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Nice pair of pears

A surprising number of intrepid mud trailers ended up at Ben Ruble's Wild Nature Clay studio, deep in the forest, high on Mt Chowan, some 45 minutes from Mullum in Main Arm. Much of the clay he uses for the plates, bowls, pears and more, he has found locally. Potters and ceramists reported good sales with lots of interest throughout the Mud Trail weekend that involved 33 potters across 22 open studios.

Photo Jeff 'Muddying the Waters since 1986' Dawson

Time for Council to take action to save Wallum

Aslan Shand

In 2012 the creek that runs through the centre of the proposed Wallum Estate development at Bayside Brunswick was acknowledged by the developers, Codlea Pty Ltd, as a 'Natural Watercourse under the NSW classification scheme'.

The development is now being undertaken by Clarence Property and the Save Wallum community campaigners are asking why Byron Shire Council (BSC) have taken no action over what they say is a significant breach of consent conditions that require a 20m buffer zone on either side of the watercourse.

Svea Pittman presented a detailed submission to Byron Shire Councillors at last Thursday's Council meeting outlining concerns over the breach of consent condition B4 of the 2013 Concept Plan Approval.

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More calls to reconsider the Mullumbimby carpark DA

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire councillors appear fixed on moving forward with the housing development at 57 Station Street in Mullumbimby despite acknowledging significant issues with the development application (DA) by Landcom, the fact it contradicts the Mullumbimby Masterplan, and that they do not currently have a community housing provider (CHP) willing to take the project on.

The Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) is calling for

councillors to step back and reconsider, particularly in the light of the opportunities provided by the federal government's \$10 billion dollar Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF), established on 1 November, 2023.

'We are in a new world with the HAFF facility and NHAFF (National Housing Accord Facility) being operational from January 2024. It is time to reassess. That's what businesses, creatives, and developers do. We need to use the money that is available from the HAFF/ NHAFF to build

more social and affordable housing in the appropriate place, which is not this site,' MRA spokesperson, Dale Emerson, told *The Echo*.

Following a question to the March 2025 Byron Shire Council (BSC) meeting the Director Sustainable Environment and Economy responded that, 'Council has not directly explored funding opportunities available under Round 2 of the Commonwealth's Housing Australia Future Fund program for the delivery of social housing on this site.'

What is 'low cost'?

BSC's December 2020 Expression of Interest (EOI) to housing providers for 'Housing Over Carparks' sought 'the establishment of diverse, lower cost, and accessible housing on Council owned carparks, without decreasing the current number of available car parking spaces'.

Mr Emerson points out that, 'This proposal started out as housing above the existing carpark. At the time the community was not consulted on the change of

use. This has then morphed into a significantly larger project that not only removes the carpark, but includes commercial premises and is in direct contradiction to the Mullumbimby Master Plan.

'This entire proposal was developed without appropriate consultation and engagement with the community and in contravention of what we consider to be best practice policies.

'Byron Shire councillors have decided to inform us of their

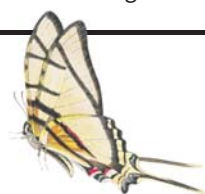
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Battle over Byron Special Entertainment Precinct

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's current approach to implementing a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) policy in the Byron CBD is set to create a 'world class battle' in the Shire, councillors have been told.

The comments were made by community leader and former Citizen of the Year, Chris Hanley, during the public access section of last week's Council meeting.

Community consultation too late

Later in the meeting councillors voted to set up a community reference group in relation to the SEP.

But this may not appease those Byron Bay locals, including Mr Hanley, who argue that community consultation should have been conducted before Council applied for and accepted state government funding to explore the SEP via an extended trial.

Mr Hanley told the Council that its approach to the policy was 'heading toward a disaster'.

'The reason we're in trouble right now and heading for more trouble is that, to use a medical analogy, we've gone straight to the operation without doing a triage,' Mr Hanley said.

'You have a triage to find out, before the operation, what it is that's wrong and what you're actually going to do. That hasn't happened.'

'If the community doesn't

start hearing from councillors and Council – people actually listening to what they're saying, the community will split and we will do what we don't do well...'

'We will end up with a world class battle on our hands, and huge public meetings, and the media coming to our area and looking under the bonnet...'

But Byron Mayor Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) and Labor Councillor Asren Pugh strongly disputed Mr Hanley's comments.

'Are you aware that we have not decided as a Council to undertake a trial of the Special Entertainment Precinct, and that in fact there are still two votes that are required of Council before a trial would even proceed?' Cr Pugh asked Mr Hanley.

Mr Hanley responded as follows:

'We're probably going to differ on this... when you say that you haven't proceeded on a trial... you go to your zoning certificates that you're issuing from your Council at the moment.'

'There's a box that you've gotta tick, it's a 149 certificate. Go and tell the 620 residences that are in your 30-hectare, 70-acre [SEP precinct] that is 70 times the size of the Enmore SEP, that you haven't proceeded with a trial...'

When questioned further, Mr Hanley acknowledged that a SEP did have the potential to be beneficial for the Byron CBD, but said that Council's process had been 'arse about'.

'If I was doing this I would

have filled a room up, with councillors sitting in the audience, listening to ideas from the most creative people in the community...'

Mr Hanley said. 'I would have said to the people "right, give us your craziest ideas... let's reimagine our town and give it what it needs and then I would have got everyone on the same page... and then I would have gone to the state government and said, we're up for a version of the SEP that'll rock.'

Chicken or the egg?

But Cr Ndiaye countered that Mr Hanley's preferred process ignored the realities of how the funding process worked.

'We don't get to choose the bucket of money...'

Cr Ndiaye said. 'We need a bucket of money to start with, and once we have those plans ready, then we go and ask state government and say "we need help with lighting in this corridor, and we have this community document that says what our community wants".'

She then asserted that Mr Hanley had been talking down the SEP in the community which had created undue concerns about its impact.

'How many people have you spoken to and really given them a very negative idea about what the SEP could be? Because there's not one person I've spoken to that you haven't spoken to first,' Cr Ndiaye said.

Mr Hanley responded as

follows:

'Are you seriously putting that question to me, after you've imposed this thing on us and it's now my fault...? You've got to be kidding. The reason I'm so passionate about this, along with the hundreds of people who were at our meeting, is because we think it's the single dumbest decision, in terms of the way it's been done, that I've seen in 30 years.'

Community reference group

After the conclusion of public access, councillors voted to set up a community reference group to guide the SEP trial, as per a motion put forward by Greens councillor Elia Hauge, and seconded by Cr Ndiaye.

The group, to be made up of a wide range of stakeholders, will provide advice to the Council on desired outcomes and measures of success for the trial, or if an alternative to the trial is more appropriate to achieve the desired outcomes.

Councillors also voted to receive a wide-ranging report from Council staff on the SEP.

This report will clearly set out which licensed venues would be included in the precinct, how the SEP can extend, reduce, or incentivise the extension of trading hours for these venues, and the mechanisms by which the changes made for the SEP trial can be reversed if the trial is not successful.

The report will further explore the Council's current capacity to address increased safety risks created by the precinct, and whether the Council did its due diligence on the impact of the trial prior to applying for and receiving grant funding for its implementation.

Mullum carpark DA

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decision about what is going to happen at the Mullumbimby carpark site rather than collaborating with and empowering the community to make decisions in relation to this community-owned asset at the entrance to our town.'

Cr Michelle Lowe acknowledged the concerns of the community 'regarding both the financial and community impacts of the housing development'.

'I am determined to try and understand both sides of an important community issue,' she told *The Echo*.

Deputy Mayor Jack Dods and Cr Elia Hauge both acknowledged that the MRA and broader Mullumbimby community had raised valid concerns over the DA including flooding, stormwater, sewer easement, public toilets, business access, traffic and laneway access, and the scale and character of the building while Cr Michael Lyon said, 'the DA needs improvement'.

'Affordable' for workers

In the 2021 Census it was revealed 55 per cent of Byron Shire residents are on an income of under \$1,000 a week and a key point of deliberation for councillors appears to be if the housing will be 'affordable housing' (for key workers on medium incomes) or will provide some element of 'social housing' (for low-income people) as part of the project.

'With respect to people on Centrelink, or homeless, that is not our target with respect to affordable housing [at this site],' Cr Lyon told *The Echo*.

Cr Dods agreed, saying, 'It's important to be clear that this project's purpose is to provide genuinely

affordable rental housing for key workers – teachers, nurses, and other essential staff.'

However, Cr's Hauge and Lowe have both emphasised to house low-income residents as well as medium-wage workers.

'While the intent under the previous Council was that this development would primarily provide housing for key workers, I don't believe Council has yet exhausted all options to work with state government and interested CHPs to ensure the development can also provide for those in the community on very low or no income,' said Cr Hauge.

Housing needed

The delay in providing future housing is a key aspect of many councillors' opposition to delaying or pivoting the project to another site such as the BSC carpark or the old Mullumbimby Hospital site.

'Every project is complex and takes a long time. The suggestion by some members of the community that Council can just move the development to another site is untenable,' Cr Janet Swain said. 'If another suitable site could be found, it would be a different development, and would take years of negotiation and planning.'

Responding Mr Emerson says, 'We had Covid in March 2020 and we pivoted immediately. The government and community took decisions that could only have been done under a wartime-like approach. If the state and federal government are committed to social and affordable housing, they have the capacity to pivot and drive these projects forward in the right way, at the right locations, and in a timely fashion. Anything can happen.'



Weaving stories at the Lone Goat Gallery

A new solo exhibition, *Numbuh*, opened at the Lone Goat Gallery in Byron Bay on Saturday night. Featuring wearable art made by multidisciplinary artist Bindimu, the exhibition will be open until September 13. Photo Jeff 'Tall Stories' Dawson

Save Wallum call on Council to save Wallum

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This requires that a 'minimum 20m riparian buffer must be applied on both sides of the central creek. No stormwater infrastructure is permitted within the buffer zone' and 'vegetation must be retained and enhanced within the Riparian Protection Zone (RPZ).'

Buffer zone disappeared

Long-time campaigners and concerned residents say that buffer has effectively disappeared in the latest management plans.

'This buffer was designed as a RPZ under modern Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles – a safeguard meant to shield waterways from the impacts of urban stormwater and preserve natural habitat for native wildlife, including the vulnerable wallum sedge frog and glossy black cockatoo,' Ms Pittman told *The Echo*.

In the presentation Ms

Pittman highlighted that the B4 breach has been raised multiple times; in December 2023, February 2024, April 2024 and again by then councillor Duncan Dey as a question on notice (QoN) on 5 September, 2024 yet no action has been taken.

Council staff responded to Dey's QoN by telling councillors that the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) had varied the B4 condition. However, Ms Pittman points out that there is no reference in the publicly available documents from the NRPP amending the consent condition from B4.

According to Ms Pittman the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) contradicts the Wallum Froglet Management Plan (WFMP).

'They were both accepted on 8 February, 2024 at the same meeting,' she told *The Echo*.

'The WFMP has the requirement section for the buffer zone in it (p41, section

7, Compliance). But then the CEMP has all the new stormwater facilities within the buffer zone on the eastern side of the creek which is not permitted under the original consent conditions.'

34 A certificate

On 30 March, 2023 the NSW Department of Planning and Environment issued a 34A (3) certificate which states, 'the biodiversity impacts of the proposed development have been satisfactorily assessed' which the NRPP then relied on to approve the development application (DA).

Following the DA approval the BSC then issued a construction certificate on 1 March 2024. The construction certificate should not have been issued

if the consent conditions weren't met, say Save Wallum advocates, who are asking BSC to 'take all possible action to save Wallum' and to remove or revoke the construction certificate 'as this was issued in error in that management plans presented did not, and still do not, comply with the requirement for a 20m riparian protections buffer along the N-S creek (drain) and that no stormwater facilities can be in this area,' Ms Pittman told *The Echo*.

'It appears this is a clear breach of the consent conditions. Ideally we want to work with Council to resolve this conflict. However, if BSC does not act the community is well within its rights to take not only the developer, but also BSC, to court.'

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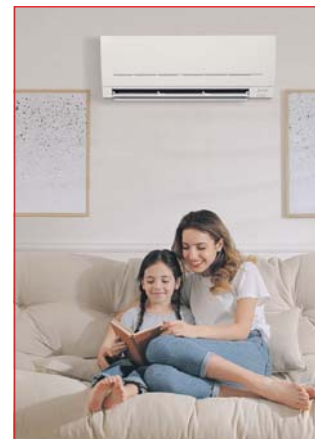
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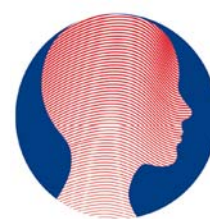


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Now we're (not) cooking with gas

Paul Bibby

Planning to build a new house or open a restaurant in the Byron Shire in the next few years?

