stage of the child protection system and the overrepresentation grows as interventions become more intrusive.

Family Matters 2024 reported that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are 5.6 times more likely than non-Indigenous children to be subject to a child protection notification, but 10.8 times more likely than non-Indigenous children to be in out-of-home care (OOHC) or subject to a third-party parental responsibility order (TPPRO).

Since 2019, the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in OOHC has worsened, rising from 54.2 to 57.2 per 1,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in 2023. The Productivity Commission estimates that by 2031 the rate will be 63 per 1,000 children.

We continue to be desperately far off course from meeting the Closing the Gap targets. The failure to address Target 12 has inextricable links to many

of the other targets in the national agreement and is a driver for the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the criminal justice systems.

The national agreement also aims to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the criminal justice systems. Target 11 is, by 2031, to reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people (10-17 years) in detention by at least 30 per cent. Nationally in 2022-23, the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 10-17 years in detention on an average day was 29.8 per 10,000 young people in the population. The 2022-23 rate is above the previous three years (from a low of 23.6 per 10,000 young people in 2020-21).

All governments in Australia remain committed to working together to address the targets in the national agreement, though the actions of many undermine this commitment. The minimum age of criminal liability is the youngest age at which a person can be charged with a criminal offence. In Queensland, the age of criminal liability is currently 10. Australia's new law in the Northern Territory that lowers the age of criminal responsibility to 10 years goes against the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We must do better for our children.

Behind all of these statistics are the stories of real lives, real children and families and real heart-break. Children are our collective future and we are letting them down. Children deserve to be nurtured with kindness, with love, with respect to their human rights, peace and an end to violence. This Christmas spend some time reflecting on the children in your world, in our world and how we must do better for them, for our own humanity.

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

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

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THE BYRON SHIRE
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► Continued from page 15 throttle propulsion. This rule was then adopted by NSW.

Many bikes, especially the larger, fat tyre ones, have had the PAs (pedal assist) disabled or bypassed to allow throttle only use.

I'm all for cycling, and personally ride everyday around Ballina and Lennox (and now on sections of the Casino to Murwillumbah Rail Trail), however the

proliferation of young people, and older, riding without helmets or rocketing along on large e-bikes needs to be reined in.

The police readily enforce seatbelt rules in cars, and rules regarding illegally-modified cars, but have been turning a blind eye to many bicycle infringements.

This only encourages more unsafe and dangerous practices.

Parents should also consider financial penalties that may occur if there is a serious accident using an illegally-modified bike; there may be no insurance cover and they may bear the liability cost.

Parents and police: look after our cyclists and educate them, and if necessary, fine them. Be smart and safe.

Richard White
East Ballina

Bangalow shed on the move



Romie took this fabulous froggy toy for a test-run at the Bangalow Men's Shed stall at last Saturday's farmers market. The shed has a new home near the Bangalow Museum, and Bella and Kay are new members of the now multi-gendered Men's Shed. Also pictured is Romie's mum, Monique. Photo Jeff 'Single-Gendered Since 1986' Dawson

Early Christmas gift for Mayoral Fund recipients

Recipients of the 2024-2025 Mayoral Fund have been announced, valued at \$18,142.

Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said she was 'overwhelmed by the response to a call-out for applications for this year's fund'. The recipients of the 2024-2025 Mayoral Fund are: Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce (Carols by Candlelight); Drill Hall Theatre (new

microphones); Byron Youth Service (upgrading signage); Bangalow Quilters (wadding for quilts); Bangalow Public School (three scholarship awards); Shara Community Gardens (activities and garden bed maintenance); Hinterland Christian College (arts award program); Mullumbimby High School P&C (education garden); Ocean

Shores Public School (healthy eating program); Ocean Shores Public School P&C (wetlands landcare project).

'The Mayoral Fund is about supporting community and these projects are all about bringing people together in meaningful ways, through the arts, education, nature and compassion,' Mayor Ndiaye said.

Before adopting, here's a few questions

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

This Christmas, are you thinking about getting someone you love a friend they can love?

The first thing to do is, don't rush. Have a little think. Then have another little think and ask yourself a few questions.

Do they have the financial resources to look after a little furry friend for possibly 15 or 20 years? Do they have the right sort of space that will make a happy life for a little fluff ball?

Is the person you're buying a puppy or a kitten for going away in the holidays?

Once the holidays are over and everyone goes back to school and work, will a, still young, treasure be left at home alone for hours on end, and get bored and



Steph found a wonderful fur friend at the Pets for Life Animal Shelter in Billinudgel and now spends some of her spare time volunteering at the shelter looking after cuties like this little one who needs a forever home.

wreck the place?

Currently at the Pets for Life Animal Shelter in Billinudgel, they have several adult cats and several kittens, all needing a forever home.

If you are definite about having a new friend in your life, it's a wonderful thing to

adopt a cat (or dog) rather than buying from a breeder and there is still time to do that before the big, fat, red guy day.

To find out how you can adopt or foster, email: pets-for-lifebillinudgel@gmail.com or call Jean on 0403 533 589.

New rental laws implemented in NSW

The Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 was passed by NSW Parliament on October 24, paving the way for new laws around renting.

The changes include: ending 'no grounds' terminations for renters; making it

easier for renters to keep pets; limiting rent increases to once per year; clarifying that renters cannot be asked to pay for background checks; and ensuring renters can pay rent by bank transfer or Centrepay.

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A locally-grown Christmas

Byron Farmers Market will hold their Christmas market on Monday, December 23 this year so you can stock up on the freshest locally-grown produce and all the trimmings for your festive table.

Market manager Tom Carey says the market date was changed from its regular Thursday to the Monday before Christmas due to Boxing Day falling on a Thursday this year.

'We decided to hold the market on Monday, December 23, this year instead of Thursday, so everyone can shop just prior to Christmas and then just kick back on Boxing Day,' Tom says. 'The market will still be held at its usual time and place - from 7am till 11am at Butler Street Reserve, but on the Monday.'

As well as the usual wide range of fresh local produce, Tom says the bakers and specialty makers at the market have been working hard to bring a limited run of festive fare for the silly season.

'Sequel Bakery has been making fruit mince tarts, and Louise from A Little Peace of Cake has mini traditional Christmas cakes and gingerbread star cakes along with her usual assortment of sweet treats.'

'There's also gift packs available from Chloe Smith which include her homemade chutneys, jams, slices and bottled sauces; and Fabian Fabbro from Woodland Valley Farm has outdone himself with brandy custard made from his duck eggs and fresh Jersey milk.'

Tanya Grace, from Beez To You, has also embraced the Christmas spirit by adding festive decorated and tree-shaped candles to her mix of pure beeswax candles.

Tom says that Boxing Day is the only day the market won't run over the Christmas and New Year period: 'Apart from the Monday Christmas market, we will be open as usual every Thursday morning in Byron and every Saturday morning in Bangalow - at the new location in Piccabeen Park. On behalf of all our farmers and producers, I'd like to wish our customers and community a Christmas filled with great food and good health!'

■ Byron Farmers Christmas Market will be held on Monday, December 23 from 7am till 11am at Butler St Reserve (and closed on Boxing Day).

Fruit mince tarts from Will at Sequel Bakery and Gingerbread star cake from A Little Peace of Cake.



The Good Life

Farmers' markets: thoughtful gifts for Christmas



Victoria Cosford

You can either hit the highway and hare up to the Gold Coast where lie the twin lures of Robina and Pacific Fair – joining the frenetic throngs milling in and out of homogenous, impersonal shops purchasing objects made in China. Or you can go to the Mullumbimby (Friday) or New Brighton (Tuesday) farmers' markets. Close to home, they offer, instead, unique and imaginative gifts suggesting thought and consideration – gifts, above all, whose purchase supports our farmers and producers and our local economy.

At Byron Bay Lotus, Liz Lualdi has pretty packs of her Purus dried blue lotus flowers to transform into a calming and hydrating tea, along with Blue Lotus Tincture, a rescue remedy, and an organic cold-pressed moisturising oil. Tom Warren at 3 Top Honey has jars of honeycomb, superb with cheeses – as does Sunny Times Honey where you will also find cute little tins of lip balm flavoured with spearmint, lemon myrtle or honey.

