

## Vale Alfred, the Shire's great walker



Iconic local figure Alfred Hartlieb in action. Photo Jeff Dawson

### Aslan Shand

A report will be prepared for the coroner following the death of well-known, and much-loved, Byron Shire road walker, Alfred Hartlieb.

Alfred was hit by a vehicle on Ewingsdale Road on Wednesday, 29 October.

About 2.30pm on the

Wednesday, emergency services were called to the intersection of Ewingsdale Road and Banksia Drive, Byron Bay, following reports of a crash.

Alfred, who was in his 70s, was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics for head injuries.

'The driver of the van – a 38-year-old woman – was uninjured

and was taken to Byron Central Hospital for mandatory testing,' police told *The Echo*.

'Police declared a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances of the crash.'

Many people have expressed their sorrow over Alfred's death and concern for the 38-year old driver of the vehicle that hit him in this tragic incident.

### Police seeking witnesses

'Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is managed on a confidential basis. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.'

## Four charged over illegal cigarettes and vapes

Four people have been arrested in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay this week following raids that saw police seize more than 18,000 vapes, 1.9 million illicit cigarettes, 74kg of loose-leaf tobacco and five unregistered firearms.

At 9am on Wednesday, 29 October, a 27-year-old man was arrested at a Mullumbimby storage shed where investigators seized 17,120 vapes, more than 1.8 million allegedly illicit cigarettes, and 62kg of loose-leaf tobacco.

Two men, aged 24 and 41 were arrested at two Mullumbimby homes where five unregistered firearms, \$40,000 cash, mobile phones, electronic equipment and assorted allegedly illicit cigarettes and vapes were seized. At about 5pm, a 40-year-old woman was also arrested after attending Byron Bay Police Station. She was charged with possessing more than 1,000x commercial quantity of illicit vapes, two counts of dealing with proceeds of crime, and participating in a criminal group.

The two men, aged 24 and 27, were each charged with possessing more than 1,000x commercial quantity of illicit vapes, dealing with proceeds of crime, and participating in a criminal group. The 41-year-old man was charged with five counts of possessing unregistered firearms. All were granted conditional bail.

NSW Health inspectors, together with NSW Police, carried out inspections of two premises, a Byron Bay tobacconist and a Tweed Heads convenience store seizing

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## Sunseeker DA – kids and koala concerns

Paul Bibby

A proposed \$2.3 million development at Byron's Sunseeker Motel would see a large volume of traffic pour onto a quiet, family-friendly street, according to concerned residents.

As reported in last week's *Echo*, the Bangalow Road accommodation business is seeking permission for a major new addition, including the construction of a new two-storey block for up to 40 additional people.

The proposed development also involves the removal of eight trees, the addition of 14 new car spaces, and the construction of a 1.8-metre boundary fence.

However, our story failed to mention that the development application (DA), which is currently before Byron Council, also seeks approval for a new entrance from Oakland Court.

Thankfully, the good folk on and around that leafy street have alerted us to our omission and have voiced their concerns about how the new entrance will impact their quiet patch.

In a series of stinging submissions to Byron Council, the residents are calling for the DA to either be significantly amended, or for consent to be refused completely.

'There is a new generation of families with young children in the street, which has a reputation as a family-friendly street, with green space and a known location for koalas, where the children can meet and play,' Oakland Court resident Liz McCall said.

'This proposed entrance would see an increased volume of traffic to a suburban street that already is narrowed to one lane at best during the week, due to workers from the motel, customers to the motel coffee caravan and workers from the health clinic on Bangalow Road, utilising the street for parking. Entrance and exit from the street is already problematic due to narrowing of Bangalow Road at that point.

'If they must extend the motel footprint, they need to do it without impinging on a happy suburban street and

known koala habitat, and perhaps pay for the necessary changes to Bangalow Road to accommodate the increased traffic flow if required.'

Neighbours have concerns about a range of other aspects of the plan, including the significant increase in occupancy the development entails, the lack of acoustic mitigation for the increased noise that this would create, and non-compliance with Council regulations in relation to setbacks and the height of the new boundary fence.

