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Calls for audit into govt's local crime response

Paul Bibby

Holding the NSW government to account over its promised strategies to address youth-related crime has become a key focus of the growing local campaign in relation to the issue.

With towns across the region experiencing break-ins and car thefts at rates way above the state average, attention has turned to whether the government's amended bail laws are being properly implemented, and whether the promised investment in youth-focused social programs has been forthcoming.

These two strategies are at the heart of the state government's much-trumpeted strategy to reduce youth-related crime.

But there are questions over whether either has been funded and implemented effectively, especially in the Northern Rivers, where the community has been hit by a perfect storm of social, economic, and environmental challenges in which youth-related crime and other social issues such as homelessness have proliferated alarmingly.

The members of a grassroots campaign set up in response to the youth crime issue is now calling on the government to fund an independent audit to examine its responses to the youth crime issue.

'The state government said that this dual approach of tougher bail laws and increased funding for social programs would work,' one of the leaders of the campaign, Alison Vickery told *The Echo*.

'So why are we seeing statistics showing that, unlike other areas of NSW, things in the Northern Rivers

are getting worse? What we're calling for is some accountability and action from the state government. We want to see whether the amended bail laws are being applied properly, and whether the promised investment in social programs in the Northern Rivers has actually happened.'

Meanwhile, it appears that a combination of increased efforts by police, greater vigilance within the community, and the community campaign, has seen a temporary easing of youth-related crime in some parts of the Northern Rivers.

'There's a palpable sigh of relief that, in some places like Lennox Head, we're not being broken into every night because people are being arrested,' Ms Vickery said.

Repeat offender list

Speaking at a community meeting last week, police said that there were 33 offenders on the Operation Mongoose list of repeat offenders, many of whom had been arrested in recent weeks and were now either bail-refused or subject to stringent bail conditions.

Ms Vickery said that the easing of offences appeared to be related to these increased efforts by police, as well as improved safety measures by locals.

'One of the flow-on effects of the community being so vocal is that the police have finally been given the resources they need to really take effective action,' she said.

'Obviously, we all hope this peace will continue, but the reality is that there will most likely be another wave, and another one,' Ms Vickery added.

Aussie day fish throw



Junior mulleteers Alphie, Lucy, Izzy and Billy. Photo Eve Jeffery

The World Championship Mullet Throwing Competition is set to be played out this Sunday from 3pm at the Ocean Shores Public School, with competitors throwing a rubber fish in the hopes of taking home a championship win.

The traditional Ocean Shores

Community Association (OSCA) event, with a Aussie sing-a-long, food and entertainment, is part of the annual January 26 celebrations. OSCA President, Jan Mangleson, said the idea started in 2005.

'That year, there was a big mullet kill in Waterlily Park. It was because

there was too much oxygen, and the poor old mullet were floating dead on the top of the lake.' She says they found mullets live in all the Ocean Shores lakes. 'We realised how important they were, so we decided to celebrate them by having the mullet throw,' adds Jan.

Poll finds strong opposition to native forest logging

A new poll of voters in the local federal electorate of Richmond has found 72 per cent of people want an end to native forest logging.

The poll found that sentiment even stronger among Labor voters in Richmond, with an overwhelming 82 per cent wanting to see an end to logging and expressing support for

sourcing timber from plantation.

Forest management is administered by the NSW government-run Forestry Corporation.

'It's loud and clear, the people in this electorate want to see an end to native forest logging,' says Mandy Nolan, Richmond candidate for the Greens, who are pushing for

a national ban on forest logging.

'We are in a region which cares deeply about the environment and about protecting critically endangered species like koalas, and we know the only way to do that is to stop native forest logging and to use plantation timbers,' said Nolan, who

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With new Brunswicks Club underway, funds are needed for completion



Brunswicks SLSC president Craig Reid, Vice-President Oscar Quinn and volunteers Margo, Eric and Meg, who are making do in the makeshift surf club until the new building is finished.

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

After years of planning and months of waiting, the demolition of the Surf Life Saving Club at Brunswick Heads is finally underway.

During December, a temporary club was constructed on the foreshore, and the demolition of the old building began.

With enough funds to build the main part of the club, it is hoped it will be finished by November this year, ready for the 2025/26 life saving season. With fingers and flippers crossed, the club committee hopes that with the help of generous philanthropists, enough funds can be raised to complete the entire precinct project at the same time, so the club won't have to close again for further construction.

The club currently has a lot of their gear stored at the bowling club, and other items are stored at club members homes. The new facility will see all of the

club's assets under one roof.

Club President, Craig Reid, says that although essential work to rebuild the clubhouse facilities has been funded, the entire project is falling short by up to three million dollars.

Only enough budget for downstairs

'We need another two and a half million dollars or so', he says. 'The problem is we've only got enough money to build the downstairs. It would be great, when the builders are here, if we could continue doing the top story, even just to lock up. We could fit it out later.'

In recent years, most volunteer organisations have been struggling with low membership as many people are spending more time trying to make ends meet and less on community work.

For the surf club, this means that if they want to do fundraising, they need to draw volunteers away from the beach, and that

would risk the safety of the community. If the clubhouse itself could attract income, that would save a large proportion of those man and woman hours.

Club Vice-President, Oscar Quinn, says the club hopes to rebuild the function area upstairs, which would generate dollars for the club.

'Hopefully we will be profitable enough that, in 50 years time, well past when we're going to be around, the community won't have to put in. [It's hoped] We'll be able to fund whatever extensions, or equipment we need,' he said.

Craig Reid says patrolling the beach requires all the energy the volunteers have.

'Every day, we are pulling people out of the surf. Every day. Some aren't serious, but some are very much so. We're saving lives. We need to keep our energy on the beach and not running around chasing money.'

If you are interested in donating funds to help finish the clubhouse, visit the website: www.brunswickslsc.org.

Concerns over Main Arm CT expansion

The Main Arm Rural Residents Association (MARRA) has raised concerns over the changes to the development application (DA) being sought by the approved multiple occupancy (MO) development at 84 Blindmouth Road, Main Arm.

The 12-lot MO was approved in 2020, but is seeking to not only change from an MO to a community title (CT) but to also double the housing allocation on the site and change a number of consent conditions that were placed on the MO.

Dwelling increase from 12 to 24

'This DA is using the backdoor which allows conversion of an MO to CT and also is seeking an increase in dwellings from 12 to 24,' said MARRA president, Ronald Priestly.

The application to change to CT also seeks to remove the no cats and dogs condition, which MARRA says is of significant concern.

'The DA backs on to forest which includes the National Parks' Inner Pocket Nature Reserve (www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/inner-pocket-nature-reserve).

'A major concern is the destruction that dogs and cats, who may live in these 24 houses, will cause to the National Park Reserve if the no dog and cat provision is to be waived.

'National Parks have been notified and have promised involvement,' said Mr Priestly.

'There is also nothing to stop holiday letting and changing the consent conditions means houses will be built without proper regard to road frontage, distance

between houses, creek and natural amenity destruction.

'Most importantly, the fire hazard increases enormously and a new bushfire assessment report is not provided.

'There are no CT lots on this road. This development will more than double the number of houses and population in this valley. It is completely inappropriate and is not complementary to the rural and environmental attributes.

'Main Arm Village is the designated area for residential development and increased population. There will be issues with water supply, a dam, sewerage disposal, vegetation management and traffic', Priestly added.

Submissions regarding this development are due by Friday, January 24 on Byron Shire Council's website.

Vale Audrey Kingsley

Audrey Gladys Kingsley, our mother and grandmother, took her final bow last Saturday morning.

With 103 years on this planet, she lived through history and witnessed changes, from England where she was born, to Australia, where she came to live.

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Audrey Gladys Kingsley

were spent at St Andrew's aged care facility in Byron Bay, where they nursed her to her final breath.

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Free vet care for homeless comes to Byron

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Fifteen vets, vet nurses and staff, and community volunteers, gave up their time on Sunday for the inaugural Pets In The Park (PITP), event in Byron Bay, and several beloved fur companions enjoyed the attention.

Pets In The Park is a national charity that provides free veterinary care to pets of people experiencing homelessness, and the Northern Rivers is the latest of 11 clinics to open in Australia.

Two new clinics are opening soon, one in North East Victoria, and one on the Gold Coast.

It is widely known that this area is experiencing some of the highest rates of homelessness in Australia, and many people rely on their pets for companionship and love. However, accessing even basic pet care can be an overwhelming challenge.

Financial challenges

Pets In The Park President, Jay Potter, says that while pet ownership brings immense joy and enrichment to the lives of those experiencing homelessness, it also comes with substantial financial challenges.

Jay says, 'Too often, owners sacrifice their own welfare to ensure the health of their beloved companions. This is where Pets In The Park has such an important role to play.'

Often a homeless person may not access help and care for themselves, but they will reach out for their fur family



Local practice manager Sheree with vets Helen and Barbara, volunteered at the Pets in the Park event in Byron Bay on Sunday.

and this can put them in a position to get the support they need for themselves.

Held in Byron Bay, the free monthly PITP veterinary clinic can be accessed via a referral from local homelessness support organisations, and will provide support to people and their pets who are living rough anywhere in the Northern Rivers.

This service can only happen with the generous support of local veterinary professionals, who donate a few hours of their time each month for consultations, parasite control, vaccinations, microchipping, and treatment of common ailments. Additionally, donated pet products such as food, bedding, and toys are distributed to support the overall wellbeing of the pets.

Working with PITP's

national office, it has taken a year of behind-the-scenes planning by three dedicated veterinary professionals – Dr Elizabeth Settles, Helen McGregor, and Lauren Archer – to secure a venue for the clinic, and get local veterinarians and vet nurses to volunteer their time to help improve the healthcare of these precious pets.

Dr Settles said the idea to set up a PITP clinic in the area started with a conversation around the recent parvovirus outbreak in the Lismore area.

'We were talking about how vets in the area were struggling with unvaccinated puppies because owners couldn't afford veterinary care and vaccines. The conversation expanded to the importance of student experiences in veterinary education and models in

the US for low cost/no cost clinical services and the benefits to pets, owners and students,' she said.

Vet students

It is anticipated that from March 2025, students enrolling in the new Vet Science Courses at Southern Cross University (SCU) will also volunteer for PITP, gaining invaluable experience in addition to their formal training.

If you are living rough and would like your fur friend to see a vet, visit your local support organisation and they will refer you – it's absolutely free.

If you are a veterinary professional and would like to support PITP, visit www.petsinthepark.org.au.

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Wategos DA seeks deeper excavations

Paul Bibby

Should the owners behind a Wategos mega-mansion project be allowed to significantly increase the size of their underground garage to make the property more suitable for those of advanced years?

This is the curly question facing Byron Council this month.

The owners of 19 Marine Drive are seeking to modify their already approved plans for a \$12 million dual occupancy so that it can be 'future proofed' to cater for ageing residents.

Their development application (DA) for the five-level residence was originally approved last year.

The revised plans involve the expansion of the basement level garage to include a new wheelchair-accessible parking space, a lift, ramp, and new storages areas for bikes and surfboards.

There would also be a range of other, smaller modifications to the above-ground levels of the home.

'The amended basement design is in direct response to the needs of the property owners who seek to create

Disability Discrimination Act compliant access from their garage area to the upper floors of the building,' consultants hired by the developer, said in their town planning report.

'This will future proof the dwelling for aging residents...'

While the changes will not change the overall visual impact of the five-storey dual occupancy, it will involve significant additional excavation on the site.

'It is unavoidable for deep earthworks to be required to accommodate the stairs, lift and passageway,' the consultants said.

DCP stipulates minimal excavation

The Development Control Plan (DCP) for Wategos states that garage and basements should be designed to minimise the amount of site excavation required.

It also requires that basements and subterranean car parks are to have a maximum footprint of 50 square metres.

Byron Council has been reluctant to approve excavation works that

exceed development controls in Wategos in recent years, having witnessed multiple owners dig deeper and deeper into the iconic hillside.

The owners of 19 Marine Parade are 'formally requesting' a variation to the basement size limit rule to accommodate their future proofing plans, arguing that future proofing the home is a reasonable reason to do so.

They are further arguing that they should not be required to adhere to the control, because others have not done so.

'It is evident from a review of existing development within the locality that this prescriptive development control has not been adhered to on multiple other projects,' the consultants said.

The developer states that the modification does not significantly change the gross floor area of the development. However, they note that basement storage, lifts and stairs are excluded from the gross floor area calculations.

The modification application can be viewed on Byron Council's website by searching for DA 10.2024.63.2.

The Health Lodge celebrates ten years



The team of health professionals at the Health Lodge, based in Byron Bay. Photo supplied

The Health Lodge, located on Bangalow Road, Byron Bay, has notched up ten years of providing unique integrative health care. Led by Reine and Simon DuBois, they say their centre has evolved in that

time, with extensive renovations while achieving AGPAL medical accreditation.

The pair say, 'The lodge has 14 clinic rooms, including GP-accredited suites, and is staffed by 25 dedicated

medical and complementary health practitioners. These facilities ensure the continuing delivery of exceptional care to a diverse patient base.'

For more information visit www.thehealthlodge.com.au.

Strong opposition to native forest logging

► Continued from page 1 will appear at a fundraiser for Bangalow Koalas on February 6 at the town's A&I Hall.

The poll was run by national company Pyxis, on behalf of the Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation, and offers an insight into voter beliefs in five specific federal seats across the country.

Other than the Richmond electorate, the other seats

surveyed were Eden-Monaro, Lyons, Brisbane and Griffith, with the pollster claiming to have made 400 calls by phone in each electorate.

The report reads, 'Most Richmond voters believe that it's possible to both end logging and protect jobs.'

Ms Nolan says, 'Almost nobody in Richmond wants native forest logging, it's not economically viable, it's creating koala extinction

and yet Labor won't act.'

'Labor has held this seat of Richmond for 20 years. In that time, the Green vote has been steadily rising - I only need a 1.8 per cent swing to win it. If I'm elected, I'm looking forward to working with Labor and the Teals and independents to stop native forest logging across the country.'

The poll can be found at tinyurl.com/6yeuhkck.

Labor promise NBN upgrade if re-elected

The federal Labor government says it will fund the upgrade of Australia's remaining national fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) network through an injection of up to \$3 billion.

In a media release last week, incumbent Labor MP Justine Elliot said this would, 'guarantee the NBN stays in public ownership, ensuring prices for high speed internet remain affordable for all

Australians including North Coast locals'.

She said, 'Fast, reliable, affordable internet is an essential building block of any modern economy. Better connectivity boosts productivity, enables innovation, and creates jobs.'

Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, told *The Echo*, 'I welcome Labor's commitment for more funds to the NBN, in a region where many people

are having to look for alternative connections. I also welcome the commitment not to privatise this public infrastructure, as a Dutton government may well do.'

'Last time there was a minority government in Canberra, it was the Greens who protected the NBN from being sold off by securing amendments that have kept the NBN in public hands,' Ms Nolan added.

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Candidates launch themselves at unsuspecting public

While the federal election is yet to be called, it mustn't be far off, with Labor MP Justine Elliot launching her campaign last Saturday at the Ocean Shores Country Club.

Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, says her campaign launch will be on February 5 at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club from 6pm.

Presumptive Nationals candidate, Kimberly Hone, is yet to announce her candidacy, and there will likely be minor party and independent candidates nominating.

Federal Labor treasurer, Jim Chalmers, and former world boxing champion, Jeff Horn, launched Mrs Elliot's campaign.

Mrs Elliot said, 'I am asking for your vote at the 2025 federal election to keep delivering for our community'.

'This election is a clear choice – a choice between building Australia's future with the Albanese Labor government or taking Australia backwards with Peter Dutton and the Liberals and Nationals.'

'Before running for Parliament, I served as a frontline police officer working to



Labor MP, Justine Elliot



Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan



Presumptive Nationals candidate, Kimberly Hone

protect the community. Now, as your local MP, my priority is working with our community to get things done – and together we have secured more than \$3 billion in funding for our region,' Mrs Elliot said.

Tight contest

The tight contest between incumbent Justine Elliot and Mandy Nolan in 2022 saw Mrs Elliot's margin narrow, but she retained with 58.23 per cent of the vote, after Greens preferences flowed to her from Ms Nolan.

Nationals candidate, Kimberly Hone received 41.77 per cent of the vote after the two candidate preferred (TCP) vote was tallied. Ms Nolan received more votes than Ms Hone, with 25,216 and 23,299 respectively at the first

2025 federal election primer

- Every three years, voters are presented with candidates for the upper and lower house. The upper house (Senate) candidates serve six-year terms, and are elected to represent the state (proportional representation). The lower house candidates represent the electorate.
- Labor's Justine Elliot (lower house) has held the seat of Richmond since 2004, which covers Tweed, Byron and Ballina shires.

preference count. Mrs Elliot received 28,733 votes.

Ms Nolan says, 'After the summer break, I'm hitting the ground running – because what we do in the next few months has the chance to make history. In 2022, we were so close and

this year we're just 1.8 per cent away from winning'.

'To kick us off into election action, we're gathering in Brunswick Heads for a special community screening of *See Mandy Run* – the documentary that captured our 2022 campaign.

Mental health services expand

Much-needed mental health services for local young people have received a boost this week, with the official opening of the expanded Headspace service at 32 Swift Street, Ballina.

Having previously operated as an outreach service, Headspace Ballina has now transitioned into a permanent service.

Young people aged 12 to 25 who are going through a tough time can access free support through the service, which is open on Monday to Thursday from 10am to 6pm.

The number of trained clinical staff employed permanently at the service has increased from two to six as part of the expansion.

On offer is a range of services, including mental

health and wellbeing, sexual health, youth worker support, alcohol and other drug services, connections to education, and employment support.

'Over the last ten years, we've seen an increase in the number of people accessing our Headspace services in Headspace Lismore and Headspace Tweed Heads, as well as our Ballina outreach service,' the senior manager of Headspace Ballina, Lismore and Tweed Heads, Simone Balzer told the ABC North Coast.

'So far we've had over 1,200 occasions of service at Ballina, supporting 270 young people,' Simone said.

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Community meeting in Goonellabah to look at youth crime

Aslan Shand

'We need people to come together to help our youth,' says Bradley Walker, CEO of the Magpie Community Centre based in Goonellabah.

Mr Walker is calling a public community meeting for 5.30pm, Thursday, January 23 at the Goonellabah Sports Club/Lismore Workers Club at 202 Oliver Ave, Goonellabah.

'I am just a community member looking for solutions,' Mr Walker told *The Echo*.

'We want to bring back that focus on engaging with young people. I want to sit down and have a conversation about the youth in our community, pathway planning, and how we get the right services and operations involved to create opportunities for young people.'

Real help needed not vigilante groups

'It is not about being a vigilante group, this is not about taking this into our own hands - this is about getting into contact with people in the community and working out how we can help our youth.'

Mr Walker says he's modelling his ideas on the Magpie Centre that helped him when he was young, and is looking to replicate some of those ideas.

'When we were young they asked what we wanted, so we set up a basketball court, they had a bus that would collect us from town and we'd do things at the centre. There were local camps, visits

to beaches, and to places like Stradbroke Island, we had events with the local fire brigade, we had programs happening about fixing up housing,' he explained.

Bringing the right people together

Mr Walker says he has invited a wide range of people to attend the meeting including Lismore MP Janelle Saffin, Minister for Page Kevin Hogan, local councillors, the Richmond Police District Superintendent and legal aid and youth justice representatives.

The Lismore Aboriginal Legal Service will be attending and are supportive of community-based action that utilises evidence-based solutions and diversionary programs.

'Magpie Community Centre is where black and white can work together. You have a community screaming out for help and the solutions have got to be led by the community,' said Mr Walker.

'I want to play a part in getting people to get a yarn going. This is about closing the gap, and reconciliation. I'm trying to get young people away from the correction system. If we can put them on the right pathway and keep them out of that system that is a win for everyone.'

'Join us and let's have a big talk about creating real solutions.'

For more information contact Mr Walker on 0477 831 694 or follow the Magpie Community Centre on social media.

Call to suspend NSW greyhound racing after third dog euthanased in 2025

Aslan Shand

The death of the third greyhound on the greyhound racing circuit in NSW this year, on the Casino racetrack, has led to a call for the suspension of NSW greyhound racing until the current Drake Inquiry reports its findings.

The purpose of the Drake Inquiry is, 'to ensure a viable and sustainable greyhound racing industry in NSW with the highest standards of integrity and animal welfare'. The Inquiry was due to report from December 13, 2024, however, due to the high volume of submissions and other information received by the inquiry, the minister for gaming and racing has extended the due date for the acting commissioner's report to April 30, 2025.

'The third greyhound to die on a NSW racetrack in 2025 has suffered an agonising death after winning its race at the Casino track on Thursday (January 16),' said a press release from Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds (CPG).

According to the Casino stewards report for January 16, 2025 Brocky's Ethics fell



According to the Casino stewards report for January 16, 2025 three-year-old Brocky's Ethics fell heavily after winning Race 10 and suffered a 'comminuted compound fracture of the radius, ulna and carpus, with hemorrhage'. Photo supplied

heavily after winning Race 10 and suffered a 'comminuted compound fracture of the radius, ulna and carpus, with hemorrhage'. The three-year-old dog was euthanased. His death follows that of Shirl's Rocket (Taree, January 8, compound fracture of foreleg, spinal cord injury) and Ramblin' Ethics (Muswellbrook, January 11, foreleg compound fracture).

'The year is only 16 days old and NSW tracks have already caused three greyhound deaths and more than 150 injuries. There is no social licence for this ongoing violence against dogs. These types of deaths were supposed to

be prevented by upgraded tracks and GRNSW's much-vaunted Greyhound Care Scheme 2.0,' said Kylie Field, NSW director, CPG.

4,223 dogs injured in 2024

According to CPG 17 greyhounds were killed on NSW tracks in 2024, with more than 20 also dying off-track after suffering serious leg injuries in their races. A total of 4,223 dogs were injured in NSW.

'NSW greyhound racing should be suspended until the inquiry reports to the Minister for Gaming and Racing, David Harris in April 2025,' said Ms Field.

Amber alert for Lake Ainsworth

There is an amber alert for blue green algae at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head.

Currently there are no restrictions on the recreational use of the lake, however, users should obey all signage erected by Ballina Shire Council.

Ballina Council will be monitoring levels of blue green algae but if slicks or scums develop lake users are advised to avoid these areas.

Blue green algae is photosynthetic bacteria that lives in the water, it produces toxins that can pose a risk to livestock and cause health issues for humans. The only way that you can tell if algae are harmful, is by taking a sample and getting it analysed at a laboratory.

Sampling is undertaken by Ballina Council's environmental health officers.

A green alert means that

there are no restrictions on recreational activities. An amber alert means that investigations into the causes and increased sampling will be in place. Care should also be taken to avoid any algae. Red alert means no recreational use.

■ Learn more about blue green algae at: www.waternsw.com.au/water-services/water-quality/algae.

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New event aims to reconnect Lennox Head community

Ballina Shire Councillors Kiri Dicker, Michelle Bailey, Eva Ramsey have teamed up to organise a free event to encourage residents of Lennox Head to join a wider array of community and sporting groups, with hopes of promoting social cohesion and greater community connection.

Man injured in hit-and-run south of Lismore

NSW Police are appealing for public assistance after a man was hit by a car south of Lismore on Saturday, January 18.

Zion's new art adorns Tweed Gallery

Mullumbimby artist Zion Levy Stewart's latest exhibition, 'Life is Art', opens on Valentine's Day, February 14, at the Tweed Gallery.

Kyogle and Mount Warning Road sites reopen

Flood restoration works on Kyogle Road between Uki and Byangum Bridge marks a significant step forward in Tweed's ongoing flood restoration program, which continues into 2025.

Senior Achievement Award nominations now open

Nominations are now open for the 2025 NSW Seniors Festival Local Achievement Awards.

Lennox meets to address youth crime

Installing CCTV cameras and motion-sensor lights is one of the best ways for locals to protect their homes from the wave of break-ins and car thefts occurring across the Northern Rivers, a community meeting has been told.

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Mainstream media fails to mention positive Labor policies

The new year in Australian politics, an all-important election year, began on a high with a host of Albanese government policy initiatives taking effect from January 1, 2025.

Among these, and there are many, are pay rises of up to 13 per cent for aged care workers, an increase in the Medicare safety net threshold, multinational corporation anti-tax evasion laws, mandatory climate reporting for businesses, new vehicle emission standards, and the criminalisation of wage underpayment as wage theft, just to mention a few, all of them opposed by Peter Dutton and the Coalition.

These reforms, which come into effect this year, are just the most recent in a broader set of policy initiatives for which the government has received too little credit, if any, and which seem strangely invisible to the 'objective' media eye.

These include the introduction of Medicare bulk-billing urgent care clinics, the largest minimum wage increase in over a decade, cheaper prescription medicines, paid domestic violence leave, expanded childcare, making banks and social media companies responsible for scams which have cost vulnerable people thousands of dollars, protections for gig economy workers, reducing inflation from over 6 per cent to 2.8 per cent, and finishing the NBN with fibre to the premises, instead of Malcolm Turnbull's old copper wire disaster.

Corporate tax evasion

One of the most significant of this raft of new laws that came into effect this month is the Albanese government's landmark transparency measures to combat multinational corporate tax evasion.

Described by the UK *Financial Times* as 'one of the world's strictest tax disclosure laws', these new financial transparency laws are projected to yield Australia billions of dollars in additional revenue from previously lost profits, overturning decades of corporate failure to pay taxes. Who knew?!

The Centre for International



'After a decade of Coalition climate denial and inaction, we finally have a government prepared to drive a national transition to renewables.'

– Professor Jenny Hocking

Corporate Accountability & Research (CICAR) hailed the transparency laws as setting 'a new bar' in curbing multinational tax evasion.

Stolen by corporates

They said the Albanese government showed 'real leadership by standing up to huge pressure from corporate lobbyists' against it; and that, 'corporate giants, with ever-growing profits, have stolen funding from public health, education and a sustainable future for far too long.'

Yet despite the global praise for 'one of the world's strictest' multinational tax evasion measures, the government's corporate tax evasion measure scarcely rated a mention by our own supine media.

Productive week

This was just one of more than 40 government bills successfully negotiated through the hostile Senate in the final sitting week of 2024. This remarkably productive week saw the passage of the government's two housing bills after months of delay by the Greens, the signature Futures Made in Australia Bill to drive local industry investment in renewables and manufacturing, much needed Reserve Bank governance reform, social media limits for children under 16-years-old, and a supermarket code of conduct, among dozens more.

These passed through the Senate and into law with barely a murmur from the mainstream media that had already settled on a focus group-driven mantra of a 'disappointing' prime minister and a 'do nothing' government, neither of which could be sustained had our erstwhile political commentators bothered to look at what the government has actually done.

The stabilisation of our shredded relationship with China for instance, described by Professor James Curran as 'a genuine achievement for Australia and the government', not only saw the lifting of punitive tariffs in a huge boost to industry and agriculture, but led also to the successful negotiations for the release of Australian journalist Cheng Lei.

Assange free

The years of incarceration of Australian journalist, the WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, coupled with the fear of extradition and life imprisonment or worse in America, ended with the government's negotiated release last year. Assange's lawyer, Jennifer Robinson, acknowledged Albanese's 'principled leadership in opposition, and then his statesmanship and diplomacy as Prime Minister' as key to securing Assange's release.

It was here that the relentless claims of a 'do nothing' government butted up against the political reality of a government that is doing, well, quite a lot actually.

Taken together, the scale of these reforms, each of which reflects an election promise now met, is undeniably impressive.

Bizarre media preoccupation

Yet as they made their way through a fractious Senate, bearing all the strategic hallmarks of Albanese's long stint as government leader in the House under the minority Gillard government, what emerged was a bizarre media preoccupation.

It was not with the legislation that had just passed, but with a single piece of legislation that hadn't even

been put before the parliament that week, let alone voted on.

This was the 'Nature Positive Environment' legislation for which, not having a majority in the Senate, the government had not yet secured enough votes to pass, so will bring it forward next month if parliament is still sitting.

The bill aims to establish 'Environment Protection Australia as a statutory commonwealth entity to undertake regulatory and implementation functions under a range of environmental commonwealth laws'.

Nevertheless, this 'bill that wasn't' became the focus of media attention, to the exclusion of any sustained analysis of the more than 40 new government laws that had actually passed the Senate and were now in place. After all, this is a 'do nothing' government.

The wild card in that particular bill was elected Labor senator turned independent, Fatima Payman. The ABC reported at the time that Payman's support for the Nature Positive Bill was not secure, following her meetings with the West Australian Mining Council.

The ABC reported, 'Senator Payman played a critical hand in derailing what had been a written agreement between Greens leader Adam Bandt, independent senator David Pocock and the government ... it followed a meeting between her and Minerals Council of Australia CEO ... who was described as "camping out" in the senator's office.'

