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## 'Significant impacts' expected for Byron CBD drainage upgrades

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council is set to begin the next round of major drainage reconstruction works in the Byron Bay CBD in June, acknowledging that the project will have a 'significant impact' on business and the community.

However, unlike the much-maligned Lawson Street drainage project undertaken last year, the next round of works will reportedly be timed to limit the financial repercussions for local shop owners.

And it appears that this time affected businesses owners have been given more than a few weeks' notice about the imminent closure of the streets where their shops are located.

An agenda item coming up at this week's Council meeting proposes that councillors endorse the final plans for the town centre component of the Byron Bay drainage upgrade.

### 14-18 months of work

The plans involve a major redesign of the town's centre surface and subsurface stormwater management system and it is estimated that the entire project will take 14-18 months to complete.

The works are designed to mitigate flooding in the centre of town during major weather events such as the floods experienced in 2022.

'Construction of this scope of works is complex and multifaceted, involving significant excavation, sheet piling, dewatering, drainage installation, service relocation and road reconstruction works in some of the town's main streets,' Council

staff state in their report.

'Impacts on community and businesses will be significant, and consultation with the community has been undertaken during the design process to raise awareness and understanding of the disruption that will occur.'

'Impact mitigation measures have been stipulated in the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Tender (RFT) documents to ensure that disruption to residents and businesses is minimised as much as possible.'

### Mitigation measures

One of these impact mitigation measures, staff say, is the requirement that construction on Byron's CBD roads must not take place in December or January.

The reconstruction works which were sprung on Lawson Street businesses during the September school holiday period last year nearly sent several of the shops to the wall.

The stipulation that this mistake not be repeated, in concert with the deadlines imposed by the government grants which are funding the project, means that the works must commence no later than June.

To expedite the process, staff are asking that authority to undertake several activities associated with the project be delegated to them and the general manager rather than requiring sign-off from councillors.

But it appears meeting these tight timeframes and limiting the impact on businesses is not the only challenge facing Council in relation to the project.

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## Speaking up for forests



A nationwide march to end native forest logging was held on Sunday, with a large contingent of Byron residents adding their voice to the campaign. NSW native forests are managed mainly by the state government via the Forestry Corporation of NSW. Over many years, they have been fined - by the government that owns it - for breaches of environmental laws and illegal logging. Those marching took over the road from Railway Park up to the Lawson Street roundabout, and marched to the Main Beach Peace Pole to hear from speakers and performers. Photo Jeff 'Old Growth' Dawson

## A dive into youth crime intervention funding

Hans Lovejoy

More police resources to address youth crime in regional NSW were announced last week, after another program aimed at educating young Indigenous people on the North Coast was quietly axed by the federal Labor government late last year.

As reported in early February, a crime prevention program - which was supported by community and local police - was axed without explanation.

*The Echo* sought an explanation from NSW Labor Education Minister, Pru Carr, as to why that

crime prevention program - the Aboriginal Alternative Learning Program (AALP) - was scrapped.

### Handballed questions

Minister Carr's office instead handballed it to the department she is responsible for.

While an education department spokesperson told *The Echo*, 'The department is not aware of any Indigenous crime prevention program axed last year on the Northern Rivers', they said another program, The Aboriginal Alternative Learning Faculty at the Southern Cross School of Distance Education,

closed after 'federal funding for the faculty ceased in Semester 2, 2024'.

They said it managed ten learning hubs for distance education students. Since the funding cut, they said, 'The NSW Department of Education has supported students to return to their local public school, engage in post-school pathways, or remain as full-time online learners.'

The spokesperson added, 'It follows an audit which uncovered irregularities in enrolment numbers. The faculty was federally funded through Ngulingah Lands Council.'

Local NSW MP, Tamara Smith  
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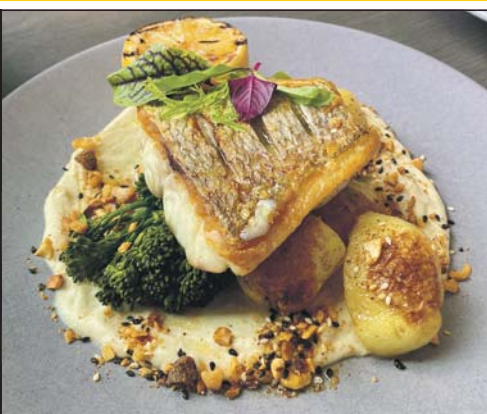
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## Pro-adaptive comp comes to Byron Bay



The Parade of Nations kicked off the Pro Adaptive Surfing Championships in Byron on Sunday, with surfers from Australia and around the planet all competing over six days. On Saturday, the semi-finals will be held, followed by the finals on Sunday and presentations later at the Byron Bay Services Club. For more visit [www.adaptivesurfproaustralia.com](http://www.adaptivesurfproaustralia.com). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Byron CBD drainage works announced

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### Cost blow out?

The staff report suggests that the final cost of the works has blown out.

'Council needs to be satisfied that there are sufficient funds available prior to moving to tender the works,' the report states.

'Council sought clarification on pricing from the contractors for certain elements of their submissions.

'This has resulted in revised pricing.

'These revised prices vary from the Evaluation Panel Recommendation Report.

'A resolution is also sought to grant the mayor and

general manager delegation to lobby state and federal governments for additional funding to enable Council to complete the full scope of the Byron drainage works inclusive of additional drainage work in the Recreation Grounds catchment, which would require an additional \$10 million investment.'

## Improvements slated for Shire's north

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council has released its future vision for the Shire's north, which proposes improvements for what has been known to be a neglected part of the Shire.

For the month of April, the Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach, and Ocean Shores will be on public exhibition so that locals can have their say on what's planned and suggest their own ideas.

### The vision

Among the suggested projects are turning the Tom Kendall Sports Field into a multi-use village green, and building a second oval at Bob Belleair Sports Field.

There are also extensive plans to improve pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety across the northern Shire with a specific focus on beach and village centre carparks, key intersections and introducing traffic calming measures to reduce vehicle speeds in residential streets.

Closely connected to this is the Council's plan to introduce an extensive and

strategic network of paths and cycleways across the three towns as a way of increasing opportunities for connection and active transport.

It is hoped this will complement improvements in public transport, though the Council appears to be relying on the state government to take the lead on this idea – something that has been tried in the past with little success.

### Funding sources

It appears that state government funding will also be relied upon to make many of Council's ideas a reality.

'The speed and success of the Place Plan implementation will heavily depend on finding appropriate funding sources for each project,' Council's Place Liaison Officer, Stephanie McMurray said in her report to this week's Council meeting where the plan will be up for debate.

'Funding source options can include: federal, state and local grants, Byron Shire developer contributions, Byron Shire Council annual budget as informed by

Council's Operational Plan, and community funds.'

One idea that may not require government funds, however, is Council's vision for the Ocean Shores shopping centre.

Among its top 20 priority projects is to 'encourage the Ocean Shores Shopping Centre area to evolve into a town centre', something which locals have been requesting for more than 20 years.

This Draft Place Plan was developed with contributions from the New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores communities, including local Minjungbal and Bundjalung representatives, community groups and associations, local school students and business owners.

Council also established a Stakeholder Reference Group, made up of community representatives and other stakeholders (such as technical experts and government agencies). It is proposed that feedback from the public exhibition period will lead to a final Place Plan, which will be reported to councillors for adoption in June.

# Have you been affected by Tropical Cyclone Alfred?

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## NSW Reconstruction Authority



## Byron Bay FC welcomes new clubhouse

After around ten years of community fundraising and hard work, the Byron Bay FC held an official opening celebration last Friday for its new community clubhouse.

Located in the Byron Recreational Grounds, facilities include a canteen, change rooms, disabled access, a serving kitchen, office and store room.

John McKay from the club told *The Echo* there is also an auditorium for the club's use, which will also be available for rent for community groups.

Mr McKay added the club had a 'good relationship with Council with getting the clubhouse built'.

For more information visit [www.byronbayfc.com.au](http://www.byronbayfc.com.au).



BBFC President and goalie Kerry Northcott, and behind her, left to right: John McKay, Clinton Bown and Todd Knaus. Photo Jeff 'Playing The Ball Not The Player' Dawson



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## A dive into youth crime intervention funding

Continued from page 1 (Greens) told *The Echo* it is possible that the NSW Education Department were not aware of the Aboriginal Alternative Learning Program, as it may have been delivered through Commonwealth Department of Indigenous Affairs.

She told *The Echo* the axing of both programs was 'an awful coincidence, but tells a story of chronic underfunding, and zero circling back to review what works and what doesn't'.

'The Indigenous crime prevention program was an outstanding course being delivered through Southern Cross Distance Education (SXDE). I worked for a decade at SXDE, and was part of the founding teams who piloted outreach programs like this

across our region that directly supported improvements in both learning and social outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.'

She said the department axed most of SXDE's outreach programs after an audit last year, 'because of allegations of corruption and fraudulent conduct'.

'While obviously those matters needed to be investigated, there were many ways that outreach student programs could have continued. Students and their families did nothing wrong, but they are the ones who lost out, as well as the broader community.'

'As a member of the standing committee on Law and Safety that has been holding an inquiry with hearings across the state into regional

youth crime, diversionary programs that are effective are being comprehensively explored. We are presenting our interim report in May.'

### Bundjalung success

'The Balunda diversionary program in Tabulam designed for Bundjalung offenders convicted of non-violent offences is very successful. I helped set up teaching and learning at Balunda 15 years ago, and the model that puts Bundjalung Elders and community at the centre of program design and delivery has consistently lowered recidivism and helped offenders turn their lives around.'

'One Vision is another highly successful organisation in our region that has directly diverted young offenders from the criminal

justice system, and they are an organisation I have supported for over ten years.'

Ms Smith added, 'I am hopeful that our inquiry will lead to the funding of evidence-based diversionary models that will make a difference. We have the highest rate of incarceration of Aboriginal people in our history right now. The current piecemeal approach is not working, and Aboriginal people must be at the heart as co-designers of any programs that affect their lives.'

Meanwhile, the federal and state Labor governments say they are investing \$5 million each into the 'Get Back in the Game' program which aims to help local organisations deliver specialist support to young people aged 15 to 21.

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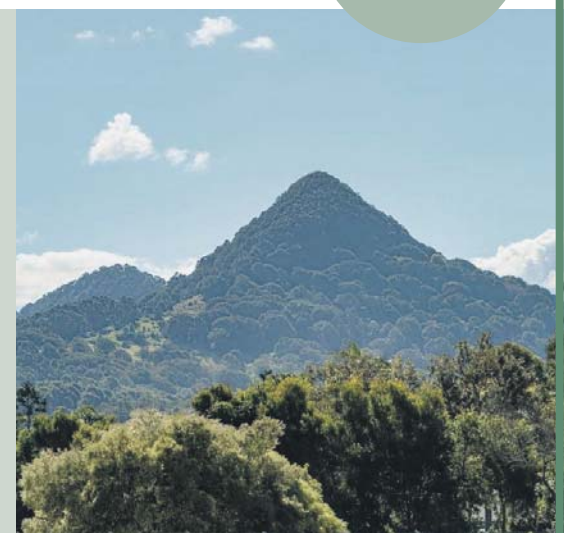


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# Gags and policy: Greens launch campaign

With a federal election expected to be called at any moment, Richmond Greens candidate Mandy Nolan launched her campaign on Friday night at the Bangalow A&I Hall.

The event featured MC Madeleine West, party leader Adam Bandt, human rights advocate Brett Solomon and Aboriginal All Stars comedian and Block TV star, Andy Saunders.

During the week, her office released a number of policies.

Greens MP Sarah Hanson-Young was at the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital last week to launch a Wildlife Rescue Strategy for Byron Bay, which is part of a \$20 million a year National Wildlife Rescue Strategy.

Wildlife Recovery Australia CEO Dr Stephen Van Mil said, 'This announcement recognises the critical need for a proper framework and recurrent operational



From left Greens leader Adam Bandt, local NSW MP Tamara Smith, NSW MLC Sue Higginson, Mandy, MLC Abigail Boyd, MP Mehreen Faruqi and MP Cate Faehrmann.

Photo Jeff 'In The Green Room Feeling Greened Out' Dawson

funding for Australian wildlife rescue, medical treatment and rehabilitation. These services are almost entirely reliant on charities like ours, volunteers, philanthropy, donations and veterinarians and nurses giving their professional services away.'

Meanwhile, a Greens plan to protect Australian communities from disasters

'supercharged by coal and gas' was released.

The Climate Response Service would put 'thousands of people on the ground and help prepare for fires, floods, and cyclones; and assist with the extensive cleanup after they strike.'

The media release says the 'climate army' would be funded 'by making big coal

and gas corporations pay more tax'.

The Greens say, 'The proposal to commit \$1B a year over three years would create a service to be managed by the National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA), working with local communities to provide skilled, scalable support in a crisis. Specifics would be devised through the NEMA's consultation with communities, the ADF, and local service providers and volunteer groups'.

'Evidence provided to the recent Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience found that the ADF is being increasingly stretched by the increasing frequency of callouts to global warming charged natural disasters, and lacks the resources to handle incidents like bushfires.

'Nearly one in two coal and gas corporations pays no tax,' say the Greens.

# Fire ant eradication poisons spark public meeting, March 30

A public meeting to discuss the possible implications of the Fire Ant Eradication Program being implemented in the Byron Shire will be held at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club on Sunday, March 30, from 6pm.

Co-organiser, councillor David Warth, told *The Echo* that impacted residents from SE Qld and Murwillumbah will provide their experiences, and councillors from Byron and Tweed shires are invited.

'The discussion will aim to create protocols that will avoid the broad scale use of poisons in our environment', he says. 'According to the information released by the eradication program, the consequences of not dealing with this threat are catastrophic, involving billions of dollars of damage across many environments and industries'.

He says the eradication procedures includes poison

bait distribution by aircraft, helicopters, drones and also teams of operators treating properties on the ground.

## Endocrine disruptors

He says the poisons used in the program – pyriproxyfen and S-methoprene – are endocrine disruptors which impact insect growth hormones.

'These poisons are not able to specifically target fire ants, and as such, will poison all insects that take the bait.

'Going up the food chain the effects are both immediate and cumulative, and are cause for concern. We are told that these chemicals are safe and effective, and that the Australian TGA has cleared them for use.' Cr Warth added that despite the assurance that native ant species find it easier to recolonise after fire ants are eradicated, this is contrary to findings from overseas.

# Tourism symposium, awards to be held in Byron

The 2025 North Coast Tourism Symposium and North Coast Regional Tourism Awards will be co-hosted by Byron Council and Destination North Coast NSW on July 31.

Council staff encouraged local tourism businesses to apply for the prestigious awards, which are open until May 9.

'The North Coast Tourism Symposium is an annual one-day tourism industry event that brings together 14 North Coast local government areas (LGAs) from the Mid North Coast, Port Macquarie-Hastings area all the way up

to Byron and Tweed Shires, including Lord Howe Island'.

Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye, said, 'It's a wonderful opportunity to highlight the rich creativity, spectacular nature and resilience that has always been a part of our community here in Byron Shire'.

## Valuable resources

She said the awards process offers 'valuable resources, including webinars and expert guidance, as a way to recognise the dedication and innovation that contribute to our shared success'.

Byron Shire Council's

Business and Industry Project Lead, Nicole Silburn, said it would be great to have more Byron-based businesses participating in the awards.

'We'd love these awards to reflect the true diversity of our tourism businesses, and particularly this year, we'd love to see applications from our ecotourism, cultural tourism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island tourism experiences coming through,' Mrs Silburn said.

To get involved, visit [www.dncnsw.com/2025-north-coast-regional-tourism-awards](http://www.dncnsw.com/2025-north-coast-regional-tourism-awards).

# Lennox restaurant rises from the ashes

Paul Bibby

The owners of a much-loved Lennox Head eatery that was badly damaged in a kitchen fire say they have been blown away by the outpouring of community support which will allow them to reopen within weeks.

The team from Rustic Char were devastated when the January 16 fire forced them to close the doors of their Ballina Street shop less than nine months after opening.

Co-owners Ludo and Byron feared their dream was over after the fire, with

repairs likely to run into the thousands of dollars and take months to complete.

But the local community sprang to their aid, with donations pouring in via a GoFundMe page set up by a couple of friends.

In the ensuing weeks, nearly \$20,000 was donated to fund the repairs and support the owners while they were being undertaken.

Incredibly, nearly half of this amount poured in within the first 24 hours. Ludo and Byron now say they're going to reopen the business.

'This has been a labour of

love and commitment that has turned into a nightmare beyond our control,' the pair said in a statement on behalf of the Rustic Char team.

'We didn't think we would be able to go on but none of you would have it. Because of the love and support of each and every one of you we hope to continue our journey.

'We are especially thankful to be a part of this amazingly beautiful community.

'Thank you for being awesome and for giving us the support to continue our dream of feeding you beautiful food.'



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# Vale Eddie Phillips

Adam van Kempen

The sky seemed a little darker this week after the passing of long-time local luminary, Edwin (Eddie) John Phillips.

Eddie passed away on March 15, after a short illness, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born and raised by his mother Gabrielle with his sister Gail, in the small coastal town of The Entrance on the NSW Central Coast. It was there that he developed his lifelong passion for surfing. As a result, he built the largest historical and vintage collection of surfboards in the country.

Eddie was an entrepreneur from a young age. After a small stint at a fitness centre in Sydney, he left Australia for Asia in the 1970s with modest savings to find his fortune in Hong Kong.

## Spa King

With his business partner, Barry Wain, they set up Phillip Wain; a chain of successful, luxury, health and beauty fitness centres across Southeast Asia. From there, Eddie became known as the



Entrepreneur Edwin (Eddie) John Phillips. Photo supplied

Fitness King of Hong Kong, and then later, the Spa King in Australia.

Eddie returned to Australia and continued with Camp Eden Health Retreat, the first of its kind nationally. He then created a successful portfolio of business investments such as The Middle Pub and Chincogan Hotel in Mullumbimby, Kirra Beach Hotel, and the Pearl South Pacific in Fiji, to name a few.

Eddie eventually resided in his spiritual home of Byron Bay, where he lived for the next 20 or so years.