Probably best to let go of the idea of having a gas stove or gas-powered hot water system then.

Byron Council has begun the process of changing its planning rules so that all new residential and commercial development in the Shire will have to be all-electric.

At last week's meeting it was decided that, when Council next reviews its Development Control Plan (DCP) later in the year, it will consider a prohibition on gas connections for all new development.

The move, which is already being implemented by more than a dozen councils across the state, is driven by a growing realisation that gas is hazardous to both human health and the health of the planet.

This includes new modelling which suggests that high-emitting gas stoves can silently spread benzene throughout the home, raising cancer risk well beyond the kitchen.

'We've received emails from doctors and GPs outlining the really serious health impacts of having gas connections in the home, including the impacts that gas has especially for childhood asthma, and for people with lung conditions,' said Greens councillor Elia Hauge.

'Electrifying our homes and removing gas connections are really important steps that we can take to protect the health of our community.'

'Economically we know that the cost of energy in homes is going up and up, and gas is a really important part of that.'

'Environmentally, gas is a fossil fuel. In the climate emergency we need to transition away from fossil fuels as fast as possible and this motion helps to contribute to reaching that zero.'

Council's plan is to undertake consultation with the local commercial and industrial sector prior to implementing that stage of the process.

'I suspect that this is the type of change that we will make and then will come up in some level of outrage from someone trying to build

a restaurant realising that they're not allowed to have a gas connection,' said Labor Councillor Asren Pugh, who seconded the motion.

'That's something I think we need to be aware of.'

Council's Director of Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, said that a body of consultation and work remained to be done.

She also foreshadowed the likelihood that implementing the new rules for commercial and industrial development would likely involve a longer process that involved greater planning and consultation.

While the exact detail of the new rules is yet to be determined, it appears that while new homes and commercial developments will have to be built with all-electric power in mind, owners will be allowed to retrofit their homes for gas after construction.

Also, residents and business owners will still be allowed to use small gas-based appliances such as barbecues, portable gas stoves, and hot air balloons (as a means of avoiding traffic and potholes).

Celebrating 40 years of fundraising



The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club celebrated 40 years of generosity and their commitment to disadvantaged Australian children last Thursday along with veteran entertainer Normie Rowe AM at the Brunswick Bowlo. Pictured are VIEW members Margaret Keating and Denise Watson with Normie Rowe, his wife Samantha and club President Rita Strong. 'Normie Rowe shared some stories and brought his guitar along to help us celebrate this momentous milestone for our local VIEW Club,' said Margaret. 'Through the generosity of our members we now sponsor eight disadvantaged Australian children to complete their education.' Photo Jeff Dawson

Northern Rivers Food winds up

Aslan Shand

'You know your competition isn't really competition if they're in the food industry,' said Brookfarm and Northern Rivers Food founder Pam Brook.

After a fantastic ten years operating in the Northern Rivers, the not-for-profit Northern Rivers Food Organisation (NRFO) has decided to wrap up.

'It went into the red when its Harvest Food month of May was so wet, and usually well-attended events failed to live up to expectation,' explained Rea Francis who was also a board member of NRFO.

The organisation had been formed to bring people in the local food industry together to share knowledge, contacts, and opportunities.

'It was exciting, because people realised that this was about getting together, it was about networking, about business and solving our business problems, and being able to talk to other people about business

problems without fear of judgment,' reflected Pam on the founding of NRFO.

All about connection

'You could just tap someone on the shoulder and have a quiet chat. That was the whole thing. It's about networking people together really well and then filling in all the education gaps that we didn't have up here, like things about barcodes, marketing, freight, margins and markup - all the business things that go on in the food industry as well as all the certification, etc.'

'The really exciting thing was when you came to Byron Bay or the Northern Rivers, the food industry was really well connected. Northern Rivers Food really got people connected and saw the benefits of connection.'

The NRFO started with support of government funding but then looked to become self-funding with membership peaking at around 150 members, and

running the Harvest Festival. However, the unusually wet weather this May meant that they didn't get the attendance at events they needed and have made the hard decision to wrap up the organisation.

'There are a lot of offshoots that have grown from people who are members of Northern Rivers Food,' said Pam. 'Savour the Tweed and Sample Food Festival are examples. I think the legacy is still there and the food industry is now well connected.'

'Everyone who's been part of it has been really proud of what we've achieved and they've really enjoyed the journey. It's been a really fun and exciting journey for NRFO. We've really made a difference. That's the key. So while it's ended it's not the end of the businesses. Now there'll be a space and we'll see what happens. People will identify what's missing and what we really need. And then we'll know if it, or something in a different form is ready to fire again.'

Chickenpox alert for Northern Rivers

Murwillumbah District Hospital emergency department has seen an increase in presentations related to chickenpox among school-aged children.

'The infection spreads through coughing, sneezing or direct contact with fluid from the blisters,' explained Dr Valerie Delpech, Regional Director, North Coast Population and Public Health.

'Symptoms usually begin with a slight fever, runny

nose, and feeling unwell, followed by an itchy rash that progresses from red spots to blisters and then scabs over several days. People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears and remain so for up to five days after when the blisters have formed scabs.'

Chickenpox vaccination in Australia is provided at 18 months, as part of the MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, varicella) vaccine.

'Non-immune adolescents and adults should also receive two doses, especially if they are healthcare workers, planning pregnancy, or are in contact with immunosuppressed individuals,' said Dr Delpech.

Keep children with symptoms at home until all blisters have dried, and at least five days after the rash first appears. If an illness is not serious call 24-hour Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.



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Turning waste into wonder one stitch at a time



Crissy Klemens, Jenny Bannister, Deidi Vine, Felicity Durham and Maia Willow. Photo supplied

The Sewing Circle Collective has been launched at the Remarket Tip Shop in Myocum where community members can not only reduce textile waste but also revive the age-old art of sewing as a modern, sustainable practice.

Sparked by the responses to a story in *The Echo* months ago, Deidi Vine has attracted a collective of talented local trash fashionistas who are working together in an inspiring move to transform discarded fabrics into treasures

and strengthen community bonds.

'The Sewing Circle Collective is more than just sewing,' says Deidi. 'It's about connection, sustainability, and empowerment. Every stitch tells a story of giving new life to what others have thrown away – and creating something beautiful in the process.'

The sewing circle has been joined by the legendary Jenny Bannister who has been fashioning junk into

runway fashion for decades! Chrissy Klemens has been an inspiration to many at Global Ripple with her innovative upcycled fashions for years. Strengthening intergenerational community bonds, Maia Willow and Felicity Durham have brought their fresh energy and passion to the group with their wonderful work in bringing colour and life into aged-care facilities with popup shops, and recycling vintage clothing which would otherwise be

going into landfill.

The collective welcomes people of all ages and skill levels, offering a friendly, supportive environment to learn practical sewing skills, upcycle fabrics, and design unique pieces. Participants are encouraged to bring their own ideas and creativity, with guidance provided for beginners and seasoned makers alike. The Remarket at the Tip Shop holds free sewing sessions on Mondays and Fridays from 11am till 2pm.

Cape Byron Steiner School farewells Robbie Farrar



Loani McRae, Robbie Farrar, and Sue Simpson. Photo supplied

After more than two decades of unwavering commitment, passion, and music, Cape Byron Steiner School's Robbie Farrar is retiring.

'Robbie's journey with us began not as a teacher, but as a parent, with her daughter in the very first class at Bangalow. From those early days, she poured countless hours and hands-on effort into our school community, always going above and beyond,' said fellow teacher Loani McRae.

'Robbie's impact on our school is immeasurable. She witnessed the incredible transformation of our grounds from a "dairy farm" with just two small rooms to the vibrant educational hub

it is today. Her pioneering spirit shone brightest when she, alongside Oren, initiated the strings program, introducing cello and violin to our students.

'One of the most remarkable aspects of Robbie's teaching has always been the love she infused into every lesson. Her students felt it, and it was evident in the numerous orchestras she helped create. A highlight for many was her performance at "Splendour in the Grass" with the Beachies – truly a testament to her cool and adventurous spirit!'

Robbie says she feels immense gratitude for her 'amazing journey' at the school and the support of everyone, 'especially Loani!'

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Missing Queensland child may be in Northern Rivers

Police are asking the public for help finding a boy missing from Queensland. Nine-year-old James Daly was most recently seen in Queensland on Thursday 31 July. James is described as Caucasian in appearance, about 125 centimetres tall, with brown eyes and light brown hair. Police say inquiries have led them to believe he is likely in the company of a 44-year-old woman known to him and that she is known to frequent the Lismore, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, and South-East Queensland areas.

Lismore: short-term housing 'solution'

This week in Lismore people were gathered at an encampment outside the Lismore office of the Minister for Recovery, Janelle Saffin. They wanted to highlight the urgency of the housing crisis.

Surfer uninjured as shark bites board

Recently a man's dawn surf turned into something else, when the board he was riding was bitten in half by a shark at Norries Head, Cabarita – it comes less than two months after a boy was bitten by a shark at the same location.

Have your say on future plans for Clunes

It's always satisfying to know that your thoughts and ideas are being listened to, and Lismore City Council is inviting the Clunes community to have their say on the draft Clunes Master Plan.

Tweed Sustainability Awards People's Choice voting open

Tweed Shire Council is asking residents to vote for their favourite to win the People's Choice Award, from the 33 local groups and individuals who have been nominated for the Tweed Sustainability Awards in 2025.

Sports and tourism to join Lismore's arts and cultural policy

The Lismore City Council has voted to 'rewrite' its arts and cultural policy into a new sport, tourism, culture and art policy.

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We see them rollin', we love 'em

State and federal politicians had a busy day in Lismore yesterday including the official opening of the Lismore Skatepark, an event manifesting a lot of happiness in the local skater community.

State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin and Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg got the very fun job of cutting the ribbon on one of Lismore's most anticipated recent builds.

The park is part of the new \$3.9 million, upgraded Lismore Regional Sports Hub.

Street and park bowl sections

The facility includes both 'street' and 'park' bowl sections, as well as a covered mini ramp.

The design also includes a rail paying tribute to the late Travis Watson, who was an avid skater, mentor and advocate for skating in Lismore and the wider community.

Mayor Krieg said the park is going to be a game-changer for our young people. 'Lismore kids will no longer have to travel to Goonellabah to have a skate. The park is built to such a



high standard that we will be able to host national and international competitions, adding to Lismore's already strong reputation of having the best sporting facilities in regional NSW.'

'This continues to benefit our local businesses and jobs as those playing or coming to watch these sporting events spend money in our city, whether it's at our motels, restaurants, clothing stores or other retailers.'

Attracting world-class skaters

Cr Krieg said that as skating is now an Olympic event, and there are many

world-class skaters coming from the region, a new skatepark will be another string in the city's bow and attract even more visitors. 'Being located in such a central location near the corner of Uralba and Dawson streets it will be accessible for all of the community and also ensure safety for the skaters and visitors.'

Honouring Travis

Lismore MP Janelle Saffin said that the facility is the enduring legacy of her friend the late Travis Watson. 'Travis envisioned a modern and user-friendly skatepark for Lismore and was instrumental in making it a reality.'

'I also acknowledge and thank Sam James, who took over Travis's 36 Chambers skate shop in Molesworth Street and who has guided this landmark project,' she said.

'I have backed our new skatepark from the very beginning and I congratulate the local skating community, Council and expert contractors CONVIC for collaborating on a first-class job.

'The design team worked so hard and were so enthusiastic. I encouraged them to engage with many, and ensure it was inclusive, girl-friendly, and visible, therefore safe.

Prime location between the CBD and the Square

'It is in a prime location between the CBD and the Square right up against Oakes Oval and adds to Lismore's growing reputation as a regional sporting hub.'

Ms Saffin said the project was fully-funded under Round 2 of the NSW government's Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund.

The design has been developed by Australia's leading skatepark and youth space design and construction company, CONVIC, in consultation with Council and our community.

CONVIC ran several community workshops in September 2023 as part of the design development process, as well as extensive consultation with key local stakeholders in the skate and riding community through the design stage.

CONVIC also consulted with professional skaters, coaches and event organisers to ensure the skatepark can attract and host comps as well as meeting the needs of the local community.

Long-term road recovery from the 2022 floods begins

A contract awarded to a joint venture between CMC Group and JF Hull Holdings for the region's largest road restoration package, is underway as part of Lismore's long-term recovery from the 2022 floods.

