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## Flags up

Last weekend saw the beginning of beach patrols up and down the NSW coast for the summer season with Brunswick Surf Patrol's Dave Kyle-Robinson, Susan Asherg, Kyle Dunsire, and Patrol Captain Craig Reid ensuring we have safe local beaches. Photo Jeff 'Beyond Rescue' Dawson

## Mullumbimby Road closure to cripple community

Aslan Shand

From now through to the new year is the high point for many businesses in Mullumbimby. It is the time when they have the highest turnover and make the money they need to see them through the leaner times of the year.

The current roadworks on Mullumbimby Road between Mullumbimby and the M1 have already seen some local businesses experience a downturn in business with one business, who asked not to be named, saying they have seen a 10-15 per cent drop on this time last year.

Longtime Made In Mullum member Lally Marshall agrees,

telling *The Echo* that, 'Even with the current roadworks, we've already seen a drop in foot traffic. If Mullumbimby becomes too hard to access over Christmas, it could be devastating, not just for us and the 70-plus small businesses we support but for the economic resilience of Mullumbimby as a whole.'

Stage 2 of the roadworks will see outbound traffic closed to all but emergency vehicles and school buses for at least four months from 13 October. The predicted closure has seen a significant outcry from local businesses and the community who say this is unacceptable.

'This upgrade is long overdue. I have been in business in Mullum for over 45 years and this upgrade

should have been done many years ago,' said John Waterhouse who owns Mullum InStyle Living with Jo Newman.

'My main concern is what impact Stage 2 will have leading up to Christmas and the Christmas school holidays. December and January are by far our best trading months. Without these my business will struggle to cover costs for the year.'

'Also, customers from Ocean Shores, Tweed and further north will be reluctant to use Coolamon Scenic Drive to leave Mullum. It is a very narrow, winding road and is a recipe for serious road accidents. I have two staff members who live in Ocean Shores and they are very reluctant to use this road.

'Night works have been thrown up as an option, but I do understand that there are delivery, extra costs and safety issues. If night works are not an option then the day works must be structured so that there is two-way traffic, albeit using stop-and-go one lane at a time, all day every day until completion.'

Paul Prior, President of Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce agrees telling *The Echo* that, 'The Chamber can't understand why a stop-and-go system is not in place during roadworks. If buses and emergency vehicles can get through, why can't those who need to use the road, use it? To cut off access for four months is unheard of.'

'Byron Shire Council should not have had the roadworks go ahead without access for the town that won't damage local businesses and the community.'

According to local businesswoman Sharon McGrath, Byron Shire Council has been presented with two independent construction assessments that make it clear night works are possible.

*The Echo* approached Federal MP Justine Elliot and State MP Tamara Smith to ask if they were advocating for either night work funding or alternative options to closing the road for four months.

'These are all matters for Byron Shire Council,' Mrs Elliot said.

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# In memory of Ashleigh Grice



Around 400 people came to pay their respects and mourn the loss of the young life of Ashleigh. Photo Tree Faerie

Last Friday saw up to 400 people gather in Heritage Park in Mullumbimby as the community came together to remember 23-year-old Ashleigh Grice.

Ashleigh died on Friday, 19 September in Mullumbimby. Her partner has been charged by police with murder (domestic violence). According to The Red Heart Campaign, the number of women lost to violence in 2025 is 52 and the number of children 18.

'In Australia, intimate partner violence contributes

to more death, disability, and illness in women aged 25 to 44 than any other preventable risk factor,' according to Our Watch ([www.ourwatch.org.au](http://www.ourwatch.org.au)).

## Community gathering

Women, children, and men came to Heritage Park with candles and flowers to sit in silent vigil in memory of Ashleigh, and to stand together as a community against deaths as a result of domestic violence.

The flowers and candles were then laid at the feet of the fig tree to honour her memory.

## Fundraiser

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 at <https://www.gofundme.com/ff/donate-in-memory-of-ashleigh>.

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# Single-parent family pool passes

Paul Bibby

Local single-parent families will be able to access the Shire's public swimming pools at a reduced cost after Byron Council addressed a long-standing inequity in its pricing structure for the facilities.

In a move that will take effect from 25 October, the Council has introduced discounted single-entry and season passes for the many local families with a sole parent, guardian, or carer.

A single-parent family with one adult and two children will now pay \$14 for a single entry to the pool with any additional children costing an extra \$4.

The same family can purchase a season ticket for \$377, compared to \$478 for a traditional four-person family. Single-parent families who are entitled to a concession will have their entry fees discounted further.

## Reducing inequality

The changes end a long-standing inequity which saw a single-parent household consisting of one adult and one child paying \$496 to access the pool for a season, compared to \$478 for a family of four.

'Single-parent households

face the highest poverty rates in Australia,' local single-parent Kate Walsh told last week's Council meeting.

'Care giving costs make a day out disproportionately expensive for single parent families.'

'While concession costs do exist, the income cut off is extremely low, meaning that many single-parent families struggling with cost-of-living pressures do not qualify and are therefore forced into the higher priced adult-plus-child combination.'

Byron Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, who moved the motion to introduce the reduced fees said there were many people in the community who 'don't fit the traditional atomic family model'.

'And we know that single-parent families are often struggling when it comes to financing.'

'Someone in [Council] staff may have said something around it costing [the Council] money, but I think what happens is that single-parents just wouldn't have bought those passes in the past because it was too expensive. This will encourage more fitness, more engagement, more fun for our single-parent families.'

## Raising funds for Byron Hospital

The Mullumbimby and District War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (MDWMHA) will be raising money for the Byron Hospital again when they run their famous lamington stall, and selling raffle tickets, at the Mullumbimby Show on the 7, 8, and 9 November.

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Hospital that closed in 2016 the MDWMHA continues to enjoy the support of the Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores and Billinugel communities, said MDWMHA President, Debbie Butler.

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# Support Byron scouts market and garage sale

Aslan Shand

Byron Bay Scouts are holding a fundraising market and garage sale this Saturday, 4 October at the Scout Hall on Tennyson Street, Byron Bay next to the tennis courts from 8am to 2pm.

'I feel like now, more than ever, we need for our kids what scouts has to offer,' said Michael Goldberg, Scout Leader (and sometimes Cub Scout).

Michael, who has two kids Jett 13 and Gigi 11 who are both enjoying scouts, says that the Byron scouts gives the kids the chance to get off their phones, engage with each other, and the world around them.

'It's been a great year for Byron Bay Scouts. Some of the things we did were learning first aid, including about snake bites, knots and ropes as well as lots of challenging and inclusive games usually run by the scouts themselves. We had a camp with canoeing in the middle of the year.



Scouts enjoy a fun fireside camp out. Photo supplied

We will have an end-of-year camp where we are doing an afternoon and evening at Currumbin Sanctuary and the light show, and an end-of-year celebration canoeing on Lake Ainsworth.'

### Fun and accessible

Parent engagement is key to keeping the scout group running and as accessible as possible with parents

committing to hands-on activities and adventures as well as fundraising activities.

'Throughout the year we do different fundraising and at this weekend's market day fundraiser the community will be able to sell their goods, there will be music, a coffee cart, and even a fairy floss machine, run by our scouts,' said Michael.

'We are volunteer-led and

have a good pool of parents and leaders, but we are always open to more adults helping out in different roles, especially as leaders, which I find is the most fun and where we get to do all of these amazing things with our kids.'

If you would like to book a stall for the weekend market or find out more information call Michael on 0413 898 888.

# Businesses suffering from Mullumbimby road works

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Ms Smith responded saying, 'Many constituents have reached out to me concerned about the length of time of the works, the hazards associated with the detours, and the negative impacts on businesses.'

'I have written to Council myself about the Mullumbimby Road roadworks, and it is hard to understand why a compromise for the community for at least some of the time, with night works, can't be offered in some way to compensate for the significant impacts.'

### Risk assessment

'What is disappointing for the broader community is the lack of consultation and engagement. The risk assessment that Council has undertaken only relates to the risk to Council staff - which is of course important, but the social and economic impact of the roadworks on residents and businesses for four months is not evident,' she explained.

'Council do not appear to have followed their own community engagement strategy. This is sadly a trend across many projects of late - the proposed Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) for Byron, and Council's 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby development just to name a few.'

October is Small Business

Month and the NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA) is hosting free, hands-on workshops for Northern Rivers businesses and non-profits asking 'Are you ready for the next disruption?'. As the NSW RA point out, 'Northern Rivers businesses and non-profits have been through many challenges - floods, fires, cyclone and other disruptions such as power, transport and communication outages.'

'The four-month, one-way detour is going to kill small businesses in Mullumbimby and beyond,' Ms McGrath points out.

'It appears that the next disruption to local businesses in Byron Shire will be inflicted by their very own Council.'

'Recently I have responded to messages, texts, DMs and comments from business owners stating, "We get cancellations at [our business], people saying it will be too hard to get to us and they don't feel safe driving the back roads. We have a [mental health] business and people have cancelled appointments until next year - now that's very concerning for their mental health. I fear we could go under if we are cut off from customers for four months. I work a lot with the neurodivergent population and many of them can't drive Coolamon or Myocum due to travel sickness, so it

is going to cut them off from their community activities for four months - and that kind of change might mean that we won't be able to get them back to these activities again in the future. A doctor reported that a senior patient from Ocean Shores, who needs regular check-ups and treatment, won't come during the detour period as she is not confident driving the backroads. So, it's not just the economy; it's people's health that you are putting at risk." The list goes on,' she said.

Locals and local businesses are calling for Council to reconsider how the project can be completed at less cost to the community.

'Mullumbimby's identity is built on its independent, small businesses. Many of us are still recovering from the floods, the pandemic, and ongoing economic pressures. This road closure, if not handled carefully, risks

undermining the town's resilience and putting local livelihoods at risk,' said Ms Marshall.

'What we need most is for Council to recognise the vital role that holiday trade plays in keeping us afloat and to take every step possible to protect small businesses during this period.'

'Postponing or staging the roadworks so that they don't overlap with the holiday season would lessen the blow. Clear, widespread signage and updates so visitors know that Mullumbimby is still open for business is essential. Working at night must be reconsidered. While there is talk of it being too expensive, Council needs to recognise what the significant cost will be to businesses in our community. Why is it just Council's bottom line that is considered? Was there an economic or social impact report done?'

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## Celebrating spring at Cape Byron Steiner Fair



Magnolia and Ophelia at Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School's 2025 Spring Fair. Photo supplied

Last Saturday Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School celebrated their annual Spring Fair capturing the heart and spirit of the school community.

'The air was filled with laughter, music, and the buzz of happy conversations,' said James Deefholts, K6 Director.

From puppet shows and maypole dancing, to music concert by students from class 2 to 12, and art, the students showed off their talents, unique perspectives, and developing skills.

Students, parents, teachers and staff all contributed to the craft stalls while the food stalls offered delicious homemade treats. The garland-making corner added a delightful touch of spring, with children and adults alike weaving fresh flowers into beautiful crowns, bringing the joy of nature into the celebrations.

'It is in these moments – of shared creativity, laughter, and connection – that the true spirit of a school shines brightest,' said James.

## Council comes back around to a Suffolk Park roundabout

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has recommitted itself to the task of building a roundabout at Suffolk Park's Clifford Street intersection, abandoning a government grant that it had secured to instal traffic lights at the notorious blackspot.

But with the roundabout plan currently unfunded and potentially hindered by the presence of high-value vegetation, some have suggested it will be a 'road to nowhere'.

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 Council exploring various options including a roundabout, traffic lights, and, most recently, a combination of a pedestrian crossing and refuges.

### Pedestrian crossing rejected by TfNSW

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.

When its attempt to change the conditions of a government grant which had been provided to install the lights was rejected by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), the Council faced a difficult choice.

It could either return to the traffic lights option or do nothing at the site until it could secure the funds and extra land needed to build a roundabout.

### Roundabout options

At last week's meeting it effectively chose the latter, developing a complex strategy contingent upon at least two sets of state government funding and sign-off from three separate bodies.

Moved by Councillor Jack Dods and seconded by Greens Councillor Elia Hauge, the plan saw Council formally withdraw from the traffic lights program.

It will now seek funding to produce concept plans for both a mini roundabout, and a standard roundabout.

If this funding is eventually found, and the designs then completed, they will go to Council's place planning team, its Transport and Infrastructure Advisory

Committee, and finally TfNSW to make sure that all agree on the plans.

Once this is eventually completed, and another round of community consultation undertaken, the Council will seek further funding to actually deliver the project.

However, this entire set of steps is contingent upon a separate report that Council has commissioned which will explore whether the roundabout option is even feasible, given that it may require clearing part of a Council reserve that includes vegetation of high ecological value.

'The point is to try and get a plan for a roundabout, whether it's a mini roundabout, a standard roundabout, or perhaps a compact roundabout...' said Cr Dods, the Council's deputy mayor.

'[Then we have a plan] on the books that has been well thought out, well designed, with the right inputs put into the design process.'

'Then we as a Council can put that on the shelf and our wonderful grants officer can fire that design at as many grants as she feels it may be suitable for.'

### Kicking the can down the road?

But Labor councillor Asren Pugh said he was concerned that Council was simply kicking the intersection issue down the road for a future Council to deal with.

'We as a Council have a recurring problem when we're dealing with complex issues and more often than not it results in us doing nothing,' Cr Pugh said.

'Typically, we get a lot of push back from a very passionate community and we try and fit square pegs into round holes.'

'It is ultimately the very definition of "the perfect being the enemy of the good". Honestly, it's extraordinarily frustrating having these issues – just one small intersection in our complex network having been hanging around our necks for 30 years.'

'I can appreciate the sentiments of trying to get something that might possibly work, but the amount of staff time that's spent on these merry-go-rounds of designing and redesigning... Eventually it all just gets too hard, and we end up doing nothing.'

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# Byron Bay Herb Nursery creates new opportunities



Time for a little fun at work for Liam, Max, Reubin, Andrew, Job, Shadow, Thomas, Heath, Kisane, Simon and Annelies. Photo Jeff Dawson

### Pancho Symes

The Byron Bay Herb Nursery has announced its launch of Open Employment Pathways.

It is a new initiative designed to help the nursery's employees with disabilities grow their skills, gain formal qualifications, and secure real-world work experience in the open employment market.

The Byron Bay Herb Nursery has been selling high-quality plants and herbs across the Byron Shire for 30 years, as well as providing supported, paid employment and training opportunities to people with disabilities.

Key elements of the Open Employment Pathways program will include: a discovery process where participants identify skills relevant

to the open employment market; new on-site work constructing a workshop and developing and packaging a new product, Corromount; Horticulture Certificate II; and work experience.

### Local business engagement

The nursery is encouraging local businesses to get involved by offering work

experience placements. Nursery manager and project writer Nick Thom, said, 'this project provides an opportunity for our workers to gain the necessary qualifications, skills, experience and connections, allowing them to build a pathway to open employment based on their own goals and interests.'

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## Large 50-unit proposal for Mullum's CBD

A large development for 50 small units as part of a co-living development is being proposed at 115-119 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby by CADRE Pty Ltd called The Nest, Mullumbimby ([www.nest-mullum.com.au](http://www.nest-mullum.com.au)).

The location is a large residential block near the corner of Whian Street. The Uniting Church on Dalley Street is behind it and it is surrounded by other homes and single storey buildings. The large block currently has one house on it, and if approved, would be the largest building in the area.

