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Solstice marked by Cape Byron students



Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School students, parents and teachers gathered on the eve of the winter solstice on Friday to shine a light into the darkest night of the year. The theme for this year's Winter Festival, held at the Bangalow A&I Hall and showgrounds, was the song, 'I Can See The Lighthouse'. The event featured a choir, dancing, a lantern parade and a fire dance. Top right: Ruby, Phoebe and River during rehearsals. Bottom right: Avelie and Goldie, both in class 6. Photos Kurt Petersen & Jeff Dawson

2022 flood levels released within mapping tool

Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) and Mullumbimby's Community Resilience Group, 'Our Neighbourhood', congratulated Byron Shire Council for this week releasing much-needed 2022 flood data.

They say that following months of community advocacy, the new survey layer gives residents direct access to property-level data collected after the devastating 2022 floods.

The home of Bec Talbot, from Our Neighbourhood, was flooded in 2022.

She told *The Echo*, 'Residents

can now visit Council's online mapping tool to see exactly how high floodwaters rose at surveyed properties across the Shire in 2022.'

Decision-making tool

'This is a real-life decision-making tool.

'Flood-affected Mullumbimby residents have consistently raised the need for access to flood data. Mullumbimby's Community Resilience Group met with Council staff to stress that families deciding whether to go into more debt to raise their homes deserve every available fact.

'After 2022, many homeowners were left rebuilding and weighing up their future risk.

'With the new map layer, people can see past flood marks on their own streets and weigh the cost and benefit of raising homes.

'Raising homes helps avoid damage, but can create accessibility challenges, especially for older residents. Council's newly-released data supports conversations about weighing risks with lifestyle choices such as remaining in your community.

'This is about lives, homes and community resilience.

'One-in-500 floods no longer feel "out of my lifetime". With sea-level rises and intensified storms on the way, maps like this on Council's website help people like me to decide their level of risk tolerance.'

How it works

While the newly released data is a welcome tool, the way in which it is presented is not easy to navigate for the layperson.

Go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au, then search 'Online Map'. The 'Online Map & Zoning Tools' page will appear. Then click the 'Byron Shire Council web map' link.

From here, the Byron Shire map appears. Click on 'Layers' in the left column. In that list will be 'flood information'.

Expand the 'flood information' link which will show more options. Click on 'Flood Height Surveys 2022 Public Works NSW'.

This can be compared to another link, 'Flood Level Survey 2016 2019'.

Individual properties can be selected, and while not every property has a flood level, it can be compared to neighbouring properties that are marked with flood level.

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Craig's unwavering passion for the ocean and his surf club

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Born and bred in Byron Bay, President of the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC), Craig Reid, has spent his entire life by the ocean and he couldn't love it more.

As a keen surfer, he did his Bronze Medallion at Byron Bay Surf Club in 1983. 'That was in the old surf club, not the one that's built there now. I was a patrolling member at Byron for nine years.'

Reid left the area for four years, but was drawn back to his home shire - he joined the Brunswick SLSC and never left, almost literally.

El Presidente

It wasn't long before he was 'coaxed' into being president, and since 2000, he has held the position unopposed. 'I don't know why that is, we have an election every year!'

Reid says there are always highlights to the work. 'It's had its challenges, but most of the time it's very



Come rain, rain or more rain, Craig Reid is always on hand when it comes to training recruits - Saturday was a combined IRB training with the Byron SLSC.

rewarding - watching the kids go from nippers to seniors and then into their adult life, and then bringing their kids back to the surf club just to learn surf skills.'

New surf club

'The absolute highlight, the one goal that we've been aiming for, is the new surf

club, which we have been working towards for over ten years.

'From when we had the vision, to getting plans drawn up, to actually seeing it coming out of the ground right now, is amazing.'

Reid says definite low points are the tragedies that happen almost every year.

'There's always incidents where people have drowned - it's not good to deal with that.

'It's better to be more proactive to stop that from happening, and engaging people, to show them about the rips and about ocean safety. There's always a debriefing, and there's a

chaplain within the branch that we can access to discuss the incident - there's also counselling. It might be something minor that someone needs to discuss that they haven't dealt with or it could be something major.'

Reid, whose 'day job' is a refrigeration mechanic, says he's lucky he owns his own business.

This allows him more flexibility when it comes to his volunteer work at the club, which sees him donating thousands of hours a year.

Busy through winter

He doesn't see himself stepping down or slowing down anytime soon - even though it's winter, and the rescue season is still months away, he's spending his weekend at the club.

'This weekend we're training IRB drivers and crew members.'

'It's a combined club event with Byron SLSC to be held in Brunswick Heads. Last weekend, we went down to Evans Head to do a training

session with the boat.

'A lot of the candidates haven't driven a boat at Evans, or know its features. It was good to go to another beach location to experience the different water and the different river entrance.'

Reid says he's lucky that he has always had great support from the committees he leads.

'From the executive committee, as well as the members - there's a lot of good people within the club.'

Are beachgoers getting better at being safe?

'There are still a lot of people who just take risks - they don't swim between the flags.'

'That's the safest place. If we can't see the people, we can't keep them safe.'

Why does he do it?

'Why? Because I love it. I'm an ocean person. I've been a surfboard rider since I was a child. I get a lot of satisfaction out of training the new generations.'

To get involved, or to donate to the new club, visit <https://brunswickslsc.org>.

Byron water reservoir to be emptied

A leak has been detected in the water reservoir located at the top of Paterson Street in Byron Bay.

Byron Shire Council say utilities staff are working to repair the leak at the base of the reservoir, which was reportedly found by workers last Tuesday (June 17).

Staff say, 'Attempts to repair the leak from the

outside with a specialised cement compound failed.'

Internal repair work

Byron Shire Council Utilities Manager Cameron Clark said the reservoir must be drained to allow for internal repair work.

'Properties usually supplied by the reservoir are to be supplied from the

Coopers Shoot reservoirs in the interim', he said.

'People on properties at higher elevations are advised they may notice lower water pressure. Council says staff are working urgently to reduce the impact of the leak and say they are aware it has affected a property near the reservoir', he added.

Mullum Roots Festival tickets selling fast

Mullum's newest music festival is just days away, which will see more than 40 acts fill local venues including the Civic Hall, Ex-Services Club, Courthouse Hotel and the Bowl.

The Mullum Roots Festival will run July 12 and 13.

Organisers say, 'The opening night gala on Friday July 11, featuring Mandy Nolan, Jeff Lang, Soul'd, and the Biggest Little Town Choir, has already sold out - but weekend passes are still available (for now!).'

The festival line up includes The Waifs, Robert Forster, Emily Lubitz, Shane



Jeff Lang

Howard, Claire Anne Taylor, Dog Trumpet, The Soul Movers and a rollcall of local legends. Highlights include Psychedelic Saturday, with legendary light artist Ellis D Fogg, and Hootenanny Sunday, a laid-back

celebration of alt-country and roots.

Jeff Lang, who headlines the gala and plays Sunday at the Ex-Services Club, says, 'It's a challenging time for festivals, so it's great to be part of something new and real. I hope it gains traction and flourishes - it's a healthy addition to the music scene.'

Festival Director, Lou Bradley, adds, 'There's so much heart in this festival - from the musicians and venues to the volunteers and local businesses. We can't wait to share it.'

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It's a new community piano!



Piano tuner, Norman Appel, Magenta Apple-Pye, Catherine Perversi, Rose Miho, Grant Giles, Sam Moss, project co-ordinator, Laura Upsal, Lorna Carr and pianist, Soli Sea. Photo Jeff 'Play It Again, Soli' Dawson

To celebrate the year of the piano and the new ABC iview series *The Piano*, the ABC and Piano Plus Australia have delivered up to 20 pre-loved pianos donated by organisations and ordinary people to towns across the country.

Organisers told *The Echo*, 'Members of the Australian public were asked to nominate a place in their local area that they believe should have a piano, and the Brunswick Heads community responded, sending in an overwhelming number of applications.'

Beyond repair

'An already-damaged piano arrived anonymously in the Soundshell a couple of years ago, and has been repaired on many occasions by local piano tuner, Norman Appel.

'However, this piano

Free Bruns concert, July 6

There will be a free concert held at the Brunswick Heads Soundshell in Terrace Park, Brunswick Heads on Sunday July 6, from 2.30pm. It will feature local pianists and Yantra de Vilder from Pianos for the People and her choir. This event has been made possible by the Brunswick Valley Progress Association and Reflections Holidays.

reached a stage whereby it was now beyond repair and had to be removed. The removal was organised and costs covered by our local Brunswick resident and benefactor, Peter Philipps'.

Reflections Brunswick Heads Park Manager, Lorna Carr, said, 'This has been a community partnership that has been instrumental in not only enhancing communication between

many organisations and local stakeholders, but also in generating joy during moments that have tested our community.'

Sense of community

Organisers say, 'The community spoke of the piano bringing a sense of community togetherness and therapeutic value, especially after the flood, fires, and cyclone.'

'There was also a notable mention of the delight it was to see local kids run to the piano after school and home-less youth composing songs and being offered a coffee by Footbridge Cafe.

Piano Plus campaign

'The nominations for the Brunswick Heads Soundshell were successful, and as a result, will be gifted a pre-loved piano for the public to enjoy as part of the ABC and Piano Plus's campaign.

'The piano has now arrived in the Soundshell, where it has been secured and a cover provided.

'Yantra de Vilder who will be performing at the community launch concert, is also a consultant for the ABC campaign. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this wonderful celebration.'

Byron's Special Entertainment Precinct – comments sought

Plans for a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) in Byron's CBD are moving closer, with Byron Shire Council inviting the public to make comments around how it will be developed.

Council said in a media release, 'With support from a \$162,800 grant from the NSW government, early planning is underway to reimagine a section of the Byron Bay town centre as a Special Entertainment Precinct – not as a party zone, but as a

curated cultural hub where locals and visitors can safely enjoy music, art, outdoor dining, and meaningful connection.'

'We're not trying to be the next late-night hotspot', Mayor Sarah Ndiaye says.

'We're future-proofing Byron Bay in a way that aligns with our values – inclusive, creative, connected – and driven from the ground up.'

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Book fair returns for July 11–14



Sunny, Heidi and Bodhi get lost in a world of ideas in the Brunswick Library's Reading Chair. Photo Jeff 'Greened From Screen' Dawson

Are you a reader? Love books? Friends of Libraries are once again holding their annual secondhand book fair at the Byron Bay Surf Club from July 11 to 14.

Doors open 9am to 4pm each day.

Organisers say, 'Over 1,000 books of all categories, some

extremely rare, ancient, or very topical, plus many hidden treasures, all in good condition'.

Huge raffle

'One of the highlights of the four days is the Friends of Libraries huge raffle, with over 20 locally-selected prizes

drawn on the last day of the fair. A event not to be missed'.

They added, 'We wish to thank all contributing donors of books for 2025, as our storage shed is now full please save any further books until next year'.

For more information visit www.byronbayfol.com.

Death & Dying Expo June 28

Building on the success of last year's event, a free Death & Dying Expo is again planned for Saturday, June 28, to be held at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall.

Co-organiser Chi Chi Menendez says, 'This expo is an opportunity for the community to learn and discover what services and supports are available to them, and what is possible, or new, in this space'.

The expo will feature talks and panels, with leading voices in palliative care, as well as independent funeral directors, and death doulas.

There will be advance care planning available, and grief care, along with a home funeral workshop.



Deathwalker and artist Chi Chi Menendez in the Ritual Objects Studio. Photo Jeff Dawson

End of life planning is also on offer, with resources, information on advance care directives and what to plan for.

Professionals in the field are invited to apply to be a part of the day.

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

Interrupting trauma and violence

Eve Jeffery

As we gain a greater understanding of coercive control – an insidious pattern of abuse that can lead to devastating consequences, we are coming to grips with how to help women free themselves from these bonds.

In recent years the laws have changed. Police and courts are learning to take a different view of how to deal with perpetrators.

Multi-award-winning journalist Jess Hill's main focus is on social issues and gendered violence. She has delved very deeply into the mechanics of coercive control. She is the woman



Jess Hill. Photo supplied

behind 'See What You Made Me Do', an SBS documentary series on domestic abuse, and a Quarterly Essay on #MeToo in Australia.

Often the question arises about how and why women don't see a violent situation coming. Hill says it's not really about broad intelligence.

'Even people who've grown up with domestic and family violence and have a really well-established set of red flags, say "I didn't see that guy coming. He was different."'

'The coercive controller gets inside your head and changes the way that you think about yourself, about the relationship, about what you are entitled to, in terms of treatment, in terms of access to independence, all of that. So that's slowly being altered. And the reason people don't see it is because it's being made to feel normal', she says.

Jess Hill is visiting Lismore on Thursday to talk about these issues. She is at the Star Court Theatre from 6pm.

Planning minister backs Council's plans for large Mullumbimby carpark redevelopment

Hans Lovejoy

An e-petition asking the government to explore options other than plans for a three-storey mixed residential and commercial shops on a public carpark at Mullumbimby's entrance has received a response from NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully (Labor).

Within his extensive reply – which repeats the talking points of proponents, Byron Shire Council and NSW government development corporation, Landcom, there is no answer as to why no other location was considered.

Residents gave various reasons why the proposal for 32 tightly-packed residential units, plus shops, is inappropriate for the site.

That includes, 'The building design is overbearing and inappropriate as a gateway to our town centre'. More suitable sites are available nearby, says the e-petition, like Council's carpark on

Station Street, the decommissioned Mullumbimby Hospital site, and state railway land on Prince Street.

'All three of these are larger than the current site, have safer access and would not require funding for land acquisition', it reads.

And while Minister Scully says there are reports to support the development application (DA), the public have not been presented with them as the DA is yet to be presented to the public.

Urban architect, David Brown, told *The Echo*, 'Sadly, Landcom and Council's pursuit of affordable housing on 57 Station Street suggests both organisations lack any understanding of individuals and families at the bottom of Byron Shire's housing food chain'.

'Importantly, the proposal rests on a false premise – that just 15 resident and four visitor parking spaces are expected to satisfy the demands of 32 dwellings.