Minister for Recovery and North Coast – Janelle Saffin, Federal Minister for Emergency Management – Kristy McBain, and Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg, met on Thursday at the first site of the project at Wyrallah Road.

60 landslips

The major construction contract will enable critical repairs to restore roads from more than 60 landslips, improving reliability and reconnecting towns.

This marks a key milestone in restoring essential transport links across the Lismore region, with more than 50 road and transport infrastructure projects already completed, and almost 140 other projects currently in progress or under development.

Some projects have experienced delays or faced further damage due to the severe weather brought by ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in March 2025.

Work staggered

Work will be staggered over three years to reduce impacts on local communities and make full use of a locally-based workforce from the Lismore local government area.

Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), the permanent repairs are now underway, with the reconstruction projects 'giving communities confidence in the safety, reliability, and resilience of their roads for decades to come.'

Additionally, close to \$17 million in new funding is being provided to Lismore City Council to help restore its road infrastructure and make it more resilient against future flooding.

The Tweed Museum Street Party is back

So much fun was had at last year's Tweed Regional Museum Street Party, they are doing it again in 2025, and things are starting to get exciting!

This free family-friendly event brings together an exciting new program of entertainment, food, art and after-hours fun.

Tweed Regional Museum Director Molly Green said the popular event has become a favourite for locals and visitors alike. 'In only a few years, the street party has become a fixture on the cultural event calendar—it's our way of celebrating everything that makes the Tweed special – its stories, its spirit and its sense of community,' said Ms Green.

Street party highlights

This year's street party highlights include: a main stage packed with live music including DENNIS, Blind Corners, Amber Rose; artistic creations like Matthew Aberline with his colour-packed inflatable flowers



Brewery and the chance to refuel in the food zone with delicious local flavours and sweet treats; the Museum on Wheels, featuring native plant giveaways and sensory boxes; and plenty of roaming performers and pop-up surprises throughout the party.

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Community member's view

I attended the Byron Shire Council planning meeting last Thursday and listened to Chris Hanley OAM – well-known Byron citizen of the year, Byron Writers Festival curator, and local realtor – speak about the Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) for Byron.

He used a metaphor that resonated. Chris said the SEP process was taking the community 'straight to the operation before triage.' He suggested the process should have 'started with consultation.'

Chris acknowledged that 'the councillors and staff's intentions were good' but argued that 'they were not doing it in the right way' and not 'listening to what people want.' When one councillor responded, 'if it doesn't work for the community we won't vote for it,' Chris replied, 'we have no trust that our submission will not be ignored.'

This exchange sparked my thinking about integrity and trust in leadership – concepts that seem increasingly rare in our public discourse.

Warren Buffett, one of the world's most successful investors, considers integrity such a non-negotiable aspect of business practice that he associates only with people who possess it. He once said: 'If you're going to get someone without integrity, you want them lazy and dumb.'

A person who's smart and driven but lacks integrity can do real damage, using their talents to manipulate situations for personal gain rather than working for the community's benefit.

There's a dangerous myth in leadership that results alone define success. But if those results are achieved by cutting corners, betraying trust, or dismissing community concerns, that 'success' won't last – and neither will public confidence. Success and integrity are inseparable.

Consider leaders like Satya Nadella at Microsoft, who transformed a cutthroat culture into a collaborative powerhouse, proving that trust and empathy can drive

innovation. Or Indra Nooyi at PepsiCo, who made 'Performance with Purpose' a core strategy, aligning growth with social responsibility.

These leaders played the long game, knowing that when people trust you, they'll follow you further and work harder for shared goals.

Chris Hanley's metaphor about going 'straight to the operation before triage' perfectly captures what happens when process and consultation are treated as inconveniences rather than essential foundations for good governance.

Protecting a culture of integrity requires concrete actions: screening for character, not just competence; promoting trust as a performance metric; acting quickly when integrity is breached; and most importantly, modelling what you expect. As leaders, our decisions – even in small moments – tell people whether honesty is truly valued or just a slogan on the wall.

In leadership, as in life, character isn't just important – it's everything. Our community deserves leaders who understand that true success comes not from the speed of implementation, but from the strength of trust built through honest, transparent processes.

The question remains: does integrity matter to our elected representatives? The answer will be found not in their words, but in their actions regarding the SEP and future community consultations.

I am inspired by what I consider to be a profound truth, that 'cooperation, mutual aid and reciprocity are essential characteristics in the unified body of the world of being.'

Council decisions shape not just our physical infrastructure, but the very fabric of our individual and community life.

Dale Emerson

■ In place of our usual editorial we have chosen to highlight this comment submitted by a member of the community.

The wonders of 'adulthood'

We're all living in the shadows of the climate crisis. But sometimes the clouds part and blue skies appear briefly. Damon Gameau's new film *Future Council* is one of those moments. Full of light, and joy, and hope.

The film follows eight children from across the globe, as they take their concerns about the planet's future to the boardrooms of the world's biggest corporations.

One of my favourite moments is when one of the children jokes about the dangers of 'adulthood,' as slick CEOs reassure the kids their concerns will be taken seriously.

If 'whitewashing' means covering up lies, and 'greenwashing' means faking environmental credentials, perhaps 'adulthood' happens when powerful people appear to be mature and rational, while recklessly destroying the future of our planet. Sound familiar?

Adulthood statistics

As many *Echo* readers may know already, the Australian government stands accused by independent experts of cooking the books about how much Australia is cooking the planet.

This is not a marginal concern. It's about whether we, and our political representatives, are genuinely addressing the climate crisis threatening life on Earth, or whether we're simply pretending to.

While the government claims Australia's on track to achieve a 43 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, the integrity of that figure is questionable. A big share of the reported reduction comes not from actual cuts to fossil fuel use or industrial emissions, but from the land sector – where emissions aren't directly measured, but are modelled using satellite imagery, assumptions about vegetation growth, and estimates of soil carbon.

When these estimates are excluded, there's only been a tiny reduction since 2005, and emissions from coal and gas remain high. 'This raises serious concerns that reported progress is being driven more by accounting choices than by real, economy-wide decarbonisation,'



'Adulthood happens when people appear to be mature and rational, while recklessly destroying the future...'

– Dr Ray Moynihan

says Polly Hemming, Climate and Energy Director at the Australia Institute.

Net-zero is not zero

Complicating this further is the focus on achieving net-zero emissions, rather than real zero. While the rump on the right of Australian politics is still trying to undermine Australia's commitment to net-zero by 2050, what's needed is movement towards real zero.

One or two corporations are aiming for real zero, according to Giles Parkinson, editor of *Renew Economy*. 'But they're precious few, and most corporates use the 2050 net-zero target as an excuse to not do very much, when they could and should be doing a lot more.'

The science tells us we must rapidly cut fossil fuel use and protect and restore nature, to avoid calamity. Yet the government is still giving the green light to companies opening massive new coal and gas projects, who boast 'net-zero' credentials, because the resulting pollution may be 'offset' elsewhere.

'Real zero means cutting actual emissions as far and fast as possible – no offsets, no speculative future technology, no accounting tricks,' Hemming told *The Echo*. 'Critics call it "too ambitious", but physics doesn't negotiate: we either cut pollution enough to keep the planet liveable, in line with the accepted science, or we don't.'

Regeneration

As the film *Future Council* makes clear, what's needed is not more vandalism, but urgent restoration, like tree-planting and repairing waterways. 'These projects actually cut emissions,' says *Renew Economy's* Parkinson.

Regeneration is of course already underway in the Northern Rivers, but

it's patchy, piecemeal, and poorly funded, with massive increases in investment needed. In my view, local restoration projects also need mandated engagement with local children, offering them opportunities to share the joys, and challenges, of reforestation.

Earlier this year, the government's response was to launch a new voluntary 'Nature Repair Market', to encourage private investment in restoration projects. I can't help feeling this approach – which relies on a dubious new 'market' rather than government investment – is yet another example of adulthood.

'There's no sound economic or environmental case for the nature repair market,' says Hemming. 'If you want to protect nature, stop approving projects that destroy it, and directly fund Traditional Owners, farmers and communities to restore it – which will be cheaper and more effective.'

Asked about Gameau's new film, Hemming says initiatives like 'future councils' are a vital form of advocacy, giving young people a platform, reminding decision-makers of who'll have to live with consequences, and helping shift the conversation.

But to really hold corporations accountable, she argues structural changes are needed, like Senator David Pocock's 'Duty of Care Bill', which aimed to embed young people's rights in law, and prevent projects that would harm current and future children.

As the impact of *Future Council* grows globally, let's hope we see more genuine attempts to clean up our mess, and a lot less adulthood.

■ An academic with Bond and Sydney University, Dr Ray Moynihan has worked in ecological restoration with public school children across the region.



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Councillors: do good

When our past mayor referred to us as something like 'privileged greyhairs' he took a step too far.

Current Mayor Sarah Ndiaye made a similar comment, supporting the view that homeless people in Byron Shire 'deserve' the Mullum madness (car park) development at 57 Station Street. She (and he) seem to be saying that their view is simply correct and no further input is either required or useful.

So at the risk of alienating some readers, I'd like to 'unpack' his support for this cheaply-conceived, problem-riddled development.

Firstly, I'd like to ask why he believes it is his duty/right/correctness to act on our behalf and give the development the 'go'. Where in our Byron Council rules does it say anything other than a councillor should act on the ratepayers' behalf?

Viewed one way, everyone who lives here, pays rates or parking, or supports local business is a member of 'Club Byron'. Yes, it's exclusive. No-one who resides elsewhere is a member. But it does have rules for – and against – us. Rules for us say that if we pay our annual rates and charges, we will receive services in kind. Rules against us say that we should remain reasonably civil, not trespass, or break other antisocial laws. And all of us live within those parameters.

So this is where it gets 'sticky'. We all know, and witness the effects of homelessness in the Shire. I don't think anyone would even contemplate an 'ICE'-style response. We value our humanity and we all feel for these people trapped in their personal hell. So it would follow that if, as some councillors claim, this development is to allay homelessness, and that's why we should approve it, you need to know that it won't house one single homeless person. As a matter of fact it'll even wipe out the only public convenience in Mullum central that these people rely on.

A 'good' plumber is one who fixes leaks. A 'good' sparky is one who wires our home safely.

I have no interest in



Nice to have good friends over to visit! Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

whether my plumber, sparky or carpenter has contributed to alleviating homelessness. A 'good' councillor is one who does what he or she has promised to do. And no, this does not include solve the homelessness crisis. So when I see a councillor saying this development is good because it will help homelessness, I ask whether that councillor has done due diligence. Can they really justify destroying local businesses because of the greedy footprint of the development? Have they offered IGA a way of overcoming their loss of access in a now-crowded Mcgougans Lane? Do older residents now really have to park over the railway line to shop? Isn't this good news for corporate Woolies?

I understand. Everyone wants to 'do good'. And if I'd seen evidence of proper due diligence on this development, I might be able to agree with said councillors. But what I see is zero due diligence and a really flimsy 'holier-than-thou' attitude to the now large number of people writing submissions.

I can't help likening it to Trump and the Epstein saga. Every time he opens his mouth it gets worse. So it seems with these councillors who, like Trump, probably really want all the objections to suddenly disappear.

Ian Hamilton
Myocum

Not a Council-basher

I've never been a Council-basher; it's a tough job and some good outcomes over

the years can be tabled. But nor do I accept the bad process this (car park – 57 Station St) DA has taken from 'day one'. It's been shrouded in fog.

Now that many of the impact issues are known, I'm asking Council's staff and its elected representatives to have a good think about this sites suitability. It's not too late.

I don't live in town, but I shop there, and I have a passion for Mullumbimby's future, including affordable housing.

I have relevant experience, 40 years with dozens of DAs and major construction projects. The DA studies for this one are flawed. Council is now playing a rearguard action as a result.

In short, please consider the better alternative sites, take on board the flaws with the DA studies, the significant additional costs to ratepayers, and people's feedback.

It's neither credible nor supportable for several councillors to say recently this is the only suitable site and any other site proposals will put back the 'affordable housing' initiative too far. This is poor reasoning, poor governance, and risky. You're only talking less than 6-9 months for a better result, and consider the ensuing delays at 57 Station St if court challenges arise from an approval – long, costly delays.

Council initiated this whole process under the radar. Genuine business and community involvement at an early

stage (pre-DA) would have revealed the issues at this site and enabled better outcomes. Transparent risk assessment in Council's decisions at this DA site is inadequate and concerning.

Isn't it time to 'hold and review'? Act on sound business principles, not 'saving face'?

This new Council can now recognise there is an opportunity to look at the issues, look at the alternative site(s), including right next door to Council (which appears partially assessed already and has none of the hidden cost and planning issues of 57 Station St).

