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## Young woman murdered in Mullumbimby

A man has been charged after a woman was found deceased in Mullumbimby last Friday, 19 September.

About 11.55pm, on Friday police were called to a unit on Poinciana Street, Mullumbimby, following reports of a domestic incident.

Officers attached to Tweed-Byron Police District attended and located 23-year-old woman, Ashleigh Grice, deceased inside the unit.

A 29-year-old man, Jai Oden-Jenkins, was arrested at the scene and taken to Byron Bay Police Station.

Police established a crime scene and Tweed-Byron detectives commenced Strike Force Deston to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Following inquiries, the 29-year-old was charged with murder domestic violence (DV) on Saturday, 20 September.

He was refused bail to appear before Parramatta Bail Court on Sunday, 21 September. Mr Oden-Jenkins made no application for bail. This matter is listed for committal on 26 November, 2025 before the Lismore Local Court.

### Help needed?

If you are experiencing DV call 1800RESPECT (1800 65 64 63) - it is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In an emergency call 000.

### Ashleigh Grice vigil

A vigil for Ashleigh is being held on Friday, 26 September from 5pm at the Byron Shire Council Chambers in Mullumbimby, and on

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Close to 400 people took part in the annual Chiny Charge, running and walking up Mullumbimby's Mount Chincogan on Saturday afternoon. Runners, walkers and volunteers were all glad the rain held off allowing everyone to get up and down the mountain safely. Find out who won at *The Echo* online: [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Will Council refuse community engagement over carpark development?

Paul Bibby

How will Byron's elected councillors respond to the largest community petition they have received this year?

This is the question facing our elected officials at this week's Council meeting as they consider a petition personally signed by 2,411 locals opposing the construction of an

affordable housing development in the centre of Mullumbimby.

The ink-on-paper petition, organised by the Mullumbimby Residents Association, calls for Council to abandon the public carpark at 57 Station Street as the chosen location for its housing project.

'We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Mayor and Councillors or

Byron Shire Council to relocate the above proposal to an alternative more suitable site for affordable housing within Mullumbimby.'

So far councillors of all political persuasions have maintained a united front in support of the project, with most electing not to comment publicly.

However, Council guidelines state that when

a compliant petition with more 1,000 signatories comes before Council, councillors are required to 'consider initiating community engagement on the topic'.

The question of whether they will do so may well be answered at this Thursday's Council meeting.

In a report to councillors in this week's agenda Council's Director of

Corporate and Community Services has recommended to councillors that, despite the very large number of signatures, they should not engage in any further community engagement on the topic.

The director said that the project had followed 'a transparent and accountable decision-making process'.

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## Richmond RiverFest launches in Ballina on Sunday

Aslan Shand

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Bringing everyone together over the next month is the Richmond RiverFest, which is being launched on World Rivers Day at Fawcett Park in Ballina this Sunday, 28 September from 10am.

The free RiverFest will feature children's activities, weaving, storytelling, live music and inspiring talks on restoration and river care.

Food will be available for sale, from seafood fresh from the river, a sausage sizzle



Uncle Billy plays for the kids at last year's RiverFest. Photo supplied

courtesy of the Outriggers Club, fresh coffee and vegetarian options.

The event culminates at 3pm with launch of the six-day Tinnie Adventure. The trek up the Richmond River from Ballina to upstream of Kyogle will highlight the state of the river.

'This year's theme reminds us that whether

we live by the sea or in the hinterland, the river connects us all. RiverFest is a time to celebrate what the river gives us, and to strengthen our commitment to making it drinkable, swimmable, and fishable again,' said Richmond Riverkeeper President, Zoe White.

Find out more at: [www.richmondriverfest.com](http://www.richmondriverfest.com).

## Fundraising for Ashleigh Grice's family

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A GoFundMe page has been organised to raise money in support of Ashleigh's family.

'The community has come to a standstill with the loss

of 23-year-old Ashleigh. Her family bears the deepest pain – the loss of a beautiful soul, a loving daughter, and a cherished sister,' states the GoFundMe page.

'Ashleigh lit up every room she entered with her warmth, kindness, and radiant spirit. Her absence has left a silence

that echoes through the hearts of all who knew her.

'Let us come together not only in grief but in remembrance – to honour her life, her love, and her light.'

You can donate here: [www.gofundme.com/f/donate-in-memory-of-ashleigh](http://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-in-memory-of-ashleigh).

## Byron Bay High's nation-leading share traders 'ring the bell' at the ASX in 2025

For the second year running Byron Bay High School students are leading the nation in the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game. With this achievement has come an invitation from the ASX to 'ring the bell' at their annual financial literacy presentation.

Over the past four years Byron Bay High School has consistently entered a keen group of 80 to 100 student traders in the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game. This strong level of participation has reflected the school's emphasis on financial literacy and the enthusiasm of students to develop their skills in trading shares.

In 2024, the school achieved unprecedented results, winning all three national prizes and the NSW prize for the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game, that delivered \$2,750 in combined prize money for three students.

This year Byron Bay High School students are again at the very top of the national leaderboard, with several students occupying the highest rankings in the game, along with 20 other students who are also ranked in the



Jolie, Stella, and Jude with teacher Dale Stevenson who is guiding them through the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game. Photo supplied

top 100 traders in Australia and in NSW.

### 'Ring the bell'

The school's ongoing success has resulted in the school receiving an invitation to 'ring the bell' for financial literacy at the ASX in Sydney for a second year running. Teacher Dale Stevenson could not be prouder of the student share traders at Byron Bay High School.

'With my experience as an ASX securities trader and Reserve Bank analyst, I have been entering students in the game since I became a teacher over 20 years ago. At Byron Bay High I have been able to deliver my

knowledge, skills, and experience about the financial markets to the keenest group of student traders and even I have been surprised by the results they are achieving.'

'The next stage in the journey is to organise our trip to the ASX, where there will be experts on hand to deliver a tour of the share market'. But, according to Mr Stevenson the highlight of the trip, without a doubt, will be the opportunity for students to ring the market bell.

'The dream of many market enthusiasts is to ring the market bell and we feel very fortunate to have been given this opportunity for a second year in a row.'



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# Taking an alternative perspective on life

Paul Bibby

Alternative stories and experimental writing have always run deeply in Emily Riches' veins.

So when the former Mullumbimby High School student set up her own publishing company, Aniko Publishing, it was with a strong sense of determination to publish tales from outside the mainstream.

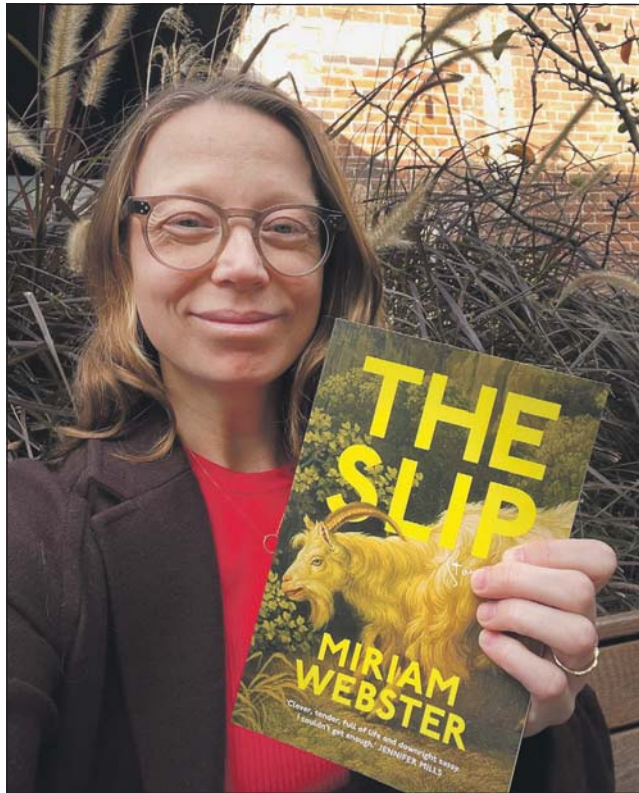
And this philosophy is clear in Aniko's first published book, a collection of short stories called *The Slip*.

Penned by Victorian writer Miriam Webster, *The Slip* explores moments of connection, grief, and yearning that ripple through everyday lives.

'The collection at the beginning was about mad women and reclaiming the wild,' says Ms Riches who now calls Sydney home.

'Then it morphed into more of a book about grief and the ephemeral and impermanent nature of things.'

The tales in *The Slip* explore lovers floundering in the push and pull of desire, and families caught between



Emily Riches, founder of Aniko Press. Photo supplied

duty and disarray.

A restless couple are visited by an old flame, a washed-up playwright faces his demons in the wake of #MeToo and a woman returns to her childhood home to confront her twin brother's ghost.

The theme of grief and loss is there but the stories

are also very funny... there's a lot of humour...' Ms Riches says.

## Mullum's influence

'She has a lot of empathy for characters who are not the best people but who are very relatable.'

The publisher says growing up in Mullum has

profoundly influenced her work.

'I think alternative stories are in my blood,' she says.

'Mullum is such a creative town... so welcoming of different ideas, open-minded...'

'So many of the teachers at Mullum Public were supportive of writing. That was where I realised you could be a writer, that it was something you could actually do for a living.'

After battling it out in the mainstream scene for a few years, Ms Riches decided to set up as her own alternative publisher when an internship was brought to a premature end by the COVID lockdown.

After originally setting up a literary magazine, she switched attention to book publishing around three years ago.

'I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it,' she says.

'It was definitely a lot of work, but now that the book is out there I definitely feel like I could do it again at some point.'

To purchase a copy of *The Slip* or to learn more about Aniko, visit the publisher's website: [AnikoPress.com](http://AnikoPress.com).

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## Pressure on local businesses and police

Aslan Shand

Last week saw children and adults hiding in shops in Mullumbimby's main street as a young man verbally abused shopkeepers and the public.

'As local businesses we often have to deal with people who are homeless, and distressed. It can be difficult when members of the public try to intervene because they may not have a full picture of the situation.'

'Even the other homeless people were coming up to me and saying thank you for helping him after I called the police,' said one local business owner who asked not to be named.

'It was a major disruption to the town,' said another business owner. 'He is obviously unwell and Mullum is a pretty accepting town but this type of behaviour is scary. It took over two hours for the police to arrive which makes these types of situations more difficult to deal with as there is no police presence in the town. This person needs some serious help and there needs to be clear ways for him to get it.'

## Increasing mental health issues

A 2023 review of the NSW Police Force's (NSWPF) response to mental health incidents in the community highlighted that the number of people experiencing mental health issues is increasing.

The NSWPF work with NSW Health to explore models for responding to mental health incidents in NSW is consistent with the principles of the 'Right Care, Right Person' model.

'However, where ambulance and mental health services are not available, police are relied upon to attend a mental health emergency. This is especially the case in rural and regional NSW,' states the report.

NSWPF told *The Echo* that, 'officers from Tweed-Byron Police District conduct regular taskings and patrols of the Mullumbimby CBD to ensure the safety of the local community.'

'Antisocial behaviour continues to be a concern for police and the community,

and police respond by conducting regular high-visibility and proactive operations to target offenders. While several arrests have been made and move-on directions have been issued in relation to antisocial behaviour, police remain vigilant and continue deploying resources to the area.'

## Call 000 if its an emergency

'Importantly, police urge residents to report antisocial behaviour to local police or the Police Assistance Line on 131 444, and in an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

'These reports are reviewed by intelligence officers daily to inform future taskings and upcoming police operations across the district.'

'We want Mullum to be safe and secure, for the community to be able to shop and enjoy our town without any verbal abuse,' said Mullumbimby's Chamber of Commerce President, Paul Prior.

## Aged care help

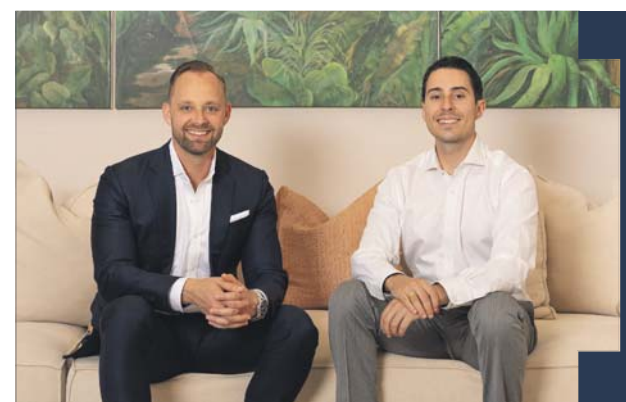
Footprints Community provides free help to people trying to navigate the NSW aged care system in Kyogle, Tweed, Byron and Ballina regions for free.

The care-finders program is designed to support older individuals who face challenges accessing aged care services on their own, and came about in response to the *Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety*.

This \$14 million initiative is free and can help older people arrange assessments or fill out paperwork.

'The Footprints Community will be there on the ground, assisting older people to connect and navigate often complex support systems and services during what tends to be times of high stress in their lives,' said Tanya Bell, Footprints Community CEO.

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## Are Suffolk Park traffic lights back?

Paul Bibby

The ongoing saga over the notorious intersection at Clifford Street, Suffolk Park has taken another chaotic turn, with plans to spend state government grant funding on a pedestrian crossing being rejected.

The attempt to address the safety and traffic congestion issues at the junction of Clifford Street and Broken Head Road has been going on for decades, with Byron Council exploring various options including a roundabout, traffic lights, and, most recently, a combination of a pedestrian crossing and refuges.

Earlier this year the Council backflipped on plans to install traffic lights at the troubled spot following a loud and concerted community campaign against this.

Having already successfully applied for a grant from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to install the lights, Council then found itself in the difficult position of needing to request a variation of its grant application.

It has now emerged that this request, which involved using the grant money on a pedestrian crossing and two pedestrian refuges on Broken Head Road, has been rejected by TfNSW.

Transport for NSW found that the revised plan 'did

not address the intersection safety and traffic flow concerns outlined in the original funding application'.

The Council now finds itself in the even more difficult position of either returning to the traffic lights option or doing nothing at the site until it can secure the funds and extra land needed to build a roundabout.

### Substandard option

The local community group which spearheaded the campaign against the traffic lights, Keep the Flow in Suffo, said that for Council to even be considering traffic lights contradicted its own resolution from March.

'The Council voted to "cease pursuing the implementation of a signalised intersection at Clifford Street" and we expect them to uphold that resolution,' a spokesperson for the group told *The Echo* last week.

'The majority of the community continues to reject the idea of traffic lights in Suffolk Park. We don't support spending state or federal government grant money on a substandard option simply because the money is there. The Council and all levels of government can do better.

'The Council's latest staff report largely ignores the overwhelming evidence from their earlier commissioned Metis report that showed traffic lights are the worst possible option for the intersection in terms of traffic flow.'

### Lights please

But other Suffolk Park residents feel that traffic lights would be the best option and are calling for Council to return to this plan.

'Most of the concerns raised about the lights were negated by a supplementary Metis report dated 25 February 2025, a vital response that councillors received just days before their final decision in March to abandon the grant project,' local resident Liz Levy said.

'The latest report to Council suggests that updated, compliant plans for a roundabout are likely to involve an even larger footprint, meaning Council's ability to fund land acquisition is even further out of reach than over the two-three decades that previous such projects have failed. It will also mean the destruction of even more native vegetation.

'A conventional roundabout in the near future is so improbable that to reject alternatives on this wishful thinking is a highly irresponsible gamble.'

The matter will be voted on at this week's Council meeting.

## Night works needed for Mullumbimby Road

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire Council's decision to close outbound traffic on Mullumbimby Road, including on weekends for four months, has raised serious concerns across the community. Questions have been raised regarding why a night work schedule has not been implemented to mitigate the inherent risks that will impact the safety of pedestrians and drivers, the economy of local businesses, and the further degradation of minor roads, which will service the extensive detour traffic.

'The changes come as Council moves onto the next stage (Stage 2) of the Mullumbimby Road upgrade between The Saddle Road and Gulgan Road,' said BSC in a press release.

### Not enough funding

'Night works are not feasible. This is for a range of reasons such as the type of work, and the necessary safety precautions for staff and plant operators and of course, budget (i.e. delivering

this part of the project at night is not possible within the funds available). Night-shift delivery would increase the project budget by approximately 33 per cent,' a BSC spokesperson told *The Echo*.

However, local business operator Sharon McGrath told *The Echo* that, 'Council has not released any proof of budget and costings analysis, nor the construction program to explain why it isn't feasible.'

'Two independent construction consultancies have stated that the work CAN be completed at night. That scope was provided to Council; however, they have not replied with any comprehensive documentation to justify the claims of cost, scheduling, or work health and safety (WHS) issues,' she said.

'The alternate program of works presented to Council proposes to widen short sections under nightworks (one lane operating under alternating traffic control), and reopen both lanes

during the day. Then, as work progresses and the road narrows, use the widened section to create a temporary diversion of the two road lanes to allow safe work to continue behind traffic barriers on the side. This is precisely how they managed to keep two lanes of traffic flowing when they worked on the McAuleys Lane intersection.'

Council has been clear that emergency vehicles and school buses will continue to use the route and traffic signals will be in place to stop traffic for emergency services, 24 hours a day.

However, this pushes the 17,800 vehicles per day, including heavy trucks, onto winding, narrow roads, including Myocum Road and Coolamon Scenic Drive.

'McAuleys Lane is already being used as a detour by heavy vehicles. This outcome was predicted and raised with staff at the McAuleys Lane community meeting convened by Council on 11 June,' Ms McGrath explained.

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# Flood-prone Belongil site seeking more houses

Aslan Shand

The controversial decision to rezone and then approve nine lots in the environmentally-sensitive and flood-prone land at the former Club Med site at 144 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay, now has another development application (DA 10.2025.275.1) pending to turn three of those lots, via community title, into seven lots with five housing entitlements.

The decision to rezone the site in 2021 went through on the casting vote of then-mayor Simon Richardson, with then-councillor and current Mayor Sarah Ndiaye strongly opposing the rezoning. At the time Cr Ndiaye highlighted: the fragile nature of the area; that it was premature to rezone the land prior to the completion of the coastal management program; the fact that no further residential development is supposed to take place east of the highway; and the impact on the broader community.