According to the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) accompanying the DA, the new addition seeks to 'cultivate a sense of warmth and personality, reinforcing the Sunseeker's distinctive "home-away-from-home" experience'.

'The aim is for this addition to the Sunseeker to become an evolution of an enduring hospitality experience, offering guests a place of comfort, character, and connection within Byron Bay's unique cultural and natural landscape,' the SEE says.

## Businesses closing as a result of roadworks

Aslan Shand

Disbelief and frustration has been expressed by many in the Mullumbimby community at the failure of Byron Shire Council (BSC) to fulfil their commitment to extend work hours to include Saturdays, to ensure the roadworks on Mullumbimby Road are completed as quickly as possible, before businesses start closing.

After two weeks of no Saturday works, committed to at a meeting between the BSC Mayor Ndiaye, the general manager, project manager, Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce (MCC) and other local business representatives, followed up by a unanimous motion from Byron Shire councillors for extended hours on Monday to Friday and Saturday works, *The Echo* asked BSC why roadworks were not taking place on Saturdays.

A spokesperson for BSC responded:

'The recent run of dry weather has allowed the work teams to make significant progress on the upgrade of Mullumbimby Road and Council is currently well ahead of schedule.

'While this continues the need to extend work hours to Saturdays has not been necessary.

'Decisions about increasing work hours are reviewed on a weekly basis and staff will mobilise on Saturdays as needed,' they stated.

Many businesses have seen a downturn in trade and Uncle Toms has now closed and Flash Computers is at risk of closing in coming weeks as a direct result of

the roadworks.

'Our business has been brought to the brink of closure by Byron Shire's badly managed roadworks, our doors would not be shut otherwise,' Carol Brook, co-owner and manager of Uncle Toms told *The Echo*.

'We have had to lay off our staff at an incredibly difficult time for them economically. We can't sustain a 75 per cent reduction in our business. Numerous calls to the BSC office have fallen on deaf ears. I am shocked by the lack of interest BSC has shown towards the business community of Mullumbimby. We had no consultation with regard to these works, but it would be nice to think that someone in authority could pick up a phone and discuss options to improve this situation.'

Flash Computers has been in Mullumbimby for ten years and are the only computer repair shop in the area.

'These roadworks on the road into town is killing my small business,' said owner Ben Buob.

'The past few weeks since the roadworks started have decimated my shop, people just are not coming into Mullum now, as it's easier to go to Tweed for repairs.'

'Business has almost vanished during what should be a very busy time for me. I am at the stage now where I currently cannot pay my rent, suppliers, loans, etc. as I literally have not enough customers coming in now to cover my costs.'

The MCC wrote to BSC on 3 November stating, 'Many businesses estimate a reduction in turnover in the order

of approximately 30 per cent.'

While not every business in Mullumbimby has been affected by the road closure many have confirmed with *The Echo* that they have been feeling the impact.

Craig Watson from Soul Pattison Chemist in Mullumbimby said he has seen sales drop by 20-25 per cent.

'The Council should have confirmed with the state government and got work done at night. You see other shires work day and night, and that reduces the negative impacts on local businesses.'

*The Echo* alerted councillors to the lack of work, and the reasons given by staff. Only the Greens responded with a further explanation from BSC as to why the work had not taken place.

'Council staff are working Saturdays, however Council's subcontractors – who are responsible for the key activities like culvert upgrades and watermain diversions – do not currently operate on Saturdays,' explained Cr Elia Hauge on behalf of the Greens councillors.

'The intention of the Council resolution, and the fair expectation of the community, was that Saturdays would be used to progress critical work and minimise the disruptive road closure. We have asked staff to engage with the subcontractors regarding their hours of operation to use Saturdays for the critical upgrade activities, not just supporting works like maintaining The Saddle Road. The community expects us to deliver this project as quickly as possible, and we are listening to their concerns.'