The 50 rooms will be between 14 and 25 square meters in accordance with the co-living standard under the development control plan (DCP), and will be provided furnished, containing either a double bed or two single beds. Rental prices are predicted to start from \$300 per week, according to Christopher Tyas who is the creative director of CADRE the development company he started with his brothers, and who have run similar co-living apartments in Melbourne.

Each room contains a lounge, small bathroom, a



Artists impression of the development site at 115-119 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Photo supplied

shared laundry and bills are included.

The proposal states that 'solar, rainwater, and resilient construction lowers bills and protects against future challenges'.

Under the co-living standard the site must have a property manager; they do not have to always be on site but must be contactable by phone 24/7.

Mr Tyas told *The Echo* that the development is aimed at key workers, from individuals to couples, a parent and child, young people, etc. He said that the development will not be for short-term holiday accommodation or a backpackers' hostel, as this is not allowed under the co-living standard.

The development will provide 42 car parks on the ground floor that will include

a mix of disability, car share, and motorbike spaces. On the ground floor there will also be shared gardens, spaces for use by the local community and residents.

Mr Tyas said the proposal does not breach any planning regulations and that the proposed development is contained within the 9m height limit for the site.

'We could add an extra one metre for flood mitigation at the site, we have chosen not to and have kept the development to under 9m using flood-resistant materials on the ground floor and to minimise visual bulk and scale from,' he said.

### Take a look

A community information session is being held at the site on October 2 between 2pm and 6pm with live music.

## Councillors reiterate support for Mullum affordable housing development

Paul Bibby

A former Byron councillor who sat in on internal workshops about Council's affordable housing development on Station Street, Mullumbimby says the developer was quietly told to make the project as big as possible so that it would be economically viable.

But two new councillors have spoken passionately in favour of the project, saying that its opponents do not understand the housing challenges facing those under 40 in the Shire.

The competing comments were made at last week's Council meeting where the matter came up for discussion after a petition with nearly 2,500 signatures opposing the project was delivered to councillors.

Byron Council is planning to build a mixed-use affordable housing development involving the construction of 32 affordable rental apartments above ground-floor retail spaces at 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby.

Scores of these opponents packed the chambers last week to call on councillors to find a new location for the project, which they say will cause traffic chaos, negatively affect several businesses, and permanently impact the town's character and amenity.

But councillors voted unanimously to forge ahead with the plan, asserting that the impacts can be ameliorated, and that affordable housing is desperately needed in the Shire.

This was despite former Greens councillor Duncan Dey revealing some concerning details about the internal planning for the project that took place during the last

Council term.

Duncan called on councillors to 'pull the pin' on the project and commence a parallel project at a location that had been approved by the community.

'I sat on the various workshops that took place on this project of which there might have been four or five,' Cr Dey said.

'I can remember the sentiment in the room which was to not take this matter to the public.'

'And I can remember the detailing and the economic arguing, the putting forward of ideas, and I can also remember, that about in the middle of the term, what happened was that the project as it stood was not economically viable.'

'The community housing providers said "we can't make a project work at that size" and so Council's solution then was to make the project bigger. In fact, an instruction was given to the developer [Landcom] to simply fit as much accommodation as could be fitted within the four boundaries of the allotment that had been chosen.'

'The community has made it really clear to you that they do not agree with the choice of the site. There are several other sites where this project would be deeply welcomed by this community who care deeply about the future of our society, which includes providing housing for people to continue to live in this area.'

But new Greens Councillor Elia Hauge, and Deputy Mayor Jack Dods – the two youngest members of the Council – said the issues with the project could be addressed and that finding a new site would mean abandoning a project that

was desperately needed.

'To me, to my friends, to an entire generation of people who were raised in this community but cannot afford to call it home, affordable housing isn't an abstract idea,' Cr Hauge said.

'I respect the community's desire to change the site, but unfortunately the reality is that we don't have the option to change.'

'People need to understand that. What you're asking us to do is to withdraw entirely from this project and hope with no guarantee that we can do a different deal with a different design on a different site.'

'Every single councillor at this desk put affordable housing at the very core of our election pitches, and to expect us to withdraw from an affordable housing project would be asking us to go against what all of us promised to our community.'

Cr Hauge said she believed that all the flaws in the design of the project could be addressed.

'A sewer easement can be provided, rear access for the businesses can be provided, a loading zone can be provided, a traffic solution that keeps Mullum flowing is absolutely possible. We can and have committed to providing pedestrian access.'

'This is what is in front of us, and I couldn't, in good conscience, move that Council withdraws from a project that will provide tangible benefit to the community in the form of community housing.'

Cr Dods said that the organised opposition to the project, led by the Mullumbimby Residents Association, was based on a lack of understanding of the experience of people under 40 in the Shire.

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## RiverFest launch success in Ballina

Last Sunday saw the successful launch of RiverFest in Ballina on World Rivers Day that drew an estimated 1,200 people to Fawcett Park.

'The festival opened with music, culture and community action, and now flows upstream with more than a dozen events across the first two weeks of the festival,' said organisers.

'From Ballina to Kyogle, communities are coming together through art, culture, river restoration and conversation, all under the theme "From the Sea to the Source – the river connects us all"'



The health of the Richmond River is at the heart of RiverFest. Photo supplied

The festival continues throughout October with a wide range of activities, including the Wilsons River Seniors' Nature Walk on Friday, 3 October in Lismore, the Riparian Restoration Workshop on Sunday, 5

October at Bentley, and the River Touching Workshop on Sunday, 5 October at the Serpentine Gallery in Ballina. For more information on upcoming activities and events go to: <https://richmondriverfest.com>.

## BBFF – stories that inspire and sound the alarm

The Byron Bay International Film Festival (BBFF) will run from 17 to 26 October, featuring documentaries that explore humanity's deep connection to the natural world and the urgency of climate change.

This year's theme, 'Love film' is embodied in stories that both inspire and sound the alarm.

Some films include *Turtle Walker* (India), which documents the extraordinary journey of Satish Bhaskar, *Fool's Paradise (Lost?)*

(USA) – a poetic love letter to the wild, and *Frozen Waters* (USA), which follows Lewis Pugh's record-breaking swim in Antarctic waters.

The program also includes *Shaping Waves, Shaping Worlds* – environmental surf sessions.

The program will be hosted by Stone & Wood and headlined by the world premiere of Matty Hannon's *Haus Tumbana* – a film that pairs surf culture with sustainability in a unique festival event. Find out more at: [www.bbff.com.au](http://www.bbff.com.au).

## BYT's *Grow Up!* at The Drill Hall Theatre



Silan Tal Meyer, Amelie Audus, Sasha Fligelman, Milly O'Connor, Abbie Brae, and Stella Parsonage in *Grow Up!* Photo Jeff Dawson

Byron Youth Theatre (BYT) will premiere its powerful new original production, *Grow Up!*, at The Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby this October.

The production explores the challenges young people face when leaving school – whether exiting early or completing Year 12 and stepping into adult life. Developed through interviews with young people, local services, and educational organisations, *Grow Up!* offers an authentic portrayal of this important transition.

School shows will take place on 14 and 15 October, with two evening community performances on 16 and 17 October at 7pm. Tickets are available via the Drill Hall Theatre website or Humanitix.

Since 2010, BYT has produced 15 original productions tackling issues such as mental health, bullying, family violence, racism, ecological anxiety, and consent. Their work has reached more than 8,000 people and been recognised locally, nationally, and internationally, and

received a 2020 award from the Mental Health Association of NSW.

'With *Grow Up!* we wanted to open an honest conversation about the realities of leaving school,' said Lisa Apostolides, Director of BYT. 'By bringing young people and service providers together, we hope to support a smoother, less stressful transition into adulthood.'

This new work has been funded by Rotary Byron Bay, Wayahead Mental Health Association of NSW, and a generous community donor.

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**Ballina Council move to offset losing Wardell Rec Grounds to essential housing**

With the likelihood that the Wardell Recreation Grounds will be permanently used for 'essential housing', Ballina Council resolved last week to seek assurances from the NSW government that it would not occur 'until a compensating area of open space is delivered to the community.'

**What is the future of Lismore's flood-prone residential lands?**

Planning for the future use of flood-prone residential land in Lismore is underway, says the NSW government, with 'Council and the community having a direct say in its future.'

**Motorcyclist dies near Murwillumbah**

Police say a man died after his motorcycle was involved in a single-vehicle crash about 7km south-west of Murwillumbah around 4.15pm on Saturday 27 September.

**Sporting groups encouraged to apply for defibrillator funding**

NSW Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin, (Labor) is encouraging local sporting and active recreation organisations to apply for up to \$3,000 in funding under the NSW Labor government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

**Court to consider NSW healthcare pay and conditions**

The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association's (NSWNMA) say a 'landmark campaign to improve public sector nurses and midwives' pay and conditions will culminate in one of the state's biggest legal cases in decades, as a six-week hearing gets underway in the NSW Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) from 30 September.

**Lanyon to become NSW Police Force Commissioner**

On Wednesday, NSW Labor Premier Chris Minns announced that Deputy Commissioner Mal Lanyon, will become the 24th Commissioner of the NSW Police Force.

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**Fate of Lismore flood-affected squatter homes decided**

The fate of nine flood buyback houses in Lismore previously occupied by squatters has been announced by the NSW Labor government.

The occupation of the homes gained national attention earlier in the year, which led to the government taking the matter to court.

The ABC reported that, 'A two-year stand-off between squatters occupying flood buyback homes and the NSW government has ended with sheriffs seizing multiple properties.'

'The squatters were given 20 minutes to remove their essential belongings from 10 homes in Lismore and Mullumbimby, which were then boarded up.'

In today's statement by NSW Minister for Recovery, and Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin, she says following a detailed assessment of



House scheduled for demolition at 29 Junction Street, Lismore. Photo supplied

the properties by the NSW Reconstruction Authority, 'Four of the houses will be relocated, four demolished, and one repurposed for social housing.'

She says, 'The houses were purchased under the landmark Resilient Homes Program (RHP), marking an important step in the region's recovery from the

catastrophic 2022 floods.'

The Echo reported in January that, 'There are more than 20 RHP homes that have been illegally occupied and they say they have been working with occupants to find alternative accommodation.'

Saffin says, 'After the eviction of the illegal occupants in August, the NSW

Reconstruction Authority commissioned several independent assessments of the houses, assessing hazardous contamination, property condition, structural integrity and their ability to be relocated.'

The four Pine Street homes which were found to be structurally unsound, she said, were not suitable for relocation, 'so will be demolished.'

**Buyback auction**

'The relocation of four houses - 70 Pine Street, 64 Pine Street, 166-172 Lake Street and 15 Little Keen Street - to a holding yard will start on Monday, September 29 and take approximately two weeks.'

'The houses will be then become part of a future batch of the highly successful buyback auction program which has seen 80 properties find new owners in the region'.

**Mullumbimby home repurposed for social housing**

Saffin added, 'A previously illegally occupied home in Mullumbimby has been assessed as suitable for use as a residence and will be repurposed for social housing, providing safe and secure accommodation for those in need.'

Al Oshlack, who was involved with the matter, told The Echo, 'After expensive Supreme Court litigation where the squatters were evicted, it's been four months.'

'And what was a vibrant community, with well kept homes and gardens.'

'The homes now sit vandalised and desolated. It's disgusting.'

'These houses were habitable', he added.

**Festivals, events now exempt from development applications**

Community festivals, street fairs and similar events are to be allowed without development applications on all public land in NSW as part of a suite of state government-announced planning changes.

The state government says its new Cultural State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) is in response to a recent state Productivity Commissioner's report showing a reduction in red tape could trigger another \$8 billion dollars into the NSW night-time economy.

The policy effectively removes the need for hospitality venue operators to have local government approval for hosting live shows and increasing

patronage.

It's part of updates to the Codes SEPP 2008, which the government says are aimed at 'supporting creative, cultural and hospitality opportunities across NSW, and drive a thriving, inclusive 24-hour economy.'

Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy John Graham says the policy introduction builds on 'two years worth of reforms aimed at bringing Sydney back to life.'

**Extended hours for shops and cafes**

Returning to festivals and fairs, the government's announcement, issued on Sunday, says the policy will remove 'outdated and

lengthy planning pathways for simple and fun events', by reducing the amount of time it takes to have them approved by the local council or state agency.

'These events will make it simpler and more affordable for communities across the state to activate local spaces, like town squares, streets and parks,' the joint statement from the state's planning minister and music and night-time economy minister reads.

While councils are to be mostly disempowered in the approval process for community festivals and street fairs, they are to be allowed to declare special trading hours for existing unlicensed local business during the events.

'This will support both local business and tourism in maximising the benefit of the extra foot traffic generated during special events,' the statement reads.

**No DA required for live gigs and more outdoor dining**

Live music, comedy, theatre, book readings, and other performances are to be allowed indoors and outdoors without a DA as long as they comply with 'simple rules such as beginning after midday', the announcement continues.

Venues and registered clubs with outdoor dining space are to be allowed to increase patron numbers by

up to 30 per cent without a development application.

Farmgate operators like cellar doors and farm cafes and restaurants are to be allowed to host outdoor dining without a development application.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully is quoted in the announcement describing the planning changes as 'simple'.

**Reawaken events**

He says they will 'reawaken NSW's events, entertainment and hospitality sectors.'

The industry has been 'suffering under excessive regulations since the introduction of lock-out laws in 2014,' Minister Scully says.

**Tweed-Byron crime report**

Eight people were reportedly charged with domestic violence-related offences in the Tweed-Byron Police District last week.

Officers on Friday said the arrests were among 34, including two people charged for illegal possession of knives.

Six people were charged for possession of drugs, including three with supplying drugs.

Police said they charged a 32-year-old Kingscliff man last Tuesday, September 23 after allegedly finding four kilograms of cannabis and more than \$20,000 in cash at

his property.

Meanwhile, 14 people were charged for road and/or traffic offences, including four for drink driving, three for driving under the influence of drugs, three for driving while disqualified, three for dangerous driving, one for a police pursuit and one for allegedly never having held a licence.

Additionally, police say a 24-year-old Wollongbar man has been charged over an alleged assault of an 18-year-old man on Jonson Street in Byron Bay, at around 3.30am on Saturday, August 23.

**Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital facilities upgraded**

Vet accommodation, and a new care and training facility for the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital have been announced by federal and NSW Labor.

In a joint statement, the media release reads, 'The Wildlife Vet Accommodation and Training Centre at Knockrow is funded by \$401,500 from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, under the joint Australian and NSW Governments Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, and \$100,000 from the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital.'

'The facility will be used to provide emergency overnight accommodation for

visiting wildlife vets in times of high demand, including natural disasters and during onsite training programs.

'The building includes sleeping quarters and amenities, and a dedicated meeting space for training vets, nurses and local volunteers and wildlife carers.'

'Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital is the Northern Rivers' first all-species wildlife hospital and operates Australia's only mobile wildlife hospital from a custom-built semi-trailer named "Matilda".'

'Matilda can be deployed to the scene of a natural disaster such as a bushfire,

flood, mass stranding or disease outbreak impacting wildlife on a large scale.'

**Workforce shortage**

Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital founder and CEO, Dr Stephen Van Mil, says, 'NSW faces a chronic workforce shortage in the veterinary sector, exacerbated in specialised areas such as wildlife care.'

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## Before we become fossils

**W**hile Trump was ranting at the UN General Assembly last week, telling countries they were ‘going to hell’, others were leading the way, with Colombia and Vanuatu announcing the First International Conference for the Phase-Out of Fossil Fuels in 2026.