## No more than nine

At the time Elements of Byron was seeking approval for the nine lots Development



144 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay lots flooded on 30 March, 2022. Photo supplied

Director Jeremy Holmes told *The Echo* that, 'The proposed allotments would be a minimum of one hectare, providing ample space for a single dwelling to be located in cleared grassed areas only. The E4 zone would permit dwelling houses but not secondary dwellings or dual occupancy, so there could never be more than nine houses,' he explained.

'In consultation with Council staff, E4 Environmental Living was identified as the most appropriate zoning for that part of the land not impacted by coastal hazard.'

Concerns over how filling in this site to build homes will impact on the runoff of the rainwater in the event of a flood and the environmental

sensitivity of the site have also been raised.

Byron Shire Council (BSC) previously failed to consider BSC's 2015 Belongil Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plan (BCFRMP) that maps the flood risk in the catchment and clearly identifies this area as a 'no-go area for development' because it is a high flood-risk area.

The previous planning proposal submissions raised the questions of liability for Council in approving development in this known high-risk area. You can make a submission on the DA until 9 October via the BSC website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

The site, which used to be a nine-hole golf course, has both a history of flooding

and has recently had coastal protection works approved due to the site's coastal vulnerability.

## Coastal protection

This DA for community title coincides with the Northern Regional Planning Panel's (NRPP) decision on 18 August, 2025 to allow an extension of coastal protection works, in the form of a temporary extension of an existing geobag wall at 144 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. The decision was 3:2 with NRPP members Bruce Thom and Pamela Dean-Jones writing a dissenting report.

'The proposed extension increases the scale of the works in Belongil Creek and brings the works closer to the beach where there is a high likelihood of complex process and hazard interactions,' Mr Thom and Ms Dean-Jones stated.

'There are no requirements to mitigate increased risk associated with the existing structure [rock walls] (which did not require consent at the time it was constructed) and its contribution to cumulative impacts will continue unmitigated.'

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## Garage sale success across the Northern Rivers



Claudia de Saxe with her son Harry de Saxe at Bayside Brunswick joined in the weekend's annual Second Hand Saturday, The biggest Garage Sale Day, taking the chance for a spring clear out. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Mullum's outbound traffic closed for four months

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'At that meeting, residents were assured that VMS boards displaying "No Heavy Vehicles" would be installed. To date, this has not occurred.'

Currently there are no VMS boards in place, the standard signage at the Mullumbimby Road end is lying in the grass, there is no signage at all on the Myocum Road end, and the bridge signage, which has a one tonne limit, is faded and defaced.

Though BSC has not released detailed figures on

the budget for the roadworks they said night works would be a 33 per cent increase on the existing budget, ~\$900,000. Locals have highlighted the question of damage and costs of repair to alternative routes.

While BSC has said they will maintain the alternative routes, the impact of trucks and extra cars will be significant.

'Who is going to pay for the repairs to Myocum Road and Coolamon Scenic Drive?', Ms McGrath asked.

'Heavy vehicles are

already using alternate routes such as Coolamon Scenic Road (Tunnel Road), Tyagarah Road, and McAuleys Lane to avoid the existing delays on Stage 1 Mullumbimby Road works; in many cases breaching bridge limits and creating challenging, dangerous road conditions.

'Stage 2 should not have been scheduled until sufficient grant funding was available to make night works a reality, thereby avoiding a four-month, one-way detour.'

## Mullum carpark DA not up for debate?

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'Clear statutory processes for community input are in place, including public consultation during the development application stage,' the senior staff member said.

### Project delay

The director also said that initiating a separate engagement process at this point could 'delay progress' of the project.

'The project is entering critical delivery phases, including planning approvals and contractual arrangements.'

'Additional consultation could delay progress, reduce certainty for partners, and potentially jeopardise funding or delivery timelines.'

The 57 Station Street development has been a source of contention in the Shire for much of the past three years.

'Yes, progress on this project should be delayed or even halted until the

community has had a chance to be heard,' said an MRA spokesperson.

'There is a proper process for consultation documented in Council's own Community Participation Plan, but that process was not followed in this case.'

### Locals say the DA is on wrong site

'A survey of 653 households in Mullumbimby showed that 91.4 per cent were against the development. Yet Council is still determined to go ahead with it. Peter Brennan will be bringing that survey to Council's attention at the same meeting.'

'Please come to the Council meeting this Thursday, 25 September at 3pm to support Michael Williamson who will try to get councillors to take the petition seriously.'

'Let's hope a large show of faces, preferably holding signs, e.g. "The Wrong Carpark", will help councillors understand that this is not a

matter to be shoved under the "noted" rug.'

Having originally been conceived of as a modest set of second-storey units that would have limited impact on the Council-owned carpark below, the project has morphed into a mixed-use affordable housing development involving the construction of 32 affordable rental apartments above ground-floor retail spaces.

Council's original vision of maintaining ownership of the site was quietly abandoned when its attempts to find a Community Housing Provider (CHP) willing to lease the site received no interest.

It will now try to hand over freehold title for the site to a CHP, though as yet none have put up their hands to take on the significant risk associated with a project that is almost universally opposed by the local community.

The consent authority for the project is the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP).



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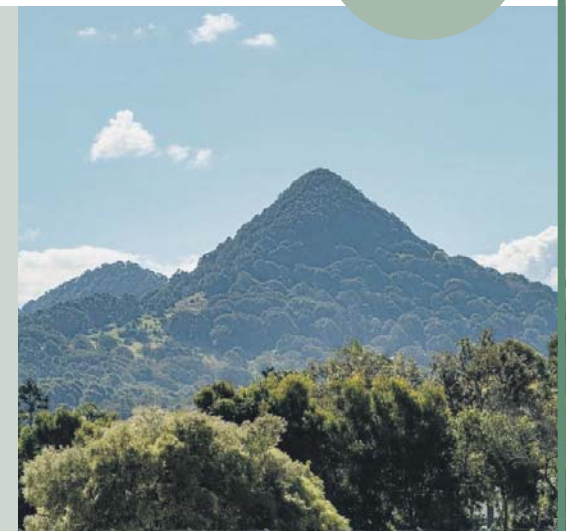


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**Protest at local MP's office as Palestinian genocide confirmed by UN body**

A local group of Palestinian human rights activists again scaled the rooftop of the Tweed Heads office of local federal Richmond MP Justine Elliot to protest the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

**Two men charged over deadly Uki crash**

Police say they've charged two men over a crash in Uki six months ago that killed a 35-year-old motorbike rider.

**Labor's reforms to EP&A Act a 'gift to developers' says Greens MLC**

The NSW Labor government say it has consulted with the opposition over major reforms to the state's main law that governs development – *The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*.

**Woodburn's Riverside Festival returns**

The Woodburn event team say they are thrilled to announce the return of the much-anticipated annual Riverside Festival on September 27.

**Lismore museum downgraded, moves to G'bah**

Hans Lovejoy

One of the oldest historical societies in the region has been forced to downgrade and move from its Lismore HQ to Goonellabah.

It's sparked concern from Lismore City councillor Jasmine Knight-Smith (Labor), who told *The Echo* councillors have been left in the dark by Council staff.

According to its website, [www.richhistory.org.au](http://www.richhistory.org.au), the Lismore Museum, 'has one of the best historical collections in regional Australia'.

President of Richmond River Historical Society (RRHS) Robert Smith, told *The Echo*, 'After the 2022 flood, the collection was evacuated and was placed in ten, 40-foot shipping containers for three years'.

He says, 'In April, we started to get mould on the materials and notified Council staff – they moved fairly promptly and we were given a space in the Goonellabah Community Centre, located behind the library'.

'We have been moving there since mid-June'.

He says while it is safely stored, it is not a suitable



The former Lismore Museum space at 165 Molesworth Street, Lismore. Photo credit

space, as it is not as big as the previous location.

'Nor is it centrally located', he added.

Smith says they had been operating in the municipal building for 30 years.

'After the flood renovations, we were making preparations to move back in'.

'But in January, when it was ready for re-occupation, we were told, without warning, we would not be moving back in.'

'Most of the building has remained empty ever since.'

'We're told a property review would take 90 days, but we still don't know when that will be completed.'

our community and leases 46 Council-owned properties to many of these organisations at peppercorn rates'.

'Unfortunately, given the changing need of Council and community expectations, we could no longer offer the Richmond Historical Society space in the old Council building at 165 Molesworth Street, Lismore.'

'Council staff actively worked with the society to find a new location for this important cultural institution, with the society recently signing a lease and moving into the Council-owned Goonellabah Community Centre', the spokesperson added.

**Regional leader**

Lismore City councillor Jasmine Knight-Smith told *The Echo*, 'Our museum was a leader, other historical societies and museums came to Lismore to see how to do it right – look at us now!'

'We have been blessed for so long, by the wonderful volunteers doing what other councils have to pay staff to do. And we just kick them out, for what... providing us a free service?' she added.

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## When morality beats science

It was Easter 2024 when Queensland introduced its first festival drug-testing accompanied by the opening of two fixed-address drug-testing units located in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. They were introduced following best practice approaches to drug harm reduction and education.

Yet when they were elected, against all scientific evidence, the Queensland Liberal National Party removed funding for the two fixed-address drug-testing facilities then followed up by banning pill testing in Queensland when it became apparent that a not-for-profit organisation, The Loop Australia, was about to receive private funding to reopen.

'We do not tolerate it. We will not allow it, and we will legislate or regulate against those private providers,' Queensland's Deputy Premier, Jarrod Bleijie, said at the time.

The drug-testing facilities were supported by the Australian Medical Association Queensland (AMAQ) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

Following the Queensland government's decision Dr Nick Yim, AMAQ President told the ABC, 'We're very disappointed about the decision last night. We know from pill testing, from worldwide research and evidence, it does save lives.'

'It does provide an opportunity for individuals to have their pills tested, but at the same time, and more importantly, have a conversation with a healthcare professional. This might be the first time they ever have spoken to a healthcare professional about drug use, alcohol use, but even potentially an on-referral to a GP or a doctor to have a discussion about other

issues. And from our local research and studies, many individuals have also disposed of their illicit drugs and not even taken them at the end of the day,' he said.

In August, CEO of The Loop Australia, Cameron Francis, said, 'Queensland is seeing super-potent synthetic opioids like nitazenes starting to show up. It's terrifying to think what rate of overdoses we will see from nitazenes if we can't detect them first and warn the public.'

Then on Tuesday, Canberra's drug-checking service said they had detected a potentially deadly illicit substance over the weekend that is so novel that its effects are not known.

Currently 80,000 to 100,000 people are dying a year in the US as a result of drugs. Providing drug-testing facilities have been a key part of the NSW Ice Enquiry recommendations, and was again supported by the 2025 NSW summit which called for a trial of drug-checking services.

Dr David Caldicott, who was the medical lead in charge of Queensland's first drug-testing trial at the Rabbits Eat Lettuce Festival, told *The Echo* at the time that, 'There is a mythology that you can have your cake and eat it with the moral approach of "use less drugs" and the health approach of less people being harmed. But you can't have both. From a medical and scientific perspective we can prevent harm. This is a conversation that requires people to be alive to have the conversations,' he said.

'Opposition to drug-testing is not scientific. It is a moral position, they are asking us to take a line that has no supporting evidence.'

Aslan Shand, editor

## Could it happen here?

One of the albums of my childhood was Pete Seeger's 1963 live *We Shall Overcome*. It led me to the banjo, which has been a lifelong blessing for me and a tool of perpetual torture for my family and friends – I once played at the Sydney Opera House.

In one of the verses, instead of 'We shall overcome' Pete leads the audience to sing 'We are not afraid'. Introducing that canto with reference to police brutality in the south, he says 'we are afraid of course, but we sing it anyway!' And he harmoniously leads the thousands in that 'ol gospel song, tears rolling down his face.

I have been reminded of this in the witching hour as this sinking shivery feeling comes over me as I toss and turn. It is fear. A student reflecting on the complete breakdown of the rule law in the United States, asked me with genuine dread in her eyes – it couldn't happen here, could it? I scoffed too quickly perhaps. On reflection it is a diversionary question – my real issue is whether the US can ever come back from the brink.

The events there are morphing from laughable to downright scary. Troops in Democrat cities, blatant corruption and gerrymandering, universities being defunded, total executive power in the president, media censorship, unabridged support for genocide, extrajudicial deportations and now, chillingly, capital punishment without trial or any due process.

I'm referring to the decision by Trump to order the bombing of suspected drug smugglers off Venezuela. In the first incident, 11 people were killed, in the second three. There was no attempt to apprehend the boats, or turn them around, or arrest the suspects on board. They were just obliterated like an attacking army would be after a declaration of war.

The proud Hitlerian assertions from the Secretary of War (his real title now) was full of words like 'narco-terrorist' and themes like 'protecting US citizens from being killed' by these 'cartels' and 'gangs'.



**'Troops in Democrat cities, blatant corruption and gerrymandering, universities being defunded, total executive power in the president, media censorship, unabridged support for genocide, extrajudicial deportations and now, chillingly, capital punishment without trial or any due process.'**

– David Heilpern

JD Vance, when asked if it was murder answered, 'I don't give a shit what you call it'. Well, let's call it murder, shithead, because it is.

The unassailable fact is that drug use, ultimately, is a choice of the drug user. Its not as though these imports are shoved in people's mouths and veins. It just defies reality and reinforces the 1970s concept of the helpless (white) addict being abused by the (brown) cloaked cold-hearted drug pusher. It is as ludicrous as killing oil importers because some people die on our roads.

### Trials and safeguards keep community safe

The lack of outcry from the international community at these killings has been deafening. For hundreds of years imperfect but protective legal frameworks and mechanisms have been built up to balance the rights of defendants and victims, individuals and communities, with the key rule biblically and legally being 'thou shalt not kill'. We have trials and safeguards and evidence and rubrics and precedents to ensure that enforcement agencies cannot just walk up and shoot those who may have committed or be committing a crime. Why – because history will show that if the ice cracks we can all fall through.

The only reason Trump is getting away with all of this is the lack of judicial independence and his stacked Supreme Court. In Australia, judicial appointments have been almost exclusively bipartisan. This means that although we can point

to this judge being a conservative stooge, or that one a radical rebel, by and large appointments are on merit and determinations are based on the evidence and precedent. There is no way any High Court in Australia's history would make such absurd decisions favouring their political master. England leads the way, with a completely independent Judicial Appointments Commission. Trump may control the administrative and legislative arms of government, but ultimately it is his lackies in the Supreme Court that mean his ego and actions are unfettered. We don't ever have politicians calling judges crooks and corrupt just because they decide against one side or t'other.

So, my answer is that it could happen here, but our safeguards are so much better than in the US, and no-one mainstream seriously argues that this should change.

But then again, what if Dutton had been elected as leader, what if Nigel Farage is in the UK?

Pete Seeger's banjo case has the words 'This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender'. Which was his toned-down flower-power version of Woody Guthrie's inscription 'This machine kills fascists'.

Judicial independence is the same – a crucial bulwark against autocracy – and without it I am afraid. Seriously afraid.

But I sing that I am not anyway, humming it in the middle of the night, just like Pete suggested.

■ David Heilpern is a former NSW magistrate and is now Dean of Law at Southern Cross University.



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**Are we ready for SEP?**

Last week's article about the Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) refers to being positive, but doesn't explain the opportunities or the risks. It doesn't mention the safety and branding risks from extended alcohol trading (see Rory O'Halloran's letter), that justify concerns being raised.

Currently, there's a lack of a clear framework to manage our iconic tourism town, there isn't a current tourism/destination plan to define and manage what we value and who we aim to attract.

There's no asset management plan to ensure maintenance and upgrades, as the 2016 Byron Masterplan defined as an urgent priority.

There's no cultural or events plan to establish a vibrancy program and Byron Council no longer has a community safety program, or includes a solution to the transport gaps, especially for young people.

Why haven't we been told how the SEP could deliver these outcomes and the funding required to implement them. Are these the positives?

Council's website, consultations and positioning papers haven't provided information that answer genuine concerns, or why the SEP has taken precedence over the delivery of a sensible framework to address the obvious issues of an iconic tourism town that's struggling and in need of attention.

We're told there's constraints to delivering cultural vibrancy currently, but these haven't been explained to consider solutions.

Instead we hear the 'red tape' mantra and a solution in the guise of a process that poses risks.

My view is a back-to-basics approach; deliver on obvious needs and then perhaps consider if an SEP is an option we want to explore once we are well informed and prepared.

**Jan Barham**  
(former Byron Bay Safety Committee Chair and Mayor)  
Broken Head

**Where is Byron's heritage?**

Sad that the Byron Shire Visitor Centre closed.

The old stationmaster's cottage was such a cute building with great volunteers and great services.



**There will be no exit to the highway on Mullumbimby Road for four months, starting Monday October 13.**  
Image Hans Lovejoy

It was my first friendly point of contact when I arrived in Byron.

Byron seems to lack social amenities for some reason.

There are CWAs in Bruns and Mullum. Men's sheds in Ballina, Bangalow and Mullum. Bangalow, Mullum, Bruns and Ballina all have museums. Byron doesn't have a town hall, CWA meeting place, Men's shed or museum. Or a Chinese restaurant.

Yes, the RSL has some historical Byron photos in its passageways, but that doesn't constitute a designated place to view Byron's history. Before the cranes fill the airspaces of Byron Bay town, wouldn't it be nice to have this historical cottage be Byron's museum?

And fulfil Mayor Sarah's, 'how this location can continue to serve the community in meaningful and inspiring ways.'

**Raphael Lee Cass**  
Byron Bay

**Disappointed in Council**

We attended a Council public access meeting recently which I found extremely disappointing and distressing.

Only Cr David Warth took notes (that I could see) and asked intelligent questions of the passionate, well-informed presenters.

Of greatest interest was the sensible question of why the Mullumbimby Road

works were not being done as a matter of urgency, preferably under lights, at night.

It was stated on what seemed good authority that it may have added just one per cent to the cost, although Cr Lyon dismissively and repeatedly disagreed with this.

However, all residents and visitors to our town would agree that even if it added 10 per cent it would be worth it to have the road opened ASAP.