Little time will be lost as the current DA has some way to go before it can be enacted, and consider the delays if its approval is challenged in the courts – a real possibility.

Peter Ryan
Mullumbimby

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People want to be heard in regards to the Byron Bay SEP

Thank God

Thank God we have at least one Byron councillor standing up for residents – three cheers for Elia Hauge and her formal call for an urgent investigation report into the impact of the introduction of an SEP in the Byron CBD.

As ratepayers and voters, residents have the right to insist that Byron Council do its due diligence in regard to impacts on our town, before any funded proposed trial is accepted.

Phoebe Havyatt
Byron Bay

The survey

I completed the 'Have your Say on the Special Entertainment Precinct' residents' online survey. It doesn't convey confidence in Council's concern for 'community consultation and feedback' when we are asked to only choose 'main benefits' but not possible detriments. Especially when the main benefits listed are independent of 2am liquor licences, but the potential problems of alcohol-induced rowdiness, violence, and antisocial behaviour are more likely.

Some years ago, Byron

Bay worked hard to rid ourselves of the 'party town' label, and the consequential problems we experienced. Late-night liquor licences are more suited to inner cities, not regional villages. The purported aim of creating a vibrant, arts-focused, family-friendly precinct does not require late-night alcohol licensing. It is the antithesis.

Jeff Harrison
Byron Bay

Using them for us

Byron Council is trying to use state government, Sydney-centric planning policies to fundamentally change our home.

In Byron, it is blazing a trail as the first council outside of Sydney to establish a 'Special Entertainment Precinct'. Council has tried to sell the concept as addressing challenges to businesses caused by Covid, floods, cyclones, etc. At Tuesday's community info session, Council staff acknowledged the SEP would do nothing to mitigate those impacts. It is about allowing venues to open later and have

reduced noise restrictions, as the state government clearly says on its website.

In Mullumbimby, it is blazing a trail to use state planning laws to override Local Environmental Plans and development controls to build an 11.7-metre high, 32-unit development (most of which will not have car parks) on Council-owned land at 57 Station St. It's a big building on a small, constricted site. Better sites are available, or a design better suited to the site and town should be adopted. We certainly need more affordable homes. We don't need an inner city Sydney scale building without car parks. The good people of Surry Hills might be able to access good public transport but options are far more restricted here.

Mullum or Byron this time, Bruns or Bangalow next. In both cases, Council seems to be relying on state government planning tools to override their own development controls. Community consultation, to the extent it happens, seems to be about 'managing the noise' rather than genuinely engaging with community.

We need locally appropriate solutions rather than solutions better suited to large urban centres. Why does our Council seem to see it differently?

Paul Cholakos
Montecollum

'Revitalising' Byron

After attending Tuesday night's information session and reading the handouts, my initial gut feeling has been confirmed – the Special Entertainment Precinct is really about 'revitalising' Byron's night-time economy, i.e. making Byron more of a party town than it already is! This will be done by helping businesses make more money via longer trading hours for licensed venues, allowing drinking while standing outdoors, encouraging more live music (read amplified) and raising the number of noise complaints from three to five before a formal complaint can be made.

I'm unclear how day-time businesses can be helped by all this. Rents are still exorbitant and only big chains can afford them. Most of the quirky shops which made Byron so interesting are long gone, as have many of the shops needed day-to-day by residents.

The SEP handout gives a wonderful list of possibilities for celebrating 'culture, creativity and connection' but where will the money come from? Chris Minns' \$162,500 will be spent on consultants and presumably extra hours spent on all this by Council staff.

I can only assume none of our councillors live in Byron, otherwise they wouldn't have been interested in promoting the SEP.

Margaret Wills
Byron Bay

'Community insultation'

Mayor Sarah recently posted on social media that she was rather upset about a community meeting being held about the proposed Special Entertainment Precinct for Byron Bay while she was away and unable to attend.

Mayor Sarah and Councillor Pugh are telling the community that the SEP is only a trial and that we can shape the SEP to suit our town. I am at a loss to imagine how late-night liquor trading can be shaped to suit our town. Do we really believe that the majority of people drinking in Byron Bay after midnight are interested in what suits our town?

Byron Bay data for alcohol-fuelled violence and sexual assaults is something we cannot ignore. This SEP will only add to an increase in these statistics. Ask the medics and law enforcers in our town what they think about the SEP. At the 'community insultation' on Tuesday, August 12 for residents, the out-of-town consultant kept stressing that questions would be allowed at the end so that the information on the PowerPoint slides could be covered.

I guess that ticked one of the boxes for 'community consultation'. The overwhelming sentiment in the room was disgust, fury, dismay and frustration that Council has not engaged in community consultation before agreeing to the SEP in December. This week, I received an email from Shannon Burt encouraging me to share my feedback on Council's 'Your Say' page. Seriously? What I found was an ill-designed form where residents, business owners and visitors can fill out a form and Council can tick a box to claim they have engaged in community consultation. Why are visitors being asked to comment on the SEP?

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New Gold Mountain

The Chinese name for California was 'gam saan' or 'gold mountain'. After the Californian goldfields petered out, gold was discovered in Victoria and the Chinese name for Australia became 'new gold mountain' – which shows how highly the Chinese regard Australia's mineral abundance.

Because of our time-honoured alliance with the US, following them into every unnecessary conflict since WW2 and recently bolstered by the AUKUS pact, Australia is already committed to joining the US in any coming conflict with China.

To maintain global primacy and prop up their ever-growing debt and ailing dollar, the US seems destined to go to war with China.

With Xi now promising to reclaim Taiwan as part of the People's Republic, the scene is set for an horrendous Sino-American war.

Anticipating this, China has been grooming Russia and North Korea as allies in such a conflict. Because of the 'first strike advantage'

the conflict will rapidly escalate into a full-blown nuclear catastrophe, as they fire off all their intercontinental ballistic missiles within hours of the outbreak of war. That'll be fun.

Australia has quite a few strategic targets. There are 70-80 military bases across the continent. Then there's Pine Gap near Alice Springs.

We also have a naval base just a kilometre from the Opera House, smack in the heart of Sydney. And there are a couple of US military bases as well.

So I imagine all of these are already targeted.

Nuclear subs are seen as the US's most effective weapon. The US has 71 nuclear-powered submarines including 18 Ohio-class nuclear-armed subs which can unleash enormous firepower. But who knows what hi-tech anti-submarine technology China may have?

The US has 12 aircraft carriers bristling with dozens of \$100 million fighter aircraft. Conventionally the US would have used

its aircraft carrier fleets very effectively, and probably won the war. But times have changed. In modern warfare all surface warships are 'dead in the water', totally vulnerable to hypersonic missiles, unmanned submarines or sea-drone attack.

We all know how high-tech and efficient the Chinese are – and they will invariably bring this efficiency and expertise to modern warfare.

The war will be so bullseye accurate it is likely to be over in days or weeks. And because Taiwan is so close to mainland China and the US will rapidly lose their battle fleets, China will have the home-town advantage and are very likely to win.

If that happened, carving up their spoils of war, China will inevitably claim and colonise Australia. Australia is a fat prize. Full of coal, iron ore, heavy metals, rare earths, beef, sheep, broad-acre farms, wine and lobsters and lots of space. The Chinese won't take kindly to Australians waging

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Damon Gameau film awes audience

Louis Moynihan-Burne

Last Wednesday night, hundreds queued to watch Damon Gameau's new film, *Future Council* at the Byron Theatre. Gameau is an Australian actor, filmmaker and producer made famous by his films *2040* and *That Sugar Film*.

Future Council, which he started making in 2024, was released in August 2025 to Australian cinemas. It was the journey of eight kids from all over the world and one adult – Damon.

They drove across Europe in the Bumble Bus, an old, bright yellow American-style school bus that runs on biofuel.

Being an 11-year-old myself I found the film quite inspiring. Climate change and pollution being issues I'll come across in my lifetime, the film really propelled me to do something.

The eight amazing kids, with a great leader, travelled through France, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands, meeting and questioning big companies including Nestlé, ING, and



Damon Gameau and Ruby Rodgers at the local launch of *Future Council*.

Decathlon. After that, they also met with other smaller environmental companies including Faith in Nature, who appointed 'nature' as one of their board members.

On their journey the kids enjoyed nature, told stories, delivered 'bad ass' speeches to a senior executive in Nestlé – 'you are not a powerful leader, you are a disgrace' leaving him speechless – and had lots of fun in general.

When the film ended

there was a Q&A with Damon and Ruby Rodgers, one of the eight children in the film. In the rows of the audience of the Byron Community Centre hands shot up like rockets - lots of kids eager to ask questions after an amazing film.

Then Ruby, also a beautiful singer, serenaded us with her dad on guitar singing her song, 'Hits The Heart', which expresses her concerns about the climate crisis and a desire to do something. She also sang

'Fix You' by Coldplay.

When everything was finished and people had said their goodbyes, they left with a feeling of hope and aspiration, that the next generation might reverse the trajectory we are going in and bring a bright future for everyone, everywhere.

■ Louis Moynihan-Burne is a school captain at Byron Bay Public School and like lots of his friends, a passionate nature lover.

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Outbound traffic

Expect increased congestion and **major traffic delays** during construction hours:

Weekdays – 7am to 6pm.

Seek alternative routes

To avoid delays, Council encourages motorists planning trips to and from Mullumbimby to seek alternative routes via:

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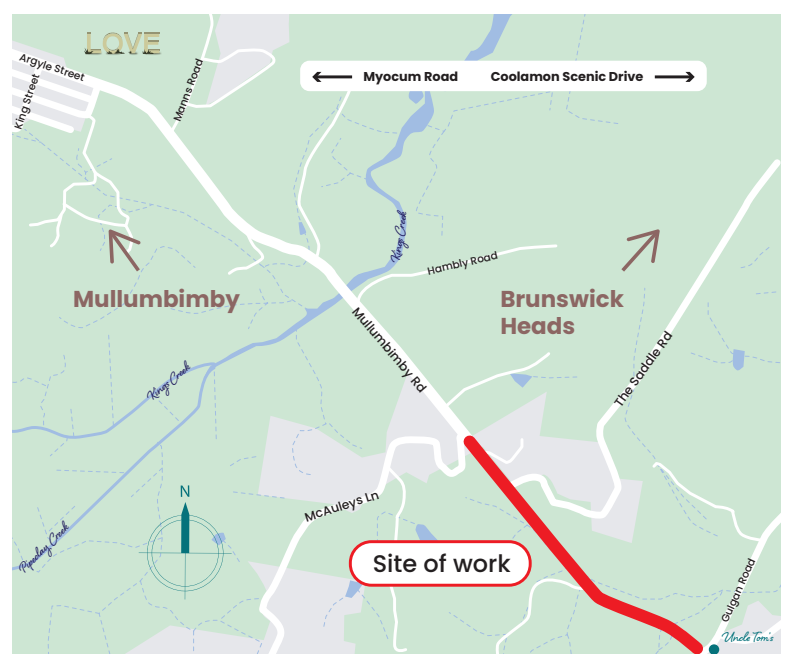
School buses and emergency services will have full access through Mullumbimby Road. Traffic control will be in place.

Inbound Traffic

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war against them, and they won't be kind task-masters.

The Australian people will be reduced to serfdom, working as slave labour, moving entire cities, roads, rail and all infrastructure above rising sea levels.

Australia will be renamed 'New Gold Mountain' and the world order will be restored again.

Let's face it – the emerging Western autocracies and socialist autocracies are so similar, they may as well just kiss and make up, save their money and go on living together in peace – good luck with that!

Michael Balson
Mullumbimby

Gentle China

I refer to the letter from Len Hend in Mullum regarding his recent visit to China. This is so well written that it should be reproduced on every Australian media available. Why? Because it epitomises the feeling between China and the Australian people as it exists today before US idiocy interferes any further. Significantly, this relates currently to the obscene \$368 billion for submarine, in case these gentle people invade us. I won't be here

but, if I was, better them than the scum invading Europe at present.

Thank you Len.

Peter Walters
Ballina

Enough with the cloud-seeding

Wonder why it's rained so much in the Northern Rivers? Just look up at the skies, like I do when walking my dog on Belongil Beach daily.

Whoever is doing this – please stop. I hear the planes take off from Casino, though I have no evidence of this – yet. Nearly four months of rain is enough thanks. I hate to think of the chemicals falling on us, I just see the froth on the beach, and wonder ... is it safe to swim in the ocean?

Byron Council: do you know anything about the constant spraying?

Margot Hays
Bangalow

So many questions

Hi readers! How many of us ratepayers are questioning the lack of maintenance and upgrade to our failed infrastructure by our Byron Shire Council (BSC)?