He was a proud and loving father, and an incredibly astute businessman who

pulled himself up from humble beginnings. Rich in generosity and spirit, he was a passionate and strong-willed man, a dreamer as well as an inspiring leader. You always knew when Eddie was in the room, his presence and vivacity was always felt.

He was larger than life, loved a party and will be sorely missed by his children; Natasha, Bogart and Jesse, their mothers Deborah and Kellie, and all of us who loved his boundless energy and his unique personality.

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**Banner at Protesters Falls near Nimbin calls for forest protection**

Climbers deployed a banner reading 'Protecting Forests is Climate Action' at Protestor Falls near Nimbin in the lead up to last Sunday's march for native forest protection.

**Have you seen this plant?**

A recent discovery of six *Miconia calvescens* (*Miconia*) plants near Burringbar have led to a call for Tweed, Ballina and Byron Shire residents to keep an eye out for the plant.

**Lismore community donations help kids get back to school**

There were 123 children across Lismore who started the school year with an extra helping hand thanks to Lismore's Operation Backpack.

**Justine Elliot announces free mental health clinic for Tweed**

Federal Labor Member for Richmond has been busy announcing funding promises and projects in the lead up to the imminent but yet-to-be-scheduled 2025 federal election.

**No club grants for Tweed, Ballina or Lismore in March list**

The state government says more than \$6.15 million is to be distributed among dozens of community groups, but the Tweed, Ballina and Lismore state electorates have failed to receive any of the money.

**ACOSS says bold action needed to lift national living standards**

The Australian Council of Social Service has called on all political parties and candidates to commit to a bold, people-centred policy agenda ahead of yesterday's federal budget, with urgent investment in social security, housing, employment, climate action and disaster resilience.

**Call to change NSW medicinal cannabis driving laws**

A call has gone out to NSW Premier Chris Minns to take action on outdated NSW road laws that effectively ban medicinal cannabis patients from driving even if they haven't used cannabis for days.

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**10 meters above height limit: concerns raised about Tweed DA**

Aslan Shand

Not all Tweed councillors supported the \$51 million, 13-storey affordable housing development for Tweed Heads with Deputy Mayor, and independent councillor, Meridith Dennis, telling *The Echo* that, 'there are so many things wrong with it'.

The development application (DA) for 25 to 27 Boyd Street has been submitted by the NSW government's Homes NSW and will be decided by the state government as a state significant development. However, the Tweed Shire Council (TSC) has been asked to comment on the submission and they have raised a significant number of concerns.

'They are not meeting their own planning laws,' explained Cr Dennis, who voted against supporting the TSC submission to the state government.

'We desperately need affordable housing, but there are so many things wrong with it if you look at the number of changes needed to be made to this DA. There are issues around traffic, noise management,

exceeding height limits, flooding, parking, that it is only affordable housing for 15 years - then it won't be affordable housing any more,' she told *The Echo*.

This sentiment was echoed by both the Tweed Mayor, independent Chris Cherry, and Greens councillor Dr Nola Firth.

**Flood, height, traffic**

'The staff have identified many, many things that need to be addressed,' said Cr Firth at the meeting.

'There's things like some of the ground floor units being below probable maximum flood level, that there's problems with ventilation, solar access, the communal space, the outdoor communal space, noise monitoring, what's going to happen about the hotline, the need for bicycle places, there needs to be input by a local housing provider, balcony design needs to have privacy and weather protection, there's insufficient storage. And there's a lot more than that. It must have been done in a hurry.'

Tweed Council staff have set out around 25 conditions including contributions

for sewer and water, green space and roads contributions, as if this were a normal development. These contributions will have to be 'negotiated' with the state government.

**Not in perpetuity**

Mayor Cherry highlighted the fact that as the current application stands the state government is seeking significant exemptions on height, with the 44.4m height almost 10m over the allowed height limit, and parking, but the housing is not guaranteed to remain as affordable housing after 15 years.

'If you're getting a 30 per cent increase in yield because of it being affordable housing development, then you should be made to keep it being an affordable housing development,' she told the meeting.

The Department of Planning, not Council, will be deciding the DA.

The majority of councillors supported the motion to endorse the staff submission with Crs Dennis and Hone voting against.

■ Read full story in *The Echo Online* at: [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

**Over 100 firefighters help extinguish fire at Chinderah**



Fire and Rescue NSW at the fire in Morton Street, Chinderah that started on Saturday afternoon. Photo NSW Fire and Rescue, Banora Point station 514

Mia Armitage & Aslan Shand

Saturday afternoon at approximately 5.30pm a member of the public called 000 about the building fire on Morton Street, Chinderah. Fire crews arrived to black smoke billowing out of the large factory building.

'By the time the crews got here from Kingscliff and Banora Point the fire was already well advanced, and it was emitting large amounts of black smoke,' NSW Fire and Rescue Inspector Price Conlon who is based at Ballina, told *The Echo*.

'When they got here they were confronted by a well-developed fire. They set about their work in extinguishing it and called in further resources to help with the fire fight.'

The building was approximately 60 metres by 20 metres. It is a steel construction and has three separate occupants: landscape supply, production parts storage, and some offices.

The fire was finally extinguished at 12.15pm Monday and the process saw over 100 firefighters attend the scene.

'The main object that was on fire was actually mulch. So it's a natural product without any hazardous runoff,' said Inspector Conlon.

The mulch was to the rear of the building, but due to the fact the structure was unstable the firefighters were unable to enter the building.

NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) provided assistance on Saturday afternoon. A hydraulic platform brought in by the Queensland fire department for aerial fire fighting could not be used correctly because the roof was intact.

'So we've managed to extinguish the fire with our usual fire engine using large diameter hoses with a large volume of water to penetrate into these mulch piles,' said Inspector Conlon.

'We used the pressure of the volume of water to knock the products around, and that actually allowed us to penetrate into the mulch pile.'

Several caravans and a vintage car and truck were also lost in the fire.

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**First Nations Music Program launched**

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium is excited to announce the launch of its new First Nations Music Program, a groundbreaking initiative led by the highly acclaimed Bundjalung artist, Blake Rhodes.

This program is designed to provide First Nations artists with a dedicated platform to share their rich cultural heritage, stories, and music with the broader community.

'We are absolutely thrilled to have Blake Rhodes leading this important project,' said Anita Bellman, Executive Director of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium.

'Blake's deep connection to both music and his community, combined with his experience as a respected artist and mentor, will ensure that this program is culturally authentic, impactful, and inspiring for all involved.'



Anita Bellman and Blake Rhodes. Photo supplied

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**Kerbside collection for dead fish in Ballina**

The flooding and subsequent low oxygen levels in waterways that resulted from Tropical Cyclone Alfred led to fish kills in the Richmond River and nearby waterways including West Ballina canals, Ballina riverbanks, Gawandii Beach and Shaws Bay.

'Until conditions improve, swimming or taking part in water activities at our beaches or in the river is not

recommended,' says Ballina Shire Council.

**Dead fish collection**

If residents find dead fish in their area, they can help by disposing of them in one of two ways:

1. Kerbside collection Place dead fish in a tied plastic bag and leave it on the kerb. Then contact Council by phone or email to let us

know the location on 1300 864 444 or [council@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@ballina.nsw.gov.au) during office hours (8.15am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday).

2. Free drop-off at Ballina Resource Recovery Centre. Bagged dead fish can be taken to the Ballina Resource Recovery Centre at no cost.

■ Read full story in *The Echo Online* at: [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

**Cudgera Creek – changed overnight traffic conditions**

Motorists are advised of changed overnight traffic conditions on the Pacific Highway from next week to carry out bridge resurfacing work at Cudgera Creek.

Work will start on Thursday, March 27 and will be carried out from 8pm to 5am to minimise impact to motorists. The work will take up to six nights, weather permitting.

**Northbound traffic**

On Thursday, March 27 the northbound off-ramp at the Cudgera Creek Road interchange will be closed during work hours.

On Sunday, March 30 the northbound on-ramp at the Cudgera Creek Road interchange will be closed during work hours.

**Southbound traffic**

On Monday, March 31 the southbound on-ramp at the Cudgera Creek Road interchange will be closed during work hours.

On Tuesday, April 1 the southbound off-ramp at the Cudgera Creek Road interchange will be closed during work hours.

■ Read full story in *The Echo Online* at: [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

## Crocodile Dundee returns, as a doco, March 28

A new doco that profiles the extraordinary partnership between Paul Hogan and John Cornell, along with behind-the-scenes of *Crocodile Dundee*, will premiere March 28 at Palace Cinema.

Released nearly 40 years ago, it is still Australia's most successful film of all time.

The doco came about after Delvene Delaney, the wife of the late co-creator, John Cornell, was restoring the movie for re-release in 4K (in cinemas on May 8).



Delvene Delaney and Victoria Baldock. Photo Jeff Dawson

collection. Inspired by this discovery, Delvene, with the help of her friend and media executive, Victoria Baldock, created *Love Of An Icon: The*

*Legend Of Crocodile Dundee*.

They describe it as 'a revealing and heartfelt documentary that invites audiences behind the scenes to witness

the battles, breakthroughs, and unbelievable twists that made the film a reality'.

The pair say it is more than just a 'making-of' - it is a 'testament to conviction, mateship, and sheer determination: a film that almost never happened, but went on to define a generation'.

The doco features never-before-seen footage and candid interviews with many who were an integral part of the origin story.

The March 28 screening at Palace will include a special Q&A with Delvene Delaney and Victoria Baldock.

The doco opens in cinemas across Australia on March 27.

### Unseen archives

She says a treasure trove of unseen archival material was uncovered from John's

## Lenny's off to Tokyo!

Former Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School student, Lenny Dowling, is fulfilling his dream by studying in Tokyo.

Co-guardian of class of 2022, Alix Johnson, says Lenny has been awarded a prestigious and competitive Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship, and will attend a leadership development program in Singapore in July 2026. Lenny is currently studying a Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of International Relations at ANU.

Lenny said he hopes to



eventually work in foreign affairs. 'I'll be attending Keio University in Tokyo, taking on mostly international relations courses like Japanese foreign policy and Japanese history'.

Alix added, 'We wish Lenny all the best!'

## Reforestation, one sapling at a time



Rainforest 4 Foundation's Kelvin Davies and some happy planters contributed to the rewilding of Byron Shire at last Friday's inaugural Gondwana Green Day Out, located on Myocum Road, Mullumbimby.

Photo Jeff Slowly Composting Since 1986' Dawson

## Wildlife impacts considered under new bill

Amendments to the *Roads Transport Act 2013* that would require the consideration of wildlife impacts when designing new roads, taking into account wildlife strikes in speed zone reviews, has

been tabled by local state MP, Tamara Smith (Greens).

She said in a statement the amended Act will also require Transport for NSW to collect accurate data on wildlife deaths and injuries

on our state roads.

She said, 'These amendments are critical, an estimated 10 million animals die on Australian roads each year, it is chilling to think that this staggering figure likely

does not capture the full extent of the problem'.

'Many collisions between vehicles and wildlife aren't even reported. It's a silent crisis that demands our urgent attention'.

## Mental Health Centre slated for Tweed

A \$1.3 million Tweed Medicare Mental Health Centre has been announced by federal Labor.

Local MP Justine Elliot said in a statement 'North Coast locals will soon have access to free, walk-in mental health care with a Medicare Mental Health Centre to open in Tweed'.

'The centre will be open

for extended hours, with no appointment or referral needed to access services.

'The North Coast Primary Health Network will commission the Tweed Medicare Mental Health Centre. It is expected to open in 2026-27.

'To boost access to specialist care, the government is investing an additional \$29.9

million to provide access to psychologists and psychiatrists through every centre,' Justine said.

'People can also make a free call to 1800 595 212 and be connected to a trained professional for advice, information or referral into the most appropriate local mental health service to meet their individual needs'.

## St John's looks to again excel in NAPLAN

As the 2025 NAPLAN assessments approach, the Principal of St. John's Primary School in Mullumbimby, says the school is committed to building on its achievements from previous years.

Principal Dave Bermingham told *The Echo* 'In the 2024 assessments, St.

John's students excelled in reading, writing, language conventions, and numeracy, achieving results above both regional and state averages'.

He said, 'The school has been acknowledged as one of the top-performing schools in the Northern Rivers region based on the

2024 NAPLAN results.

'According to a recent report, alongside Summerland Christian College, St. John's led the region in NAPLAN performance, underscoring its commitment to academic excellence', Principal Bermingham added.

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### Humans needed at MDNC

The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) supports people with services such as specialist DV assistance and disaster recovery.

Disaster responses to events such as Cyclone Alfred are not funded, like the myriad of other unfunded services – affordable food, free counselling, and more.

They say they are really, really struggling without enough human resources. With no regular government support to even open the doors, they need to raise at least \$150,000 before the end of the year to keep up with the community's needs.

MDNC has tax-deductible status and is endorsed by the ATO as a charity. Visit their website at [www.mdnc.org.au](http://www.mdnc.org.au) to find out how you can donate or other ways you can support this vital service.



### Techbros bully Australia

Ten years ago this week, Rupert Murdoch's News Limited acquired a 14.99 per cent stake in Australian publisher APN News and Media.

Back in 2015, APN published *The Byron News*, *The Northern Star* and *The Ballina Advocate*, among other titles across the nation.

By 2017, The Liberals, under PM Malcolm Turnbull, abolished the cross-media ownership restrictions, which paved the way for Murdoch to purchase a huge stable of news publications across Australia.

By 2020, *The BBC* reported that News Corp Australia had closed 112 newspapers. Of these, 76 regional and local papers become online-only.

Ten years is a good time to reflect upon whether the Liberal Party's capitulation to corporate media was beneficial.

In the 1987 classic movie, *Wall Street*, corporate raider Gordon Gekko delights in acquiring smaller companies that he strips for spare parts.

Last week, the Computer and

Communications Industry Association (CCIA), representing tech giants like Meta, Google, Amazon, Apple, and X, formally urged the White House to take action against Australia's digital media and streaming regulations

So far, federal Labor is holding its ground.

Greek economist Yanis Varoufakis makes the point that the US has total control of the new world – he calls it 'techno feudalism'.

No other country or the EU, for example, is able to compete now that the US has such a technological advantage.

There are still small independents – such as *The Echo* – which provide a different perspective to that offered by mainstream media.



### Crocodile Dundee returns

Ah, the 1980s. It's easy to look at nostalgia as being a better time, but in those days, Australia had a pumping music scene. We made films, really good ones. Art was encouraged and not looked down on as some type of disability. We even built cars, clothes, fridges and washing machines.

So okay, interest rates were, like 17 per cent, but they were still good times.

Best of all, there was a larrikin attitude, and Australia had yet to succumb to mindless corporatism.

In 1986, around the time *The Echo* printed its first edition, *Crocodile Dundee* hit the screens.

It remains Australia's most successful film of all time, and the reason is of course is that was well scripted, acted, and filmed. And it was funny.

A behind-the-scenes doco called *Love Of An Icon: The Legend Of Crocodile Dundee* launches March 28 at Palace Byron Bay Cinema, and is a labour of love by Delvene Delaney and Victoria Baldock. It's a wonderful and important piece of Australian history – may it inspire other generations in rediscovering our larrikinism, humour and love of art and culture.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## Is Mandy a threat to *The Echo's* independence?

Chaïy Donati

In the vibrant tapestry of Byron Shire, where the waves crash with as much fervour as local opinions, one figure has loomed larger than life: Mandy Nolan.

Lovable, iconic, and oh-so-familiar, she's the unofficial mascot of our coastal paradise.

As a child growing up here, I may not have been schooled in the intricacies of local politics, but I certainly knew who Mandy was – and I liked her. Who wouldn't?

Yet, as the political tide ebbs and flows, our community's affection for Mandy has faced its own trials, revealing the delicate balance between personal adoration and political disillusionment.

Her metamorphosis from beloved local personality to the helm of the Greens' political machine raises an eyebrow – or two.

Cynics might argue that she's now using her soapbox for a personal political advantage... and just like that I've become a cynic.

The concept of the Fourth Estate has long embodied journalism's noble duty to hold power accountable, demanding clear separation.

But can we trust *The Echo* to uphold this lofty ideal while simultaneously propping up the soapbox queen?

Can they truly assert their role as the unbiased watchdog of local politics while they're 'soapboxing' a figure who has long since traded her independence in pursuit of her quest for political power?

Is it fair to direct this critique solely at *The Echo*? That the editorial team is willing to print this speaks to its courage and its capacity for self-reflection within our community newspaper – a commendable virtue.

So what of the Greens themselves?

After all, they champion the virtues of free and equal access to political advertising – noble aspirations indeed!



*'The line between self-promotion and the promotion of a political candidacy is nonexistent.'*

– Chaïy Donati

Yet do they remain steadfast to their principles, or do they trade their ideals for influence?

Enter Mandy's Soapbox, where that question has been answered. It is no ordinary opinion piece anymore; it's candidacy in unconvincing disguise, free political advertisement without the pesky obligation of declaration.

With the election looming, her latest column bears the title 'Volunteering: Just Do It' – a noble, yet suspiciously timely sentiment, as though preparing us for her inevitable calls to action.

After all, no political candidate can hope to prevail without an army of volunteers.

### Major players

Here in Byron Shire, where the Greens are not just a minor party but the major players, it seems Mandy has no intention of stepping back from this potent podium.

For she knows, as we all do, that the line between self-promotion and the promotion of a political candidacy is, in truth, nonexistent.

In an age where corporate forces hold sway over both print and digital media, *The Echo* remains a rare oasis – untouched by outside money, free from the invisible hands of distant owners, and rooted in the community it serves.

It stands as a testament to what journalism can be when it resists the pressures of profit-driven, homogenised content.

In the endless churn of online algorithms that push us into neatly-wrapped ideological bubbles, *The Echo* remains a quiet defiance, offering a range of

voices without forcing its readers into predetermined conclusions.

However, when it allows a political candidate to use its pages for free campaigning during an election cycle, it risks compromising that integrity.

The line between journalism and political advertising becomes blurred, with the potential to sway the course of local elections.

Ultimately, politicians should stand on principles, not soapboxes. It's time for Mandy to step down.

After all, the waves of Byron will keep crashing, but the integrity of our local democracy deserves a little more scrutiny.