Coolamon Scenic Drive (North) is totally unsuitable for heavy usage, particularly for drivers unused to its narrow, dangerous nature.

The idea that this is okay for all east or north exits is nonsense – especially for four of the busiest traffic months.

We are all nervous about the 'what ifs' of emergency access, if further flooding and/or fires further impact our need to move around on safe roads. It is going to be a terrible time for us all in every way and the eventual social and business costs may be much more than construction works.

As the upgrade is said to be needed for development on McAuleys Lane there must be developer contributions involved.

Please don't let Mullumbimby's residents and businesses pay for this appalling piece of bad planning!

**Carole Gamble**  
Mullumbimby

**Roadwork madness**

The main road access to Mullumbimby is Mullumbimby Road. Myocum Road provides a secondary access, and Coolamon Scenic Drive provides a very limited access on a very narrow and quite dangerous road.

Roadworks at the intersection with McAuleys Lane are already causing major delays to traffic entering or leaving Mullumbimby because of the traffic lights, and some traffic is already using Myocum Road and Coolamon Scenic Drive to avoid the long delays. This is raising the risk of a serious accident occurring particularly on Coolamon Scenic Drive. This situation will become more critical if all outbound traffic from Mullumbimby cannot use Mullumbimby Road in the near future as proposed by Council.

The cost to business and the time spent by residents in long traffic queues has to be borne by the community at large.

As part of the decision-making by Council, the above costs should have been taken into consideration. If this had been done, I am sure the lowest-cost option would have been to carry out the construction work at night under floodlights.

To make matters worse, I am told that the roadworks are being carried out to allow a subdivision in McAuleys Lane to proceed. If this subdivision was unable to bear the full cost of the roadworks, including working at night, it should not proceed.

The traffic on Mullumbimby Road is growing such that a dual carriageway is justified in the near future.

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If this had been implemented before the roadworks at McAuleys Lane were started, the extra lanes would have resulted in much less traffic disruption.

I am astounded to think that Council has proceeded with these roadworks without duly considering the disruption that has already caused and will continue for time into the future.

**Chris Abraham**  
Mullumbimby

## AI for mayor!

It seems that Byron Shire Council's (BSC's) underpaid councillors and overpaid senior staff cannot manage the Shire efficiently.

Einstein said that we 'cannot solve our problems with the same level of intelligence that created them'.

So rather than continuing with resident groups working to overturn unintelligent BSC decisions, I propose we elect an AI as mayor and general manager. With resident oversight of course.

To read in *The Echo* that BSC is proposing building above a four-metre easement onto private property for the sewerage line at the 57 Station Street development, which whistleblower Alan Dickens says will need

much more repair than BSC is telling us.

And that a survey of all Mullum residents, that showed that 91 per cent are against this, is being ignored by the mayor, is shocking!

And saying that the traffic in to, and out of, Mullum can go via Tunnel Road and McAuleys Lane with single-lane sections is beyond belief. Other councils do this kind of work at night, not dangerously inconveniencing all traffic to Mullum.

And giving our water supply, which the residents want to keep, to Rous Water because of a much-bloated quote of \$580k needs Alan Dickens' attention as well.

AI will eventually manage our Shire much more efficiently and deserves a chance to show councillors and senior staff how this can be accomplished. So AI for mayor and general manager.

**Noah Yamore**  
Mullumbimby

## Who to trust in 2025

My phone rings with an unknown number – I don't answer. It's probably a scam.

The bank emails me – probably a scam too.

I phone my bank, and they tell me they're changing the interest rate criteria and rules. I think: 'That's definitely

a scam.' They remind me to watch out for scams.

Then, my insurance company calls, asking for my details. It's probably a scam. I hang up.

I call my insurance company and get put on hold for 20 minutes. As I wait, I wonder, 'Would they pay up if my house flooded and I had flood cover? Who knows?' I don't trust my insurance company.

My power company lowers the value of my solar credits. How can it be worth less now, but power costs more? That's a scam, right?

I think, 'Is that little bit of super I have safe?' What was the name of that super company that just stole people's savings?

I check my emails and delete four or five scams.

Then I go to a meeting with the NSW Reconstruction Authority, and they tell me they've changed the criteria again.

Now, many people in our Shire can get the help they needed post-flood 2022 to raise or retrofit their homes.

On my drive home from the meeting, I think, 'They said this before? Am I being conned? Will I be gaslit into thinking I didn't hear what I just heard?' My sister sends me a heartwarming Instagram post of a gorilla family.

We laugh and laugh at how cute they are, how close the link to humans is.

Then, later, her daughter tells us it's fake.

And there are so many other things you can't trust. Hell, sometimes you can't even trust your own eyes.

I need to trust my Council. I need to trust my government.

I can trust my community to help in an emergency. I can trust my family, friends, and neighbours. I need to remember to value, and spend time with, to enjoy, and help the people I can trust. They – my community, family, and friends – are the antidote to these times.

**Noelle Maxwell**  
Mullumbimby

## E-bike dangers

It's another story of something that starts out as a great idea, but as usual, humans screw it up.

E-bikes are totally out of control.

The number of reckless incidents that I have personally witnessed are manifold and varied.

The worst was at Kirra on a super-busy roundabout – one bike, two kids, no helmets at high speed!

Imagine being the poor person who wipes them out? Living with that?

Anyhow, I know that some people do the right thing, but the dickheads have already spoiled it for everyone!

**Rosco Phillips**  
Huonbrook

## What a world

Well, there's Trump this week sitting with our King in his palace, feasting at a banquet while those he is supplying weapons to are bombing the crap out of the starving homeless.

**Ian Pratt**  
Bilinga

## Landcom – a familiar fiasco

Council's development process seems to be done on the fly without the logical robust procedures or checks and balances that are supposed to stop train wrecks.

Large NSW government infrastructure developments should go through robust rigorous checks and 'gateways' at various stages to make sure we don't waste everyone's time.

Remember the Dingo Lane Solar Farm? It was former mayor Simon Richardson's pipedream – there was no robust business case developed. 'It's a great idea... let's go!'

Three to four years later with a cost of \$1m of

ratepayers' money for consultants ... all we hear now is crickets.

Where has that development ended up? Nowhere. Lots of local community bush experts recommended early on they join with like-minded councils and do a deal with large new solar farm farms out west and buy their green energy. But no. Simon knows best. Let's borrow upwards of \$12m and build our own plant here! We are, as ratepayers, \$1m poorer, with zero to show for it. As one NRL coach once said, 'There has to be an investigation!'

My favourite episode of the TV show *Utopia* (Series 1, Episode 3) was the 'Very Fast Train from Sydney to Melbourne' episode.

Kitty Flanagan, the communications/spin expert says: 'This is a must-build – 95 per cent of people want the train, let's go, we have everything we need. We have a logo!'

Rob Sitch counters with, 'But the other five per cent are transport economists, infrastructure engineers and real cost estimators etc'. Therein lies the problem – the wrong people trying to steer the bus. A big expensive bus.

**Anthony Stante**  
Coorabell

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# The efforts to return a rail service

Phillip Mackenzie

After four years of concerted effort, community-based Northern Rivers Rail Ltd (NRRL) has lodged the required documentation for a local rail licence with Transport for NSW.

This has been done with assistance from the Northern Regional Railway Company.

A package of funding could go towards Stage 1, a Byron Bay to Mullumbimby rail service.

This renewable-energy-powered commuter service, the proposed 'Country to Surf Train' (CTST), could provide transport for passengers, luggage, prams, bikes, light freight and surfboards, extending the reach of the current (world's first) Byron Solar Train.

It is also feasible to have a recreational bike/walking path safely within the 32-metre-wide railway corridor, beside a regular train service, to complement each other.

NRRL Secretary, Lydia Kindred, says, 'Our focus remains to provide much-needed non-road passenger transport for residents and our many visitors to the region.'

'Gauging locals' support



NRRL secretary Lydia Kindred with Mindy Woods, owner of Gourmet Earth, who is also a member of the Byron Chamber of Commerce. Photo supplied

with surveys, we're finding more than 85 per cent want trains. Even better, asking businesses, in towns along the line, in Lismore and Byron Shire, 95 per cent of those approached support the return of train services to our region!

After all these years, Lydia states: 'We are almost there, to extend services to Mullumbimby, then Bangalow, via a new 'Lillipilli Station', and to the north of the shire to service 7,000 residents around Ocean Shores, and back to Lismore to support their recovery!'

Whatever community support NRRL receives will be another positive step towards making this crucial project for a more sustainable future, a reality.

Tax-deductible donations (thanks to Seed Northern

Rivers) and buy-a-sleeper for \$200 will help ongoing admin costs, and loans for larger amounts, on mutually agreed terms, will support this much needed all-weather, regular rail service to get back on track.

For more detailed information email [admin@northern-riversrail.com.au](mailto:admin@northern-riversrail.com.au).

Remember, we can have both trains and a bike path within the corridor, as a win/win for everyone, supporting our region, socially, economically, and environmentally!

To make a donation: BSB 728-728, account 22330962 (include last name and email). Or tax-deductible: [support.mullumseed.org.au](mailto:support.mullumseed.org.au)/Northern-Rivers-Rail-Ltd-(NRRL).

■ Phillip Mackenzie is NRRL Chairperson.

# How to avoid a shark attack

Michael Balson

After that fatal shark attack on a surfboard rider at Long Reef in Sydney, I am writing to alert board riders of the feeding habits of the two sharks most likely to attack board riders around Byron Shire – great whites and bull sharks.

## Great whites

Great white sharks are moving south now with the humpback whales. They scavenge dead whales caught in nets, old sick whales and newborn whales.

But some great whites will cruise the surf-line looking for anything going.

Great whites learned to stalk seals by staying deep to catch them off guard.

This is also how they hunt for decent-sized fish, like jewfish, which seek prey near the beach.

When a great white attacks a board rider, they are not attacking a person, they are attacking their board. Most local attacks have been in the morning when the underside of surfboards flash in the

sunlight like the underbelly of a big fish. The surfer's legs drag behind like a tail, and the paddling hands look like pectoral fins. The shark sees all this from a distance, beyond the surf line.

## Bull sharks

Bull sharks live all around the place, up rivers, creeks, even irrigation canals. They are the only sharks that can live in fresh and salt water.

I have surfed with them at Wategos and Cosy Corner and paddled over them in the Bruns.

There are thousands living locally and honestly, if they wanted to eat people, none of us would dare go near the water.

Again, bull shark attacks are mostly mistaken identity. They preferably hunt in the dark or murky water after rain, with zero visibility.

The are very finely tuned hunters, using rows of electronic sensors across their wide snout, a good sense of smell, and the can hear and feel fish splashing.

They zero in and bite into the source of this splashing

– usually some marine creature or occasionally a swimming dog.

But around river mouths, after rain, when the sea is full of sediment, bull sharks wait around for big fish to get flushed out of the river, off places like Lighthouse Beach at East Ballina.

That's why there have been so many bull shark attacks there.

Fortunately, many people survive despite horrendous wounds to their arm and legs.

## Choose your times

So what can be done to avoid these sharks?

Well for starters, paint the bottom of surfboards in some dull, dark colour so they don't flash in the morning sunlight and attract great whites.

And don't swim at night or in murky water, especially around river mouths and you probably won't get bitten by a bull shark.

Remember – most people don't get bitten by sharks, or else you would not be reading this, and I definitely would not have written this article!

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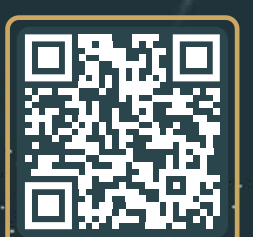
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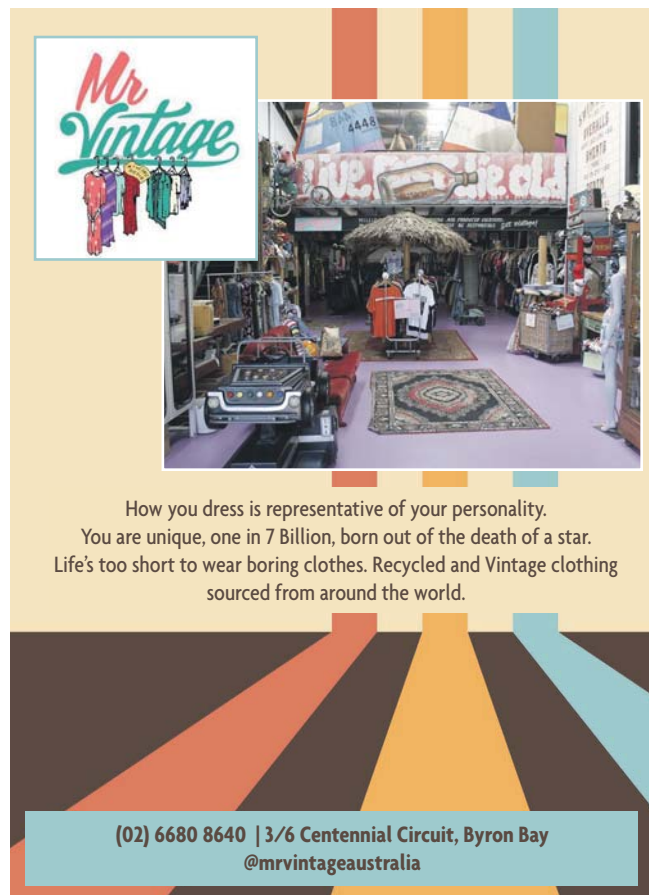
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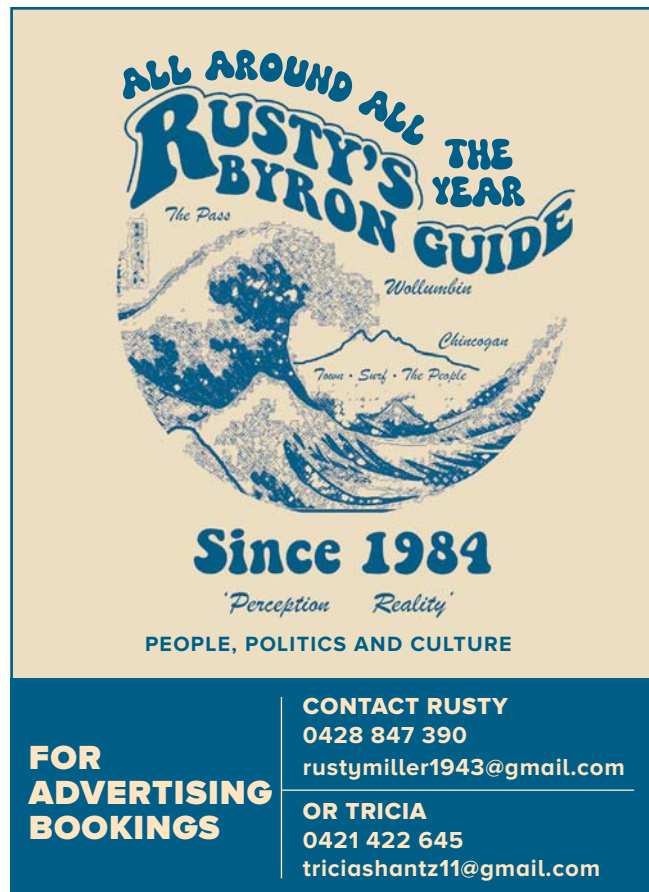
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# The role algae can play in removing PFAS 'forever chemicals' from the environment

Pancho Symes

**W**ith PFAS 'forever' chemicals being persistent in NSW waterways, it's prompted calls for further testing and a sustainable solution.

## Cases in Sydney surrounds

In August 2024, these cancer-linked chemicals were detected during testing at water filtration plants across Sydney.

Overwhelmingly high levels of PFAS were found in the Blue Mountains.

According to findings from Water NSW on May 16, the source of these PFAS can be linked to a 1992 petrol tanker crash and explosion near the Adams Creek and Medlow catchments.

Greens MLC Cate Faehrmann, Chair of an upper house committee, inquired into PFAS contamination in NSW waterways.

She says, 'It is imperative that the precautionary principle be applied when developing policy to address the risks these chemicals pose to human health and the environment.'

'Members of the Blue Mountains community made it very clear to the committee that they felt let down by Sydney Water,' she said.

Meanwhile, the Jervis Bay Aboriginal community have called for funding for blood tests for people living on 'poisoned land,' in response to PFAS contamination emanating from a nearby Department of Defence base in 2016.

## Govt response

According to a report from the Water Services Association of Australia, the National Health and Medical Research



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## What are PFAS?

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), are a group of synthetic compounds found in a wide variety of products, including waterproof fabrics, food packaging, hygiene products and firefighting foam.

They are known as 'forever chemicals', because they persist in the environment and our bodies.

PFAS can lead to health problems such as liver damage, thyroid disease, obesity, fertility issues and cancer – PFAS are banned in many countries.

Council (NHMRC) are currently 'reviewing Australia's drinking water guidelines.'

'Effective from July 1, 2025, the Australian government has banned the manufacture, importation, and exportation of three types of PFAS: PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS,' the report said.

However, these are only three of the 14,000 types of PFAS chemicals circulating.

The European Union has proposed to ban all types of PFAS by 2030.

## Mullumbimby PFAS

PFAS levels in Mullumbimby are safe according to a report from the EPA.

The EPA and FRNSW (Fire and Rescue NSW) conducted bore sampling in the Mullumbimby area in April 2025.

In a report, the EPA has stated that 'all bores showed PFAS levels below drinking water quality guidelines, which is safe to use.'

'Higher PFAS levels have been found in shallow groundwater surrounding the fire station site.

'However, concentrations of PFAS decrease with distance from the fire station, and importantly, none of the residential bores tested have exceeded human health guidelines.'

'Local rivers and creeks, including the Brunswick River, Saltwater Creek and Mullumbimby Creek, are also safe for recreation,' the report said.

According to the report, 'some tested waterways upstream and downstream of Mullumbimby Creek were above ecological water quality guidelines.'

The EPA has said that, 'This does not necessarily indicate environmental harm, or an unacceptable risk to environment and/or human health, as ecological thresholds are designed to be

highly protective of sensitive species and ecosystems, and are often set far below levels considered safe for human exposure.'