## Elements and Gaia resorts win awards

Elements of Byron has been crowned 'Best Hotel or Resort Focused on Wellness' and Gaia Resort has been awarded the 'Best Wellness Cuisine' at the 2025 Spa & Wellness Awards.

'The team's vision has always been to create wellness experiences that are not just relaxing, but also restorative and real,' said Osprey Spa manager,

Amy Back, which is contained within Elements Resort.

'Beyond its spa offering, wellness is woven throughout the entire resort experience at Elements of Byron. Guests enjoy daily yoga classes, self-guided meditation rituals, forest trails and in-villa touchpoints designed to support rest, balance and reflection.'

### Soul food wins

Gaia Resort said that the award 'holds deep meaning for us as it reflects our belief that food is medicine for the mind, body, and soul.'

'We accept this recognition with heartfelt gratitude made possible through the vision and leadership of our culinary, front of house, and garden teams.'

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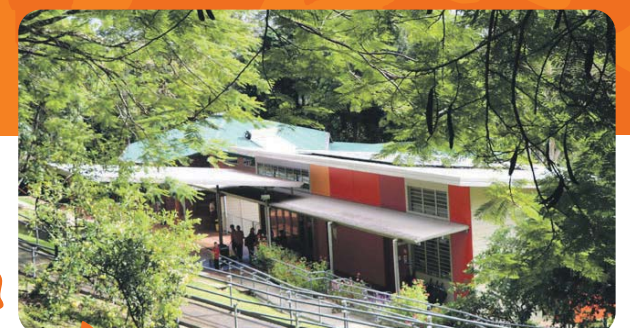
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## Family fun raising funds for Upper Main Arm

Main Arm Upper Public School's annual Music in the Valley fundraiser went off without a hitch on Sunday with parents, students and families enjoying the day of family-friendly fun.

The day featured a range of female artists, food, and face-painting that kept children and adults alike colourful and fun-filled for the day.

ARIA-chart-topper Emily Lubitz and her band can be seen here rendering a little Main Arm country. Photo Jeff Dawson



## Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary goes into administration

Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Operations Pty Ltd (BBWSO) previously known as Knockrow Castle or Macadamia Castle has gone into voluntary administration, according to conservation charity, Wildlife Recovery Australia Ltd (WRA).

The WRA was established as an entity when the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital took over Macadamia Castle four years ago. The Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital then became one of three facilities under the WRA (which include Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital HQ which was co-located at the BBWSO until it moved to Lennox Head earlier this year); the mobile Wildlife Recovery Australia Hospital; and the Byron Bay Raptor Recovery Centre at Ewingsdale. None of these three facilities are impacted by BBWSO going into voluntary administration.

### Animal wellbeing

WRA say that the wellbeing of the sanctuary's animals will be maintained.

'We would like to reassure the community that the welfare and veterinary care of the sanctuary's 130 animal residents will continue through our trained and experienced wildlife veterinarians and nurses,' said WRA Founder, CEO and Board Director Dr Stephen Van Mil.

'WRA acknowledges this is a difficult period for BBWSO and its [25] employees.'

WRA is the sole member and shareholder of BBWSO and maintains three assets at the Knockrow location: MacRae-Seaton Wildlife Recovery Area; the Vet Accommodation and Training Centre; and the mobile Wildlife Recovery Australia Hospital which will remain at Knockrow for the foreseeable future.

## Hamper appeal launched by Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre (BCC) has launched its much-loved 'adopt a family' Christmas Hamper Appeal, and is calling on the local community to help spread festive cheer to families doing it tough this holiday season.

Organisers say, 'Running from now to 12 December, the campaign invites individuals, workplaces and community groups to adopt a local family experiencing financial hardship, by preparing a festive Christmas hamper filled with gifts, vouchers and food valued at approximately \$100.'

Families are identified in partnership between Liberation Larder, a local food relief service and Fletcher Street Cottage, a community support hub operated by the BCC.