Tabloid froth

The resultant claimed an 'Albanese-Plibersek' rift reduced these complexities in the Senate voting matrix to a tawdry political soap opera, all tabloid froth and no substance. It was a perfect deflection that left us all none the wiser about what the government had in fact done, and allowing the cynical shibboleth of a 'do nothing' government to continue unchecked.

One of the most puzzling aspects of the enraged 'do nothing' riposte is that this extends to claimed government inaction on climate change.

After a decade of Coalition climate denial and inaction, we finally have a government prepared to drive a national transition to renewables and to meet Australia's international emissions reduction commitments.

We are now on track to deliver a 43 per cent reduction from the 2005 baseline in emissions by 2030, and to meet our target of 80 per cent renewables in the total energy mix also by 2030.

Peter Dutton, meanwhile, has refused to release the Coalition's 2030 target. Every year, new solar and wind farms are established or coming on stream, including the Australian company Sun Cable's world's largest solar farm.

Critical infrastructure

These critical infrastructure developments are progressively opening over the next few years, exponentially increasing our renewables delivery forecasts. South Australia is already producing up to 85 per cent of its energy requirements entirely by renewables, and Victoria meets over 40 per cent of its energy share from renewables. In September 2024, we reached a 'turning point' in this transition, when the national share of coal, traditionally the biggest source of generation in Australia's main grid, fell below 50 per cent for the first time. These are advances to welcome while recognising there is always more to do.

Peter Dutton has pledged to stop these advances in renewables development and transition should he form government, taking us back to the fossil fuel reliance we have spent the last three years finally moving away from.

The specious political narrative of the Albanese government as 'doing nothing' on such important matters is only fuelling that possibility.

■ Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking is an historian, political scientist and award-winning biographer. Her latest book is *The Palace Letters: The Queen, the Governor-General, and the Plot to Dismiss Gough Whitlam*.

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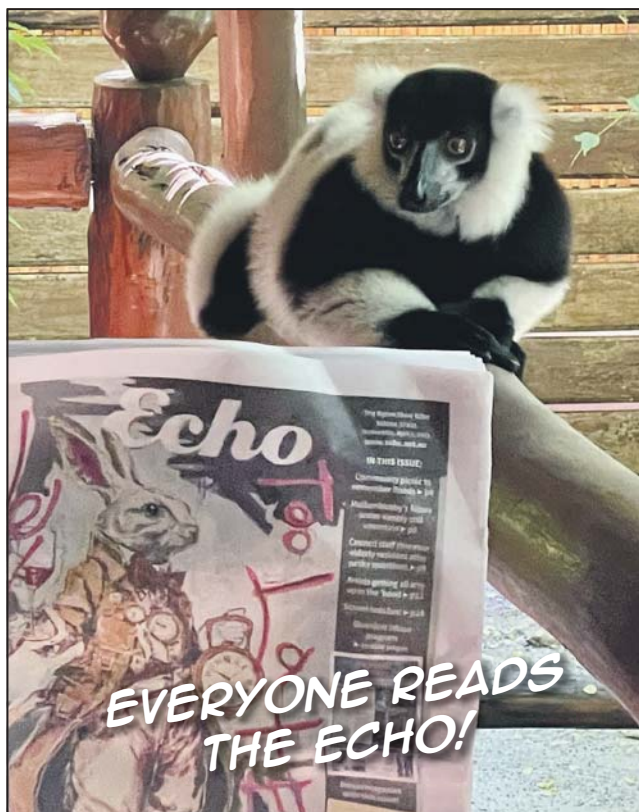
While reading *The Echo* letter 'Boring Bay' (January 8) I reflected on how our community in Byron Bay has been overlooked when it comes to creating meaningful celebrations. From the needs of our aged (letter 'Hydrotherapy Pool Rejected'), and marginalised citizens (letter 'Dear Tourists'), to the importance of tourism in our economy, there is a growing disconnect between what locals want and the decisions being made.

Take, for instance, the absence of Christmas decorations in town. Visitors and locals alike ask why we don't have a Christmas tree or festive lights, and yet these are simple joys that bring people together. The lack of community involvement in New Year's Eve celebrations, which are now outsourced to an external company, has left many of us feeling detached. Soul Street, while well-meaning, felt impersonal and rushed, leaving little sense of community spirit.

Encouraging our community to decorate shops and homes for the holidays is a lovely idea, but without the involvement from the locals with leadership or support from the Byron Shire Council, it can feel like a thankless task. Byron Bay deserves better; we can do better. Try going to the farmers' markets to raise funds for a Christmas tree and to hear locals and visitors asking why we don't have a visual celebration of Christmas. The children loved decorating my tree at the markets!

It's time for both the Council and community to work together. A pared-back, locally-driven celebration doesn't need to be costly. Imagine a beautiful Christmas tree in town, festive lights, and a New Year's concert featuring our talented artistic community, we have the people on the ground. With support from retailers, businesses, and clubs, these simple initiatives could make a huge difference.

Could the council redirect part of the Soul Street budget toward community-led events instead of relying on the cumbersome grant process? Could they help simplify approvals and lead



the way with community-led initiatives in creating a joyful atmosphere? Maybe the council can delegate some staff to work with the community for one or two months before Christmas. They have talented staff to help create a new way back to the Byron Bay community.

Together, we can bring back the magic of Christmas and New Year's Eve to Byron Bay. Let us not be the only regional town of our size and reputation without a Christmas tree and a community New Year celebration.

It's not hard if everyone chips in. Let's start small and rediscover the joy of community celebrations.

Stephanie Rake
Byron Bay

Acknowledgement and acceptance

There has been quite some controversy in mainstream media recently surrounding the 'Welcome to Country' ceremonies that have been held around Australia for the last half century. The ceremony has been reputed to have started in 1973, when it was claimed that the first of these welcoming ceremonies were held at the Aquarius Festival in Nimbin.

First and foremost, it needs to be pointed out that the ceremony was offered for the first time, only after the organisers of the Aquarius Festival went out of their way as part of preparing for the festival, to contact the local custodians and to actually ask them for their permission to put on the event on the

local tribes' traditional country around the town of Nimbin.

This impressed the custodians enough for them to see the good intention in the hippies to do the right thing.

That good intention was something that the original people of what is now called 'Australia' had not experienced much at all for the more than two hundred years since the foreign invasion of their lands. So they gave the Aquarius organisers the ceremony that the tribes gave to other friendly tribes when they collectively stepped onto other mobs' countries.

After the Aquarius event, it was gradually adopted by groups, communities, and governments all over the country.

Now, it has apparently come to the time that 'Welcome to Country' has reached its 'use by date'. The truth is; why 'welcome' invaders with bad intention onto the country to actually trash and destroy the land? After 50 years of actual abuse of this so-called 'ceremony', is it possible to re-brand the event and to show actual sincerity about an attempt at reconciliation? An event that we must be reminded of was originally instigated by the victims!

In a discussion, a number of years ago now, about this issue, it was suggested by local Elder, Auntie Lizbeth Johnson, that rather than using the term 'welcome', which could never really fit, it would be more realistic to

name it an 'Acknowledgment and Acceptance' ceremony. Finally, it is suggested that there is one big hurdle to proper healing for the future for this great continent.

Without a more truthful 'coming clean' about Australia's past history, and after what turns out to be a messy (Welcome to Country) attempt at reconciliation, everything that follows may continue to have a hollow and disingenuous ring about it.

That is a continuing concern and is something that particularly the majority of racists in our society cannot and will not accept. Though for the whole of Australia's future benefit and to clear our continuing bad karma, accept they must.

The sentiment needs to be genuine for a ceremony such as this to have effect, and to do the healing it has the potential to do, daily, when uttered. The words must have a particular and specific meaning first.

Binnah Pownall
The Pocket

Nature of nudism

Byron Bay has lost its iconic clothing-optional beach, a space once celebrated for its inclusivity and connection to nature. This closure is a loss for locals and visitors who value body positivity and the naturist lifestyle.

A growing global movement, NaturismRE, is working to advocate for naturism through initiatives such as the Draft Bill for Australian Public Decency and Nudity Clarification 2025 (<https://chn9.it/9PsNgjnZc5>). This bill aims to clarify public decency laws, ensuring

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Global climate action in local Byron Shire

Dr Anne Stuart

Do you remember the ‘think global act local’ campaign? When this thinking spills over to a group of passionate volunteers who pit their actions toward making changes, supported by a local philanthropic group like the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), you can really feel you are effecting critical change beyond your own neighbourhood.

The Northern Rivers Community Foundation saw the potential of harnessing local knowledge and building resilience through a collaboration between Zero Emissions Byron, Jagun Aboriginal Alliance Corporation, Madhima Gulgun, and Byron Shire Council to build capacity among key land management stakeholders to support and implement ecocultural fire across the Northern Rivers. The Ecocultural Fire Training for Biodiverse and Bushfire Resilient Communities was awarded \$25,000 from NRCF which will see 2025 as the year to deliver this exciting project.

The removal of Aboriginal fire from the Northern Rivers since colonisation has increased destructive wildfires that severely threaten the region’s unique biodiversity and undermine rural community resilience. Cultural fire management is an ancient, safe, and sustainable land management activity. Good fire is implemented by Aboriginal people primarily for maintaining and improving the health of Country, culture, its people, and kin. It follows protocols involving Elders and knowledge holders who lead and conduct burns in a way that recognises cultural lore and the health of Country.

Cool fire

Good fire, under the right conditions and with expert oversight, is cool, controlled and staged in mosaic patterns over several years. A guiding principle of the practice is right fire – right time – right country.

While there is growing community awareness of the need to restore cool, controlled burning for biodiversity, cultural revival, and bushfire resilience, it is hindered by a limited



understanding among land managers and landowners of how to implement such fire management programs.

Bushfire safety

Zero Emissions Byron has previously collaborated with Jagun Alliance Aboriginal Corporation and Byron Shire Council under grants from Ingrained and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, to improve community bushfire safety and continue connection to Country.

The document Good Fire – Healthy Country (<https://zero Byron.org/2023/07/13/good-fire-healthy-country-2023>) and the Good Fire Restoration Plan template, were prepared to support landowners implement fire restoration.

Zero Emissions Byron is excited to provide a far-sighted vision, combining Indigenous ways of caring for Country by befriending fire with emerging approaches for restoring open ecosystems degraded by

Top: Jagun’s, Oliver Costell and Marcus Ferguson setting up a cool burn. Photo supplied

Above: Jagun and ZEB workshop with Dr Andy Baker. Photo Julie Ryan

Bottom: Woodlands cool fire October 2024. Photo supplied

the absence of fire. This new collaborative professional development training package provides the basis for ongoing capacity building beyond this project and throughout the Northern Rivers region.

We applaud The Northern Rivers Community Foundation for their unwavering support and engagement with local issues, which translate to global outcomes.

Landholders interested in developing a Good Fire Plan can register an expression of interest to reinstate good fire for Country on the Byron Shire Council website and/or contact landuse@zero Byron.org for more information.

■ Dr Anne Stuart is Chair of Zero Emissions Byron.

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Additionally, NaturismRE has developed the world's first standards for nudist and naturist venues (naturismre.com/industry-standards), promoting safety, inclusivity, and respect in such spaces.

Byron Bay has always championed freedom and connection to nature. Supporting initiatives like these and reinstating a clothing-optional beach could align with the region's values and attract like-minded visitors.

Let's bring back Byron Bay's unique spirit by embracing these ideas.

Vincent Marty
Sydney

Questions

How much money has been spent per annum transferring the landfill from the Myocum tip to somewhere outside of Byron Shire?

Considering there is a perfectly suitable site just meters away from the existing transfer site, that being the old Myocum quarry, should this not be considered for a landfill site?

A person that attends the CABS (Community Alliance for Byron Shire) meeting

has informed me that the Director of Infrastructure said that Brunswick Valley STP will need to be expanded in the near future.

This plant was built to treat seven times the average dry weather flow in 2011. What was achieved and what monies were spent having a contractor spend five years investigating the sewer gravity mains system, and the stormwater system, and what mains were relined in Mullumbimby over the five year period?

What percentage of the water and sewer operational fund is being transferred across to the Council's general fund per financial year?

Alan Dickens
Byron Bay

Psychosausage

One wonders about Philip Byrt's (Letters, January 15) revelation of bonobos' bloody removal of the sexual sausage. His wish to serve love is even beyond the capacity of bonobos. Perhaps if bonobos could talk they would rise to Coral Larke's (Letters, January 15) request for comprehensive rehabilitation of psychopaths instead!

That could consist of: education and awareness;

early intervention and support; legal and criminal justice; community safety initiatives.

Psychopathy is a major but overlooked issue. Three per cent of people have some affliction and one per cent are severely affected.

This leads to dysfunction at the level of individuals, through society, all the way to global presidential issues (wars). It is one of humanities greatest failures; the engine of war and peace.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

No need to ban rodeo

The Northern Rivers wouldn't be the same without rodeos. This isn't Bondi or St Kilda, we're a rural district where the primary industries are agricultural. Rodeos are part of the fabric of this area.

The annual Murwillumbah rodeo attracts people from all over Queensland and NSW. It's a big drawcard for our region. If you've ever been, bull riding is quite a skill, based on a long cattle industry history in regional NSW. For many people, it's not just entertainment, but their livelihood.

If rodeos were banned, then what's next? Horse riding? Owing domestic cats and dogs? Let's face

it, domestic cats and dogs are infinitely worse for the environment than bull riding. Yet, the amount of kangaroos slaughtered each year for pet food doesn't seem to feature as highly in the urban sensitivities of those who wish to ban rodeos?

And before anyone blames 'greenies', from memory this whole storm in a teacup started on social media when a *Courier Mail* paparazzi photographer captured Chris Hemsworth at the Byron rodeo. That's right, more hysteria from the Rupert Murdoch News Limited muck rackers!

Leave our rodeos alone! This is the Northern Rivers. Agricultural shows and rodeos should be here to stay.

Simon Alderton
Ballina

Stairway to heaven

I have noticed a new Sydney residential development application (DA) on a filled-in floodway (riverbank) which includes two new planning terms: 'Vertical Evacuation' and 'Shelter in Place' (SIP) – stay in the flooded building?

Our local Ballina Shire Council has a similar DA for an 'Old Peoples Home' to be built on a proposed filled-in coastal swamp. It has mention of a 'rooftop helicopter pad' – Vertical Evacuation?

Ballina's new million dollar bus terminal – opened before Christmas – has been photographed recently with very restricted access due to tidal flooding.

What is wrong with planning laws, environmental courts and commonsense? Give the environment a break or have AI or X design a new 'stairway to heaven'.