The EPA said it will continue working with FRNSW, Council and NSW Health to monitor the situation and keep the community updated.

## BLR solution

Biological Leachate Remediation (BLR) is an inexpensive solution to PFAS removal, that uses algae to 'chomp-down' on the harmful nutrients at the source.

The 'BLR' process was enacted during the February flood clean-up of Lismore, given the need to treat a range of highly contaminated water.

Engineer James Foster, Director of environmental consultancy ENV Solutions described the process.

'We used algae to do the heavy lifting and nutrient removal, making use of an existing leachate treatment pond to get those algae to grow.'

'Once all the nutrients were removed, we used a special media which binds onto any PFAS, hydrocarbons or heavy metals and removed them,' Foster said.

'Irrespective of whether we supply treated water to a wastewater treatment plant or back to the receiving environment, we've basically put a stop to PFAS spreading out there,' Foster said.

The process was a temporary solution to an emergency, but Foster has said that they are consulting with the EPA and Council to determine whether BLR can be used more extensively in the future.

■ Pancho Symes is an *Echo* intern.

# Target the trash for the turtles, October 4

A beach clean-up event is being held on October 4 in conjunction with the Brunswick Heads markets.

It's being hosted by NSW TurtleWatch with Positive Change for Marine Life, Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue along with the Byron Shire Council.

Merryn Dunleavy from NSW TurtleWatch says they will have a stall at the markets, and afterwards, volunteers will clean up

the Brunswick foreshore, including Banner Park, Torakina and Brunswick Heads main beach.

## Marine debris audit

'After the clean-up is complete, we will be taking all the rubbish back to our stall within the markets to complete the marine debris audit.'

For more information, visit <https://seabirdrescue.org.au/projects>.



Photo NSW TurtleWatch

# Celebrating Albert's lyrebird

Wilsons Creek/Huonbrook Landcare say the rare and endangered Albert's lyrebird, found only in north-east NSW and south-east Qld, is a contestant for *The Guardian* Bird of the Year 2025.

President of Wilsons Creek/Huonbrook Landcare, Barbara Stewart, told *The Echo*, 'This remarkable bird is one of our flagship species, drawing attention to the rainforest habitats that are restored and expanded through our landcare projects.'

'Albert's lyrebird is renowned for its extraordinary mimicry and dance and has a very long evolutionary history from ancestral songbirds. Found only in north-east NSW and south-east Qld, it is a threatened species deserving of special recognition and protection.'

## Two lyrebird species

'Many may not realise that Australia is home to two lyrebird species, but it is Albert's lyrebird that is deeply woven into the history and culture of Mullumbimby and the surrounding region.'

'The lyrebird featured as the official logo of the Municipality of Mullumbimby



According to NSW National Parks: the Albert's lyrebird is a threatened species. 'They're so shy that the first published photo of one didn't appear until 1970, some 120 years after being first described by French ornithologist Charles Bonaparte (Napoleon's cousin). Photo [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

before its merger with Byron Shire in 1980.

'Today, its legacy continues, with the bird represented on the coat of arms of Mullum High and in the naming of the school newsletter, *The Lyrebird*. So much habitat has gone, but the birds and these symbols endure in our community.'

*The Guardian* Bird of the Year competition is a joyful celebration of Australia's native birds, showcasing their songs, behaviours, and conservation value. Birds like Albert's lyrebird offer a

chance to appreciate their rarity, beauty and song, while others, such as scrub turkeys, provide comic relief with their more 'irritating' behaviour.

'The nomination and voting process brings laughter, learning, and a spirit of concern for our feathered friends.'

'We encourage everyone to participate by nominating and voting - whether for Albert's lyrebird or another favourite (though we firmly believe ours is the best!).'

For more info visit <https://tinyurl.com/3mmr3h7k>.

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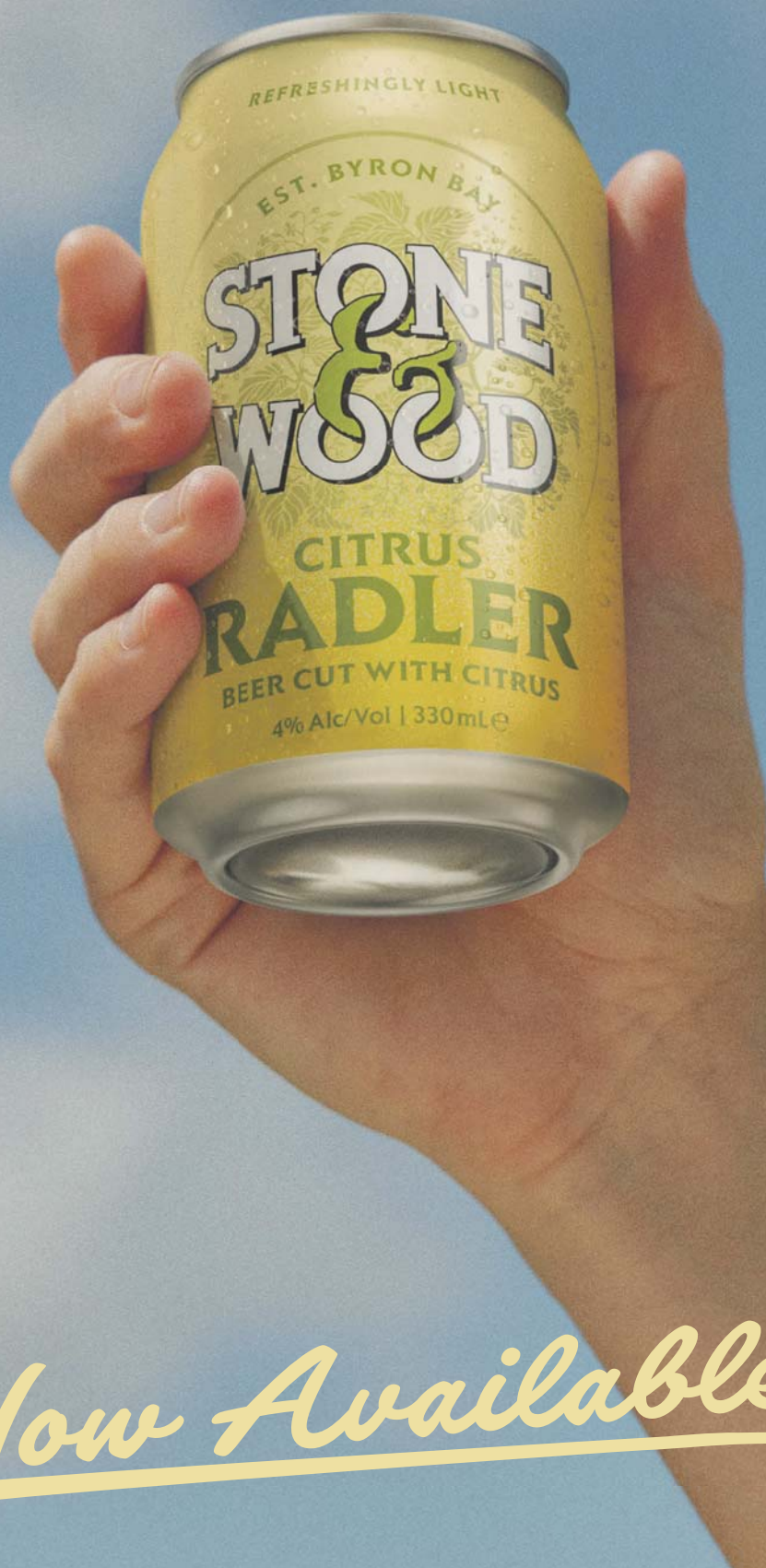
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## Big year of grand finals for Byron Bay football



Celebrating a grand final win for the premier league men's side. Photo supplied

### Ross Kendall

Despite a season of 'ups and downs' and 'wet weather washouts' there was plenty to celebrate at the end of 2025 for Byron Bay Football Club's (BBFC) 60-odd teams according to club president Kerry Northcott.

The senior teams held their awards presentation last Saturday night to top off a season that included a grand final win for the premier league men's side as well as the runner-up award for the men's championship

league side. Thirds also went all the way to the grand final, but also had to come away with the runners-up award.

Still it was three grand final berths for BBFC's top men's teams.

### Winning teams

The top BBFC women's team also had a sterling year going through to take the minor premiership undefeated, before losing their first game of the year in their semi-final against Lennox Head, who went on to claim the premiership.

BBFC grand finalist teams also included the girls grade 14 who came in runners-up, as well as the grade 15 division one side who took silver, while the girls grade 13 earned themselves a premiership win.

'In the end it was a season of success for a number of our competitive teams with silverware for our men's and women's squads as well as some of our youth and men's teams,' Kerry said.

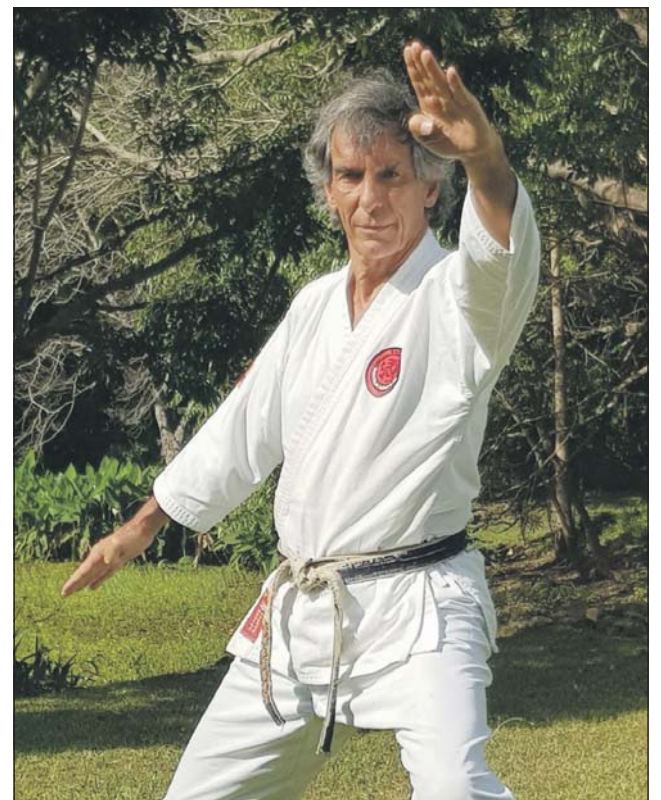
'With over 750 players across 60 teams, and 120 or so coaches and registered

volunteers, it's been a huge season of logistics. For every one of those coaches and volunteers who has contributed to making our club function, to getting players on the park each week, thank you.'

### Summer 6s

But there's more. The BBFC summer 6s competition kicks off in mid-October and runs till December. There are competitions for men, women, and children. Contact BBFC at byronbayfc.com.au, for more information.

## Karate workshop set for October



Experienced martial artist and karate teacher Jean Bousard will host the workshops in Bangalow. Photo supplied

### Ross Kendall

Dedicated karateka and martial artists are invited to attend a Kase-Ha Shotokan Karate and self-defence seminar to be held on Saturday, 11 October in Bangalow.

This workshop will be delivered by Arie Farcas Sensei eighth Dan, an international chief instructor of Kase-Ha Shotokan Karate Australia, accompanied by Mark Smith Sensei sixth Dan.

Mark represented Australia at the JKA World Cup in 1978. He will be assisted by event organiser Sensei Jean Bousard, fifth Dan.

This 'open to all' seminar is a unique opportunity for all dedicated martial artists to benefit from the teaching of a master in practical self-defence, The Kase way, Jean says.

'What applies to me the most in Kase ha is the fact that it combines karate and self-defence. It is practical, realistic, and it fits in with my life experience. I believe in

the way of Kase ha,' Sensei Arie Farcas says.

The event includes sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. Bangalow-based Jean has been practising Shotokan Karate Do since his teens. Jean is also a second Dan in taekwondo with four years spent in Korea, and he has been initiated to many other martial arts: Vietvodao (black belt), judo, aikido, kendo, nunchaku, taichi, capoeira and Thai kickboxing.

The workshop will be held at the Moller Pavilion, in the Bangalow Showgrounds. Call or email Jean 0458 245 123 dallbousard@gmail.com.

### Send us your sport stories!

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## Over 1,000 registered to play in Lismore's Master Games

The Lismore Masters Games is a multi-sport event that gives mature-age athletes the chance to stay active, compete, and connect through the sports they love. Now its 13th edition, the games will run this weekend.

The biennial event features a diverse line-up of nine exciting sports: netball, softball, lawn bowls, oztag, football (11-a-side), cricket, baseball, golf, and hockey.

The Masters Games also incorporate a vibrant social program that includes live bands and entertainment.

According to organisers it has become a signature part of the experience,



Oztag is just one of the games on offer this weekend in Lismore for the Masters. Photo supplied

bringing competitors, supporters, and officials together in celebration.

This year, more than 1,000 athletes are expected to take part, making the 13th biennial running of the games one of regional Australia's largest and most spirited Masters events.

Since its debut in 1999, the Lismore Masters Games has grown into a highlight on the local sporting calendar, drawing in passionate players from all walks of life for a weekend of competition, camaraderie, and community. As the sporting heart of the Northern Rivers, Lismore is proud to host another unforgettable games.

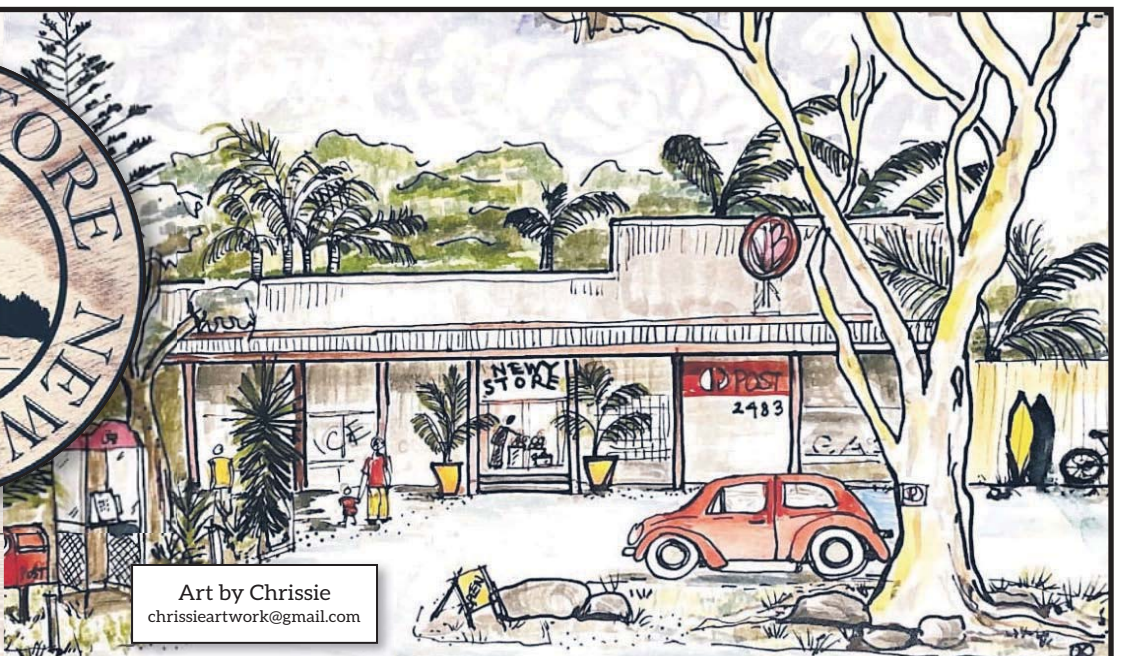
The event runs from Friday morning across to Sunday afternoon.

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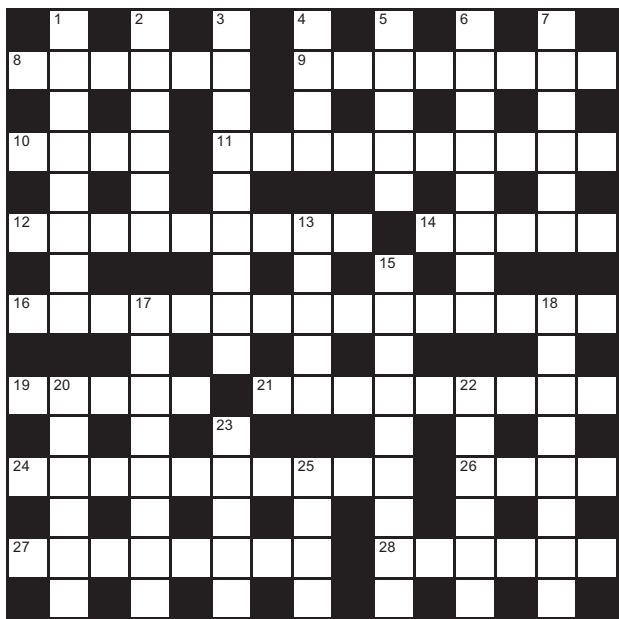
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**ACROSS**

8. Plague ship comes in in good shape (6)
9. Before little children there are recluses (8)
10. Mysterious death initially concealed at dam (4)
11. Expulsion of priest forced king to reform (10)
12. Hitler, say, unfamiliar with design of locks (9)
14. Take in tragic king by end of autumn (5)
16. Gibes about working out with Virginia, perhaps made by Pole. OMG! (7,8)
19. Charm Mike's given away to get fancy tie (5)
21. Intelligence acquired by psychic power, one operating by day (9)
24. Cheese French author associated with witch (10)
26. Chuck has bottom Yankee ignored (4)
27. Servants have a good time shutting Liberal in lockers (8)
28. Dramatic soprano indifferent to audience (6)

**DOWN**

1. Cut price of open work (8)
2. Employer takes football up with moneylender (6)
3. Advantage he has at darts, which is unusual (4,5)
4. Buzzer placed at end of shelf to register complaint (4)
5. American president initially friendly with Musk (5)
6. Tonic of choice gets yours truly out of bed (4-2-2)
7. Singer heard to achieve note (6)
13. Place where insect won't finish (5)
15. Judge, briefly in African party, has English sponsor again (9)
17. Sponge he contaminated with gas (8)
18. Big insurer, originally national, in actual setting is local (8)
20. Bear drops Echo editor at last - or ought to (6)
22. Big shot, with everything that batters like (2,4)
23. Sedan, driven wildly, reveals range (5)
25. Partly ridiculous time to make fire (4)

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

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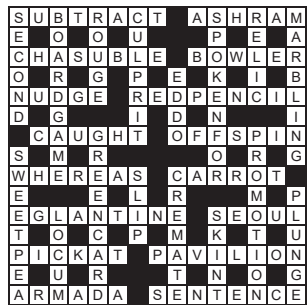
**ACROSS**

8. Annoying problem causing stress (6)
9. Religious hermits living in isolation (8)
10. Dam-like structure controlling river flow (4)
11. Removing clerical status from priest (10)
12. Particular arrangement of one's tresses (9)
14. Acquire knowledge or skill through study (5)
16. Mild expression of surprise (7,8)
19. Formal neckwear worn at fancy occasions (5)
21. Secret intelligence-gathering activities (9)
24. Strong-flavoured Italian blue cheese (10)
26. Footwear covering ankle and lower leg (4)
27. Servile attendants or lackeys (8)
28. White trumpet-shaped flowering plants (6)

**DOWN**

1. Tear or cut roughly (8)
2. Person who lends money at excessive rates (6)
3. Early advantage in competition (4,5)
4. Complaint or grievance (4)
5. Person convicted of serious crime (5)
6. Stimulating drink or tonic (4-2-2)
7. Ten-pound note in British currency (6)
13. Specific position or place (5)
15. Restructure existing debt with new terms (9)
17. Toxic gas used in chemical warfare (8)
18. Relating to particular geographic area (8)
20. Word expressing obligation or duty (6)
22. Illegal delivery in cricket (2,4)
23. Mountain range in South America (5)
25. Force someone out of position or place (4)

**Last week's solution #73**



# She is Number 34

She is 23 and she is the 34th woman this year to be murdered, police allege, in domestic violence in Australia. These are numbers meticulously kept by the Counting Dead Women Campaign. It happened in Mullumbimby on an ordinary Friday night. It happened in our town, in a community where you should be safe. Where we know our neighbours. Where we protest for peace. Where we have painted placards in our town hall and marched against violence. But we are not immune. The epidemic of relationship violence, of dead women, is real.