It is easy to get involved. To Adopt a Family contact

the BCC on 6685 6807, email reception@byroncentre.com.au, or visit the reception team to be matched with a local family in need. Create a hamper filled with family-friendly gifts, non-perishable food, and gift vouchers to the value of approximately \$100 and deliver your hamper to the BCC on Friday, 12 December, ready to be shared with your adopted family before Christmas.

'This appeal brings out the best in Byron. Every year, we see people go above and beyond to create something special for a family in need - it's incredibly moving and truly reflects the spirit of this community,' said Renuka Nicaill, Customer Service co-ordinator at BCC.

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# Mullumbimby water supply to become hybrid system

Paul Bibby

The decades-long debate over the future of Mullumbimby's water supply has been resolved, with Byron Council deciding on a hybrid scheme in which water will come from both the local Lavertys Gap weir and the Rous County Council (RCC) regional supply.

Ever since concerns were first formally raised about the poor quality and limited reliability of water coming from Lavertys Gap weir in the 1990s, locals and elected officials have been wrestling with the question of how to provide the town with a permanent, high-quality supply.

## Water options

On one side were those who wanted to retain the local supply, either by upgrading the local Lavertys Gap weir and the ailing Mullumbimby water treatment plant, or by building a new water storage dam on land acquired by Council.

Those on the other side argued for Mullumbimby to join the rest of Byron Shire and

connect to the RCC regional supply, which they said would guarantee a long-term, high-quality water supply for the town.

At the October 23 Council meeting councillors voted for a hybrid scheme.

Under this system, Council will be permanently connected to the RCC regional supply, but will also remain connected to the Lavertys Gap weir, with a new Water Treatment Plant being installed to ensure this water remains drinkable.

## Policy flip-flops

The decision about which of these two water sources to use at any particular time will depend on a range of factors, including the cost and quality of the water coming from each supply.

In some cases, water from the two different sources may be mixed together.

The October 23 decision is the latest in a series of policy flips by Byron Shire Council (BSC) on the Mullumbimby water supply issue, reflecting changes in the political terrain.

In August 2024, a majority

of councillors voted to shut down Lavertys Gap and permanently shift to the RCC supply.

However, following Council elections a few months later the new crop of councillors voted to abandon this policy.

They voted to defer the decision for two years to allow for further economic and environmental investigations, and community consultation.

Council staff then began the unenviable task of putting together a new decision-making process that they hoped would tick all the boxes.

Earlier this month staff presented councillors with information about what a full and thorough reinvestigation of the water supply issue would look like and what it would cost.

The price tag for this investigation? \$580,000.

## Dual-supply system

A majority of the members of Council's Water, Sewer And Advisory Committee were in favour of undertaking this investigation, as

were the Greens on Council. But when it came to the 23 October meeting, it was a different story.

A motion by Greens Cr Elia Hauge to undertake the further investigation and begin moves to purchase a site for a new dam in Wilsons Creek was defeated by five votes to four.

Instead, a motion by Cr Michael Lyon (independent) to pursue a dual-supply system was successful.

'I've been against this [\$580,000 investigation] from the start - it's redoing the work that's already done,' said Cr Lyon, who had previously advocated for a RCC-only option.

'When the idea for this investigation first happened the quote was \$250,000. That's now gone up to \$580,000.

'This was all being done in the hope that we got to a different answer to what we received last time.'

Cr Lyon said that the idea of spending millions to acquire land in the Wilsons Creek valley and then to build major water capture infrastructure there did not

make sense.

'A 100 cubic-metre hole in the Wilsons Creek valley... moving all that dirt and then creating a wall to create this 200-megalitre dam, and then running it into a Water Treatment Plant at the bottom of the hill, and then pumping it back up to the Azalea Street reservoir... I've always been against that concept.'

'I'm open to a hybrid scheme because that is about connecting to RCC so that we have the secure yield that we need. You're not talking about the infrastructure of a whole new site, all of the pumps, pumping of water... All of the existing infrastructure could continue to be used.'