If she won't bid adieu on principle, perhaps *The Echo* should step up and reclaim its Fourth Estate crown, even if some interpret it as regicide.

And if they do, all the better.

### Queens must tumble

Sometimes, queens must tumble for democracy to flourish.

It is perfectly acceptable for us to adore the queen, and yet revel in her downfall; true democrats and republicans alike will grasp the paradox of this love.

And if this does transpire, after 23 years, I trust she will finally say goodbye – and we will thank her for her services and her wicked sense of humour.

Though – I wouldn't be surprised if she pops back in, after all, as she came to see in 2022, the soapbox sometimes offers a gentler embrace than the ballot box.

■ Chaïy Donati is the President of the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Branch of the ALP. His views are exclusively his own.



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### Our sad sick Richmond River

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When will we demand that our sick river systems be rehabilitated? Too many

decades of uncontrolled, agricultural extraction upstream have almost totally killed off the Richmond River. Just ask our oyster farmers who have all but gone out of business.

The University of New England Ecohealth report in 2014 graded the Richmond River catchment system's overall health as D – or poor. One of the lowest reported in eastern Australia.

There have been many broken promises in the past to rehabilitate the river. When will we see action?

**Richard Lucas**  
Lennox Head

### Byron's Norfolk pines

Emotive sentiments have been expressed in Che

Hamill-Diehl's letter in support of the Norfolk Island pines in Byron Bay, and in protest at the removal of trees due to concerns for public safety during the recent cyclone.

Evidence has shown, however, that these iconic trees, rather than being impervious to strong winds as suggested, can indeed be very vulnerable in wild weather. Anyone old enough to remember the super-cell thunderstorm that ravaged Byron Bay in December 1979 will recall how several mature Norfolk Island pines fell across Shirley Street. One crushed the roof of a house where an elderly woman lived alone. Miraculously, she was unharmed. I remember

the next day being shocked to see the shallowness of the root system that had anchored the mighty tree to the ground.

These trees are certainly beautiful and iconic, but not invincible. Byron Council was wise to err on the side of caution as Cyclone Alfred approached.

**Pam Timms**  
Suffolk Park

### Presidential etiquette

The president always walks in front so he can sweep the DOGE POO out of the way of the billionaires.

**Sapoty Brook**  
Main Arm

### Don't demolish Mullum's heritage

I'm writing to raise awareness and voice my strong opposition to the proposed demolition of the public lavatory at 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby – a designated local heritage item (Item 1152) under the Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014. This small but significant piece of our town's local heritage deserves to be preserved.

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In order to run more letters on different topics we are only going to publish the first 200 words of your letters in print. Readers will be able to read them in full (if a reasonable length) in *The Echo* online: [www.echo.net.au/letters](http://www.echo.net.au/letters).

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# Core funding for community centres vital for disaster response

Belle Budden

Cyclone Alfred's impact on our community was immense. Sure, the impact wasn't as violent as other recent disasters, but the pressure of the cyclone was experienced beyond barometric readings.

Across the region communities, neighbourhoods, and families were tested – our preparedness was tested, our resilience was tested. We made it, whether isolated, or overwhelmed in an evacuation centre, we made it through together due to our learnings and our survival through previous disasters. But we were not unscathed.

Since the disastrous 2022 flood we have implemented learnings and created new response systems. Some are on an individual or family level – such as a 12v solar system, generator, or a solid plan for caring for each other and our pets. Some are on a neighbourhood level such as communication at a street level around weather warnings, road closures or evacuation locations; and communications with local SES and community were



Tallow Beach at Byron Bay during Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Photo Sonia Friedrich

dramatically improved. There were increased evacuation centres that were resourced to service needs at a community level. Others are at a systems level including: increased emergency alerts; Service NSW payment processes were announced quickly; online donation platforms; businesses coordinated donation items and took the pressure off community centres handling all the donations.

There were undeniable improvements in system responses. However, we are learning about frequent and diverse emergency response processes due to

climate change and we must continue to adapt responsiveness based on these experiences.

Local community-run centres are at the front line of response and recovery. They are here through all phases or preparation, evacuation, response, and recovery because they are part of our community. They know all levels of community from the mayor, to the workers of government departments, to the emergency workers, to the rough sleepers. They have knowledge, relationships, and commitment to caring for our community and a holistic response



A tree came down on a car in Ocean Shores during Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Photo Jeff Dawson

to disaster management. Unfortunately, they are not receiving the resources needed and are forced to consider crowdfunding to provide food relief – which is really just the top layer of the issue.

## Core government funding needed

'Community centres and community-led organisations are at the front line,' said Fiona Hunt, manager of the Murwillumbah Community Centre that continues to work with the community of Murwillumbah and its surroundings who were impacted

by the cyclone flooding.

'We are here for the celebrations, the everyday, and the hard times. We are known and trusted. During recent weeks we worked closely with our community and the evacuation centre to keep people safe, meet needs, and recover.'

'We don't get funding to do this, we just do it. The core role of community centres in disaster and crisis response should be acknowledged and funded. Community centre funding in NSW is appalling and less than other states whilst we face some of the toughest challenges.'

Neighbourhood and community centres need ongoing core funding to keep their doors open and so they can be available to respond to regular climate emergencies. Over the last ten years our neighbourhood and community centres have been with us through bushfire, Covid, many floods and now the cyclone (not to mention housing and domestic violence crises) and the ongoing pressure to continue without core funding is putting our workforces and communities at risk. These are our community-controlled organisations with roots in local communities and they deserve resourcing.

'Since 2017 we have responded to successive disaster events. We do it without funding because we are part of our community,' explained Julie Williams, manager of the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre.

'The impacts are compounding for community members but also for those of us at the coal face. Without an injection of resources ongoing, or at least between

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## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE BYRON SHIRE

### Traffic changes in Tyagarah

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025



After working closely with Byron Shire Council and the RMS, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise potential traffic impact in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Tanner Lane, Tyagarah. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

#### FESTIVAL TIMES

THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025: GATES OPEN 2:00 PM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 - SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025: GATES OPEN 11:00 AM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT

#### TRAFFIC

- The Mullumbimby off ramp at Tyagarah will be closed to southbound highway traffic.
- **South bound festival traffic will be directed to turn into the Festival off ramp.**
- North bound festival traffic will enter the site via the indicated off ramp.
- These measures are designed to minimise traffic impact, however, please be prepared for possible delays.
- Grays Lane access to the motorway will remain shut. Patrons/Grays Lane residents wishing to depart southbound on the Pacific Highway, will use the main Gulgan Road intersection at the Shell service station. During peak festival departure times, from 9pm nightly, Grays Lane intersection will be open for southbound departures from the festival/Grays Lane, to join the highway at the Grays Lane intersection. Access to Grays Lane from the Pacific Highway will remain closed at all times.

#### PARKING

- The festival car parks, in the north and south of the site are accessible from Tanner Lane and Yarun Road, this will be open for day patrons. Temporary "No Stopping" signs will be installed in Tanner Lane, Yarun Road, and Foss Lane and on parts of Gulgan Road and Grays Lane.
- Please note, pre-paid parking will cost \$25 per single day.
- 3-day parking is \$60 plus fees. 4-day parking is \$80 plus fees.
- Tickets are available to purchase via [www.bluesfest.com.au/tickets](http://www.bluesfest.com.au/tickets).
- To avoid lengthy delays pre-book your parking NOW online as there will be LIMITED facility to purchase on site.
- Please **DO NOT** park on the local road network around the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, which is the Bluesfest site.
- Council parking rangers will be on patrol throughout the weekend.

#### PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA

- There will be a pick-up and drop-off area for guests at the south gate entrance. Please call the Bluesfest Hotline (02) 6639 9800 for clarification with respect to these arrangements. Please note that it is free to use this area.

#### DISABLED PARKING

- There is an area set aside for disabled parking.

#### SHUTTLE BUSES

- Shuttle buses will run every 40-60 minutes (subject to traffic) from Byron Bay Bus Exchange (Butler Street). There will also be shuttle bus services from surrounding towns. The bus timetable is now available on the Bluesfest website.

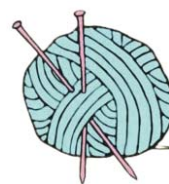
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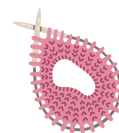
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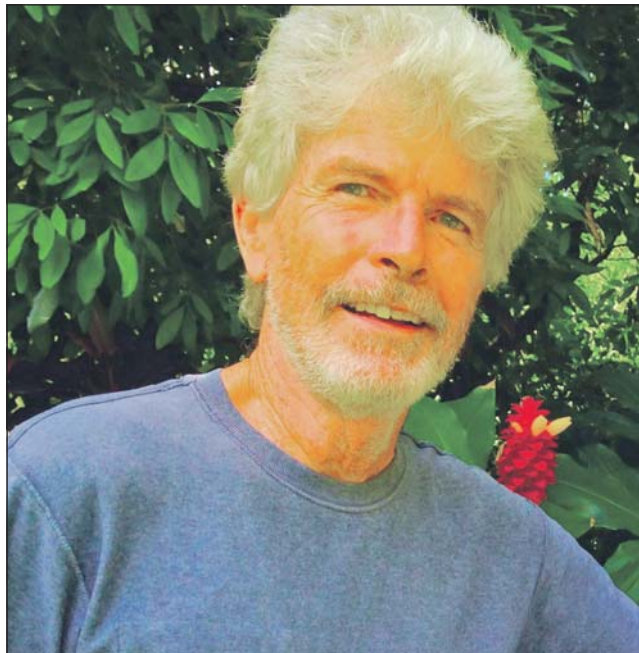
Jay Foley was one of the early American surfers to come to Byron Bay in the early 1970s. He was originally from Texas. His first Australian connection was when Australian actress Dame Judith Anderson gave him a scholarship to Brooks Institute, Santa Barbara. His professors put her onto Jay and she funded him to study art at Brooks.

While studying in Santa Barbara in the late '60s he met other Oz emigrés in the surf there as well as a group of Melbournian theatre artists. He saw George Greenough's film of the Australian coast from Fraser Island to Yamba on his then-shaper's barn wall. It was included in George's film, *The Innermost Limits of Pure Fun* (1970). Then he realised why Richie West, Bob Cooper, George, Michael Cundith, Garth Murphy, Danny and Kathy Carleton had all gone to Australia. Plus he had fallen in love with Margot Lindsay, an Australian woman he met in Santa Barbara.

Jay sailed for two years through the South Pacific (at times with Wardie Ward), living and working in New Zealand for a year, before arriving in Melbourne. He reunited with Margot and they lived in Melbourne, sharing a house for a short time with Helen Garner, while she wrote her novel, *Monkey Grip*.

## A place of friendship

He arrived in Mullumbimby by train from Melbourne in September 1974 with Margot. On that first day he met Dr Karel Hromek and his family while trying to find his friends Danny and Kathy



Jay Foley's paddle out will take place on Saturday, March 29 at 5.30pm at Clark's Beach, Byron Bay. Photo supplied

Carleton, who lived out the back of Mullumbimby. They were to meet him off the train, but they didn't show, so they walked five kilometres, stopping at a house. He asked a man named Karel Hromek if he knew Danny Carleton. Yes, Danny was his neighbour. Danny thought Jay was coming the next day. They had other people staying, so Karel and his wife Robin took Jay and Margot in. Jay and the Hromek family became life-long friends. Margot eventually went back to Melbourne.

Jay lived in a few different places in Byron Bay. Including a corner room on the top floor of the Byron Community Centre for a while. Tony Kibblewhite managed the building. Sergeant Tutt came up one evening when he saw a light on. Tutt said It was okay to be there if Tony had given Jay a key. Shortly after, Jay moved to Paterson Lane with Michael Cundith.

He did a variety of jobs. He had contacted Cundith

when he first arrived and started making skateboard and fin panels as well as custom made surfboard fins. He would ride his bicycle into Byron Bay and take the train back to Mullumbimby. That's how he found his farm at Myocum. He bought it in 1981 after working labouring jobs, surfboards by day and cooking at night at The Rocks Restaurant in what was then the Julian Rocks Motel, now Aquarius backpackers on Lawson Street, Byron Bay.

Jay was an art teacher at Trinity High School in Lismore for 20 years from 1992.

## Paddle out

He died earlier this month after a short illness. His paddle out and scattering of ashes will take place on Saturday, March 29 at 5.30pm at Clark's Beach, Byron Bay. Meet at the picnic tables near the beach entrance. Those who knew him are welcome, and to go to the bowling club after for food and refreshments.

## Increasing disasters

The unmeasured and unmet need is in the collective and complex trauma from all these emergencies, that are occurring closer together and more regularly, and the toll on mental health. I know my nervous system was fried to the point of manifesting back pain that was so bad I couldn't walk. I could barely resource the work required to treat the symptoms, our wellness system is yet to develop the programs to address the cause. More conversations are needed on how we de-escalate from these emergencies as individuals and as communities.

an issue with local organisations then having to fill the gaps without funding.

'Running on the smell of an oily rag is giving us a headache. We have some target funded programs, mostly domestic violence specific, but everything we do outside of those programs is unfunded,' Julie continued.

'We are not saying we won't continue to support community in disaster but with every event, it is increasingly difficult. We're creative and flexible, enormously grateful for our volunteers, and will continue to do what we can, it's just getting really hard.'

► From previous page events, how can we possibly continue to be the communities back-up power supply. Sooner or later we are just out of juice.'

## Out of touch

Current government approaches favour funding large consortiums or faith-based organisations. This leads to a lack of understanding of the local landscape, and a need to lean in on place-based organisations. This can result in safety being compromised at the very time the goal is to keep people safe. There are reports across multiple locations that the provision of safe spaces and food was

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**BALLINA RSL**

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For those who don't know, this isn't just any old toilet block. It was designed by award-winning local architect Christine Vadasz, whose work has been widely recognised for its thoughtful design and sustainability. In fact, she's won multiple prestigious awards, including the NSW RAIA President's Award and has been awarded a Life Fellowship by the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA), among many others. This structure isn't just about function – it's a piece of architectural history that deserves to be protected.

Under the Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014, our town's heritage is supposed to be protected. The plan specifically states that the aim is to 'protect the cultural heritage of Byron, including the conservation of built heritage' and that heritage items should be 'conserved, including associated fabric, settings, and views.'

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Luis Cristia  
Mullumbimby

**Local ABC MIA**

Around 7pm on the Friday night of the cyclone event we had no power, no internet,

no phone internet coverage, so no access to the Hazards NSW App and we were desperate for a cyclone emergency updates.

The night before at 1.30am we had a huge 30m eucalypt come crashing down missing our bedroom by 2m so we were understandably on edge with the wind gusts increasing beyond 100km/h.

I resorted to sitting in my car listening to 'local' ABC to try to hear what local emergency alerts were occurring. I was extremely disappointed with the Brisbane ABC and there was next to ZERO references to our region. At one stage whilst they covered all the extensive Brisbane and SE QLD news, I heard them say we will cover Lismore in the next hour.

Our wider region had more issues than just Lismore. We were unable to get updates and our 'local' ABC was missing in action and it wasn't good enough for the locals desperate for information.

We were high and dry except for the strong wind gusts but others suffering similar outages and impacted by the threat of flooding like South Golden Beach and Billinudgel would

have been desperate for updates.

Surely, we deserve our own coverage in those testing times. ABC you can do better.

Anthony Stante  
Coorabell

**Federal heritage**

It was disappointing to read your article about the Federal Heritage Study and its significance for the Federal Village Masterplan.

The aim of the masterplan was to give all members of the community input into the direction their village would take over the next few years.

To this end there were two widely-publicised rounds of well-attended public meetings, one round to develop the vision and the second to select from two alternatives that had been developed. The final document was then placed on public exhibition for comment. The masterplan process took three years to complete, involved thousands of hours of volunteer labour, and was overseen by Byron Shire Council staff. It was accepted by the entire elected council in December 2022.

Of the 15 'actions' in the final plan, one, section 5, concerned future

development in the village, and a subsection, 5b related to heritage, as follows: Conduct a heritage assessment of the main street and into Federal Drive (towards Eureka), leading to consideration of a Heritage Conservation Area listing.

The subsequent heritage assessment, conducted by a skilled volunteer, has been considered by Council and the proposed Heritage Conservation Area has not been accepted for listing. That was the completion of subsection 5b.

Inclusive as it tried to be, no community-based consultative process could achieve unanimity of views and there will always be those who disagree with the vision of the majority. To highlight the view of one disgruntled property owner on one minor aspect of the plan and, without approaching anyone with a more positive opinion, to imply that this calls into question the entire masterplan process, is journalism worthy of the Murdoch press and an insult to the Federal community.

As in the rest of the shire, rural areas are under pressure from those who are more interested in their property as a vehicle for personal advancement

than in participating in and enriching the life of their community. It's sad to see *The Echo* unwittingly aid this process.

Peter Garrard  
Federal

■ **Ed:** Very few, if any, of the landowners whose properties would have been included in the proposed Federal Heritage Conservation Area supported its introduction. Given that this idea came from the Federal Village Masterplan it is reasonable to question whether the Masterplan truly represents the wishes of the community when it comes to heritage conservation.

**Spiral of foreboding**

A sense of despair arises as on any metric today we experience (directly or indirectly) and feel the never-ending spiral of uncertainty and foreboding in this world.

Richard Jones to his credit writes, 'The public good in times of private bad' – a worthy analysis – but abysmally fails in identifying the political agency to change course.

It is fine to remain self-content should you be secure and materially well-off, but the reality is increasingly not the case for many, especially

younger people.

In 1983 the Australian election of the Hawke/Keating Labor government ushered in the then titled economic policy of 'economic rationalism' – financial deregulation of the monetary system, the shift of publicly-owned assets and services privatised for private wealth and profit making.

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Boyd Kellner  
Newrybar

**One-state solution?**

In reference to the letter from John Scrivener from February 19, you are wrong in your assumption. I do believe that a one-state solution is possible after a massive DE radicalisation program of the Palestinian population areas, and the teaching of real history stating that Jews were indigenous to the land before the 7th century Muslim colonisation, and that Jews deserve to be there. This is achievable, and would take decades to show results but would be by far the best long-term plan for the entire region. The current form of 'education' in Gaza, the West Bank etc. includes in some cases that the killing

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# AUKUS – is it the right choice or is there a better plan B?