Police allege this sweet girl was murdered, her life taken. The allegations are yet to be proven in court but, if true, how can that happen at home? How can she be lost? Domestic violence means our homes are more dangerous than our streets. The place where we should feel safe is the place where we are more likely to be murdered. It means as women we literally have nowhere to go.

How does it get to this? I have asked this question so many times. I have stood in front of protests and vigils and marches and demanded an end. But how do we do this? How do we keep women and children safe? How do we reach a point where we no longer have to talk about safety?

I have lived in domestic violence, as a child and in my early adulthood. On reflection of her Friday night I remembered the fear. There is this moment, when an ordinary evening turns sour. When small irritations escalate, and the risk becomes catastrophic. You can feel it. I remember in one incident running from my home, with my violent partner pursuing me down the street. He was in a rage. It was Jekyll and Hyde. The person I knew had disappeared and a monster had taken his place. I knew in an instant that if I didn't get out he would kill me. His hands had been around my throat, I'd broken free and bolted.

A car was parked in the street, where a woman sat reading. I jumped in her car and I screamed, 'Drive! Fucking drive!' My dress was ripped. I had a black eye and a busted lip. And he was nearly at the car. The woman was reading poetry, waiting for a friend. She saw the monster. She freaked out and she drove.

She dropped me at a friend's house. I had made it to safety but I wasn't safe. Days later I went back. He was sorry. He would change. I had hope. Hope kills. The wisest thing someone ever said to me was



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'bury hope'. It was a man who said that to me. He also said, 'You will leave when the pain of staying becomes greater than the pain of leaving.' Those words stuck with me. They were difficult and true. I am telling you this because I know what it is to love your captor. To stay in danger. I was lucky that I got to leave. Some will never get that chance.

I do not know her name. I do not know her story. But I know she was a daughter, a sister, a friend. She was part of our community. She mattered.

There is no space in relationships for violence. No hand should be at your throat. You should not be pushed or shoved. No punching. No slapping. No threats. No verbal abuse. No fear for your life. No alienation from friends or family.

No one should control who you see, what you spend, where you go. That is not love. That is psychopathy.

We can't stop intimate partner violence without strong government policy. Strong policy means that the safety of women and children is front and centre. That services are fully funded. That there is somewhere to go. That programs exist to address male violence. That we understand that gendered violence starts when we are small. It is the foundation stone of the patriarchy. And until we address the violence of broken power structures - we will continue to be killed.

Girls of 23 should not be murdered on a Friday night in Mullumbimby.

We should be safe at every age, on every night, in every town. It's not up to someone else.

It starts with us.

*There will be a vigil for this young woman at 5pm on Friday night at Mullumbimby Council Chambers, and on Wednesday, 22 October at 6pm at The Quad in Lismore there is a Reclaim The Night March for our region.*

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

## STARS BY LILITH

**This week's Mars in Scorpio activates intense attractions and magnetic encounters, while the sun in Libra brings creative rushes, artistic epiphanies, and assistance with balancing inspiration and practicality...**



**ARIES:** The current placement of Mars suggests you're even less likely than usual to be interested in playing by the book. But Saturn's steady hand recommends getting acquainted with the rules before you break them. You might find certain guidelines are actually reasonable, and only need a bit of tweaking.

**TAURUS:** Your guiding planet Venus could be a little highly-strung this week if things appear to be going a bit out of control. Best approach? Stay calm. Take care of day-to-day, practical matters methodically. Try not to get impatient with others, and don't take on more work than you can manage.

**GEMINI:** For the next few weeks your primo planet Mercury makes life livelier: busy and buzzing with opportunities to meet fresh faces and spark new connections. When next weekend's moon illuminates your partnership zone, a chance encounter or casual chat with a friend or colleague could be inspiring.

**CANCER:** The recent new moon eclipse just issued another call to declutter and divest. Think of this as a full-system upgrade: clearing away outdated commitments, fine-tuning old ideas and habits. Unchecked messages take up a lot of psychic space, so assign a small daily block of time to clearing digital backlog.

**LEO:** If the recent lunar eclipse brought plot twists which propelled your plans in unexpected directions, you might be wondering whether to choose that thrilling invitation or a less exciting option promising more stability. Sit still and imagine doing one thing, then the other - your body will give you the answer.

**VIRGO:** Venus, currently in Virgo, can sometimes be a bit, well, picky. Better this week to tune into your planet Mercury in its most charming mode and ease up on wanting everything just so. Let socialising be about finding joy in the moment, then the right people will naturally feel drawn into your orbit.

**LIBRA:** With this week's sun and Mercury illuminating Libra and supercharging your persuasive skills with a killer combination of smart charm and irresistible charisma, you'll be the ace negotiator as your social life moves to the front burner and a wider network, and your inner balancing act's back on track.

**SCORPIO:** Feisty Mars marching into Scorpio is guaranteed to fire up your deep waters with plenty of sizzle, steam and smoulder. The red planet is something of an agitator, so if you've hit a dead end, Mars is likely to pull the plug. And who knows, could even see you lose your famous cool.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your words, or someone else's, may land with more force than intended this week, especially during the upcoming weekend moon in Sagittarius. If yours, check your tone. If someone else's, consider what outcome you want before you respond. Avoid issuing ultimatums, aim for a win-win solution.

**CAPRICORN:** If questions about the balance of relationship give and take are prompting you to clarify your needs in these changing days, Mercury is currently amenable to negotiating healthy agreements. The upcoming weekend's waxing Capricorn moon cues you to take a well-earned break to recuperate, rejuvenate and recreate.

**AQUARIUS:** As partnerships and collaborations - romantic, professional, creative - flow with more ease and warmth, alliances will flourish when you lead with appreciation and make others feel valued. If you've been thinking of volunteering or joining an organisation, this week invites you to get more actively involved.

**PISCES:** Forget the 'no pain, no gain' mantra as this week's Venus makes caring for yourself pleasurable. So make daily routines into rituals you look forward to and enjoy. Honour your body and mind with practices and foods that boost stamina, flexibility and radiance, that make you feel alive and vibrant.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## BALLOON ALOFT

Springtime school holidays are upon us and a family hot air balloon adventure is the perfect sunrise spectacle to kick off the school break and make some unique and treasured memories with your loved ones.

Balloon Aloft's hot air balloon experiences are fabulous adventures over the hills and coastal ranges that everyone can enjoy.

After meeting at The Farm, you'll set out to the launch site and be part of the excitement of setting up and taking off in the balloon as the sun is rising. There is nothing like drifting along peacefully, high above the beautiful Northern Rivers countryside, with incredible sunrise views, before touching back down, bundling up the huge colourful balloon and heading back for a delicious breakfast at Three Blue Ducks.

Bookings can be made at [www.balloonaloft.com](http://www.balloonaloft.com)

## LET'S GO SURFING

Join Let's Go Surfing for an awesome time surfing or stand up paddle boarding these holidays. They offer private and group lessons and tours for all ages, as well as kids only lessons.

Lessons include all equipment and expert instruction in small groups, and provide education, maximum fun, and safety for your kids. They cover the basics from warm-up to paddling, catching waves and standing, while also catering to intermediate and advanced students. Kids also learn important surf and safety rules including info on rips, tides, sandbanks and waves.

[www.letsgosurfing.com.au](http://www.letsgosurfing.com.au)  
 Open 7 days 8:30am-4:30pm  
 Shop 5, 11 Fletcher St, Byron Bay  
 @letsgosurfingaustralia  
 02 6680 9443

## DISCOVER 'BYRON BAY'S SWEET SPOT' AT OLLIE'S LOLLIES

Step into this vibrant candy bar in the heart of Byron Bay, where nostalgia meets indulgence. Ollie's Lollies is the Northern Rivers' newest Pick 'N Mix destination, jam-packed with a multitude of different lollies, chocolates, gummies, toys and treats from Australia and around the globe. Explore epic candy displays, colourful novelty snacks, and international favourites you won't find anywhere else. Whether you're creating a party spread, hunting for a fun gift, or indulging your sweet tooth, their friendly team is here to make every visit unforgettable. Pop in today to taste the magic — or ask about their corporate boxes and candy subscriptions for a little sweetness delivered to your door.

[www.ollieslollies.co](http://www.ollieslollies.co)  
 6/8 Fletcher St, Byron Bay  
 @ollieslollies.candybar  
 (02) 6608 2955

## VIP FUN FOR THE KIDS

Looking for something fun for the kids while you enjoy Byron's buzzing food scene? Home Makers Club has you covered with "VIP for the Kids" - creative holiday sessions designed to give children their own special experience while parents relax.

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[homemakersclub.com.au](http://homemakersclub.com.au)  
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# Good Taste

## Eateries Guide

### ALSTONVILLE



**Federal Hotel**  
Mon-Sat 10am-late, Sun 10am-10pm  
Bistro Fri & Sat:  
11.30am-2pm & 5.30pm-9pm  
Bistro Sun-Thurs:  
11.30am-2pm & 5.30pm-8pm  
77 Main St, Alstonville  
02 6628 0719  
thefedhotel.com.au

Serving amazing food, cold beers, delicious cocktails and a carefully curated wine menu, with a family-friendly atmosphere.

Sit on the front balcony for a drink in the sun or enjoy a meal in the dining room by the fire place. This historic building and its genuine and friendly staff will have you feeling like it's your local in no time.

### BALLINA



**Australian Hotel Ballina**  
Open Daily Pub Meals: Tue-Sat,  
Lunch & Dinner • Cantina:  
Wed-Sat, Lunch & Dinner •  
Sunday Lunch: 12-4pm  
103 River St, Ballina  
@australianhotelballina

Ballina's go-to for classic pub meals, bold Mexican, cold pints & cheeky margs. Live music, DJs, \$9 Pacific Ale and free feed for the kids on Sundays.

**Mention this ad for a free house beer or soft drink with any main meal.**

australianhotelballina.com.au

### BILLINUDGEL



**Rosefina's Mexican**  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Lunch 12pm-2:30pm  
Dinner 5pm-8:00pm  
Sunday 12pm-8pm  
8/10 Wilfred St, Billinudgel  
www.rosefinas.place

Rosefina has decided it's time to dig through her vinyl collection for Friday nights.

### BYRON BAY



**Roca Byron Bay**  
Opening hours:  
7am to late every day  
14 Lawson St, Byron Bay  
(02) 5642 0149  
@rocabyronbay  
www.rocabyronbay.com.au

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**Forest Byron Bay**  
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Dinner: 5.30 to 9pm  
crystalbrookcollection.com/  
byron/forest

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

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



**Main Street**  
Open for takeaway daily,  
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Menu, more details -  
@mainstreet\_burgerbar  
18 Jonson Street  
(02) 6680 8832

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Menu and more details  
@mainstreet\_burgerbar

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**North Byron Liquor Merchants**  
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### BRUNSWICK HEADS



**River - Wild at Heart**  
Thu 5pm - 9pm / Fri, Sat, 12pm - 9pm  
Sun 12pm - 6pm  
26 Mullumbimbi St, Brunswick Heads  
(02) 6685 5739  
www.riverrestaurantbruns.com.au  
Reservations:  
www.riverrestaurantbruns.com.au/book

Guided by the ethos "Wild at Heart, Local by Nature", River is a celebration of Northern Rivers produce, people, and provenance - a space where community and creativity come together over beautiful food and wine.

### LENNOX HEAD



**Lennox Pizza**  
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**Società Bistro**  
Open Wed - Sat:  
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(02) 6684 2273  
societabistro.com  
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Dinner Tuesday - Sunday  
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www.murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au

**We warmly welcome Olivewood Bistro to Murwillumbah Golf Club.**  
Locals know Le Ping and Simone from their time running 'White Olive' where they built a strong reputation for excellent food and warm hospitality.

### WILSONS CREEK



**Threeways of the Valley**  
Wednesday - Sunday 8am - 3pm  
(kitchen closes at 2pm, drinks & treats till 3pm) Saturday Evenings Pizza Nights 4:30pm - 7:30pm Friday Specials 4:30 - 9pm  
See website for upcoming events.  
10 Huonbrook Rd, Wilsons Creek  
0421 054 484 | www.threeways.store  
@threeways\_of\_the\_valley

Nestled in the lush Wilsons Creek rainforest, Threeways is a vibrant, family-friendly cafe where nature, nourishment, and community meet. Enjoy seasonal, seed-oil free food, all-day breakfast, woodfired pizza nights, and upcoming Friday events. With Wi-Fi, gluten-free options, and space to relax or play, there's something for everyone.

### WOLLONGBAR




**Bonito Peruvian**  
@bonitoperuvian  
www.bonitoperuvian.com.au  
10/54 Simpson Ave,  
Wollongbar  
(02) 6628 3111  
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## Good Taste Deal of the Week

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\$17 Crumbed Chicken Schnitzel w/ chips

\*Above prices for Members. Social membership is just \$5 per year.

# The Good Life

## Hanging Rock Farm: fresh organics for the community

National Organic Week has just finished – Australia’s annual celebration of certified organic food and farming hosted by the Centre for Organic Research & Education (CORE) – but North Byron Farmers Markets (Mullumbimby and New Brighton) are proud to offer organic produce year-round from their 12 certified organic producers. These include: The Organic Avocado, Glenyce Creighton, Organic Forrest, Sunny Times Honey, Summit Organics, ‘Shroom Brothers, Hanging Rock Farm, Energetic Greens, Seedlings Organic, McMahons Organic Apples, Misty Creek Farm, and Mount Chowan. Each is committed to sustainable farming, free from synthetic fertilisers and pesticides, bringing safe, nourishing food to our community.

The North Byron Farmers Markets’ newest certified organic stall is Hanging Rock Farm, owned and run by Lani and Jake.

Based in Barkers Vale, on the edge of the Border Ranges National Park, their farm spans nearly 200 acres, with two-and-a-half acres dedicated to vegetables. Surrounded by forest and birdsong, it’s a private, biodiverse haven where their four sons are growing up alongside rows of fresh produce.

Neither Lani or Jake came from farming families – Jake trained as a mechanic and Lani worked in hospitality and fruit-picking – but both grew up in the Northern Rivers,



Lani and Jake from Hanging Rock organic farm. Their advice to new gardeners is: ‘Just start. Put on your hat and boots, and plant!’

where organics and good food were part of everyday life. That influence inspired their farming journey, now 15 years strong.

In winter and spring, Hanging Rock Farm produces close to 50 types of vegetables. As certified organic farmers, they avoid all chemicals, instead using ‘good bugs’ such as lady beetles, lacewings, parasitic wasps and nematodes to manage pests. Flowers like dill, fennel, coriander, parsley, and even roses, provide nectar to sustain these beneficial insects year-round.

The path hasn’t been easy. Since Cyclone Debbie in 2017, the farm has faced hail, drought and devastating floods, forcing them to rip out and replant crops repeatedly. ‘There were times we thought we couldn’t continue,’ they admit, ‘but we couldn’t imagine doing anything else.’

Now in their second week at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market, Lani and Jake are settling in, meeting locals and sharing their passion. As Jake says, the best advice for new gardeners is simple: ‘Just start. Put on your hat and boots, and plant.’

**Find them at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am.**

## Santos and Synthesis: a ‘heart-aligned’ partnership

In the lush heart of the Byron Shire, two local businesses are showing how what they call a ‘values-led collaboration’ can nurture both people and the planet. Santos Organics and Synthesis Organics have joined forces in a powerful partnership grounded in sustainability, ethics, and community resilience.

For over four decades, Santos Organics has been a trusted local hub for organic, earth-friendly products nourishing the Northern Rivers while prioritising ethical sourcing and environmental stewardship. Every decision, from what’s on the shelves to how it’s packaged, is guided by a mission to create positive change.

Synthesis Organics, based in the Byron hinterland, shares this same ‘heart-led approach’. Their award-winning certified organic skincare and wellness range is crafted using biodynamic farming methods, certified organic botanicals, and energy activated formulations designed to support wellbeing and the Earth.