At Ayusa Tea you can purchase Christmas bundles or separately buy their glorious huayusa teas – rich in antioxidants, natural caffeine and gut health benefits – beautifully packaged in pastel cardboard cylinders; glass tea pots; infusers and sample packs. At Rainforest Foods you'll find a fabulous new macadamia oil infused with anise myrtle, along with pots of jams, jellies and sauces utilising ingredients from the local rainforest. Rebecca at Playing With Fire stocks vinegars infused with botanicals, her award-winning finger lime marmalade and packs of herbal teas also infused with native botanicals.

There are: mini herb gardens at Iona Herbs; lemongrass and pumice tallow soap at Local Dorper Lamb; fat chocolate macadamias at Nudgel Nuts; Grumpy Grandma's extra virgin olive oils (chilli, garlic, lemon myrtle). Ahana Candles has the cutest mini Christmas trees in cream or gold, pure beeswax hand-poured – and to save you the trouble, at Mad Mountain there are calico-wrapped homemade fruit cakes in small (350g) or large (1300g).

All in a one-stop shopping expedition!

■ Ayusa Tea is at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8am to 11am.

3 Top Honey, Rainforest Foods, Playing With Fire, Iona Herbs, Local Dorper Lamb, Grumpy Grandma's and Mad Mountain are at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8am to 11am and at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am. Byron Bay Blue Lotus, Sunny Times Honey, Nudgel Nuts and Ahana Candles are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.

Buckley's Chance

Buckley's Chance is one of our hinterland's newest restaurants, but the team's new partner and Executive Chef Bret Cameron is not only one of Australia's renowned hatted chefs, he also has plenty of experience in our region's top venues, formerly leading kitchens at both Harvest Newrybar and Three Blue Ducks.

Bret, who hails originally from Dunedin in New Zealand, has worked across the Northern Rivers region for over ten years collectively, and is known for his passion and knowledge of native and wild foods; reconnecting people's perceptions with real food. His partnership at Buckley's Chance puts Alstonville on the food map, where he invites you to celebrate all things wild and sustainable with his seasonal menus.

Buckley's Chance, where Bret is collaborating with long-time friends, is an Australian-inspired artisan cafe and restaurant located in Alstonville's heritage post office, which dates from 1909. The

charming venue has been rejuvenated with a stunning refurbishment and features a large deck, verandah and historic dining room. Inspired by modern Australiana style and the beautiful Northern Rivers region, Buckley's Chance strives to champion local produce and native flavours. Explore the seasonal breakfast and lunch menus, alongside pastries and bakery treats. Serving Allpress coffee, Jilly wines, Yulli's beers and more.

Buckley's Chance trades as a cafe seven days a week, and then on Friday evenings (titled 'Buckley's by Night') there is an elevated share plate menu curated by Bret Cameron under the stars and festoon lighting on the outdoor deck or within the dining room.

The team has relaunched the woodfired oven, which is utilised across the menu as well as producing crowd favourite woodfired breads and pizzas. Buckley's by Night seasonal staples include:

- Tuna crudo: raw yellowfin tuna, smoked tomato, crisp capers and basil oil
- Grilled Ballina king prawns with chilli butter
- Smoked beetroot salad with macadamia cheese, Davidson plum and macadamia crumb
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Mullum Shop Local this Christmas!

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- Jackie Burns**
Mullum Mac
- Dougie Wells**
Bridglands
- Charlie Brooker**
Devine Meats
- Debbie Robinson**
Dinos IGA



Pictured: Major Sarah Ndiaye draws Shop Local winners this week.

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winners!**

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce and Community (MCCC) thanks the local community for their support of local events and businesses. 'Last weekend we ran another wonderful event, Carols by Candlelight,' said MCCC member Jenelle Stanford.

'Families brought blankets, picnics and we all enjoyed singing Christmas carols, Santa came along and everyone had a great time. The MCC is proud to be such an active member of the community and looks forward to an exciting 2025.'



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Making Magic Happen

It's nine days to Xmas. I don't know why, but that makes me feel immediately anxious. It's exactly the same feeling as having an assignment due but you haven't even started yet.

I only put the Xmas tree up yesterday. I think you're supposed to get that sorted by the first of December. You don't have to have a tree, but I'm so conditioned I can't not erect some sort of tacky tinsel and flashing lights installation. I don't want some psychologist in a dingy office somewhere hearing how I damaged my kids with my hard-arsed views on overly commercialised celebrations: 'So your mother never truly loved you?'

I don't know why, but Xmas has always made me feel like a failure. I suck at making Xmas cake. I suck at ham. I suck at doing a traditional lunch. Mainly because I hate traditional Xmas food, and Xmas cake makes me want to puke. When it comes to Xmas, I don't do the fairy lights on the house thing. I admire the commitment, but when I drive past your house and it lights up like a David Jones window I think 'that person is definitely not having sex anymore.' Which is rude of me, but I think if you're up a ladder installing a flashing reindeer you've got too much time on your hands. Making magic in the front yard instead of in the bedroom!

I suck at making magic. I don't get the gift thing: 'wake up - I bought you a present for Jesus' birthday!' The Santa story is creepy. I think we can all agree the idea of an old man in a bizarrely weather-inappropriate suit giving presents to children is what we now call 'grooming'. Except on 25 December. That's the Xmas miracle. It's probably a miracle he's still not cancelled. Maybe we just rename him the Capitalist Clause.

My husband has a knack for buying me some of the worst gifts I've ever received. It makes for disappointment on the day, but a story that lasts for months. Last year it was a high-pressure water cleaner. It was in a big box. When your present is the one in the big box you can't help but get really excited. It's the big box theory. The bigger the box, the better the pressie. So when I ripped off the wrapping to find a concrete cleaner I felt, well, like hosing my husband. Lucky for him it's still in the box.

I go to a lot of trouble buying presents. I put a lot of thought into what I get my kids and always spend way more than I can afford. No one ever seems to notice, or care and I end up wondering why I bothered, and how so much money and effort just ends in a mess of paper and ribbon and a pile of stuff that needs to be exchanged. I'm not doing that this year. I've decided I'll



I know there are people who are alone - who don't have the privilege of feeling disappointed and annoyed.

give them something I've never given - my undivided attention. Try exchanging that! Oh no, I've run out already and it's not even Xmas yet!

Xmas is always about the lunch. I can't do lunch. The idea of eating a prepared meal in the stinking heat, when you don't have to, seems like a health risk. I'm a 'let's eat at 5pm' Xmas mum. So, when everyone else is lying around relaxing and drinking, I spend all day in the kitchen cooking. It ensures, by 5pm, when everyone is really hungry, but wonderfully chilled from a super restful day, I am hot, angry and resentful. And I don't drink anymore, and everyone is pissed and annoying. And I'm sober and sulky. Yay.

Xmas lunch dinner requires tables to be dragged from spare rooms and cobbled together to make room for the extras.

There's always extras. And eventually we sit. I've slaved for hours and it's a fairly average spread. Salad, ham, chicken legs, something for the vegans. And pavlova, always pavlova. It's the only Xmas thing I do well. Except when I was drinking and by the time I was supposed to present the pav I was too pissed to bother, so I'd wake up on Boxing Day with an empty shell, half a kilo of strawberries and two litres of unwhipped cream. Sounds like the props for Xmas porn. One year it was.

But weirdly I love Xmas. I love being with my kids. With people I love. I love the bickering. The melty heat. The build-up, and then, that it's over. I know there are people who are alone - who don't have the privilege of feeling disappointed and annoyed.

So I know I'm lucky. There's still only nine days left at writing. At reading there'll be less.