Richard Staples

Another federal election rapidly approaches. Unlike at the last two, AUKUS has become a hot issue. Recent polling has shown that the percentage of voters that think AUKUS would enhance our national security has dropped from 45 per cent two years ago to 37 per cent. This is despite an avalanche of material from the AUKUS cheersquad. Masquerading as defence analysis, most of this is shameless promotional material aimed at an audience that is mostly unburdened by any technical knowledge about submarines, or to provide talking points for those with a vested interest.

It is repeated ad nauseam that nuclear subs are more modern, faster, more lethal, potent, formidable, and a dozen other things. Above all, we see repeated the claim that they are more stealthy. I will come back to that shortly. Meanwhile elements of the media – especially the *West Australian* and the *Adelaide Advertiser* – churn out laughable

predictions of economic booms, turbocharged by shipbuilding and related defence activity.

The government has weighed in, paying three retired US naval brass \$1 million apiece to furnish reports concluding (predictably) that nuclear submarine acquisition is a splendid idea.

Defence Minister Marles has grimly stuck to the songsheet, and apart from a failed attempt to debate AUKUS at last year's ALP Conference, and the Labor Against War social media group being active, most Labor MPs (including the incumbent Member for Richmond, Justine Elliot) are silent on the issue.

## Defence tactics

So, let's take a few steps back. Two years before the AUKUS announcement, Hugh White laid out a cool-headed approach in his 2019 book *How to Defend Australia*. In it he stressed the importance of deciding what we want our defence forces to do prior to making procurement decisions.

He systematically looks at our strengths, weaknesses



The Virginia-class attack submarine *Minnesota* (SSN 783) is under construction at Huntington Ingalls Newport News Shipbuilding. Photo US Navy / Newport News Shipbuilding

and natural geographic advantage and comes to the conclusion that a strategy of maritime denial – convincing any would-be aggressor that armed invasion would result in unacceptable losses – is a vital component of national security.

This is a welcome change, since a number of major weapons platforms have been bought without clear rationale as to how they fit into a broader strategy. The F35 Joint Strike Fighter and the two 'helicopter dock vessels' are cases in point. Above all a drift towards ever more close 'interoperability'

with US forces has been going on at least since the Howard years.

## Noisy nuclear subs

However, recently a powerful conversation has emerged that, perhaps for the first time in a generation, looks at our overall defence strategy and the assumptions underlying it. This has coalesced into a consensus that independent national security is achievable.

To understand why nuclear submarines are unsuitable as a key strategic element we need to look more closely at their strengths and weaknesses.

Any submarine's principal quality is stealth. Sound travels better in water than in air, and tracking subs depends heavily on listening either for

sounds generated (passive sonar) or signals reflected off them (active sonar).

Nuclear and conventional subs are similarly vulnerable to active sonar, but both types have strategies to minimise detection. The external hull can be covered with 'anechoic' tiles. Some newer designs have a slab-sided rather than a rounded external hull, after the fashion of a stealth warplane.

But the big problem with nuclear submarines is they are inherently noisy. The nuclear reactor can't just be switched off – the reactor itself is silent, but the associated pumps, turbines and plumbing emit constant noise.

On the other hand, a diesel-electric sub can turn everything off and even lie on the bottom if required. It may enjoy further advantage due to the nature of its deployment. It can operate in shallower waters, like the littoral seas on a continental shelf. In these environments, sonar is impeded due to its signal bouncing off the sea bottom, or being refracted by different temperatures at different depths (thermoclines) or salinity (haloclines).

## Superior stealth

Despite all the hubris attached to nuclear subs, conventional boats have

demonstrated their superior stealth several times in war games by 'sinking' aircraft carriers. In 1999, during naval exercises off Hawaii, the veteran Oberon class sub *HMAS Onslow* 'sank' the *USS Carl Vinson*. In 2004 a Swedish sub under lease to the US Navy bagged the *USS Ronald Reagan*, and more recently one of our Collins class boats scored the *USS Abraham Lincoln*.

Former senator and submariner Rex Patrick has been active in criticism of the AUKUS plan. He points out that for a 'mere' \$30 billion, we could acquire 20 state-of-the-art conventional subs. There are some impressive designs on offer from Germany, Sweden, France Japan and South Korea. Then there are UUVs (Uncrewed Underwater Vessels).

The next Australian government should cancel AUKUS. Not in retaliation for trade sanctions. Not because the US president is a dangerous psychopath. But simply because there are much cheaper and more effective ways to ensure our national security.

Richard Staples was a Greens councillor on Byron Shire Council between 1995 and 2012. He now researches and writes on energy and defence issues.

► Continued from page 12 of Jews is their highest calling – some are brainwashed into believing this from childhood, the ultimate goal of some groups being the murder or expulsion of all Jews.

Enough is enough. Israelis and Palestinians deserve to finally live in peace. Neither peoples are going anywhere. All energy should be put into making peace a reality, and teaching similarities, rather than differences. Peace now.

Danny Wakil  
Billinudgel

## Suffolk traffic

Why not think outside the box, extend Alcorn Street beyond Macgregor Street to open spaces behind houses on Macgregor and have a wide road reaching Broken Head Road?

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larger vehicles like bus and trucks.

In reality vehicular traffic is not decreasing it's the other way.

A little extra travel to exit Suffolk to Byron is a good price to pay.

I hope Byron Shire Council owns the land in question or may have to pay for it.

V Subramanya  
Suffolk Park

## Roundabout now!

Re Paul Bibby's report last week on the death of the \$2.3m grant for 'the notorious' Clifford Street intersection.

Amidst all the blame-shifting, and flak copped by Council staff for doing their job and seeking an achievable fix for a black spot, it was interesting to finally read the mayor defending their knowledge of what is and isn't deliverable. It might have been good to note such advice before throwing away such a long-awaited solution.

What would also have

been admirable from the mayor would have been an explanation of the following information that was thought best buried in the shouting:

'... Council reported the available information approved for public release... during the 23 May, 2024 Council meeting and through follow up monthly grant reports: Staff are typically not required to seek community engagement for proposed road safety improvement decisions or grant funding applications. These matters relate to the safety of the community and as Council is the road authority, we are required to consider the needs of all road users, particularly vulnerable road users.'

Source: Public Access: Questions on notice.

Even better would have been for councillors to have taken account, in their decision-making, of this sobering responsibility.

Liz Levy  
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# Trump heads hard right, world wonders what's left?

David Lowe

As the US slides into ultra-right-wing despotism, with the rule of law being abandoned and billionaires allowed free rein, surprising beneficiaries have been centrist and more progressive political parties elsewhere in the world.

Since Donald Trump was elected and started talking about annexing the country to his north, the leftist Liberal Party of Canada has gone from prospective wipeout territory to an election-winning position, with 178 seats now projected according to 338Canada. This is a statistical model based on a combination of opinion polls, electoral history and demographic data. 172 seats are needed to win. Other polls also favour the Liberals.

The Canadian governing party switched leaders recently, from the charismatic but widely hated Justin Trudeau, to former banker Mark Carney, but this trend appears to be independent of that. An election has just been called in Canada.

Meanwhile, the progressive government of Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum shows no signs of losing its honeymoon bounce since last year's election as her country stands up to tariff threats from the big bully to the north. Sheinbaum's approval is over 75 per cent in most recent polls – the kind of figure US political leaders can only dream of.



Back to the freezer?  
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## Europe and beyond

Massive political protests are challenging the rule of autocrat President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Turkey, President Aleksandar Vucic in Serbia and Prime Minister Viktor Orban in Hungary, all men who share Donald Trump's disdain for democracy and human rights.

In the UK, the ultra-right-wing Reform Party continues to surge against the ruling Labour Party as traditional conservatives fade, but Prime Minister Keir Starmer's public support for Ukraine and Europe in the face of American aggression appears to have stabilised his fall.

France, Italy and Netherlands continue to lean right, but there have been big protests against the rise of racism, fascism and far-right policies, with more than 10,000 people gathering in Amsterdam on the weekend in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

In Israel, the far-right government of Benjamin Netanyahu is under siege from its own people, with

thousands gathering around the prime minister's house and outside the Ministry of Defence in recent days following the return of attacks on Gaza and the dismissal of the head of the domestic intelligence service, who was about to resume corruption investigations into the prime minister.

Protester Moshe Haaharony told Reuters, 'The most dangerous enemy of Israel is Benjamin Netanyahu.'

Despite the best efforts of Elon Musk, Germany has held off the threat of the neo-Nazi AfD, for now, and former Filipino strongman, president and alleged mass-killer Rodrigo 'The Punisher' Duterte has been arrested by the ICC in Manila, for crimes against humanity.

## What about Australia?

At home, as Australians have seen the chaos, dysfunction and cruelty unfolding across the Pacific, Peter Dutton has been forced to back pedal from his earlier all-in support for Donald Trump and Trump-like policies, which have included racist dog whistling and attacks on the public service.

Unfortunately for him, supporting things like the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) hasn't been enough to save him in the popularity stakes.

In recent weeks, in an echo of what's happened in Canada, Anthony Albanese's downward slide and Peter

Dutton's rise in the polls have reversed. Respected pollster Roy Morgan Research says that if an election were held now, the ALP would be returned with an increased majority. The government is enjoying its largest lead in over 18 months. Even the most partisan polls are showing no election-winning lead for the Coalition at this stage.

Unlike the situation in the US, Dutton can't rely on calling out a last minute cohort of sexists and racists who don't normally vote – that demographic is known and measured here.

Anthony Albanese is due to call an election very soon.

Back in the not-so-United States of America, the Democrats appear to be in disarray, even as the democratic world beyond its borders reconsiders its relationships with what was once an ally. The only glimmer of hope appears to be the consumer boycotts of the billionaires driving the takeover of the federal government, and the massive rallies being held across the country by progressive champions and outsiders Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

How long until these two find themselves on a plane to El Salvador though, is anyone's guess.

■ David Lowe writes a weekly political column in *The Echo Online*. Sign up for the daily *Echo* at: <https://tinyurl.com/3n5a82d3> and ensure that it arrives in your inbox every Monday.

# Immediate action needed on Northern Rivers wetlands

Aslan Shand

Tropical Cyclone Alfred has highlighted the need for action on protecting wetlands in the Northern Rivers as multiple fish kills have occurred following the cyclone.

OzFish and the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales (NCC) have said that blackwater and acid runoff following flooding are the likely cause of the fish kills that once again left thousand of fish gasping on the banks of the Richmond River and its tributaries.

'The unnatural frequency of fish kill events in North Coast rivers is caused by the loss of floodplain wetlands, but government regulations are directing wetland restoration investment away from our state,' said a

spokesperson for the NCC.

The degradation of the wetlands led to an increase in blackwater and acid sulphate soils. Blackwater strips oxygen from the water and the fish try to escape the low oxygen and acidic environment by launching onto the river banks.

'Healthy water should have at least 5mg of dissolved oxygen per litre. Fish experience distress when it falls below 4mg per litre, and start to die at 2mg a litre. In Richmond River (March 16), the oxygen levels were almost nil at 0.4 mg a litre,' OzFish CEO Cassie Price said.

## Minister can act

NCC's Coastal Wetlands Campaigner, Sam Johnson explained that, 'We know restoring wetlands like the Tuckean, where water has

become as acidic as lemon juice, would reduce these mass mortality events after high rainfall.

'For the second time in three years, North Coast communities are witnessing thousands of dead or dying fish lining their riverbanks.

'This is terrible news not only for the environment, but also primary industries who will once again be forced to confront the viability of their businesses.

'High rainfall events and toxic runoff will increase with climate change, so we must act now to restore our wetlands.'

Johnson says that Minister for Water, Rose Jackson, has the power to act 'right now by amending the Water Management Regulation to reduce red tape for wetland restoration.'

'The NSW government can make simple, targeted amendments to regulations, to reduce the frequency of these events.'

Ms Price agrees having previously said that 'urgent action must be taken to build resilience into our waterways.'

'Healthy swamp bordering rivers acts as a sieve, or a filter, that reduces the blackwater entering the waterway.'

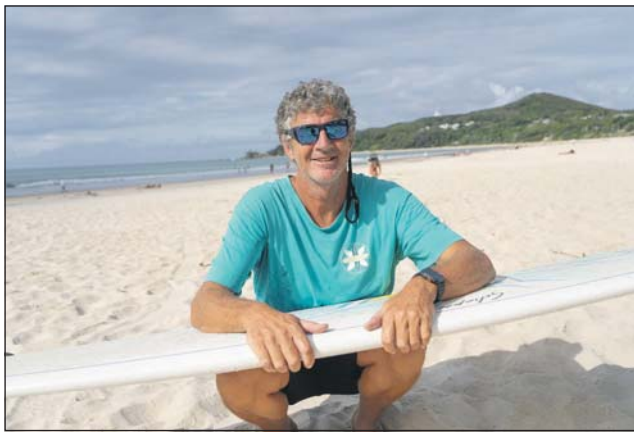
Johnson has called on the state government to prioritise the creation of a nature restoration SEPP (State Environment Planning Policy) that facilitates restoring natural wetlands and protecting river systems, industry and fish from the future impacts from flooding and cyclones that are likely to occur if no action is taken.

## Malibu Classic returns for its 44th year

The longest-running single-fin longboard event in Australia, now in its 44th year, will return to Wategos Beach on April 25 and 26 – and entries are now open.

The Byron Bay Malibu Classic is aiming to be bigger and better than ever, says co-organiser, Jy Pendergast.

‘It attracts over 150 competitors from all over the globe, together with their families and a large number of spectators’, he says.



Jy Pendergast from the Byron Bay Malibu Club. Photo Jeff Dawson

### Raises funds

‘Run by volunteers from Byron Bay Malibu Club, the Classic was set up to help raise funds for a range of local charities and causes, featuring barbecues and an evening closing event at the

Byron Bay Bowling Club with heaps of giveaways.

‘All club profits go directly to these organisations and we have donated well in excess of \$300,000 to local organisations and charities

in the last 40 years.

‘2024 alone saw \$18,000 being divided amongst some incredible causes and projects’, says Jy. To enter, visit [www.byronbaymalibuclub.org/the-classic](http://www.byronbaymalibuclub.org/the-classic).

## Hapkiyusul comes to Northern Rivers

An ancient practice that combines physical movement with mental discipline is now available in Byron Shire, with classes being taught by the highest-ranked Hapkiyusul practitioner in the world, Jarrod Taylor.

He says classes at the Bangalow RSL Hall, as well as in Lismore, Bexhill, and Murwillumbah, are open to people of all ages and fitness levels, with sessions available every day, except Sundays.

Jarrod says, ‘The unique approach to fitness and mental clarity through Hapkiyusul traces its origins back to India, Korea, Japan, and South Korea’.

‘It is a holistic practice that focuses on building strength, enhancing cardiovascular health, and teaching practical self-defence techniques.

‘What sets it apart is its methodical, low-impact approach that is ideal for improving both physical



The highest-ranked Hapkiyusul practitioner in the world, Jarrod Taylor. Photo supplied

fitness and mental wellbeing.

‘The discipline was passed down through generations of masters, with the final custodian, Kim Yun Sang, entrusting his teachings to me’.

### Journey from 1999

He says his Hapkiyusul journey began in 1999, when he moved to South Korea to study Hapkido and Korean culture.

‘I trained under Kim Yun Sang for nearly two decades.

‘In 2023, I returned to the Northern Rivers with my family, ready to share this

ancient practice with local communities and provide high-quality instruction to help individuals enhance their physical and mental health.

‘Classes are 90 minutes long, beginning with 45 minutes of stretching and cardiovascular exercises that increase flexibility and joint mobility.

‘The second half of the class involves paired exercises designed to enhance strength and teach practical self-defence techniques’, Jarrod adds.

For more info visit [www.hapkiyusulglobal.com](http://www.hapkiyusulglobal.com).

## Byron U14s win grand final



Pictured from left: Chaz, Trystan, Ruben, Curtis, Freeman, Remo, coach Neehal, and Tyler. Photo supplied

In Ballina last week, the best of all the players from the U14 Byron Bay Futsal League combined and won the 2025 Futsal All Stars Championship in a thrilling grand final against Goonellabah.

The drawn game was finally decided by a penalty shootout, and then with still no winner, a sudden death shootout with the All Stars Byron Bay reigning supreme. Well done Byron!

## Bangalow third grade cricket win semis

Deano ‘The Rig’ Bohn had a sensational innings in the heat on Saturday, helping Bangalow third grade to a semi-final win over Tintenbar Fire.

Bangalow will now play Byron Bay in a rematch of last year’s grand final.

Bangalow fourth grade also progressed to the final, with a hard fought win against Tintenbar Weeds.

They will take on Alstonville fourth grade in the grand final.



Deano ‘The Rig’ Bohn. Photo supplied

## Byron shines at national karate comp

### Richard Light

On Sunday, the Byron Bay JWK Karate Club tasted success in round one of the Queensland AMAC (Australian Martial Arts Competition) at Nerang.

Competing in his first karate tournament, Robert Boyle took second place in the beginners Kata.

Overcoming the nerves

associated with his first comp, he performed Chi No Kata well enough to come home with silver. This was followed by Anthony Dihn, winning two silver medals. He won the Advanced Freestyle Sparring and Contact Points Sparring. Robert and Anthony train in the Ewingsdale Dojo, and will compete in round two in July.

They are both well set up to qualify for the Queensland Championships.

### Send us your sport stories!

We would love to run all kinds of local sport on these pages so please send your photos and stories to [sport@echo.net.au](mailto:sport@echo.net.au).

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# Good Taste

## Eateries Guide

### BANGALOW



#### Bangalow Tuckshop

Open: Wed to Sat, noon till late.  
43 Byron Street, Bangalow  
bangalowtuckshop.com  
hello@bangalowtuckshop.com.au  
@Bangalowtuckshop

Tuckshop serves up elevated comfort food and familiar favourites featuring locally sourced produce with super salads and seafood, wagyu steak, vegetables cooked on charcoal, and refreshing wines and cocktails that cater to today's foodie culture.

### BILLINUDGEL



#### Rosefina's Mexican

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Lunch 12pm-2:30pm  
Dinner 5pm-8:30pm  
Sunday 12pm-8pm  
8/10 Wilfred St, Billinudgel  
www.rosefinas.place

Rosefina went retro and bought a Club Lounge to eat tacos and drink tequila.