Clive Quick
Rous

Youth crime

It was refreshing to read Mayor Sharon Cadwallader's comments (*Echo*, January 15 and 25) addressing the route cause of youth crime.

Too much space is given over to the deeply flawed mantra of 'adult crime, adult time'. Ironically this mindset results in totally the opposite outcome to what it hopes to achieve. Sentence a kid to adult time and you most likely will create an adult criminal!

It should also be noted that crime in general is decreasing, even if in local areas it does spike on occasion.

The mayor's solution to create and fund diversion programs for these kids

makes so much sense, rather than removing them further from the communities they are already drifting from.

Patrick Lenfesty
Ballina

Land sharing future

Thank you David Heilpern for your eloquent, brilliant and inspired article. Land sharing, in fact sharing, is a concept whose time has come.

I chose land sharing as my final project in 1974 at Louisiana State University and I see it as back to the future, the tribe and community sharing.

Forget compliance officers, the mentality of the Byron Shire Council planning and the strategic planning section throws up a hundred reasons not to allow the future development of land sharing in Byron Shire.

The main reason given is the infrastructure is not there to support the activity. One would have thought that is why we have a council. The north coast provides land sharing opportunities which are not seen in many places in Australia.

It's true that sharing is not in our culture but it does allow people to live in the country when they can't live in town. We inherited English planning law which says you live in town or you are a farmer.

I started a rural land sharing community in Main Arm at the turn of the century with the cooperation of Council and Jan Barham the then mayor of Byron Shire Council.

At a subsequent Blues Festival a lady asked, 'Aren't you lonely'. My response was, 'The piece of land I live on has 100 native vegetation species and 100 bird and native fauna species to talk to'. Not everyone's idea of paradise even though I have no mortgage and no water and power bills.

Boyd Warren
Main Arm

Mandy's Soap Box

Mandy has a problem with huge black utes, naming the 'Ram' as an example, and yes I too, and I am sure many motorists, would also be aware how intimidating they can be when they come up behind you with their bright LED lights beaming toward you.

Mandy goes on to say that she's driving at 109km on the highway where the speed limit is 110km and coming up behind is the great big black Ram. A highway with a 110km/h would be at

least a four lane motorway (two lanes each direction) therefore she would be driving in the outside lane, a lane for overtaking slow vehicles, what's she doing out there? I thought only Queenslanders do that. I can understand the frustration of the driver of the big black Ram, stuck behind a car doing 109km on a 110km road.

Driving on the M1 most cars set their cruise control to roughly 115km and stay in the left lane, moving out when overtaking cars doing 109km or under. There are many Mandy Nolan's on the road, that's fine, just remember, keep left, everyone is happy.

Paul Brennan
Brunswick Heads

Toads with that?

In a tawdry attempt to latch onto a phantom audience that supposedly wants to eat cats and toads, ABC TV has lurched onto the rickety bandwagon of B-listers killing and eating animals in the bush.

Attempting to persuade viewers to eat cane toads, deer, rabbits, and cats is futile and inane. These animals may not be native, but they're still sensitive individuals, and their existence in Australia was initiated by human failures. Our lack of humanity is already apparent in our continued breeding, poisoning, and shooting of them; we really don't need to add eating them to the list.

If the networks want to come up with some real innovative content, how about a series on collecting and preparing the wealth of edible plants, both native and introduced, with which we are blessed? Instead of promoting animal cruelty, the broadcaster could be helping to reduce it, as well as helping improve the health of the viewers and diminish the spectre of climate change from the meat industry.

Dr Desmond Bellamy
PETA Australia

Excess letters

Why do you print letters (usually whinging) far in excess of your limit. January 8 Letters section is such an example.

Personally I ignore them depending on the heading. If subscribers cannot make their point within close to 200 words they should direct their comments to an alternative media source.

Peter Walters
Ballina

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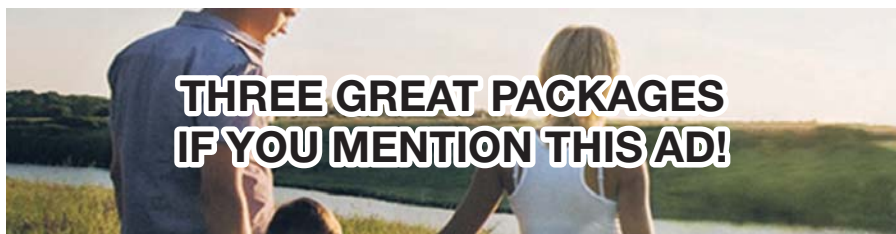
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A moment of truth in Washington

David Lowe

In his farewell speech from the Oval Office, US President Joe Biden spoke what will probably be the last truthful words to emerge from that place for at least the next four years.

After trumpeting the ceasefire agreement in the conflict which blighted his presidency, and has cost the lives of at least 46,000 people, Biden described the dangers now facing the US and the wider world, including the growing concentration of wealth and power, the lack of democratic control over new technology, the collapse of a free and independent press, and the urgent need for action on climate change.

Unfortunately, as with Dwight D. Eisenhower's speech in 1961, in which the outgoing president warned of the corrupting influence of the rising military-industrial complex, the horse, and all the other proverbial animals, appear to have long-since bolted, leaving only a filthy stable.

As a former general, Eisenhower knew what he was talking about. Joe Biden, likewise, has been part of the machinery of government for over 50 years. For both men, at the moments they were freed from the burden of leadership, their final words were carefully chosen.

Liberty

Joe Biden spoke about the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France representing 'the very idea of America', built not by one individual but by many people from every background and from around the world.

'Like America, the Statue of Liberty is not standing still. Her foot steps forward atop a broken chain of human bondage. She's on the march, and she literally moves.

'She's built to sway back and forth to withstand the fury of stormy weather, to stand the test of time, because storms are always coming. She sways a few inches, but she never falls into the current below.'



Statue of Liberty. Image Cloudcatcher Media. **Top: Outgoing US President Joe Biden.** Photo Adam Schultz / Wikimedia Commons. **Bottom: Former US President Dwight D. Eisenhower.** Image Wikipedia/CC

He then described America as 'the most powerful idea ever in the history of the world', with equal opportunities for all as its bedrock. While acknowledging the imperfections in the US system of government, Biden said, 'it's maintained our democracy for nearly 250 years, longer than any other nation in history that's ever tried such a bold experiment.'

The outgoing president spoke about the achievements of his administration, in the face of unprecedented challenges. 'It will take time to feel the full impact of all we've done together, but the seeds are planted and they'll grow and they'll bloom for decades to come...

'I'm so proud of how much we've accomplished together for the American people, and I wish the incoming administration success, because I want America to succeed.'

But...

Joe Biden next moved on to the things that gave him 'great concern', particularly a dangerous concentration of power in the

hands of a very few ultra-wealthy people.

'Today, an oligarchy is taking shape in America of extreme wealth, power and influence that literally threatens our entire democracy, our basic rights and freedoms and a fair shot for everyone to get ahead.

'We see the consequences all across America, and we've seen it before, more than a century ago, but the American people stood up to the robber barons back then and busted the trust. They didn't punish the wealthy, just made the wealthy play by the rules, like everybody else had to.'

He talked about the 'existential threat of climate change', with clear impacts from California to North Carolina. 'That's why I signed the most significant climate and clean energy law ever... we've proven we don't have to choose between protecting the environment and growing the economy. We're doing both.'

Biden spoke about powerful forces seeking to abandon climate



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for our economy and our security, our society.' He spoke about the importance of not ceding control of AI development to billionaires and hostile states.

Biden went on to talk about making the tax system fairer, getting dark money out of politics, creating term limits for justices on the Supreme Court, and banning members of Congress from trading stock while they're supposedly working for the American people.

The well-overdue wish list ended with a call to amend the constitution to make clear that no president is immune from crimes committed while in office. 'The president's power is not unlimited. It's not absolute, and it shouldn't be,' he said.

'In a democracy, there's another danger to the concentration of power and wealth. It erodes a sense of unity and common purpose. It causes distrust and division. Participating in our democracy becomes exhausting and even disillusioning, and people don't feel like they have a fair shot.

'We have to stay engaged in the process. I know it's frustrating. A fair shot is what makes America America.'

Alas, the idea of a fair shot appears to be consigned to the history books now, along with a few other things that once made America great. Perhaps if Bernie Sanders had been given a fair shot in the Democratic primaries back in 2020 things would be different?

President Biden closed by urging all Americans to stand guard in his place, and become keepers of the flame of liberty. From this perspective though, sadly, that flame appears to have been snuffed out some time ago, even as other flames burn ever higher.

action in order to serve their own interests for power and profit. 'We must not be bullied into sacrificing the future, the future of our children and our grandchildren.'

President Biden then quoted Eisenhower directly: 'He warned us about "the potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power".'

'Six days, six decades later, I'm equally concerned about the potential rise of a tech industrial complex that could pose real dangers for our country.'

Free press crumbling

'Americans are being buried under an avalanche of misinformation and disinformation enabling the abuse of power,' Biden said.

'The free press is crumbling. Editors are disappearing. Social media is giving up on fact checking. The truth is smothered by lies told for power and for profit...

'Meanwhile, artificial intelligence (AI) is the most consequential technology of our time, perhaps of all time, nothing offers more profound possibilities and risks



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Hottest year on record, finds... everyone

Cosmos Magazine

International monitoring bodies have confirmed 2024 as the warmest year on record, beating 2023 as the previous record-holder.

The record was confirmed by seven organisations: the World Meteorological Organization, the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, the UK's Met Office, the US's NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and US-based independent organisation Berkeley Earth.

Each of these organisations runs separate analyses on global temperatures, using satellite data, temperature records, and other climate indicators.

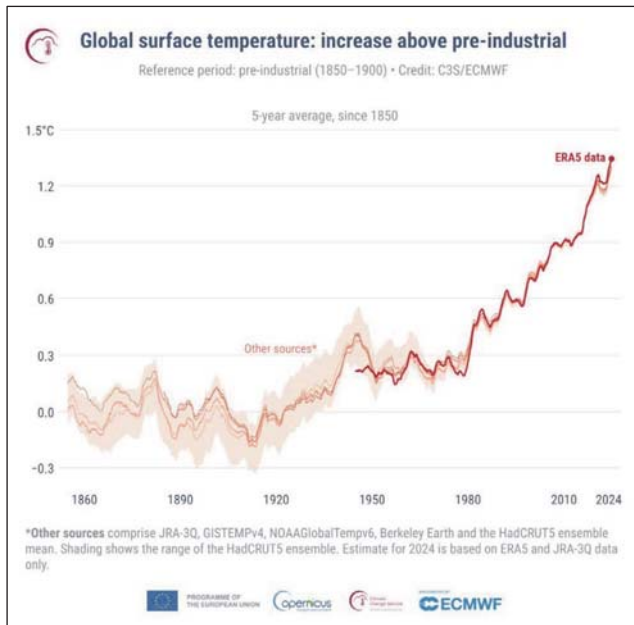
Global temperatures above 1.5° pre-industrial levels

It was also the first calendar year that global temperatures were 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, according to most of the bodies.

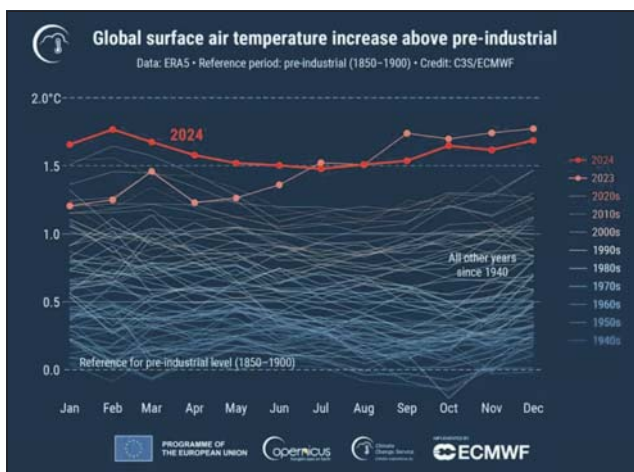
This does not mean the Paris Agreement, which sets 1.5°C as a lower threshold for limiting global warming, has been breached – yet. The agreement relies on decade-long averages, not individual years.

Most of the agencies also pointed out that each of the past ten years, from 2015 to 2024, was one of the ten warmest years on record.

Because of differing datasets and baselines, each organisation has different numbers for 2024's temperatures. Copernicus, for instance, found that global average temperatures were 1.6°C above 1850-1900 levels,



Global surface temperature increases, according to the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service ERA5 dataset. Credit C3S / ECMWF



The EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service's ERA5 dataset, which monitors global temperatures. The two most recent years – 2024 and 2023 – have been notably warmer than previous decades. Credit C3S / ECMWF

while NASA found levels were 1.47°C higher and the WMO found levels were 1.55°C higher.

Record-breaking greenhouse gas levels

'Climate history is playing out before our eyes,' says Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General of the WMO.

'We've had not just one or two record-breaking years, but a full ten-year series.

This has been accompanied by devastating and extreme weather, rising sea levels and melting ice, all powered by record-breaking greenhouse gas levels due to human activities.'

'Between record-breaking temperatures and wildfires currently threatening our centres and workforce in California, it has never been more important to understand our changing planet,' says NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

While the past decade has had the ten warmest years, both 2024 and 2023 have been significantly warmer than the previous eight.

Berkeley Earth states that this 'warming spike' has been caused by multiple things, some of which are not yet fully explained. Anthropogenic climate change, and a warmer El Niño phase in the Pacific Ocean, have both played a role, and the organisation suggests that a reduction in aerosol pollution could also have had an influence.

'Superimposed on the long-term trend are small ups and downs that typically last a year or two and arise mostly from natural variability,' says Professor Tim Osborn, director of the climate research unit at the UK's University of East Anglia, which works with the UK Met Office to provide their results.

'These small variations of 0.1-0.2°C can temporarily push the global temperature above or below its underlying warming trend and make an individual year such as 2024 exceed 1.5°C even though the underlying warming has not quite reached that level yet.'

While 2025 may not be the hottest year on record again, with El Niño Southern Oscillation patterns trending cooler, it will likely be close to the hottest, according to the UK's Met Office.

'The world as a whole has not yet begun to reduce its use of fossil gas, oil and coal, so emissions of CO₂ have not yet peaked and as a result the global temperature continues to rise as predicted by climate scientists,' says Osborn.

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Are you satisfied? Council survey outlines residents' opinions

Hans Lovejoy

Council's Satisfaction Survey Report is available on its website, having been quietly published in November last year.