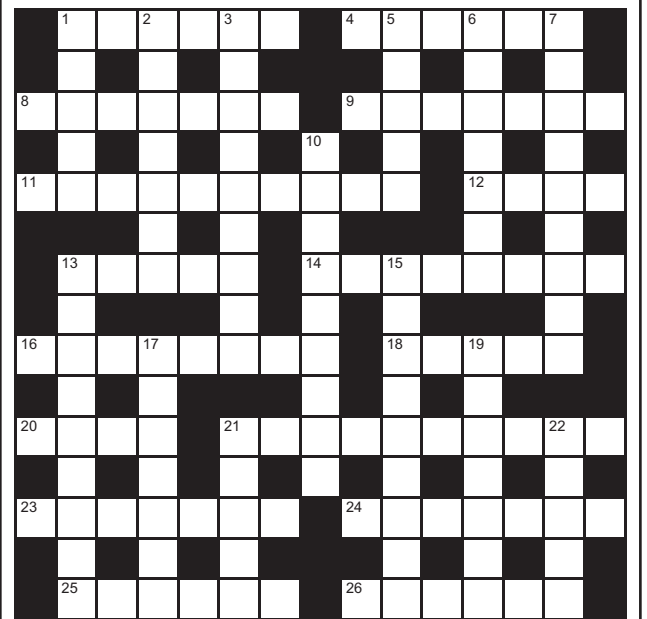
Just know, that anything you do is never enough.

Once you make peace with that, go forth and disappoint the people you love.

I have a high-pressure hose on market place - never used - if you want a special surprise! Hoses away grease stains and your marriage!

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

Crossword by Stephen Clarke #34



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Shooter to contemplate collaring king and Tory leader (6)
- Small nut daughter's chucked at fish (6)
- We've heard a surprise attack is lined up (7)
- Super spy a long time in captivity (7)
- University abused female minority for lack of diversity (10)
- I love tuna when it's gutted just a little bit (4)
- Mixed race bishop is bitter (5)
- Count includes vicar's fish (8)
- Fish located in unit with tail severed - a horrible death (8)
- Pound found in bathrobe (5)
- Going back, Romeo bound to carry instrument (4)
- Nothing Europe has can be adapted for performing arts space (5,5)
- Revered person with unusual mania and staying power (7)
- Term in a crumbling tower (7)
- Cut of fish (6)
- Condition of injured feet holding lieutenant back (6)

DOWN

- Fool to reveal bum - that'd be about right (5)
- Bit where Poles have beer that maintains fine frothy heads (7)
- Horrid managers briefly face unruly mob bishop fled (9)
- Depart in no particular pain (5)
- Wine produced by freedom fighters (7)
- Next to tango with bat at entertainment venue (9)
- Shame called out on Border, initially deemed to be of the very best (4-5)
- Improvised commercial Liberal starts to invoke to union militants (2,7)
- Bit player Bond grabs Mike in decisive period of game (5,4)
- Hot new version of *Hamlet* placing King at the centre (7)
- Reprimand trio cavorting around Bill (4,3)
- In past times university held little weight (5)
- Wild weeds make an edible vegetable (5)

SOLVER'S GUIDE

If you would like to demystify some of the logic behind Stephen Clarke's clues, scan this QR code for this week's solvers guide.



echo.net.au/crossword-solvers-guide-34

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Muzzle-loaded smoothbore long gun popular 16th to 18th centuries (6)
- Fish that ascends rivers to spawn (6)
- Display or arrange things in a particular way (7)
- Servitude (7)
- Homogeneity (10)
- Jot; tittle (4)
- Sour; harsh (5)
- Horse-mackerel of the genus *Caranx*, common along the NSW coast (8)
- Popular table fish whose varieties include dusky, tiger and sand (8)
- Pulsate (5)
- A double-reed treble woodwind (4)
- Building used for music, dance and theatre performances (5,5)
- Doggedness; strength (7)
- Tower attached to a mosque from which the call to prayer is issued (7)
- Hairstyle that is short at the front and long at the back (6)
- Work on railroad track (6)

DOWN

- Person of low intelligence (5)
- Purloin (7)
- Loathsome; deserving of being cursed (9)
- Extreme suffering (5)
- Archipelago in the North Atlantic, an autonomous region of Portugal (7)
- Place for drinking, dancing, etc. open between evening and morning (9)
- Of investments, regarded as very safe (4-5)
- Unrehearsed (2,7)
- Extension of a match to achieve a result when the score is level (5,4)
- Relating to heat (7)
- A statute designed to prevent rampagous assemblies (4,3)
- 1/16 of a pound avoirdupois (5)
- A citizen of Stockholm (5)

Last week's solution #33



STARS BY LILITH

With Mercury back on track, communication hitches and glitches clarify, jigsaw pieces fall into place, lost packages finally arrive and you can happily proceed with making this a December to remember ...



SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER

ARIES: As festive stress and pressure drop from epic to bearable, your natural talents for prompt problem-solving by keeping things simple are a gift to this week's seasonal proceedings. That's as long as you're able to rein in a not unreasonable, but strongly contraindicated, tendency to micromanage. Have fun rams, stay dangerous.

TAURUS: This week's astral emphasis has the capacity to radically reframe how you set about making merry. Which is best excluding online divas and drama queens in favour of more laidback meetups in old-fashioned face time. Smartest festive strategy? Expect the best and forget about the rest.

GEMINI: Glad tidings? Your personal mentor Mercury, planet of communication and travel, is mercifully rocketing out of reverse for end-of-year festivities. Now it's yo ho ho and all systems go for you social butterflies flitting from gala party, to intimate gathering, to sparkling soiree until the year's final curtain call.

CANCER: Your tradition-loving tribe yearns for a happy gathering of the clan that avoids the family dynamics of yesteryear, though you already know from experience the rellies are likely to work your nerves. In which case, do what you do best: empathise and nurture, kiss rather than criticise.

LEO: While retro Mars continues its valuable lessons in energy management of jangled nerves and short fuses, there's plenty of refreshing respite during this week's spin cycle on the festive treadmill, especially when midweek's good-mood Leo moon shines on all the seasonal hanky-panky you can handle - and that's plenty.

VIRGO: With your celestial guide Mercury ending its three-week retrograde, communication misunderstandings clarify and seasonal tensions ease. Making it high time to kick back and enjoy Virgo Leonard Cohen's fabulously relaxing toast: 'Here's to the few who forgive what you do, and the fewer who don't even care.'

LIBRA: As the cosmic cocktail fizzles with festive froth, accelerating your social life to exhausting levels and demonic pace, a balancing dose of whatever variety of soul nourishment works for you is essential so you can relax and enjoy to the max this week's adventurous flair, original style and wild ideas.

SCORPIO: Your most helpful ally entering into the hectic end-of-year countdown is Venus in her most user-friendly and companionable placement. So as the seasonal frenzy picks up its pace, be guided by the principles of graceful behaviour: as in 'take your time, be kind, play nice and do things right'.

SAGITTARIUS: December's pressure cooker energetics are always combusive, so if end-of-year issues with this week's *prolaholics* reach critical flashpoint, amp up your charm and creativity, focus on what there is to celebrate, maintain a frisky fiesta mindset, and bless the cosmos that Mercury's racing forward again in your sign.

CAPRICORN: This week looks set to detonate you out of any lingering doldrums when the 21 December summer solstice, the southern hemisphere's longest lightest day, ushers in your season in the sun. Time now to enjoy providing the festive best for loved ones, to relax and let others show their appreciation.

AQUARIUS: As December's fast and furious wheel of fortune continues juggling fun, trouble, love, money and retail madness, remember that peoples' moods and attitudes are more about them than you. And play to your personal strengths via Aquarian superpowers of coming up with unconventional and entertaining ideas.

PISCES: In ancient days the period of Christmas merrymaking was celebrated as Saturnalia, and how fortunate are you to have Saturn in Pisces to accompany you through this year's yuletide revelries and seasonal celebrations - not to mention generous Neptune in your sign inviting that Piscean inner artiste out to play.

MULLUM ON THE MAP

A WORD FROM THE CHAMBER

Mullumbimby Chamber and Community are invested in our town, from running the carols by candlelight to small festivals in our streets. At the moment we have collaborated with our local art schools and done some decorative art on our shop windows. Drop in, have a browse and get your Christmas shopping done.

We have also contributed thousands of dollars worth of toys and gifts for the local neighbourhood centre to distribute at Christmas time.

We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas, stays safe and remembers to be kind.