This year Synthesis was awarded the 2025 Climate Leadership Award at the Clean + Conscious Sustainability + Social Impact Awards, a new category dedicated to recognising trailblazing brands creating true, lasting change for people and planet.

This recognition celebrates their unwavering commitment to climate action, reducing emissions, and regenerating ecosystems. Their ethos of doing business with integrity, consciousness and care for the planet is shared wholeheartedly with Santos Organics.

The businesses say that their ‘alignment of values made the collaboration a natural step’. Through its Grow the Growers initiative, Santos Organics recently provided funding to help Synthesis cultivate their regenerative farm, expand their production capacity, and strengthen their supply of locally-grown botanicals.

‘By investing in Synthesis, we’re strengthening a circular

local economy where resources, knowledge, and profits stay within the community,’ says Rob, General Manager at Santos Organics. ‘Localisation is key to building resilience – supporting the land, the people, and a thriving future.’

Thanks to this support, Synthesis has achieved full biodynamic and organic certification for their farm, launched their Earth Rising roadside stall and is now offering fresh produce to the local community.



L-R: Theme Rains founder of Synthesis Organics, Shelbi Southgate (Santos Organics) and Sarah Cavallaro (Santos Organics) at the Synthesis Organics farm in the Byron hinterland.

Theme Rains, founder and formulator of Synthesis Organics, shares: ‘This partnership helped us bring our vision to life. It’s supported not just the growth of our farm, but the spirit of our work.’

As part of the collaboration, Santos Organics now proudly stocks Synthesis Organics products in-store at Mullumbimby and online. Customers can also enjoy an exclusive 10% discount on their first Synthesis purchase via a dedicated affiliate link on the Santos website.

Together, Santos and Synthesis are showing what’s possible when local businesses work in synergy – honouring nature, empowering community, and cultivating a resilient and sustainable future.



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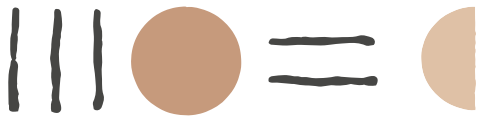
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**Visit them:**  
**Monday-Friday, 9.30am-4pm**  
 4/1 Boronia Place  
[eyeofhoruscosmetics.com](http://eyeofhoruscosmetics.com)  
[@eyeofhoruscosmetics](https://www.instagram.com/eyeofhoruscosmetics)

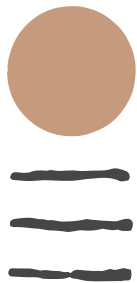


## 2. BODHI LIVING

Bodhi Living showcases a carefully-curated collection of furniture, homewares, rugs and lighting, sourced both locally and globally. They have introduced a range of collections designed in-house, including sofas, dining tables and seating using natural and sustainable materials such as rattan and wood.

The brand encapsulates the freedom of spirit, and the soul of the individual, as represented through their home.

**Shop 1/18 Centennial Circuit**  
[bodhiliving.com.au](http://bodhiliving.com.au)  
[@bodhi.living](https://www.instagram.com/bodhi.living)



## 3. BYRON BAY CAMPING AND DISPOSALS

Spring's well and truly here and the temperature is perfect for all those outdoor activities. Byron Bay Camping and Disposals have most of your bait and tackle needs, with brands in store like Okuma, Zman, Halco, Platypus and Jaz lures.

They also have a huge range of snorkelling and spearfishing gear for those who prefer spending their time in the water.

**1/1 Tasman Way**  
[www.byron-camping.com.au](http://www.byron-camping.com.au)  
 0439 212 153

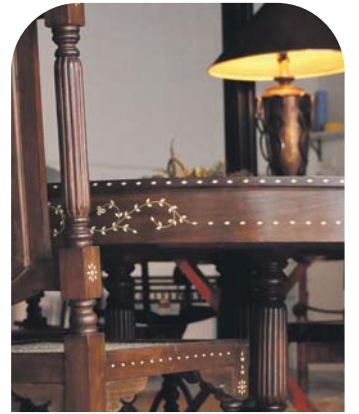


## 4. OUR PLACE BYRON

Our Place is Byron's retail, events and creative hub. They host vintage clothing markets with local vendors, wellness sessions, and creative workshops. They stock Salty Dagger, Jim Banks surfboards, garments, surf essentials and more. A space for connection and discovering local brands in Byron's arts precinct.

Local Creative? Let them showcase your art for free.

**4/4 Banksia Drive**  
[@ourplacebyron](https://www.instagram.com/ourplacebyron)



## 5. ANTICO EMPORIO

The well-known and loved Antico Emporio in Eltham has recently opened up a second location in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate. A great little space now stocking a wide range of art, curios, antiques and collectables.

Opening hours 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday, or by appointment.

**12 Tasman Way**  
 0420 926 409  
[anticoemporio.com.au](http://anticoemporio.com.au)  
[@antico\\_emporio](https://www.instagram.com/antico_emporio)  
[anticoemporio@outlook.com](mailto:anticoemporio@outlook.com)



## 6. NIMBUS CO BYRON

Nimbus Co is a sanctuary dedicated to your well-being, where modern wellness meets natural harmony. New clients can enjoy their state-of-the-art wellness studio in Byron Bay with their 'New to Nimbus offering':

- 50 minute standard sauna session \$35
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- 50 minute private hold cold contrast session \$45.

Towels, filtered water and refreshments provided.

**4/17 Tasman Way**  
[www.nimbusco.com.au](http://www.nimbusco.com.au)



## 7. THE LARDER BYRON BAY

The Larder Byron Bay has been serving the Byron Shire and surrounding areas since 1998. They make entertaining easy, with options for drop-off, buffet, or full service for weddings, festivals, birthdays, wakes, workshops and corporate events. Their menus cater to all tastes.

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**1/12 Bayshore Drive**  
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## 8. THE SALVOS STORE

Salvos Store in Byron Bay is located at 5 Banksia Drive in the Arts & Industry Estate. This great store has an amazing selection of women's, men's and kids' clothing, including a vibrant boutique clothing section. The store also stocks mattresses and smaller furniture items.

The store is open Monday to Saturday. Pop in and see the friendly team.

5 Banksia Drive



## 9. NORTH BYRON HOTEL

North Byron Hotel is a much-loved local favourite, where the garden comes alive with their open skies sizzling BBQ, and plenty of room for both big celebrations and laid-back afternoons. Families and kids are always welcome, and daily happy hour adds to the charm.

Head Chef Jedd Rifai delights guests with seasonal menus full of local produce and fresh, creative flavours.

61 Bayshore Drive  
02 6685 6500  
northbyronhotel.com.au



## 10. TEMPLE OF THE SUN

Temple of the Sun is a modern expression of ancient craft - jewellery inspired by history, shaped by nature, and made to last. Each piece gathers meaning as it is worn, evolving into an heirloom that holds deep connection while honouring sentiment and beauty.

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3 Ti-Tree Place  
templeofthesun.com.au  
@templeofthesunjewellery



## 11. SOLE BROS, BYRON BAY

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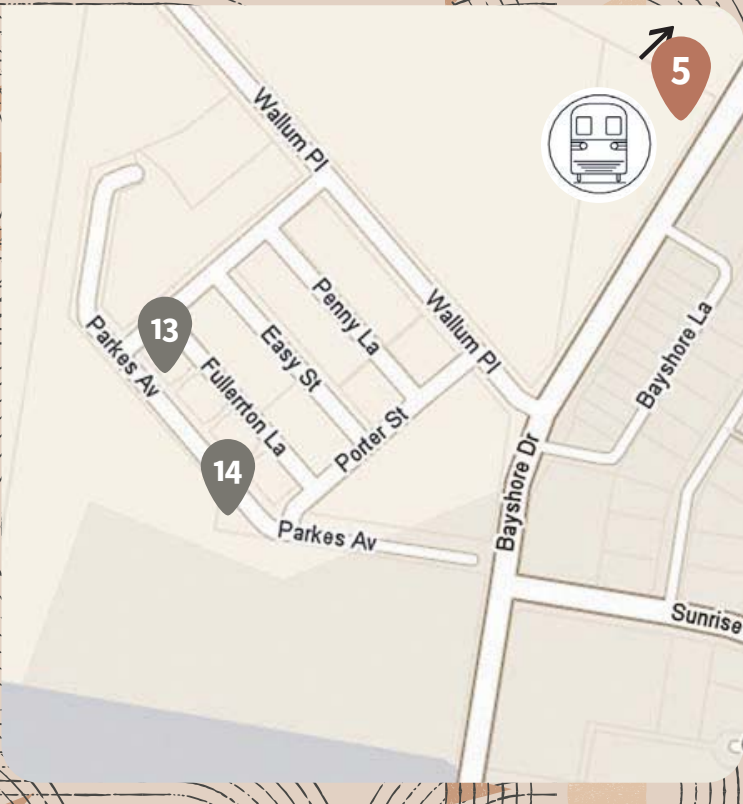
## 12. MR VINTAGE

How you dress is representative of your personality. You are unique, one in seven billion, born out of the death of a star.

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3/6 Centennial Circuit  
02 6680 8640  
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# HABITAT PRECINCT



Habitat is a cleverly designed village in Byron Bay, where you can live, work and play, all in one place.

Over 20 years in the making, Habitat combines the best of old-school Byron (community, creativity, respect for the environment) with the latest in design and thinking (renewable energy, car sharing, hybrid live + work spaces) along with plenty of bars and good times, it is a little oasis within one of the most beautiful places on Earth.



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## 13. RICHARDSON MURRAY LAW

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## 14. BYRON FAMILY LAW

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The Northern Rivers Rail Trail currently has two operating sections: the north from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek (24km) and the south from Casino to Lismore (29.7km). Together, they showcase the diversity of landscapes, villages and experiences that make the Northern Rivers region so unique.

The Rail Trail is a shared recreation and nature trail created along a disused railway line. Free to use, it provides a safe environment for walkers, cyclists, horseriders in designated areas, and people of all abilities to enjoy the outdoors.

### Northern section – Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek (24km)

The northern section starts at the heritage-listed Murwillumbah Railway Station, just 36km south of Gold Coast Airport. Here visitors will find the Visitor Information Centre where they can pick up a trail map, purchase souvenirs and catch up on the latest updates.

The station also offers parking for 60 cars, with overflow available during peak times. There are four retail stores including bike hire and shuttle services, bathrooms, picnic facilities, an e-bike charger, bike pump, fix-it station and water bubbler.

The 24km trail connects the villages of Murwillumbah, Stokers Siding, Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek. Along the way, users will cross 16 restored bridges, pass by ten historic bridge relics and travel through two tunnels. The Burringbar Range Tunnel is the highlight at 524 metres long. It is unlit to protect resident microbats and glow worms, so visitors need to bring a light. The second tunnel, Hulls Road Tunnel, runs for 50 metres.

Scenic stops, village cafes and a short connection to the Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre add to the experience. There is also a 2.2km section

**MURWILLUMBAH CRABBES CREEK TRAIL**

## BURRINGBAR GALLERY

Discover timeless treasures in Burringbar, less than five minutes from the Rail Trail.

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at Upper Burringbar where horses are permitted, and dogs are welcome along the trail on a short leash.

### Southern section – Casino to Lismore (29.7km)

The southern section offers a different but equally memorable experience, stretching almost 30km through rolling farmland and historic townships. Riders and walkers will encounter the Naughtons Gap Tunnel, one of the highlights of the trail. Just before the tunnel, there is a short, but steep, climb with sweeping views across the countryside at the top.

Closer to Lismore, the trail connects directly to Nesbitt Park. This family-friendly destination is perfect for a break, with BMX tracks for kids, plenty of space for a picnic and easy access to the town.

Parking is plentiful along the southern section, with multiple access points between Casino and Lismore. Several starting points also provide dedicated float parking, making it easy for horse riders to join the trail. A dedicated bridle trail stretches for more than 20km alongside the main trail, offering a safe and scenic route for equestrian users.

### A trail for everyone

With two sections now open, the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is fast becoming one of the region's signature attractions. Whether you are chasing adventure, seeking family-friendly activities or simply looking to enjoy the beauty of the Northern Rivers at your own pace, the trail offers something for everyone, with more to come as future stages are completed.

## TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is the first stop on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail and the perfect location to enjoy spectacular views of Wollumbin. The gallery presents a dynamic program of touring exhibitions, alongside exhibitions showcasing the works of regional and national artists.

The Margaret Olley Art Centre celebrates the career, life and legacy of Margaret Olley. The home studio re-creation is a permanent display and is complimented by a changing exhibition program. Also situated on the gallery grounds is the Margaret Olley Memorial Garden, a living tribute to the artist. Olley's ashes are interred here, marking a fitting final resting place.

The onsite cafe Apex Dining is open during gallery hours and is available for lunch bookings or takeaway refreshments.

**Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–4pm**  
2 Mistral Road Murwillumbah  
[gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## MOO MOO ROADHOUSE

Located on the Tweed Valley Way in the quaint village of Mooball, the Moo Moo Roadhouse has been a popular pit stop for locals and tourists for many years, and has now added the abundance of rail trail cyclists and walkers to its fan club.

Whether you're walking, riding or driving, the Moo Moo Cafe is the perfect spot to fuel up, grab a bite to eat, drink some awesome coffee and check out the great range of motorcycles, memorabilia and antiques they have on display. And they have free wi-fi!

**Monday to Friday 6am–5.30pm,  
Saturday and Sunday 7am–5pm**  
5887 Tweed Valley Way, Mooball  
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## BEYOND BYRON E BIKES

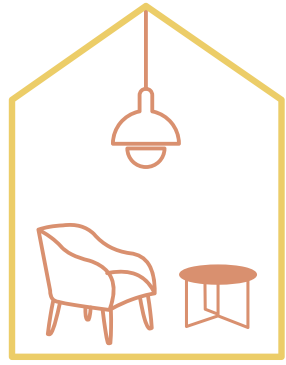
Looking for an unforgettable adventure this school holiday break? Beyond Byron E Bikes, located in Mooball - closest to the Byron Bay end of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail - offers a fantastic way to explore with rides designed for ultimate comfort and fun. Their German-made e-bikes feature gel seats and puncture-proof tyres, ensuring a smooth journey as you take in stunning natural scenery. Families are well catered for with kids' e-bikes, tag-a-longs, baby seats, and even dog trailers for furry companions. Riders can enjoy leisurely breaks and plenty of delicious options along the way. Easy online booking at [www.beyondbyronebikes.com.au](http://www.beyondbyronebikes.com.au).



### TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

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# Making SPACES



## Bodhi Living

Bodhi Living is a Byron Bay-based interiors brand with a global perspective, showcasing a carefully curated collection of furniture, rugs, lighting, homewares and antique one-off pieces sourced from around the world. Guided by natural materials, timeless design and ethical craftsmanship, Bodhi Living's collections bring warmth and authenticity into the modern home. Alongside their global finds, they have introduced in-house designed sofas, dining tables and seating, crafted with sustainable materials such as natural rattan, walnut and oak timber. Bodhi Living encapsulates the freedom of spirit and individuality expressed through the home.

Bodhi Living is hosting their annual Warehouse Sale at S/ash Studios, 156 Jonson Street, Byron Bay from 26–28 September 2025.

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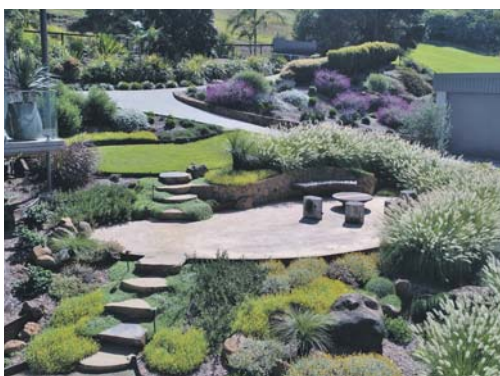
## Eden at Byron

It's springtime, so get your garden growing!

Summer crops like basil, tomatoes, capsicum, chilli, eggplant, beans, cucumber and corn, as well as salad leaves and herbs, can all be planted now. Growing your own is a great way to enjoy some of the more unusual heirloom varieties, and freshness is guaranteed. You'll know exactly what has gone into the soil and on to the plants, so you'll know it's all clean and safe.

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## Gondwana Landscaping and Stone

With over 20 years of hands-on experience in both Australia and the UK, Gondwana Landscaping and Stone founder, Landscape Designer and Stone Mason Mark Smith brings a wealth of knowledge, creativity, and craftsmanship to every project he undertakes.

Mark is known for his ability to conceptualise distinctive and functional outdoor spaces that blend harmoniously with the natural environment of Byron Bay and its surrounds. Drawing inspiration from the local landscape, he incorporates native and endemic elements to craft gardens and stone features that feel deeply rooted in place.

A passionate designer with a commitment to integrity, quality workmanship, and transparent communication, Mark leads a team of dedicated professionals who share his drive for excellence. Together, they deliver exceptional landscaping solutions, on time and on budget—every time.

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## Eclectic Selection

### What's on this week



A popular Byron Bay entertainer, **Jon J Bradley**, delivers live, engaging, and energetic party music in the form of pop and retro-rock alternative classics. Jon's earthy acoustic renditions exhibit strong, versatile vocals with warm harmonica and rhythmic guitar.

**Thursday from 7pm at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.**

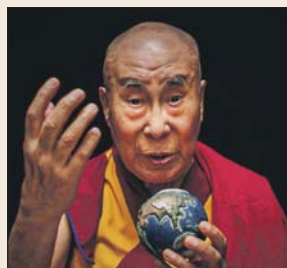
Where Love Lives Events presents **LOVEMORE**, a night filled with love and joy in Lismore. This event is set to be a dope night filled with house and disco beats that's sure to get everyone into the groove with a stacked lineup – whether you're looking to dance, enjoy a riveting performance, or simply find a safe space to be yourself, LOVEMORE is the place to be.

**Saturday from 6pm at the Hotel Metropole, Lismore. Tickets from \$25 at eventbrite.com.au.**



Australian progressive folk/roots artist **Jordan Mac** has fast become known for his honest voice and virtuosic ability on the 12- and six-stringed guitars, while layering Middle Eastern and Celtic-infused riffs over electronic beats and Latin percussion.