So what do residents think of living here and how Council delivers its services?

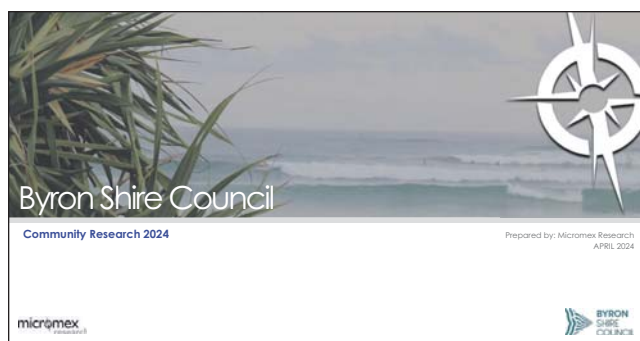
Consultants Micromex Research conducted the survey in February 2024, and say a total of 402 residents were interviewed.

They say, 'Respondents were selected by means of a computer-based random selection process using Australian marketing lists, Sample Pages, List Brokers and Lead Lists.'

Nature highly valued

In summary, Micromex Research say, 'Encouragingly, compared to 2023, a higher proportion of residents rated their quality of life in the area as "good" to "excellent" (increasing from 92 per cent to 96 per cent), with the natural environment remaining the most valued aspect of living in the Byron Shire LGA.'

'Council's overall performance has softened slightly from 2023, with results showing the biggest gaps in



The Community Research 2024 report.

resident expectations and Council's performance within connectivity measures (roads, public transport, parking, traffic, cycle paths and footpaths) and development/future planning (e.g., affordable housing, managing development, DA processing and planning for the future).

'The regression analysis indicates that planning and management, communication between Council and residents, and infrastructure within the Council area are key drivers of overall satisfaction.

'Furthermore, an expanded regression analysis involving satisfaction with contact, highlights the importance of customer service in shaping community perception regarding Council's performance.

'Moving forward, Council should prioritise improving roads and development management.

'However, more frequent, prompt, and in-depth communication to inform residents about upcoming road upgrades and development planning may also be an efficient way to enhance residents' satisfaction levels.'

Role of media

As for keeping informed of Council news and activities, the report reads on page 43, 'Although local newspaper, local radio and rates notice newsletter are still the most common channels of being kept informed of Council news and activities, there were significant drops in the cut through of local radio and rates notice newsletter.'

'Comparing the number of contact channels residents use, although not significant, overall satisfaction with Council is higher as the number of touch points increase.

When respondents were asked, 'How are you currently informed of general Council news and events?', 72 per cent of respondents said local newspaper, while 38 per cent said local radio and 37 per cent said rates notice newsletter.

Service areas

On page 8 of the Satisfaction Survey, it says respondents said Council performs 'good' with ten service areas, the next performance rating is described as 'monitor', with 14 service areas identified.

The last performance rating is 'needs improvement' with 17 service areas identified.

Online, Council's website claims that overall satisfaction with Council is 2.92, which is 'scored out of a range of one to five, with one being very unsatisfied to five being very satisfied. As for 'Satisfaction with customer service provided by Council', the score was 3.27.

Council staff also claim

Research objectives

According to Micromex Research, the objectives of their polling were to:

- Understand and identify community values and priorities for the Byron Shire Council LGA
- Identify the community's overall level of satisfaction with Council performance
- Assess and establish the community's priorities and satisfaction in relation to Council activities, services, and facilities
- And, explore and understand resident experiences contacting Council.

that 32 per cent of residents are 'somewhat satisfied' to 'very satisfied' with the customer service they received from Council.

Priority issues

As for priority issues for the Byron Shire LGA (page 46), respondents said affordability/availability of housing and land (50 per cent), managing population growth and development (33 per cent) and condition and maintenance of roads (28 per cent).

Most valued aspects for those who responded was natural environment,

rural lifestyle and sense of community.

And 32 per cent of those who had contacted Council in the last 24 months had their issue resolved after the first contact, while 25 per cent stated that their issues had not been resolved yet (a significant increase compared to 2023).

Within their report, Micromex Research only compare their 2024 findings with 2023, omitting previous years. For more info, including surveys going back to 2016, are available at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6k4aw2>.

V-Day Bolero dance classes on offer

Celebrating empowerment and confident togetherness, Kimberley McIntyre is offering her Bolero dance as part of the V-Day celebrations at Byron's Main Beach on February 14 this year, and is inviting other women to come and learn the dance.

It is a dance Kimberley created two years ago, when her father was in palliative care and she says it is about 'a personal cultivation of your own power and beauty within yourself'.

'It's not the answer to the world's problems,' she explained to *The Echo*.

'The dance is a way to cultivate our own sense of power and agency. Rather than protesting, it is taking a stand in our own bodies and doing it together. It is an amazing dance to do together.'

Kimberly is creating a space to learn the dance in preparation for V-Day on Wednesdays, 10am to 11am, on January 22, 29 and February 5, and again on Saturdays,

2pm to 3pm, on February 1 and 8 at the St Martin's Anglican Church Hall, 38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Entry is free/gold coin donation.

'I can also come to your house where you can get your girlfriends to join us and we'll have a cup of tea and learn the Belaro,' she said.

'I want to spread this love message. The dance has already been shared at four women's workshops.'

Kimberley's number is 0402 059 564.

Local events share \$26k of Council funding

Six local projects have been successful in securing Events and Festival Sponsorship funding from Byron Shire Council for 2025 giving the local community some great events and festivals to look forward to.

Greens Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye, said there was a significant rise in applications for the 2025 fund, signalling that community events were well and truly back on the calendar. A total pool of \$26,000 was distributed by Council to the following

successful recipients:

Old and Gold – \$3,000.
'The much-loved annual community event has been running for the past 20 years.'

Byron Coastal Charity Walk – \$4,500.

'The event unites the community to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.'

Kaleido Mullumbimby – \$5,500.

'This event will support youth and community engagement, and fosters involvement in the arts.'

Byron Bay International Film Festival – \$5,500.

'This is an acclaimed festival supporting NSW Film makers.'

Disco Ball – \$5,000.

'This unique event celebrates disability pride and community connection and provides a positive and safe platform for expression.'

Heaps Good Open Mic – \$2,500.

'This is an emerging event that celebrates and supports Mullumbimby's thriving artistic community.'

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The Power of Brow

Mandy Nolan

I've always loved raising eyebrows. In surprise, or shock, or outrage. Or in hysterics. I always thought eyebrows were how our faces spoke to the world. They just sit there, above your eyes, enjoying the vastness of your forehead, speaking the unspoken to the world. Eyebrows are eyebrows.

Except now, there's eyebrow trends. That's right. Your eyebrows are probably wrong. Off trend. Your eyebrows are probably old-fashioned. And eyebrows have had fashions. Big Hollywood arched brows of the 1950's and '50s glam stars. The Brooke Shields heavy brow of the '80s. The overplucked grunge brow of the '90s.

It's always been a beauty trend in how we wear them, but now it's on steroids.

The 2024 trend according to Google was 'soft feathering'. Fully fluffy brows. It's not just full – it's the fluffy bit that's hard to achieve. And the point of trends is that they are impossible and cost money to attain. The full fluffy is only achieved with prioritising brow care. Who TF looks after their brows? And what in God's name is brow care?

I wash my face, I brush my teeth, but FFS I'm not doing brow care! People are in a cost-of-living crisis and others are locked in the bathroom applying expensive gunk to their eyebrows.

I thought brow care was removing the mono. No. That's not enough. According to the people who spend their lives coming up with new ways to make women feel shit about themselves, you have to brush your brows. Then apply an eyebrow gel. You should trim them. Shape them. Laminate them.

Yep laminate. It's an eyebrow perm. It gives you shiny, sticky, uppy eyebrows. But you have to moisturise them so they don't dry out. And there's risks. They can go curly and they can fall out. So you can be left with no eyebrows at all. Which is okay, because if you wait long enough they'll be on trend.

But don't panic because we can tattoo on some brows, or you can use stick-ons. Microblading is the most



People are in a cost-of-living crisis and others are locked in the bathroom applying expensive gunk to their eyebrows.

common – a kind of semipermanent tattooing done with a sharp tool. Ouch. You have to make sure you don't get infected. This is great for those of us who over plucked in the '90s to get the Pamela Anderson one-hair-conga-line eyebrow, or if you have alopecia.

But eyebrows don't stay still. Just when you get the perfect brow they bring in a new trend which is eyebrow bleaching. So you look a bit like an alien. If you've had an eyebrow perm or tattooing you're off trend. Which is a pretty sneaky thing to do. The one thing you know about fashion trends, is that in order for someone to be 'on trend' the rest of us have to be 'off'.

I don't think about my eyebrows. I don't think men ever think about their eyebrows. They're there. They're fine. I have heaps of other stuff to worry about.

And as a woman who is now 57 I can tell you that my eyebrows have had zero impact on my life. They have neither made it better nor worse. People have not loved me for my brows nor rejected me because they're ugly. I have not envied the brows of others. And I don't think anyone has envied mine. I was not successful because of my brows and they never caused me to fail.

They're just eyebrows.

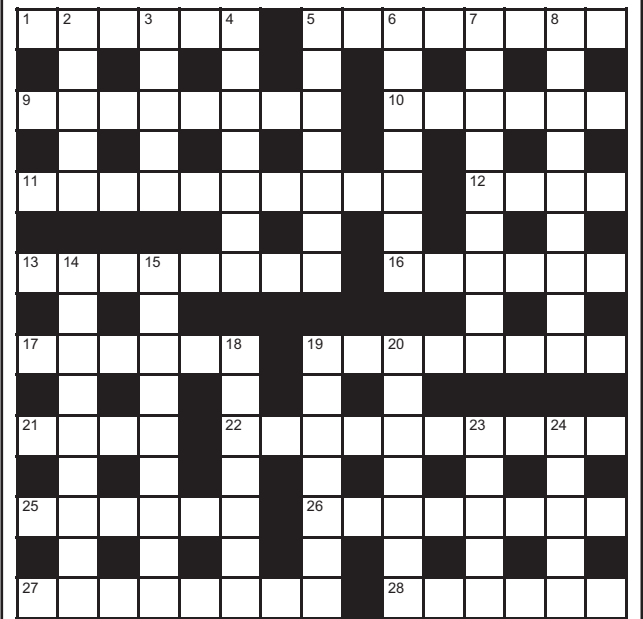
Behind them though, in that wonderful cavity of our skull is this thing called a brain. And when it comes to putting in some time obsessing and feeding and nourishing – brain care actually is life changing.

And you don't need a perm, or a razor, or a tattoo. Just a book.

■ 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

#39



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. A day in camp stirred up rash (6)
5. Zulu bank joins IRA, wrongfully impounding British capital in African island (8)
9. Just beat sweetheart to floor? Then shut up! (4,4)
10. 150 unorthodox grey priests (6)
11. Wordplay, in and of itself, maintains single standard (10)
12. Nordic guy has incipiently fine innings cut short (4)
13. Little Canadian bear king harassed in capital city (8)
16. Actor – black one – wearing dress (6)
17. Piece of music presented in person at academy (6)
19. Wave madly with cape (8)
21. Dividend is comprehensively holding the record (4)
22. New Stilton is all over the place (a place familiar to 5D, 15D, 16A, 19D, 28A) (10)
25. Brave half of team discovered in cell (6)
26. Education of earl disrupted by knight with gin cocktail (8)
27. Weird statue, or a kind of fish? (3,5)
28. Joke with crew about actor (6)

DOWN

2. Japanese-style entertainment blowing Maine away (5)
3. Revolutionary steamship game (5)
4. Senior academic getting iron right to present (7)
5. Oriental philosophy starts to dull a yearning ache in this actor (7)
6. Uncle, a Republican in short, disturbed by this kind of power (7)
7. Fine, strange and fantastic tale is beyond words (9)
8. Agent Iran placed here (9)
14. Hate moderate boxing old Marxist leader in (9)
15. Actor lent Bach variations on tango (9)
18. Actor dancing around Democrat with energy and style (3,4)
19. Whisky ruined silent actor (7)
20. Polar material that can be turned into an anti-inflammatory (3,4)
23. Time to dine out, as forks have been made (5)
24. Climber came first to the feet of the Grampians and the Andes (5)

Quick Clues

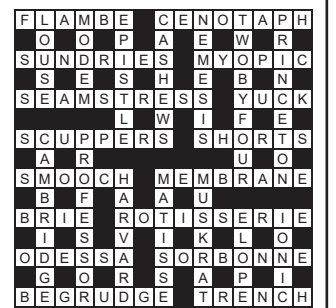
ACROSS

1. Zany; impulsive (6)
5. Island off the east coast of Africa (8)
9. Stop talking; moderate volume of speech (colloq) (4,4)
10. Collective body of church ministers (6)
11. Frivolous conversation; raillery (10)
12. Citizen of Helsinki, perhaps (4)
13. Politicians' bubble? (8)
16. Producer and star of *Barbie* (6)
17. Composition, usually of several movements, chiefly for a soloist (6)
19. Wave with a broken crest (8)
21. Any flat thin circular body or structure (4)
22. Hollywood (vernacular) (10)
25. A sexual reproductive cell (6)
26. Knowledge gained by study (8)
27. Fish similar to Atlantic salmon (3,5)
28. Star of *The Hours* (6)

DOWN

2. Animated film style, originating in Japan, featuring futuristic stories (5)
3. A game with various pieces moved on a chequered board (5)
4. Tender (7)
5. Star of *Challengers* (7)
6. Dutton's proposal; fusion or fission (7)
7. Unable to be spoken of (9)
8. Milei's fief (9)
14. Loathe (9)
15. Star of *Rumours* (9)
18. A style of decorative art characteristic of the 1920s (3,4)
19. Star of *Lee* (7)
20. A bag for applying to a part of the body to reduce swelling (3,4)
23. Having prongs, as in a fork (5)
24. Hardy evergreen climbing vine; also large Australian white-faced pigeon (5)

Last week's solution #38



STARS BY LILITH

AQUARIUS THE WATERPOURER
This week's triple planetary retrograde puts the human race through their paces as Uranus rearranges financial systems, Jupiter mixes messages and Mars barges around the home zone. Thank heavens for Venus in Pisces ...



CAPRICORN THE MOUNTAIN GOAT

ARIES: With people changing their minds faster than this week's weather, trying to get others on board with doing it your way is frankly in the herding-cats category. But with Venus in persuasive mode, focus on spreading affection to whoever's on your bandwidth is likely to magnetise more satisfying results.