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0400 348 209
paddockproject.com

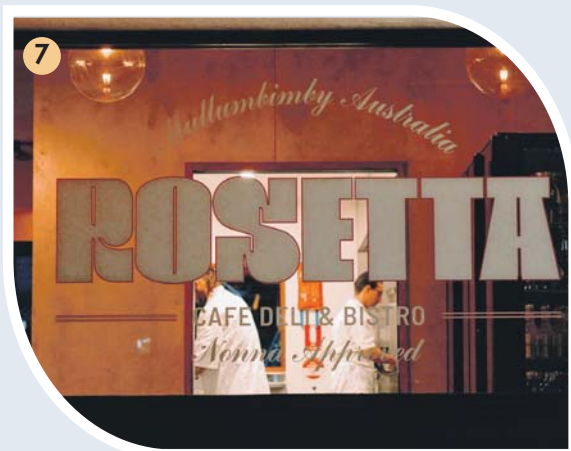
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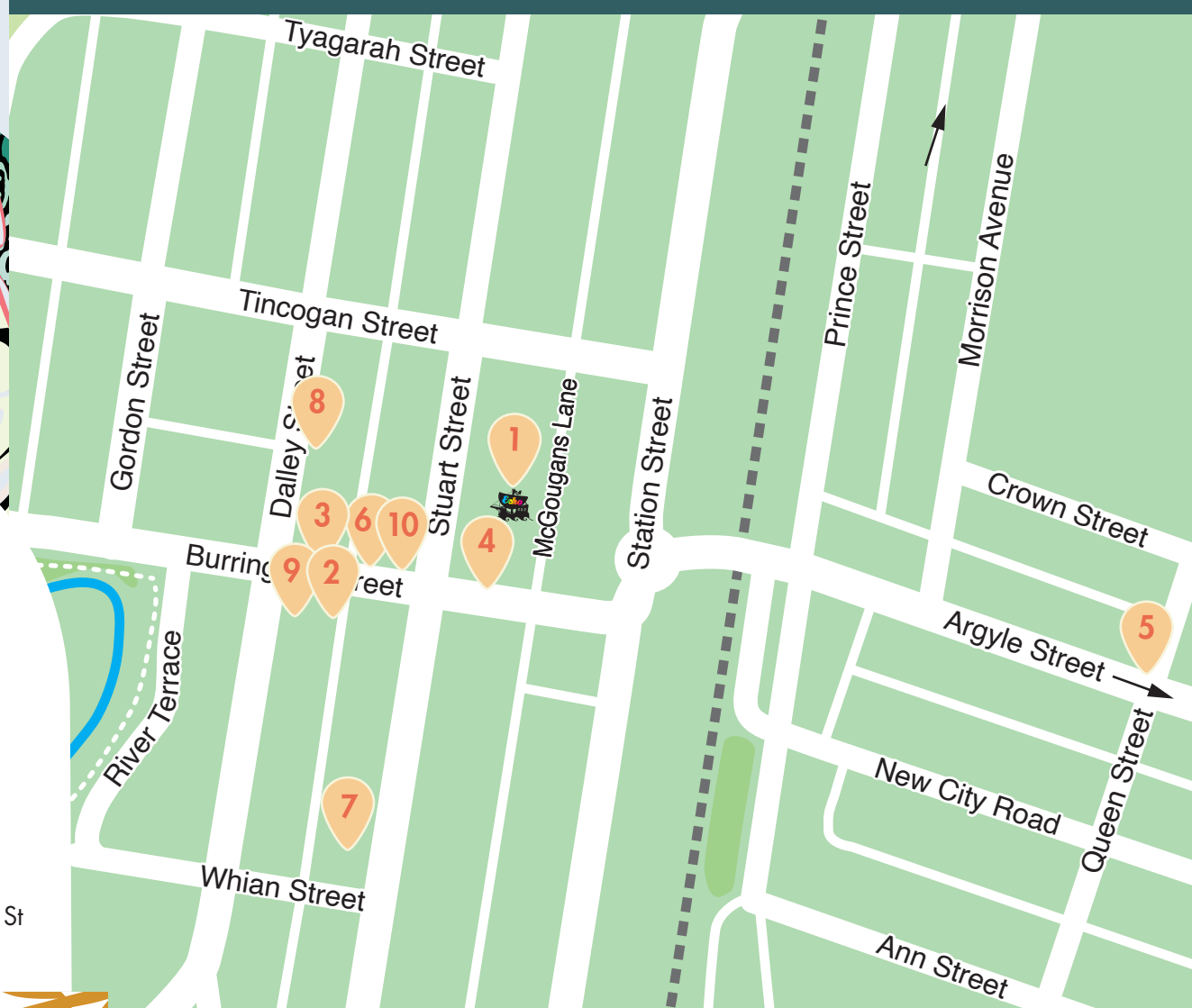


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7. Rosetta Deli & Bistro • 105 Stuart St
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festive season


christmas service

Christmas message 2024

'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light!'

Christmas, a festival full of nostalgia. We sing for peace, yet don't know how to find it. We wish each other happiness, yet it seems more challenging to be happy. We buy each other presents, yet what we need is loving-affection. We sing to a child who is God, yet the child in our hearts may be lost.

Yes, it's true. Yet, nostalgia allows us to discover that our natural-desires go far beyond what we may possess or enjoy.

'Happy birthday Jesus, you show us your light!'
Fr David Gilbey, Pastor.

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish: St Finbarr's-Byron Bay / St Kevin's Bangalow

festive feasting



Byron Bay Pork & Meats

It's that very merry time of year again and the butchers at Byron Bay Pork are preparing the finest cuts of Christmas meats and selections for customers.

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**Open Monday to Saturday.
70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby
6684 2137**

The Anglican Parish of Byron

The Anglican Parish of Byron is excited to offer worship in various location across Byron Shire, at a variety of times this Christmas (see advertisement.) As we face new challenges, it is important to make the most of opportunities to gather and support one another. The church buildings of All Souls Bangalow, St Martin's Mullumbimby and St Paul's Byron Bay will be lit as a reminder of the reason for the public holidays.

'However we choose to form community, our prayer is that we are able to share a sense of hope which fosters peace and love for all peoples.'
With every blessing Byron Anglicans.

Anglican Parish of Byron CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

**Tuesday 24 December,
Christmas Eve**

6pm All Souls Bangalow
Family Christmas Extravaganza
1 Ashton Street, Bangalow

**Wednesday 25 December,
Christmas Day**

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby
38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
BANGALOW/BYRON BAY

**Christmas Eve
24th December**

**Christmas Day
25th December**

**St Kevin's
Catholic Church,
Deacon St,
BANGALOW**

5.30pm

7.30am

**St Finbarr's
Catholic Church,
50 Tennyson St,
BYRON BAY**

**St Finbarr's
Catholic Church,
50 Tennyson St,
BYRON BAY**

8pm

9.30am

**St Kevin's
Catholic Church,
Deacon St,
BANGALOW**



Byron Bay Parish Office: 6685 6260

festive season ★

festive feasting



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Christmas lunch for those in need

With Christmas only days away, Fishheads Byron are once again hosting their Annual Christmas Lunch for those in need in the Byron Shire. Working with Liberation Larder, this event has provided many in the area with great food and company on Christmas Day. They welcome anyone in the area who has fallen on tough or lonely times to join them at the Byron Bay Memorial Pool for a seafood BBQ and Christmas classics.

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Byron Bay Memorial Pool

with special thanks to



festive season

things to do

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They welcome you to bring your own clubs, if not they have clubs for you. Lessons available and gift vouchers for Christmas!

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www.virtualgolfcentre.com.au

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FB: betterbybikes

Spaghetti Circus

Special Spaghetti Circus offer – enrol and get a free t-shirt

Enrol and pay for Term 1 by Friday, 20 December and get a free fire-engine-red Spaghetti Circus t-shirt!

Spaghetti Circus starts back on 3 February 2025 with new classes in stilts and tumbling, in addition to the 30+ classes already on offer. Classes offer something for everyone irrespective of age, fitness or skill level. As well as a wide-range of classes for kids from 2–18 years they offer adults classes twice a week aimed at having fun and getting fit – no circus experience required and it's a fabulous way to meet new people!