## Closed door deals

But Cr Hauge disagreed, arguing in the meeting that a further rigorous investigation was needed prior to making a decision, but that Council should begin the process of acquiring land for a new dam in the meantime in case that was the option they ultimately chose to pursue.

'As an engineer, I'm frustrated that this decision

was made hastily, with no guidance from either the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee or Council staff, and through a deal struck behind closed doors rather than open debate,' said Cr Hauge, who is also the chair of the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

'While keeping a local supply option on the table is better than losing it entirely, the path we've taken is far from ideal.'

'The three questions about site constraints, economic viability, and environmental flows are just the starting point - this community deserves answers before we commit millions of dollars to infrastructure that may not be fit for purpose.'

'Mullumbimby's water future is too important to be decided by backroom deals.'

Cr Hauge did not provide any evidence to support her allegation that a deal had been done behind closed doors.

She and the other members of the Greens on Council ultimately voted in favour of the hybrid option.



## Helicopter activity at Lavertys Gap weir, Mullumbimby

Major repair work is underway at Lavertys Gap weir in Mullumbimby to repair serious erosion along the creek bank.

As part of the repair work, a helicopter will be operating in the area of the weir and Wilsons Creek Road on **Thursday, 6 November and Friday, 7 November, 2025.**

The helicopter will be lifting large boulders into place as part of the protections being created on the eroded area.

Residents may notice some noise from the helicopter throughout the two days of operation.

This work is dependent on weather conditions and may be rescheduled if weather conditions are not suitable.

Please note that Lavertys Gap weir is an active construction site and access to the area by land or by water is strictly prohibited.

### More information

[www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Projects/Current-works-and-projects/Lavertys-Gap-Weir-erosion-repair](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Projects/Current-works-and-projects/Lavertys-Gap-Weir-erosion-repair)

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## Locals writers thrive at residential mentorship in Bangalow

A five-day residential mentorship in Bangalow has given four local writers the chance to hone their craft with mentor, and acclaimed novelist, Sarah Armstrong.

They stayed at the historic The Bank House as part of the 24th prestigious Byron Writers Festival Residential Mentorship. 'This week-long immersion has been a true gift,' said performer and event co-ordinator, Gabby Le Brun from Bangalow.

Gabby was joined by Byron local documentary and drama producer, Sylvia Wilczynski. Sylvia's novel *The Bullet* is set between a remote valley in the Northern Rivers and WW2 Poland, and is inspired by her family history, with elements of horror and the supernatural. Jacqueline Walsh, an acupuncturist from



L to R: Jacqui Walsh, and Alison Thompson with mentor Sarah Armstrong, Gabrielle Le Brun and Sylvia Wilczynski. Photo Jeff Dawson

South Golden Beach, worked on her historical fiction *Mute*, set in 1800s Norway; while Alison Thompson, a poet and veterinarian from

Lismore worked on her short fiction collection *Dingo & Other Stories*.

'The discussions, insights and feedback from Sarah

and my fellow residents has reinvigorated my writing and given me renewed confidence in completing my project,' said Alison.

## Register for the Mullumbimby Christmas Sale Trail

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce and community and Mullum Cares are working together to create an exciting Christmas Sale Trail for Saturday, 29 November and are calling on local businesses, community groups, and pop-up stall holders to get involved.

'This is a day where the local business community will be joined by pop-up stalls and extra trading hours for local non-profit organisations, social enterprises, community groups, schools etc,' said organiser Sasha Mainsbridge.

From The Paddock Project

and the Community Gardens, to Clayworkers at the Drill Hall, and via the main street to an end-of-day flea market at the Byron Community College there will be stalls and fun for everyone to shop local, keep their local dollars circulating, and get ready for the Christmas fun.

### Get on board

Register this week to get your spot along the Mullum Christmas Sale Trail at <https://forms.gle/HATcJPQM8Q5HJKno6> or email Sasha at [shopnow@buythisinstead.co](mailto:shopnow@buythisinstead.co).

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## Should Sandhills wetlands be dog free?