**Friday from 5pm at Elements of Byron, Byron Bay. Free show.**



The screening of a new documentary **Wisdom of Happiness – a Heart-to-Heart with the Dalai Lama** offers a unique opportunity to experience an intimate conversation with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This special cinematic event explores his timeless wisdom on navigating the challenges of the 21st century and finding true happiness.

**Friday 7pm at Southern Cross University – Lismore Campus room D 1.29. Tickets \$25 from atc.org.au/events, or at the door – if available.**



Australian rock royalty the **Hoodoo Gurus** will headline a powerful night of music and purpose – **Wild Aid** – in Byron Bay, leading a star-studded lineup including special guest Toni Childs, pop favourites Screamfeeder, and retro-inspired groove/boogie band The Honey Sliders, for a benefit concert in support of Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital.

**Saturday from 5.30pm at The Green Room, Byron Bay. Tickets from \$109 at www.moshtix.com.au.**

**Paul A. George**, known for his work with genre-defying group Tijuana Cartel, draws from a diverse palette – blending classical, flamenco, and Greek musical influences. With family roots in Crete, Paul weaves the modal colours and rhythms of



traditional Greek music into his playing, merging them seamlessly with intricate fingerstyle technique and a cinematic sense of space.

**Sunday from 4pm at the Hotel Brunswick, Brunswick Heads. Free show.**



Ballina Blues Club features **FBI (Federal Blues Inc.)** who play a mixture of originals and blues classics, drawing from old masters such as Muddy Waters and BB King, plus more contemporary artists like Eric Clapton, Gary Clark Jr., Joe Louis Walker and Robin Ford. The result is an exciting, dynamic and passionate blues experience.

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



## The beat of a guitar

Some people march to the beat of their own drum – **Jerome Williams** marches to the beat of his own guitar. When Jerome picks up an acoustic guitar, he makes it do things you've never heard before. Expect the unexpected as he switches from percussive guitar beats to spitting bars before suddenly throwing in some insane shredding. Kind of like if Drake and Slash had a mildly-deranged lovechild. Unashamedly his authentic self, Jerome was put on this Earth to perform. His mission is to make people want to get up and dance... like no one's watching, of course. The more chaos, the better. He does this with a pure rawness and a mashup of rock, hip hop and funk.

**Friday from 8pm at The Northern, Byron Bay. This is a free event.**



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## Number 19 for BBFF

The Byron Bay International Film Festival (BBFF) returns in October for its 19th edition with a theme that says it all: Love Film.

Across ten days and six Northern Rivers towns, BBFF will bring people together to share stories that move, challenge and inspire.

Opening night features the Australian premiere of *Birthright*, a debut feature from writer-director **Zoe Pepper**, produced by Byron local **Cody Greenwood**. The screening at Palace Byron Bay will be followed by a red-carpet gala and karaoke after-party at Tokyo Doll, setting the tone for ten days of film and celebration.

The drama program stands out with international award-winners made for the big screen. Cinqué Lee's *A Rare Grand*

*Alignment* strands three boys and a dead body in a Norwegian cable car during a celestial event. *Happyend*, set in near-future Tokyo, examines immigration and authoritarian control in ways that feel drawn from today's headlines. *It Was Just An Accident*, winner of the Cannes Palme d'Or, is a revenge thriller already attracting worldwide attention. Matthew Rankin's *Universal Language* adds a surreal, tender look at family and connection in snowy Winnipeg.

Documentaries are a strong element of this year's festival. *Orwell: 2+2=5* explores the lasting relevance of 1984. *Comparsa* follows young Guatemalan women using theatre to resist violence, while *Champions of the Golden Valley* profiles Afghan skiers building dignity against the odds.

Local stories include *Journey Home*, *David Gulpilil*, tracing the actor's final wish to be laid to rest on his homeland, and *Common Wealth*, which follows a man's journey through alternative economic and political models in search of fairer ways of living.

An environmental strand underscores the urgency of our times with *Turtle Walker* and *Fool's Paradise (Lost?)*, each challenging audiences to rethink the systems and choices shaping our shared future.

Music is central to the 2025 program. *Marlon Williams: Two Worlds - Ngā Ao E Rua* offers a close look at one of Aotearoa's most-loved artists as he creates an album sung entirely in te reo Māori. The genre-defying

*The Extraordinary Miss Flower* combines letters, performance and song into an unconventional portrait, with readings by well-known artists, including Nick Cave, adding resonance.

Short films and festival awards – including Best Film, Best Music Video, Young Australian Filmmaker and the newly renamed David Stratton Documentary Award – will again highlight excellence and encourage bold new voices.

With its regional reach and community heart, BBFF 2025 promises a celebration of cinema and the stories that connect us all.

For program details and tickets go to [www.bbff.com.au](http://www.bbff.com.au).

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## Barnes Storm at the Beachy

Jimmy Barnes is without doubt one of the most loved and respected artists in Australian history. As frontman of Cold Chisel, Jimmy had a natural energy working hard, playing hard and living life. He carried this philosophy into his solo career and now has an unsurpassed collection of the most well-known Australian anthems, that have, in many cases, become the soundtracks to people's lives.

**Barnes Storm** play these songs with the highest regard and utmost respect, allowing audiences to relive their

memories, including the younger generation who grew up listening to their parent's music. Iconic songs: 'Driving Wheels', 'Lay Down Your Guns', 'Flame Trees', 'Khe Sanh', and of course 'Working Class Man', to name a few, along with some of Jimmy's latest songs, engage the audience to sing along. Barnes Storm have captured the sound, the amazing energy and presentation of Jimmy's on-stage performances that has to be seen and heard, to be believed.

Frontman **Scott Bedford** emulates Jimmy with accuracy and with total respect, so much that it has been said: 'if you close your eyes, you would think you are listening to Jimmy himself.'

Guitarist **Leon Massey**, bass guitarist **Craig Battistuzzi**, **Luke Rosten** on keys and Russ **Harley** on drums complete the band delivering a high-quality, high-energy performance. Barnes Storm has toured up and down the east coast of NSW with a focus on national and international shows firmly in their sights. They have proven that they have what it takes to give fans a show to remember and leaving them asking for more, making Barnes Storm Australia's premier Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel Show.

Barnes Storm return to the Beach Hotel Byron Bay on Sunday, October 5. Last time, the band took the stage by storm and there is no reason why this time will be any different.

All those classic iconic anthems by Jimmy Barnes and Cold Chisel that have shaped this country's way of life will be played. Being the long weekend, you can let your hair down, get with your mates, enjoy the atmosphere and party on.

**This is a free entry show and starts at 4.30pm. Plus the Beachy are doing \$9 Stone & Wood schooners all day on Sundays.**



### Could you be BayFM's next Treasurer?

Put yourself at the heart of BayFM Community Radio - currently celebrating 35 years of service to our local region.

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## Lotus Palliative Care fundraiser a sell out success



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Saturday night saw plenty of dancing and lots of fun at the **Lotus Palliative Care fundraiser** at the Billinudgel Hotel. Pictured are **Chrissie Ball**, Lotus Social Media; **Lulu Shapiro** who owns and operates Lotus and puts on two fundraisers a year; Lulu's brother **David Shapiro**; and friend **Rose Dadon**.

'Every ticket sold and donation made helps Lotus to continue delivering specialised palliative care, empowering people to spend their final days in the comfort and dignity of their own homes, a wish often denied,' said organiser Lulu.

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## Wandana Record Fair

Wandana Brewing Co is teaming up with a vibrant group of record vendors, local DJs, and creatives to host the **Wandana Record Fair** this **Sunday**.

With Mt Chincogan as the backdrop and Wandana's craft brews – including their newly-launched Mullet Haze – this fair brings together some of the region's most passionate selectors, collectors, and makers for an afternoon of music, instruments, and discovery.

Beyond the Crates – a killer lineup of vendors will be serving up everything from rare gems to dance floor staples: **Flo Records** – Bangalow-based store renowned for music that moves dance floors; **Vinyl Junkie** – a name that needs no introduction, Matt's record fairs over Easter and Christmas have become legendary fixtures on the collectors' calendar; **Sacred Crates** – returning to his roots, Marco once ran a beloved Mullum record shop before relocating to Brisbane; **Holy Cowboy** – claiming to be Australia's finest country collector/singer, bringing another layer of eclectic taste and sought-after selections; and, **Valiant Music** – recently taken over by Rob, who'll be bringing a selection of vintage guitars and instruments alongside vinyl treasures.

So many DJs and soundtracks as much-loved local selectors **Papa Bitcho** and **Sunnysideup** will be

on deck all afternoon, weaving together sounds to keep the courtyard moving as the sun dips behind Chincogan.

This is so much more than records – Beyond the Crates, the fair will feature: a **Mamamouchi pop-up barbershop** from Lennox Head – part barber, part listening lounge; local food legends **Sunset Eats Mullum** serving up tasty bites to keep diggers fuelled; and, fresh brews, cocktails, and a warm community atmosphere courtesy of Wandana Brewing.

This is a Sunday to settle in – this isn't your dusty, old-school record fair – it's a celebration of vinyl culture and Northern Rivers creativity. Whether you're a seasoned collector hunting rarities, or just after good tunes, good food, and good company, the Wandana Record Fair is the place to be.

**12pm to 6pm. Wandana Brewing Co, 20 Manns Rd, Mullumbimby. Free entry.**

## Be Their Guest



**Bright Lights Senior Musical Theatre troupe** is proud to present **Beauty and the Beast Jr** for their 2025 musical production.

After sell-out seasons of *Frozen Jr* in 2023 and *Legally Blonde Jr* in 2024, Bright Lights are excited to welcome you to watch the talented performers bring this tale, as old as time, to life.

Based on the 1991 movie, the musical brings this classic story to life with all of

the songs you know and love. The show is full of iconic characters, exhilarating dance routines, musical theatre songs and ballads, and of course the keeper of the house Cogsworth, and the charismatic maître d' Lumiere.

To quote Lumiere, 'Let us entertain you, and be our guest.'

**Tickets are now available through the Byron Bay Community Centre website – [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au).**

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# CINEMA



## Ravel's 'Boléro'

Every 15 minutes, someone somewhere in the world plays Ravel's 'Boléro' – it's a legacy that its originator could never have imagined.

Renowned composer Maurice Ravel (**Raphaël Personnaz**) is haunted by self-doubt and melancholy. Commissioned by eccentric and magnanimous Russian dancer Ida Rubenstein (César-winning **Jeanne Balibar**), he must compose a carnal, rapturous fanfare for her latest ballet. Blocked creatively and cast aside by his peers, Ravel turns to his closest friends for inspiration – pianist Marguerite Long (**Emmanuelle Devos**, *Masquerade*), his friend Cipa (**Vincent Perez**) and Cipa's sister Misia (**Doria Tillier**), whom he hopelessly adores. Set against the decadent, industrialised Paris of the 1920s, Boléro demands that Ravel draw on the essence of sound itself to redeem his raw genius, or risk being consumed by it completely.

A tribute to the timelessness of the composer's haunting masterpiece, *Boléro*, writer-director **Anne Fontaine** takes us on a deconstructed, elliptical journey through the idiosyncratic life of Maurice Ravel, via his struggle to complete the 17-minute piece of music.

Premiering at the International Film Festival in Rotterdam, *Boléro* is a celebration of a classical genius.

**Three sessions at Palace Cinemas, Byron Bay – Wednesday 11.30am, 3.30pm and 6pm.**

# GIG GUIDE

It's **FREE** to list your gigs in the gig guide.  
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### WEDNESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – BODHI ACTON & MITCHELL DORMER**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY – FEATURING TING LIM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **DR HUBBLES BUBBLES**

### THURSDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO + DJ OREN SELECTA**, 11PM **DUELLING PIANOS – SAM WHEAT & BODHI ACTON**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **YAZMINDI**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CLUB BRIEFS**
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **MONDO HUM**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- KELP, BALLINA, **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 7.30PM **JORDAN MAC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BLUEGRASS JAM**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**

### FRIDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BULLETPROOF**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LUKE PAULEY + EMILY WILLIAMS**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JASON DELPHIN + DJ JAMIE LOWE**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & DIZZY J + SAM WHEAT & BODHI ACTON**, 8PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MILDLIFE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CLUB BRIEFS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 5.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **MATT DAY TRIO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **LUCID SAFARI**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM **KAFFENE**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 8PM **JESSE WHITNEY**
- SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, LISMORE, 7PM **SCREENING – 'WISDOM OF HAPPINESS – A HEART-TO-HEART WITH THE DALAI LAMA'**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30AM **CHRIS C**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **CLARE BOWDITCH**
- CONDONG BOWLS CLUB 6PM **ADAM THOMAS AND THE ROOT NOTE + THE EARLY BIRDS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BLAKE EVANS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **SALI BRACEWELL**

### CLUB TWEED 7.30PM CHI CHI

- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE BEACH BOYS EXPERIENCE**

### SATURDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **DISCOVERY DAFT PUNK TRIBUTE**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **DJ ALICE Q**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ERI + POLY & CO**, 8PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & SHANE PARRY + SAM WHEAT & DIZZY J**
- THE GREEN ROOM, BYRON, 5.30PM **WILD AID – 2025 FEAT HOODOO GURUS, TONI CHILDS, SCREAMFEEDER AND THE HONEY SLIDERS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 5.30PM **SUPERCHEEZE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CLUB BRIEFS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ ROB SYDNEY**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 6PM **THOR & JASMINE PHILLIPS**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6PM **MARSHALL & THE FRO**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **ADAM GARDINER**
- JIGGI HALL 6PM **THE LOVEYS**
- EAST LISMORE BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **GUY KACHEL BAND**

### MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM CLASSIC GOLD

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MARK CROTTI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 5PM **RICHARD CLAPTON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **THE RECORD BREAKERS**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **DANNY FAI FAI**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM **THE OASIS EXPERIENCE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **SMOKIE**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **GANGGAJANG**

### SUNDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FELICITY LAWLESS BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GOODRICH + DJ LONGTIME**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SAM BUCKLEY + DJ ZAC EWING**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & DIZZY J**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **PAUL A. GEORGE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **CLUB BRIEFS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 3PM **OPEN MIC**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 12PM **WANDANA RECORD FAIR FEAT. DJ PAPA BITCHO, DJ MAMAMOUCHI BARBER AND DJ SUNNYSIDEUP**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **KATIE WHITE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 3PM **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **POLY & CO**
- LENNOX PIZZA 5PM **JOSE**

### MONDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **ALEX TILLEY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALEX BOWEN**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – MITCHELL DORMER & SHANE PARRY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS & BILLY GUY**

### TUESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BILL JACOBI**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**, 9PM **DUELLING PIANOS – BODHI ACTON & MITCHELL DORMER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **RICK PRICE**

### WEDNESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JESSE WHITNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **IZAEAH MARSH**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

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**SPECIAL SCREENINGS**

**BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID** (PG)  
Tues: 6:30PM

**GOLDENEYE - 30TH ANNIVERSARY** (PG)  
CULT WALK  
Mon: 6:00PM

**NT LIVE: INTER ALIA** (CTC)  
Thurs, Fri: 6:15PM. Sat, Sun: 3:30PM

**THE SMASHING MACHINE** (CTC)  
PREVIEW SCREENING  
Wed: 6:30PM

**FAMILY FILMS**

**GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE** (G)  
STARTS SATURDAY  
Daily except Thurs, Fri: 11:00AM, 1:45PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM

**KANGAROO** (PG)  
Daily: 10:50AM, 1:10PM

**SKETCH** (PG)  
Daily except Thurs: 11:00AM, 5:10PM. Thurs: 11:00AM, 12:40PM

**THE BAD GUYS 2** (PG)  
Thurs: 10:45AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM. Fri: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 3:45PM, 6:00PM. Sat, Sun, Wed: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 3:45PM, 6:10PM

**ALL FILMS**

**A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY** (M)  
Thurs, Fri: 11:00AM, 4:00PM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM. Sat, Sun: 11:20AM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM. Mon: 11:20AM, 3:30PM, 8:20PM. Tues: 11:20AM, 3:40PM, 8:20PM. Wed: 11:20AM, 3:30PM, 8:10PM

**APOLLO 13: 30TH ANNIVERSARY** (PG)  
Daily: 3:20PM

**DEMON SLAYER: KIMETSU NO YAIBA INFINITY CASTLE** (MA15+)  
Daily except Thurs: 7:10PM. Thurs: 2:10PM, 8:00PM

**DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE** (PG)  
Daily except Thurs, Fri: 10:45AM. Thurs: 11:30AM, 1:20PM. Fri: 10:45AM, 1:20PM

**ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER** (M)  
Daily: 11:15AM, 12:15PM, 2:40PM, 3:40PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM

**SPINAL TAP II: THE END CONTINUES** (M)  
Daily except Thurs: 1:20PM, 3:20PM, 6:10PM. Thurs: 2:40PM, 4:30PM, 6:20PM

**THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND** (PG)  
Thurs: 3:30PM. Fri: 3:50PM. Sat, Sun, Wed: 8:10PM. Mon: 8:40PM. Tues: 3:45PM

**THE CONJURING: LAST RITES** (MA15+)  
Daily except Thurs: 1:00PM, 8:15PM. Thurs: 1:00PM, 5:15PM, 8:15PM

**THE NAKED GUN** (M)  
Thurs: 10:45AM

**THE ROSES** (MA15+)  
Thurs: 11:00AM, 3:45PM, 6:10PM. Fri: 11:00AM, 3:45PM, 6:00PM. Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed: 3:45PM, 6:00PM. Tues: 6:00PM

**THE STRANGERS: CHAPTER 2** (CTC)  
Daily except Thurs: 1:15PM, 8:15PM. Thurs: 1:15PM, 8:10PM

**WEAPONS** (MA15+)  
Daily except Thurs, Wed: 8:00PM. Thurs: 8:20PM

**BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS**

**A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY** (M)  
Daily except Wed: 7:10PM

**A HARD DAY'S NIGHT** (PG)  
MATINEE MEMORIES  
Sat: 2:15PM

**DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE** (PG)  
Thurs, Fri: 10:00AM, 2:30PM, 6:45PM. Sat: 10:00AM. Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed: 10:00AM, 2:30PM

**GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE** (G)  
Sat: 9:45AM, 2:45PM, 6:45PM. Sun, Mon, Tues: 9:45AM, 2:10PM, 6:45PM. Wed: 9:45AM, 2:10PM, 7:10PM

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Daily except Thurs, Fri: 11:50AM, 4:20PM. Thurs, Fri: 9:45AM, 12:00PM, 4:30PM

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Daily: 12:30PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM

**SKETCH** (PG)  
Daily: 5:10PM

**THE BAD GUYS 2** (PG)  
Daily except Thurs, Fri: 10:00AM, 12:15PM, 2:20PM

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PREVIEW SCREENING  
Wed: 7:00PM

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### PORTER, Ernest (JACK)

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Family ties are precious, things woven through the years. With memories of togetherness, laughter, love and tears.