By enrolling by the end of Term 4 you can also access their early bird offer.

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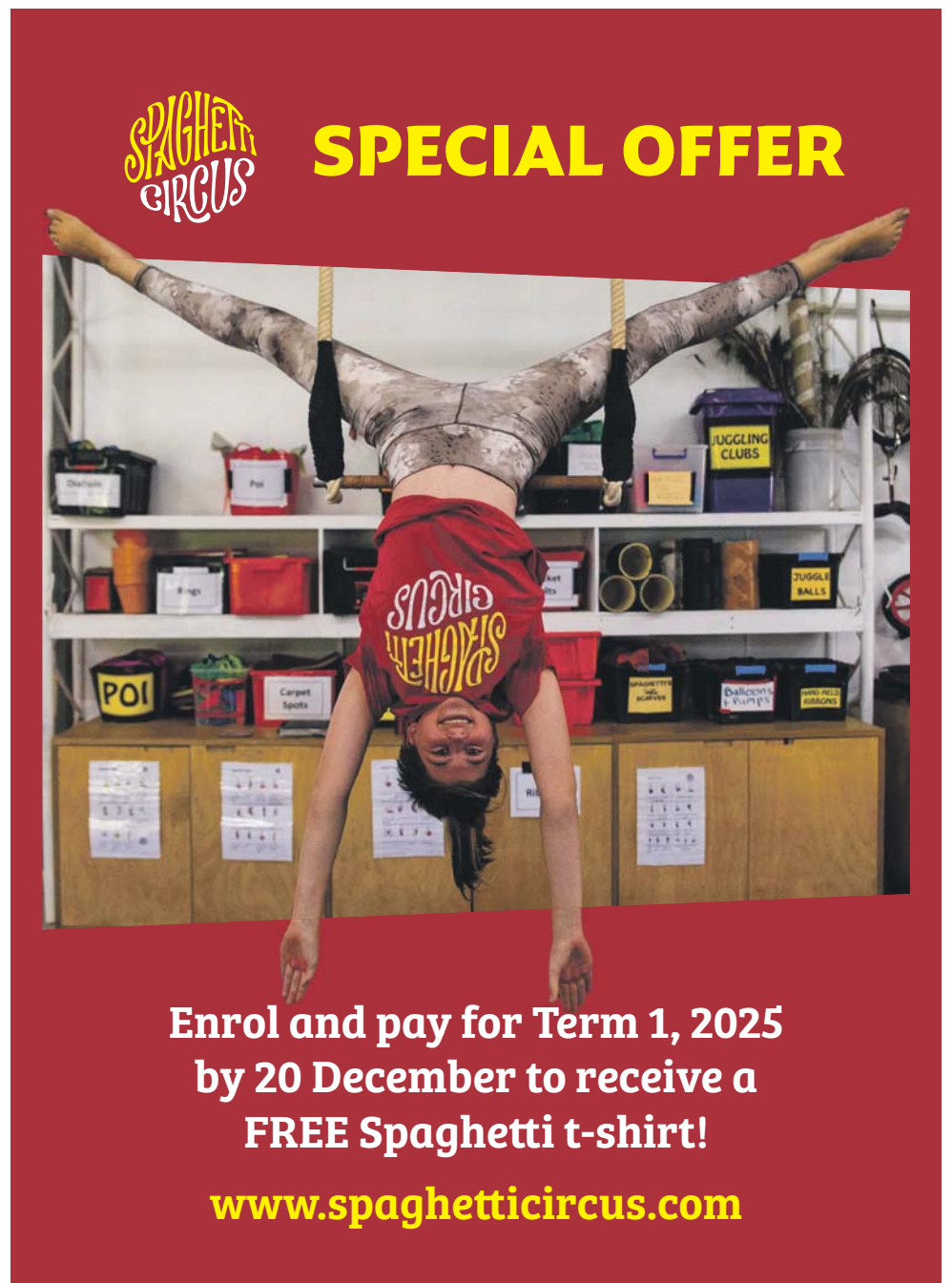


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It's Christmas Eve and Santa has to travel the globe to deliver presents before the night is through. Join the reindeers on the journey and discover the night sky through Santa's eyes: from the shining moon to the changing constellations, see shooting stars and look for North; this gorgeous show brings together storytelling and astronomy to take the audience on an enchanting festive journey. Designed for young viewers, this show will captivate both adults and children alike!

Join Otherworld for the Australian premier of the 360 immersive film - "What Santa Sees". This special Christmas experience will screen every day from 10am to 3pm in our immersive dome from December 7 until January 4. Films are included as part of the regular gallery entry. Tickets online at www.otherworld.live

102 Jonson St, Byron Bay

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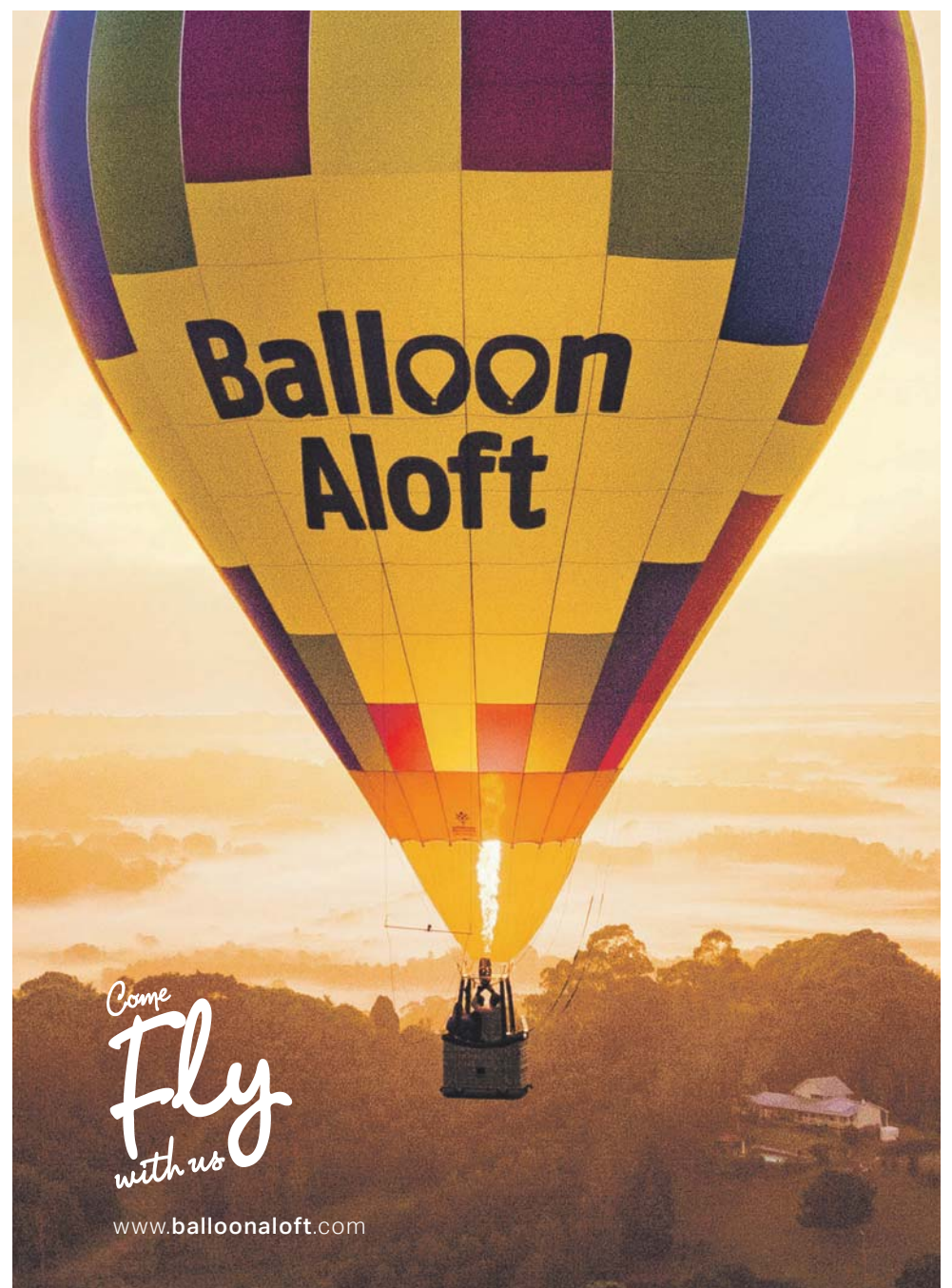
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things to do



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Book your next adventure easily at beyondbyronebikes.com.au

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Hanifa is a registered aesthetic nurse who has an eye for facial aesthetics and a passion for skincare and positive ageing.