In 2021 the International Energy Agency (IEA) announced that ‘to limit global warming to 1.5°C, no new oil and gas fields or coal mines should be approved for development’ in their *Net Zero by 2050 Roadmap*.

On 15 September, 2025, the Australian government released the country’s first *National Climate Risk Assessment* which highlighted that Australians are at risk from more frequent and severe flooding, cyclones, sea level rise, heatwaves, droughts and bushfires as a result of climate change primarily fuelled by fossil fuels.

The *2025 Production Gap Report* by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Climate Analytics, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) was released on 22 September and is based on plans from 20 major producing countries, including the US, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, the UAE, Australia, the UK, Norway, Russia and India.

According to the report the ‘increases in fossil fuel production estimated under the government plans and projections pathways would lead to global production levels in 2030 that are 500 per cent, 31 per cent, and 92 per cent higher for coal, oil, and gas, respectively, than the median 1.5°C-consistent pathway. These plans and projections also collectively exceed the fossil fuel production implied by countries’ own climate mitigation pledges by 35 per cent in 2030 and 141 per cent in 2050.’

Yet the Australian government’s 2035 net zero climate modelling response was a large range target to cut pollution by 62-70 per cent by 2035, which the Australian Climate Council say, ‘is dangerously inadequate and inconsistent with the science.’

‘Cuts stronger than 70 per cent are not only achievable but hugely beneficial,’ they stated.

‘They mean cleaner, more affordable electricity, healthier homes, cleaner cities and new export industries. To better protect Australians, the government must lock-in policies that ensure we meet, and then beat the 70 per cent target,’ they said.

The Australian Labor Party needs to step up and join the growing movement to take strong action on climate change; they need to stop approving, and close coal, oil, and gas mining.

As Colombia’s Minister in Charge of Environment and Sustainable Development, Irene Vélez Torres, says, it is time to lead the ‘charge in transforming our energy systems and addressing the intertwined crises of climate and justice’. It is time to ‘chart a path that prioritises life, equity, and sustainability over destruction and inequality. This is our moment, our mandate – to build a future beyond fossil fuels and ensure reparative justice for everyone.’

**Aslan Shand, editor**

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## Remembering how to communicate

**O**ne of the most powerful moments of theatre I’ve ever seen happened on the stage of a local public school assembly hall a couple of weeks back.

A class of year-six kids were performing a short history of the world. Their play started with cave-dwellers hilariously running away from inflatable dinosaurs, before the production moved briefly through ancient Egypt and medieval times.

The play’s last scene was set in the present day. Here and now.

On a darkened stage, the audience could just make out the shadowy outlines of 30 kids standing still, heads bowed. All were staring down at little phone-shaped bits of cardboard held in their hands. Still, separate, silent. The packed house of parents and teachers were silent too.

Suddenly the silence was broken, as the children looked up from their screens and 30 voices shouted together from the darkness: ‘We forgot how to communicate!’

### Social media ban

The students’ play was of course highly timely, given the government’s social media ‘ban’ for under-16-year-olds kicks in this December.

Whatever you think of the merits of the ban – or how effective it’ll be – the move is attracting global attention. The European Commission president just hailed it as ‘world-leading’.

‘Everyone understands that it is our duty to do our best to equip families with the tools to live as safely as possible,’ Ursula von der Leyen reportedly said in New York, ‘and empowering parents to collectively say “no” to social media to their young children is one of these.’

Platforms ‘addict children through manipulative algorithms,’ said von der Leyen, who’s inspired by Australia’s move. ‘We in the EU will be watching and learning from you as you implement your world-first and world-leading social media ban.’

In recent weeks we’ve learned the government’s ‘ban’ will actually be much softer than some anticipated. There’ll be no requirement



*‘Technology and human communication are not incompatible, and moving out of our current social media morass, is not inconceivable.’*

– Dr Ray Moynihan

to verify the age of all users, and companies will only have to show they’re taking ‘reasonable steps’ to stop under-16-year-olds. There are still fines though of up to \$49.5 million for breaches.

We’ve also learned the pool of companies affected could be widened from the more well-known social media companies, to include Roblox and others that enable users to play games online.

### Legal cases

As *Echo* readers may know Roblox hosts hugely popular games such as ‘Steal a Brainrot’, and ‘Grow a Garden’, a game which recently boasted more than 22 million players simultaneously.

Roblox is currently worth about A\$140 billion, higher than the annual GDP of most of the world’s nations. A honeypot for investors, it’s also a target of Australia’s eSafety Commission concerns.

‘We know that when it comes to platforms that are popular with children, they also become popular with adult predators seeking to prey on them,’ Commissioner Inman Grant said last month. ‘Roblox is no exception and has become a popular target for paedophiles seeking to groom children.’

While Roblox has agreed to introduce new child safety measures, it still faces a raft of legal cases in the US from families alleging their children were groomed or exploited in some way.

Another company which is no stranger to allegations of causing harm to children is Meta, owner of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Meta is currently worth close to A\$3 trillion – almost as much as Russia’s GDP – a sign of the profitability of addictive algorithms, and the fact that national governments now live

in the shadows of these powerful global tech giants.

A landmark exploration of that power is Shoshana Zuboff’s now classic 2019 book *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*, the age now continuing apace as AI chatbots suck up and monetise ever more of the data of our daily lives. I can’t recommend the book more highly.

### Taking back tech

For all the positive benefits of the internet and social media, big tech companies stand accused not only of harming children, but also of undermining democratic governments, the only possible check on tech’s power.

As the Philippines-based Nobel Prize winner Maria Ressa told Australia’s National Press Club last month, tech companies have become ‘weapons of mass destruction to democracy’, with evidence that algorithms spread ‘lies laced with fear, anger, and hate’, faster than they spread facts.

‘The business model that rewards engagement over facts has made us all complicit in tearing apart our societies,’ said Ressa, the creator of Rappler, a new public interest media company aiming to be a place where ‘real people can have real conversations without being insidiously manipulated, for power or money.’

Technology and human communication are not incompatible. And with some concerted collective action, moving out of our current social media morass, and remembering how to communicate, is not inconceivable.

■ Dr Ray Moynihan is currently researching misleading medical information on social media at the University of Sydney.



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### Young woman's death in Mullumbimby

Regarding the front page headline in last week's edition of *The Echo* - I am aware that DV is a highly emotional subject, but that should not deter us to stick to the basic rules (of law). That means we have to apply the core principle, innocent unless proven guilty.

Maybe it was self-defence, maybe it was (wo)man-slaughter. Maybe the alleged perpetrator will be found not sound of mind? Even if it seems to be likely that the person charged with murder will be found guilty, *The Echo* should not prejudge the outcome.

Leave that to the Murdoch press.

**Burkhard Schulze Waltrup**  
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■ Yes, any police charges and allegations are always unproven until tested in court. *The Echo* has no view on the guilt or innocence of any person awaiting trial - Ed.

### Councillors attacking community

At last week's Byron Shire Council (BSC) meeting, I decided to stay to hear the 'debate' and 'discussion' of our councillors following the presentation of three of our local community members about the poorly designed 57 Station Street development in Mullumbimby.

Both Crs Jack Dods and Asren Pugh decided to attack those against this development, describing them as privileged older people who did not want affordable housing in their area.

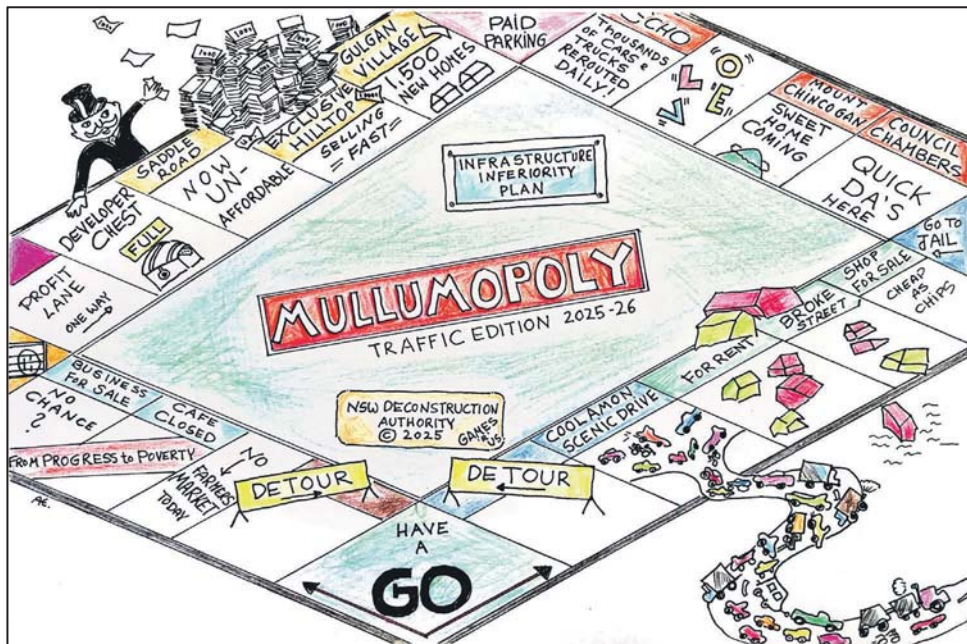
This attack went on for some minutes by both councillors. I was astonished and ashamed that our representatives felt this attack was warranted.

There was no discussion or debate among the councillors about this proposal.

Instead, the time provided an opportunity for councillors to spit bile at the community.

The BSC fails to recognise that the community are not against affordable housing, but against the site where this development is proposed.

This fact has been repeated several times, in several forums by the community, but still BSC brings out the old trope that this 'privileged' community of homeowners are against



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbeay

any affordable housing development.

A particular target for the bile has been the Mullumbimby Residents' Association, (MRA) members who have worked tirelessly to try and convince Council of the many failings of this proposal.

The MRA has been a reliable and consistent source of accurate information about this proposal. Many councillors have attempted to undermine and discredit the MRA, claiming it is disseminating lies to the community! This is a low act by these councillors.

The proposal at 57 Station St has approximately 42 negative issues affecting it including height, lane access, residential parking, loss of community parking, bulk and scale, sewer access, business access, and amenity for both residents and community, to name just a few.

The BSC has dug its heels in. It appears the councillors see the community as the enemy and this is a war of attrition. You know the saying: 'The first casualty of war is the truth.'

The 57 Station St proposal was presented to our community as a fait accompli - very poor and highly questionable community consultation was engaged in by Landcom and the BSC.

And when the proposal was finally presented?

No wonder people are angry. I (and many others) are asking the BSC to reconsider this proposal and change the site of this development. Plonking such a poorly-designed development with so many negative issues on this site, will not only negatively affect our community but

will inevitably have negative impacts on the future residents of this proposal.

A poor development does not get better over time. If this proposal does proceed, the development will become a testament to how lack of consultation with the local community results in poor developments with serious ongoing issues which our community will have to bear.

**Bronwyn Morris**  
Montecollum

### Shameful display by the public

What an absolutely shameful display it was in public access at last week's Council meeting.

While trying to listen to the pleas of a young local teacher, for Council to continue to support the affordable housing project on Station Street Mullumbimby, opponents in the room jeered, shouted and booed.

They tried to shout down a young teacher's statement pleading for a safe and affordable home to live in.

Some speakers continued the same old arguments, that of course we support affordable housing - but just not here. And this is at the heart of what it is to be a NIMBY. Council has declared a housing and homelessness emergency on a number of occasions.

In responding to an emergency, we must take action. That is what our community expects and that is what most councillors have promised to deliver.

Part of this action is building publicly-funded affordable housing on Council land. If other Council land is appropriate for more affordable housing (like the hospital site), we should

build it there as well, not instead of Station Street.

**Cr Asren Pugh**  
Bangalow

### Shameful display by councillors

I sat through Thursday's Council meeting when the DA for 57 Station St was 'discussed'. In a break, Mayor Ndiaye started up a conversation with me about it. Good on her for doing that.

She made clear that she was committed to the development proceeding, saying it would cost 'millions' to change. I'd be happy to have that claim explained to me, as it seems outrageous.

Given the project is not yet into construction or even detailed design, I can't understand how Council could have exposed us to 'millions' at this early stage.

The mayor also said that the reason so many people objected or signed the petition to relocate the development was because they had 'been told lies'.

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We didn't discuss what lies the mayor claims had been told as the Council meeting was restarting.

Councillor Asren Pugh took a similar approach when the meeting resumed, accusing the Mullumbimby Residents' Association (MRA) of telling 'falsehoods'.

Like the mayor, it was a generic statement without back-up, said in a forum not subject to public challenge.

Councillor Jack Dods joined the party, by saying anyone opposing the development was shameful, and had an average age of 65. That's not consistent with the reality of the people I know who made submissions against the DA or petitioned for the development to be on a different site.

It also shows we have some councillors who openly govern for only a subset of the community. Councillor Dods also spoke in support of bigger buildings in general.

None of those comments from councillors advance things.

Councillors Dods and Hauge both made impassioned speeches in support of affordable housing. In my many discussions on this matter over the last several months, I have had no-one talk against affordable housing. Many who strongly support affordable housing signed the petition and/or made submissions against the current DA.

Council doesn't have its own comprehensive community consultation to assess the project, yet several councillors have clearly committed to disparaging the extensive grassroots work undertaken by community members.

The strategy seems to be to use the platform of Council to discredit objectors and objections, and to try to claim victim status, rather than seeking to address the substantive concerns.

Councillors asked public speakers many questions about issues unrelated to the Station St DA. I was reminded of Steve Bannon's advice to Donald Trump – 'fill the zone with shit'.

There are reports that several councillors have concerns about the DA as submitted, including the need to address the sewerage line, rear access for existing businesses on Burringbar St, Mcgoughans Lane traffic, building design and on-site parking facilities at the development.

It's hard to see how a development, which is reported as needing bulk

and scale in order to meet economic thresholds, will become more economic once those issues are addressed.

If the mayor thinks it will cost millions to change the location now, it's hard to see how it makes sense to spend more money designing something with a lower chance of success.

Bad projects are not like good red wine – they do not get better with time.

The sooner Council leads a sensible, respectful discussion about the best way to build community-supported, affordable housing in Byron Shire, the better. Until it does, our community will continue to oppose an inappropriate development on an inappropriate site, and the development will not gain a social licence to proceed.

**Paul Cholakov**  
Montecollum

**What community consultation?**

In early 2022, before the flood of February 28, I attended an initial meeting between Landcom and Byron Shire Council regarding a proposed development at 57 Station Street.

I was invited to this meeting because I am a landowner within the immediately affected radius. I was the only Mullumbimby resident in attendance.

This was puzzling to me.

Of the five landowners who are my direct neighbours, one lives in Melbourne, one in Tweed Shire, and two in Ballina Shire. Two work full-time, one part-time, and one – like me – lives with a disability and finds travelling to inspect his property challenging and exhausting, so only does it once a year.

This may explain why I was the only landowner present at that initial community consultation meeting – no one else was reasonably able to attend. Yet, this initial meeting satisfied Council's requirement for community consultation. Is that really satisfactory?

Among the many problems with the development are that it will bulldoze approximately 30 trees, some very well established, that provide homes for birds, shade for cars, and a heat sink for the town's CBD.

It's an ugly, boxy design with little architectural charm or sustainable building materials incorporated.

Is this the best that a progressive Greens-led Council can produce?