TAURUS: Taureans adore stability, which might get a little wobbly this week with your prima planet Venus not in particularly dependable mode where promises and commitment are concerned. Looks like a general tendency to mind-changing and indecision might be about to give that famous Taurean patience a workout.

GEMINI: The sun quantum-leaping into the sign of wild ideas sets that busy machine, the Gemini mind, to working at warp speed. Which could see thinking outside the box paying off bigtime this week, but also suggests an increased need for impulse control of discretionary spending.

CANCER: If you've used the resolute resolve of this year's first weeks to instill some new order in Crab casa, then top marks. If not, this week's fast and furious celestial energetics could flick the switch on a rush of productive energy for a quick reset or necessary change of perspective.

LEO: Unconventional, try-it-and-see Aquarius season directs this week towards new experiences with unusual people off the beaten track. Experimenting with spontaneous improvisation. Taking a change from your usual routine for the path less travelled. Doing things differently in ways you hadn't even thought of before.

VIRGO: Been overdoing it recently to the point of personal power outage? This week's electric Aquarian influx replugs the current. Deep-breathe through impatience with complications, resist the urge to do everything yourself. Influential connections and backup support are there for you, so don't be backward in asking for assistance.

LIBRA: The current airy, earthy, watery elements call for a dynamic balance between structure and spontaneity. With Venus inviting your wild self out to play and this week's love coming in unusual packages, don't be too quick to dismiss appearances lest angels in disguise pass by unrecognised.

SCORPIO: The current astro map suggests your powers of observation, expression and timing are likely to be peaking this week. If intellectually progressive Uranian influences download startling flashes of insight, let these brew for a bit. Give them the time they need to connect the dots to the correct conclusions.

SAGITTARIUS: The sun leaving can-do Capricorn for what-if Aquarius has this week percolating with forward momentum, and you thinking bigger picture, past personal parameters, to community levels. And potentially using this astral boost to get some powerfully productive brainstorming, going with who you know about what they know.

CAPRICORN: Capricorns tend to favour getting to know people slowly, taking into account practical compatibilities, loyalty, reliability and commitment. Boring? Actually, it suits you. But this week's planetary alignments suggest that a spontaneous decision or inspirational leap of faith could open the door to a new and potentially successful partnership.

AQUARIUS: Happy birthday waterpourers! Welcome to your month in the sun and Aquirkyians' annual cycle for sharing your original opinions and visionary thinking. Don't be shy about self-promotion either, because this isn't your 'business as usual' year - it's a boomer. New, unusual, different? Bring it on ...

PISCES: As this week lets up on the serious attitude in favour of more fun, it's worth remembering that progressive Aquarian influences are primarily mental and not necessarily sympatico to emotional overflow. Feelings won't be regarded as facts, because they aren't, so best keep a clear perspective on unsubstantiated disclosures.

Good Taste

Eateries Guide

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www.rosefinas.place

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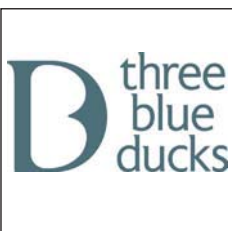
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The Good Life

Convenience food at the farmers' markets



Just some of the great produce on offer from Church Farm

Victoria Cosford

For many of us, especially those who enjoy cooking, the words 'convenience foods' fill us with horror – visions of frozen food, junky burgers, meals in tins – and yet during these long, languid summer months it's a choice we may make in order to spend more time with family and friends. Besides, farmers' market choices raise 'convenience' to another level!

Church Farm sells superb curry pastes – Thai green, red and their latest, yellow; Indian, Rendang – helpfully providing cute recipe cards at the stall as well. Just add your protein or vegetables – perhaps cubed steak from Hayters Hill, prawns from JJ Seafood, veg from Summit, Jumping Red Ant or Caldera Farm, to name a few.

Wholesome vegetarian meals from Heart & Halo, such as Thai coconut lentils, Middle Eastern lentils and beans or Dusta's famous vego lasagne, come conveniently frozen, as do Scratch Patisserie's sausage and spinach rolls, while Radiance Kitchen's plumply colourful dumplings can be taken away to be merely reheated.

At Bay Smokehouse, Damien sells wild-caught fish he smokes himself in his purpose-built kiln – it might be local mullet or tailor – and all you need to do is chunk it through a rustled-up potato salad or mixed leaves (from Gourmet Salad Hut or Greens From The Farm) along with capers, thinly sliced red onion and a lemony dressing.

Woodland Valley Farm is a trove of Italian delights with their pouches of pasta sauces; fresh pastas including gluten-free ones; pumpkin, sage and sun-dried tomato cannelloni; a bolognese pasta bake the children will adore.

Not to mention their eggs – nor the eggs at Oliver's Hens and Glenys Creighton's stall – the most convenient of all meals: poached, scrambled, omeletted, requiring only toasted sourdough from Crabbes Creek Woodfired.

Baraka sells fresh falafel mix and luscious dips like hummus with zaatar and baba ganoush – just add flatbreads and Grumpy Grandmas olives. Local Dorper Lamb sells rissoles and kebabs, and Hayters Hill sells ten varieties of fabulous sausages. That's convenience!

■ Church Farm, Scratch Patisserie, Bay Smokehouse, JJ Seafood, Summit, Jumping Red Ant, Caldera Farm, Woodland Valley Farm, Glenys Creighton, Crabbes Creek Woodfired, Baraka, and Local Dorper Lamb are at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8am to 11am, and at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.

■ Hayters Hill, Heart & Halo, Radiance Kitchen, Gourmet Salad Hut, Greens From The Farm, Oliver's Hens are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.

From Bruns to Billi – Rosefina's heart is still in the same place



Rosefina's have gone retro in Billinudgel

For those of you who fell in love with Rosefina's in Brunswick Heads and were devastated when the caravan moved on, the wonderful news is that the doors are open again in Billinudgel – Rosefina's has opened where Billi's Indian once was.

Owner Josie Richardson has been slowly building the profile of the brand, Rosefina's, for the last three years. 'We had Rosefina's Place, a garden cafe in Brunswick Heads between the river and the sea, where we gradually built up a following for our food, coffee and chilled garden vibe.'

'Unfortunately, we were beaten down by last year's incessant rain which prevented us from trading regularly and I have not yet developed the magic skills to know exactly when it is or isn't going to rain! The zoning of the land meant building a roof was not an option, so when Billi's Indian closed last August, we jumped at the chance to have a venue with some outdoor space that is protected from the elements.'

The venue is a shed, built in the '90s featuring concrete walls and a tiled, slate flooring. 'The design lends itself to feeling cavernous and noisy with the smallest of sounds bouncing off the walls,' says Josie. 'We decided to lean into the slate flooring and go with

retro furnishings that would also help absorb some of the echo. We've added a bar and outdoor seating facing Billinudgel's colonial Main Street with a view to the Billi pub to the east or the mountains to the west. Our customers can enjoy watching the passing parade on Nudge Nudge Wink Wink nights while eating tacos and drinking Margaritas.'

But, the heart of Rosefina's hasn't changed. 'The start of this journey was always about Mexican food,' says Josie. 'So ultimately we wanted the restaurant to showcase traditional Mexican dishes that can often be overlooked when adapting to the Australian market.'

'Our Mexican chef grew up working in the family restaurants in Mexico City and he brings with him

a passion for his cuisine. At Rosefina's you'll find pollo con mole – poached chicken covered in a rich sauce combining Mexican chillies, spices, seeds, nuts and ceremonial cacao – it's a unique flavour hit.

'Our beef birria is another labour of love, with slow-cooked beef in Mexican chillies and a selection of herbs and spices. We encourage customers to eat as you would in Mexico sharing a meal with sides of tortillas, Mexican rice and pico de gallo.'

■ Rosefina's is open from Thursday to Saturday from 12pm for lunch and dinner. On Sundays they open from 12pm onwards for a lazy afternoon that leads into an early dinner. To find out more go to rosefinas.place.

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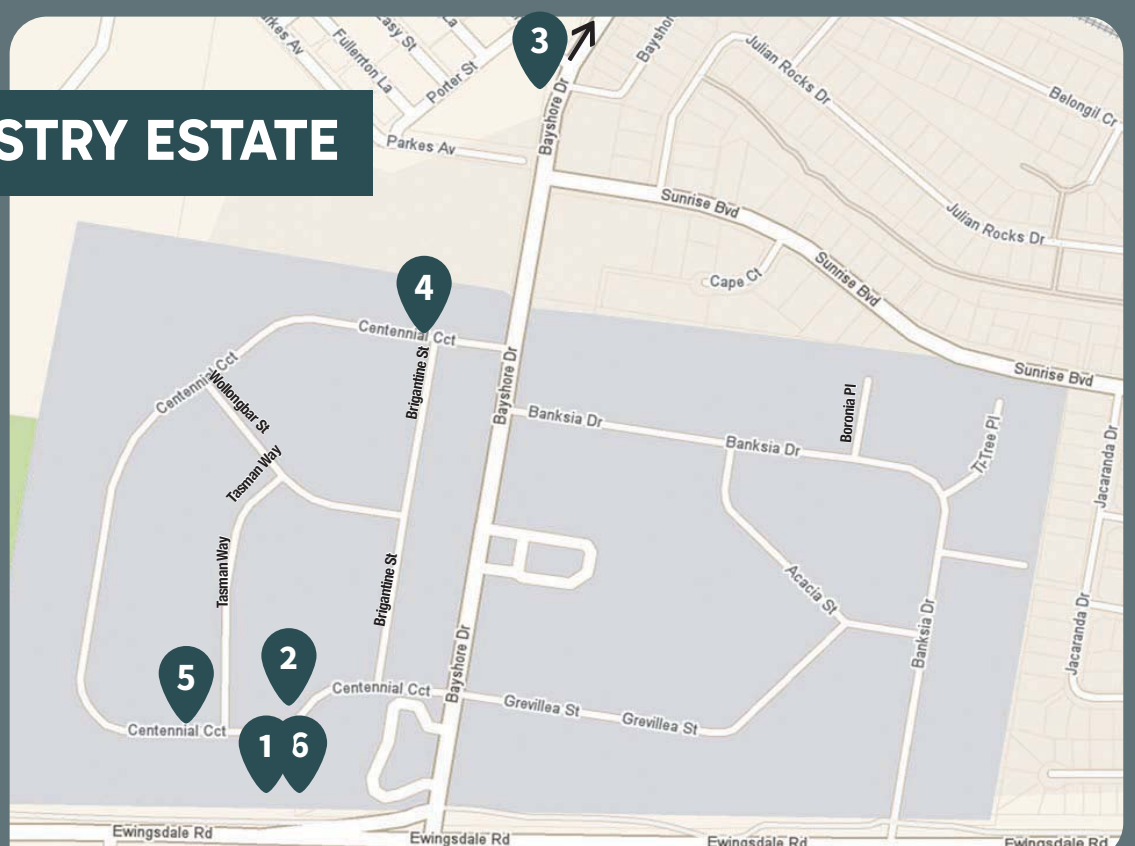
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Local Designer Wins National Awards



Brently Reid, the creative behind EcoSphereDesign, has earned two prestigious national awards from the Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) to add to the collection. Among the accolades is recognition for his standout project, 'Myocum Magic', pictured here.

With ongoing designs in Byron Shire, Brisbane, and Sydney, 2025 promises to be an exciting year for EcoSphereDesign. A highlight project under construction is a passive-solar hempcrete home, featuring views of Wollumbin, a tri-level design, sunken lounge, internal garden, green roof, full solar, and an impressive 8-star thermal performance rating.

Brently's design philosophy of 'feeling - form - function' creates joyful, nurturing and uplifting spaces. Through client communication and understanding each site's unique characteristics, he then begins to weave flow, form, curiosity, and connection into every design.

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Information about the NSW Battery Incentive Scheme

Launched in November, the NSW Battery Incentive is part of the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme, rewarding eligible battery installations. Here's a quick guide:

Eligibility

NSW residents or small businesses; battery capacity 2kWh-28kWh; licensed installer meeting regulations; minimum 10-year warranty; at least \$200 contributed (new only).

Savings

Rebates are based on Peak Demand Reduction Certificates (PRCs). The NSW Government funds around 10% of the battery cost. For example, a 9.6kWh battery may save around \$1,200, while 15kWh saves around \$2,000.

How to apply:

Contact Rainbow Power for a quote including rebates. After approval, pay a deposit, schedule installation, and enjoy reduced upfront costs.

Note: Installation must be by a licensed professional to qualify.

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Elements I Love



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Visit the light-filled showroom of Elements I Love in January and receive 10% off furniture and architectural elements. Otherwise, shop online year-round or make an appointment outside of hours to view their curated collection of mirrors, furniture, antique doors, lighting, art and decorative wrought iron elements.

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Eclectic Selection

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

✿ The Mother of them all, Cheeky Cabaret, is back with another massive Summer 2025 season – one of the biggest!

This outrageous genre-bending show has an often weird and always fabulous line-up – a new cast each season. This is without question the wildest night you'll have in the Northern Rivers!

Thursday at 8pm at the Brunswick Heads Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets from \$46.57 at brunswickpicturehouse.com.



✿ Mr Troy, aka Troy Cox, uses guitars, foot percussion, slide, and some blues harp to create a totally live and raw experience. Blues, rock, ballads, folk, old-school classics, these are all in his box of tricks – Mr Troy is the man.

Friday from 6pm at the Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club. Free show.

✿ Sensory Blender brings an exceptional line up of globally celebrated DJs to The Billinudgel Hotel. This special event promises a journey through diverse musical landscapes while supporting a vital local cause – Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital.

A globally-renowned producer, musician, and DJ, Aroop Roy blends house, techno, jazz, and global rhythms into electrifying sets.

Saturday from 3pm at The Billinudgel Hotel. Tickets \$68.75 at eventbrite.com.au.



✿ Revered music trailblazers and one of Australia's great cult bands, The Necks, have released their 20th album – *Bleed* explores a sublime language of stillness. With a single, 42-minute composition, The Necks masterfully express the unspeakable beauty of decay and space in yet another totally distinct entry in their vast and stunning body of work.

Friday at 7pm at Byron Theatre. Tickets from \$50 at byroncentre.com.au.

✿ Australian soul band, SOUL'D has been a dynamic presence in the Northern NSW music scene for over 19 years. Renowned as one of the region's most prominent live music acts, this ten-piece ensemble boasts an impressive lineup of musicians.

Hotel Brunswick, Brunswick Heads, 4pm Sunday. Free show.