### BYRON BAY



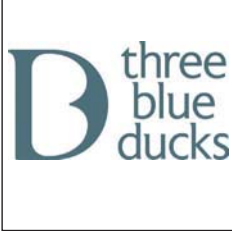
#### Main Street

Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner.  
Menu, more details -  
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#### Roca Byron Bay

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www.rocabyronbay.com.au

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#### Welcome to Horizon, Byron's newest rooftop bar.

Enjoy hinterland views, stunning sunsets and signature cocktails showcasing local distilleries and breweries.



#### Forest Byron Bay

Open 7 days  
Breakfast: 7:30 to 10:30am  
Lunch on Verandah from 12 to 3pm  
Dinner: 5:30 to 9pm  
crystalbrookcollection.com/  
byron/forest

Rainforest views, farm to table dining and a menu showcasing the best of Northern Rivers produce. Forest Byron Bay offers fresh, seasonal dishes and crafted cocktails.

Unwind with Golden Hour, 4 to 6pm Tuesday to Saturday, or enjoy house-made pasta with wine for Pasta Thursday.

### BYRON BAY (continued)



#### Oyster Bar

4 Marvell St, Byron Bay  
OPEN 7 DAYS  
Breakfast 7-11:30am  
Lunch 12-4pm  
Dinner 5-10pm  
Book  
byronbayoysterbar.com.au

#### Hotel Marvell's newest seafood destination

OYSTER HOUR  
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Serving \$3 oysters



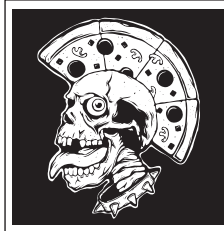
#### North Byron Liquor Merchants

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Thur & Fri nights from 3pm  
FB/Insta: EmpireMullum  
www.empiremullum.com.au

#### Now open Thursday and Friday nights for tacos and cocktails from 3pm!

New Mexican-themed all-day menu just dropped featuring a mix of Mex and Empire classics.

HAPPY HOUR: Thursday and Friday 3-5pm with \$15 margaritas and \$7 cerveza. ¡Está estupendo!

### WOLLONGBAR



#### Bonito Peruvian

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## Join the 2025 Northern Rivers Food Harvest Festival

The Northern Rivers Food Harvest Festival is back, bigger and better than ever! This year, the festival will run for a whole month, from 1-31 May, showcasing the region's unique food culture, stunning landscapes, and vibrant community spirit.

Now in its ninth year, the Harvest Festival promises to be an unforgettable journey through the region's four unique sub-regions: Ballina and Byron Shires; Lismore, Kyogle and Richmond Valley; The Tweed; and The Clarence.

Each weekend will feature a two-day Harvest Trail, an undercover producers' hub, and a long table community lunch or dinner. This year, festival participation is open to ALL Northern Rivers food and beverage producers, not just members of Northern Rivers Food.

Already, some of the region's best known and emerging brands have signed up, including Stone & Wood, Potager at Carool, Sunshine Sugar, Zentveld's Coffee, Caldera Brewing,

Bunker Distillery, Playing with Fire, and Grumpy Grandma's, to name just a few!

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open for local farmers, artisan food producers, food and drink retailers, and restaurateurs. To take part, simply visit the Harvest Festival website and follow the easy instructions to enter your information, upload your relevant documents, and pay your participation fee.

The festival promises to be a celebration of the region's resilience and determination,

particularly after the devastating floods of 2022 and more recently, Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. By taking part, local businesses can help rebuild and revitalise the community.

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your business and be part of this iconic annual event. EOIs close on 31 March, so be sure to submit your application today.

■ Harvest Festival tickets are on sale now, visit [www.harvestfestival.org.au](http://www.harvestfestival.org.au).



## Autumn abundance: backyard gardening tips from Luke at Seedlings Organic

As the leaves turn, backyard gardeners can usher in a productive autumn season with strategic planning and planting. Luke from Seedlings Organic has this expert advice for maximising yields in smaller spaces.

### Bed preparation is key:

Prepare your beds for autumn, aerate the soil thoroughly and enrich it with compost or worm castings to boost fertility. Skip mulch in autumn vegetable gardens due to wet conditions and potential pest/disease issues. Instead, encourage low-growing,



non-competitive 'weeds' like false dandelion, dandelion, bitterness, slender celery, winter grass, and shivery grass. These improve soil health. For flowering companions, consider heartsease or alyssum, which are also edible.

### Focus on quick returns:

In limited spaces, prioritise vegetables that offer a fast turnaround. Instead of long-growing varieties, opt for quick-maturing crops. Consider mini-sugarloaf cabbage, small green cabbages or wonbok

over traditional cabbages. Other excellent choices include silverbeet, pak choi, Asian greens, lettuce, kale, chard, and spinach.

### Root vegetables and alliums:

Radishes and beetroot are ideal for autumn planting, with radishes offering harvests in just 4-6 weeks and beetroot turning around fairly quickly. Alliums like spring onions, onions, and leeks thrive in cooler weather. Direct seeding is beneficial for some vegetables, consider carrots, radishes, peas, and broad beans. Due to differing watering needs, Luke suggests pairing carrots

with leeks rather than onions. While carrots require consistent moisture, leeks can tolerate it better than other alliums.

### Herbs and longer-term crops:

Continue growing herbs like rosemary, parsley, coriander, and basil for a few more months. If you have extra space, now is the time to plant longer-term crops such as garlic, potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli, and cabbage.

### Pest control for brassicas:

Brassicas are susceptible to pests, so regular spraying is essential. Luke recommends using Dipel, an organic solution

available at his shop. Mix ¼ teaspoon of Dipel with 20ml of eco or neem oil in 5 litres of water and spray your brassicas weekly until the end of May.

### Seed and seedling expertise:

Luke is your go-to source for expert advice on seedlings and seeds. Many local organic farmers rely on Luke from Seedlings Organic for their planting needs. **Happy gardening this autumn!**

■ You will find Seedlings Organic every Friday at Mullum Farmers Market from 7am to 11am at Mullum Showgrounds, Main Arm Road.

## Cyclone Alfred aftermath: the impact on our local farmers



Before and after images of Roseberry Growers' farm.

While many people in the Northern Rivers can now breathe a sigh of relief after escaping a worse fate at the hands of Cyclone Alfred, its impacts are still being felt by many of our region's farmers.

Byron Farmers Market manager Tom Carey says that a number of local farms have been badly affected, with some having lost entire paddocks and crops.

'Pretty much all our farmers have copped some sort of damage and quite a few have lost over 50 per cent of their crops,' he says. 'Banana farmers have all had big hits and those farmers will take about 12-18 months to recover back to full production, depending on the banana variety.'

'One of the most heart-breaking stories, though, is two of our youngest farmers, Julia Bolam and Taylor Jamieson of Roseberry Growers, who trade

at Bangalow. They have not only lost virtually all their crops but most of their infrastructure, (irrigation, weed mat, poly tunnels, etc.) as well.'

Julia Bolam and husband Taylor Jamieson grow organic vegetables and flowers on their farm, which is located near a creek in Upper Richmond catchment, and was completely inundated.

'The creek broke the banks and caused a flash flood/flash river to travel through about 60 per cent of our market garden (the 60 per cent that we had most of our crops in),' Julia explains. 'The water was superpowerful and crushed two caterpillar tunnels. It also took a lot of top soil and all the crops that were in that area. The top soil loss is the worst part as we had been working on the soil for years and it had started growing some really amazing vegetables.'

Julia says the flooding has set the couple back months, but they are already working hard to get the farm back on its feet. 'Basically, we have to start again crop-wise, so we will likely miss five to seven weeks' worth of farmers' markets but then we will be back, initially with fast-growing crops only,' she says.

So now more than ever is the time to get behind our farmers and support those who do have produce to sell. 'We are incredibly grateful for the support of our community throughout the year, but particularly in times like this,' Tom says.

■ Byron Farmers Market is on Thursdays from 7am to 11am at Butler St Reserve

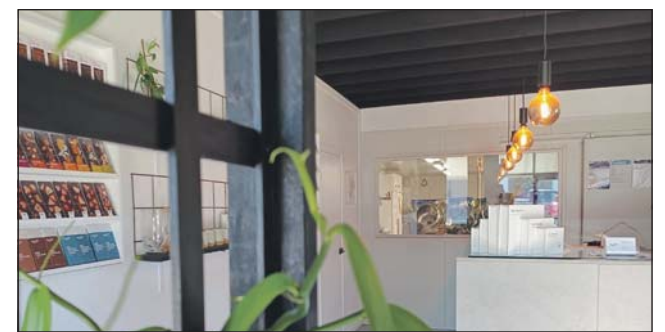
■ Bangalow Farmers Market is on Saturdays from 7am to 11am in Piccabeen Park.

## Byron Bay Cacao's handcrafted collection

Easter is the perfect time to indulge, and this year, Byron Bay Cacao is offering a limited-edition collection of luxurious handcrafted chocolates, designed to elevate your celebrations.

Richard Tuohy is both the owner and master chocolatier, dedicated to ensuring that each creation is crafted with care from the finest ingredients, to ensure a rich and unforgettable taste experience. In addition to the normal enticing range, the limited-time Easter range features stunning chocolate Easter eggs, elegant bunnies, and loads of other chocolate treats. Whether you're gifting, or enjoying these treats yourself, Byron Bay Cacao's Easter range brings a touch of indulgence and sophistication to the holiday season. The range also includes options for various dietary preferences, such as vegan and refined-sugar-free choices, so everyone can enjoy.

Why choose Byron Bay Cacao? While being a chocolatier may seem like a dreamy, creative job, it's also important that the quality is consistently high, so that customers are never disappointed. Byron Bay Cacao is dedicated to delivering exceptional quality in every product; as Richard says, 'Our chocolates are crafted from the highest quality, 100% Australian-made chocolate, offering a rich flavour everyone will love. With their striking packaging, they're the perfect choice for anyone



Make this Easter unforgettable with Byron Bay Cacao.

seeking a delicious treat that looks as good as it tastes.'

### Sustainability

'We're proud of our commitment to sustainability. Our factory is powered by solar energy, and all of our packaging is made from recycled materials. When you choose Byron Bay Cacao, you're not just choosing delicious chocolates – you're choosing products that prioritise quality and the environment.'

Buying from independent, locally-owned companies like Byron Bay Cacao has lasting benefits for our region; buying a local product is not just about getting something more meaningful, and often unique, it also has a ripple effect that makes it better to live here. If you get a chance to speak to Richard, you'll hear that Byron Bay Cacao values craftsmanship and sustainability, and takes pride in creating each and every product for you. Your support helps them to continue to deliver high-quality treats while staying true to their values.

So, with Easter fast approaching, as their collection is available for a limited time only, stock up now to ensure you have the finest chocolates on hand for the season. For businesses, Byron Bay Cacao offers wholesale partnerships, providing a unique opportunity to offer your customers something truly special this Easter. Pre-ordering is available now in their local boutique, or contact them for wholesale enquiries, but stock is limited. While you're visiting, be sure to try their delicious hot chocolate, coffee and pastries.

■ Email [info@byronbaycacao.com](mailto:info@byronbaycacao.com) or visit Unit 4, 20-22 DeHavilland Cres, Ballina.





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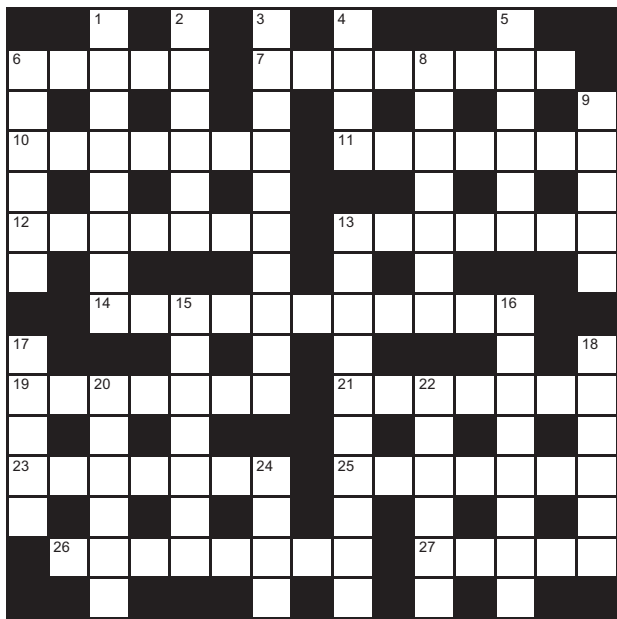
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[pinklotusfood.com.au](http://pinklotusfood.com.au)  
[@pinklotuseatery](https://www.instagram.com/pinklotuseatery)



**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- 6. Overused anagram reveals litter (5)
- 7. Greek warrior takes pains to suppress evil (8)
- 10. Essentially free spirit Romeo's ditched at interval (7)
- 11. Try to hold onto *Echo* security head in wild weather (7)
- 12. Flower faeries cultivated (7)
- 13. Parties organised to provide money (7)
- 14. Flag on stern of warship is not good enough (11)
- 19. Boxer not quite in - directly opposed, or much admired? (7)
- 21. Ionian leader laying waste to Athens impulsively (2,5)
- 23. Play presented outside church gains currency (7)
- 25. Rider, with long period nearly finished, is at an intersection (7)
- 26. Greek warrior depicted in intricate enamel uniform by Praxiteles - at last! (8)
- 27. Hard worker taking time off. Well? (5)

**DOWN**

- 1. Greek warrior whose headless corpse is found on ship by Sue when returning (8)
- 2. Releases elders, but not Arrernte leader (6)
- 3. Crook - it's a guy thing! (10)
- 4. Excite wuss who's swallowed heroin (4)
- 5. Leave waste (6)
- 6. Trouble gets serious in the end, with some piffing thing left out (6)
- 8. Follower of Mary starts to attend drama and dance (7)
- 9. Veteran American actor won't entertain king - could be costly (5)
- 13. License cap unfairly placed on carrier of stationery (6,4)
- 15. Left-wing slob turns up at hotel every second time (7)
- 16. Devotee lied dreadfully about flipping photos (8)
- 17. Potatoes, then dessert, eaten by Hitler's men (5)
- 18. Greek warrior who was at Troy, and not overseeing estate (6)
- 20. Revolver may be found in Penny Lane tomorrow! (6)
- 22. Warrior at Troy, The Rock, beaten up and shedding kilos (6)
- 24. Mighty Greek warrior starts to attack Jericho with American chopper (4)

**Quick Clues**

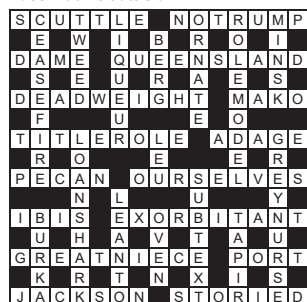
**ACROSS**

- 6. Family car with four doors (5)
- 7. Legendary Greek warrior with a vulnerable heel (8)
- 10. Brief period of relief (7)
- 11. Violent storm or commotion (7)
- 12. Fragrant flower with funnel-shaped blooms (7)
- 13. Former monetary unit of several Middle Eastern countries (7)
- 14. Below acceptable quality (11)
- 19. Widely liked or appreciated (7)
- 21. Quickly and with little thought (2,5)
- 23. Former currency of Greece (7)
- 25. Person who rides a bike (7)
- 26. Mythical Greek king of Sparta (8)
- 27. A ship driven by oil; an oil well (5)

**DOWN**

- 1. Legendary Greek hero known for his cunning (8)
- 2. Loosens or undoes knots (6)
- 3. Wrongdoer or criminal (10)
- 4. Sharpen or stimulate (4)
- 5. Arid, sandy landscape (6)
- 6. Conflict or bitter disagreement (6)
- 8. Brazilian dance with sensual movements (7)
- 9. Having a sharp slope or incline (5)
- 13. Container for writing implements (6,4)
- 15. Uncooperative or rebellious (7)
- 16. Devoted follower or student (8)
- 17. Informal term for potatoes (5)
- 18. Wise elderly counsellor in Greek mythology (6)
- 20. Celestial body orbiting a star (6)
- 22. Bully or intimidate (6)
- 24. Mythical Greek hero in the Trojan War (4)

**Last week's solution #47**



# Happy Birthday

Mandy Nolan

**W**hy do we sing 'Happy Birthday'? It's an awful little song. It's weird and depressing. It's age inappropriate for anyone over ten years old. It feels daggy and inauthentic. Sad. Lost. It makes me feel funny inside. But if it's someone's birthday it's my go to, because it's all we have.

As the birthday boy, or girl or person, sits in the agonising discomfort of enjoying the full focus of not just their friends and family, drunk Uncle Archie, and sometimes an entire restaurant of strangers singing the slow, melodic dirge it doesn't feel like happy birthday. It feels like creepy birthday. 'Creepy birthday to you. Creepy birthday to you. Creepy birthday to youuuuu. Hip hip?'

It's not just the tune, even the words suck. Why must we force people to be happy?

Can't the person with the birthday decide their own emotional tone? Sulky birthday? Angry birthday? Sexy birthday? We've got to stop telling people to be happy. Give them a house, a secure fulfilling job, a community filled with love and support, and then sing 'Happy Birthday'.

We've all had to endure the birthday chorus. It's awkward. There's no other word to describe what it feels like to be on the receiving end of the annual happy birthday choir. No one loves it. Yet we persist. Because frankly we don't really know what else to do. Someone gives a speech, whacks out a cake and goes, shit, we need an emotional high that brings us all together before you blow out the candles and make your wish. My wish for the last ten years has been for a better song.

Sometimes people decide to go for the Stevie Wonder version because, clearly, he couldn't stand it either. But that's a bit cheesy as well. I think I'd prefer a Nick Cave version. A happy birthday murder ballad. Because if you've ever given birth you'll understand the need for a gothic twist. Women throughout history have not



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**I'm imagining a maximum-security prison. One giant bloke turns to another less giant bloke and says 'what are you in for?' (I know you aren't supposed to ask that in the clink, but go with me). 'Armed robbery. You?' 'Happy birthday.'**

broken their vaginas, pushing a giant head through a 10cm cervical dilation for such a boring song.