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Byron Community College

New Year, New Courses, New You

Byron Community College's 2025 Term 1 Brochure is now up online! They are kick-starting the New Year with workshops and courses designed to promote wellbeing and self-care.

Dreamscapes: Discover dreamwork techniques to enhance dream awareness and connect meaningfully with dream symbols.

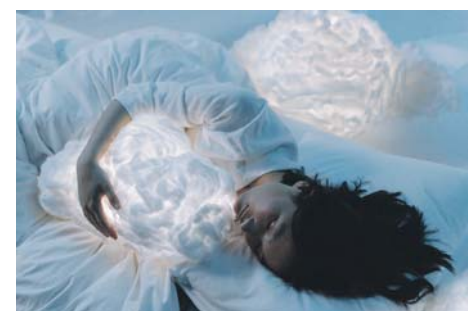
Keto for Health: Learn a low-carb approach to transform your body & mind, and potentially reverse health challenges (not suitable for vegans!).

Tai Ji: Embody this centuries-old practice to align with the Tao, focusing on internal awareness, energetic flow, and emotional harmony.

The Yamas & Niyamas: Explore ancient yogic principles through gentle asana, breathwork, mantra and meditation to cultivate balance and mindfulness.

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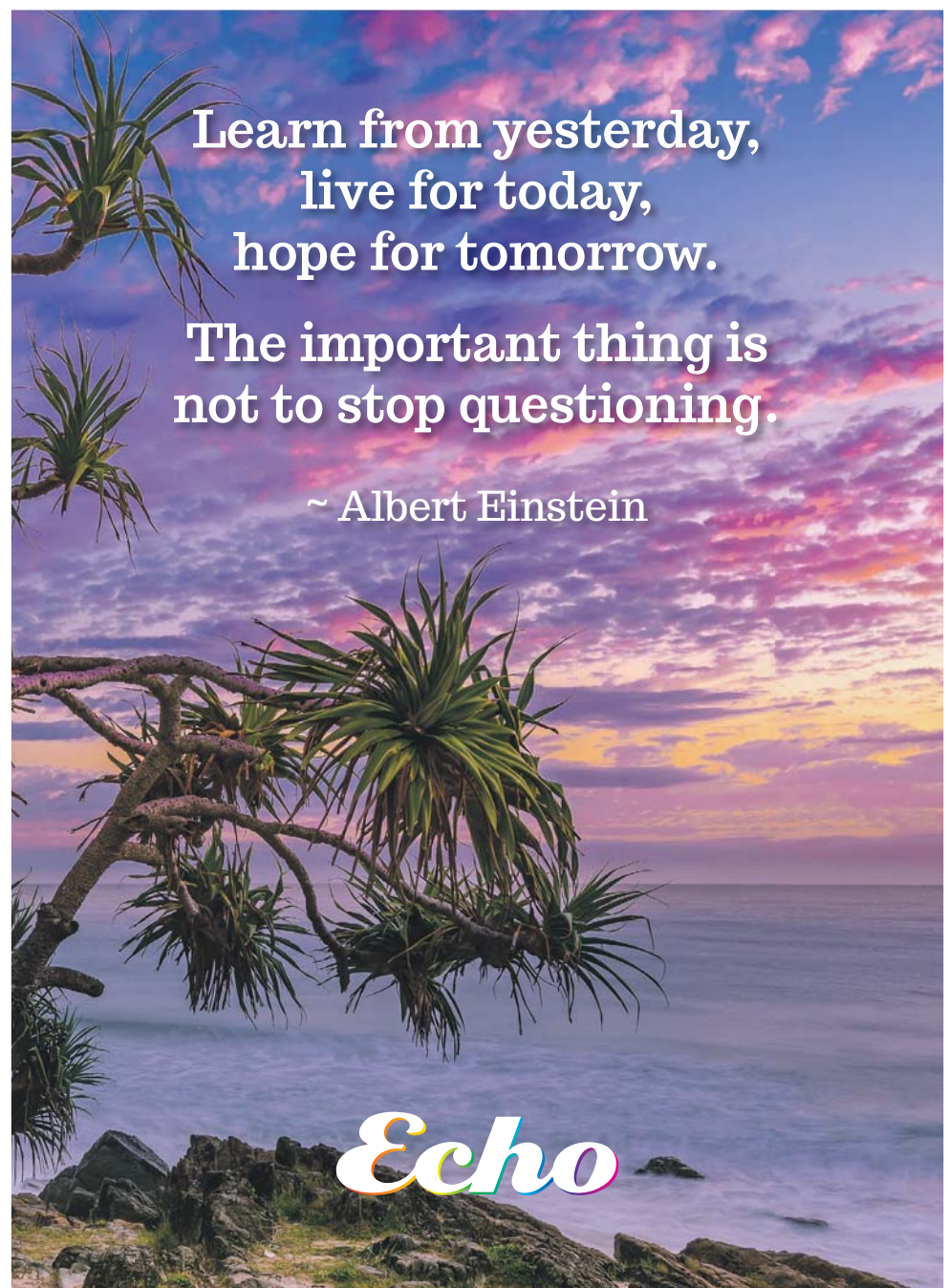
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Echo

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a holiday
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to celebrate
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of life
It would be, it
would be so nice



RING IN 2025 AT BEACH HOTEL BYRON BAY

Celebrate New Year's Eve in style at The Beachy, where an unforgettable night of live music and good vibes awaits! Dance your way into the new year with an electrifying lineup of party bands: **Vybez Band, Makka Band, Izaeah Marsh Band, and Animal Ventura.** The energy doesn't stop there - their talented DJs will keep the party going well past midnight.

Set against the iconic backdrop of Byron Bay, this is the ultimate way to toast to 2025. Gather your crew and grab your tickets now through Moshtix - this is one NYE celebration you won't want to miss!

NYE at Beach Hotel, 1 Bay Street, Byron Bay
Tickets via Moshtix

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Welcome in the New Year at the Manor Restaurant with a 6-course degustation experience, including a complimentary glass of Louis Roederer Champagne on arrival. To complement each of chef's flavourful courses, their sommelier has curated a selection of wines perfectly paired and available for an additional \$75pp.

They will be offering two seating times for their New Year's Eve Dinner, at 6pm and 7.30pm, so you can settle in for the evening. Due to the exclusive nature of this event, they encourage you to secure your table early to ensure that you do not miss out on this remarkable dining experience. They look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

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Eclectic Selection

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



✿ **Daryl Braithwaite** has been a significant figure in Australian music for decades. Starting with Sherbet in the '70s, his voice became the soundtrack for many Australians, with hits like 'Howzat' and 'Summer Love' defining the era.

Braithwaite has released a new album *You Won't Go Home Whistling the Lights* which he will be performing this weekend on the north coast.

Saturday 8pm at Twin Towns, Tweed Heads.
Tickets: www.twintowns.com.au.



✿ **Steve Allison** knows how to make people laugh, and as soon as Steve picks up the microphone, it's obvious. He commands attention, and laughter is the best way to get it. With a cool and casual approach and with the confidence and experience earned from having over a thousand live shows under his belt, Steve comes to you at Kingy Comedy this month.

Wednesday at Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club from 7pm.
Free show.



✿ In July last year grandson Archer and friend **Darren Hanlon** travelled to the community of Wangkatjungka to record a collection of The Queen of the Bandarl Ngadu, **Kankawa Nagarra's**, songs on Country, that would become her first vinyl LP *Wirlmarni*.