Work on the Sandhills Wetlands Project in Byron Bay is almost finished. Photo supplied

### Paul Bibby

As the Sandhills Wetlands Project nears completion, Byron Shire Council (BSC) is asking for community input into the idea of making it a Wildlife Protection Area (WPA) where dogs would be prohibited.

Located behind Lawson and Massinger streets in Byron Bay, the Sandhills project is a major environmental restoration initiative involving the rehabilitation of wetlands destroyed by sandmining in the 1960s and 1970s.

The project aims to improve water quality at

Clarkes Beach, manage stormwater, increase biodiversity, and create a cultural and recreational space for the community.

### Dog-free wildlife protection area?

The restoration is nearly complete and a proposal is now being considered by BSC to make the area a dog-free WPA.

According to the Council, ecological surveys have identified a number of threatened fauna species in the area, including the sooty owl, the wallum froglet, and the grey-headed flying fox.

There are also a number of vulnerable flora species at the site, including the stinking cryptocarya and the fine-leaved tuckeroo.

A WPA is a public place that is set aside for the protection of wildlife, where dogs are prohibited, and signage is clearly displayed.

Council can only make the Sandhills wetlands a 'dogs prohibited area' following a public exhibition period to gather community feedback.

To have your say, go to the 'Your Say' section of Council's website (<https://yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au>) and look for the Sandhills Wetlands Project tile.

## Celebrate Byron business success

### Aslan Shand

On Wednesday, 26 November local Byron businesses will be coming together at Tokyo Doll to celebrate their achievements, innovation, creativity, and resilience at The Uniquely Byron Business Awards 2025 event.

'The awards are a wonderful recognition of the work that you as a business have done. But more important than that, it can feel really good to talk to people that are in the same game as you are, running a small business. So we really want to celebrate the community of small businesses as well as give some awards out,' said Matt Williamson, President of the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce (BBCC).

Matt said it is important to recognise the 'spark of entrepreneurship' that it takes to start a small business and that it should 'be celebrated'.

'That's what gives rise to those unique and interesting businesses that we have in Byron. It is the uniqueness of our businesses, like the truly locally-owned, family-operated type of businesses, that sets us apart.'

### Business awards

Recognising the challenge of the retail sector The Golden Tote: Excellence in General Retail & E-commerce award is one of the key awards given out on the night.

The Pass: Excellence in Surf & Ocean Culture award is one that Matt is encouraging people to enter saying

it is for any business that is associated with the beach and ocean culture of the bay.

'This is for all those people who have got businesses that have something to do with the ocean, surf, or beach culture,' explained Matt. 'This is an award many businesses can enter and can include clothing lines, surf shops, surf tours, ocean-based charities. This award really feels like it captures the essence of a lot of what Byron is.'

There are 17 different categories that businesses can enter and receive awards in. Entry has been extended so get in quick.

Find out more and pick up a ticket to the awards night at: [www.byronbay-chamber.com](http://www.byronbay-chamber.com).

## Norths Collective refuse to hand back Bangalow Bowlo

### Aslan Shand

Over 100 people met last Sunday to discuss the future of the Bangalow Bowlo after Norths Collective rejected the option of handing back the keys to the community.

The Bangalow Bowlo Advisory Group (BBAG), who had previously advised Norths on the management of the bowlo, had met with Norths on Wednesday, 29 October with a basic request that Norths hand back the keys and walk away. However, this proposal was not taken up by Norths.

The new Bowlo Advocacy Group (BAG), which has members of BBAG, then met on Sunday, 2 November with concerned

community members.

'When we met, people expressed their frustration, disappointment, and anger at what Norths has done,' said local resident and Byron Shire councillor, Asren Pugh.

'The group showed remarkable unity in wanting to get the bowlo back into community hands and see it open as soon as possible.'

'Lots of people put themselves forward offering skills, time, money, and expertise to pull together a viable business plan and work on a strategy to get the bowlo back.'