**Tim Winton-Brown**  
Mullumbimby

**Texas tit tangle roadworks ahead**

Growing up, my Kiwi mum would, inexplicably, refer to any traffic delay as a Texas tit tangle.

Well, Mullum is currently in line for the biggest TTT ever. As a resident and a business owner, I'd be okay if delays and disruption were all that's in store.

But that is far from the case. Actual devastation awaits: at best the unfit-for-purpose alternate routes will be destroyed by the extra traffic and, at worst, someone is going to die.

I'm sure I'm not the only parent of a P-plater who hopes to God that Council's 'she'll be right' approach does not age like milk.

**Sam Leader**  
Mullumbimby

**Potholed moonscape**

We supposedly live in a rich and affluent region called the Byron Shire.

If you are visiting from outside the region, the first thing you might notice is a loud bang coming from your car's suspension.

With the ongoing poor road management, and now disrupting roadworks on the road leading into Mullumbimby, you'd think the Shire has slipped into the Third World.

Even the streets in the millionaires' paradise, Watagos, are diabolical.

I have travelled extensively throughout the developing world and never witnessed roads and mismanagement as in this region.

The roads of the Shire resemble a lunar landscape. You can't blame the high rainfall and sub-soil structure.

Look at the Netherlands – it is pretty much built on reclaimed land. There, roads aren't full of potholes. Maybe we need to contract some Dutch engineers to solve the problems effecting this region.

The purposed four-month closure of Mullumbimby Road is definitely a backwards idea, especially in a First World country. The loss of revenue, and the inconvenience that will be put on Mullum's local residents, businesses, hospitality industry, schools, delivery services and visitors is massive.

I know staying on budget, penalty rates, weather and logistics all play a key role.

Before starting the roadworks project, Council should have set a higher contribution rate – that the developer on McAuleys Lane would have to pay.

So then in the budget

nighttime work could take place and free or supplemented public transport could commute on alternative roads between Brunswick and Byron to reach Mullumbimby. After the Mullumbimby Road works are finished, I wonder how long it will take before the first pothole appears?

In South East Qld you can travel on public transport for 50 cents. In Victoria, you can travel anywhere in the state for a flat rate of \$10.

In the country of Luxembourg you can travel anywhere for free.

Maybe in the end if there are no improvement we will all have to resort to walking on foot or riding a horse.

**Che Hamill-Diehl**  
Coorabell

**Fuzzy dreams of rail**

Phillip Mackenzie's piece on 'The efforts to return rail service' (*Echo*, September 24) includes multiple uses of the words 'could', 'may', 'feasible', and 'almost'. And therein lies the problem.

These words conjure up a fuzzy dream of having some form of public transport (PT) on the disused rail corridor between Mullum and Byron. This cannot happen, and the 'Rail Gunzels' ongoing efforts to achieve the unachievable are just delaying the construction of the rail trail.

The article suggests that the chosen PT option could leave space for a cycleway and so everyone wins.

Not sure how this works when we don't know what the favoured or most feasible PT option is. Light rail? Heavy rail? E-bus? Regardless, there would be plenty of duplication of bridges, causeways, road crossings and the like required which makes a funding request proposal look akin to Donald Trump's bank balance.

On the matter of costs, I worked for a major NSW state-owned public transport organisation for over 15 years and have a reasonable idea of the cost of a PT option when you consider the actual vehicles (rail, bus, tram or trolley), maintenance, workshops, consumables, spares (rolling stock), ticketing equipment, staff, back-office systems, communications and on it goes. Based on these overheads the cost of a single ticket from Mullum to Byron will be around \$478 and that's if you have a concession card.

Public transport between Mullum and Byron would be better served, and cheaper, if people lobbied the NSW

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# A closer look at Labor's freedom of info retreat

Chaiy Donati

In the theatre of liberal democracy, there is a compact. It's imperfect, often frayed, but nonetheless sacred. It says: you may govern, but only if we may watch you do it. You may wield power, but only in the knowledge that your actions are visible, contestable, and ultimately accountable.

The Albanese government's proposed overhaul of Freedom of Information (FOI) laws threatens to pull a heavy curtain across the stage.

At first glance, the motivations are understandable, even reasonable. Any public servant who has ever sifted through hours of vexatious FOI requests, knows the toll.

These requests are often fishing expeditions, expensive in time and labour, answered seriously even when unserious in spirit.

But the solution now tabled is far from a precise reform. It introduces broad measures that risk limiting scrutiny under the guise of improving efficiency.

The legislation would allow agencies to refuse FOI requests that would

take more than 40 hours to process. It seeks to expand exemptions for Cabinet documents and broaden the definition of 'deliberative' material to include early-stage policy discussions.

## Fee introduction

Additionally, it proposes introducing fees for all FOI requests involving non-personal information for the first time.

It makes it easier for the government to avoid answering the only question that matters in a democracy: what are you doing in our name?

The logic behind these reforms is seductive and dangerous. It frames FOI as a nuisance, as if the problem is not the opacity of government but the curiosity of the governed. It treats transparency as a luxury to be managed, not a democratic duty to be maintained.

But a deeper philosophical contradiction lies at the heart of this move: we are being asked to accept a model where the individual must become increasingly visible to the state, while the state becomes increasingly invisible to the individual.



The Albanese Labor government is proposing to overhaul Freedom of Information (FOI) laws.

There is an old liberal principle that the rights of individuals and the rights of governments are not symmetrical.

People deserve privacy because they are vulnerable, because their lives are their own, and because freedom cannot flourish under surveillance. Governments, by contrast, do not have private lives, they have public duties.

They operate with public money, enforce public laws, and act in the public name.

And yet, modern states, democratic or otherwise, often drift toward secrecy as naturally as rivers seek the sea.

Secrecy shields incompetence and nurtures impunity. It slows the reckoning when things go wrong. It renders error invisible and accountability inert.

To be fair to the Albanese government, this is not paranoia, but a response to a genuine challenge: the risk of being overwhelmed by excessive and often frivolous requests.

There is a concern that bad-faith actors could exploit the system, diverting valuable time, energy, and public resources from already stretched agencies.

The government seeks to prevent the growing demands

from undermining its capacity to govern effectively with the resources it has.

Attorney-General Michelle Rowland has cited examples of absurd requests, like demands for the desktop wallpaper images of departmental staff. Others have pointed to anonymous FOI requests possibly generated by bots, foreign agents, or malicious actors.

These aren't imagined threats. But they're also not new. Every right worth having is open to abuse, and still worth having.

## Secrecy as a policy

Secrecy as policy breeds poor lawmaking. It discards nuance for blunt restriction, confuses noise with chaos, and erects walls where filters are needed. The real challenge isn't shutting down requests, it's learning how to manage them wisely; not hiding more, but unlocking information with intelligence and transparency, perhaps even on an immutable ledger like the blockchain.

If the government's real goal is to preserve the integrity of the public service, the answer lies not in raising

walls, but in restructuring how and when transparency occurs. Contracts should be published by default. Cabinet materials should be declassified by trigger, not whim. Public data should be accessible through searchable, open databases, not scattered across siloed files and internal systems that require lengthy bureaucratic time and approval to navigate.

If governments disclose by default, FOI serves as a last check, not the main tool for accountability.

At its core, FOI is not just about accessing government documents. It's about the moral architecture of power.

Governments do not govern for themselves, they govern on behalf of us all.

We have the right to see beyond polished press conferences and sanitised reports, to witness the process itself: the conflicts, the doubts, the mistakes.

Especially the mistakes. Transparency is not a threat to good governance. It is its pre-condition.

■ Chaiy Donati is President of the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley branch of the ALP.

## Mullumbimby Road upgrade

### NO outbound traffic on Mullumbimby Road from Monday, 13 October.

From 13 October, Council starts work on the section of Mullumbimby Road from The Saddle Road to Gulgan Road.

#### Outbound traffic (including after hours and weekends)

Mullumbimby Road will be closed to outbound traffic from The Saddle Road.

School buses and emergency services will have full access to Mullumbimby Road via traffic control/temporary lights.

#### Inbound traffic

Mullumbimby Road will be open to all inbound traffic.

#### Take alternative routes

- Myocum Road (south)
- Coolamon Scenic Drive (north)

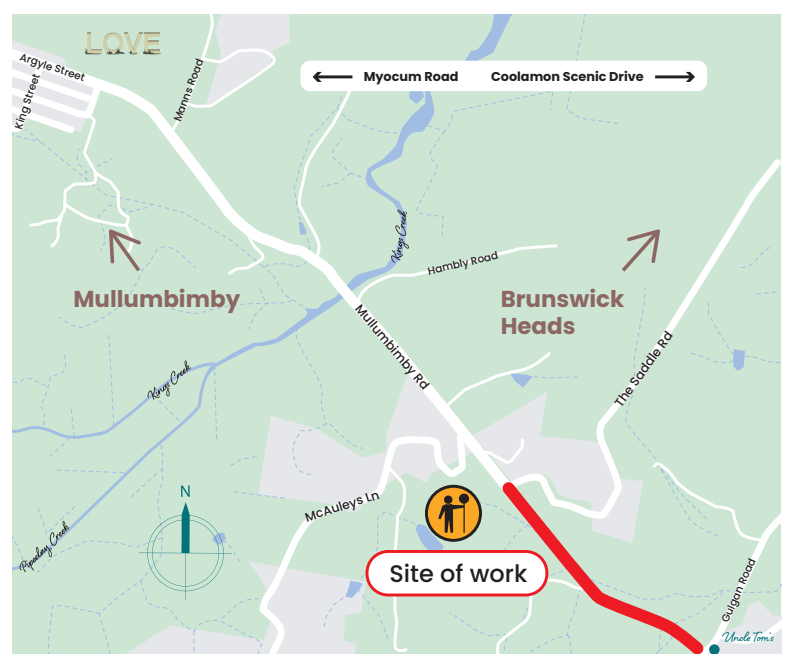
#### Heavy vehicles

Must use Myocum Road

#### Why do we have to close the road to outbound traffic?

Council has looked at every possible alternative but because of the narrow road reserve and steep road shoulders, there is no option but to reduce traffic to one lane.

Because of the location and type of work being done, heavy equipment being used, and for worker and driver safety it is necessary to only have one lane of traffic moving in one direction.



### More information

- [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/mullumroadworks](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/mullumroadworks)
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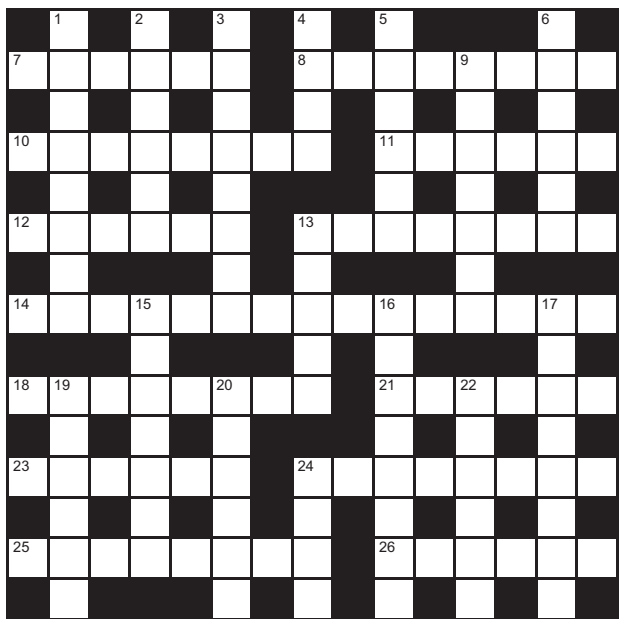


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**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- 7. A faint movement of opposition to right (6)
- 8. Horse-riding PM crosses intersection (8)
- 10. Senior Counsel meets riff-raff at game (8)
- 11. Fool around with a grand in cash (6)
- 12. Magical beings sort Romeo out, now embracing One Direction (6)
- 13. Spooner's entertaining light meal at tea party (3-5)
- 14. Complicated speech amnesiac starting to memorise is way out (6,9)
- 18. Those voting against maintaining old women and leaders of delinquent adolescents at this time (8)
- 21. Girl, a plaything handled by old men and bishop (6)
- 23. Oriental doesn't start at the back (6)
- 24. Teller at big bank almost gets rights to have roster switched (8)
- 25. Member of duopoly to rule on salad (8)
- 26. Pitcher has concern about a foot (6)

**DOWN**

- 1. Footballers perhaps entertain knight in underwear (8)
- 2. Sufi law ideally may be overturned to encompass religious festival (6)
- 3. Follower of Mary has seat damaged by blast (8)
- 4. Gastronomer zealously gobbles appetisers (4)
- 5. Sea creature in central Denmark with peculiar name Rex adopted (6)
- 6. Foreign men she is to implicate (6)
- 9. Strain in part of joint is inherently reversible (7)
- 13. Buzzers across bar finally indicate drinks (5)
- 15. A scoundrel to echo me in the world of scholarship (7)
- 16. That awful strain – that's three in succession! (3,5)
- 17. Quiet old women at seedy school for exhibitionists (4-4)
- 19. Bargain centre works to maintain small hotel (2,4)
- 20. Accounts of flowers you said should be omitted (6)
- 22. Parts of some agreements are insufficient (6)
- 24. These days time means nothing (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)

**Quick Clues**

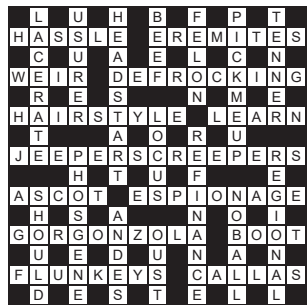
**ACROSS**

- 7. Far-left group opposing fascist ideology (6)
- 8. Equestrian sport combining dressage, cross-country and show jumping (8)
- 10. Word game played with lettered tiles on a board (8)
- 11. Cheeky primate with a long tail (6)
- 12. Supernatural entities often trapped in lamps (6)
- 13. Informal gathering with refreshments, often chaotic (3-5)
- 14. Psychological strategy for avoiding unpleasant situations (6,9)
- 18. In current times (8)
- 21. Female who enjoys traditionally masculine activities (6)
- 23. Toward the rear of a ship (6)
- 24. Person telling the story (8)
- 25. Salad of shredded cabbage with mayonnaise dressing (8)
- 26. Container for serving wine or water (6)

**DOWN**

- 1. Women's underwear garments (8)
- 2. Hindu festival of lights (6)
- 3. Criticise harshly (8)
- 4. Selection of small Mediterranean dishes (4)
- 5. Mythical male creature with fishtail instead of legs (6)
- 6. Entangle in a difficult situation (6)
- 9. Mental or emotional strain (7)
- 13. Brewed alcoholic beverages (5)
- 15. The domain of universities and scholarship (7)
- 16. Three consecutive successes, especially in sport (3,5)
- 17. People who boast about their abilities (4-4)
- 19. Charity store selling used goods (2,4)
- 20. Historical records or chronicles (6)
- 22. Inadequate or sparse (6)
- 24. Northern English term for nothing (4)

**Last week's solution #74**



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

# In Awe of Mona

Mandy Nolan

Older women have more power than they realise. That occurred to me after pushing through the crowds at the Louvre, on a rainy autumn day in Paris, to see the painting that over 10 million people line up to see every year. Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*.

This painting isn't big. It's not grand. In comparison to *The Wedding at Cana* – the work on the opposite wall – the more famous painting is insubstantial. Very modest for a billion-dollar artwork. The biblical painting is 70 metres in length, and is the biggest painting in the Louvre. There's people touching each other, people laughing, people drinking, feet being massaged. But it's Lisa they want. Plain, thin-lipped Lisa.