As part of a national tour to promote her album, Nagarra, with Archer and Hanlon will play locally this week.

Pearces Creek Hall on Friday at 6pm.
Tickets: flippinyeahindustries.bigcartel.com.



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Thank you from all of us at BayFM, and have a merry Christmas!



✿ **Animal Ventura's** new single 'If Only' was released today and to celebrate, the animal himself, Fernando Aragonés, will be playing with a full band tomorrow with an incredible line up of local musicians. Aragonés will be joined by **Grant Gerathy** on drums, **Byron Luiters** on bass and **Linden Lester** on guitar.

Thursday at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.



✿ **Yolan** is a passionate storyteller who has the ability to make any song her own. Not ever wanting to be labelled as fitting into a particular genre, Yolan finds her style in everything from '60's rock n roll, to heartfelt folk ballads, to soul, funk and blues – she wants to take you on a joyful musical journey.

Friday from 6pm at the Ballina RSL. Free show.

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✿ The Channon-based **Leopard Zebra Tiger** are musical animals who are playing on home turf this weekend. With an elephant of an awesome drummer, **Rai Muchada**, these groove makers of Balkan-funk disco-dub and maybe a little punk thrown in, are ready to rumble in the jungle.

Sunday from 3pm at The Channon Tavern.
Free show.



Rockin' the solstice

Summer Wiggle will be rocking the solstice this Saturday with stellar DJs: **Daddy Issues** – bringing the chunky booty shakin' house; **Das Goode** (aka **Bhakti Nectar Cow**) doing a mischievous dirty bass house set; Wiggle superstar favourites **Pob** and **Halo**; and special guests from Argentina, **Lucas R** and **Maddog** – deepdown maestros with their special progressive house techno vibes.

This will be a top-shelf hi-vibe party featuring epic world class production with a five-way monster Void sound

system, next-level moving-head lights, lasers and projection mapping wizardry c/o Crystal Grid & Spectacle Art, dance performances c/o Unveiled, and Katsu decor and live art c/o Rady J Blackcrab.

Dress fancy, try some Yumify food and drinks, chill on a couch, hang by the fire, catch up and wiggle with friends – BYO, it's an 18+ event.

The Summer Wiggle is on at Durrumbul Hall from 6pm until midnight on Saturday. Limited tickets at: humanitix.com.

The Whispering Sky

Tenzin Choegy and friends will perform live on Saturday as part of his Australian tour with a new album *Whispering Sky* that transcends cultures and borders, reflecting the beauty of friendship and our shared passion for music.

Son of a nomad, Tenzin continues to bring new sounds of Tibet while strongly holding the essence of ancient Tibetan wisdom. An outstanding composer/performer with a great depth of musical knowledge, intuition and inventiveness, he attributes his art form to the early karmic imprints of hearing his mother and father as a toddler. For 25 years he has performed around the world, collaborating with Philip Glass, Patti Smith, Tenzin Kunsang and many local artists such as Yeshe, Michael Askill, Cye Wood. He recently performed in an Indian concert for H.H. The Dalai Lama.

This concert will feature Tenzin Kunsang and **Nydian**, traditional Tibetan theatre, and **Yeshe** who recently returned to performing and was described in the *SMH* as 'Tom Waits meets Harry Manx'.

He will play with emerging **Rosie Jenkins**, who co-created music for



the Julian Assange film. **The Women's Climate** acapella group will open the evening.

Doors, dinner, momos, GF veg, cakes and chai from 6pm at St Johns Hall, Mullumbimby. Tickets: events.humanitix.com/whispering-sky-3f9qyxag. Information: byronbeautiful@gmail.com.



KINGFISHA

Mullum Roots second wave

Mullumbimby is gearing up to host some of Australia's finest blues and roots talent as the Mullum Roots Festival announces its second wave of performers for the highly-anticipated inaugural event from **July 12 to 13, 2025**.

Joining the already exceptional lineup are: **Tamam Shud, Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham, Rod McCormack, Emily Lubitz** (Tinpan Orange), **The Soul Movers** (featuring Murray Cook), **The Hussy Hicks, Joey's Coop, Johnnie Goes to Church, Bernie Hayes, Lou Bradley, Topaz Lyon, The Versace Boys, Jimmy Dowling, Hubcap Stan and the Sidewalk Stompers, Kingfisha, Wild Marmalade, Clelia Adams, JB's Blues Breakers, The Imprints, Wild Thyme, The Trombone Kellie Gang, Billy February** and big band **SOUL'D**.

Adding even more flavour to the festival will be comedian **Ellen Briggs** and legendary lighting designer **Ellis D Fogg**.

To top it off, the iconic **Magic Bus** will be on hand to shuttle festival-goers between venues.

These talented performers join previously announced headliners: **The Waifs, Shane Howard, Dog Trumpet, Robert Forster, David Bridie, Claire Anne Taylor, and Jeff Lang** – promising an unforgettable weekend of live music, community spirit, and vibrant culture in the heart of the Northern Rivers region – and there are still more artists to be revealed in the coming weeks!

Organisers of the Mullum Roots festival will only be selling 2,000 tickets to keep the festival small and sustainable. Tickets are selling fast, so now is the time to secure your spot at this unmissable event.

Children under 15 years receive free entry, making this an accessible and family-friendly festival for music lovers of all ages.

For more info and tickets, visit: www.mullumrootsfest.com.

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CINEMA



Mufasa: The Lion King

It's been 30 years since we started singing 'Hakuna Matata', and we can only hope the latest chapter in the Lion's story, exploring the unlikely rise of the beloved king of the Pride Lands, gives us such pearls.

In *Mufasa: The Lion King*, Rafiki relays the legend of Mufasa to young lion cub Kiara, daughter of Simba and Nala, with Timon and Pumbaa lending their signature schtick.

Told in flashbacks, the story introduces Mufasa as an orphaned cub, lost and alone until he meets a sympathetic lion named Taka – the heir to a royal bloodline. This chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of an extraordinary group of misfits searching for their destiny – their bonds will be tested as they work together to evade a threatening and deadly foe.

The film features an all-star roster of talent, including **Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr, John Kani, Tiffany Boone, Kagiso Lediga, Preston Nyman, Mads Mikkelsen, Thandiwe Newton, Lennie James, Anika Noni Rose, Keith David, Seth Rogen, Billy Eichner, Donald Glover, Blue Ivy Carter, Braelyn Rankins, Theo Somolu, Folake Olowofoyeku, Joanna Jones, Thuso Mbedu, Sheila Atim, Abdul Salis, Dominique Jennings** and **Beyoncé Knowles-Carter**.

Blending live action filmmaking techniques with photoreal computer-generated imagery, the all-new feature film is directed by **Barry Jenkins**, produced by **Adele Romanski** and **Mark Ceryak**, and executive produced by **Peter Tobyansen**. Featuring songs by award-winning songwriter **Lin-Manuel Miranda**.

Mufasa: The Lion King is screening at Byron Bay Palace and Ballina Fair cinemas this week.