'Anyone aware of local and regional transport systems knows the connections between employment centres is tenuous at best, non-existent at worst. This means car ownership is essential, more so for those on low to moderate incomes.

False premise

'Byron Shire is not Sydney, where public transport of some form is readily available. So applying metropolitan standards is totally unrealistic. As a result, the so-called comprehensive traffic assessment has been based on a false premise.

'Council proposes to construct a new public parking area on the Argyle/Prince Street corner. This destroys the opportunity to create a green entry to Mullumbimby – a fundamental element of the Master Plan Council enthusiastically endorsed just a few years ago', he added.

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Media workshop on offer for creatives



Leigh McGrane from Against the Grain. Photo Jeff Dawson

Arts Northern Rivers will present a free one-and-a-half hour interactive online workshop designed to equip participants with practical public relations and media strategies.

Leigh McGrane, from Against the Grain, says the session will cover key aspects of engaging traditional media, crafting effective press releases, and building sustainable media

relationships.

The workshop has been developed to support artists and arts workers who are based in the Northern Rivers, and who are working in any medium, and at all career stages, to upskill in traditional media.

The online meeting is Thursday, July 3, from 11am till 12.30pm. To get involved, visit www.tinyurl.com/2t2yt9cu.

A lifeline for the endangered orangutangs

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

It's a long way from Sumatra to Mullumbimby, but Panut Hadisiswoyo has made the trip five times, all in the name of saving the Sumatran orangutang and to do what he needs to protect and nourish their habitat: the rainforest.

Hadisiswoyo established the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) in 2001, solely as an information centre for orangutangs.

The NGO has now expanded their work and developed various projects dedicated to the protection of forest and wildlife conservation, as well as introducing sustainable agricultural practice.

Local bloke and Gondwana Rainforest Trust founder, Kelvin Davies, visited Sumatra in 2008, began supporting the OIC and, with his volunteers, has an ongoing relationship. This includes a skills exchange



Panut Hadisiswoyo and his Astri visiting old friends and mentors in Mullumbimby – volunteer Alice Moffet and Gondwana Rainforest Trust founder, Kelvin Davies.

and interaction between people from the Byron Shire and North Sumatra.

As Panut was in Brisbane last week for the International Congress for Conservation Biology 2025, it was only natural that he would catch up with his Northern Rivers friends before heading home.

Residents of Byron Shire have made a huge contribution to the Sumatran cause,

with not only information, but also fundraising and networking.

Introductions

'Introducing us to many people in Australia has been very important,' says Hadisiswoyo.

'The results are that we've planted almost four million trees and millions more have naturally regenerated.'

Contributions have been

made by many people from the Byron Shire, including Alice Moffett, who spent a year volunteering in Sumatra.

Skills exchange

Hadisiswoyo says he is grateful and that information and skills he has gained through the exchange have been invaluable.

'In the beginning, we replanted degraded habitat. But without having a proper knowledge and skills to understand how to restore, we were just planting trees with no understanding of the principles of natural regeneration.'

'Then, we met Kelvin and Alice, and we had a kind of eye opening. Now we have very good insight around how to do it properly.'

Anyone can make a tax-deductible donation to support the work of the Gondwana Rainforest Trust by visiting www.GondwanaRainforestTrust.org.

'Best development ever' says developer as residents outline objections to botched DA

Hans Lovejoy

An online hearing last week by consent authority, the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP), heard that multiple issues remained around a large greenfield proposal near the busy intersection of Mullumbimby Road and McAuleys Lane, located halfway between Mullum and Uncle Toms.

Yet remarkably, one of the developers behind the project, John Callanan, stood by the development application (DA) at the meeting's conclusion, despite hearing about a plethora of unanswered questions and bungled processes.

The other proponent

behind the 39 large exclusive lot community title subdivision is Tim Mundy, and the lead designer at the time of DA lodgement was Jack Dods, who later was elected to Byron Shire Council.

The panel heard on June 18 that apart from immediate neighbours not being consulted by Cr Dods, others were also not given an opportunity to respond to the proposal.

Cr Dods previously told *The Echo* he had consulted with the landowners at adjoining property, Mevlana.

Councillors recently adopted a controversial planning proposal for the project, after a secret 45-minute meeting with staff. It provides DA 10.2023.454.1

a pathway to approval and gives Council the option to compulsorily acquire land from landowners at the corner of Mullumbimby Road and McAuleys Lane.

While Council staff claim it is also needed for safety, the neighbours say they were approached by staff on behalf of the developers, and were only told that the land was needed for the DA's consent.

The planning proposal vote split the Greens councillors, with Mayor Sarah Ndiaye siding with an adopted amendment by Cr David Warth, which was based on staff advice.

Her Green colleagues voted against, with Cr Elia Hague saying, 'neither the planning or legal staff were able to

identify any precedent in NSW where a planning agreement has required a council to acquire land for a third party'.

Neighbours have told *The Echo* the planning proposal provides an advantage for the wealthy developers and a disadvantage to the couple who own the corner of Mullumbimby Road and McAuleys Lane.

The NRPP meeting

During the online NRPP meeting, one resident explained to the panelists and chair that they 'wanted the best possible development for the community'.

'We have provided eight peer reviews around all aspects of this DA. We want this fact-based and

compliance-driven. We have wastewater concerns – our latest peer review raises questions around the staff report which failed to demonstrate compliance'.

It emerged that a bore near the adjoining property boundary poses an obstacle for the DA's approval.

Another resident told the panel their property overlooks the proposal, and the DA came without a visual impact statement.

Larger in scale

'There's a potential for a loss of property value, and privacy,' they said.

'It is larger in scale and density than the surrounding rural setting'.

At the end of all the

speeches against his proposal, Callanan said of all the developments he has been a part of, in his 45-plus years as a developer, this was one of the best.

'There's more than 16 ha of land dedicated to environmental buffers... We plan to plant 6,000 rainforest trees,' he added.

Former mayor, Simon Richardson, who mentored previous mayor Michael Lyon and current mayor, Sarah Ndiaye, was a NRRP panelist at the meeting.

He oversaw the land's inclusion in the rural land use strategy while he was mayor.

The NRPP panel's chair, Di Leeson, said they would determine the DA within the week.



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Emergency services recommence search for man missing in Tweed Heads

Patrick Liedke, 39, was last seen between 1pm and 2pm on Monday, 22 April, 2024 at Gray Street, Tweed Heads West.

Northern Rivers continues to support refugees on World Refugee Day

The Northern Rivers has been active in settling refugees here and since August 2022 has seen 42 refugees from Syria and Venezuela settled across the region.

Tackling youth suicide among young men in Northern NSW is vital

A one-on-one therapeutic program, aiming to prevent suicide among young men aged 14-18 across the region has received funding.

Salt water over Ballina roads with upcoming king tides

The king tides will be occurring at night this week in Ballina until Saturday, 28 June and will reach up to 1.96m.

Future of illegally constructed farmstay units in Cudgen

Two structures, that were constructed without consent, at 396 Melaleuca Road, Cudgen were recommended for refusal by staff at Tweed Shire Council's recent meeting.

Major upgrade for Mur'bah's Budd Park

The riverside Budd Park in Murwillumbah has been revamped and now offers an inclusive, flood-resilient space blending recreation, relaxation and resilience.

Local artist selected to be exhibited in Royal Academy of Art, London

Former Greens politician Dawn Walker has been pursuing an art career since leaving politics, and has recently received the news that she's been selected for the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition.

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Remembering the trailblazing Ros Irwin



Ros Irwin. Photo Tree Faerie

David Lowe

Tributes are flowing for Dr Ros Irwin, the president of Friends of the Koala and Lismore's first female mayor, who has died at the age of 82.

Elected to Lismore City Council (LCC) in 1991 under the banner 'There's room for us all in City Hall', Dr Irwin became mayor in 1997, battling the male conservative majority to transform Lismore, and set the stage for Jenny Dowell, who became the city's second female mayor in 2004, before Vanessa Ekins followed in their footsteps.

Woman of principle

Jenny Dowell remembered Ros Irwin on social media: 'Her death has rocked me to my core but the loss and grief Bill her partner and family are experiencing are immeasurable.'

Ms Dowell said she remembered 'a strong woman of principle and passion.'

Current Lismore Councillor Jasmine Knight-Smith said, 'It is with great sadness I acknowledge the passing of former LCC Mayor Ros Irwin.'

'Ros was a dedicated servant to our community, a strong leader, and a trailblazer for women in local government. Big love to her friends and family, she will be missed.'

A truly passionate friend

A statement from Friends of the Koala described Dr Irwin as 'a truly passionate friend of the koalas', with her involvement with the group going back to 1992.

As president of Friends of the Koala during the 2019-2020 bushfires in the Lismore region, a particularly challenging time for koalas, she is said to have made an 'enormous' contribution.

'Ros was an extraordinary woman - insightful, intelligent, visionary, energetic, determined, direct, reflective, thoughtful and considerate; a woman of integrity and a highly respected leader in several fields, not least, of Friends of the Koala... Long may her legacy live on.'

After leaving LCC, Dr Irwin lectured in arts and social sciences at Southern Cross University for many years.

She and Jenny Dowell both battled cancer and met again recently at a radiology clinic. Speaking on the ABC yesterday, Jenny Dowell described her former mentor as 'a force of nature and a great intellect.'

Dr Irwin is survived by her partner Bill Sheaffe, their daughter, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Channon Tavern shows off its new trees



As part of the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative, the owners of The Channon Tavern were recently awarded a grant to plant 2,500 trees on the banks of the creek below the venue. Pictured are: Lismore Council's, Ellie Sales; Richmond Landcare's, Ivy Young; and The Channon Tavern co-owner, Sebastian Brady with the 2,500 new trees. Photo Tree Faerie

Hastings Point WTP gets consultative committee

Aslan Shand

Tweed Shire councillors backed away from establishing a Waste Water Advisory Group (WWAG) that would look at all wastewater issues across the Tweed Shire at Thursday's (19 June, 2025) meeting.

The WWAG had been established at their 15 May

meeting on how to ensure community feedback provided on the draft concept design of options 4 and 5 for the contentious Hastings Point Wastewater Treatment Plant (HPWTP).

At last Thursday's meeting, Crs Cherry, Dennis and Kimberly Hone lodged a rescission motion for the WWAG.

Mayor Cherry told the meeting that a WWAG 'is not going to serve the purpose that we need in terms of a tight, timely community input into the design [of the HPWTP]'. Instead a project-specific HPWTP consultative committee was established.

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

'Soul-destroying' approval of zombie DA on Cobaki estuary

Aslan Shand

Locals say that the approval of the latest modifications of the flood-prone, zombie development application (DA) for a 37-lot industrial subdivision at 60 Tringa Street, Tweed Heads West on the Cobaki estuary is 'soul-destroying'.

The subdivision was approved in 1996, then bought in 2022 by Dubbo developer MAAS for over \$20 million and then cleared in March 2023.

At the 5 June, 2025 Tweed Shire Council (TSC) meeting the modification application (S96/0049.13 - Mod 12) sought to approve the relocation, construction and opening of a permanent access from Hakea Drive to the northern boundary of Council's Sewer Treatment

Plant (STP) site.

The original DA in 1996 specifically required the developer to buy the land for, and build, an alternative access route. The developer was required to purchase council land for a dedicated road, which they did and this was designated in 2000. However, they have never built the road on the southern boundary and through this modification will move the access route to this new location on the north-east boundary.

Concerns over waterways impact

Liberal councillors James Owen and Rhiannon Brinsmead moved the motion to approve the modification. Mayor Chris Cherry then moved an alternative motion, seconded by Cr Meredith

Dennis to delay the decision until the next council meeting.

Cr Cherry raised concerns about the proposed compensatory planting, how the culverts will act and other issues that were not addressed as part of the original application to create this access as a temporary route.

With both councillors Reece Byrnes (Labor) and Dr Nola Firth (Greens) absent from the meeting the alternative motion was lost with Owen, Brinsmead and Nationals councillor Kimberley Hone voting it down.

The original motion to approve the new access route was supported by Crs Owen, Brinsmead and Hone with Crs Cherry and Dennis against.

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Big names and big issues explored at writers festival

This year's Byron Writers Festival is a star-studded celebration of national icons and local legends gathered under the festival theme **Passion & Purpose**.

Exploring what makes a life well-lived, these passionate writers represent a diverse spectrum of talent from former AFL player turned children's book author Tony Armstrong to surfing legend Layne Beachley and ABC's Elder in Residence Jackie Huggins.



Feature events

Australia's most respected living writer Helen Garner headlines the program and will appear in two conversations, with Kerry O'Brien on the evening of festival Friday, and with fellow novelist Jock Serong on festival Sunday.

Get your trivia brain into gear for Saturday night's game show hosted by the team from Guardian Australia. The Are You Game Show features special guest contestants Robbie Arnott, Tiget Girma, Thomas Mayo and Michael Robotham, and promises to be 'an extremely enjoyable and deeply chaotic battle of the brains'.

Later on Saturday night is the annual poetry showcase, headlined by powerhouse Indigenous performer Ziggy Ramo and author of *Human*. Featuring poets and singer-songwriters including Mparntwe-based poet Laurie May and winners from the Poets Out Loud Slam and Australian Poetry

Slam heat, you'll also see local poet Sarah Temporal and many more stars from Australia and overseas.

Hot topics

The program features experienced voices from the realm of politics including Barry Jones, former national president of the Australian Labor Party, and Don Watson, writer and former speechwriter and advisor to Paul Keating. Jones and Watson will be joined by *The Forever War* author Nick Bryant and Director of the Australia Institute's International & Security Affairs Program Emma Shortis to discuss all things USA on the panel conversation Trump'd.

Beloved television presenter and producer Andrew Denton will appear with photographer Julian Kingma, who has produced a book of photographic portraits documenting voluntary assisted

dying, of which Denton is a leading advocate and spokesperson via his charity Go Gentle.

Leading Indigenous advocates will reflect on the 2023 Voice referendum and discuss the ways forward, with Yes campaigner Thomas Mayo, NSW Treaty Commissioner Naomi Moran, and Commissioner For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts on the panel *The Voice: What's Next* on festival Saturday.