She's outdoing Jesus turning water into wine by about 700%. She doesn't have any party tricks. She's not turning snails into vapes. She's just smirking. That famous smile that follows you around the room has hundreds of people pushing past the barricades to get a selfie with a 500-year-old woman. The *Mona Lisa* has more pull than a Kardashian. It's effortless. People are weirdly captivated. How can a centuries-old woman in brown and green have so much charisma?

It seems stupid. Why this painting? Why in a gallery full of the most remarkable talent over centuries, are we captivated by the *Mona Lisa*? Many paintings are more impressive. Many paintings are grander. Many are more colourful. This is just a portrait. There's not even a baby grappling for a breast or a man stabbing a horse, or a dog at her feet, or fruit in a bowl. All the details of the works I've seen seem meaningless to Mona. She reminds me of the world's greatest lesson. Something older women know well. Stop trying so hard. Just be. Just be you. Be *Mona Lisa*. You're enough.

The wonderful thing about the *Mona Lisa* is that no one really knows who she is. And like all great women, she's unfinished. That's a reminder too. That there is still a story to be told. More to learn. And Mona, well, she's not one for the quiet life. She courts controversy.



**The *Mona Lisa* has more pull than a Kardashian. It's effortless. People are weirdly captivated.**

Like her trip to Tokyo for a global outing in the 1970s, when someone spray-painted her to protest the National Museum's refusal to provide access to those with disabilities.

Last year she copped some soup from climate protesters who were calling for the right to healthy and sustainable food. The bulletproof glass meant it didn't touch the sides, but she gave climate change a global platform.

Like many women, Mona has survived some pretty horrific abuse. Like in 1956 when some bloke threw acid on her. Then in the same year she copped

a rock from a homeless man who was hoping the act would send him to prison so he'd have somewhere warm to sleep. In 2009 a woman threw a mug at her. It was unclear why, but confident women do disrupt. And in 2022 she got smeared with cake.

She was even stolen, gone without a trace for over two and a half years until she was discovered being sold to an art dealer in Florence. *Mona Lisa* has a story. She has an effect on people. And she belongs to them. The people. Once part of the royal collection, after the French Revolution she belonged to the people. That's a pretty extraordinary history for one little painting, of one mysterious, quietly confident, daringly smug woman.

I'm impressed. I'm practising that smile. There is a little Mona in us all.

■ 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

With this week's Mars in Scorpio and Venus in Virgo, criticism can sting, so applying the Libran sandwich technique (compliment/suggestion/compliment) will make feedback easier to receive...



**ARIES:** Unapologetic full moon in Aries on 7 October is your annual date to celebrate your wild side and the brave nature that makes you the unique individual you are. This month's mission? To balance the patience and discipline required by Saturn in your sign with flexible Neptune's openness to new possibilities.

**TAURUS:** October's zodiac sign, the scales, reminds us of the importance of maintaining a healthy ratio of relationship give and take. This is the astro-season for partners to have important talks, because autonomy and togetherness can actually coexist beautifully given enough tact, diplomacy and willingness to listen.

**GEMINI:** It's worth being aware that witty throwaway comments, while almost irresistible, could unintentionally offend this month's sensitive citizens. That said, October's astral energetics in a socially active sign like your own are likely to see plenty of productive networking and unexpectedly useful additions to your contact list.

**CANCER:** As generous Jupiter invites abundance into your home through new opportunities, just-do-it full moon on 7 October kicks in with a major confidence boost to celebrate your determined, persevering Cancerian spirit. And it's likely to illuminate some exciting ideas for you to experiment with.

**LEO:** Feeling caught between holding on to what's safe and diving into the unknown? This month's astrology supports exploring this tug-of-war by examining old patterns, while taking care not to force anything. If 7 October's full moon sparks feisty feelings, do your best to deescalate drama. Humour will help.

**VIRGO:** Venus in Virgo highlights your classic elegance and practicality during the first half of October, and asks you to adapt whatever routines are no longer serving you. Not sure where to start? Make a list of everything on your plate, from urgent matters to long-range plans, then sort by priority.

**LIBRA:** Bearing out Libran philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche's assertion that 'We have art in order not to die from the truth', October's sun and Mercury, soon to be joined by Venus, in your aesthetically-oriented sign instil a welcome balance of beauty, levity, lightness and kindness to your birthday month.

**SCORPIO:** This month's Mars in Scorpio is considered to be the red planet's strongest position, though its fire in your fixed water sign is known to generate all kinds of steam – exciting and otherwise – so focus on using your superpowers for good. And perhaps try not to come across as too assertive.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Sagittarians like to help and make a difference in the world, but avoid getting involved this week in complex problems that aren't your job to solve. Let October's diplomatic energetics ease the path to negotiating equitable deals and finding the fine line between being supportive and over-promising.

**CAPRICORN:** This month's celestial emphasis in your sector of public life is Capricorn's cue to work the room, because you already know that energy grows where your attention goes. There's absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to offer your stylish best when 7 October's flamboyant full moon invites you into the spotlight.

**AQUARIUS:** While traditionally the Aquarian focus is on connection with the wider human community, the current astrocycle zeros in on one-to-one relationships: specifically on the tricky tightrope balancing of connection and independence. Small thoughtful gestures and spending fun time together can rekindle and fortify this week's close partnerships.

**PISCES:** While this month promises plenty of delightful socialising, relationship boundaries could get a little porous, so try to resist playing pleaser for the sake of peace. Aim for clearly defined limits and reasonable agreements: equality is your key word. Saturn, currently in Pisces, is the master of tough love teachings.

# Unpacking that compulsory land acquisition on Mullumbimby Road

Hilary Bone

There has been much speculation about the relationship between the Mullumbimby Road upgrade and the proposed Multiple Occupancy (MO) development in McAuleys Lane, Myocum.

Following is an account of what I believe has actually happened.

Byron Shire Council (Council) received state government funding to undertake safety improvements along Mullumbimby Road.

At the same time, a separate issue arose. Consent was being sought by a property developer for a Multiple Occupancy (MO) development in McAuleys Lane, Myocum.

A major problem arose for the developer.

Relocation of the McAuleys Lane and Mullumbimby Road intersection was required prior to approval of the DA.

This prerequisite was to ensure a clear line of sight at the intersection in accordance with Austroads standards.

Relocation also required the acquisition of a portion of land belonging to neighbouring property owners,



The Maculeys Lane and Mullumbimby Road intersection. Get ready for a massive disruption to Mullumbimby's outbound traffic to the highway over the summer break. Photo supplied

but the owners did not wish to lose the land.

## Council adopts developer's problem

Council decided to adopt the developer's problem, even though Council wasn't required to, and admitted that they did not have the funds to acquire the land or carry out the construction of the relocated intersection.

The solution was simple. Council would vote to acquire the land by agreement or compulsory acquisition.

Council would then become the owner of the land.

Under certain conditions, Council had the power to do this, but the developer does not.

Council included the proviso that it could discontinue the acquisition process if the compensation payable to the property owners became the subject of an appeal to the Land and Environment Court.

Concerns were raised by two councillors regarding the legality of compulsory acquisition by Council and they requested that the vote be postponed pending legal advice.

This request was ignored. Council reasoned that as the developer would be the beneficiary of the land

acquisition the developer should pay the acquisition costs and the cost of the relocation of the intersection.

The acquisition costs include compensation to the owners, fees for statutory approval of the land acquisition, and Council's legal costs and disbursements including valuation, surveys, registration and reasonable legal cost rising from an appeal by the property owners to the Court.

Council dismissed consideration of alternative solutions to relocation.

Council stated that physically lowering the crest of the hill would be too onerous for the developer.

Council also dismissed the possibility of a roundabout.

This carefully crafted plan created a serious dilemma for the adversely-affected property owners.

## Option of selling to developer vs Council land acquisition

Under threat of inevitably losing their land (which may not have transpired), they were left with a choice between selling their land to the developer (which they were not legally bound to do) or putting Council to the test of pursuing the costly and protracted compulsory acquisition process.

There is no evidence to date that Council has commenced this arduous process, it could take up to one year or more.

Council has persistently encouraged the property owners and the developer to come to an agreement concerning the sale of the property owners' land.

So, what is to be made of all of this?

If the developer has purchased the land, then Council has no costs and

has avoided a possible legal challenge to the Court by the property owners.

The developer has avoided all compulsory acquisition costs, the DA can be approved, and construction work can be commenced.

The developer (not Council) will have acquired full control of the property owners' land.

If the land has not been sold to the developer and Council proceeds with compulsory acquisition, then the developer must meet all acquisition costs including possible legal (including court) costs as agreed.

The developer will experience substantial delay.

The development may in fact fail if it is found that Council does not follow due process in compulsorily acquiring the land.

The questions remain who are the winners and losers in this 'planning agreement' and more importantly is Council's conduct throughout the process in the public interest?

■ Hilary Bone is a Federal resident.

► Continued from page 12 government to fund an increase in the number and frequency of bus services between Mullum and Byron and accepted that public transport on the rail trail corridor is a fuzzy dream.

I do hope that once the rail trail is completed (if ever) I can use my mobility scooter on the trail because I will be too old to use my bike.

Glenn Christopherson  
Bangalow

So now we need a 'truth net' that anyone can become a member of.

If anyone is found to be creating a falsehood, without disclosing, they will be immediately removed from membership of the 'truth net', or severely fined to remain a member.

Come on you young minds get it going... it's an urgent need.

Sapoty Brook  
Main Arm

## Palestinian protesters miss the mark

Talk about making protests irrelevant - Palestinian protesters campaigned outside a state government member's office, when they should be around at the office of the federal member, Kevin Hogan, counteracting his lies about Gaza.

Rod Conder  
Alstonville

## Durrumbul Community Centre

We are a bit disparate around Durrumbul, and not really Main Arm, certainly not West Mullumbimby. We have an opportunity this year to take control of our only public venue, the fabulous Durrumbul Hall.

The mud brick building in Mud Brick Lane was built by locals in the 1980s, back in the heady days of volunteer-ism.

Those days are over but the building is still there, a legacy gift, sitting on land that had its native title recognised in 2019.

Local management of the hall would free it up for local

community gatherings, workshops, band practice, parties that don't fit at home, etc.

Commercial events already provide a healthy income to cover the hall's maintenance. Some of the management roles are lightly paid.

If you live in the Brunswick Valley and could find

an hour or two per month to help keep the hall in local hands, please contact me, or the Shands, or email creat-eartjohoy@gmail.com.

If we can get this going, we'll see you at a gathering near you in coming months.

Jo Hoy  
Main Arm

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## A new lease of life for Mullumbimby Tennis

The Northern Rivers Tennis Foundation (NRTF) will start managing the Mullumbimby Tennis Courts from 13 October this year, following Byron Shire Council granting them a five-year licence.

Awarding the grant to NRTF has raised concerns from some members of the Mullumbimby Tennis Club (MTC) who told *The Echo* that they, 'believe the best outcome for our community is for the MTC to continue managing the facility'.

The 11 members who raised concerns with *The Echo* said they had concerns about losing the licence to run the facility and would like the tender process to be run again.

However, MTC President Dale Emmerson said, 'While I understand the frustration many members feel about Council's decision-making process and the lack of direct consultation with MTC, I believe our response to these challenges will define us as a community organisation. Community sporting organisations like tennis clubs exist to bring people together through a shared passion for the game. They thrive on principles of fair play, respect for decisions made through proper processes, and collaborative spirit. These values extend beyond the court into how we govern ourselves and interact as members.'

The NRTF who are led by a volunteer group of local tennis enthusiasts, say they are committed to delivering a community-first strategy that ensures tennis is affordable, high-quality, inclusive, and accessible for all.

'The NRTF will consult members on the opportunities for growth and enhancements at the facility. The court's original development application with Council



New Mullumbimby tennis coach, Olivia, with some of her students. Photo supplied

includes capacity for more growth at the southern end, which may be an opportunity to explore options around pickleball and other paddle facilities,' said an NRTF spokesperson.

'The Mullumbimby Tennis Club has a strong heritage, including a unique story of locals getting together to create the premium tennis facility in the Byron Shire. The NRTF not only appreciates and respects this heritage but also sees an opportunity to ensure locals who have worked so hard are included in the governance structure of the organisation.'

The NRTF said they plan to introduce a comprehensive suite of endorsed programs, including Hot Shots, Hot Shots Leagues, Cardio Tennis, and all abilities initiatives. These programs will provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage with the game.

### New head coach

'The NRTF are pleased to announce Olivia Rich as the new head coach for the venue. Olivia has 16 years of experience and Tennis

Australia qualifications. She also leads Tennis Australia coaching courses and is a finalist in the upcoming Tennis NSW awards for coaching excellence.

'Olivia currently coaches over 100 kids in the region. The NRTF is excited to bring such a high calibre of coaching to the Byron Shire.

### Thank you Steve

'The NRTF would like to thank Steve Gort for his incredible contribution to tennis in Mullumbimby and we look forward to partnering with him on regionally-coordinated events (including tennis leagues) as he continues to lead coaching services in Ballina and Ocean Shores.'

Mr Emerson, said he 'looks forward to working with the foundation and building the club over the next few years. Tennis is a passion sport for so many locals and I want to ensure that there is a great delivery here in Mullumbimby.'

If you are interested in volunteering or have something to offer, we'd love to speak to you - email [nrtf.net@gmail.com](mailto:nrtf.net@gmail.com).

## Cricket is back for young and old



Youngsters having a go at Blast cricket. Photo supplied

### Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Cricket Club (BBCC) is running a cricket Blast program for six-to-10-year-olds at the Byron Recreation Grounds, Tennyson Steet on Thursday afternoons, 4.30pm start across term four.

The Blast program has been designed to engage and empower kids up to 10 years old of all skill levels and abilities, unleashing their potential through fun, game-based activities.

Kids (and parents) will gain the necessary skills and knowledge to progress

through the program to junior cricket and beyond.

'Our number one aim is fun,' BBCC's Jason Trisley said. 'Our Blast program will run as an eight week program from 23 October to December. Registration includes a Cricket Australia Blast pack delivered directly to you by Cricket Australia,' he said. To join message Jason on 0488 996 166.

### Junior and senior cricketers

Local clubs across the Byron Shire and surrounds are also organising their

senior and U18 squads, in preparation for the summer season that is set to commence from 11 October.

Competitions are set to be run across four senior grades and several junior grades providing opportunities for players of all abilities.

Any interested players are encouraged to contact local clubs including Bangalow, Brunswick/Mullumbimby, Lennox Head, Ballina and Ballina/East Tintenbar.

Byron Bay will also be running its twilight short-form cricket competition, running since 1981, from late October. All welcome.