✿ Originals rock band based in The Channon, Code Brown combines elements from rock, grunge, punk, blues and anything else they care to delve into.

The Channon Tavern, Sunday. Free show.



✿ Leigh James sings and plays guitar effortlessly, as if music was as natural to him as breathing – be entertained by one of the finest singer/songwriter/guitarists on the Far North Coast.

Monday at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.



Talking Heads and David Bowie – KAPOW!

Get ready for an afternoon of timeless music as Soft Treadly, the acclaimed covers project from the founding members of Brisbane band The Jensens, present Talking Heads vs David Bowie on Sunday, January 26 at the Beach Hotel.

This double-feature show celebrates two of music's most iconic acts with

back-to-back sets of their greatest hits. Experience Talking Heads classics like 'Once in a Lifetime', 'Psycho Killer', and 'Burning Down the House', alongside David Bowie masterpieces such as 'Heroes', 'Let's Dance' and 'Life on Mars'.

With their signature stacked sound of lush guitars, synths, and soaring dual vocals, Soft Treadly

transforms these legendary songs into a dynamic live performance filled with energy, charm, and showmanship – perfect for lifelong fans or anyone who loves unforgettable live music, this is a celebration of genre-defining brilliance you won't want to miss.

This Sunday from 4.30pm – a free show at the Beach Hotel.

The Loveys farewell tour

The Loveys – Jennifer Parenteau, Janet Swain, Pamelah Freeman and Belinda Eadsforth are presenting their final tour in 2025 – it is time for The Loveys to say farewell.

Join The Loveys as they mark ten glorious years of music-making, mischief, and memories. Starting at home, at The Drill Hall in Mullumbimby, and ending with a grand finale at Brunswick Picture House in December, this is your last chance to experience the magic – don't miss it!

This show will be hilarious, and hip, with the added admission that aging is not for the faint hearted.

We are quite helpful at offering advice – whether it is general life skills, handy tips, survival techniques, health and beauty advice, fashion insights – all tucked inside great songs and harmonies, musicianship, style and a huge dose of humour.

Great musicians, songwriters and performers, The Loveys demand to be

heard and seen – heroic women, rocking out and telling it like it is.

Packed full of original songs and wry stories that women, and men, understand, and care about, the show explores the very stuff of everyday life – from divorce, dementia, septuagenarian sex to the ordinary and courageous business of love itself.

Concert #1 is on Friday at The Drill Hall, Mullumbimby at 7.30pm.

Tickets from www.theloveysmusic.com, or on the Facebook page.



INTERVIEW



VAMPIRES COMING TO THE NORTHERN RIVERS

With their latest, seventh, album *Nightjar*, ARIA Award winners The Vampires mark a watershed in their 15-year career, making them one of Australia's most acclaimed acts. Having just returned from a successful European tour of *Nightjar*, The Vampires are in fine form for their Australian tour and an upcoming gig at Coorabell Hall.

Melding saxophone and trumpet, intricate melodies, and expansive groove soundscapes into their austral-facing jazz textures, they effortlessly capture the essence of their genre-hopping ethos into an immersive musical experience – they have the sound we all want to hear. Last week *Seven* spoke to trumpet player Nick Garbett about the upcoming tour.

The Vampires have been together for 20 years – you all met at uni. Forget the education, is it just a melting pot for musos to meet each other?

Definitely, yeah, particularly for us. We went to a music university, a conservatorium and that's a huge part of it. I am still playing with a lot of the musicians I went to uni with. It's great. It sort of forms the community really.

What is the place where reggae and jazz meet?

It's actually been happening since the '50s in Jamaica – that meeting place between reggae and jazz – particularly through the '60s, '70s and '80s, bands like The Scatalites, Tommy McCook – there was a lot of bands that were the house bands for the studios in Kingston, Jamaica. And they'd do their own projects which were more instrumental and very much influenced by jazz, American jazz, lots of improvising. It really,

really works. The Vampires just have a different approach to it – we love playing Jamaican-inspired grooves. But, we also take inspiration from other parts of the world too with some Balkan elements, and definitely some South American elements to some of the songs. Yeah.

You've been busy since the latest album came out?

We've been touring it all through last year, and this is sort of the tail end of the tour – we're playing a lot of new music now too, and we're about to go back into the studio.

What's inspiring you musically?

That's a big ask! I love the social aspect of playing music. I'm incredibly lucky to be in Australia, to be surrounded by friends in the bands I work with.

Are you having enough fun?

Yeah, I'm having plenty of fun. I've been doing a lot of touring in the last couple of years. A lot of touring in

Europe. I've toured with The Vampires and several other bands, and it's exhausting, but it's a lot of fun.

What's your current ear worm?

My current ear worm is an artist from Niger named Bombino. His latest album *Sahel* is amazing!

What can the Coorabell audiences expect that they might not have seen before?

I think the band in the last two or three years has developed a lot. It's even more groove based and kind of a lot more dub informed. It's still a concert for people who want to sit down, but it's also dance music as well these days – it's a natural progression.

Also, our good friend, Animal Ventura, is supporting us!

See The Vampires on Saturday, February 8, at Coorabell Hall from 8pm. Tickets: events.humanitix.com/the-vampires-with-special-guest-tainui-richmond.



Learn great songs and have a blast doing it!

After a fabulous first year, Big Voice Community Gospel Choir returns to Brunswick Picture House for another great year of singing, community and performance. The first rehearsal is on Monday, January 27, and is a free session for newcomers, open to anyone who might like to try it out.

The main aim is to learn great songs and have a blast doing it, with two 20-week semesters, two great performances during the year – and a lot of good times, laughter and chit chat along the way.

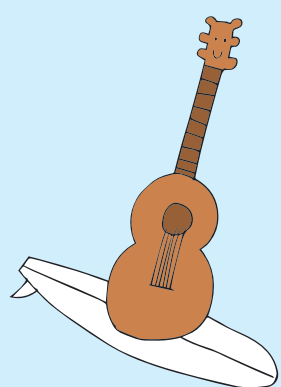
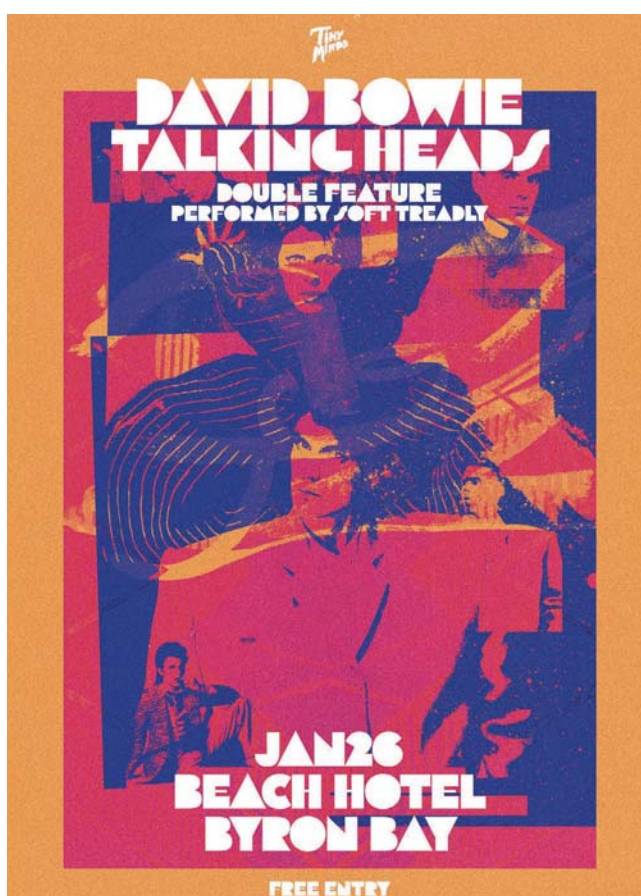
Janet Swain has been running a choir in Brunswick Heads for the past nine years – it is a community choir, open to everyone who has a hankering to sing songs, from folk to pop, to a smattering of classical, plus a few original songs, and there's no need to have sung in choir before.

This year the combined voices of Brunswick Heads and Murwillumbah raised over \$8,000 for community groups, and the aim is to do the same, or better, in 2025.

The motto is 'I don't sing because I'm happy, I'm happy because I sing'.

If you're keen to know more, send Janet a message via email at sdynastymusic@gmail.com.

You can find out more via Facebook – look for Big Voice Choirs.



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WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, FELICITY LAWLESS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM DONNY SHADES TRIO
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 5PM LUKE BENNETT
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9.30PM DJ OREN SELECTA
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION

THURSDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAVID FOGARTY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM HARRY NICHOLS TRIO
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM CERBERUS, MASOCHIST, VENUS FLY TRAP AND SERENA ROSE
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM DAN HANNAFORD
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 8PM CHEEKY CABARET
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPEOKEE WITH JESS
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6PM ANDY JANS-BROWN
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM THE SUPPER CLUB
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM MANPOWER AUSTRALIA
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 3PM ROSS WILSON & THE PEACENIKS

FRIDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TRILLA BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM ARMAND VAN HELDEN + NO ID, B2B, KIRA SUNDAY & JONO MA
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM THE NECKS
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM PINK ZINC + FAT ALBERT
- COORABELL HALL 3.30PM 'HINTERLAND + DANCE' EXHIBITION OPENING

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM THE PRESETS DJ SET + TAYA + DJ WHO'S WHO
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 8PM CHEEKY CABARET
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ XENIA
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM THE LOVEYS
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM ISSIE DYE MORNING MELODIES, BOARDWALK 6PM DAN HANNAFORD
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM LUKE YEAMAN
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM DJ BOZ
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM CINNAMON SUN
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM MR TROY
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM ADAM BROWN
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM JOCK BARNES TRIO

SATURDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE HILLBILLY SKANK
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM TRIPLE J HOTTEST 100 COUNTDOWN + KELI HOLIDAY & DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4PM DJ DAVID BANGMA
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9PM 420 SOUND
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 12PM TRIPLE J HOTTES 100 FOLLOWED + DJ BEATDUSTA GOODIE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM LIL' CHEEKY, 8PM CHEEKY CABARET
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM LEIGH JAMES
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ XENIA
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3.30PM SENSORY BLENDER PRESENTS: DJ AROOP ROY

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- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM TURTLE BOY DUO
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM HARRY NICHOLS BAND
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM DJ DANNY B
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM MR TROY
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM BEN WHITING + THE MERSEY CONNECTION
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM ALLY PALMER
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM RUSS JALAKAI
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM IN2XS
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM ROGUE TRADERS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM LUKE YEAMAN

SUNDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, MAJESTIC KNIGHTS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM THE DAVID BOWIE VS TALKING HEADS DOUBLE FEATURE + THE VYBEZ BAND
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM AQUARIUS - FILM SCREENING WITH Q&A
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM DJ NAT WHITE
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM YULLI'S OPEN MIC
- COORABELL HALL 2.30PM 'HINTERLAND + DANCE' ARTIST IN CONVERSATION
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM SOUL'D + HAYLEY GRACE
- BANGALOW HOTEL 4PM SHAI ROSE
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 3PM OPEN MIC
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM DJ PAPA BITCHO
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT FBI WITH GUEST SLIM PICKENS
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA, 3PM POLY & CO
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2.30PM HUBCAP STAN
- THE CHANNON TAVERN CODE BROWN
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 1PM NATHAN KAYE
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM FAT ALBERT
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM SURVEY STREET BAND

MONDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, LEIGH JAMES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM JOCK BARNES + DYLAN PIKERTON & DAMIEN COOPER
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 2PM DJ GYOM DIOP

TUESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, CHRIS ARONSTEN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM HAYLEY GRACE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM THE CLIFF RICHARD EXPERIENCE

WEDNESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAMIEN COOPER
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM TRILLAH
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 5PM INO PIO
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM KINGY COMEDY - FEAT ELLEN BRIGGS



The meeting of art and dance

'Hinterland + Dance' is a solo exhibition by Jan Rae - an exhibition of recent paintings that celebrate the beautiful hinterland and coastline of Byron Shire. There will also be tango dance paintings.

Jan Rae is a longtime resident of Byron Bay and has trained at UNSW Art & Design (COFA) and in Florence, Italy. The view from Coorabell Hall (Coolamon Scenic Drive) has inspired many of her paintings. Jan is also an organiser and teacher of Argentine Tango in Byron. Many of her dance paintings will also be on display.

The exhibition schedule starts on Friday from 5.30pm with the exhibition opening and an audio-visual presentation - Performance Drawing by Jan Rae.

On Saturday the exhibition hours are 10am to 3pm and on Sunday the hours are 10am to 4pm with a 2.30pm Q&A 'artist in conversation', and from 4pm to 6pm tango dancing with DJ Juana. On Monday the exhibition hours are 10am to 4pm.

Find out more at: www.facebook.com/byrontango - www.youtube.com/jalexrae - www.janrae7.weebly.com.

At the opening on Friday there will be a bar and meals available from 5.30pm.

The exhibition is on at Coorabell Hall, 565 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell and everyone is welcome.

BYRON BAY - BALLINA FAIR

SESSION TIMES
THURSDAY JANUARY 23
TO WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29

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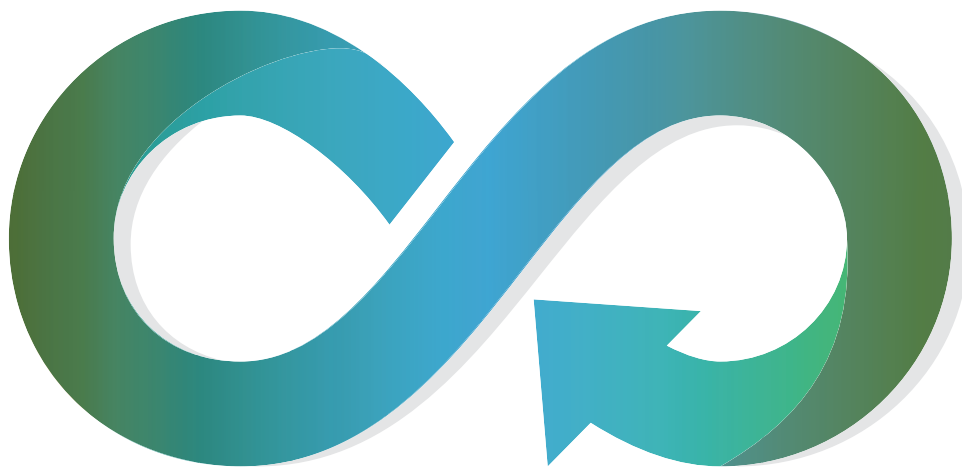
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<p>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</p> <p>10 LIVES (ICTC) SNEAKS Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 1:30PM</p> <p>BABYGIRL (MA15+) Sun: 6:30PM</p> <p>COMPANION (ICTC) FREIGHT NIGHT Mon: 6:30PM</p> <p>MARIA (M) SNEAKS Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 3:00PM</p> <p>ROYAL BALLET: CINDERELLA (ICTC) Sun: 1:00PM, Wed: 11:00AM</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 5 (ICTC) SNEAKS Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 4:15PM</p> <p>SPIDERMANIA: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (M) Thurs: 8:10PM</p>	<p>FAMILY FILMS</p> <p>DRAGONKEEPER (PG) Daily: 9:45AM</p> <p>MAGIC BEACH (G) Daily: 9:45AM, 11:30AM</p> <p>MOANA 2 (PG) Daily: 9:45AM, 11:50AM</p> <p>MUFASA: THE LION KING (PG) Thurs, Tues, Wed: 12:30PM, 3:00PM, 5:30PM, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 12:30PM, 5:30PM</p> <p>PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG) Thurs, Tues, Wed: 10:15AM, 12:20PM, 2:00PM, 4:15PM, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 10:15AM, 12:20PM, 2:00PM</p> <p>SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 (PG) Daily: 10:00AM, 2:40PM, 5:00PM</p>
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The Echo isn't a multinational, or even interstate-based, media group that employs a couple of locals for each publication and does the minimum necessary to send maximum profits out of our area. Why? Because we're not smart enough. We haven't even set up as a NFP to reduce the tax we pay.