International guests

The international contingent features the American-Canadian journalist John Vaillant, whose book *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* about the Canadian wildfires was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and winner of the £50,000 Baillie Gifford Prize. See him in conversation with climate journalist Royce Kurlmelovs on

festival Friday. Vaillant, whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and *National Geographic*, is also a celebrated novelist, and will speak to his book *The Tiger* on the panel *Animals as Symbols* on festival Saturday alongside Australian novelists Robbie Arnott (*Dusk*) and Melanie Cheng (*The Burrow*).

British novelist Esther Freud is another big festival Friday 'in conversation', with Freud set to be interviewed by ABC Radio National's *Big Ideas* host Natasha Mitchell. Freud's new novel *My Sister and Other Lovers* continues her exploration of familial bonds with striking likeness to her own bohemian upbringing. Freud features on the *Matriarchs* panel on festival Saturday alongside favourites Gina Chick (*We Are the Stars*) and Nardi Simpson (*The Belburd*), women with a keen interest in, and experience with, strong matrilineal lines.

Writers coming to Byron from India include poet Akhil Katyal, graphic novelist Ita Mehrotra, and festival director Mary Therese Kurkalang. Katyal, who co-edited *The World That Belongs to Us: An Anthology of Queer Poetry from South Asia*, will feature in the Friday morning session *Delhi to Mumbai: Poems*, as well as performing at *Beyond the Lines*. Mehrotra will showcase her political graphic novels documenting protest movements (*Shaheen Bagh*) and the struggle for forest rights (*Uprooted*) in India in the conversation session *Activist Art*. She will lead a comics and zines workshop in Mullumbimby on the Thursday ahead of the festival. Kurkalang will interview both writers as a respected figure in Indian publishing, currently working with artists in the Eastern Himalayas.

Explore the program at byronwritersfestival.com.



Photo: Kate Holmes

Byron Writers Festival ticket guide

Secure your tickets to experience the full three-day festival or dive into one big day.

3-Day Pass gives you access to more than 110 sessions in the main festival program at Bangalow Showground on Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August.

1-Day Pass is used to attend individual festival days on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

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Kids Program Pass admits one child and one adult to the Kids Program on festival Sunday. This pass is for adults who wish to accompany their children for the kids' program only.

Feature Events, Workshops and Satellite Events are separately ticketed events that take place during festival week. Check them out online, or in the printed program.

Parking at Bangalow Showground is \$10 per day and must be pre-booked. We encourage carpooling! Alternatively, you can hop on our free shuttle bus service.

For more information and to book visit byronwritersfestival.com.



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Localisation and the media's role

World Localisation Day is being celebrated through the month of June, and for Byron locals, an event is planned by Relocalise Northern Rivers at the Marvell Hall in Byron Bay on Saturday, June 28.

The event is called Local Prosperity Lab, and co-organiser, Susan Wanmer, says localisation is as simple as connecting those needing to trade a service or product with each other.

She says, 'This ability to connect, to be resourceful, to have the finger on the pulse of who knows what and who does what, is the essence of prosperity – and the fabric of community resilience.'

'Woven person by person; handshakes, hugs and smiles create the rich tapestry of generosity, kindness and creativity that the Northern Rivers is renowned for.'

Wanmer says, 'We want to spotlight a local voice that informs, connects, and links us to the pulse of Byron, the pulse of the region: local media.'

'No industry has been more affected by globalisation taking over local stories, than the media industry. In 2008, Australia had just over 500 newspapers, and now we have less than half that number.'

'An often overlooked cornerstone of our cheeky, disruptive, laid back, yet opinionated Byron character is our independent media.'

'We are one of the few places in Australia blessed with not only this independent newspaper, but also community radio Bay FM 99.9.'

'Deeper than the witty tagline under each week's *Echo* logo is the commitment to socio-political, grassroots representation – the press being a vital pillar of democracy.'

'We will be sharing a short history of *The Echo* – The

compelling story of the freethinkers who gave a unique community its voice – video excerpt by Sharon Shostak, plus an opportunity to discuss democracy, local issues, media, cost of living as well as many other topics,' Wanmer says.

For a half day or full day ticket, visit www.relocalise.org.



And as part of the Local Prosperity Lab event on June 28, this humble, locally-owned publication will be featured.

For those new to the area, *The Echo* just celebrated its 39th birthday.

It was started by locals who were fed up that mainstream media were not reporting the police dope raids in the hills behind Mullumbimby.

While many people were involved in *The Echo's* inception in 1986, it was co-founded by editor Nicholas Shand and production manager, David Lovejoy.

Both myself and deputy editor, Aslan Shand, are the second-generation *Echo* voices.

Independent media is quite simply one of the few mechanisms a society has to hold the powerful – or the mediocre powerful – to account.

It can be tough work. What isn't tough is taking pot shots at the vulnerable and less powerful.

That is generally called 'punching down'.

It's worth keeping in mind when you read about 'dole bludgers and drug addicts, etc' in other media.

That narrative is generally spun by the Murdoch press, for the benefit of distracting us from the super wealthy and their rorts.

The public benefit accrues when the media does its job of asking tough questions – of everyone.

And without fear or favour!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Love Lennox! But do we love Airbnb?

Like thousands of others, I happily wandered the packed streets of Lennox a couple of Saturdays back, during the Love Lennox festival.

Our family marvelled at Brazilian drummers, indulged in sweet treats, and admired vintage cars, while bumping into friends and acquaintances.

But sitting enjoying a band, we were stunned to discover the giant sponsor's logo on the main stage was the controversial global corporation, Airbnb.

And it was emblazoned on the high-vis vests of festival helpers. Even a Ballina Shire councillor was wearing one.

I understand the challenges of finding sponsors. I also understand many people decide to use Airbnb.

This column is not about those private decisions. It's about a very public festival sponsorship. In the midst of a housing crisis forcing millions of people into insecure and unaffordable rentals, does Lennox Head really want to get into bed with Airbnb?

Ballina Council's housing strategy makes the problematic nature of this deal crystal clear.

'Online holiday rental platforms' are one of the factors 'impacting the local long-term rental supply.' A key aim of that housing strategy is increasing 'available permanent rental stock through limits on non-hosted short-term rental accommodation.'

Global controversy

From Barcelona to New York, local, state and national governments are responding to community concerns, and cracking down on Airbnb and other platforms which help drive housing availability down, and prices up.

Last month, the Spanish government reportedly ordered Airbnb to remove over 65,000 rental properties from its platform, for alleged violations of local rules. Barcelona – which has led global responses to Airbnb – recently announced plans to ban all short-term holiday rental licences by 2028. Other places imposing bans, restrictions or new



'In the midst of a housing crisis forcing millions into insecure and unaffordable rentals, does Lennox really want to get into bed with Airbnb?'

Dr Ray Moynihan

taxes, include Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, Melbourne, and Byron.

When listing the many risks to its business, Airbnb's 2024 annual report revealed the 'City of New York has effectively banned short-term rentals' with restrictions being considered across that state. Airbnb recently settled tax disputes with the Italian government, paying out almost A\$1 billion, and with Ireland, paying almost \$250 million.

For the record, Airbnb's current worth is around \$125 billion.

Its 2024 revenue was \$17 billion, and it spent \$3.3 billion on sales and marketing, almost twice as much as on administration.

Money talks

In light of that global marketing budget, Airbnb purchased their brand marketing at Love Lennox for a pittance, but it was money well spent.

When community concerns about holiday rentals inevitably spill into council debates about new rules, global Airbnb has bought itself a lot of local goodwill.

Money talks. Sponsorship matters. We don't tend to bite the hand that feeds us.

Corporations with a lot at stake controversially use marketing and sponsorship to undermine collective attempts to improve the lives of people and the planet.

Take the climate crisis as an example. Tim Winton has urged arts festivals to stop taking sponsorship from fossil fuel giants keen to greenwash their reputations. Other high-profile Australians have boycotted the prestigious Walkley journalism awards. Why? Because of sponsorship deals with oil companies.

Few now dispute the science showing the burning of fossil fuels helps drive climate change.

Similarly, there's now evidence, not just anecdote, that platforms like Airbnb are one of the drivers of the housing crisis, so acute in our Northern Rivers region.

In 2023 one of Australia's most reputable groups of housing academics delivered a report on short-term rentals in Byron, for the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

'There is a growing empirical, as distinct from anecdotal literature, on the impact of short-term rental accommodation on housing rents,' it stated. 'Cities where a relationship between a loss of rental stock and increases in rents has been empirically established include Barcelona, Thessaloniki, Athens, Berlin, and London.'

The report estimated one in four Byron houses were listed on a platform, with around 1,600 Airbnb hosts, and over 1,300 houses that could have been available for long-term rentals. The affordability crisis, it outlined, meant essential workers like those in hospitality and retail, and professionals such as teachers, police officers and nurses, will be 'increasingly unable to live and work' here.

I'm sure those who negotiated the festival sponsorship, on both sides, are hardworking people of goodwill. This column is written with a deep sense of respect to those who made Love Lennox such a success. But the festival website states that sponsors are 'limited to businesses with a positive local impact.' Let's hope that limitation gets a little more consideration in the future.

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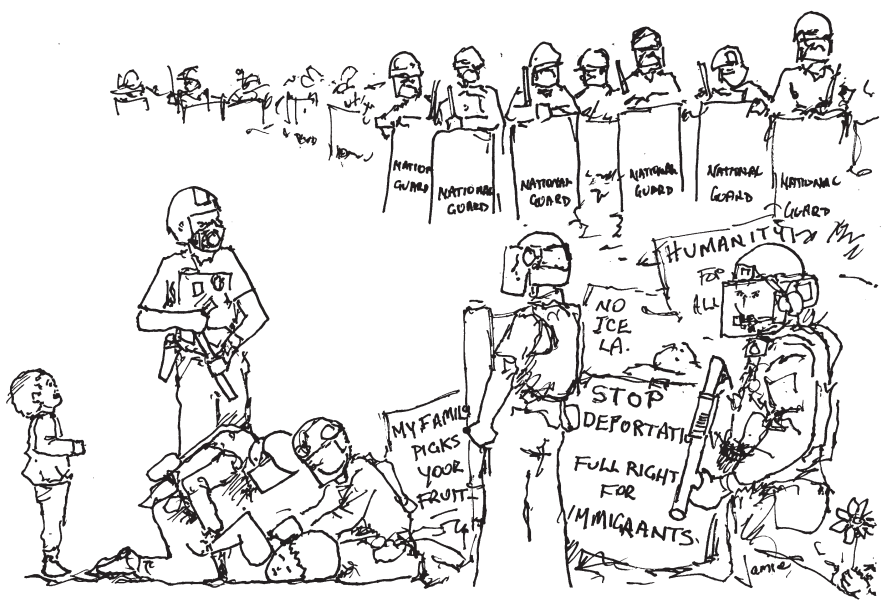
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Country Witches

Last night I had the privilege of watching the last show of the Country Witches Association which is the collaboration between Mandy Nolan and Áine Tyrrell. There were lots of laughs, incredible music, some tears and deep and important discussions about the reality of being a woman at this time in history. Discussions about domestic violence, being a woman in the public eye and being a woman who speaks up against injustice and brutality.

As a recently-elected councillor, my eyes have been thrust wide open by the intense scrutiny and aggression that is often heaped upon women in our community who dare to lead and stand up for injustice. While I haven't been subject to this myself, I have watched other powerful women in our community, who have led with integrity, be subject to this. This is done under the guise of making people

accountable however, it often feels like bullying and has consequences of silencing some of them and possibly making others feel threatened to speak out.

That an inspirational person like Áine Tyrrell is leaving our community is a great loss for us all. That a brave and intelligent person like Mandy Nolan was unsuccessful in the federal election campaign is a blow to climate protection and social justice.

However, it was a powerful last night to be surrounded by people who were committed to the values of collective action, peace, environmental and social justice, and it made me want to be a better person.

I reflected on the way home with a friend who thought that I already do a lot for our community. And I asked myself, in 30 years what will my grandchildren say? Did I do enough? I'm not sure what they will say. But women like Áine, Mandy and

Sarah Ndiaye are examples in our community and perhaps we can all be inspired to do that little bit more.

Michelle Lowe
Byron Bay

Round and round the roundabout

Byron Shire Council is currently building a roundabout on Bayshore Drive to service the shopping centre and TAFE. Currently, travelling from Ewingsdale Road, to get to Bay Fair shops, people have to drive across the TAFE grass, head north to Sunrise Boulevard, go around a temporary roundabout there to make the U-turn for the approach to the shops' car park.

This temporary roundabout is about four metres in diameter. It is made of sandbags with six one-metre high plastic hi-vis poles. It would cost about \$1,000 for the bags and poles and probably took two Council workers a maximum of four hours to install. With work

hours costing, say \$400, we have a perfectly-working roundabout for the cost of \$1,400.

The Ross Street roundabout cost \$2 million, the Ewingsdale debacle more than \$5 million, the badly-designed and inefficient Grevillea/Bayshore Drive roundabout about \$2 million and the new one at TAFE, \$2 million.

Yes, there is more infrastructure needed for roundabouts, but the fact this one is 'functioning' shows that millions of dollars are wasted on roundabouts.

Go check out the \$1,400 roundabout. It works!

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Community disgrace

Let's talk again about 'basic needs' in our community, which are food, safety, and shelter.

Our community is crying out for affordable housing, safe infrastructure, and public amenities like adequate parking.

However, the focus of the Byron Shire councillors is on developments and, in particular, the controversial development application (DA) 10.2023.451.1 at 53 McAuleys Lane, Mullumbimby simply because it serves already-wealthy developers.

Fast-tracking proposals like this one, with outdated reports and no proper site specifications, is not only poor planning, it is a betrayal of public interest. It is deeply unfair to local families and workers to see our needs ignored while powerful interests are quietly accommodated.

This reflects a broader
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Thank you for your attention to this

David Lowe

In 1953 the democratically elected prime minister of Iran, Mohammad Mosaddegh, was overthrown by international oil interests, with the assistance of MI6 and the CIA.