How many of us have had Council regulations ignored by Council, such as the development of new

structures which impose stormwater and sewage impacts to our properties that had never occurred before? Or even privacy and noise impacts upon our properties via new housing development?

How many of us question if our submissions or complaints are even being heard?

Our Council is wasting money when our rates keep increasing without any improvement to the most important and necessary infrastructure which is functional stormwater and sewage upgrades. 'No funds available' is what I keep being told by Council executives. But I've also been told \$5.5 million will be spent on the Mullumbimby Hospital site and the latest is over \$1 million (Council land given away, replacement car parks, etc.) to be spent on the 57 Station Street proposal site. Is this where we want our rates to go?

I, for one am very concerned about the continual neglect of the failing infrastructure that is so outdated and overloaded with new construction projects that I can't afford not to speak out. In my meeting with executive staff of BSC they admitted that

the whole Shire has failing stormwater infrastructure that is in desperate need of upgrades – that pipework was never going to perform to the standards required for extra development but extra development keeps getting approved.

Surely I am not the only one questioning the operational priorities of our Council. I hear from many citizens asking whether Council are operating ethically when it comes to approving DAs when necessary upgrading is needed to ensure there are no flood impacts caused by overloading systems that have already failed. We need to act – we need to speak up.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

No winner here

Like many in Mullum, I strongly support initiatives to help our homeless and vulnerable. However, Byron Shire Council's plan to redevelop our central public car park into a three-storey 'affordable' housing block, for those who can afford to pay 75 per cent of market rent, raises serious concerns.

Council has a 'responsibility to ensure the most vulnerable have access

to safe, secure, genuinely affordable housing', (Cr Hauge, *Echo* 6/8/25). But I don't see how this development will fulfil that – their own DA documents and expert analysis presented at Monday's public meeting suggest otherwise. This plan fails to deliver on its promises.

Instead, it risks parking chaos, a disrupted CBD for up to two years, business losses, increased flood risk from excessive fill, and an out-of-character monolith overshadowing our heritage-listed town. Even the homeless will permanently lose their only 24/7 toilet facility under this out-of-touch plan.

Who benefits here? Not the vulnerable, nor local businesses, nor residents facing accessibility issues. This deeply flawed DA prioritises optics over outcomes. Our Council, tasked with representing our community, must do better. I urge them to rethink this proposal and prioritise truly affordable, well-planned solutions in more suitable locations in town, that respect Mullumbimby's character and needs.

Michael Williamson
Mullumbimby

Killer bots

Around 1966 in the school library, I read a short story describing hunter-killer robots that had been placed on Earth, to exterminate all the people.

The short story scared me so much, it took me many years to recover from reading it.

Today's Chinese Unitree A2 robot dog perfectly matches the hunter-killer robots described in that 1966 story. With its speed of 18 km/hr and range of 20 kilometres, soon to become 40 or 60 kilometres, it would be very hard to escape from.

A robot dog with a gun is a soldier and when operated by an artificial intelligence, smarter than the smartest human, we have Skynet realised.

Initially, we viewed radiation, cigarette smoking and PFAS as totally safe, but compared to a super-intelligence-controlled, fast, armed, lethal, robot dog, they're inconsequential.

Worse still are the military-grade germ warfare viruses that the artificial intelligence can easily create.

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Lawyer Steve Bolt talks activism and the law

Story and photo David Lowe

Lismore-based lawyer Steve Bolt has recently retired, after 30 years of practice in the Northern Rivers. David Lowe caught up with this illustrious local legal legend to talk about the intersection of activism and the law, in his own life and the wider community.

Eleven years ago, Mr Bolt was among the community protectors at the Bentley blockade, often wearing his rainbow beanie. He described his involvement in the gasfield fight as a highlight of his professional life, having represented many clients who were arrested at the preceding blockades of Glenugie and Doubtful Creek, often working pro bono.

As he explains, 'I was an activist before I was a lawyer.'

Mr Bolt remembers being heavily involved in student politics in Sydney, and then being active in the public service union for many years (following in the footsteps of his father, a lifelong metal-working unionist), before returning to university to study law, which led to new opportunities.

'Lawyers have a number of roles to play, and if you have a social view or a political view about the need for urgent social change, then activism is something that you get involved in, by defending people who are across the line in terms of being arrested. That line is sometimes very arbitrary, determined by the police,' he said.



'A lot of my experience as an activist was not so much being arrested – although I was arrested a couple of times in my earlier life – it was being at protest events, and observing that the police were not always as well-behaved as they should be.'

'Many times there were ways of dealing with those charges in the court system that worked out to be reasonably satisfactory in terms of having charges dismissed or very limited penalties.'

Drug law reform

While in Sydney, Steve Bolt worked for the Redfern Legal Centre, where he published a book called *Rough Deal: A Plain English Guide to Drug Laws in NSW*.

How did that come about? 'One of my core beliefs is that we should be reducing crime, and we reduce crime by reducing policing and reducing the prison population. The biggest single way of reducing the prison population and reducing

interaction between police and citizens is to drastically, radically reform the drug laws. It's been a huge, long, slow process. We're getting there somewhere, maybe!'

'Thirty years ago, Redfern had a project around drug law reform, and I was involved in that. The book was about how the law works and what can you do, what can't you do?'

'We wanted to call it "A Consumer Guide to the Drug Laws of NSW", but the publisher said, "No, you can't do that!" It was directed at drug users and family and friends of drug users concerned about what might happen to their kids if they got busted.'

It remains an issue close to Mr Bolt's heart, as Australian prisons continue to be filled by people who have committed minor drug offences.

'The prison population increases, increases,' he said. 'It's not so much about direct drug law stuff as the powers that

police have to stop vehicles, search vehicles, to search people, to do strip searching, to get search warrants and to come into people's houses.'

'It's that creep of police power infringing on, in my view, liberties that we all should have in terms of what is effectively a personal decision – when you use drugs or don't use drugs. Yes, there are impacts on society, but that should be addressed in a different way than trying to police a way out of what is seen to be a major problem. Is it a major problem? I don't know, but it's a problem anyway.'

Civil disobedience

'It's sometimes said in context of the discussion we're having that activist protesters have no regard for the law. My experience is the opposite. Protesters do have regard to the rule of law, and do respect the law.'

'In a civil disobedience situation, fair enough, you're not meant to do something. In a logging protest you're

not meant to go onto a particular piece of land owned by the Forestry Corporation, for example. Okay, you've broken the law. What should happen to you?'

'You get charged. The police have to prove, just like an assault charge or any other charge, that you have committed an offence... If that is proved, then what is the appropriate penalty? You don't necessarily have to go to jail every time you break the law. Most people who break the law in the criminal context do not go to jail, and most people who are arrested and charged at political events, even if found guilty, do not get a serious penalty.'

'That's quite appropriate, because the people who are engaged in that activity are very, very often first offenders, people with no significant criminal record, if any at all, and their motivation is not about greed or personal gain. It's about social benefit, and the court as a general rule will recognise that and give a fair bit of leniency in terms of convictions being recorded and so on.'

'In most cases, when it becomes two or three or four times you're involved in that sort of activity, okay, you don't get that benefit anymore. You start to get fined. But it's about the process of the law being applied. It's not in any real way showing disrespect for the law. It's accepting that if you break the law, there are consequences, and lawyers are involved in guiding people through that system.'

Sailing into the sunset

Steve Bolt is an AFL fan, and explains his decision to retire by saying, 'you don't want to play a season too many.' After working far too many hours for too many years, his practice at Bolt Findlay is now going to carry on without him or his wife Vicki Findlay, who was previously the firm's mediation partner.

The new principal is Daniel Haig, who has been with the firm for five years.

While reluctant to focus too much on himself as he sails into the sunset, at least professionally, Mr Bolt said, 'Having integrity is an important part of anyone's life...'

'Our philosophy was not so much to make every single dollar we could as a legal practice, but to help people, you know, to provide a service. Yes, charge them a fee, but not to make sure there's another zero on that bill.'

'It's such a glib thing to say, but it's a helping profession. It's about analysis and thinking through and problem-solving, but from the client's point of view, it's about explaining why we're doing it this way.'

'It's also about empowerment. George Bernard Shaw once said, "Every profession is a conspiracy against the laity." And it's certainly true for the law. These arcane expressions, and this language. What does it all mean? If you understand it properly yourself as a lawyer, and you can explain it, well that's what you should be doing.'

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Pro-Am decided at Ocean Shores Country Club



One straight out of the screws for eventual winner Jordan O'Brien at the Ocean Shores Pro-Am last weekend. Photo supplied

Professional golfer Jordan O'Brien won last weekend's annual PGA Pro-Am hosted by the Ocean Shores Country Club.

The event attracted a strong field and competition was tight throughout the day, with plenty of standout performances.

'The day saw some exceptional golf on display, with plenty of close encounters and impressive shot-making from start to finish,' marketing and promotions coordinator Tahlee Hohmann said.

'In the end, it was women's professional Jordan O'Brien who claimed

top honours with a winning score of an impressive seven under 65.'

'The Pro-Am continues to be a highlight on our golfing calendar, showcasing both the talent and community spirit that makes Ocean Shores Country Club such a special place to play.'

Bowls rookies step up

Last weekend five members of the Mullumbimby Bowls Club entered the NSW Rookies Competition at the South Tweed Club.

'All represented the club strongly with husband and wife, Kristina and Aiden Berry, both making it through to the quarter finals,' club secretary Tony Hampton said.

'It's a promising sign for the future of our small, community-focused club. Visiting bowlers and potential new members are always welcome.'



Kristina and Aiden Berry both made it to the quarter finals. Photo supplied

AFL seniors

AFL Northern Rivers' seniors are playing their final games this Sunday at Oakes Oval in Lismore.

'It would be great if we get a crowd to support the team,' said Kartini Bell from Brunswick Valley Bulldogs.

'The BV Bulldogs are passionate about men's mental health and will continue training after the finals. If anyone is keen to come down for a kick, the team welcomes men and women every Tuesday at Stan Thompson Oval, Brunswick Heads, between 5.30 and 7pm. No experience needed.'

Mullum High Futsal squads show quality



The all-conquering Mullum High U16 squad with Supercoach Brian Hedge. Photo supplied

Mullumbimby High School's U16 girl's Futsal squad were once again crowned North Coast titles.

They now travel to Coffs Harbour to contest the North Coast title next term.

The Mullum High U14 girl's team also played with vigour,

especially as some were playing their first competitive games. They made it to the semi-final, only losing to the eventual winners, Tweed Coast, 5-4.

Sending love before hitting the field



Keoni Purcell sending his mom love hearts. Photo supplied

Brunswick Valley Bulldogs Auskick team got the chance to play the half-time slot at the People First Stadium

during the Gold Coast Suns vs GWS Giants AFL game on Saturday.

'The kids were so excited

and were sending their parents love hearts before they ran out onto the field,' said Kartini Bell.

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How Trump Will Make an Irish Village Poor and You Look Old

Do you ever wonder where the Botox comes from? Who makes this magical substance that turns back the clock? There's a town in Ireland that makes all the world's Botox. That's not a joke. That's a pharmaceutical fact. Westport is a small coastal town in County Mayo and when it comes to facial muscle paralysing toxins it's literally the frozen-nerve centre.

AbbVie is a Chicago-based pharmaceutical company that makes its billion-dollar therapeutic Botox, for medical and cosmetic use, in this Irish town of barely 7,000 people. It's not just the fountain of youth, it's the fountain of their local employment. Fear of ageing keeps them in work.

But Trump wants to bring the Botox home. Back to his own forehead where so much of it currently resides. The 15% tariffs on all pharmaceutical exports from the European Union could devastate towns like Westport, and the 70-plus countries dependent on the supply.

So what happens when the world's Botox supply is under threat? Would we be experiencing climate collapse, a cost-of-living crisis AND peak wrinkle? The future not only is bleak, it looks like shit.

Full disclosure: I don't do Botox. I have never had Botox. And I never will. The thought of injecting a nerve-paralysing toxin right near that thing in my head I love to use on a daily basis (my brain) is too scary for me. I'd rather look old. It's a personal choice. If I wanted to use a toxin that could paralyse my brain I would read *The Australian*. Actually if given a choice, I'd use Botox before I'd read *The Australian*.

I am 57 and ageing without the help of big pharma. I understand that there are many that have signed up for the frozen freeway, the paralysing pathway – the forehead less travelled. But are those beautifully unlined faces under threat? We could be facing the collapse of the Botox industry. Or at least a painful pivot. What would that even look like? My forehead wrinkles in contemplation. I enjoy the irony, the world brought down, not by economic collapse, but by the return of expression. And that expression... rage!