## Spring cycling returns to the Cavanbah

The Byron Bay Cycling Club has kicked-off its three-leg spring criterion racing event which began on Sunday September 24, before wrapping up next weekend. Chris Boogert, Adam Taylor, Rachel Pearson, Aaron Dower and Caroline Hogan all picked up winning point scores in round one. Photo supplied



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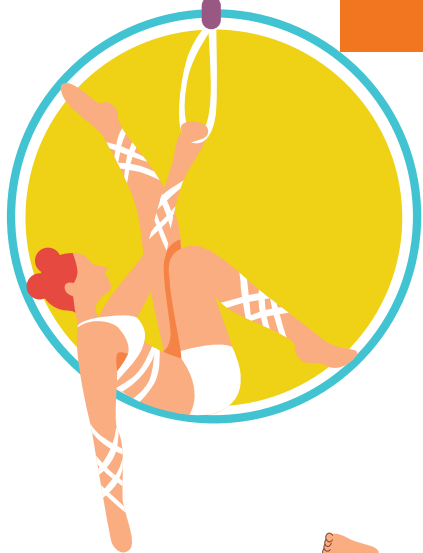
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Kick things off with breakfast, where the choices are as diverse as they are delicious. From Japanese hand-rolled sushi with tempting weekly specials, to Taiwanese dumplings, fragrant Indonesian meals, flaky croissants, and sweet French crêpes, there's something to delight every palate. Vegan-friendly options are plentiful, best paired with a fresh juice, smoothie, cold-pressed cane juice, or matcha. For something extra nourishing, try a probiotic drink to boost your gut health, or simply enjoy a smooth barista coffee. With so much on offer, a morning at Mullum Farmers Market feels like a global food journey.

For families, the Kids Plot is the ultimate holiday hangout. This dedicated space is set up with picnic mats,

tables, and chairs, making it easy for parents to relax while the kids dive into fun activities. Little ones can get creative with crafts and face-painting, while the talented team from Spaghetti Circus will be on hand to teach budding performers some circus skills.

The market is also the easiest place to do your weekly shopping. Stock up on farm-fresh fruit and vegetables, gourmet staples, ready-to-go meals, and healthy snacks – all grown, or made, by local producers. And for a treat, don't miss Monty's chocolate-dipped strawberries or icy poles coated in rich chocolate, always a holiday favourite.

With delicious food, family-friendly entertainment, live local music, and the best seasonal produce, Mullumbimby Farmers Market is the ultimate spring holiday destination. Come for the essentials, stay for the fun, and take home both treats and memories.

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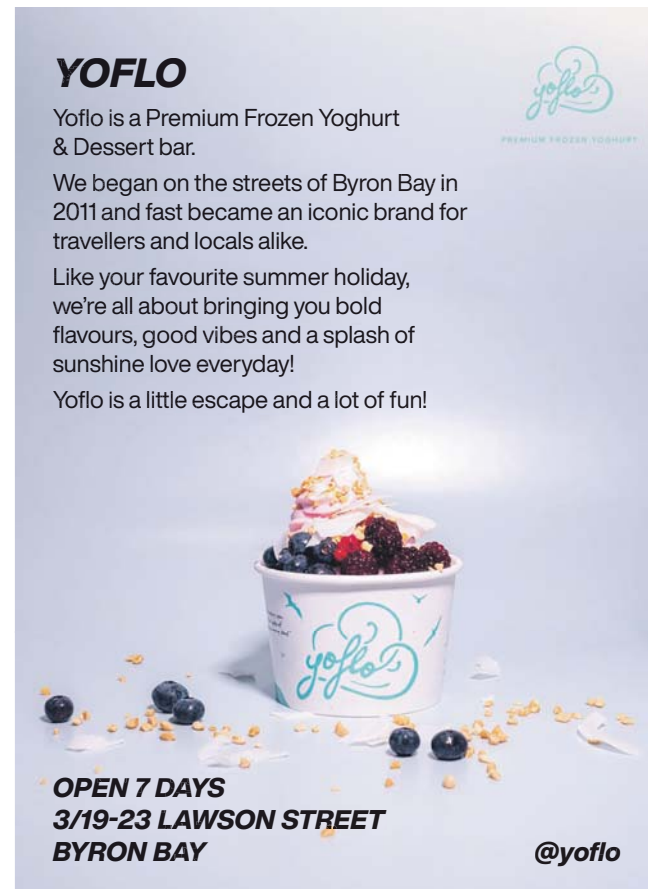
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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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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.

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Easy online booking at  
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## BYRON BAY KIDS TENNIS CAMP

Join Byron Bay Tennis courtside in the school holidays for some great tennis fun and fitness.

They welcome all skill levels – from first-timers to budding competitors and offer age-specific coaching having tailored groups for 5–7, 8–11, and 12–15 years.

The kids will have fun and without even knowing it, will be building skills through fun games, challenges, and match play. The school holidays program is run by passionate, experienced coaches who are Tennis NSW certified. There are daily prizes and awards for encouragement.

Come along make new friends, learn new skills.

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## KIDS COOKING CLASS

North Byron Hotel is hosting another round of its popular Kids Cooking Classes these school holidays.

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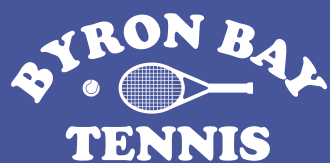
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## ARTSFOCUS



Colourful Road to Mullum  
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DNA Dragon by Yao Mikami



Burdened by Brendan Kelly

### ART IN THE HEART OF MULLUMBIMBY: EXHIBITION 11

Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre is once again transformed into a gallery as the H'Art Gallery unveils its 11th exhibition. With eight artists and more than 30 works across painting, printmaking, and mixed media, this show celebrates both the breadth and intimacy of local creativity.

Brendan Kelly brings sharp wit to Australian cultural satire with bold acrylic canvases such as Cattle Trough and Marble Bar. Brian Davidson offers exquisite

hand-coloured lino prints, celebrating native birds and bush landscapes in works like Wrens, Banksias & Flannels. Daniela Ulloa explores layered emotion with vibrant acrylics and oils, while Karen Wynn-Moylan presents luminous botanicals in oils on canvas. Liz Friend captures contemporary moods in mixed media, from bold nudes to playful abstractions.

The exhibition also features curator Solveig's signature graphic impressions, including

Duck Dance, alongside Søren Carlbergg's meditative canvases and textured explorations. Finally, Yao Mikami offers a contemplative series painted in natural indigo and egg tempera, blending prayer and landscape.

Together the artists transform the Health Centre into a place of colour and calm, reminding us that art nourishes community as much as it decorates space. Exhibition 11 is a vibrant conversation between artist, viewer, and place.

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# THE ARTS



## BIRDS AND BODS

On 4 October at the Brunswick Heads RSL Hall, Christine Bush will be hosting a fundraiser exhibition called 'Birds and Bods'. Proceeds will go to the Kids with Cancer Foundation. Christine is passionate about supporting children and families as they navigate their cancer journey.

**Brunswick Heads RSL Hall  
4 October from 9am**



Hilary Herrmann

## FAMILY FUN WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR CRAIG SILVEY

Looking for the perfect way to wrap up the school holidays? Join award-winning author Craig Silvey in conversation with Sarah Armstrong as they celebrate the release of *Runt and the Diabolical Dognapping*, the hilarious and heartwarming sequel to the much-loved bestseller *Runt*.

This Byron Writers Festival special event promises fun for the whole family, with free face-painting, goodie bags and a special visit from *Sailor the Story Dog*.

Don't miss this chance to meet one of Australia's most celebrated authors, hear about his latest adventure-packed story, and pick up a signed copy to treasure.

**When: Saturday, 12 October, 1:30pm**  
**Where: A&I Hall, Bangalow**  
**Tickets: \$30 general, \$25 Festival Friend, \$5 kids**  
**Visit [www.byronwritersfestival.com](http://www.byronwritersfestival.com) for more**

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## FIGURE AND FIELD

**Lucia Canuto, Hilary Herrmann, Meg Stoios**  
**3 October 2025 - 15 February 2026**  
**Summer Opening Celebrations**  
**Friday 14 November, 6 - 8 pm DST, free event**

Figure and Field brings together three artists from Northern New South Wales and the South East Queensland region: Lucia Canuto, Hilary Herrmann and Meg Stoios, each exploring the human figure in their work.

Between them, they illuminate our emotional and spiritual state in relation to the physical world around us. From the mythic-leaning paintings of Herrmann and the ennuie-imbued urbanity of Stoios to the medium-blurring evocations of Canuto, see three unique perspectives, born of local life.

Curated by Bradley Vincent.

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## Craig Silvey in conversation



Sunday 12 October  
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Hilary Herrmann *Gather* (detail) 2025  
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# Seven

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## Eclectic Selection

### What's on this week



**The Italian Film Festival** continues with great movies including the acclaimed *The Boy with Pink Trousers* – A box office sensation in Italy, *The Boy With The Pink Trousers* (*Il ragazzo dai pantaloni rosa*) features rising star **Samuele Carrino** in a powerful performance, exploring the real story behind Italy's first publicised case of online bullying.

**Friday at 6pm at Palace Cinemas, Byron Bay. Tickets from \$19 at [palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay](http://palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay).**

**Hitchhike The Dawn** is a soulful combination of grassroots folk rock, surfy desert psychedelia, and melodic harmonies. Their sets are dynamic, ranging from foot-tapping grooves, and big sweaty jams, to smiling pop tunes, and smoky folk songs.

**Friday from 3.30pm at Stone & Wood Brewery, Byron Bay. Free show.**



With a career spanning over a decade, **Dallas Frasca** stands as a true force of her generation – a charismatic presence on stage, a fierce guitar slinger, and a commanding voice behind the mic. Hailing from North East Victoria, Frasca is now forging a bold new chapter in her illustrious career, breaking away from her renowned rock band to launch her latest solo venture.

**Friday from 7:30pm at the Soundlounge, Currumbin. Tickets \$40 at [soundlounge.com.au](http://soundlounge.com.au).**

**Brats Carnival** is a high-energy, super fun afternoon show for all ages – from tots to teenagers and their mums and dads – brought to you by the finest team of circus artists and mischief makers behind international touring sensation Briefs Factory.



**Friday and Saturday from 2pm at the Brunswick Picture House, Brunswick Heads. Tickets from \$24 at [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com).**



Get ready to ride the soul train – **Lisa Hunt's Forever Soul** is rolling back into town for an evening of powerhouse vocals, feel-good funk, and the kind of energy only Lisa can deliver.

**Sunday from 3pm at the Shaws Bay Hotel, Ballina. Free show.**

The straight-talking, hip-swinging, raw and raunchy jazz and blues of the **Trombone Kellie Gang** could get the most tired of feet moving – the band is fronted by the infamous Trombone Kellie, with gutsy vocal delivery and blues trombone-playing.

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

Accomplished piano vocalist, **Katrina Harris** has extensive experience performing around the world at five-star venues for weddings, special events, and sophisticated gatherings.

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



EMILY WURRAMARA

## Abuzz in Bruns

Bruns is always abuzz during the holidays and the **Brunswick Picture House** is excited to present their gigantic October program.

It's the final weekend for the outrageous and hysterical boylesque troupe **Briefs Factory** as they wrap up their residency this Sunday. Fierce and provocative, the gang is stomping it out for the final four sessions of **Club Brief – Thursday to Sunday**. Then on **Sunday**, they're back with their twist on the game show, the raucous **Bearded Bingo at 2pm**.

Of course, just for the kiddies, **Brats carnival** – a high-energy, super fun, glitter-bombing afternoon all ages show – on **Friday and Saturday at 2pm**.

When Australia's King of Blues and Roots teams up with a full gospel choir, it's a completely unmissable event – which is why we've just added a second show for **Ash Grunwald on Sunday, October 19 at 4pm** after selling out his Saturday show!

The multi-award-winning **Emily Wurramara** returns on **Friday, October 24** to celebrate her new release 'Adore Me'.

It's truly one of the kinkiest nights on our calendar: **Kinky Drawers** comes back out for the coolest life drawing burlesque art event yet, on **Friday, October 10**.

Make room for two comedy powerhouses as Picture House favourite **Nazeem Hussain** returns with a brand-new show on **Saturday, October 11**, while the much-loved TV star **Dave O'Neill** hits the Bruns stage for the first time on **Friday, October 17**.

Big doco films are back in October, including five new thought-provoking titles from Byron Bay Film Festival on Saturday and Sunday, **October 25 and 26** – two direct action stories with live panel discussions: **Turning The Ship** and **To Kill A War Machine** on **Wednesday, October 15**, and the world's best new action sports films in 'Adventure Reels Tour', **Thursday October 16**.

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**THUR: MCCREDIE BROTHERS**

**FRI: NICK WARREN**

**SUN: MARGIS & TACOS!**



## A debut to remember

**Neo Sora's** directorial debut screens at the Byron Bay International Film Festival, blending music, identity and rebellion in a near-future Tokyo.

**The Byron Bay International Film Festival** opens on **October 17**, bringing ten days of international and Australian cinema to Northern Rivers film lovers. Among the outstanding drama features in this year's program is **Happyend**, from Japanese-American filmmaker Neo Sora.

Set in a near-future Tokyo, the film follows a group of teenagers as they confront surveillance, social prejudice and the constant threat of natural disaster, while finding solace in friendship, rebellion and music.

Sora, son of the late composer Ryuichi Sakamoto, has drawn on both personal experience and wider social anxieties to craft a story that is both intimate and political.

He says the idea of *Happyend* came from the constant anticipation of earthquakes in Japan. 'It's often described as a safe country, but living there means constantly anticipating the next major earthquake. I wanted to capture that low-level anxiety and extend it to other fears such as surveillance, authoritarianism and xenophobia. The teenagers in the film live with those pressures every day, yet they still find ways to assert themselves and be joyful.'

Identity and belonging are also central themes. 'I grew up between cultures, and questions of identity have always been central to my life. In *Happyend*, Kou is Zainichi Korean, a community often marginalised in Japan. I wanted to show how young people negotiate those layers of identity – school, family, ethnicity – and how they create their own sense of belonging despite exclusion.'

Music runs throughout the story, offering both escape and expression. 'For these teenagers, making and sharing music allows them to express feelings they can't articulate otherwise.'

'Growing up with a father like Ryuichi Sakamoto meant I was surrounded by music, and it taught me how sound can become a language of resistance and connection.'

Sora hopes audiences leave the film moved by its unease as well as its vitality. 'The world these young people inhabit is uncertain, but they carve out spaces of joy and solidarity. If audiences reflect on how we might protect that spirit in our own societies, the film will have done its work.'

With its blend of political edge, youthful energy and musical heartbeat, *Happyend* is a striking debut and a glimpse of cinema's future.

**Full program and tickets: [www.bbff.com.au](http://www.bbff.com.au)**



Maggie and her dad Jed Fitzgerald had a great time searching for their favourite records, including Olivia Rodrigo and Taylor Swift, at last Sunday's Wandana Record Fair in Mullumbimby. Photo Aslan Shand

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David and Pete are teaming up for another **McCredie Brothers Tour**, after their highly successful debut tour in 2023. Off the back of the highly anticipated release of their debut single together, 'Lost Without You', they can't wait to tour the country. After captivating audiences with sold-out shows last year, they couldn't resist the call to come together and create something truly special. This folk/pop singer-songwriting duo will blow you away with their catchy melodies and sweet, busking personalities. Prepare to be swept away by their enchanting harmonies, heartfelt storytelling; and the undeniable magic that happens when two kindred musical souls unite.

See the fun brothers on Thursday from 7pm at The Northern, Byron Bay. Free entry!



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## Star-powered October

After a sold-out September opener, **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink** returns on **Saturday** with a stellar line-up headlined by one of Australia's most respected electronic music pioneers, **Groove Terminator**, playing for the first time in The Shed.

Simon 'Groove Terminator' Lewicki is a pioneer of Australian electronic music and one of our most celebrated DJs.