In 1979, America's friend Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was ousted, and the country became a Shi'a Islamic Republic, which promised democracy but delivered clerical autocracy, via Ayatollah Khomeini and then Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who once issued a personal fatwa declaring the production and use of nuclear weapons 'forbidden' under Islam.

Like US President Donald Trump, he's a big fan of *Les Misérables*, and enjoys using the military and justice system to punish his internal opponents.

Khamenei has brought Iran closer to its allies Russia and China, while accusing the United States of terrorism, and calling for the destruction of Israel, which he has described as 'a cancerous tumour of a state'. Now the self-described



Donald Trump's latest official portrait, channelling Dirty Harry. Wikipedia/CC

'peace president' Donald Trump has done exactly what Benjamin Netanyahu wanted, and deployed bunker-busting bombs against Iranian nuclear facilities, in clear defiance of US and international law.

What next? It's unclear how much damage has actually been done to Iranian nuclear weapons development by the latest bombing, but the hypocrisy of two nuclear-armed countries attacking another nation in this way, without even seeking the support of their own people, let alone the UN, is blatant. As with Iraq's supposed

weapons of mass destruction in 2003, there's no evidence that Iran was even close to developing a nuclear weapon, despite decades of claims to that effect.

Donald Trump sabotaged earlier efforts to defuse the Iran situation peacefully last time he was in office. Now he's decided the lure of the big red button and the distraction value of things going boom was more attractive than his long-coveted Nobel Peace Prize.

The man who was elected on the promise of ending America's forever wars has kicked the biggest hornet's nest he could find, and potentially enmeshed his country and its allies in decades of further conflict.

After the initial shock and awe, military operations in Iraq lasted for many years, cost over a trillion dollars and caused the loss of millions of human lives, most of them civilians, as well as horrendous environmental destruction, and the ongoing destabilisation and radicalisation of a large area of the Middle East.

What will be the human cost of this new war? Which corporations will profit? If the Strait of Hormuz is closed, will the world be driven into economic crisis?

Ludicrously, Trump's social media post which announced his military attack on Iran included the statement, 'NOW IS THE TIME FOR PEACE!' The man who thinks reality is his personal construction apparently believes starting a war is the same thing as opening peace negotiations.

De-escalation

Following the bombings, an Australian government spokesman called for 'de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy,' noting that the security situation in the region is highly volatile.

By contrast, the Coalition came out in open support of Trump's unilateral action, which acting Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister and former military man Andrew Hastie described as 'necessary'.

As Hastie told reporters in WA, 'We could never accept a nuclear Iran - Iran is a repressive, theocratic

\$5.3 million Mullumbimby Road upgrade starts July

Council will be doing major improvements on Mullumbimby Road from July to December.

Stage 1 – July to September

Mullumbimby Road will be open to two-way traffic but at reduced speed. This will result in some traffic delays. Allow extra time for travel.

Where: From McAuleys Lane intersection to The Saddle Road intersection.

What's happening:

- New road pavement, signposting, guardrails, line marking.
- Widening the shoulder of Mullumbimby Road and McAuleys Lane at the intersection.
- New right-turn lane from Mullumbimby Road onto McAuleys Lane.

Stage 2 – September to December 2025

Mullumbimby Road will be closed to outbound traffic from The Saddle Road. Detours via Coolamon Scenic Drive and Myocum Road.

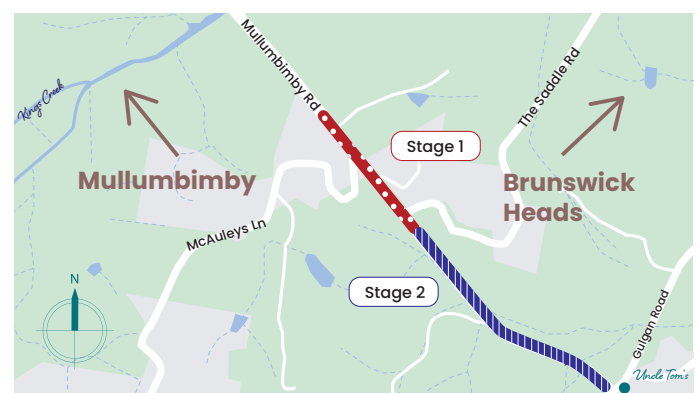
Where: The Saddle Road to Gulgan Road.

What's happening:

- Service relocation, new road pavement, signage, line marking.
- Minor road widening.
- Drainage work to reduce nuisance flooding including drain clearing and new culvert crossings.

Heavy patching from Kings Creek Bridge to James Street

Heavy patching on Mullumbimby Road will be done over the next 12 months. The dates for this work are to be confirmed.



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► autocracy, and it's a sponsor of terrorism.' Unfortunately, those exact words could also describe the United States emerging under the reign of Donald Trump, with the role of the evangelicals becoming a particular worry.

Will Sussan Ley walk back or reinforce Hastie's stance during her appearance at the National Press Club this week?

Meanwhile in Iran, at least 430 people have died as a result of Israel's latest attacks on the country, and at least 24 in Israel, while the slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza continues unabated. If the goal of all this is regime change, then history should remind everyone involved that they should be very careful what they wish for. Bombing rarely results in gratitude from those on the ground, no matter how much they hate their rulers.

As the man in the long red tie would say, thank you for your attention to this matter.

■ Find more of David Lowe every Monday in *The Echo* Online: www.echo.net.au.

► Continued from page 9 failure of governance and integrity. And failure of respect to all of us locals, including respect for the environment, our native animals, and flora.

Byron councillors need to put efforts into parking spaces and affordable housing, instead of on the McAuleys Lane DA that will impact the road conditions, the residents and the habitat. They don't care about taking a portion of land from adjacent neighbours in order to facilitate the already-wealthy developers, simply because the developers are offering to the Council money in order to improve the road at the intersection. Is it a joke?

No, unfortunately, it is real. It means that the affected landowners will receive even less compensation than that offered by the Council [under compulsory acquisition].

Furthermore, there is no transparency about the road situation, traffic conditions, and safety. In my country of origin, this way of proceeding is called 'Mafia'. In the US it's called 'Trump policy', you name it!

It is simply unfair to local communities to see our needs ignored while powerful interests are

quietly accommodated.

We deserve transparency, not backroom deals. We are tired of being ignored while certain DAs are progressing, despite legitimate objections and outdated impact assessments.

It is time for fairness, respect, public amenities and not non-compliant, dirty deals.

Silver Roberts
Mullumbimby

Poor decision

A brickbat to the homo erectus from the bowling club who arranged for the burning of cyclone-damaged trees to pollute the surrounding student classrooms of two schools, driving the wildlife from the golf course onto the surrounding roads to be run over, for the kolas that remained in trees to be 'gassed' by the fire smoke, by the pollution of air for surrounding residents with respiratory conditions.

All of these trees could have been mulched by a chipper and the byproduct could have then been used by the ground staff for your surrounds, or you could have sold it off to the public and gained much-needed revenue.

D Haydock
Suffolk Park

What mandate?

Has anyone else noticed? Whenever Albanese is before the microphone and speaking in public, he has two words that he uses more often than any others – the words are 'my government'.

Surely someone should educate him about democracy and point out that it is the 'people's government' DYT?

Also, our politicians are always saying that they have a 'mandate' to do stuff. Do we need to remind all of them, that they have one, and only one, 'mandate'? That mandate is to determine the will of the people in their electorate and to express this in parliament.

That 'democracy' thingy again? We could set up a LAN in every electorate where the member would post legislation that is scheduled for voting in the parliament and citizens could post ideas and perspectives on the proposed legislations. The people could then vote over the LAN network and tell their member how they want him/her/it, to vote in parliament.

In this way a majority's wish would be expressed.

This would be a 'true democracy' similar to what
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▶ **Continued from page 11** exists and has existed in Switzerland for decades. We have the technology, it can be done. We just need to convince our politicians and their party to give up the power that they currently abuse!

Bloody hell, the politicians would not need to go to Canberra in disgustingly expensive jaunts for holding 'sessions', the electorate's vote could be posted to parliament electronically. Too easy!

Anthony Plesko
West Ballina

Trump's 'New World Order'

The residents of Northern NSW are amongst the sickest and most anxiety-ridden people in Australia judging by the number of healers and counsellors they are supporting. So I feel it incumbent upon me to help in some small way. Fear not, there is a new Trump world order afoot.

Crisis 1: Nuclear weapons soon to be in the hands of Iran's Twelver Shia government who believe the Mahdi will return from occultation once all the Jews are dead and then all the infidels will die or dhimmify. Solution currently in progress (watch

the news). Serendipitous side effect: Hamas and Hezbollah wither and die. Peace in the Middle East.

Crisis 2: Xi Jinping is closely aligned with Putin, possible World War III. Solution: threaten tariff war with China. Xi Jinping loses power and is replaced.

Crisis 3: Russia will conquer the Ukraine and threaten Europe which needs cheap energy. Solution: terrorise the Europeans by threatening to not protect them. Europeans re-arm like their lives depend upon it and support Ukraine with arms and money. Russia loses the war, Putin disappears and Russia starts selling cheap gas to the Europeans again.

Crisis 4: Sudanese conflict has resulted in the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. Solution: send Yassmin Abdel-Magied back to Sudan.

Tom Gubler
Murwillumbah

Conspiracy

Ken Clarke's article, 'Flourishing conspiracy theories' (*Echo*, 18 June) appeared to echo establishment talking points.

In recent years, many views once dismissed as conspiracies – such as mass

surveillance, the Covid lab-leak theory, vaccine risks, and overreach during lockdowns – have been proven correct.

Using the term 'conspiracy theory' serves to discredit dissent and discourage scrutiny.

Framing QAnon as the archetype of alternative thinking unfairly lumps all critics of government and corporate narratives into the same bucket. It's a tactic that chills debate, not fosters it.

Even more worrying is the proposed Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation Bill 2024, which risks turning 'truth' into a government-sanctioned product.

Who decides what's misinformation – pharmaceutical corporations? Bureaucrats? *The Echo*? Dissent isn't dangerous. It's how democracies breathe.

Susan Wiley
Cumbalum

End of impunity

Israel's reliance on violence to the exclusion of all reason, enhanced by contempt for international law and the rights of others, emboldened by decades of impunity, has led to this.

Israel's illegal unprovoked aggression against Iran has

now paved the way for some serious and long-overdue consequences.

The era of impunity for Israel is over.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Peace not hate

In response to the letter in *The Echo* from Carl Cleves (4 June): 'The truth' that I am referring to re Israel coming second in Eurovision is that the bulk of people of the world clearly do not have an obsessive, vile hatred of Israel, and are still able to keep balance.

I have said time and time again how terrible I feel for the suffering of Gazans, and say clearly that the Israeli hostages need to be returned and the war needs to end so that Gaza can start the long process of rebuilding. But from your side? No condemnation of Hamas, Iran, or Qatar?

No balance whatsoever, and as usual nothing that will contribute to peace.

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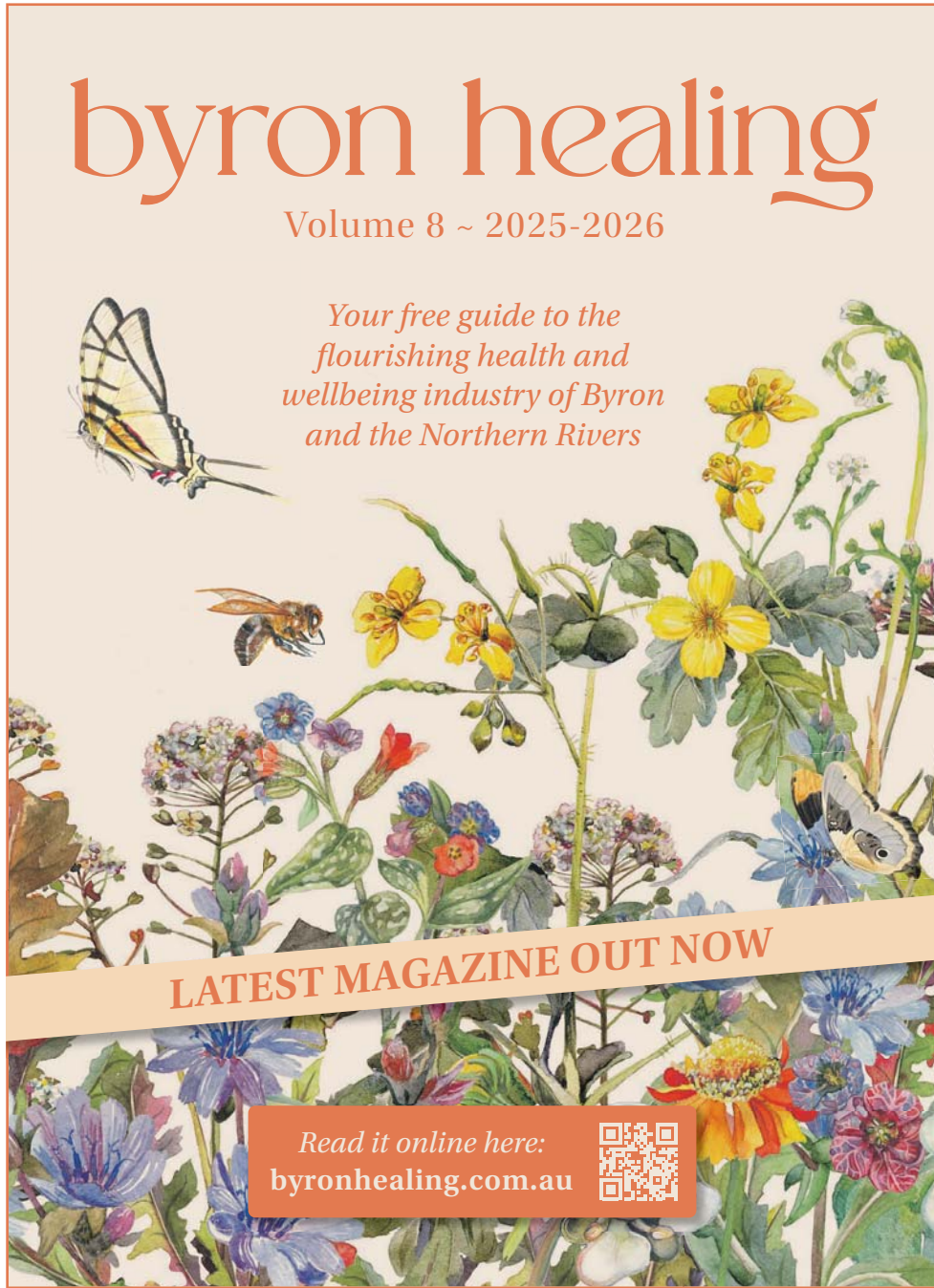
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Byron Tri Club wins regional title for fourth straight year

Ross Kendall

The Byron Tri Club has won this year's North Coast Interclub series, extending their domination of the contest to four years.