Botox is the most common non-surgical procedure performed globally – nearly 9 million procedures each year.



So what happens when the world's Botox supply is under threat? Would we be experiencing climate collapse, a cost-of-living crisis AND peak wrinkle?

But there are risks. In the UK there has been a significant rise in botulism – a rare illness that can cause symptoms ranging from fatigue, headaches and dizziness to difficulty breathing. In the last few months alone, 41 cases have been confirmed in the UK. While these cases appear to be linked to the use of unlicensed products which are much more potent than Botox, even licensed products can sometimes come with risks.

Botulinum the key ingredient for bo-bo is the most lethal toxin known to humanity. If you didn't get the wax you should definitely not get the Botox. A fragment which would weigh less than a grain of salt could kill you. The toxin acts as a neurotoxin – so it paralyzes the nerve.

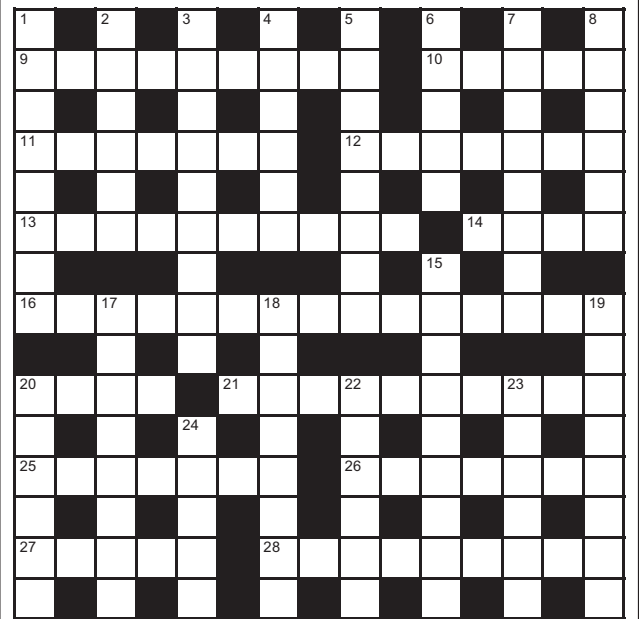
Around 25 % of people who get cosmetic Botox have complications – usually fatigue, headaches, drooping eyelids, visual disturbances and sometimes difficulty swallowing. This is not selling it. Being a bit wrinkly and signing up for Face Yoga (which I have) is still feeling like the best option.

But the more concerning side effect is the risk of botulism. And if people are going for black-market Botox, it's a real risk. Botulism can lead to anaphylactic shock and respiratory failure. It's kind of a shit side effect when all you wanted to do was look a bit surprised for a few months.

Being dead would be the ultimate surprise. Nothing stops the ageing process more effectively than death! So in a weird way I guess as an anti-ageing procedure it technically worked.

■ 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.

Crossword by Stephen Clarke #69



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Partner, a very loud one, departed over initiation of intimacy (9)
- Greek character gets over game-fixing (5)
- Unfinished sketch on Eastern European alpinist's equipment (3,4)
- Bloom is enthralled by my proficiency (7)
- Spooner's phantom funny guy, one who patrols offshore (5,5)
- Expose online party to double cross (4)
- False impression given by young lady who lacks direction and understanding (15)
- Short measure of metallic element Zulu dropped at hotel (4)
- Listener starts to interview unconventional musicians in concert hall (10)
- Refuse deposit of battery lead in service centre (7)
- Charge Grant makes for publication (7)
- Bags of trousers left out (5)
- Record conflict with *Echo* about plates etc (9)

DOWN

- Pepper in aspic, strangely presented with entrees to chef's usual menu (8)
- Many countries that form a fair arrangement around conservation, principally (6)
- Perhaps a family face? (5,4)
- Celebrity chef Gabriel takes gold for cake (6)
- Soil and tree cover openings of excavation site and mine (8)
- Elk is low and small – an eye-opener! (5)
- Exercise fitted into exotic beer and sausage (8)
- Wild cat has a rat's head lodged in an organ (6)
- Some bound to be shattered by revealed intimate thoughts (9)
- Fire at fly – it's a novelty event! (4,4)
- Way to keep okay during game of chance (8)
- Lacking substance? It's neither here nor there (2,6)
- Consume with a joke, so to say (6)
- Independent chaps not quite gripping protective clothing needed for drink (6)
- Crook judge! You bet! (3,3)
- Diabolical deal-maker in stiff, austere setting (5)

Quick Clues

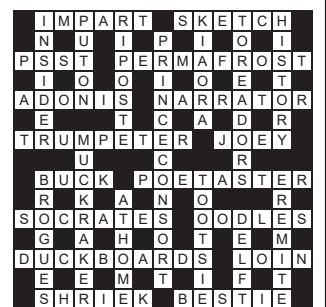
ACROSS

- Business-partnered with a larger organisation (9)
- Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- Mountain assistance device (3,4)
- Complete command of a skill (7)
- Sea rescue organisation (5,5)
- Reveal personal information online (4)
- Incorrect understanding (15)
- Small unit of measurement (4)
- Large hall for performances (10)
- Household waste (7)
- Small informative publication (7)
- Dismisses from employment (5)
- Dining utensils and dishes (9)

DOWN

- Bell pepper vegetable (8)
- World's second-largest continent (6)
- A, B, AB or O classification (5,4)
- Elaborate layered cake (6)
- Damage someone's reputation (8)
- Large North American deer (5)
- Spicy sausage topping (8)
- Voice box in the throat (6)
- Revealed intimate feelings (9)
- Hopping competition in fabric bags (4,4)
- Casino wheel game (8)
- Regardless of circumstances (2,6)
- Consume food or drink (6)
- Drink alcohol or liquid (6)
- Expression of strong agreement (3,3)
- Character who sold his soul to the devil (5)

Last week's solution #68



■ If you would like to provide any feedback to Stephen Clarke about his crosswords please email: crosswordfeedback@echo.net.au

STARS BY LILITH

With this week's sun and new moon illuminating Virgo, the sensible sign of earthy efficiency, bingeing loses its allure and less starts looking a lot like more...



VIRGO THE VIRGIN

ARIES: With Mercury in your zodiac house of self-expression and creative fun, the spotlight is yours this week to showcase a few entertaining power moves. Leadership suits you, providing it's achieved with warmth rather than force: a playful approach will win more allies and willing cooperation than assertiveness.

TAURUS: Noticing a gap between what you want and what your level-head tells you is sustainable? This down-to-earth week suggests getting creative with some practical Venusian magic. If you have to close one door in order for another to open, consider how you might address potential consequences.

GEMINI: New moons bring fresh-start energy, and Virgo season directs this week's towards Gemini's home zone, supporting streamlining, downsizing, decluttering and space clearing. Where to start? Perhaps by repurposing a neglected corner for something more satisfying. Then think lifestyle habits, obligations you've outgrown, even a mini detox.

CANCER: After a season of vivid social reboots, this week brings a mix of relief and reality checks. New moon on Saturday, 23 August offers you lunar beings a reminder to start breaking down sizeable projects into manageable steps. Consider it your personal invitation to clear any relationship static.

LEO: This year's Festival of Leo ends with a flourish at the dramatic entrance of diva Venus into Leo to a backing track of Leo Whitney Houston's 'Learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all...' Show some self-love during late week moon in Leo by appreciating the things that bring you joy.

VIRGO: Welcome to your astrological new year when August 23 sun and new moon (the first of a rare pair of consecutive Virgo new moons) celebrate your elegant, helpful and supportive self. This is your week to relax and receive from others: your nearest, dearest and those you've always been there for.

LIBRA: Mars in Libra and Venus in her favourite home zone both suggest a decor refresh *chez vous*. As Virgo season's emphasis in your sector of release and endings clears the stage for some exciting entertainment, are certain alliances drifting out of alignment? Time to revise your dream team list?

SCORPIO: As Virgo season energises your zodiac zone of social networks and group endeavours, this week's likely to benefit from a less black or white, all or nothing approach. A steamy connection between Venus and Neptune could, if you feel available, melt barriers to some deeper connections and heartfelt exchanges.

SAGITTARIUS: It can be tempting to offer advice you think helpful, but if your inner critic's on overdrive that might not be wise. This week recommends leaning into the art of thoughtful restraint, letting kindness and diplomacy guide your conversation. Say what needs to be said, try to listen without judgment.

CAPRICORN: Virgo season stimulates your astro-sector of expansion and exploration, activating a more open and elastic mindset to different ways of seeing things. Widening your horizon this week could reveal a new dimension to the work you're already doing, and how to tailor moves to support a larger cause.

AQUARIUS: Relationships require constant recalibrating, and this week's astral energetics suggest if your intuition's telling you something's not right, or you don't love what you're getting, then check what you're projecting. When you speak your piece, ask the tender questions and listen without pressing for an immediate answer.

PISCES: As personalities morph from forceful to critical, this week's entry into your opposite and complementary sign on the astro-wheel invites you to take some replenishing balance in the green world of nature: think restorative outdoor walks, bike rides, more time at the beach, or in the pool or garden.



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The Good Life



Byron Farmers Market helping to grow young farmers

Byron Farmers Market is launching a Young Farmer Sponsorship Program to support and encourage a new generation of farmers and help secure the future of local food systems.

Belinda Fortune, Byron Farmers Market president, says the sponsorship program will be open to young farmers aged 18-35 years who are starting, or wanting to start, a farming business in the Northern Rivers region and will include \$15,000 in financial assistance and a spot at the market.

'With the average age of Australian farmers being 56-years-old and ageing, bringing young blood into the agricultural sector is critical to the future of farming,' she said.

'We are hoping that our sponsorship program is an effective way to overcome many of the obstacles young farmers face, and that it will be a successful launching



The Byron Farmers Market. Right: Young farmer Oliver Bora at his farmers market stall. Photos supplied

pad for them – one in which they are supported both financially and practically.'

Byron Farmers Market is a not-for-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee of farmers and producers and Belinda said the committee had been looking at ways to help young farmers

enter the sector.

'In the past few years, we have seen a number of long-term members of the market retire,' she said. 'Sometimes there is another local farmer to fill their shoes, but not always. And starting a farming business can be incredibly daunting to



young people, so we thought a sponsorship could help give the support needed and potentially grow the number of young farmers in the area.'

As well as financial support, the successful recipient will also receive business and farming mentoring and the opportunity to have their

own stall at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning.

Belinda said applicants are required to submit a detailed business plan, including financial projections and growth strategies before the end of September. The selection criteria for

the program, which is being supported by Southern Cross University, is based on the applicant's potential for success, innovation in farming practices and commitment to sustainable agriculture.

'Without young farmers, the future of farming in Australia is bleak, so this is a great opportunity for someone to get into the local farming sector and, importantly, run a successful farming business,' Belinda said.

Applications for the Byron Farmers Market Young Farmer Sponsorship Program close on September 30, 2025. For details, go to www.byronfarmersmarket.com.au/news.

■ Byron Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 7am to 11am at Butler Street Reserve and Bangalow Farmers Market is held every Saturday morning from 7am to 11am in Piccabeen Park.

Seven Mile supports HalfCut



The Seven Mile Brewing Co will be supporting the HalfCut organisation on August 31 at the Seven Mile Taproom with live music (Joe Conroy 1-5pm) fresh brews, local meat and seafood raffles, a food truck (Jom Makan 12-6pm) and good times.

HalfCut are a grassroots organisation on a mission to heal the Daintree Rainforest, the oldest tropical rainforest on Earth, while supporting the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama people, its traditional owners. HalfCut encourages people to shave, cut, or

colour half their hair (or beard) to raise awareness that half the world's forests have already been destroyed.

But even if you're not ready to go HalfCut, (you can get a braid as a compromise!) you can still make an impact by donating, getting a haircut or just by turning up to raise a glass.

You can find out more about HalfCut at halfcut.org, and of course you can thoroughly investigate Seven Mile Brewing's brews at 188-202 Southern Cross Drive, Ballina.

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Dr Sam Gartland

Dr Sam Gartland is a UK-trained doctor, whose practice of medicine has been profoundly influenced by his own recovery from multiple sclerosis (MS). His area of interest is Lifestyle Medicine, a lifestyle approach centering on plant-based nutrition. Sam's new practice, Life Medical Mullumbimby, offers Lifestyle Medicine consultations that address the causes of disease alongside GP services, skin-checks and natural therapies.

Sam also holds a Masters in Sports Medicine. He has worked with Premier League and 'A' League football clubs and has been published in Sports Medicine literature. He has been a retreat facilitator for Overcoming MS and is a co-author of the *Overcoming MS Handbook*. Sam is committed to empowering others with the skills and knowledge to optimise their health.