The first DJ signed to a major label, GT broke through with 'One More Time (The Sunshine Song)' and later hit number one on both the Australian and US Billboard dance charts as Chili Hi Fly. He's shared stages with legends including Carl Cox, Jeff Mills, The Prodigy, Underworld, Fatboy Slim, Moby, The Beastie Boys and even Prince.

As one half of Tonite Only, he soundtracked global dancefloors through the 2000s with anthems and remixes still revered today.

Beyond the booth, GT helped shape dance culture with Ministry of Sound Australia and his groundbreaking 'History of House' live show with the Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir, earning an ARIA nomination and a spot in KCRW's Top 30 Albums of 2024.

In 2025, *Rolling Stone Australia* ranked him number 22 in their '50 Greatest Electronic Artists of All Time.'

Now, for the first time, GT brings his iconic sound to Nudge Nudge Wink Wink and the best-sounding shed in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Peppin** has been moving dance floors for more than a decade, plus the co-founders of Cunning Stunts, **Lord Sut** and **Dale Stephen** bring their trademark Balearic, funk, twisted disco, and house to The Shed each month. More than just residents, they are the heartbeat of Nudge, shaping the soundtrack and spirit of every event.

Proceeds from both September and October events support Liberation Larder, a grassroots organisation powered by over 50 volunteers.

This Saturday from 4pm at The Shed at The Billinudgel Hotel.

**Tickets:** This event is expected to sell out. You can still support Liberation Larder by donating via the ticket link: [www.bit.ly/Tickets\\_Nudge\\_Oct4th](http://www.bit.ly/Tickets_Nudge_Oct4th).

We are officially sold out. Missed out? Check Tixel for the only safe resale options—no scalpers here!

The next event will be Saturday, November 1. Subscribe for ticket updates: [cunningstunts.com.au](http://cunningstunts.com.au).

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## Live at the Australian

Get ready Ballina – the blues are coming to town. On Saturday, the historic **Australian Hotel** will come alive with the sounds of one of Australia's most electrifying guitarists, **John Luke Shelley**, joined by the powerhouse rhythm of **JB's Blues Breakers**.

**The music kicks off at 5pm, and entry is completely free.**

John Luke Shelley has built a career that bridges Australia's thriving blues scene with the global stage. Known for his fiery solos, soulful vocals, and commanding presence, he has performed everywhere from intimate pubs to major festivals. One of the highlights of his journey was competing in Memphis, Tennessee – the spiritual home of the blues – where he proudly represented Australia among some of the finest musicians in the world.

For any blues guitarist, stepping onto a Memphis stage is a rite of passage, and Shelley's success there confirmed his place as a musician of international renown.

Backing John Luke are JB's Blues Breakers, a band renowned for their tight grooves and raw authenticity. Together, they channel the spirit of Chicago blues while infusing it with the energy of Australian rock 'n' roll. The result is a sound that's both timeless and fresh, guaranteed to get the crowd moving.



The Australian Hotel Ballina is no stranger to great live music. As one of the Northern Rivers' most iconic venues, it has long been a gathering place for music lovers and touring artists alike.

Its welcoming atmosphere, lively crowds, and reputation for memorable nights make it the perfect backdrop for a show of this calibre.

The Ballina show is part of John Luke Shelley's Northern NSW Tour, which also includes performances at **The Rails** and **Blues on Bulimba in Brisbane**.

Each show offers its own unique vibe, but the Ballina stop promises the intimacy and warmth of a local gig with the firepower of an international act.

With free entry, an early 5pm start, and the promise of a night filled with world-class blues, this is a show not to be missed. Whether you're a dedicated blues enthusiast or simply love the energy of live music, John Luke Shelley and JB's Blues Breakers at the Australian Hotel Ballina is an experience you'll remember long after the last note fades.

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## CINEMA

### Some search for battle, others are born into it

After watching this film you might feel like you have been part of a 17-year-long battle – **One Battle After Another** is one of the most intense films I have seen in years – **Leonardo DiCaprio** is freaking awesome as revolutionary/stoner 'Bob', single dad to the daughter he made with probably the most bombshell-not-blonde, I-wouldn't-want-to-meet-her-in-a-dark-alley, she's-so-freaking-scary-AND-awesome, Perfidia Beverly Hills – in a truly stunning, shocking, menacing performance by **Teyana Me Shay Jacqueli Taylor**. Whatever you do, don't cross this woman!

Equally menacing is **Sean Penn** (I'm not usually a fan) as the very evil Col. Steven J. Lockjaw, a man that you actually want to see die a slow, miserable death – well, I did. This is undeniably an award-winning performance from Penn, until the last embers cool...

Making up this quartet of fantastic performances is **Chase Infiniti**, the crux of the story, as Willa Ferguson – the love made (?) offspring of Queen Perfidia Beverly Hills – does the apple fall far from the tree?

Academy award-nominated, BAFTA-winning filmmaker **Paul Thomas Anderson** (*There Will Be Blood*) and Academy Award and BAFTA-winner **Leonardo DiCaprio** join forces for one of the most anticipated cinema events of the year with this darkly comedic action thriller.

Loosely inspired by Thomas Pynchon's 1990 novel *Vineland*, Anderson has concocted an explosive combination of cutting black comedy, whip-smart political satire and edge-of-your-seat action blockbuster.

Anderson's bold visual style and evocative character explorations are perfectly matched by powerhouse performances from DiCaprio and the fully-loaded all-star ensemble cast, including Taylor, Infiniti, and Penn as well as Regina Hall, Wood Harris, and Alana Haim.

In the words of DiCaprio: 'In this film there is not a second that you can take a breath.'

But wait! **Benicio Del Toro** – **STELLAR**.

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### WEDNESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JESSE WHITNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **IZAEAH MARSH**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **NT LIVE: 'INTER ALIA'**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

### THURSDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **BEN WHITING + JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **THE MCCREDIE BROTHERS**
- 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 **JAM NIGHT**
- KELP, BALLINA, **JOE CONROY**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM **SHORTY BROWN**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**

### FRIDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LANZWEL + JAM HOT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **BRIGHT LIGHTS - 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JNR.'**
- STONE & WOOD, BYRON BAY, 3PM **HITCHEHIKE THE DAWN**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM **KYLE LIONHART**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 9PM **NICK WARREN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **BRATS CARNIVAL, 7PM CLUB BRIEFS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SALVE JORGE**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUM WITH DJ LO QI**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **DON'T CHANGE - INXS TRIBUTE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30AM **PHIL GUEST**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **SPILL THE T REVISITED**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **CHARLIE BRAVO**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **DALLAS FRASCA**
- KIRRA BEACH HOTEL 8PM **JON J BRADLEY**

### SATURDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KATIE WHITE + MICKA SCENE + ANNA LUNOE + KIRA SUNDAY**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7PM **BRIGHT LIGHTS - 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JNR.'**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DJ ABEL TORO, DJ JAI TAYLOR + DJ REIFLEX**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **BRATS CARNIVAL, 7PM CLUB BRIEFS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK - DJS GROOVE TERMINATOR, PEPPIN, DALE STEPHEN & LORD SUT. + BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE LI**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **DJ LONGTIME + DJ LORDY WARDY**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA, 5PM **JB'S BLUES BREAKERS & JOHN LUKE SHELLEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **INO PIO**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 7PM **MOOD SWING AND CHEVY BASS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 8PM **THE FLYING FORTIES**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MARK AITKEN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **NOAH ROBERTSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 6.30PM **THE SCREAMING JETS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **RAW ORDIO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **HUMAN NATURE**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **LISA HUNT**

### SUNDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TANDIA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **BARNES STORM + DJ REIFLEX**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 5PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **CLUB BRIEFS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ DARLAN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 3PM **DEYA DOVA IMMERSION**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **GHOSTING THE PARTY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **LILY GRACE GRANT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 2PM **EPIC**
- LENNOX PIZZA 5PM **ARCADIA**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB, BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **LISA HUNT**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM **AZO BELL & THE NEIGHBOURS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 1PM **MAGIC MIKE MAGICIAN, 6PM INO PIO**
- CLUB TWEED 1PM **RAFF DE + COREY HARGREAVES**

### MONDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KATRINA HARRIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **YAZMINDI + O & THE MO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 1PM **LUKE HAYWARD**

### TUESDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **BILL JACOBI**

### WEDNESDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **IRISH FOLK JAM**

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SPINAL TAP II: THE END CONTINUES (M) Thurs, Fri, Tues, Wed: 5:40PM

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND (PG) Daily: 8:20PM

THE CONJURING: LAST RITES (MA15+) Daily: 3:15PM, 8:00PM

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THE SMASHING MACHINE (M) Daily except Sun, Wed: 11:00AM, 12:45PM, 3:15PM, 5:45PM, 8:15PM, Sun: 10:20AM, 12:45PM, 3:15PM, 5:45PM, 8:15PM, Wed: 12:45PM, 3:15PM, 5:45PM, 8:15PM

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HIM (MA15+) Thurs, Fri, Tues, Wed: 5:15PM, 7:20PM, Sat, Sun, Mon: 2:45PM, 7:20PM

KANGAROO (PG) Thurs, Fri, Tues: 10:00AM, 4:45PM, Sat, Sun, Mon: 10:20AM, Wed: 10:20AM, 4:45PM

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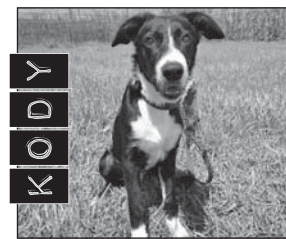
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## On The Horizon



### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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#### Brunswick Valley View Club meets October 9

The Brunswick Valley View Club will have a luncheon meeting on October 9 at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Starting from 10.30am for 11am. Members who cannot attend, please ring Wenda on 0449 53 580 or email wjihunt@yahoo.com no later than Monday before next meeting.

#### Byron Bay Library School holiday activities

Lego free play day, Thurs October 2 and book in for the challenge hour at 2.30pm. Ages 5 plus. Improv theatre workshop with ZaKaiRan. Do you love being silly, making stuff up and having fun? Ages 8 plus, Fri Oct 10 from 10.30am. Bookings www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au or 6685 8540.

#### Brunswick Valley Probus Club October 7

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club Inc. meeting is on Tuesday October 7 from 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker TBC. Visitors are welcome, so come along. For inquiries, ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

#### Prostate Cancer Support Group meets Oct 8

The Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group meeting for 2025 will be held Wednesday, October 8 from 10am until 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group to experience the personal cancer stories told which give a great opportunity for all to share, learn and benefit from each other. Partners

and carers are also most welcome to attend. This will be another morning of quality sharing on health and wellbeing updates. Inquiries, phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

#### Australians In Retirement

The next meeting of Australians In Retirement will be held at the usual venue, Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant Street, Ballina on October 3 from 9.30am for a 10am start. The guest speakers for this meeting will be Wendy Synott and Jacqui Loader from Baptist Care Home Services. Inquiries please contact secretary Jenny Moore on 6681 3270.

#### Friends of Libraries AGM

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their Annual General Meeting on 15 October in the Arakwal 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.

#### Tech-savvy Seniors

Free, fun tech lessons are on at Byron Bay Library. Join our friendly training sessions where library staff help you to get online and build your digital skills. The 40-minute Friday sessions offer a broad range of topics to choose from that will help you gain confidence and stay connected. Bookings essential at: www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au or phone the Byron Bay branch 6685 8540.

## 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, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre.

#### Byron Community

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

#### Low-cost or free food

**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **The Hub Baptist Church** in Ocean Shores has food relief available for anyone

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

#### Respite Service

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

#### Alateen meeting

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

#### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

#### Support after suicide

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

#### Volunteer call out

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

#### Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzertati2010@gmail.com.

#### Older adult exercise

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

#### \$5 pilates classes

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#### End-of-Life Choices

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

#### Carers' support

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

#### Pottsville Community Association

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

#### Language exchange

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

#### Brunswick Valley Historical Society

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

#### Byron Bay Cancer Support Group

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for six years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect with other people with cancer. Meetings are held every four weeks on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am. For more information contact the Cancer Council on 13 11 20.

#### Library fun

Baby bounce and storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads Library**, Monday - storytime 10.30 till 11.30am; Friday - baby time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby Library**, Monday - storytime 10-11am; Tuesday - baby time 10-10.30 am.

#### Social sporting groups

**Mullumbimby:** Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** Women's table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

#### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters Club** is a group for public speaking. It meets on the first and third Monday of the month 6.15pm - 8.30pm, Byron Services Club, 132 Jonson St Byron Bay. For more information email: Selin @selin.ebeci@gmail.com. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Mullum Magic provides a safe and fun environment for members and guests to develop their public-speaking and leadership skills. Meeting 6.30-8.30pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 104 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. New members and guests welcome. Contact Ian Hamilton 0458 268 469.

#### Meditation

**Lennox Meditation:** Meditate, explore and share together in community. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 6pm for a 6:15pm Meditation at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre, 1 Mackney Lane, Lennox meeting room 4. Cost is \$5. Beginners and experienced meditators welcome. Chairs are also available. Contact Gabrielle: 0418-576-075 or Gowan: 0423-361-378. Email: gabrielle@bebliss.com.au. **Dzogchen meditation** and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30-8.30pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 7pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Byron Bay Meditation Centre** Tuesday 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: byronbaymeditationcentre.com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

## The Echo's Market Guide

Find it online: [www.echo.net.au/market-guide](http://www.echo.net.au/market-guide)

### MONTHLY MARKETS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> SAT: **Brunswick Heads Markets** - 8am-2pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> SUN: **Byron Community Market** - 8am-3pm  
**Pottsville Beach Markets** - 7am-1pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SUN: **The Channon Craft Market** - 9am-3pm  
**Chillingham Markets** - 8am-1pm  
**Coolangatta Arts & Craft Markets** - 8am-2pm  
**Tabulam Community Market** - 9am-1pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT: **Mullumbimby Community Market** - 8am-2pm  
**Murwillumbah Makers & Finders Market** - 9am-2pm  
**Salt Beach Markets**, South Kingscliff/Casuarina - 8am-1pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SUN: **Federal Village Market** - 8am-2pm  
**Uki Buttery Bazaar Market** - 8am-2pm  
**Pottsville Beach Markets** - 7am-1pm  
**Lismore City Bowlo Markets** - 9am-1pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> SAT: **Kyogle Bazaar** - 9am-2pm
- Last SAT: **Evans Head Rotary Market** - 8am-1pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> SUN: **Bangalow Market** - 8am-2.30pm  
**Nimbin Markets** - 9am-3pm  
**Murwillumbah Showground Market** - 8am-1pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> SUN (in a 5-Sunday month): **Coolangatta Arts & Crafts** - 8am-2pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> SUN: **Nimbin Markets** - 8.30am-3pm

Quarterly: **Byron Beachside Market** - four Saturdays in Jan, Easter, July and Sept

### FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS:

- Each TUE: **New Brighton Farmers Market** - 8am-11am  
**Lismore Organic Market** - 7.30am-10.30am
- Each WED: **Murwillumbah Farmers Market** - 7am-11am  
**Nimbin Farmers Market** - 3pm-6pm  
**Newrybar Hall Twilight Market** - 3pm-7.30pm
- Each THU: **Byron Bay Farmers Market** - 7am-11am  
**Lismore Produce Market** - 3pm-6pm
- Each FRI: **Mullumbimby Farmers Market** - 7am-11am  
**Evans Head Farmers Market** - 2.30pm-6.30pm
- Each SAT: **Bangalow Farmers Market** - 7am-11am  
**Duranbah Road Farmers Market** (Tropical Fruit World) 8am-11am  
**Uki Farmers Market** - 8am-1pm  
**Lismore Farmers Market** - 7.30am-11.30am  
**Byron Twilight Market** (October to April) 4pm-9pm
- Each SUN: **Ballina Farmers & Producers Market** - 7am-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.