'That's four years in a row - it's unbelievable,' said the club's Deb Fuller.

'We have some very talented athletes amongst us.'

The Byron team took out the series after amassing 705 points, ahead of the Coffs Harbour Rockets on 510. The Hat Head Hammerheads came in third with 440 points.

The team also put in a big effort to win division four of the NSW club championships held in Forster last month, but just missed out by a few points.

'We were determined to win that. Maybe next year! For a little club we're doing ok,' said Deb.

But the competition



The Byron Tri Club team. Photo supplied

keeps coming as the Byron Tri Club has had a number of members qualify for the world triathlon championships (wearing green and gold) which is to be held in Australia in October this year. They include: Christie

Horsley, Caroline Hogan, Jaime Cascajares, David Milden, Scott Sewell, Deborah Fuller, Claire O'Meara, Peter Clarke and Nerida Clarke.

Most valued person of the year for the club was Andy Keen.

Big crowd flocks to Seas the Day women's surfing event

Ross Kendall

A crowd of over 15,000 enjoyed two days of the Seas The Day Women's Surf Festival, held at Kingscliff Beach last weekend.

With record-breaking numbers taking part, the event cemented its place as the world's largest female participation surf festival, according to Surfing Australia.

Events in the water included u/12 contests, open women's shortboard and longboard events, as well as u/18s and para surfing.

Leihani Zoric posts highest score

'Events like this are so important because they celebrate every kind of female surfer - whether they're competing, running a small surf brand, or just out



Just some of the action that took place at Kingscliff Beach on the weekend for the third running of Seas the Day. Photo Andy Morris Surfing Australia

there having a go,' eight-time world champion, Stephanie Gilmore, said.

Some of the most exciting moments came in the open women's shortboard event, where 12-year-old Byron Bay surfer, Leihani Zoric, posted the highest score of the event - a near-perfect 9.93

- in a heat against seven-time World Champion, Layne Beachley.

Off the beach, festival-goers could attend yoga, breathwork, and movement workshops as well as panel sessions featuring female leaders from the surfing industry.

Byron Bay Football Club women's teams excel with top coaching

John McKay

Byron Bay FC have three open women's teams this year, all in the top three grades, which is very exciting.

The third division team is largely made up of juniors transitioning from youth football to seniors, while second division is a mixture of returning players from last year, promoted players from last year's third division and new players.

The premier division team is largely the same squad from the last three year's, with a couple of promotions from last year's seconds and thirds, and a couple of new and returning players.

A real benefit for the club



Players and coach celebrating a win in 2024. Photo supplied

is a stable coaching staff with the head coach, Jimmy Gill, back for his sixth year.

The seconds coach, Marcus Gibbs, is back for his second, while thirds coach, James Wright, is a returning coach who has brought

super enthusiasm to the young girls.

The prems, last year's champions, started off the year winning their third pre-season Callan McMullan Shield in four years, running through the comp

undefeated, culminating in a comprehensive 5-1 win over Richmond Rovers.

They have maintained these lofty standards in the competition proper, remaining undefeated through eight games, having scored 37 goals while conceding only five.

The seconds and thirds are just starting to find their feet after slow starts, but are ready to follow the lead of the prems and ramp up their standards over the second half of the season.

Resources applied

Around a dozen years ago, Byron Bay FC made a committed, and might I add, passionate decision to put resources directly into

the women's game. This included infrastructure, resulting in female-friendly change rooms, skills acquisition programs (SAP) for our juniors, dedicated coaching, management and pathway programs for our youth and women. The last few years have really borne fruit, with this year again proving our leadership in that field.

There's huge numbers in the juniors, competitive youth and women's teams, all led by outstanding coaches, which suggests that Byron Bay FC will remain a power house in women's football for years to come.

■ John McKay is Byron Bay FC women's coordinator and infrastructure manager.



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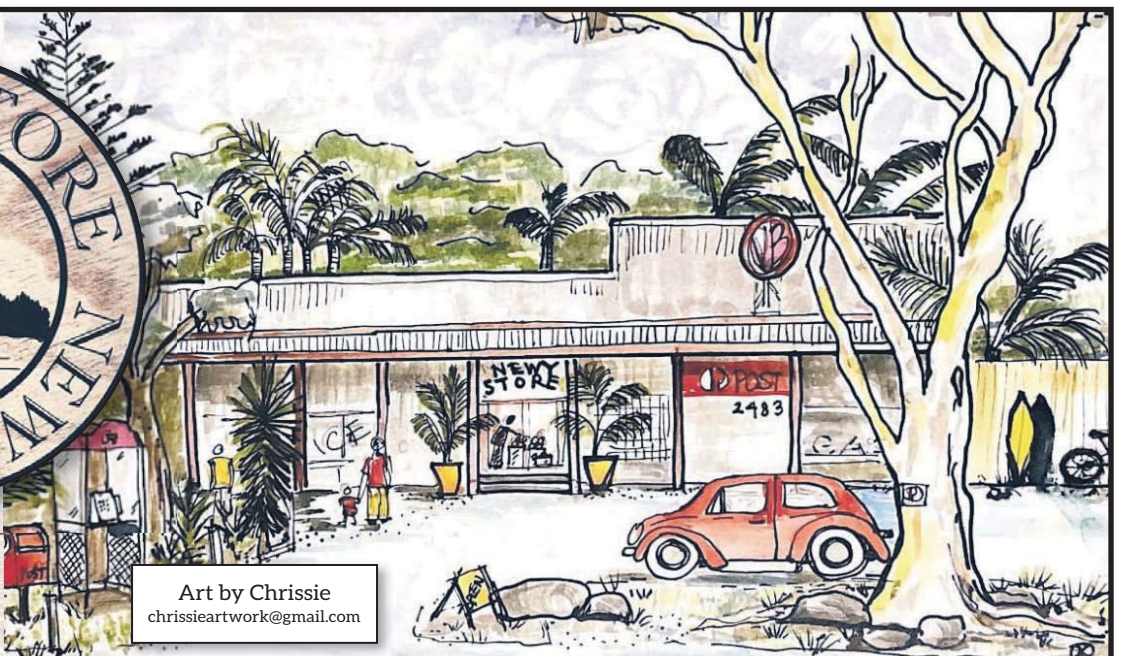
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And no, they're not turning their backs on rum. 'Let's be clear – we're still a rum distillery,' laughs Husk founder Paul Messenger. 'This is a side project. A delicious, totally unnecessary, and completely irresistible side project.'

The idea for Sidetrack was born in classic Northern Rivers style: on the back veranda, drinks in hand. Visiting at the time was William 'Buzz' Hutcheson – the recently

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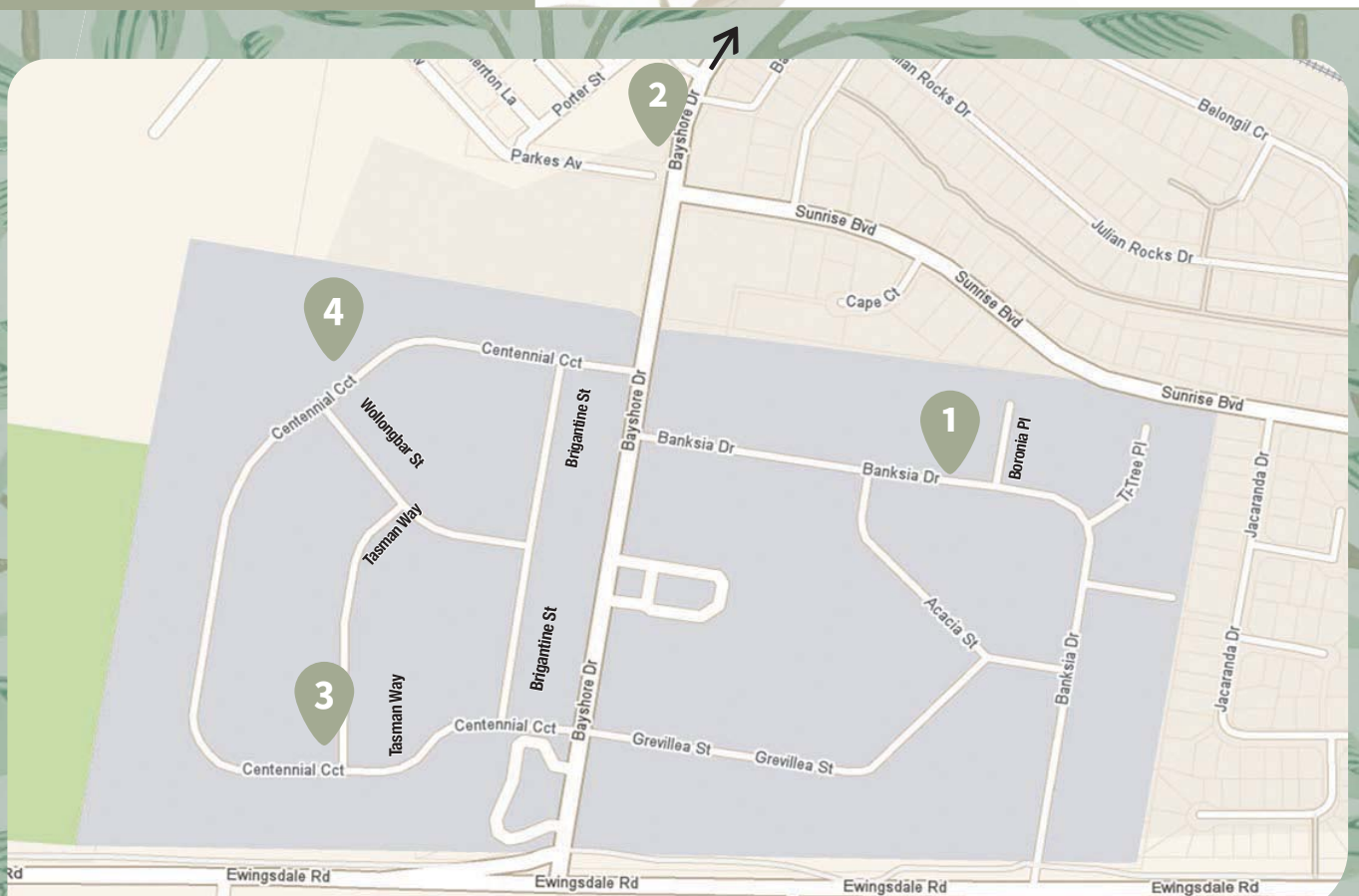
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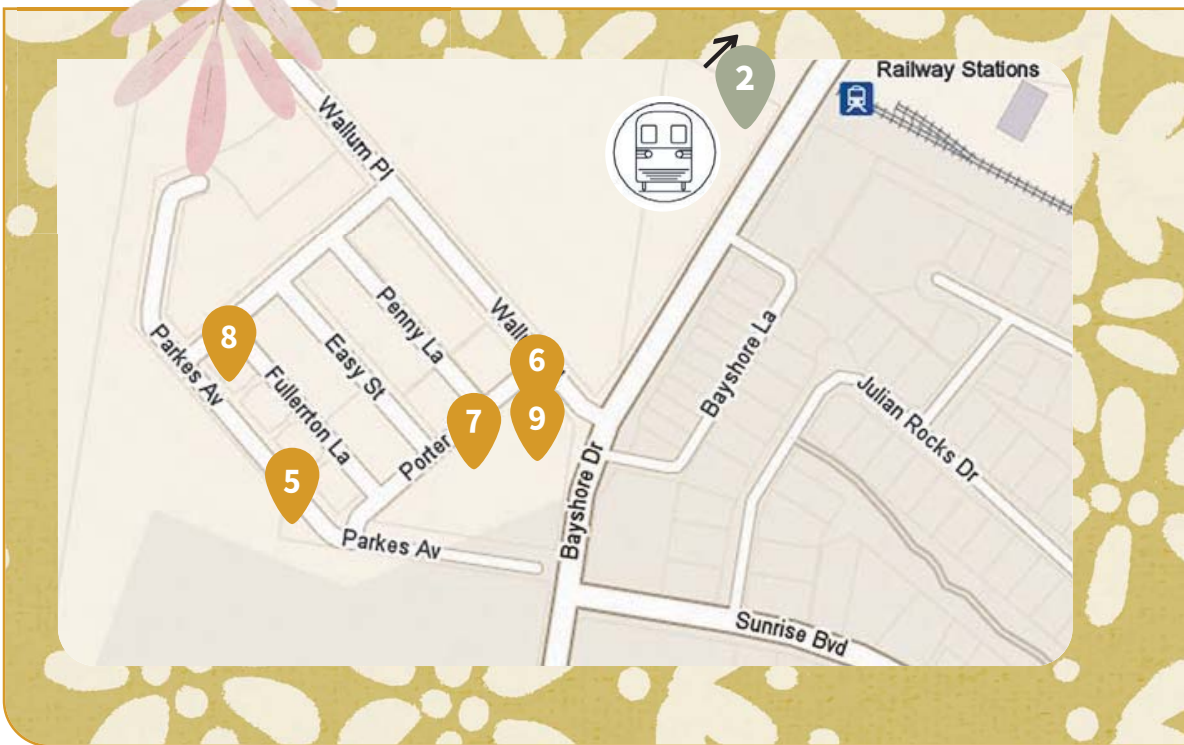
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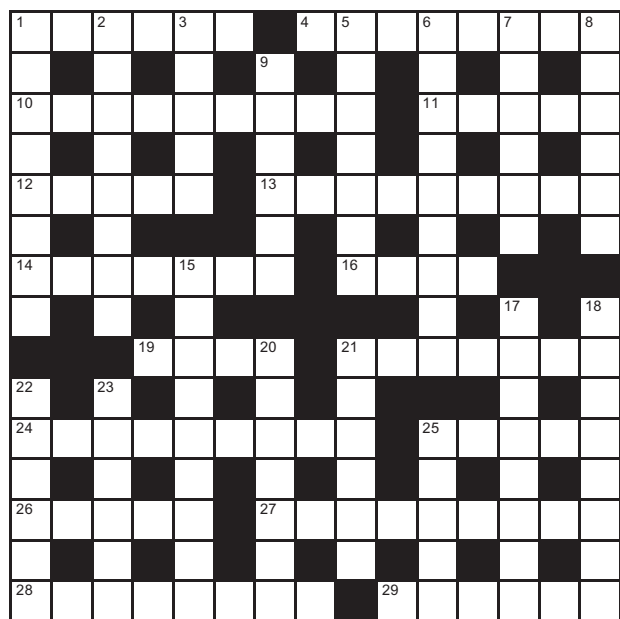
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Money given back when beer is splattered around a table top (6)
4. Awkward phases I'm passing through cause stress (8)
10. Shape of train (9)
11. Absolute goat bowled out (5)
12. Make disparaging remarks about knight in informal speech (5)
13. Roving independent can finally denounce violent speech (9)
14. Gear left in bed - she must be in a bad way (7)
16. Nitrogen takes a long time to become a gas (4)
19. Nothing's missing from your time in this dwelling (4)
21. Mark taken into shelter in this dwelling (7)
24. Urgent measure required to get to final destination (9)
25. Relation gets echo in entrances to Northern Irish church (5)
26. Old men take time to return final letter (5)
27. Stephen upset about Oscar beginning to undress in this dwelling (9)
28. Height of marine mammal incorporates length the day before (3-5)
29. Shooter has to entertain king with Echo (6)