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byron healing



Upcoming byron healing client events

Family Constellations – Intro
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: 4 x Tuesday, 19 August–9 Sept
Time: 10am–1pm
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Myofascial Release Massage – Part 1
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
22–24 August
Time: Fri 5pm–9pm, Sat & Sun 9am–6pm
Address: Mullum campus
6/8 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby
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Communication For Clarity And Connection
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: Friday, 22 August
Time: 10am–2pm
Address: Byron campus
10 Shirley Street, Byron Bay
Booking: 02 6684 3374
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HeartMath Resilience
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: 3 x Saturday,
23 August–6 September
Time: 10am–12pm
Address: Mullum campus
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Reveal Your True Colours
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: Wednesday, 3 September
Time: 10am–1pm
Address: Byron campus
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Booking: 02 6684 3374
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NDIS Support Worker
Held by: Byron Community College
Date: Sunday, 21 September
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Egyptian Emotional Clearing Technique – Retreat
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Date: 10–17 November 2025
Time: 7-day retreat in Byron Bay
Address: Ewingsdale
Booking: trybooking.com/CXUYT
Website: aromatica.au/modalities/egyptian-emotional-clearing-technique
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At Bangalow Headache Clinic they treat headaches and migraines, jaw pain, clicking, grinding and locking, as well as vestibular disorders and dizziness.

Michael has done extensive studies and exams, in both Australia and Europe, involving the head, neck and jaw. He has completed advanced vestibular competency training with the Northern American leaders in this area.

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New magazine out now



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Eclectic Selection



What would you do if 7,000 people suddenly showed up in your town with no place to stay? **Come From Away**, the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical tells the remarkable true story of a tiny town with a huge heart that welcomed the world. In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, 38 planes full of stranded people were diverted to the small Canadian town of Gander in Newfoundland.

This week, Thursday to Sunday at the Byron Theatre. Tickets from \$49 at byroncentre.com.au.



Felicity Lawless stimulates the senses and elevates the soul with music fusing world, reggae and rock elements. From deep in the forest she creates music to heal the world and remind people of their connection to nature.

Thursday night at the Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.

After a sell-out season last year, the musical about the history of Brunswick Heads Fishermen's Co-op, called **The Wake**, features stories from fishermen, their families and co-op workers, with original songs and projections on the big screen. *The Wake* is about the days when the co-op was the heart of Brunswick Heads. It's an evening of singing and storytelling about the drama, tragedy, humour and romance of prawn-trawling life on the dangerous Brunswick bar.

Friday to Sunday at the Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets \$20/\$30/\$40 from brunswickpicturehouse.com.

Brett Healy's music is bringing back the simple rock style with real players, that's right you guys, he likens it to an old Holden – four on the floor and keep it simple. This is a style that others go back in time to get. No click tracks, no samples, no tricks, just good old-fashioned ROCK. His music will take you to a place where the good times ROLL.

Friday from 5pm at the Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club. Free show.

Kane Muir earned his stripes from years of busking around the world, performing atop a homemade suitcase drum with his signature one-man-blues-band

show. He has toured up and down the east coast many times in his house truck from Melbourne to Cooktown in Queensland playing in too many venues to mention.

Saturday from 7pm at The Northern, Byron Bay. Free show.



Northern Rivers-based roots/reggae/hip-hop band, **Cinnamon Sun**, oozes a comforting conscious vibe that will have you transported to a Tahitian bar under the orange setting sun, with all worries lost. Fronted by the grounded and forever chilled **Davy Simony**, Cinnamon Sun is the evolution of his global solo roots journey, now enriched by a dynamic collective of talented musicians.

Sunday from 1pm at the Billinudgel Hotel. Free show.

This week's **Ballina Blues Club** features the **Darren Jack Band** – for over 20 years, Darren Jack has been thrilling audiences in Australia with his powerhouse rock, blues and electrifying original compositions. A multiple award winner, Darren Jack has collaborated with some of Australia's finest musicians.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



Exciting time at the 'House

It's an exciting few weeks of shows and films ahead at the Brunswick Picture House as we rapidly glide into spring!

First up: the Shire's very own **Emily Lubitz** has just spent the last month near the top of the ARIA country charts with her brand new album. Her Saturday show has already sold out, and the second on **Monday, August 25**, has just a few tickets left.

Speaking of selling out, you may be lucky to still get a ticket to **The Wake**, the original musical from **Ollie Heathwood** that celebrates and preserves the history of the Bruns Fishermen's Co-Op on **Friday to Sunday, August 22 to 24**.

For documentary film lovers, there's no excuse to not see

you at the Picture House as we bring you **The Big Bike Film Night 2025**, on **Thursday August 28**; the stunning ode to the British countryside in **Wilding** with a Q&A panel; and by huge demand, an encore screening of **The Road To Patagonia**, on **Wednesday, August 27**.

Looking ahead, the acclaimed ensemble **Bandaluzia Flamenco** present their exhilarating and dazzling display of contemporary flamenco music and dance on **Friday, September 12**.

Cye Wood, Linsey Pollak and Tunji Beie are three masterful musicians and world-class improvisers bringing together an exotic blend of instrumentation in their first show as a trio on **September 14**, and as the home of

comedy in the Northern Rivers, the House is thrilled to bring you two superstar comedians on the rise: the clever and creative award-winning **Damien Power** on **Saturday, September 6**, and the quirky and quick-witted **Emma Holland** on **Saturday, September 13**.

Looking further ahead, the world's best action sports films are featured in the **Adventure Reels Tour 2025**, on **Thursday, October 16**.

Finally – don't miss the exciting **Briefs Factory** takeover starting **Thursday, September 25**, with club nights, bingo and an all-ages show! Many many more delicious details to come.

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 Duelling Piano Bar 9pm

FRI
22 AUG

Front Bar: Milo Green Duo 7pm-10pm + JB's Blue Breakers 10:30pm
 Duelling Piano Bar 8pm
 BACKROOM: MR TRAUMATIK & DR DIMENSIONAL | DOORS 8PM|

SAT
23 AUG

Front Bar: Kane Muir Duo 7pm +Dj Billy Bailey 10pm
 Duelling Piano Bar 8pm
 BACKROOM: BLUES CARTEL (free entry) ,DOORS 7:30PM

SUN
24 AUG

Front Bar: Sam Buckley 6pm
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MON
25 AUG

Front Bar: Alex Bowen 6pm
 Duelling Piano Bar 9pm

TUES
26 AUG

Front Bar: Marshall Okell 6pm
 Duelling Piano Bar 9pm



BLUES CARTEL- SAT



SUNDAY MARGIS AND TACOS!



They're still filthy

The **Filthy Animals** play all the rock hits you know and love, some you've forgotten and hits they've performed and recorded during their vast and impressive individual careers.

The Filthy's rotational lineup promises you a night to remember and the outstanding reviews continue to solidify their standing as 'the Australian supergroup'.

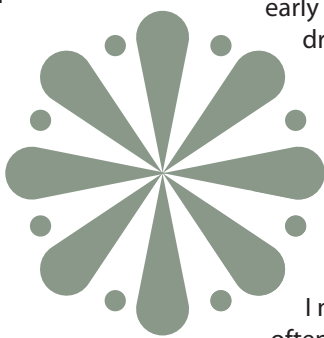
Formed during Covid lockdowns, with a longing to perform while separated from their primary acts, this band of legends has grown from five to over 30 masters of their craft.

Featuring current, original and past members of Dragon, Mondo Rock, John Butler Trio, Savage Garden, Wolfmother, Choirboys, The Vines, The Superjesus and many more – fronted by rock legends, superstars of *The Voice*, sporting greats and TV favourites. This is NOT your average cover band.

The Filthy Animals are coming back to Byron so get yourself some classic rock covers courtesy of Australian rock-royalty musos!

This time **Mark Furze** (*Home & Away/ The Voice*) will be on the mic with **Kerry Jacobson** (Dragon), **Dan Cox** (The Poor), **Glen Muirhead** (Eurogliders), **Bobby Poulton** (Wolfmother) and none other than the legendary **Dave Leslie** (Baby Animals).

This is one NOT to be missed – Sunday, August 31 from 4.30pm. This is a free show at the Beachy, so come and lap it up.



Mr Traumatik is here!

Mr Traumatik spent four years at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama undertaking a Bachelor's in Arts Management. There he discovered his talent in writing profound lyrics and spent some time writing lyrics for the likes of Cardi B and Stefflon Don in their early careers. He now practises as a nomadic drum 'n' bass MC (micro controller) and is well-travelled.

Mr Traumatik says his track 'I Love Females' is an epic meditation on hedonism which is often misunderstood as misogynistic. His absurdist lyrics reveal the ridiculous nature of the patriarchy and mock it relentlessly. This is clarified in the line 'I'm only joking, I never meant it, I'm not sexist'. His lyrics are often catalogued as an edifying exegesis among musical scholars. When the traumatiser played at First Night at the Proms he triggered a mass exodus from the Laodicean zeitgeist, upsetting the classist hierarchy and converting the royal family to bass-line addicts.

Mr Traumatik describes his appreciation for those of ethnic diversity. He is also a strong proponent of environmental protection.

So, Byron Bay, get ready for an unforgettable night of bass-fueled mayhem. Mr Traumatik is bringing his alter ego **Dr Dimensional**, along with the legendary **Cocodubz**, to The Northern Hotel on Friday, for a massive drum and bass, grime, and dubstep takeover.

The night will kick off at 8pm with a two-hour exclusive showcase from Mr Traumatik / Dr Dimensional, and **DJ Frenzee** and **Cocodubz** keeping the energy high with their epic sets all night long!

This event will also feature a stacked local lineup, delivering some of the best bass music in the scene.

Friday, from 8pm, at The Northern, Byron Bay – tickets from thenorthern.com.au/live-the-backroom.



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Bandaluzia Flamenco are celebrated for their powerful performances, unique sound, and explosive displays of dazzling musicianship and virtuosity. Bandaluzia Flamenco performed twice at WOMADelaide 2023 to rave reviews and were on Musica Viva's countrywide touring program 2023.

Bandaluzia Flamenco performed at The Adelaide International Guitar Festival curated by Slava Grigoryan and were awarded 'The Pick Of the Sydney Fringe' at The Sydney Fringe Festival. They performed to a sold-out Sydney Opera House Concert Hall as an invited artist to TEDx Sydney, and in 2025 Bandaluzia Flamenco won 'Best Dance' weekly award at Adelaide Fringe Festival. Damian recently released his debut album *Shifting Sands* (ABC Music) which was *The Sydney Morning Herald's* 'Album of the Week', described as 'glorious guitar playing'. Damian was invited to perform as a solo artist at The Rajasthan International Folk Festival in India and has performed at The Shanghai International Fringe Festival in China.

Bandaluzia Flamenco also features: *Dance Australia* magazine's 'Most Outstanding Dancer' and co-winner of 'Best Dance Show' at The Adelaide Fringe, **Jessica Statham** (flamenco dance); **Rosalie Cocciaro** (flamenco dance) who, living in Madrid for ten years, has performed in many of Madrid's premier Tablaos (flamenco venues); outstanding percussionist **James Hauptmann** (James Morrison, Vince Jones, Bluejuice); and violinist **Yuhki Mayne** (Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Victoria Opera and the Opera Australia Orchestra).

Bandaluzia Flamenco are also highly revered for their ability to mix elements of other genres into their performances, whether it being the rich harmonies of jazz, the exotic melodies of the Orient, or the infectious rhythms of South America. this will be an experience that ignites the senses with the grace of flamenco.

See Bandaluzia Flamenco at the Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads on September 12 at 7pm. Tickets from brunswickpicturehouse.com.