GIG GUIDE

It's FREE to list your gigs in the gig guide.
gigs@echo.net.au w: echo.net.au/gig-guide



WEDNESDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HENRY WEST + SLOWTH + JUMAN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD + DJ OREN SELECTA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY – FEATURING STEVE ALLISON**

THURSDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANIMAL VENTURA – 'IF ONLY' SINGLE LAUNCH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **LOS ANTONIOS + DJ MECHE ROMEO**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **THE VERSACE BOYS + DJ QUENDO**, 8PM **THIRST TRAP, THE COLLIFLOWERS & A BAND CALLED STEREO**
- DAMA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **PABLO LAVERDE AND FRIENDS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **CHEV WILSON**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BLUEGRASS JAM**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **NOAH ROBERTSON**

FRIDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TOMMY SEXTON & THE SUGGESTIONS + RUNNING TOUCH**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN + POLY & CO**, 9PM **DJ QUENDO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **DEVU**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **DJS JAXXFAE, KOSHA D & OPERON**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ AFRODESIA**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ LO QI**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPEOKEEE WITH JESS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6.30PM **KATIE WHITE**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **YOLAN**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **ADAM GARDINER DUO**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7PM **SONIC FX**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **INO PIO**
- PEARCES CREEK HALL, PIERCES CREEK, 6PM **DARREN HANLON AND KANKAWA NAGARRA**

SATURDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PAPER LANE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM + THE VYBEZ BAND + KIRA SUNDAY + LATIFA TEE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **LILY GRACE GRANT**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **SHANNON & THE CLAMS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SOUTH WALL + DJ WHOS WHO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ OREN SELECTA**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **TENZIN CHOEGYAL 'WHISPERING SKY' ALBUM LAUNCH**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 6PM **SUMMER WIGGLE: SOLSTICE TRIBE CONNECT**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **GLENN MASSEY & THE THREAD**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, **JABIRU**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **MILO GREEN**
- WOLLONGBAR TAVERN 8.30PM **GLITTERATI RIOT**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 6.30PM **KARAOKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **STOCKADE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 4PM **JON J BRADLEY + BEN & VIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5PM **GIMME GIMME**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **DARYL BRAITHWAITE**

SUNDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TRILLIAH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **SOUL'D & HIP HOP NIGHT W/ DJ REIFLEX**
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM **YULLI'S OPEN MIC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **FELIPE BALDOMIR + DUSTY BOOTS & JORDY QUINN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ ABEL EL TORO**
- BALLINA RSL, BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BALLINA BLUES CLUB WITH BIG BAD**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 3PM **LEOPARD ZEBRA TIGER**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 12.30PM **SHORTY BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 1PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 2PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**

MONDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMEL BOUKABOU**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR + SARAH GRANT TRIO**

TUESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS TRIO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY & DJ ZAC EWING**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **PUSH**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**

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SESSION TIMES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19
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Sun: 1:00PM, Tues: 11:00AM

THE NIGHTMARE
BEFORE CHRISTMAS (PG)
Mon: 6:30PM

THE ROOM NEXT
DOOR (PG)
FRI WINE PREVIEW
Fri: 6:30PM
ADVANCE SCREENING
Sat, Sun: 10:45AM,
1:30PM, 6:45PM

FAMILY FILMS

MOANA 2 (PG)
Thurs, Mon, Tues: 10:45AM,
11:30AM, 1:45PM, 3:00PM,
4:00PM, 6:10PM, Fri:
10:45AM, 1:00PM, 3:10PM,
4:00PM, 6:10PM, Sat:

RED ONE (PG)
Thurs: 1:10PM, 3:50PM,
8:20PM, Fri, Mon, Tues:
11:00AM, 3:50PM, Sat: 11:00AM,
4:00PM, Sun: 4:00PM

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG 3 (PG)
ADVANCE SCREENING
Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:40PM,
5:45PM

10:45AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM,
3:10PM, 4:00PM, 6:10PM,
Sun: 10:45AM, 11:30AM,
1:00PM, 3:15PM, 4:00PM,
6:10PM

MUFASA:
THE LION KING (PG)
Thurs, Fri, Sat, Mon:
11:00AM, 12:40PM, 1:40PM,
3:20PM, 4:20PM, 5:00PM,
6:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:30PM,
Sun: 11:00AM, 12:30PM,
1:40PM, 4:20PM, 5:00PM,
6:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:30PM,
Tues: 11:00AM, 12:40PM,
1:30PM, 3:20PM, 4:00PM,
5:00PM, 6:00PM, 6:30PM.

ALL FILMS

FIREBRAND (M)
Thurs, Mon: 2:30PM,
5:45PM, 8:30PM, Fri, Sat,
Sun: 2:30PM, 8:30PM,
Tues: 2:45PM, 5:45PM

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Tues: 3:40PM, 5:30PM

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Tues: 10:45AM, 1:20PM

WALLACE & GROMIT:
VENGEANCE MOST
FOWL (M)
Thurs, Mon, Tues:
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3:45PM, 6:40PM, Fri,
Sat: 10:50AM, 3:45PM,
6:40PM, Sun: 10:45AM,
3:45PM, 6:40PM

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HUNTER (M)
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10:45AM

OUT OF SEASON (M)
Thurs, Tues: 10:45AM,
6:30PM, Fri, Mon:
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Sun: 11:00AM, 8:20PM

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THE RINGS: THE WAR OF
THE ROHIRRIM (M)
Thurs, Fri, Mon: 1:10PM,
8:15PM, Sat, Sun:
8:15PM, Tues: 1:10PM

WICKED (PG)
Thurs, Mon: 11:15AM,
1:50PM, 5:10PM, 7:30PM,
Fri, Sat, Sun: 11:15AM,
1:50PM, 5:20PM,
7:30PM, Tues: 11:15AM,
1:50PM, 5:30PM

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Thurs, Mon, Tues: 1:15PM, 4:45PM,
7:30PM,
Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:15PM, 7:30PM

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2:30PM, 5:15PM

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Fri, Sat, Sun: 9:45AM, 12:10PM,
7:30PM

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Free African Dance classes for local
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Community Centre, 69 Jonson
Street, Byron Bay. These classes
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rhythms and movement designed
for all fitness levels. Each session
includes a gentle warm-up, rhythmic

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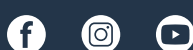
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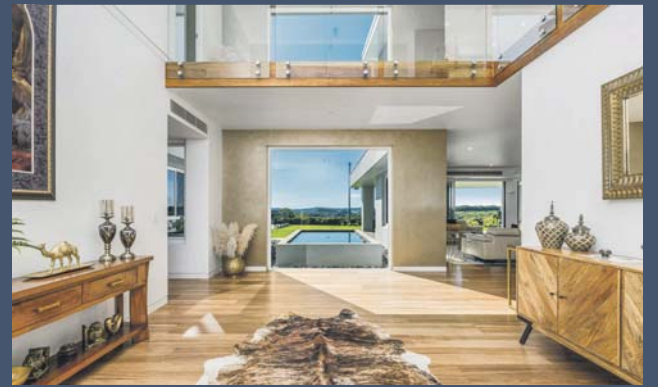
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Vale Jack Thorncraft, a long-time local legend who played the double bass as good as any pro in New York, and sung just as well to boot.

All CSG (coal seam gas) and nuclear-free-area signs are to be removed from the Lismore local government area (LGA), after councillors Big Rob and Andrew Bing led the charge at a recent meeting. See page 10.

Mullum creative couple Sam and Jacqui Sosnowski have combined their talents for a pop-up exhibition called 'Mixed Bag', which is on at Pack Gallery in Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Organisers say Sam's (mainly) 2D artwork consists of drawings, paintings and limited edition print works, while Jacqui 'is well known for her unusual ceramics – especially her obvara – a way of firing which dates back to the 12th century'.

There will be extra wheelie bin collections over the Christmas/New Year period. In urban areas, put all three out (red, yellow and green), and in rural areas, put out your red and yellow on normal bin days. It will run from Monday December 23 to Friday January 3.



Rupert Murdoch's *Daily Telegraph* reports that there are Jewish families in Byron Shire appearing on



For the last 20 years, Burringbar residents Glenys and Graham Parnell have delighted families with their huge Christmas light display. With its many discrete scenes and dioramas, thier Station Street spectacular has grown incrementally each year. Photo Jeff 'Lit Up And On Display' Dawson

'mass-circulated boycott lists', having to learn self-defence and 'fleeing the communities they call home, amid a shocking rise in anti-Semitism'. *The Echo* would very much like to see the boycott list. Please email editor@echo.net.au.

Northern Rivers Friends of Palestine (NRFOP) member Gareth Smith dressed as Santa and held a sign in Byron Bay on Tuesday that reads, 'Santa Doesn't Slay', in protest at the estimated '15,000 Palestinian children killed by Israel in Gaza'. According to UNICEF, 'the Gaza Strip is the most dangerous place in the world to be a child. Scores of children are reportedly being killed and injured on a daily basis'.

As part of New Year's Soul Street celebration, a twilight market will be held on Tuesday December 31, from 4pm to 9pm at Railway Park in Byron Bay.

Oh dear, NSW Forestry Corporation's annual report shows

a \$29m loss in its native hardwood division, almost double the figure reported last year.

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