DOWN

1. Pack to fight fire (8)
2. Stopper let litres leak away in this dwelling (8)
3. Consider converting kilos to grams per item (5)
5. Marilyn, the singer who captured Swift's heart in this dwelling (7)
6. Custom neckwear found in stolen dwelling (9)
7. Ancient governor of state has role reversed (6)
8. Place occupied by Papa right for pixie (6)
9. Occupations where technology is implicit in crimes (3-3)
15. Person sharing dwelling has Spooner's detestation of small rodents (9)
17. Politician in power vacuum crippled by Bob (4,4)
18. Echo guys in 19, possibly a dwelling (8)
20. Squash, toasted and roasted at first, is enough (7)
21. Falling money must have commercial content! (6)
22. These dwellings have in-ground facilities (6)
23. Shooter revolutionised PC over time (6)
25. Four henchmen turned up to seize old Indian leader (5)

Quick Clues

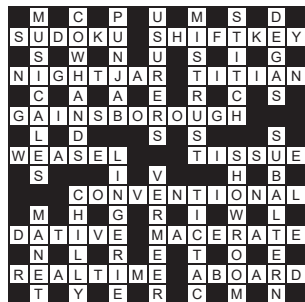
ACROSS

1. Financial return after a purchase (6)
4. Strong stress or importance (8)
10. Requirement or state of being (9)
11. Express vocally (5)
12. Informal language variant (5)
13. Person who travels for work (9)
14. Garments (7)
16. Glowing gas used in signs (4)
19. Circular tent dwelling (4)
21. Small country house (7)
24. Burial ground (9)
25. Daughter of one's sibling (5)
26. Final letter in Greek alphabet (5)
27. Luxury top floor apartment (9)
28. Height of the sea's surface (3-5)
29. Early firearm with long barrel (6)

DOWN

1. Backpack for hiking (8)
2. Single-storey dwelling (8)
3. Object or item (5)
5. Large impressive residence (7)
6. Floating waterway home (9)
7. Provincial governor in ancient Persia (6)
8. Small fairy or elf (6)
9. Protests involving occupying space (3-3)
15. Person sharing accommodation (9)
17. Official in final term, with reduced agency (4,4)
18. House divided into and let as separate residences (8)
20. Step heavily upon (7)
21. Rhythmically falling (6)
22. Snow dome shelters (6)
23. Device for taking photographs (6)
25. Indian independence leader and first PM (5)

Last week's solution #60



Oil, War and Old Men

Mandy Nolan

I feel afraid. And I'm not a person who feels afraid of much. The world is at war, and our leaders are either too stupid, too addicted to power, and too coerced into silence or complicity to speak up.

When will the Australian government ever grow the balls to stand up, and step away? This obsession with America, with this ludicrous allyship to a country that brazenly commits war crimes has to stop. Albo has been wallflowering around the world, waiting to meet with a president who couldn't give a F about him. Or Australia. Apart from Pine Gap and the ludicrous \$368 billion AUKUS contract for a submarine that no one wants and will never arrive, we're a blip. We have to stop living in the shadow of a fabled democracy that no longer exists, and start focusing on how to better grow our own. We need to start calling out atrocities, not be complicit in them. We have to stop aligning with the world's greatest bully, Trump, and leave the toxic relationship we have with America.

The news over the weekend that America had backed Israel by bombing three key Iranian nuclear sites was sobering. And predictable. It was always going to happen, there's oil there. A shitload. Old men like Trump say they're fighting for peace, but we know it's oil. And oil is power. (I just can't imagine a world where war is fuelled by the control of solar panels.)

The image of Trump, in his silly red MAGA hat posing with his cronies in the 'situation room' looked like a scene from a Will Ferrell film. Are these really the people who will decide the fate of the planet? It would appear so. The capitalist oligarchy is on ketamine. Dissociation from humanity reigns supreme, and in this real-time game of Fortnite, the decision-makers are clearly detached from the experience of people on the ground.

The people who have died. The people who will die. The people who always die. Because the powerbrokers are rich and privileged and the victims of war never are. They're poor. They're small. They're many. And the last people standing? They're fodder for



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body bags and mass graves, too many to be named or marked. And the men who make the decisions? They get statues and films and glory and safety and wealth. And protection.

We live in a present underwritten by false narratives of the past. In George Orwell's 1984, a book about the future, that now lives ironically in the past, there is possibly one of the most biting observations of power. 'Who controls the present, controls the past.' It's why we are where we are. The justification for war takes root in the retold lies of powerful old men. I say this because powerful old women aren't sending missiles into civilian populations in their attempt to kill their way to 'peace'.

According to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, on the Doomsday Clock it's 89 seconds to midnight. But that was

January this year. I fear that when one of the scientists wakes up this morning, he'll have to move us closer to oblivion, and we are now only seconds away from global disaster.

The greatest risk when it comes to nuclear warheads is America (and Russia). They hold almost 85% of the world's nuclear weaponry. The existence and proliferation of nuclear weaponry created to 'defend safety', has not made us safer. It brings us closer to midnight. To the forever end of safety. For some reason we accept this as the way things are and believe 'peace' and an end to war is the radical idea. I have never been able to fathom that mindset.

Twenty-two years ago over 700 women gathered on a hill in the Byron Shire to spell out NO WAR with their naked bodies. I can still remember the feeling of the grass on my skin and my sisters beside me. Maybe it's time again. Except this time it's not just 700 women. It's all of us.

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 two federal elections. *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

As celestial peristalsis draws inwards from outward-bound Gemini, this week's sun, Jupiter and late week new moon in domestically-inclined Cancer turn our thoughts towards home ...



CANCER THE CRAB

ARIES: Saturn in your sign isn't about flash. It supports thoughtful planning, smart strategies and measured, steady progress. It helps move your wild ideas from blueprint, to work-in-progress, to manifest result. This week is about aligning your goals with your true values so that can happen.

TAURUS: Venus in Taurus is a material girl with real world concerns, so if money's on your mind, the current astral emphasis in your sector of local community means you won't have to travel far to find the people and events where you can work your particular brand of practical magic.

GEMINI: Gemini's are the zodiac's connectors, and Saturn in your sector of social groups invites you towards substance rather than fluff. With conversational patience you can turn ideas into action, one thoughtful connection at a time. And this week's celestial emphasis suggests streamlining your money mindset.

CANCER: With the powerful triplicity of the sun, Jupiter and the fresh start moon of new beginnings all shining in your sign, celebrate this week by nourishing yourself and your nearest and dearest with good food and familiar pleasures in your favourite comfort zone. And a very happy birthday to you.

LEO: This week social influencer Mercury swans into your playful, passionate sign for a whole two months of skyrocketing creativity, encouraging you to present yourself with confidence and authority. The positive momentum of this rosy glow helps you find new ways of sharing your gifts with the world.

VRIGO: Astral energetics in Virgo's sector of community groups and technology is the ideal time for the kind of tinkering and upgrading you love to do: finessing those glitches in the system so you really can work smarter, not harder. Think new people, new ideas and a growth mindset.

LIBRA: Cancer season's astral emphasis on your place in the community can mean at its best some welcome acknowledgment of your efforts and expertise. Social settings offer more potential at this time for group brainstorming and/or forming influential alliances to help you gain traction on your ideas.

SCORPIO: As this week's new moon in an emotional fellow water sign sets the stage for close bonding, it's worth giving some quality attention to the supporters in your life: your nearest, dearest, and the ones who always have your back. Time spent in or near water will also be especially rejuvenating.

SAGITTARIUS: For the first time in over a decade, the sun, new moon and your mentor planet Jupiter join forces this week in the zodiac sign of nurturing. And they're issuing an invitation to a midyear refresh of your base of operations: an annual reset to spruce up your personal space.

CAPRICORN: You already know your mentor planet Saturn rewards planning, and this week's zodiac cycle directs that energy towards your home zone. Which might look like simplifying your living situation, establishing firmer boundaries or reshaping your support system. Oh, and not trying to be everything to everyone.

AQUARIUS: This week brings an astral influx of energy to your sector of health and service, daily routines, work environment and the contributions you make to others. Quite an agenda, so where to start? A good place would be by first taking stock of your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

PISCES: Cancer season's about whatever home is to you. If on the move, then maintain your inner base with daily rituals of gratitude, meditation, whatever works for you. If stable, get ready for nesting and gushing, because those get-togethers with your besties can keep you sane while the world spirals.

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In the vege garden, it's time for cool season crops like broccoli, cabbage, spinach, peas and potatoes.

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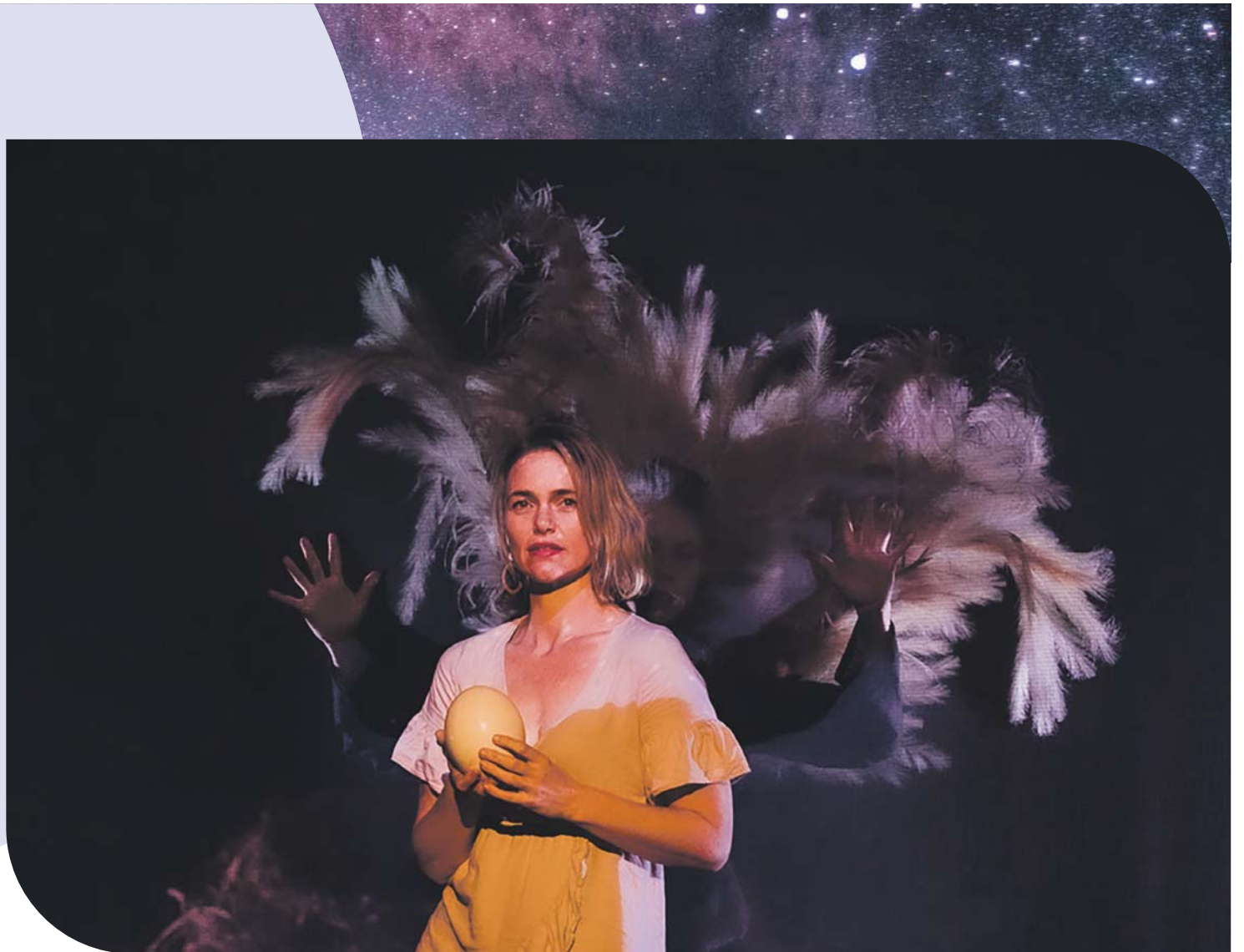
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Displace I Call Home

What if the only way forward was to face the past?