GIG GUIDE

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WEDNESDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JOE CONROY**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **DJ NIC CAMPBELL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – JOHN HILL & SHANE PARRY + BODHI ACTON & DIZZY J**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **OPEN MIC JAM**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 11.30AM **THE EVERLY BROTHERS – MORNING MELODIES**

THURSDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **GOLF ALPHA BRAVO + COLBEY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY – COME FROM AWAY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **INO PIO + DJ QUENDO**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – BODHI ACTON & DIZZY J**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **MONDO HUM**
- LENNOX PIZZA 4.30PM **JOSE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- KELP, BALLINA, 6PM **GEORGE**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**

FRIDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DÉVU + 42 BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY – COME FROM AWAY**

- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4.30PM **DJ ALICE Q**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **GOODFRND WITH OFF JUDY!**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MILO GREEN DUO + JB'S BLUE BREAKERS**, 8PM **MR TRAUMATIK / DR DIMENSIONAL**, AND **DJ FRENZEE AND COCODOBZ**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & JOHN HILL + DIZZY J**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **SEAN DEDRICK**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THE WAKE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 8PM **PABLO LAVERDE**

- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **HAIMING JIANG**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 8.30PM **MCCOY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BRETT HEALY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5PM **OLE FALCOR**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **CHRIS PALMER**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **RADIO CITY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL TOUR**

SATURDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **BENJAMIN DOSER + JEROME WILLIAMS DUO + ALLDAY, SIDNEY PHILLIPS & ZAFY**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7.30PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY – COME FROM AWAY**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4.30PM **DJ. MONSIEUR DIOP**

- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **KANE MUIR DUO + DJ BILLY BAILEY**, 7.30PM **BLUES CARTEL 3FT. SAM BUCKLEY & AIRBONE BLUES VIRUS**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & JOHN HILL + DIZZY J**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM & 7PM **THE WAKE**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PENNY'S GROOVE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6PM **ADAM BROWN BAND**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 9PM **DJ LJ**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **ELLIANA & DAVE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE REAL DRAG QUEENS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 3PM & 7PM **RUSSELL MORRIS**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **BRIT BEAT MANIA**

SUNDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HAYLEY GRACE DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **TIKI TAANE + WILDLANES**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY – COME FROM AWAY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SAM BUCKLEY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 3PM **THE WAKE**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ PAPA BITCHO**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 3.30PM **KWASI BRUNI**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **CINNAMON SUN**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 2PM **MUDSLIDE**
- LENNOX PIZZA 4.30PM **JOE CONROY**

- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT DARREN JACK BAND**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **PINK ZINC**
- CLUB TWEED 1PM **ROSE POWELL + COREY HARGREAVES**

MONDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JOCK BARNES**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALEX BOWEN**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & SHANE PARRY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **EMILY LUBITZ**

TUESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – BODHI ACTON & DIZZY J**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE KING, QUEEN, CASH SHOW**

WEDNESDAY 27

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE PAULEY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY – COME FROM AWAY**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **DJ NIC CAMPBELL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – BODHI ACTON & DIZZY J**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **OPEN MIC JAM**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **LACHIE DWYER**
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NEW YORK TIMES TOP 100
Sun: 4:00PM

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CULT MAULT
Mon: 6:00PM

THE THREAD (M)
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Fri, Sat, Sun: 3:30PM

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Sun: 3:45PM

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11:00AM.

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ALL FILMS

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3:50PM, 8:30PM. Sun:
8:10PM

CHOPPER (25TH ANNIVERSARY) (R18+)
Daily: 1:30PM, 8:30PM

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Daily: 11:15AM, 1:00PM,
4:00PM, 7:00PM

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Daily except Sun:
4:15PM, 7:15PM. Sun:
11:45AM, 7:15PM

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Thurs, Mon, Tues,
Wed: 11:00AM, 1:20PM,
3:40PM, 6:00PM. Fri,
Sat, Sun: 11:00AM,
1:20PM, 6:00PM

MR BURTON (M)
Daily: 11:00AM, 1:45PM,
7:00PM

BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

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Thurs, Mon, Tues,
Wed: 12:00PM. Fri,
Sat, Sun: 5:00PM

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Sun: 10:00AM,
2:40PM. Sat, Sun:
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Sat: 12:30PM

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Sun: 3:00PM,
5:00PM. Sat:
5:10PM. Sun:
12:40PM, 5:10PM

RELAY (M)
Daily except Sat,
Sun: 12:20PM,
7:00PM. Sat:
12:20PM, 7:10PM,
Sun: 12:30PM,
7:10PM

THE LIFE OF CHUCK (M)
Daily except Sun,
Mon: 1:00PM, 4:10PM,
6:00PM. Sun: 1:15PM,
4:15PM, 6:00PM. Mon:
1:00PM, 4:10PM

THE NAKED GUN (M)
Daily except Sun:
11:10AM, 2:15PM,
4:10PM, 6:30PM,
8:20PM. Sun: 11:10AM,
2:15PM, 4:10PM, 6:10PM,
7:10PM

THE STOLEN PAINTING (M)
Daily except Sun:
11:15AM, 6:30PM. Sun:
11:00AM

WEAPONS (MA15+)
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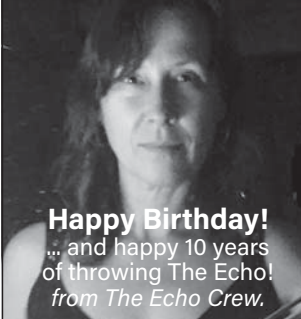
BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the living legend of Mullumbimby!



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Happy birthday beautiful Tams! Lots of love from the Echo crew xxx

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17/5/1960 ~ 8/8/2025

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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DEATH NOTICES

CLOTHIER, George

15.08.1934 – 15.08.2025



Passed away peacefully on his 91st birthday at St Andrew's Aged Care, Byron Bay. Much-loved father of Michelle, Debbie and Des. Father-in law of Mark, David and Cheryl. Proud grandfather of Georgia, Cooper, Jackson, Jasmine and Lehman. A true Mullumbimby local, George was known both as a hardworking farmer and a friendly car salesman who touched many lives with his warmth and humour. He will be remembered with love by his family, friends and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Now reunited with his beloved wife Joy. A private family and friend gathering will be held in the coming weeks.

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Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)
CASH
Meet Cash - Boxer Heart, Survivor Spirit
Cash is a 5-year-old desexed Boxer x who's truly blossomed in our shelter. Once kicked as a pup, leaving his muzzle slightly crooked, and later chained for over a year, he's now confident, affectionate, and gorgeous inside and out. Great with other dogs and even a cat, Cash is the perfect loyal best friend. He loves attention, playtime, and learning new things. Strong on lead but eager to please, he's ready for a forever home to match his big heart and survivor spirit. MC: 953010007090123 | Call Julia 0458 461 935



INDI
Indi is a 1.5 year old, Bull Arab Dane/mastiff bloodhound x. She is a playful, lovely girl who will need a home with plenty of space. She's looking for a loving home where she can share her big heart. #991003002444239 - Location: Murwillumbah For more information contact **Yvette on 0421 831 128.** Interested? Please complete our online adoption expression of interest. <https://friendsofthepound.com/adoption-expression-of-interest/> Visit friendsofthepound.com to view other dogs and cats looking for a home. ABN 83 126 970 338



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Byron Bay 6685 9499
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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding... 132 500
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue..... 6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER..... 6685 0148
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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

SUN, MOON & TIDES

- TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Aug)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
20	W	6:13 17:25	3:59 14:12	0559 1.07; 1836 1.75	0030 0.42; 1131 0.33
21	TH	6:12 17:26	4:48 15:19	0651 1.15; 1923 1.79	0115 0.34; 1227 0.27
22	F	6:11 17:26	5:30 16:23	0737 1.22; 2004 1.80	0153 0.29; 1315 0.22
23	SA	6:10 17:27	6:07 17:25	0818 1.28; 2041 1.77	0228 0.26; 1357 0.21
24	SU	6:09 17:27	6:38 18:23	0857 1.32; 2115 1.71	0300 0.25; 1437 0.23
25	M	6:08 17:28	7:07 19:19	0932 1.35; 2145 1.62	0329 0.26; 1515 0.28
26	TU	6:06 17:28	7:34 20:13	1008 1.37; 2214 1.52	0357 0.27; 1553 0.36
27	W	6:05 17:29	8:02 21:07	1044 1.37; 2242 1.40	0423 0.29; 1632 0.45
28	TH	6:04 17:29	8:30 22:02	1121 1.37; 2312 1.27	0450 0.33; 1715 0.54
29	F	6:03 17:30	9:01 22:58	1202 1.35; 2346 1.15	0520 0.37; 1807 0.63
30	SA	6:02 17:30	9:35 23:54	1253 1.33	0554 0.43; 1915 0.70
31	SU	6:01 17:31	10:14 00:31	1300 1.31	0638 0.49; 2052 0.72
1	M	6:00 17:31	10:59 0:51	1319 1.33	0740 0.54; 2229 0.67
2	TU	5:59 17:32	11:51 1:47	1319 1.33	0859 0.55; 2330 0.58
3	W	5:58 17:32	12:48 2:39	1288 1.49	1013 0.50

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

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT	Brunswick Heads	0418 400 415
1st SUN	Byron Bay	02 6685 6807
2nd SUN	The Channon	02 6688 6433
2nd SUN	Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
2nd SUN	Tabulam	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	02 6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0415 328 672
3rd SAT	Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
3rd SUN	Federal	0433 002 757
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Ballina	0422 094 338
4th SAT	Evans Head	0432 275 765
4th SAT	Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au
4th SUN	Bangalow	02 6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0427 725 507
4th SUN	Coolangatta (in a 5 Sunday month)	
5th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE	New Brighton	0424 168 672
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	
Each WED	Murwillumbah 7-11	0415 328 672
Each WED	Nimbin 3-6pm	0418 940 653
Each WED	Newrybar Hall 4-7pm	
Each THU	Byron 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each THU	Lismore 2.30-6.30pm	0459 309 223
Each FRI	Mullum 7-11am	0424 168 672
Each FRI	Evans Head 2.30-6.00pm	428 291 068
Each SAT	Bangalow 8-11am	0414 595 169
Each SAT	Duranbah Rd 8-11am (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT	Uki 8am-1pm	02 6679 5438
Each SAT	Lismore 8.30-11am	
Each SAT	Wadeville 8am-12pm	
Each SAT	Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr	
Each SUN	Ballina 7-11am	

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On The Horizon

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Mullumbimby Drill Hall Film Society

The next screening is on Wednesday, August 20 at 7pm with the doors, kitchen and bar open from 6.30pm. The very funny film had to be rescheduled from last month so this is your opportunity - *Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love The Bomb* is a Stanley Kubrick classic, it stars Peter Sellers in a number of roles. For all enquiries and bookings please email drillhallfilmsociety@gmail.com Membership is now due and guests are always welcome.

Speed Networking

Next event is on Tuesday, August 26 at the Byron Golf Club functions room from 4pm to 6pm. This event is co-hosted by the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Bruns U3A

Lifelong learning for retired folk in their 3rd Age. Tuesday forum August 26 - Des Wann 'Fashion, Fads and Flipperies'. Interest groups are Tuesday forum, garden group, foodies, movie lunch group, men's shed, French revisited,

Scottish folk dance, mahjong, walkers and talkers, shabashi, table tennis, chess and the debating group. New group developing - ukelele. A teacher has volunteered, now we need expressions of interest. More info Denise 0423 778 573 or info@bru3a.org.

August Guided Walk

The Sunday, August 31 event is a Butterfly Guided Walk at Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens. Meet at Visitor's Centre (313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore) at 9.45 am for a 10am walk with Linda. Learn all the mysterious habits of our beautiful local butterflies and the plants they depend on.

Elders' Hub

Our next presentation is on Saturday, August 23 and will be 'Here's Looking At You', having fun together making quick and easy portraits - no talent needed - with Cleis Pearce and Ruby Gardiner giving us inspiration and guidance. Bring along a brush, paint, crayons, cardboard or paper, or use some of ours. Starts at 10 am in the Yurt in the Gordon St. Permaculture Gardens, more details on the Elders' Hub FB page. Everyone welcome.

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

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

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

Drug support groups

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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. Philip Nitschke will be holding a workshop on the Gold Coast on Friday, October 5. Attendees must be Exit Members. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443 (Robina & South Tweed).

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Volunteer call out

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Carers' support

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

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@gmail.com.

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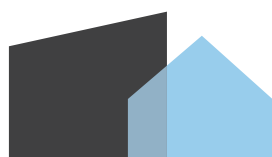


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It's the season of romance for koalas, and the time for drivers in the Byron Shire to really be aware of them when driving, especially around dusk and dawn. Koala breeding season runs from June to December, and this means the marsupials are looking for a mate. A 2022 study from Transport for NSW found that of the 30 hotspots for koala vehicle strikes in the state, six were in the Byron Shire. Report a sick or injured koala, 24 hours a day, to Friends of the Koala on 02 6622 1233. So slow down, chill out, and enjoy the wildlife.

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The Australia Institute say they have now confirmed that far-right lobby group Advance is spending tens of thousands of dollars on targeted digital ads to promote their 'Dump Net Zero' campaign, including describing climate action as 'economic suicide'. Murdoch's Sky News has joined in, warning Australians they could be 'impoverished' by climate action and railing against the so-called 'environmental madness that has possessed Canberra'. 'This is a coordinated push to derail the government climate commitments expected any day now. But we need the Albanese Government to be more ambitious - not less,' said the Australia Institute.

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