Locals have continued to express their anger and frustration at the sudden closure of the bowlo.

Long-term Bangalow

local, Bangalow Bowling Club member and Norths Collective member, Kylie Bugden told *The Echo* that, 'having held personal family celebrations, school graduations, work events, and social activities at the club over the last 20 years I was shocked, saddened, disappointed at the sudden closure.'

### Future meetings

They have yet to set another community meeting.

'We will be reaching out again to the community to get their support and expertise as we work through this process,' said Asren.

If you are interested in getting involved you can contact Asren at: [asren.pugh@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:asren.pugh@byron.nsw.gov.au).



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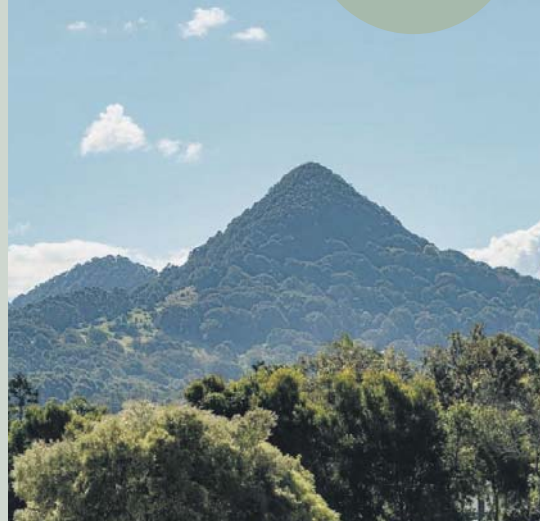
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## Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital's Call of the Wild charity auction

Much-loved Australian broadcaster Angela Catterns will be hosting the Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital's inaugural Call of the Wild - Live Charity Auction on 15 November to support the lifesaving work the hospital does every day.

The Wildlife Hospital () recently treated their 500th patient, a sweet little red-necked pademelon called Dahlia, who was found alone on the road, having seemingly lost her mum.

From echidnas, flying foxes, and birds to kangaroos, wallabies and native marsupials the Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital plays an essential role in helping local wildlife that is sick or injured. The animals come from the seven local government areas of Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

'Spring has always been trauma season for wildlife, but this year we are really



Dahlia is the 500th patient at the Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital. Photo supplied

being pushed,' said General Manager Bronte Potts.

### Lifesaving work

'Our hospital has been overflowing with patients and our team has worked tirelessly to provide the best possible care. What makes the Call of the Wild auction so special is that people can not only bid on beautiful artworks and experiences in our silent auction but also

take part in a Sothebys live auction where every bid will fund lifesaving work at the hospital, like feeding a patient for a week, sponsoring an overnight stay, or supporting a vet for a month. It means every dollar raised goes straight back to caring for wildlife.'

Find out more on how to get involved and support local wildlife in need at [www.nrwh.com.au](http://www.nrwh.com.au).

## Day of the Dead ceremony in Mullum

The 19th annual Day of the Dead celebrations in Mullumbimby will take place on Sunday, 21 November 3-5pm at the fig trees in Heritage Park.

'Being in community, being in ceremony is one of the most powerful ways we can show our care and love when someone dies, and is physically gone from our lives,'

said Zenith Virago EO of the Natural Death Care Centre.

'We offer this event each year, to bring death, dying and loss back into our own hands and hearts. We offer this day towards healing and acceptance. Death is the natural and sacred end of our lives, those we love are always a part of our lives as they continue to

live on in our hearts.'

Zenith will conduct an inclusive Ceremony of Love and Remembrance at 4pm accompanied by the Big Little Town Choir. Children are welcome, but please keep them with you during the ceremony.

For more info, see [www.naturaldeathcarecentre.org](http://www.naturaldeathcarecentre.org) or find them on social media.

## Raising money for domestic violence

Lismore based Women Up North Housing (WUNH) are inviting the community to come together for a powerful evening of celebration and purpose at the Women Up North Gala, to be held on Saturday, 8 November at the Lismore Workers Club.