This question sits quietly at the heart of *Displace I Call Home*; a poetic new work from Byron's emerging theatre company. **This original play is premiering in July at Byron Theatre.**

Written and directed by **Bianca Sirianni**, the production marks the debut of **Byron Theatre Company** – a creative initiative dedicated to telling original stories made by, and for, this community.

At the centre of the story is Jacqui – a woman who has lived at a distance from others, and perhaps from herself. When illness interrupts her solitude, she's visited by an elusive bird who draws her into a surreal journey through myth, and the moments that shaped her.

'This play has been a long time coming,' says Sirianni. 'It grew out of questions I've carried for years –

about grief, silence, ancestral trauma, and the complexity of belonging.'

'It's not a straight line; it unfolds like memory – tender, unpredictable, and layered.

'Individually and culturally, we often avoid what needs to be faced until we're confronted with something unavoidable, like the reality of a terminal illness. But what if we didn't wait? What if we did this work now?'

Developed through conversation and collaboration with local artists, *Displace I Call Home* blends poetic text, physical theatre, and projection into an immersive experience.

The cast features **Sally Davis** as Jacqui, **Noa Rotem** as both the Lyrebird and the Doctor, and **Tom Davies** as Cliff and Harry. Movement is shaped by First Nations choreographer **Waangenga Bianco**, who worked with Rotem to bring depth and authenticity to the Lyrebird. Believed to be one of the world's most ancient songbirds at 18 million years old, the Lyrebird listens, remembers, and revoices

the world, mirroring the play's theme of deeper listening to the stories we carry.

Through collaboration, each element of the production reflects a process rooted in experiential learning, mentorship, and original artistry. Projection design by **Victor Holder**, technical design by **Jake Dix**, and a soundscape recorded by SAE student **Adam Livesay**, featuring composition by harpist **Robby Niel** and cellist **Tara Lee-Byrne**.

Set elements were created with **Shearwater Steiner School** students, and the sculptural centrepiece — a large woven nest — is being handcrafted by community members using local vines.

As Byron Theatre Company builds a lasting home for locally-made performance, audiences are invited to experience this powerful debut and be part of what's to come.

Performance will run from July 3 to 6. Auslan Interpreted Performance Saturday July 5 at 2pm.

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Inspired by **the Guardians of the Galaxy** soundtracks, the Beachy is celebrating the best of '70s and '80s rock, funk, and pop with a killer two-hour live set from **Soft Treadly**.

Expect a cosmic mixtape of classic hits from Blue Swede, Cheap Trick, David Bowie, Electric Light Orchestra, Elvin Bishop, Fleetwood Mac, George Harrison, Glen Campbell, Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye, Queen, Redbone, Sweet, Rupert Holmes and more!

Whether you're Star-Lord, Gamora, or just here to dance, this one's for you.

Sunday, July 6 from 4.30pm at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay – this is an awesome free show.



🎯 **Hard Quiz** host. **Taskmaster Australia** host. Gold Logie winner. Five times AACTA winner. **Tom Gleeson** is back doing stand-up in Bruns – go and see this massive star in a tiny venue.

Wednesday to Saturday, 7pm at Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets from \$40 at brunswickpicturehouse.com

🎯 **The Savage Daughters** are nine women, most of whom will make their stage debut at the Jess Hill event in Lismore this week. They are 60 per cent confident, 40 per cent terrified, and 100 percent ready to give it their all.

Thursday at 6pm at the Star Court Theatre, Lismore. Tickets \$5/\$15 from starcourttheatre.com.au

🎯 Celebrated for their individual artistry in the indie-folk scene, **Didirri** and **Rowena Wise** have come together to create something truly special with Didirri's masterful storytelling and dynamic live performances, matched by Rowena's crystalline vocals and delicate songs.

Friday from 7pm at the Eltham Hotel. Tickets \$44 from moshtix.com.au



🎯 **Spaghetti Circus** brings high-energy fun to Mullumbimby. So get ready for a whirlwind weekend of flips, fun, and family entertainment as Spaghetti Circus presents its much-loved Annual Show.

Friday at 6.30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 3pm, at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds. Tickets \$12-child, \$25 adults, \$70 family from www.spaghatticircus.com

🎯 **Phil & Tilley** play folk music that incorporates traditional instruments with new age sounds – an upright bass, acoustic guitar and lap steel, along with delays to create an ambient soundscape, and blending all this with vocal harmonies produces a sound that is truly their own.

Saturday from 6pm at the Murwillumbah Services Club. Free show



🎯 Blues/roots/gospel artist **Dan Hopkins** plays a punchy brand of modern roots that has a distinct delta flavour with soul and gospel overtones. Hopkins delivers an emotionally-driven journey down a sweetly-plucked, and sometimes dirty, slide guitar road across the southern blues idiom.

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This event brings the music to the people – grab the whole family, support the artists and enjoy the vibes. The sonic experience of free shows begins at 10.30am with **five fabulous bands back-to-back** showcasing the Northern Rivers their extraordinary talent.

Organisers were delighted when the young lads from **Wild Rocket** took up the offer to kick the show off with a bang.

Grab yourself a coffee and get back to chill with the **Shelly Brown** band. They'll pour out a little bit of folk and a lot of soul for you.

Next, pick it up a notch and fill the musical pallet with a touch of funk – get ready to boogie with **Majestic Knights**.

Cassie Rose and the Sol Garden will keep the mood up with a beguiling blend of R&B, soul, and blues. This big band is stacked with musicians who have a penchant for delightful detail.

The final free show is led by the indomitable **Joe Conroy**. With an infectious smile and tunes that could be from nowhere else but the sun, surf, and beaches of Lennox, prepare to be impressed.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SARAH GRANT**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR**, 6.30PM **F*CKUP NIGHT**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & BODHI ACTON + JON SHORTER & SAM WHEAT**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – DIZZY J & JON SHORTER**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TOM GLEESON**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **OPEN MIC JAM**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **KEVIN BLOODY WILSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY – FEAT LINDSAY WEBB**

THURSDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON + JOEL LEGGETT + NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLE FALCOR**, 6PM **SPANGLED THURSDAY FT. DOOMBRIDE, EYESITE, FLUKES OF SENDINGTON AND SERENA ROSE**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – JON SHORTER & SAM WHEAT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TOM GLEESON**
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **MONDO HUM**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 6PM **AN EVENING WITH JESS HILL FT. LISSIE TURNER + BYRON BAY SINGING**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BLUEGRASS JAM**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **BULLETPROOF**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DÉVU + POLY & CO**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4.30PM **DJ ALICE Q**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **VALHALLA LIGHTS, SEABENZ, CERBERUS AND GUSSET RATS**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & BODHI ACTON + JON SHORTER & SAM WHEAT**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SLIM GRILLA, MIKE SANDERS & DJ SUPER APE**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 7.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE DUO**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **ANDREW & MAL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TOM GLEESON**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- MULLUM SHOW GROUNDS, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS – GAME ON!**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPEOKEEE WITH JESS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 5.30PM **MUSIC OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 10AM **DOROTHY THE DINOSAUR**, 12PM **DOROTHY THE DINOSAUR**
- LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY 6PM **EXHIBITIONS LAUNCH – JACKLYN WAGNER: THROUGH THE HEART AND PETER FAULKNER: DREAM VIBRATIONS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **DIDIRRI AND ROWENA WISE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **RUSTY PICKUPS & THOSE FOLK**
- CABARITA BEACH HOTEL 6.30PM **GREEN VELVET**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **LUKE PAULEY**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**

SATURDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **Y.O.G.A., BILLY GUDGEON & HEEL HOOK LINE DANCING**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SUPERCHEEZE + LEMON CHICKEN**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & SAM WHEAT + JON SHORTER & BODHI ACTON**
- EVANS HEAD RSL 7PM **SONIC FX**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **ROO & COLIN**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **POLY & CO**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 9PM **LUCID SAFARI**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **TAYA, ROBINA, MR BENNETTS AND BYRON HOUSE MAFIA**, 4PM **TAYA, ROBINA, MR. BENNETTS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TOM GLEESON**
- MULLUM SHOW GROUNDS, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS – GAME ON!**, 3PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS – GAME ON!**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ OREN SELECTA**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 5.30PM **HUBCAP STAN & THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**

SUNDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TRILLA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GOODRICH**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9AM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & BODHI ACTON**

- ROD 'N' REEL HOTEL, WOODBURN, 12PM **JOE CONROY**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 2PM **THE HILLBILLY SKANK**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT DAN HOPKINS & THE GENEROUS FOP**
- LENNOX PIZZA 5PM **LACHLAN JAQUES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 5.30PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- MULLUM SHOW GROUNDS, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS – GAME ON!**, 3PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS – GAME ON!**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ PAPA BITCHO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SWAMP CATS OPEN MIC**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 3PM **OPEN MIC**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- CABARITA BEACH HOTEL 3PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 2PM **PINK ZINC**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **FAT ALBERT**

MONDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALLY PALMER DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9AM **DUELLING PIANOS – JOHN HILL & MITCHELL DORMER**

TUESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLE FALCOR**

WEDNESDAY 2

- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **OPEN MIC JAM**

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Mon: 6:00PM

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Daily: 1:20PM, 4:00PM

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)
Daily except Mon:
10:45AM, 1:10PM, 2:10PM,
3:20PM, 6:00PM, 8:30PM,
Mon: 10:45AM, 1:10PM,
2:10PM, 3:20PM, 6:00PM

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6:10PM

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Daily: 7:50PM

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11:00AM, 3:40PM

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Daily: 11:15AM, 1:30PM,
3:40PM, 5:45PM

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3:50PM, 8:00PM

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Daily: 11:00AM, 1:00PM,
3:45PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM,
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Thurs, Sat: 10:00AM, 5:15PM,
7:45PM, Fri: 10:00AM, 4:00PM,
6:30PM, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed:
2:50PM, 5:15PM, 7:45PM

ELIO (PG)
Daily: 12:00PM
Sun: 2:10PM (SENSORY SESSION)

SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL

LINDA (CTC)
Thurs: 12:30PM

SAMANA SUNRISE (CTC)
Fri: 12:30PM

WOLFGANG (CTC)
Sat: 12:30PM

BABIES DON'T COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS (M)
Sun: 12:30PM

THE GOLDSMITH'S SECRET (CTC)
Mon: 12:30PM

LAS TRES SISTERS (CTC)
Tues: 12:30PM

MAY I SPEAK WITH THE ENEMY? (CTC)
Tues: 12:30PM

F1: THE MOVIE (M) NFT
Thurs: 2:15PM, 4:20PM, 7:20PM,
Fri, Sat, Tues, Wed: 11:50AM,
4:20PM, 7:20PM, Sun, Mon:
11:50AM, 4:15PM, 7:15PM

FORBIDDEN PLANET (PG)
MATINEE MEMORIES
Sat: 3:00PM

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)
Daily except Thurs, Fri: 9:30AM,
2:40PM, 5:15PM, Thurs:
9:30AM, 2:40PM, 7:40PM, Fri:
9:30AM, 2:55PM, 5:30PM

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A surfer's Search for Spirituality in Byron Bay. Peter Duke's Second Book. Revised Edition June 2025
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Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary is a volunteer community service that helps raise funds for our local hospital.

Volunteers welcomed!

Help with cake and plant stalls, selling raffle tickets or at the farmers markets, there's always something you can do to assist the team in their good work.

Members meet on the third Monday of each month from 1.00 pm.

Contact Maureen Weir
0266 853 162 for more information.



"You think when you wake up in the mornin yesterday don't count. But yesterday is all that does count. What else is there? Your life is made out of the days it's made out of."
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DECLARATION AS FREEWAY ROADS ACT 1993

Attention is invited to the Order published in Government Gazette No 238 of Friday, 13 June 2025 reference [NSWGG-2025-238-2] declaring as a freeway part of the Pacific Highway at Newrybar and Bangalow as shown on a plan registered at Transport for NSW and numbered 0010 023 AC 4025.

(TfNSW Papers: SF2024/180308)

J Connell
Statutory Land Transactions Manager
Transport for NSW

Contact: For full details call Transport for NSW on (02) 8650 1794.

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BIRTHDAYS



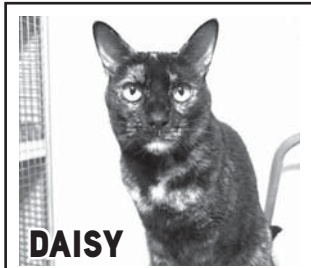
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEAUTIFUL ANNA
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PETS



DAISY

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To meet Daisy and our other cats & kittens, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

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Maverick is a 6 month old, Mastiff/Staffy X. He and his siblings were not claimed from the pound. He is lovely natured and would suit a family that has the time to continue his training. M/C # 991003002702913
Location: Murwillumbah

For more information contact **Yvette on 0421 831 128**.
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MAGGIE

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NRAS
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T: 6681 1860 E: shelter@nras.org.au
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R.I.P PETS

R.I.P MILLI

My little mate Milli left us last Friday 13 June. She was loved by all who met her.



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1st SUN	Byron Bay	02 6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton 0424 168 672
2nd SUN	The Channon	02 6688 6433	Each TUE Organic Lismore
2nd SUN	Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each WED Murwillumbah 7-11 0415 328 672
2nd SUN	Coolangatta		Each WED Nimbin 3-6pm 0418 940 653
2nd SUN	Tabulam		Each WED Newrybar Hall 4-7pm
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	02 6684 3370	Each THU Byron 8-11am 0414 595 169
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672	Each THU Lismore 2.30-6.30pm 0459 309 223
3rd SAT	Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each FRI Mullum 7-11am 0424 168 672
3rd SUN	Federal	0433 002 757	Each FRI Evans Head 2.30-6.30 0428 291 068
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150	Each SAT Bangalow 8-11am 0414 595 169
3rd SUN	Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT Duranbah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)
4th SAT	Evans Head	0432 275 765	Each SAT Uki 8am-1pm 02 6679 5438
4th SAT	Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au	Each SAT Lismore 8.30-11am
4th SUN	Bangalow	02 6687 1911	Each SAT Wadeville 8am-12pm
4th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764	Each SAT Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0427 725 507	Each SUN Ballina 7-11am
4th SUN	Coolangatta (in a 5 Sunday month)		
5th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764	

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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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
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LIFELINE	131 114
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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Organic Landcare

Organic Landcare Inc's (OLI) next volunteer day is on Saturday, 28 June, from 8am until 12 noon, at Saltwater Creek. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden carpark. Please wear a long sleeved shirt and pants for sun protection.