With laughter, love and tears we farewell Jack, Dad, Pa and Poppy Jack.

Aged 96 years and being a Byron local for 45 years, we have been blessed for the last 10 months to have had Dad here at Mount Martha. Spending many long hours, lunches, chats and laughs together.

What a great man, living life to its fullest.

Miss you forever.  
Always in our hearts.

## FUNERAL NOTICES

### PERGER, MILAN

April 7, 1950 – September 13, 2025

Milan passed at Tweed Valley Hospital.

Much loved husband of Ruth, loved father of Aaron, Dylan & Lana and grandfather of Sia & Zuri.

Family and friends are warmly invited to celebrate Milan's life on Friday September 26, 2025 at 2pm at

Tweed Valley Crematorium, 813-871 Eviron Rd, Eviron, followed by a celebration of his life at the Mullumbimby RSL Club from 5pm.

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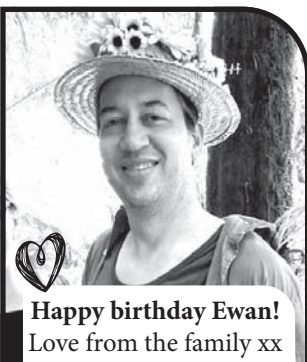
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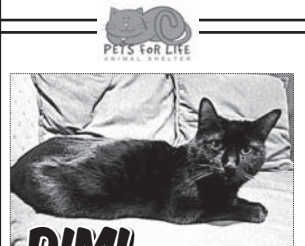
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DATE (Sep/Oct)	DAY MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
24	W	5:33 / 17:43	6:31 / 19:53	0937 1.48; 2136 1.36	0307 0.22; 1535 0.36
25	TH	5:32 / 17:43	7:01 / 20:48	1011 1.49; 2205 1.26	0332 0.25; 1615 0.42
26	F	5:30 / 17:44	7:34 / 21:44	1046 1.47; 2238 1.15	0400 0.29; 1658 0.49
27	SA	5:29 / 17:44	8:11 / 22:41	1125 1.44; 2315 1.04	0428 0.35; 1747 0.56
28	SU	5:28 / 17:45	8:53 / 23:37	1210 1.39; 1851 0.61	0500 0.42
29	M	5:27 / 17:45	9:41 / 00:19	1309 1.34	0544 0.49; 2015 0.63
30	TU	5:26 / 17:46	10:35 / 0:30	1426 1.33	0647 0.55; 2142 0.60
1	W	5:24 / 17:46	11:34 / 1:19	1542 1.37	0817 0.57; 2244 0.52
2	TH	5:23 / 17:47	12:36 / 2:04	1644 1.45	0939 0.52; 2329 0.42
3	F	5:22 / 17:47	13:39 / 2:44	1734 1.54	1044 0.43
4	SA	5:21 / 17:48	14:42 / 3:20	1819 1.62	0005 0.32; 1137 0.33
5	SU	6:20 / 18:48	16:46 / 4:54	0742 1.34; 2000 1.67	0040 0.22; 1326 0.23
6	M	6:19 / 18:49	17:52 / 5:27	0825 1.48; 2042 1.66	0214 0.13; 1415 0.17
7	TU	6:17 / 18:49	18:59 / 6:00	0909 1.60; 2122 1.61	0248 0.07; 1502 0.14
8	W	6:16 / 18:50	20:08 / 6:35	0954 1.70; 2203 1.50	0323 0.04; 1553 0.15

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



# Community at Work

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### Organic Landcare meets in Bruns, Sept 27

OLI's upcoming Volunteer Day will be on Saturday, September 27, from 8am until 12:30pm, at the Brunswick dunes chemical-free site. Meet at the fire trail gate, South Beach Road end, behind the Surf Club. Tasks will be to follow bitou bush, fish bone fern, coastal morning glory, climbing nightshade, syngonia, etc. Please wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants for sun protection and to avoid scratches. Also bring a hat, gloves, water and some morning tea. OLI will provide a first aid kit, tree poppers and loppers. Organiser Nadia de Souza Pietramale says, 'We are looking forward to seeing you - bring your swimmers for a dip in the ocean'. For more info call 0478 272 300 or visit [www.organiclandcareinc.org](http://www.organiclandcareinc.org).

### Mullumbimby Drill Hall Film Society

Our next monthly screening will be on Wednesday, 24 September at 7pm with the doors, bar and kitchen

open from 6.30pm. The film, with a rather odd title 'Film stars don't die in Liverpool' is an entrancing biopic about Gloria Grahame, based on a book written by her young lover, Peter Turner and directed by the talented Scottish director, Paul McGuigan. Gloria is brilliantly played by Annette Bening with a great supporting cast. Enquiries and bookings email [drillhallfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:drillhallfilmsociety@gmail.com). Membership is due and guests are always welcome.

### Friends of Libraries AGM

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their Annual General Meeting on 15 October in the Arakul Room, Byron Library at 10am. All positions will be declared vacant, opening up a wonderful opportunity for those interested in supporting and fundraising for our local shire libraries. The members are a vibrant and interesting group working to raise funds through the well-known Annual Book Fair, book events and all things that keep the libraries functioning so well in our community.

## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

### Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm (closed 12.30-1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include: **Flood recovery support service:** personalised, long-term support for those impacted by the floods. **Community support:** food parcels, meals, showers, assistance with electricity bills. Work Development Orders.

**Listening Space:** free counselling. **More Than A Meal:** free community lunch Tuesday-Thursday 12.30-1.30pm.

**Financial counselling** **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program:** Information, referral, and advocacy.

**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](http://www.mdnc.org.au), or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre.

### Byron Community

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Fletcher Street Cottage:** A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find connections and access broader support. **Fletcher Street Cottage services are open Tuesday-Friday:** breakfast 7am-9am; showers and laundry 7am-12pm; office support 9am-12pm. Individual support appointments with community workers and specialist services available please book on (02) 6685 7830. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: [www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au](http://www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au). **Byron Seniors Club:** [www.byronseniors.com.au](http://www.byronseniors.com.au). More info on **Community Services:** [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) Phone: (02) 6685 6807.

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### Tech-savy Seniors

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### Co-dependents Anonymous

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship whose common purpose is to develop healthy and loving relationships with others and ourselves. We warmly welcome anyone, whether you have experience in the program or are a newcomer, to attend our 2025 convention on 18 October, 9am to 3.30pm, at Marvell Hall, Byron Bay. Tickets can be purchased on the day or via the link on our website: [codependentsanonymous.org.au](http://codependentsanonymous.org.au). A delicious veg/gf lunch is also available for purchase in advance via the ticket link. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with people who are dedicated to recovery from self neglect, abuse and abandonment. Whatever you may think about the word codependency, be prepared to rethink it! 'To thine own self be true'.

has food relief available for anyone doing it tough, please contact us on 0434 677747 if you find yourself doing it tough. No ID or Concession Card required. NILS referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

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### Alateen meeting

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

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Each SAT Wadeville 8am-12pm

Each SAT Byron Twilight Market 4pm Oct-Apr

Each SUN Ballina 7-11am

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

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**B**rad Rogan of Sotheby's International Realty Byron Bay highlights a property that truly defines Byron hinterland living. An iconic 80-acre estate nestled in the lush hinterland just outside of Bangalow. Elevated, private, and showcasing breathtaking views across rolling farmland to the Nightcap Ranges and Mount Warning, this is one of the Byron region's most prestigious lifestyle offerings.

Privately positioned at the end of a quiet country road, the estate is anchored by a grand, architect-designed residence that pairs rural elegance with resort-style living. Inside, parquetry floors, soaring ceilings and gallery-style corridors set a tone of timeless sophistication, while the north-facing layout fills the home with natural light and frames sweeping hinterland views.

At its heart, a generous open-plan lounge with fireplace opens to multiple internal courtyards, creating seamless indoor-outdoor flow and year-round entertaining appeal.

Outside, resort-inspired features include a 17-metre heated drop-edge pool, shell stone surrounds, a cedar-lined sauna, full outdoor kitchen and a dedicated poolside bathroom.

The master suite is a luxurious private retreat with a spacious ensuite, outdoor shower and direct access to tropical gardens. Four additional bedrooms, two currently used as home offices, enjoy their own garden outlooks and private entries.

Beyond the main residence, Cedarvale offers incredible lifestyle flexibility. A fully self-contained two-bedroom tiny house with



private entry provides the perfect setup for guest accommodation, extended family, or premium short-stay income. Adding to the estate's versatility, a rustic off-grid cabin rests beside a still, lily-covered dam. A haven for writers, artists, or those seeking solitude.

The estate's award-winning gardens, designed by acclaimed landscaper Tim Hays, are a standout feature. Sculptures, rainforest pockets, fig trees, Madagascan pandanus, and elegant water features create a resort-like ambiance, completed by a full-size tennis court set among the greenery.

Water security is another key feature, with a 200,000 litre underground tank, spring-fed dam, and additional tanks supporting the home and

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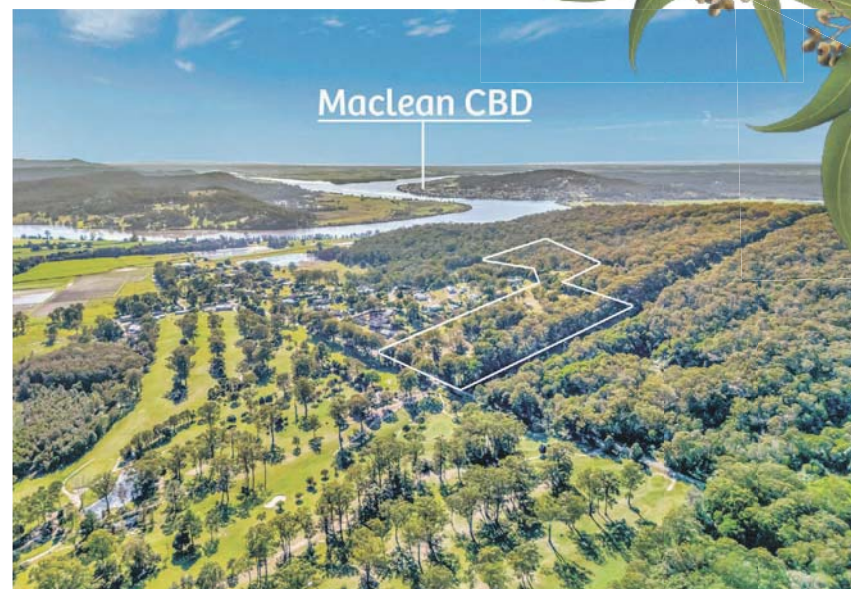
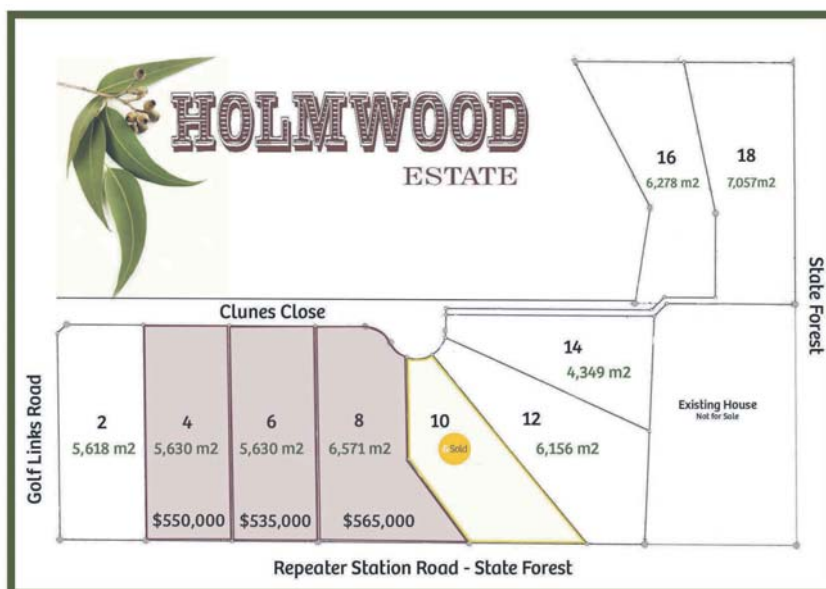


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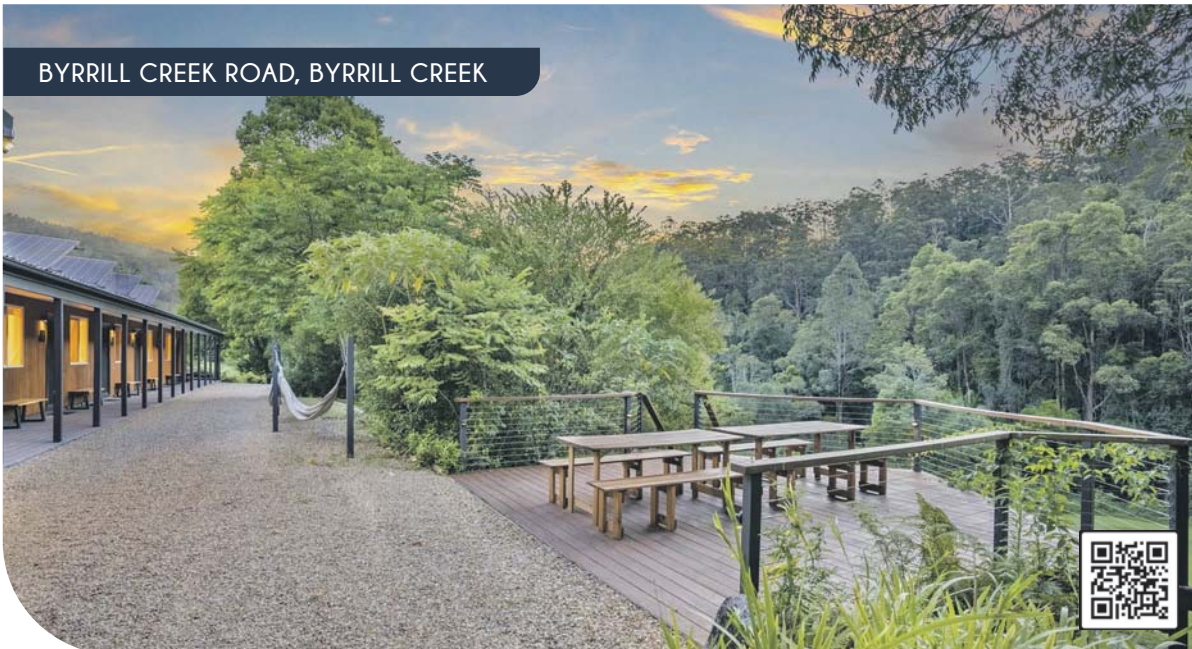
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- 517 Friday Hut Road, Brooklet. Sat 9.30–10am
- 22/183 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 14 Rush Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 21 Excelsior Circuit, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am
- 52 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 64A Carlyle Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 16/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 11 Roses Road, Federal. Sat 10–10.30am
- 44 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.30–11am
- 18 Whipbird Place, Ewingsdale. Sat 11–11.30am
- 73 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 234A Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 87 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 247 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar. Sat 11–11.30am
- 325 Riverbank Road, Pimlico. Sat 11–11.30am
- 25 Byrne Road, Rosebank. Sat 11.30am–12pm
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- 17-21 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Sat 12–12.30pm
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The Uniquely Byron Business Awards are back for 2025! These awards shine a light on the businesses, organisations and people that make our region special. With 17 categories including innovation and sustainability, to creativity, community, fashion, food, surf culture and more – the awards capture the spirit of Byron in all its diversity. Applications close Friday, 17 October. Find out more at [www.byronbaychamber.com/uniquely-byron-business-awards-2025](http://www.byronbaychamber.com/uniquely-byron-business-awards-2025).

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After *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* was cancelled last week for highlighting Trump's dismissive attitude to the shooting of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk, hundreds of celebrities signed a petition supporting freedom of speech, and his show has now been reinstated by the Disney-owned American Broadcasting Company from this Tuesday. The question is will self-censorship now become the name of the game?

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While some people seem to think cane toads have only recently moved into Northern NSW, they have been here for at least 40 years. In 1988 the infamous film *Cane Toads: An Unnatural History*



Maia Willow with Deidi Vine at Sunday afternoon's launch of Our Timeless Threads in Byron to celebrate fashion, community, sustainability, and intergenerational connections at a new community hub for collaborative creation at the Byron Arts & Industry Estate. At the new non-profit founded by Maia Willow, a registered nurse passionate about elder care, pre-loved clothing is reimaged into purposeful garments for aged care residents and beyond. 'We create joyful, meaningful experiences – from hat-decorating parties and 1920s speakeasy celebrations to personalised high tea care planning and in-home shopping – that nurture independence, wellbeing, and lasting connection,' said Maia. Find out more at: [www.ourtimelessthreads.com.au](http://www.ourtimelessthreads.com.au). Photo Jeff 'Fascinator' Dawson

featured Mullumbimby cane toad smoking. Even local teenagers thought that was stretching it a bit far – but then again it is Mullumbimby. Nonetheless you can help keep cane toads to a minimum in your yard by covering, or bringing in, pet food at night, removing standing water, rubbish, debris, and keeping outside lights off when not needed.



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