I had a google, and apparently the song, 'Happy Birthday to You' was written by two sisters Mildred and Patty Hill. An organist and a kindergarten teacher. In 1893. And it's pretty well remained unchanged since then. I didn't realise until I googled that Warner somehow had the copyright and until a few years ago, singing happy birthday without paying royalties was technically against the law.

I'm imagining a maximum-security prison. One giant bloke turns to

another less giant bloke and says 'what are you in for?' (I know you aren't supposed to ask that in the clink, but go with me). 'Armed robbery. You?' 'Happy birthday'. Someone overhears the conversation. There's a silence. And then the whole prison yard starts singing 'happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you ...' And the guards have to shut it down and put everyone in solitary.

That song really is a crime. So here's the challenge. Maybe this year, instead of the scary drunken chorus singing an outdated song meant for kindergarten kids in Kentucky, Louisiana, in the late 1800s, maybe write your birthday target a special song. Who knows, it might take off and then you can take a clip.

Until then. If it's your birthday ... Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you. Happy ...

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

## STARS BY LILITH

This week's sun and new moon sing Happy Birthday Aries and a brave new astrological year to everyone else, as our western zodiac calendar begins another cycle of worldwide change ...



ARIES THE RAM

**ARIES:** Is Venus and Mercury backtracking out of Aries this week's best news? No, it's the sun and new moon in your fiery sign on 29 March setting off celestial firecrackers to celebrate your astro-birthday. Take time, Rams, to tune into the magical download of celestial information heading your way.

**TAURUS:** Your ruling planet Venus retrogrades in the same zodiac sector around every seven years or so, hence the proverbial seven-year itch. This is when recurring themes or patterns emerge which activate changes of heart, and shifts in priorities as you decide what matters most in these changing times.

**GEMINI:** Geminis are used to dealing with dualities, but your mentor planet Mercury shifting back and forth between intuitive, dreamy, emotional; and blunt, rapid-fire, direct, can be confusing and unsettling. This week's horoscope suggests your naturally chatty selves will do best by holding back and listening.

**CANCER:** Assertive Mars in Cancer can make you extra protective of what's precious, and why not? But this week advises treading gently, especially around the potentially-flammable and emotionally-explosive new moon solar eclipse on 29 March - which on the upside enhances confidence and supports new beginnings.

**LEO:** As this passionate, radical week dials up excitement in the life of Leo, your majesty might feel inclined to push the envelope a little. But easy does it, and also don't neglect, when you're stepping onto centre-stage, to credit the loyal support team who helped you there.

**VIRGO:** Virgos like to be polished and prepared, but your mentor planet Mercury's retrograde this week could bring vagueness, misunderstandings and mistakes. In which case, go easy on the self-scolding; step back from the general noise and tumult for some quintessentially Virgoan reflection and rejigging.

**LIBRA:** You Venusians will be happy to hear that the new moon eclipse on 29 March brings closure to a planetary theme at work for Librans since 2023 around self vs relationships, opening a new chapter of discovery, independence and honouring your own needs in ongoing collaborations. Bravo!

**SCORPIO:** Black Moon Lilith is a celestial point between the moon and earth that astrologers associate with representing our wild side. This week Black Moon Lilith moves into Scorpio for a nine-month transit destined to take you for a rollercoaster ride on the drama express. Strap in and enjoy!

**SAGITTARIUS:** This week's energy and momentum bring a renewed sense of optimism, initiative and fresh starts as it presses the reset button on a brand-new astrological cycle. Bold possibilities beckon, but curb your impatience, hold those Sagittarian horses, don't burn out on the first furlong. Pace yourself.

**CAPRICORN:** Venus and Mercury concurrently retrograde in your sector of communications and social contacts is one of the year's best cycles for revisiting partnership and friend narratives. For thinking about what past grievances can be released, and deciding who should stay and what needs to go.

**AQUARIUS:** You're probably in the mood to blaze your own unique trail this week, but two retrograde planets in your financial sector are saying, 'hey, wait a second ...' There's something you may not be aware of yet which, when it's revealed, which will change the game play.

**PISCES:** When there's not just one, but two planets, in this week's case Mercury and Venus, retrograde in your sign, the message is loud and clear: something important requires your attention, consideration and reflection. This week's not without challenges, but addressing them will be a huge relief.

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## Modern masters on show in Murwillumbah

Murwillumbah is home to many artists and galleries. This week, it will be home to a rich collection of lithographs, screen prints, oils and other works from the modern masters.

For many, the exhibition will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view and acquire quality framed prints by artists such as Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Henri Matisse, Claude Renoir, Andy Warhol, Maurice Utrillo, Toulouse Lautrec, Marc Chagall, Banksy and more.

The exhibition will open on Friday, 28 March in the gallery space above the Courthouse Hotel, from 5 to 7.30pm. Entry is free, and refreshments will be served. The gallery will be open from 9am to 2pm daily from Saturday, 29 March to Wednesday, 2 April.

**Upstairs at The Courthouse Hotel,**  
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**workingwindows1@gmail.com**

## Wright Machinery in Murwillumbah



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## 2. NORTH BYRON HOTEL

North Byron Hotel is a meeting place for friends and families to get together and indulge in sustainable Northern Rivers produce, and local musical talents. Showcasing the best of the rainbow region, the sun-drenched garden welcomes locals and holidaymakers for restaurant quality food at pub prices. Check out the website for a jam-packed events calendar, fit for the whole family.

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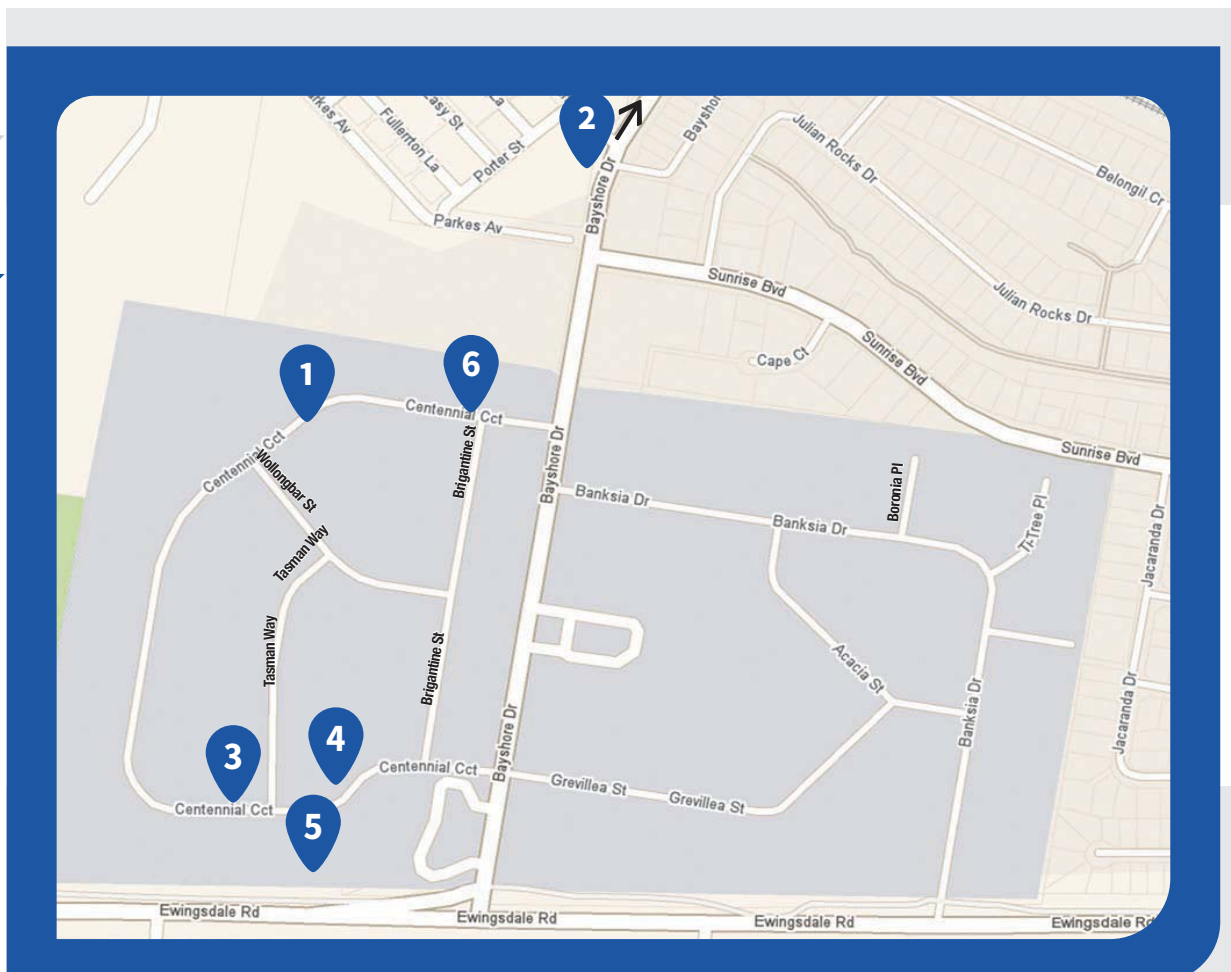


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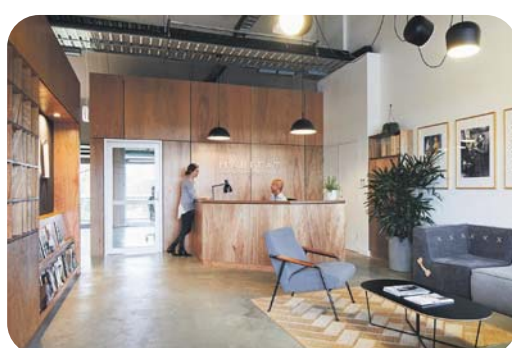


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## Fanning and Dempsey

Great Southern Nights presents **Bernard Fanning and Paul Dempsey**, two of the most revered and successful Australian artists of the last 30 years.

The esteemed pair recently launched their new project Fanning Dempsey National Park, releasing their highly-acclaimed debut album *The Deluge* and capped off 2024 with a sold out headline tour and a spectacular performance on *ABC NYE 2024* broadcast to millions of viewers worldwide.

Fanning Dempsey National Park marks new terrain for both artists. 'We agreed straight away, there's no point doing something together if it's going to be what people think it's going to be', says Dempsey, 'It's not the two of us with acoustic guitars singing campfire songs.'

They've crafted a bold sound, exemplified by lead single 'Disconnect' combining ethereal synths, robotic pulses, thwacking drums, and stabbing sax. The second single and

title track 'The Deluge' emerged from Fanning's experiment with monochromatic rhythm and vocal melody, coloured by Dempsey's wild spasms of treated guitar and synth.

With this sonic-guiding principle where synthesisers are edging out guitars, their newly announced 'The Deluge 2025 Regional Tour' will take these lauded singer-songwriters into new musical terrain as they perform across the country from March to May.

The two singer-songwriters' solo works and monumental respective bands, Powderfinger and Something For Kate, account for nine number one albums, millions of sales, a staggering 38 songs in Triple J's Hottest 100, scores of awards from ARIA to APRA and beyond, and reputations among the most skilled and thoughtful writers of their generation.

*The Deluge* is out now via Dew Process / Universal Music.

**Great Southern Nights 2025 takes place from March 21 to April 6, featuring 300+ gigs across Sydney and New South Wales.**

More info at [fanningdempseynationalpark.com](http://fanningdempseynationalpark.com).

See them live on Thursday, April 3 at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay, more info at [beachhotel.com.au](http://beachhotel.com.au).

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## Winter warmer and more fun

Winter is looking a little warmer this year, as Stone & Wood is excited to unveil this year's lineup for **Festival of the Stone**. Set to heat up Byron Bay on **Saturday, June 14**, this year's edition will bring together a killer lineup of homegrown talent, all set to soundtrack the night alongside the annual unveiling of Stone & Wood's latest batch of Stone Beer—all while raising funds for Byron's Fletcher Street Cottage. You'll be getting cosy with ...

WA indie-rock duo **Old Mervs** are set for a huge 2025, celebrating the release of their debut album with a mammoth tour. Known for catchy hooks and breezy guitars, their music encapsulates the highs and lows of life's experiences.

Multi-ARIA Award-winning singer-songwriter **Josh Pyke** will bring his beloved storytelling and rich melodies to the Festival of the Stone stage. Since his breakthrough debut 'Memories & Dust' in 2007, Pyke has captivated audiences with his relatable, heartfelt music, solidifying his place as one of Australia's most beloved songwriters.

The **Belair Lip Bombs** are also along for the ride, set to blend their indie rock style with heartfelt lyrics and irresistible hooks.

Newcastle post-punk quintet **Dust** are rapidly becoming one of Australia's most singular and essential bands.

Catch the bold sound and raw energy of Gen Z powerhouse **Felony**, and you'll see why she's shaking up the Australian music scene! Meanjin's alternative rock six-piece, **Strayfold**, kick off the festival with their dynamic blend of shoegaze, striking violin, deep baritone guitar and soaring female vocals.

As always, Festival of the Stone 2025 marks the unveiling of Stone & Wood's Stone Beer—a bold, limited-edition winter brew crafted using ancient techniques. Brewed with select Australian malts and heated stones for a rich, smoky caramel depth, this year's batch is best enjoyed celebrating a good cause and a day filled with music and community.

**Tickets are on sale now at: [stoneandwood.com.au](http://stoneandwood.com.au) – get in quick, as last year's event sold out well in advance!**



## A Rainbow of Babes

April 4 is the release date for the new album by much-loved local band **Babe Rainbow** and they are marking the release of album number 6 with a supersized launch party at Hotel Brunswick.

Joining the celebration is Parisian singer/songwriter **Camille Jansen**, who sings throughout much of the new album *Slipper imp and shakaerator*. And from a Gold Coast garage comes the human/fruit hybrid **Love Banana**.

The new album *Slipper imp and shakaerator* is a suite of maverick, zephyr-light acid-pop following its own North Star and chasing subtle, slippery, subterranean grooves to delirious destinations. It rambles gleefully wild, the jams running long but with purpose, lysergic harmonies loosely tethered to deftly funky rhythm loops and fragments of guitar that channel the lyricism of high-life ('What Is Ashwagandha'), the flash of 80s funk ('Like Cleopatra'), a glorious, sun-soaked pop banger in disguise, and the white-heat of acid-rock ('When The Milk Flows'). There are haunting instrumental vignettes ('Apollonia'), nuggets of lo-fi introspection ('Now And Zen'), even a massive, ground-quaking, reggae-informed excursion starring old friend Stu Mackenzie of King Gizzard (the wozy, wonderful Mt Dub), who also mixed the album.

*Slipper imp and shakaerator* is a celebration of all the colours of the Babe Rainbow. Angus from the band says, 'I love the fact that, with all the touring and the changing tides, and hair, the creative relationship within the band still feels so strong. I feel so lucky to have this psychedelic family, which is the essence of the band. We're just a bunch of laid-back surfers, cattlemen's sons.'

As *Slipper imp and shakaerator* proves, these Babes have access to a powerful, home-baked psychedelic magic, and they aren't reluctant to share it.

**Grab some on Friday, April 4, at the Hotel Brunswick.**  
Tickets at [moshtix.com.au](https://moshtix.com.au).

## The not-so-tiny things

This year marks ten years of Bangalow Theatre Company (BTC) and to celebrate the company promises the best year of theatre it has ever produced.

They kick off with *Tiny Beautiful Things* – a heartwarming and raw play based on the best-selling novel by **Cheryl Strayed** and real events that will restore your hope in humanity. Directed by **Anouska Gammon**, starring **Kathryn Schuback** as Sugar (*RUNT, Home and Away, Little Monsters*), it has a stunning local ensemble cast.

The story centres around the character Sugar, an anonymous online advice columnist who offers her advice to real life strangers that are seeking help with real life problems. Sugar listens, relates and responds with truth, openness and compassion.

Be prepared for compelling, moving and thought-provoking theatre, as BTC bring to life



the funny and heart-breaking stories of a host of fabulously flawed humans! Bangalow Theatre Company ended 2024 with a triumph, winning Best Director of the Year (Anouska Gammon) and Play Of The Year (*Speaking In Tongues*) at the Gold Palm Theatre Awards.

***Tiny Beautiful Things* will be staged at The Drill Hall Theatre in Mullumbimby from April 4 to 12.**

**Tickets are selling very fast. Book at [www.bangalowtheatre.com.au](https://www.bangalowtheatre.com.au).**

## They are still wild

**Wild Marmalade** return to the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay for a free Sunday Session on April 6.

If you don't know Wild Marmalade then you are in for a treat. The world's original didgeridoo and drum band certainly know how to spin the dial to 11 and get the high vibes rolling. Joined by Tijuana Cartel front man and guitar virtuoso, **Paul A George**, this is sure to be an epic afternoon of groove. Come ready to kick it – this is definitely a dance event.

A little history from **Si Mullumby**, Wild Marmalade's didgeridoo player. If you were around in the early 2000s you will remember Wild Marmalade played on the streets of Byron Bay most nights over summer. 'We would block the street with throngs of dancing people from all over the world,' says Mullumby. 'Then, in the Aussie winter, we'd head to Europe. Play street shows and sell CDs. We didn't need gigs. We renegaded festivals and set up our own stages.'

Mullumby says as time moved on and CDs lost their value, 'We moved into playing festivals at home and abroad. Woodford, Earth Frequency, Rainbow – we toured Japan and Europe every year.'



'Japan was massive for us. Somehow Japanese people understand the dynamic, primal, and sacred fusion that the band holds.'

'Twenty years in, it's amazing to kick back and see the wave of didgeridoo and drum bands that we have inspired all over the world.'

'Our music creates unity. It brings people together. It's an activation of our inherent intelligent wildness. After more than 20 years of touring we can be sure of one thing – people always want to dance. They just need the right music to take them there.'

**This show is a free event on Sunday, April 6 at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay.**

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## Two Irish artists for the Times

When two artists are both called 'a force' by *The Irish Times*, you know you're in for something special. For one night only, experience the raw power and fiery passion of **Áine Tyrrell** and **Clare Sands**, two unstoppable Irish voices joining together on stage in Australia for the first time.

'Áine Tyrrell is a force' – *The Irish Times*.