### SUN, MOON & TIDES - TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Oct)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
1	W	5:24 / 17:46	11:34 / 1:19	0253 0.89; 1542 1.37	0817 0.57; 2244 0.52
2	TH	5:23 / 17:47	12:36 / 2:04	0413 0.96; 1644 1.45	0939 0.52; 2329 0.42
3	F	5:22 / 17:47	13:39 / 2:44	0510 1.07; 1734 1.54	1044 0.43
4	SA	5:21 / 17:48	14:42 / 3:20	0558 1.20; 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
9	TH	6:15 / 18:50	21:21 / 7:14	1040 1.76; 2246 1.36	0400 0.05; 1647 0.20
10	F	6:14 / 18:51	22:34 / 8:00	1128 1.76; 2332 1.21	0438 0.10; 1746 0.29
11	SA	6:13 / 18:52	23:44 / 8:52	1219 1.72	0519 0.19; 1855 0.37
12	SU	6:12 / 18:52	00:26 / 9:52	0026 1.06; 1318 1.65	0607 0.30; 2012 0.44
13	M	6:11 / 18:53	01:48 / 10:56	0134 0.95; 1428 1.57	0708 0.41; 2132 0.46
14	TU	6:10 / 18:53	1:43 / 12:02	0307 0.91; 1544 1.51	0830 0.48; 2248 0.44
15	W	6:09 / 18:54	2:30 / 13:07	0436 0.97; 1655 1.50	0959 0.50; 2347 0.39

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

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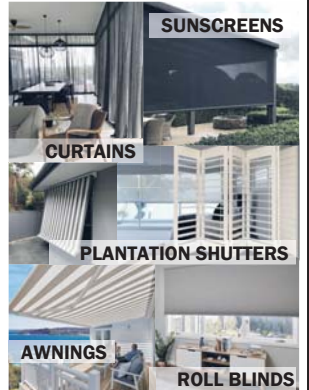
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This area offers privacy, but this is also the place where you can appreciate more of the golf course and the mighty Clarence River views. Some select clearing of trees will really open the views up and provide the upmost privacy at the same time. This block has a natural water easement running through the centre and provides a great space to enjoy nature. If you have children, they will have endless entertainment outside as they grow into adulthood.

If you are into golf, then you will be excited to be part of the Holmwood Estate. You have direct access to the Maclean Golf Club and all its facilities. This premier 18-hole golf course is known as 'The Pearl' and for good reason. This beautiful course is the envy of others in the valley as it has undulating hills to

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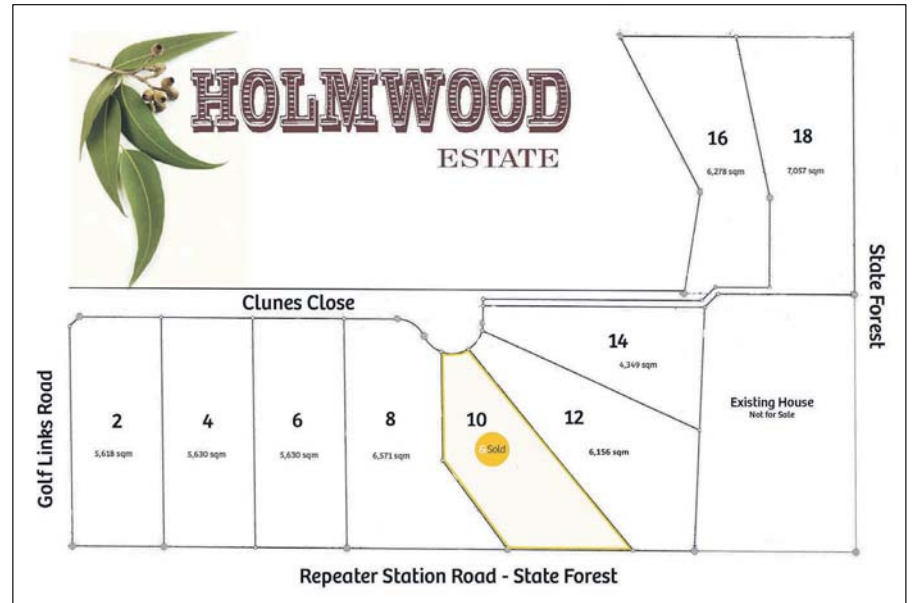
Maclean township is only 6km away by car – a three-to-four minute drive. Maclean has all the services expected for a medium-sized township, schools, TAFE, hospital, medical and sporting facilities including

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With strong demand from Sydney buyers, growing interest in the Byron hinterland, and a loyal local base, Alstonville is well placed for continued growth and Lifestyle is now better positioned than ever to support it.

“When we grow, it’s never just about adding dots on a map,” Gray added. “It’s about creating opportunity, backing local teams, investing in these areas, and making sure communities like Alstonville continue to prosper.”

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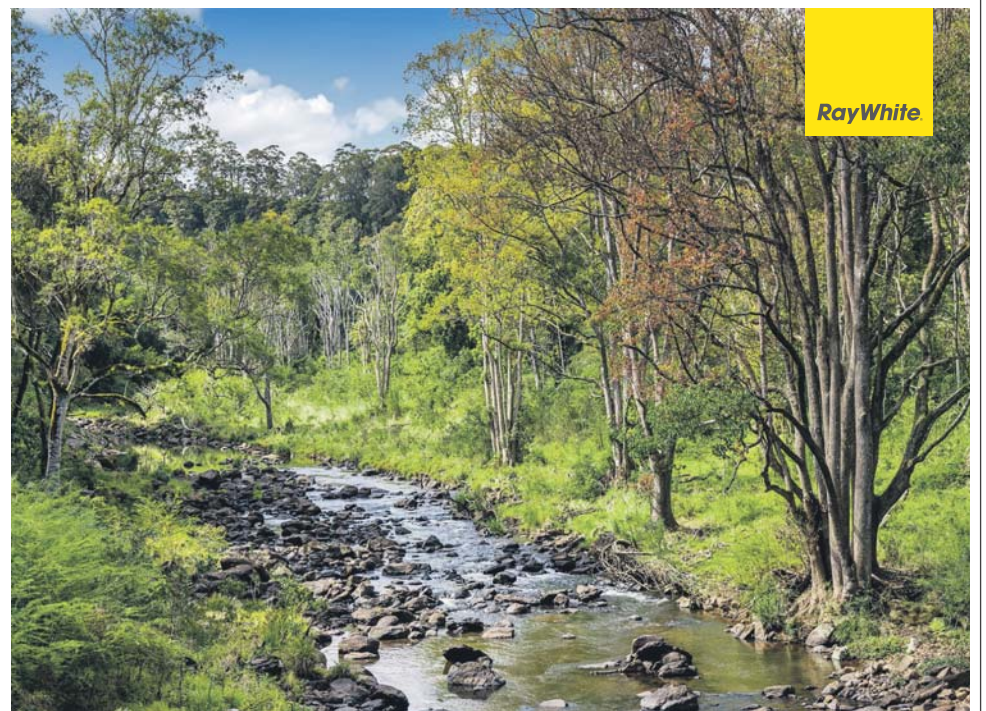
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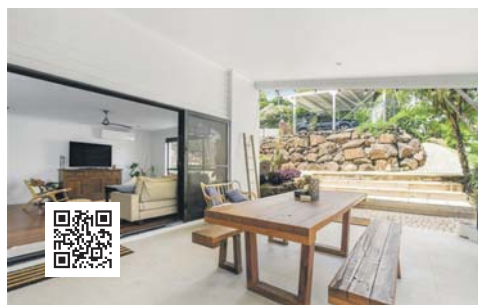
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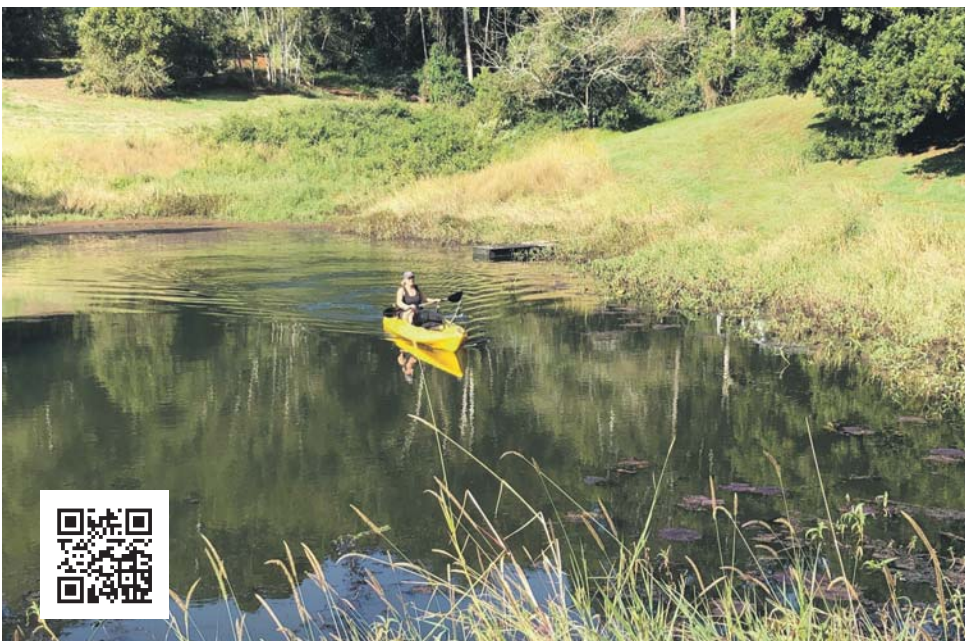
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**Palms Village – Site 79**  
The Palms Village, Tweed Heads South  
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The generous size open plan living/dining area has an almost new split system air conditioner, plus a sliding door that connects to the back deck; ideal for alfresco indoor/outdoor living.

- The contemporary modern kitchen has a fan-forced oven and ceramic cooktop.
- Two carpeted bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and ceiling fans.
- Generous bathroom with large shower, upgraded vanity and toilet.
- Separate guest toilet.
- Adjoining the home is a carport with space for one vehicle.
- At rear of the carport is a separate room with its own private entry that could be utilised as a home office, hobby room or storage.
- Energy efficient with 5kW solar system and solar hot water service.

Situated just minutes from Tweed Heads/Coolangatta, The Palms Village is for the over 55s and is 'pet friendly'. Retirement living at its best without the associated costs of exit fees and no stamp duty.

**Inspect:** By appointment  
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- 2/1 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay. Thurs 3–3.30pm
- 1 Warina Place, Mullumbimby. Fri 10–10.30am
- 103 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 11–11.30am
- 12A Coolamon Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 4–4.30pm
- 16/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am

- 11 Roses Road, Federal. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1 Warina Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 38 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale. Sat 9–9.30am
- 517 Friday Hut Road, Brooklet. Sat 9.30–10am
- 40 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am
- 17 Ann Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 234A Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 64A Carlyle Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 18 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 18 Whipbird Place, Ewingsdale. Sat 10–10.30am
- 14 Rush Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
- 2/122 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 247 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar. Sat 10.30–11am
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- 56 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am
- 15 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 16B Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Nargoan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30-11am
- 10 Canowindra Court, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 15 Kallaroo Circuit, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 4 Gara Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 17-21 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 16 Berrimbillah Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 75 New Brighton Road, New Brighton. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 23 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 6 Orion Street, Lismore. Sun 10.30-11.30am

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The world keeps spinning wars into euphemisms, and the song 'War Isn't Murder' by Jesse Welles cuts through a chunk of the nonsense. Rough-edged, sly, and oddly catchy, it's the kind of tune that lingers after one listen and feels like protest music snuck in through the back door.

Counterfeit cash has been reported being handed to businesses in the Ballina area. Both counterfeit \$50 and \$100 notes were handed to businesses in September. Some tips to spot a counterfeit note are: Feel the note - a genuine note is printed on special plastic polymer and is difficult to tear.

Hold the note to the light and look for the Australian Coat of Arms. This is generally located to the left of the clear window, or denomination numeral when looking at the front of the note. Feel for slightly raised printing on the main design of the note. Look for the seven-pointed star inside a circle. Check that the note has a clear window and that it has a clear printed image: \$50 has the Southern Cross; and the \$100 has the lyrebird. If possible, look under a UV light to locate the serial numbers.

The third-ever interstellar object to be discovered, 3I/ATLAS, is making its way through the solar system at this very moment. Scientists are rushing to harvest as much data as possible from this unusual visitor - there has even been speculation that it was the origin of the 'Wow!' signal. It won't come any closer than the half way point between the orbits of Earth and Mars, unless



Everyone kept their Brief's on as they wished head honcho of the Brunswick Picture House Brett Haylock happy birthday on Sunday, while he pointed out the new life that was on its way. Photo supplied



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Certain prominent Americans have made some questionable assertions about the origins of autism. Given how many virologists seem to be on the spectrum maybe autism is the cause of vaccines and so making hyper-focus and pattern-spotting humanity's best defence.

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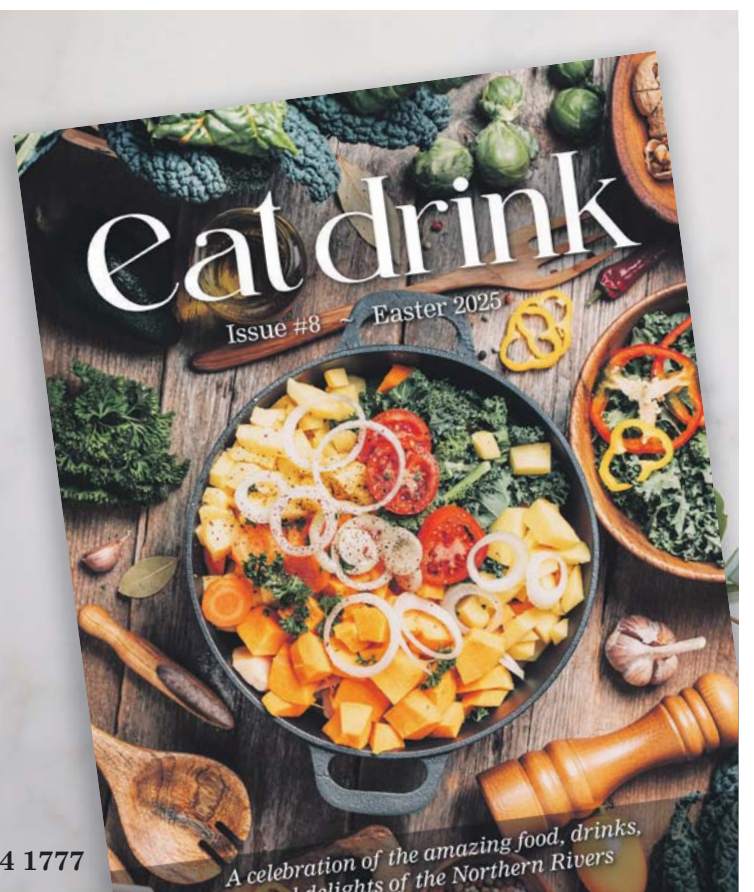
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