Bonfire & Fireworks Newrybar Public School

The Bonfire & Fireworks night fundraiser for Newrybar Public School is on Saturday, 2 August. Gates open at 4pm with fireworks at 7.30pm. It's the schools 36th annual Bonfire & Fireworks fundraiser night. Pay on the gate, \$5 per person / \$20 per family (cash encouraged).

Dying well

Saint Mary's Anglican Church Ballina will see a free talks on the 'Kinder Side of Dying' by Dr Michael Barbato on Friday, 15 August 2025 at 5.30pm and 'In Conversation with Dr Barbato' on Saturday, 16 August at 2pm To register contact Kerry kerryjmj@gmail.com.

BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday, 1 July at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. The Guest speaker is Senior Constable Mick Chaffey a Tweed-Byron Crime Prevention Officer. Visitors welcome. Inquires ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

Woodburn Winter Wonderland Festival

The Woodburn Winter Wonderland Festival is taking place on Saturday, 28 June from 2pm until 8pm in the heart of Woodburn. This free, family-friendly event will ensure all the family have plenty of fun.

Northern Rivers Collectors Club

The Northern Rivers Collectors Club Inc. are holding their 33rd Antiques and Collectables Exhibition and Trading Fair at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Sunday, 10 August, 8.30am to 2pm. Entry Adults \$6 Child \$1. There will be, antiques, vintage, retro and modern collectables, such as china, glassware, tools, fishing, garage items, and old bottles. The Rotary

Club of Mt Warning Murwillumbah will be running a BBQ, snacks, and refreshments. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Tweed Palliative support Inc. For more information call 0439 779 577.

Secondhand book fair

Friends of Libraries are holding their annual secondhand Book Fair and wish to thank all contributing donors of books for 2025, as our storage shed is now full please save any further books until next year. This year's Book Fair will be held at the Byron Bay Surf Cup from 11-14 July, doors open 9am to 4pm each day. Over 1,000 books of all categories some extremely rare, ancient, or very topical, plus many hidden treasures, all in good condition. One of the highlights of the four days is the Friends of Libraries huge raffle, with over 20 locally-selected prizes drawn on the last day of the fair. A event not to be missed. Further information: www.byronbayfol.com

Youth arts Glimmer Lab

Glimmer Lab is a Byron Youth Service Contemporary Arts Program for youth aged 16 to 21. Held at The YAC each Wednesday afternoon until 2 July, Glimmer Lab encourages creativity in an accessible and inclusive environment. For more information or to sign up contact Karma on 0490 801 418 or karma@bys.org.au.

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.

End-of life choices

Voluntary euthanasia end-of-life choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. Meetings are held at Robina, and South Tweed. Attendees must be Exit Members. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina & South Tweed)

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BV Scrabble Club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club meets 1pm every Tuesday at The Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. More social than competitive. We welcome new members regardless of skill level.

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Byron Community Center

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ACA

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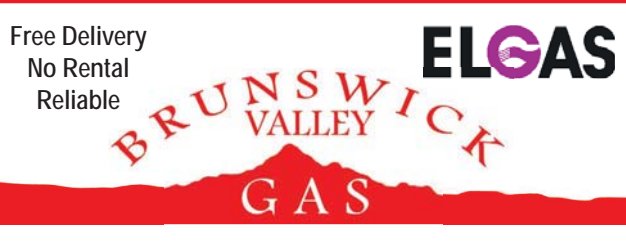
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Rose Wanchap joins MANA: A bold partnership set to transform Byron real estate

Julie-Ann Manahan, Founder of MANA Real Estate, is thrilled to welcome Rose Wanchap – one of Byron Shire’s most experienced and respected real estate figures – to the MANA family.

With an extraordinary 35-year career spanning four continents, Rose brings unparalleled expertise and a passionate community focus that perfectly aligns with MANA’s vision of putting the soul back into local real estate.

‘I’ve watched MANA’s refreshing approach to real estate with great interest,’ said Rose. ‘What attracted me was their anti-ordinary philosophy and commitment to personalised marketing strategies. After decades in this industry, I’m energised to be working with a team that isn’t confined by

cookie-cutter franchise models.’

Rose has extraordinary experience in the real estate industry. In 2003, she established Red Rose Realty in Byron Bay, quickly capturing significant market share in the competitive local scene. Her international experience includes property management in California, timeshare sales in Portugal, and owning a pub in London’s Piccadilly Circus.

‘Rose embodies everything MANA stands for – authenticity, community spirit, and innovative thinking,’ said Julie-Ann. ‘Her dedication to giving back to the community resonates deeply with our ethos. We’re not just colleagues joining forces; we’re like-minded individuals who believe real estate



can be done differently and better.’

Rose’s commitment to community extends far beyond real estate. Since the early 2000s, she has donated 20 per cent of her earnings from property sales to support war-torn countries. She has funded six wells in Ethiopia, each providing clean water to

approximately 2,000 people.

During her time on Byron Shire Council, Rose championed several environmental and health initiatives, including the controversial rock wall that saved Belongil Beach from Council’s planned retreat.

‘I believe real estate isn’t just about transactions – it’s about transformation,’ Rose said. ‘Whether it’s helping a family find their forever home or using our success to transform lives across the world, this industry gives us a unique platform to make a difference. That’s why MANA’s community-first approach resonates so deeply with me.’

Rose also pioneered ethical practices in the region’s real estate industry, being the first to conduct auctions without phantom bidders. This commitment to transparency and integrity makes her a perfect fit for MANA’s client-centred approach.

‘With Rose joining our team, we’re combining decades of

expertise with fresh thinking,’ said Julie-Ann. ‘Our clients will benefit from Rose’s deep market knowledge and our innovative marketing strategies. Together, we’re creating something truly special for Byron Shire property owners and buyers.’

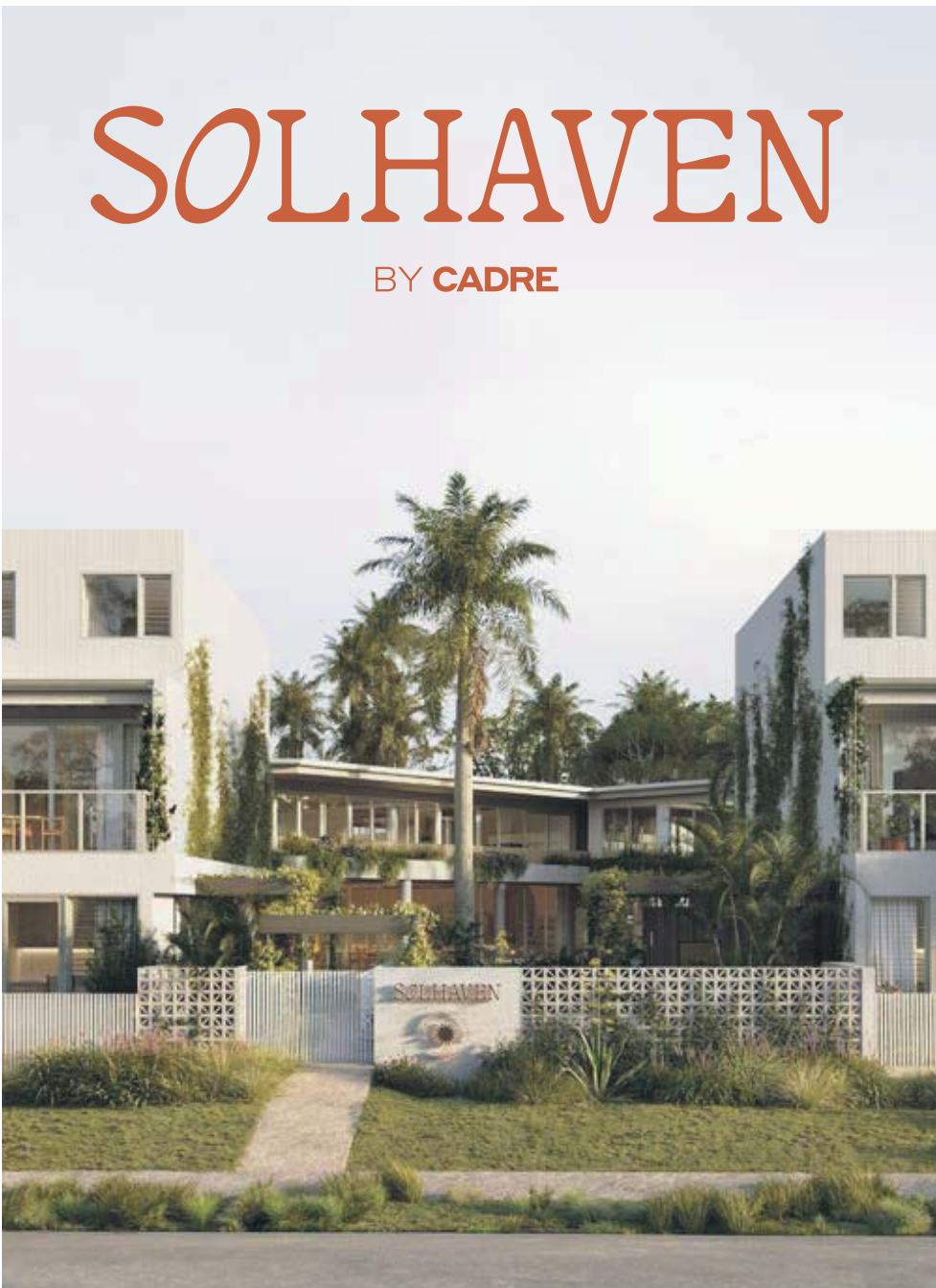
This partnership marks an exciting new chapter for MANA Real Estate as it continues to disrupt the traditional franchise model and keep resources within the local community.

For property appraisals or to discuss your real estate needs, contact Rose Wanchap at the MANA Byron Bay office.

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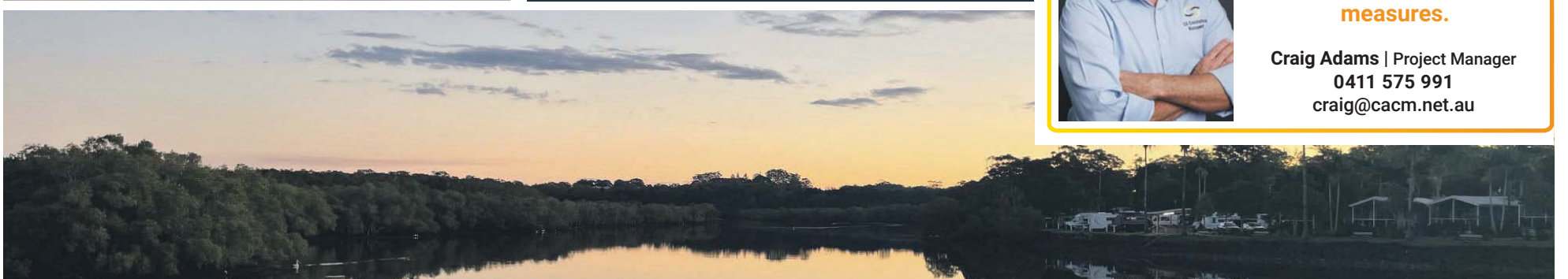


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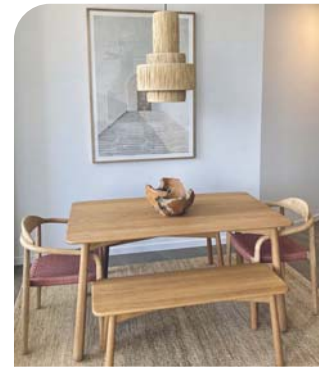
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It's not just Byron struggling with homelessness – according to www.governmentnews.com.au, Victorian councils are too. They report, 'Once a concern of mainly inner-city councils, the impacts are now spreading to rural and regional locations'. Social housing, not 'affordable housing' is of course the answer, yet the latest report into the sector by the NSW Auditor-General describes it as 'inefficient and inequitable.'

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Congrats Lennox Head-based Field Construction Group who have been named 2025 Residential Builder of the Year at the recent Master Builders Awards.

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An Emergency Response Beacon (ERB) was ripped from the ground at Maggies Beach near Cabarita last week, leaving volunteer lifesavers in disbelief. They said, 'Less than 24 hours after the ERB was installed on June 17, it was found tossed aside in the bushes, having been unbolted from the ground'.

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AFR (Nine) reports Byron Bay-based venture capital firm, ReGen Ventures, has raised almost \$100 million from some of Australia's richest with plans to try and solve environmental problems.

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Unfortunately, the Byron Bay Surf Festival won't be held this year, says director James McMillan. 'This was a tough decision to make', he says. While the team undergo 'creative reset', he added he was 'super stoked to be welcoming an epic new team for the August 2026 festival.'



The Pocket went off like a rocket on Sunday with the school's Winter Fair drawing huge crowds of families. Ziggy and Zumba were just a few who went all bubblelicious. Photo Jeff 'Baubles Not Bubbles' Dawson

Philanthropic organisation, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, is calling for public support for its Women's Giving Circle. They want to reach 250 members by June 30. They say, 'Each new member means more impact, more funding, and more stories of local change'. For more info visit www.nrcf.org.au/womens-giving-circle.

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The US president, who said he wouldn't start a war, started one by bombing Iran last week. While it's early days, the likely outcome is that Iran will push hard to get nuclear capabilities ASAP. Russia's former president, Dmitry Medvedev, has already said other nations are ready to supply them.

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An evening of inspiring First Nations storytelling will be held on July 8 at the Byron Theatre, as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations. Presented by Arakwal BOBBAC, Flickerfest & iQ

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