The fact that last year we gave more money back to this community than we gained from advertising is due solely to financial mismanagement – basically we employ far too many local people.



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We pay 25 employees every week, more than double that if you include all the contract columnists, IT people, the 20-odd distributors and so on. And annoyingly, even though no-one at *The Echo* gets paid a lot, we can't get them to resign and find a job elsewhere.

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DATE: Friday 7th February 2025
TIME: 11:00am
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

AGENDA:

- Welcome/Apologies
- Annual Report 2023/24
- Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for 2023/24 financial year
- Meeting Closed

Authorised: Chairperson Tweed Byron LALC

TWEED LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (TBLALC) NOTICE OF CLBP WORKSHOP

DATE: Friday 7th February 2025
TIME: 9:00am
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

AGENDA:

- Community Land & Business Plan Workshop

Authorised: Chairperson Tweed Byron LALC

NOTICE OF TWEED BYRON LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

DATE: Friday 7th February 2025
TIME: 12:00pm
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

AGENDA items include;

Welcome, Apologies, CLBP Update, General Business.

Authorised: Chairperson Tweed Byron LALC

TWEED BYRON LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tweed Byron LALC:

DATE: Friday 7th February 2025
TIME: 10:00AM
PLACE: Minjungbal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road & Duffy Streets
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

AGENDA:

- Welcomes
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Approval of the TBLALC Community Land and Business Plan (CLBP) 2022 -2027
- Other Business placed on the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting
- Date and time of next meeting

Please Note: A copy of the CLBP or a Summary is available for viewing on request at the TBLALC during business hours. All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the CEO of the Tweed Byron LALC during business hours.

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Late of Ocean Shores & Mullumbimby.
Dearly loved husband of Heatherbell.
Loving father & father in law of Bruce & Trish,
Robyn & David (dec).
Adored Pop & Pa of his grandchildren
and great grandchildren.

Barry's kindness and laughter leave an enduring legacy.
His family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the wonderful staff at Coolamon Villa for the compassion and care they showed him in his final years.

Family and friends are invited to attend Barry's celebration of life on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at St Martin's Anglican Church, 38-40 Stuart St, Mullumbimby, commencing at 10.30am.

Refreshments to follow at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

No flowers by request.

Tax deductible donations to Brunswick Heads SLSC would be greatly appreciated.

BAKER (nee McGettigan), JOAN MARIE "MA"

17.06.1937 ~ 17.01.2025

Passed away peacefully at her home in Byron Bay surrounded by her loving family. Much loved wife of Colin (dec). Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Tim & Serina, Joanne, Kerry and Kim. Loved grandma of Rick, Daniel, Morgan, Kayla & Josh, Dylan & Laura and Xavier (dec) and great grandma of Riverlyn. Loved sister of Colleen (dec) and her family. Joan will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

"Forever In Our Hearts And Memories"

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joan's Funeral Service to be held at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Byron Bay on THURSDAY (January 30, 2025) commencing at 11.00am. After prayers the cortege will leave for the Byron Bay Cemetery.

GUARDIAN FUNERALS
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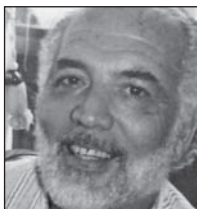
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Sleep well Nico

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nicholas who died at home on December 20th, 2024 aged 66.

A celebration of Nicholas' life will be held at the M-Arts Precinct in Murwillumbah, NSW on Sunday, 26th January from 10am NSW time.

All who knew and loved Nicholas are welcome to attend and share their memories of his life. Please bring a flower for the altar.

PETS

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DEATH NOTICES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Harry Edward Wedd, who died peacefully on 13th January 2025.**

Beloved husband of Marie, cherished father of Adrian and Dallas, father-in-law to Megan and Eliza, and much-loved Papa to Maya, Eden, and Harry.

At Harry's request, a private cremation has taken place.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, 25th January 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Ocean Shores Country Club.

All are welcome to join the family in remembering Harry, his life, and the joy he brought to so many.

PETS

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3rd SAT	Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
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4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
4th SUN	Coolangatta (in a 5 Sunday month)	
5th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764

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Each THU	Lismore 2.30-6.30pm	0459 309 223
Each FRI	Mullum 7-11am	0424 168 672
Each FRI	Evans Head 2.30-6.30	0428 291 068
Each SAT	Bangalow 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each SAT	Duranbah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT	Uki 8am-1pm	02 6679 5438
Each SAT	Lismore 8.30-11am	
Each SAT	Wadaville 8am-12pm	
Each SAT	Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr	
Each SUN	Ballina 7-11am	

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Mullet Throwing Australia Day

Australia Day Aussie Singalong and Mullet Throwing Competition will be held at the Ocean Shores Public School from 3pm on Sunday, January 26. All welcome to enjoy a sausage sizzle, giant lamington and Morris Cronin and band. Traditional rubber mullets! Prizes for junior boys and girls, adult men and women championships. Enquiries to Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) 0431 477 445.

Ballina Council seeking Ward members

Ballina Shire Council is calling for residents to join their local ward committees. Submissions close Monday, 10 February 2025. Further information, including a Ward boundary map, 2025 meeting schedule and the Ward Committee application form can be found at <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/council-committees>.

Byron Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters Club is a group for public speaking. It meets on the first and third Monday of the month 6.15pm to 8.30pm at Byron Services Club, 132 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. For more information email Tamra @temcmahon15@outlook.com.

End-of-Life Choices

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

Death cafe

A Death Cafe is being held on Saturday, February 8 at The Gallery Cafe, Cherry Street, Ballina at 10.30am. A Death Cafe is an opportunity to have a discussion about death and dying in a safe and respectful space. The object is to

increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives and to break down the taboos. A Death Cafe is not bereavement support or grief counselling and there are no agendas. For further information and/or to register attendance please email kerrymj@gmail.com.

Free African Dance

Free African Dance classes for local seniors are being led by Angela McWhinney on Mondays in Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. These classes are a joyful exploration of African rhythms and movement designed for all fitness levels. Each session includes a gentle warm-up, rhythmic sequences, body percussion, free expression, choreography and a relaxing cool-down. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Call (02) 6685 6807 (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm); or book your ticket at <https://events.humanitix.com/african-dance-for-seniors>.

NR Gateway

Free community lunch the first Friday each month. All are welcome to come and connect, enjoy a free barbecue with vegetarian options, cakes, snacks and coffees. Lunch runs 10.30am to 12pm at 76 Carrington Street, Lismore. Call Community Gateway for more details 6621 7397. **Fresh bread and produce** if you're living on a low income and struggling to put food on the table, get to Community Gateway on Tuesdays after 11am to access their community pantry, with fresh bread, food and produce at 76 Carrington Street, Lismore. Call 6621 7397 to check your eligibility. Residents can receive **community support** in Goonellabah on Tuesdays from 1-4pm. Supports include energy bill assistance, chemist and retail vouchers, food boxes and access to a range of other support services. Bookings essential. Call Community Gateway on 6621 7397 for more information and to check eligibility. **Mums and Bubs** free inclusive playgroup for children aged 0-3 years, their parents and carers. Bookings are essential, call 0429 640 075 for more information.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

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

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Byron Community

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The auction features ten unique lots, each with its own potential and promise. From residential properties in the heart of Maclean to land on the tranquil Goodwood Island, there is something for a wide spectrum of buyers. This sale is not just an opportunity for homebuyers looking for their dream property, but also for investors eager to capitalise on a region known for its strong growth potential and lifestyle appeal.



A snapshot of the auction lots

Among the standout properties is Lot 37 Frogmouth Drive, Gulmarrad, located in the serene riverside town of Gulmarrad. With its proximity to the vibrant Maclean township and stunning natural landscapes, this lot offers the perfect setting for those seeking a peaceful retreat while maintaining easy access to urban amenities. Just a short drive from the pristine beaches of Brooms Head, it's clear why properties in this area are in high demand.

Another prime listing is 2B Baumea Street, Brooms Head, a charming coastal property that is bound to attract those who dream of living near the beach. Known for its relaxed atmosphere and spectacular coastal views, Brooms Head continues to be a

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For those looking for acreage, 280A Iluka Road, Woombah offers an expansive plot of land with enormous potential. Woombah is increasingly becoming a hotspot for buyers seeking space, privacy, and proximity to both nature reserves and the vibrant coastal lifestyle offered by nearby Iluka and Yamba. Similarly, 97 Beckmans Lane, Harwood presents a rural setting with the opportunity to create a peaceful haven away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The Investment potential of Maclean and surrounds

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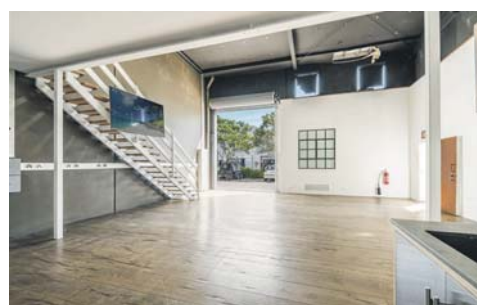




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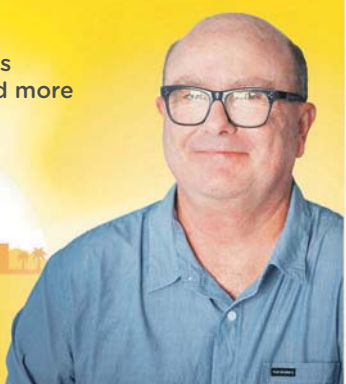
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A satisfaction survey, released by Council last November, asked more than 400 locals, 'How are you currently informed of general Council news and events?'. A remarkable 72 per cent of respondents said the local newspaper, while the next largest percentage, 38 per cent, said local radio, and 37 per cent said rates notice newsletter. According to this data, newspapers are more relevant than ever. For more on the survey, see page 16.

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 'Nation's felons celebrate shattering of glass ceiling with Trump inauguration' – Andy Borowitz.

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 Byron Seniors Club is launching on Wednesday, January 22, with events planned for the Byron Theatre. The free program, 'is designed to enrich the lives of local seniors through connection, creativity, and wellness'. For more info visit www.byron-centre.com.au/programs/byron-seniors-club.

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 The Echo is has added another esteemed columnist to its stables, with Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking now contributing. See her maiden column on page 8.

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 NPR (npr.org) reports, 'The US Federal Trade Commission and two states accuse [farm machinery manufacturer] John Deere of costing farmers time and money by unfairly limiting software access and forcing the use of only authorised dealers'.

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 With the Anti-Defamation League finding that 20 per cent of Australians now hold an 'elevated level of antisemitic attitudes',



When fine art and cat memes collide – image found with time well spent on the usual online social media / targeted marketing / society manipulation platforms.

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 compared with 14 per cent a decade ago, it's worth asking whether 'antisemitic' is just reductionist name-calling for anyone who is critical of Israel's appalling government.

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 A new record house price has been set for Bangalow, according to www.afr.com (Nine). They report, 'Flamboyant music industry entrepreneur, Tom Misner, has made a return to the Byron Bay hinterland, picking up a sprawling Bangalow retreat called Rockpool Farm for a cool \$15 million – setting a new price record for the semi-rural hamlet'.

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 Spank the bankers! The Banking Code Compliance Committee has sanctioned the Bank of Queensland and its BOQ Specialist and Virgin Money Australia units for charging fees to the accounts of dead customers, reports *The Australian* (Murdoch). While BOQ charged \$158,834 in fees and interest to the estates of dead customers over a four-year period, there will be no financial penalty, yet regulators still have options to pursue.

and build a community. Education gives people power to improve their conditions' – Amanda Hu.

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 ICYMI, government agencies are pretty useless with their freedom of info (FOI) requests. According to www.governmentnews.com.au, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner found only 29 per cent of government agencies have an integrated records management system to deal with FOI requests, while only 22 per cent have comprehensive document management policies, covering all forms of records.

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 A new website has launched to inform those new to the area or considering the move – livenorthernrivers.com.au. It's an initiative of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Northern Rivers.

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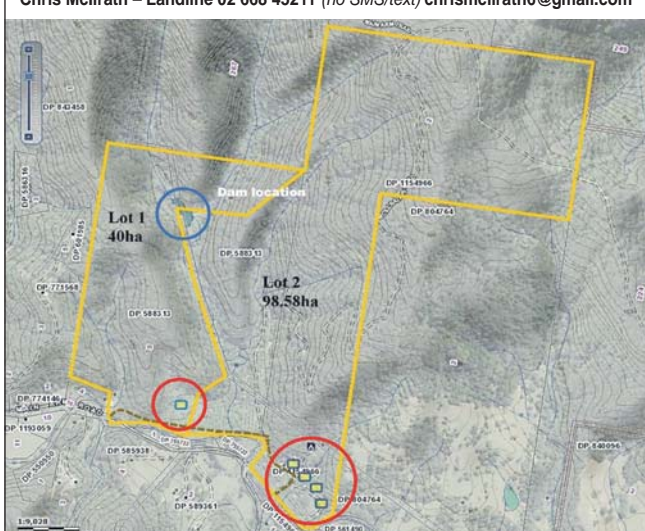
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