A songwriter and storyteller like no other, Áine Tyrrell weaves traditional folk roots with modern grit, delivering performances that are both intimate and electrifying. With her powerful voice and fierce spirit, she captivates audiences worldwide, leaving them spellbound and deeply moved. Her music speaks of resilience, justice, and the human experience, carrying the weight of history while igniting the spark of revolution.

'Clare Sands is a bold, boundary-breaking force' – *The Irish Times*.

Returning on tour from Ireland, Clare Sands – a sixth-generation fiddler and bilingual singer, Clare Sands is redefining Irish music. Channeling the sound of her ancestors while pushing it fearlessly into the future, she blends traditional roots with contemporary fire. Her electrifying stage presence and genre-defying sound have earned her a place among Ireland's most exciting artists today. Her innovative approach and magnetic energy continue to captivate audiences, ensuring her music remains both timeless and trailblazing.

In times when the world feels overwhelming and division seems all too common, there's a vital need to gather together in shared spaces. Music is the medicine for our weary souls, and these two artists know exactly how to deliver that. Their performance transcends a mere show—it's a call to unite and let the healing power of music revive our spirits.

United by their deep mutual admiration, these two artists naturally come together on stage to create magic, regardless of the audience.

**Don't miss this one-off show at The Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby on Saturday, March 29 from 7pm.**

**Tickets from [humanitix.com](http://humanitix.com).**



## Eclectic Selection

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



✿ A fusion of the funky rhythms of his native South America and the coastal-indie-folk of Australian shores, **Animal Ventura** transports listeners around the globe. He's known for his rich tone and timeless vocals, served with a tasty side of new-wave live-looping and strong songwriting skills.

**Wednesday 5pm at the Treehouse, Byron Bay. Free show.**



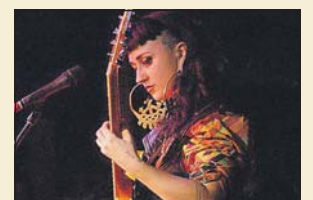
✿ This month's **Big Gig Comedy Night** features **Jackie Loeb**. A comic, actor, singer, writer and world-renowned sugar and carb addict – a writer and cast member on the iconic sketch-comedy series *Full Frontal*, Jackie has worked as a stand-up comic her entire adult life and has headlined at comedy clubs across Australia and beyond.

**Thursday 7pm at the Ballina RSL. Free show.**



✿ It couldn't get more ridiculous than **Bob Downe** celebrating 40 years in his new show *Choose Bob*, featuring classics with an unnaturally big-haired, shoulder-padded feel!

**Saturday and Sunday at the Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets from \$36 at [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com).**



✿ **Nai Palm** is the kind of artist that arrives once in a generation. A three-time Grammy-nominated songwriter, she is a composer, instrumentalist, producer, vocalist and poet who approaches these self-taught disciplines with an intuitive, infectious grace, which has sent her on a journey to sculpt songs that have been received and treasured across the world.

**Sunday 4pm at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay. Free show.**



✿ **Lilli Fairfax** is an upcoming artist in the world of country/folk/pop music. Hailing from the small town of Maitland, and now calling the Sunshine Coast home, Lilli is a singer-songwriter whose music radiates with the warmth of her coastal lifestyle and her country town roots.

**Thursday at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.**



✿ The **Re-Mains** were renowned as the hardest driving independent band in the country when they first started their country rock and roll crusade in 2002. They boasted that they'd played more rodeos, outback dives and inner city hellholes than any other band in Australia.

**Friday 8pm at the Metropole, Lismore. Free show.**



✿ The **Ballina Blues Club's** special guest this week is a band of very talented professional musicians who have been playing original blues, blues rock and covers music around Australia, and overseas, for many, many years in various line ups. They have now come together to form **Billy K Blues Band** to continue their love of blues-based music.

**Sunday from 2.30pm at the Ballina RSL Boardwalk. Free show.**



✿ *Perfectly Imperfect* stars *The Voice Australia's*, 2021 entrant **Julee-Anne Bell** who wowed the country with her stunning vocals and warm personality. Julee-Anne, who has been blind since birth, is joined by pianist **Melissa Buchholz** in a show filled with great music, humour, and an all-round entertaining time.

**Tuesday 11am in the Showroom at Twin Towns, Tweed Heads. Tickets \$10 from [twintowns.com.au](http://twintowns.com.au).**





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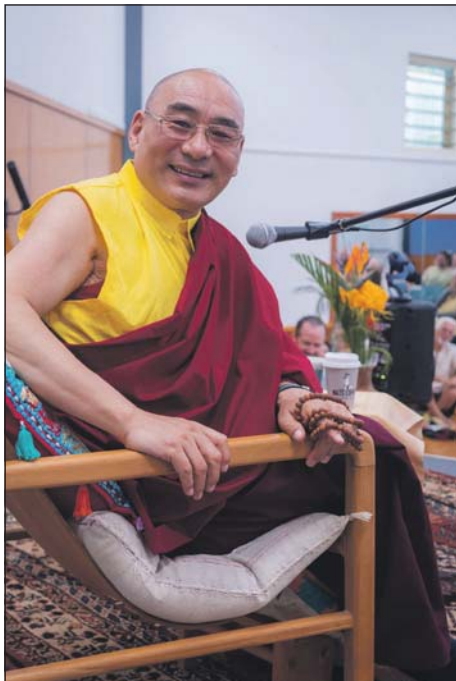


## Living in a deeply fulfilling way

There is a small Tibetan Buddhist community here in the Byron Shire and they are feeling superlucky to have an April visit from their teacher, **Khentrul Lodrö T'hayé Rinpoche**, with both a public talk and a weekend teaching scheduled.

Khentrul Rinpoche is a Tibetan monk and the director of Katog Choling, a non-profit organisation based in the US – [katog.org](http://katog.org).

We are fortunate because Khentru Rinpoche is a top scholar – one of very few people in the world to hold three khenpo degrees – the equivalent of three PhDs – in Buddhist philosophy. He's had the traditional inner life training as a monk, with several years in solitary retreat. When he arrived in the US in 2002, Khentru Rinpoche studied the English language and the western psyche in order to communicate with his students and teach effectively. He's an excellent teacher, expert at extracting the meaning of a teaching, conveying it concisely, and supporting it with both logic and kindhearted humour.



Although Khentru Rinpoche has a vast scope of expertise and can teach on any Buddhist subject, he emphasises mind training (lojong) which includes the development of the virtues of equanimity, compassion, loving kindness and sympathetic joy. Khentru Rinpoche has always held the approach of love, compassion, and the wisdom that comes attendant with these qualities, to be the foundation of the

Buddhist path, and furthermore, he has found these techniques most practical for taming the modern mind.

It is these practices that can act like a lifeline to all of us, Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike, in these turbulent times.

Rinpoche's public talk, **The Key to Open the Secret Doorway to the Mind: Mind and Mental States**, will be held at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Thursday, April 3 from 6pm to 8pm. All are welcome and admission is free.**

On the weekend of **April 5 and 6**, Khentru Rinpoche will teach on a precious text by the great Indian master, Nagarjuna, called **The Heart Essence of Interdependent Origination**. Central to this teaching is an exploration of cause and effect, showing us the reality of the world of our own making, and moving us to live life in a deeply fulfilling way.

For more information contact [Australia@katog.org](mailto:Australia@katog.org) or phone **0421 022 428**.

**Khentru Rinpoche's marvellous book on the subject of mind training, *The Power of Mind* will be on sale at the scheduled events.**



## A Queen of Nights

For show-stopping entertainment supporting local artists, don't miss an unforgettable night of theatre, dance, and music at **A Midsummer Night's Queen fundraiser cabaret**.

This spectacular variety show features some of the region's finest performers coming together to raise money to develop a new original work.

Experience the electrifying **Sean Campbell & Co.**, dynamic dance from **Move It**, stunning vocals from **Max Foggon** and **Brooke Karabache**, and a Shakespearean treat from **Kate Horsley**.

**Veronica Lovejoy** and **Michael Sharmon** bring a golden-era hit, while **Chris Benaud** keeps the night rolling as MC. Plus, get an exclusive preview of *A Midsummer Night's Queen*, a bold new Australian musical set in the LGBTQ+ world.

All proceeds support this exciting new production and will help bring local theatre to life.

**Friday at 7.30pm at the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby. Tickets: [www.drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://www.drillhalltheatre.org.au)**

## Outside the lines



**Great Southern Nights presents Crooked Colours**, the live electronic dance act from Fremantle. Forming in 2013 the band have gone on to release three critically acclaimed albums *Vera* in 2017, *Langata* in 2019 and *Tomorrows* in 2022.

These albums include four platinum award singles 'Flow', 'I Hope You Get It', 'Do It Like You' and 'Love Language', as well as six further gold accredited singles in Australia.

Known for their high-energy live performances, the band has toured extensively internationally, including numerous internationally recognised festivals such as Bonnaroo, Outside Lands, Life Is Beautiful, Splendour In The Grass, Spilt Milk and Rhythm and Vines to name a few.

The band have amassed over 1 billion combined streams across all streaming platforms as well as sold-out headline tours around the world.

**Great Southern Nights 2025 takes place from March 21 to April 6, featuring 300+ gigs across Sydney and NSW. Tickets are on sale now via Moshtix. Check out [beachhotel.com.au](http://beachhotel.com.au) for ticket link. Crooked Colours are supported by Willo and Ginx from 8pm, Friday April 4, at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay.**

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## WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TRILLA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **KANE MUIR + DJ OREN SELECTA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **THE PADDOCK JAM**

## THURSDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LILLIAN FAIRFAX**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DEAR SUNDAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **FLUKES OF SENDINGTON + DJ QUENDO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- KELP BAR, BALLINA, 6PM **JAY & LYNDEY**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - FEAT JACKIE LOEB + ELLEN BRIGGS - MC: MANDY NOLAN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BLUEGRASS JAM**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **LAST QUOKKA + GUSSET RATS**

## FRIDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **KANE MUIR + THE VYBEZ BAND**
- ARTS FACTORY GARDEN BAR, BYRON BAY, **THE DUSTIES + LILA**

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**, 6.30PM **SCREENING - 'LOVE OF AN ICON THE LEGEND OF CROCODILE DUNDEE' + Q&A**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4PM **DJ ALICE Q**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7.30PM **MJ LENDERMAN & THE WIND**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ DAN**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S QUEEN FUNDRAISER CABARET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPEOKEE WITH JESS**

- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **ADAM GARDINER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **JAMIE SULLIVAN + DJ SOL**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **THE RE-MAINS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **GABRIELLE LAMBE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **BRETT HEALY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM **THE BLACK BLUES BROTHERS**

## SATURDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **PABLO LAVERDE + KLP**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **SURF TRASH + DJ BOZ**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1PM **DJ MR NICE + DANI QUAYLE MUSIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BOB DOWNE**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ JASON DIGBY**

- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **ÁINE TYRRELL & CLARE SANDS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM **HUBCAP STAN & THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS**

- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **OLE FALCOR**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL BAND**
- FEDERAL HOTEL, ALSTONVILLE, 4PM **DJ KATE MONROE, GI JODE, DALE STEPHEN AND DJ PEPPIN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **DONNY SHADES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **CINNAMON SUN**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**

- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE EAGLES GREATEST HITS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **PSYCHEDELIC RELIC**

## SUNDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **NAI PALM + JUMAN & KALAKARI**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 2PM **CINNAMON SUN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **BILLY OTTO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **BOB DOWNE**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 2PM **DJ WILL CONNELL**
- YULLI'S, BYRON BAY, 3PM **YULLI'S OPEN MIC**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH DR BAZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ PUMAH**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **ELLA JONES**

- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **ADAM GARDINER**

- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **SUNDAY BLUES CLUB SESSIONS FEAT. BILLY K BLUES BAND, LEVEL ONE 3.30PM NORMIE ROWE AND DIGGER REVELL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA, 3PM **JOCK BARNES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2.30PM **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE, 3PM **LISMORE SYMPHONY CONCERT**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **COASTAL ROAD TRIO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **POLY & CO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **ZIGGY ALBERTS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **THE JACKS**

## MONDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **ZIGGY ALBERTS WITH JORDY QUINN**

## TUESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **PERFECTLY IMPERFECT**

## WEDNESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ELLIOT COX**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY AND JAM, OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**



## Something old is awesome again

Byron Bay's beloved Arts Factory space is reopening with a fresh vision, bringing new life to the iconic venue, formerly known as the Buddha Bar and most recently The Brewery.

The revamped space is being brought back to life by three locally-born-and-bred Byron boys – Jake, Jack, and Banda – who share a deep connection to the town and its artistic soul.

For decades, the venue has been a cornerstone of the local creative scene. From its early days as the Buddha Bar, a hub for music lovers, to its transformation into The Brewery, the venue has held a special place in the hearts of the Byron community.

Now, under the stewardship of Jake, Jack, and Banda, the **Arts Factory Garden Bar** is set to embrace a new and exciting chapter. The trio is committed to preserving the venue's legacy while adding their own energy and vision.

'The three of us grew up here and I actually had my first legal beer here as a grom, so the space holds a very special place in my heart,' says Jake. 'It's a space where music, art, and community come together, and we want to keep that spirit alive while also making it our own.'

Jack says Byron Bay has always been a place of creativity. 'This venue has always been a reflection of that, we're excited to honour this history whilst moving toward an evolution and growing the space.'

The revamped venue will feature a mix of live music, local performances, art shows, and community events. The focus will remain on bringing people together to celebrate creativity, with a new emphasis on sustainable, locally-sourced food and casual dining.

The name change from The Brewery to the Arts Factory Garden Bar reflects a return to the venue's original ethos. Banda, who has been involved in the redesign, says they've worked hard to update the space. 'We wanted to keep the heart and soul of what this place has always been, a lick of paint goes a long way.'

The venue has a **grand opening on Friday** highlighting a number of local acts including **The Dusties** and the angel **Lila**.

Come and experience the revitalised Arts Factory Garden Bar, a place where the community can once again gather, celebrate, and create lasting memories.

**Arts Factory Garden Bar grand opening on Friday, 28 March at 1 Skinners Shoot Rd, Byron Bay.**

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**WAKE IN FRIGHT 4K** (M) CULT CLASSIC  
Mon: 6:00PM

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Thurs, Tues: 1:20PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM, Fri: 1:20PM, 3:50PM, 8:30PM, Sat: 1:30PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 8:15PM, Sun: 10:50AM, 1:20PM, 6:30PM, Mon: 1:20PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, Wed: 1:20PM, 3:40PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM

**BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY** (M)  
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**OH, CANADA** (M) NFT  
Thurs, Mon: 10:50AM, 2:50PM, Fri: 10:50AM, 2:00PM, Sat: 10:50AM, 4:00PM, Sun: 11:00AM, 7:15PM, Tues: 11:20AM, 2:50PM, Wed: 10:45AM, 2:50PM

**SPIT** (M)  
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**THE ALTO KNIGHTS** (MATS-1) NFT  
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**BLACK BAG** (M)  
Thurs, Sat, Sun, Mon: 5:10PM, Tues: 5:30PM

**BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY** (M)  
Daily: 7:30PM

**BRIEF ENCOUNTER** (PG) MATINEE MEMORIES  
Sun: 2:30PM

**DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE** (PG) NFT  
Daily: 10:10AM, 12:30PM, 2:50PM, 5:10PM

**DOG MAN** (G) SNEAK PREVIEW  
Sat, Sun: 10:20AM

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## LIFE CELEBRATIONS

### Samantha (Sam) Cook

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It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Sam passed away at home on Saturday, 15 March 2025 after her long battle with breast cancer.

Sam was a beloved mother to Jasmin, Dakota and Mali. Sam was a vibrant part of the Byron Bay community for the last 30 years. Her joyful energy, warmth and humour will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

*May she rest in peace.*

Sam will be privately cremated. The family wish to invite all members of the community who knew Sam to a celebration of her life that will be held at Byron Bay Bowling Club on Saturday 5 April at 2pm.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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### LOOKING FOR CORRINNE CHESWORTH,

last seen in the Ballina area. If she could contact her brother Bret regarding the Cessnock property. Ph 0413033574

## AGMs

FEDERAL SCHOOL OF ARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION (FSAAI)

AGM will be held on Saturday 12th April at 8.30am in the Federal Halls at Federal. All community members are welcome to attend.

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- TIMES FOR NEXT 3 WEEKS

DATE (March / April)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
26	W	6:52 / 18:50	2:56 / 16:49	0700 1.67; 1922 1.29	0005 0.50; 1330 0.41
27	TH	6:53 / 18:49	4:03 / 17:25	0745 1.76; 2008 1.44	0100 0.39; 1407 0.31
28	F	6:53 / 18:48	5:10 / 17:59	0829 1.81; 2053 1.58	0150 0.29; 1443 0.22
29	SA	6:54 / 18:47	6:17 / 18:33	0911 1.80; 2137 1.70	0239 0.23; 1533 0.17
30	SU	6:54 / 18:45	7:25 / 19:08	0952 1.74; 2211 1.75	0329 0.21; 1555 0.15
31	M	6:55 / 18:44	8:35 / 19:47	1034 1.62; 2307 1.84	0419 0.24; 1631 0.17
1	TU	6:56 / 18:43	9:47 / 20:30	1116 1.46; 2355 1.83	0515 0.32; 1709 0.24
2	W	6:56 / 18:42	11:00 / 21:20	1202 1.29	0615 0.42; 1749 0.33
3	TH	6:57 / 18:41	12:10 / 22:17	0046 1.77; 1255 1.14	0726 0.52; 1834 0.44
4	F	6:57 / 18:40	13:14 / 23:19	0146 1.69; 1403 1.03	0845 0.58; 1933 0.55
5	SA	6:58 / 18:39	14:09 / 03:00 1.61; 1541 0.99	0300 1.61; 1541 0.99	1009 0.60; 2057 0.63
6	SU	6:58 / 17:38	13:56 / 02:22	0318 1.56; 1610 1.05	1024 0.58; 2130 0.64
7	M	6:59 / 17:36	14:36 / 02:26	0429 1.56; 1714 1.15	1120 0.53; 2244 0.60
8	TU	6:00 / 17:35	15:10 / 1:27	0524 1.57; 1802 1.27	1200 0.48; 2341 0.54
9	W	6:00 / 17:34	15:39 / 2:24	0609 1.58; 1843 1.37	1234 0.44
10	TH	6:01 / 17:33	16:07 / 3:19	0646 1.58; 1918 1.45	0026 0.49; 1302 0.40
11	F	6:01 / 17:32	16:33 / 4:13	0721 1.56; 1951 1.53	0106 0.46; 1330 0.37
12	SA	6:02 / 17:31	16:59 / 5:05	0752 1.53; 2023 1.59	0145 0.45; 1354 0.35
13	SU	6:02 / 17:30	17:27 / 5:58	0822 1.48; 2054 1.64	0221 0.45; 1419 0.34
14	M	6:03 / 17:29	17:56 / 6:51	0853 1.41; 2126 1.67	0258 0.46; 1444 0.35
15	TU	6:03 / 17:28	18:29 / 7:47	0924 1.34; 2159 1.67	0335 0.49; 1510 0.37
16	W	6:04 / 17:27	19:07 / 8:43	0956 1.26; 2233 1.65	0415 0.53; 1537 0.41

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

The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.

### FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE	New Brighton	0424 168 672
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	
Each WED	Murwillumbah 7-11	0415 328 672
Each WED	Nimbin 3-6pm	0418 940 653
Each WED	Newrybar Hall 4-7pm	
Each THU	Byron 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each THU	Lismore 2.30-6.30pm	0459 309 223
Each FRI	Mullum 7-11am	0424 168 672
Each FRI	Evans Head 2.30-6.30	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	Wadeville 8am-12pm	
Each SAT	Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr	
Each SUN	Ballina 7-11am	

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6629 7510
Mullumbimby	6629 7570
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6629 7500
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding...	132 500
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (Mullumbimby)	6684 1286
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MENSLINE	1300 789 978
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
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ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

# Community at Work

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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#### Lismore Rainforest Botanic Garden

A guided walk at the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens looking at the Uncommon Plants Garden is taking place on Sunday, March 30. Curator, Peter, will show you the plants which are now very difficult to see in the wild. Meet at the Visitor's Centre at the Gardens. Enjoy an easy one-hour stroll on unpaved paths. Wear sturdy shoes and hat. Bookings essential by emailing publicity@friendslrbg.com.au. Adults \$5, children free.

#### Organic Landcare

Organic Landcare's next working bee will be Saturday, March 29, from 8.30am until 1pm, at Saltwater Creek. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden (MCG) car park. Bring water and some morning tea, for a 11am break and a cup of tea with Abby, MCG grounds-person.

#### Indian ancestry in Murwillumbah

A talk on settlers with Indian ancestry

in the Northern Rivers will take place at the Murwillumbah Services Club, 10 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah on Monday, March 31 at 10am. Contact the Murwillumbah Historical Society to confirm attendance by March 24 on 0458 793 223 or email: brianbettyhamilton@gmail.com.

#### Mullum Magic Toastmasters

Learn public speaking in a club that has helped people overcome their fear and find their voice for 21 years. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month 6.30 to 8.30pm at Presbyterian Church, 104 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Visitors welcome! For more information contact Neil on 0415 271 761.

#### BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Visitors welcome. After the meeting we are having the Change Over Luncheon in the club's restaurant so don't forget if you have booked and paid to go. Inquires ring Margaret 6680 3316.

#### 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).

#### CWA Brunswick Heads

CWA Brunswick Heads branch will be holding an Easter Market on Saturday, April 5, 8am to 12noon on Corner of Booyun and Park Streets, Brunswick Heads. Home made cakes, jams and pickles, craft work, plants and flowers. Cash only, come early to avoid disappointment. Contact brunscwa@gmail.com or 0431 908 063.

#### Flower and Foliage Spectacular

The Kyogle Garden Club Flower and Foliage Spectacular is taking place on Friday, April 11 from 8am to 4pm and Saturday, April 12, from 9am to 2pm at St Brigid's School Hall, Wiangaree

Street, Kyogle. For more information email: flowerandfoliage25@gmail.com.

#### Byron Book Fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are once again holding their annual four-day Book Fair from Friday, July 11 to Monday, July 14. Donations of books of all genres are needed and always gratefully received, in clean and good condition. Highlighting the need for children's books, art and limited editions to name a few. For more information and to donate call Janene 0407 855 022.

#### Liberation Larder fundraising

Liberation Larder fundraising film night at Byron Theater on Saturday, April 5. Thanks to Mr Simple Byron \$250 toward our raffle ticket prize. Donations are tax deductible, BSB 722 744 Account number: 1000 71909 Account name: Liberation Larder; donations for raffle prize are appreciated, call 0435 879 778 for more information. Buy a ticket at https://www.byroncentre.com.au/theatre-events/the-innermost-limits-of-pure-fun.

## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

#### Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

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

#### Byron Community

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Fletcher Street Cottage:** A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find connections and access broader support. **Fletcher Street Cottage services** are open Tuesday-Friday; breakfast 7am-9am; showers and laundry 7am-12pm; office support 9am-12pm. Individual support appointments with community workers and specialist services available please book on (02) 6685 7830. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au. **Byron Seniors Club:** www.byronseniors.com.au. More info on

**Community Services:** www.byroncentre.com.au Phone: (02) 6685 6807.

#### Low-cost or free food

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

#### Respite Service

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

#### Alateen meeting

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

#### ACA

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

#### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and

challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

#### Support after suicide

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

#### Volunteer call out

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

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#### Carers' support

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

#### Rainbow Dragons

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

#### Older adult exercise

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

#### \$5 pilates classes

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#### Pottsville Community Association

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

#### Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd last Friday of the month from 6pm (alternating Ballina/Byron). Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook. Contact byronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

#### Brunswick Valley Historical Society

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-12pm and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367.

#### Library fun

Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads Library**, Monday - Story Time 10.30 till 11.30am; Friday - Baby Time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby Library**, Monday - Story Time 10-11am; Tuesday - Baby Time 10-10.30 am.

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 New ads will be placed at end of section.  
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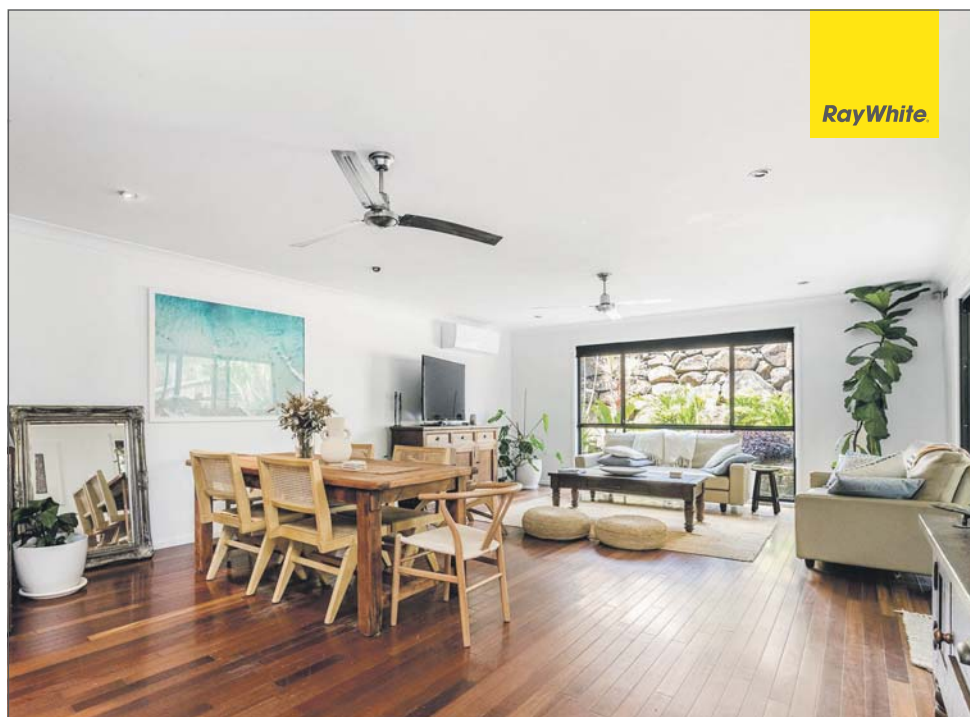
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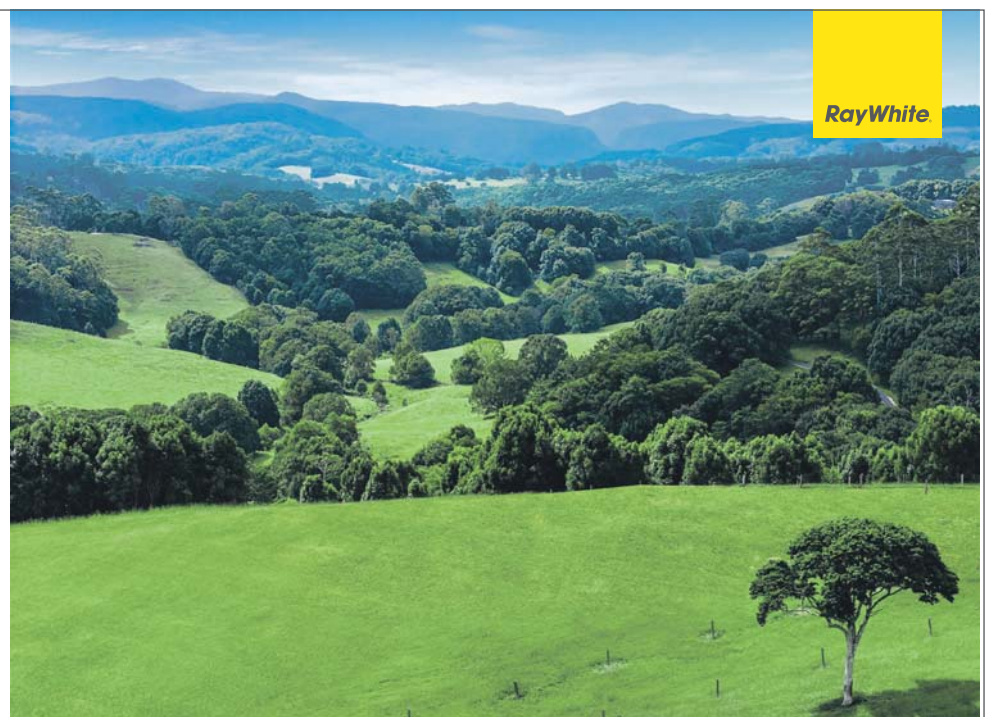
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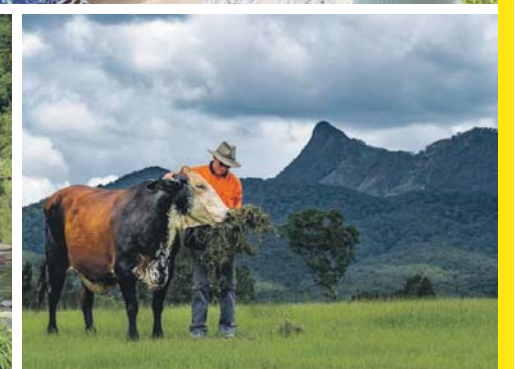
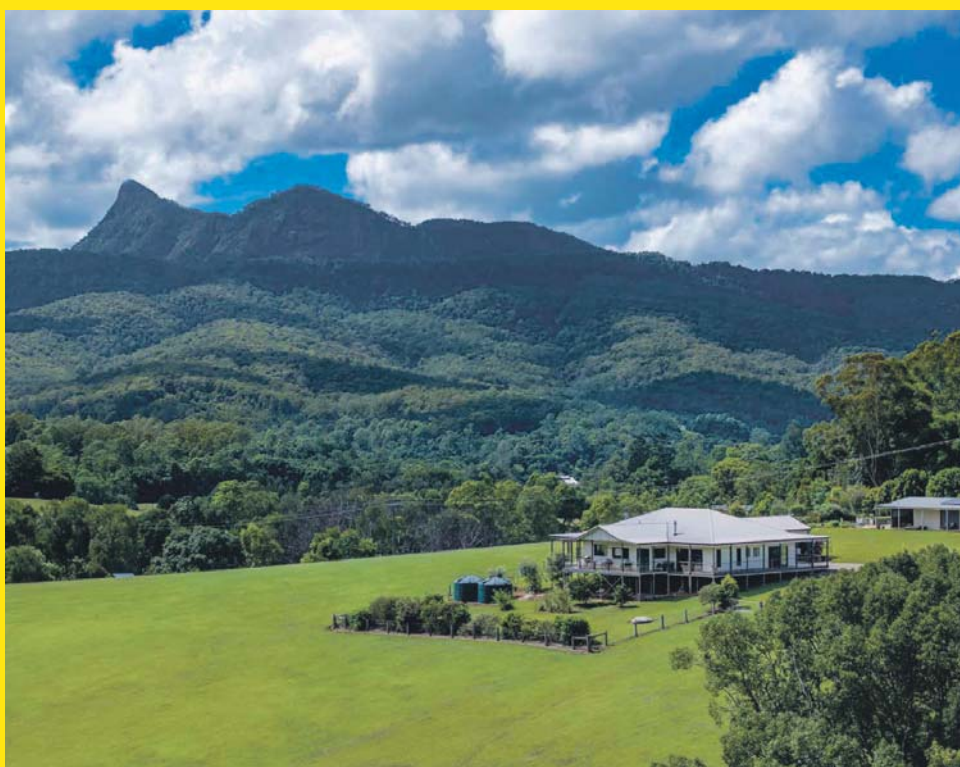
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- 160 Reardons Lane, Swan Bay. Thurs 11-11.30am
- 23 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Fri 11-11.30am
- 23 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Fri 11-11.30am
- 73 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 4/6 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 451 Federal Drive, Federal. Sat 9-9.30am
- 5/31 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30-10am
- 21 Excelsior Circuit, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
- 35 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale. Sat 10-10.30am
- 22 Offshore Avenue, Skennars Head. Sat 10-10.30am
- 11/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am
- 7 Glendale Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30-11am
- 346 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 11-11.30am
- 23 Prince Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 14A Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7 Azolla Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.15-11.45am
- 231 Sneaths Road, Wollongbar. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 845 Fernleigh Road, Brooklet. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 325 Riverbank Road, Pimlico. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 73 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 1145 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 135 Rocky Creek Dam Road, Dunoon. Sat 2-2.30pm

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- 17 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Wed 4.30-5pm
- 5/112 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Thurs 10.30-11am
- 7/68-70 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Thurs 1-1.30pm
- 4 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 43 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 16 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Bunjil Place, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7/68-70 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 355 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Sat 11-11.30am
- 15 Little Burns Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 7A Little Burns Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 70 Foxs Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 161 Tandys Lane, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 3 Tahra Crescent, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 9 George Street, Bangalow. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 70 Charltons Road, Federal. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 17 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 2.30-3pm

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- 480 Booyong Road, Nashua. Sat 10-10.30am
- 598 Eltham Road, Eltham. Sat 11-11.30am
- 159 Tintenbar Road, Tintenbar. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 271 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 9-9.30am
- 32 Olivia Circuit, Lennox Head. Sat 9-9.30am
- 45B Seaswell Crescent, Lennox Head. Sat 10-10.30am
- 84 Hinterland Way, Tintenbar. Sat 10-10.30am
- 18 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 41 Hyrama Crescent, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 15 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 5 Koala Close, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.30pm

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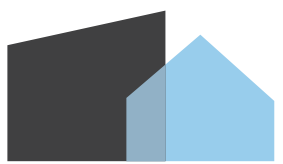
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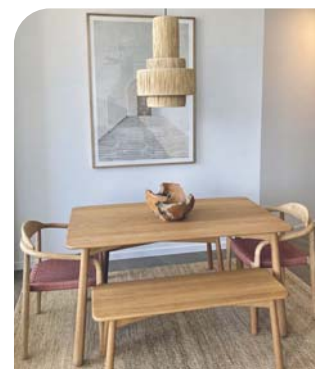


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There's a somewhat coherent assessment by local Labor about Mandy Nolan's long-running *Echo* column and its intersection with her political aspirations – see page 8.

**Crocodile Dundee** returns! A remarkable behind the scenes doco launches March 28 at Palace Byron Bay Cinema. See page 7 for more.

The ACCC confirmed the obvious last week: Coles and Woolies are making record profits and jacking prices during a cost-of-living crisis. Will Labor be bold and introduce meaningful competition law? Or are they too compromised by political donations?

If only the US government would protect school children the way it protects Teslas.

BaySounds comp entrants, young and old, are encouraged to submit their original songs for the chance to win a professional recording session and to perform at SAE's open day, broadcast by BayFM. Organisers say a new youth category has been added. Submissions of original compositions can be posted on the SAE website by midnight on June 22. To get involved visit [sae.edu.au/baysounds](http://sae.edu.au/baysounds).

While the government offers \$150 energy rebates (using taxpayers' money), former Senator Rex Patrick reckons the best way to reduce electricity prices (which are set by gas prices) is to have a gas reservation scheme like WA does. He says, 'The government won't do that because it bows to the gas cartel!'

Unsustainable multinational salmon farming in Tassie



As part of Harmony Week this Saturday, Global Beats Byron Bay will be held in Byron Bay's town centre. It's a free celebration of multicultural music and dance, starting at the beachside Apex Park, followed by a daytime parade to the Twilight Market for the onsite lantern-making workshop by the Lismore lantern team. The night parade then follows with the lit lanterns. 'Everyone belongs, just come and join us with your culture,' said organiser Mayu Akiba. Photo Jeff 'Hit Me With Your Rhythm Sticks' Dawson

may not only be propped up by federal Labor, but could lead to the extinction of the endangered Maugean Skate fish. Known as the 'thylacine of the sea', it was only discovered in 1988.

Shameless promotion: Festival of the Stone tickets are now available for June 14, to be held at Stone & Wood HQ at Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. The lineup includes Old Mervs, and Josh Pyke. The event will again raise money for Byron Shire's homeless hub, Fletcher Street Cottage.

Mullum's queer family will host a vibrant celebration for Trans Day of Visibility (TDOV) on Saturday, March 29 at The Paddock Project on Argyle Street. There are workshops too – to get involved email at [team@queerfamily.com.au](mailto:team@queerfamily.com.au).

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