'The event comes at a time when domestic violence rates in regional NSW are rising at alarming levels. According to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, domestic violence-related assaults have increased by up to 24

per cent in some regional areas, with Northern NSW among the highest. In the 12 months to June 2025, 11 children were killed in domestic violence incidents - the highest number in a decade according to [bocsar.nsw.gov.au](http://bocsar.nsw.gov.au),' said Jillian Knight-Smith, Executive Officer of WUNH.

'This is not just a gala - it's a call to action. We are seeing more women and children in crisis than ever before. The community's support is vital to ensure we can continue to provide safe housing and support services.'

The gala will feature live entertainment, guest speakers, dinner, raffles, and auctions - all in support of WUNH's mission to provide safety, dignity, and hope to women across the region. Book a ticket at [www.wunh.org.au](http://www.wunh.org.au) or call 02 6621 7730.

## Vape and cigarette arrests

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1,693 vapes, 89,746 allegedly illicit cigarettes and 11.5kg of loose-leaf tobacco.

These inspections resulted in the seizure of illicit tobacco and illegal vapes with an estimated street value of \$2,356,905.

According to the *Sydney Morning Herald* (SMH), the Alibarbar brand that was found in the raids is the preferred brand pushed by 'Australia's illegal tobacco cartel [that] has joined forces with

a mysterious Chinese crime gang to infiltrate and control the local vape market.'

'The syndicate's brand of choice, Alibarbar, is being pushed into hundreds of shops across Australia in a market takeover driven by threats and extortion.'

As part of this expansion tobaccoists across Australia have been firebombed, as were shops at Tweed Heads, Ocean Shores, and Ballina.

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**Possum Creek  
man charged over  
Byron assault**

Tweed Byron District Police say a man has been charged after the alleged serious assault of a man in Byron Bay's CBD on Saturday 21 June.

**What's in the latest  
police oversight  
body report?**

The independent NSW body that provides oversight of the NSW Police Force and the NSW Crime Commission says in their latest report that their work has 'been busier than usual', with 'a 27.5% increase in the number of complaints' being assessed.

**Local schools to  
participate in  
disaster awareness**

Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA) is leading a unique program to give Northern Rivers students the strength and skills to deal with disasters.

**RiverFest 2025 –  
that's a wrap**

Lismore's RiverTime celebration was the final event Richmond RiverFest 2025, where thousands came together across the catchment to celebrate and care for the Richmond River.

**Nurses from  
Kingscliff TAFE  
celebrate  
graduation**

A new cohort of Diploma of Nursing graduates from TAFE NSW Kingscliff has just completed their training, says TAFE, 'entering the workforce at a crucial time as Australia faces a projected shortfall of 70,000 nurses by 2035'.

**Time to get your  
m'tash on for  
November**

The mighty moustache is coming – North Coast locals are being asked to again unite, grow and take action for men's health this November.

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**Kingscliff have their say about large aged care DA**

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) held a community meeting last Tuesday as part of the process to consider Uniting's planned redevelopment of its Kingscliff aged care home.

It is located across multiple lots – 24A Kingscliff Street, and 27, 29, 31 and 33 Lorien Way.

While generally supportive of the need for aged care, the contentious development application (DA) is seen by many residents as way too large for the area, which is surrounded by residential homes.

The proposal would see 199 senior independent living units, as well as 120 residential aged care places.

Peter Newton, President Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association, told *The Echo* it was a



Uniting's planned redevelopment of its Kingscliff aged care home. Image from DA

constructive meeting attended by around 100 residents and Uniting representatives.

'There were 20 registered speakers – which was great for a rainy night. There were very diligent and considered responses,' he said, 'and a very well-conducted meeting by the IPC.'

**Bulk and scale**

'No one is opposing the DA, there is a need for this type of housing and it's

welcome', he said.

'But that's where that ends. The proposal is a gross overdevelopment in bulk and scale – there is no street frontage for example.'

'Our view is that if it could be reduced in density and height it would be acceptable.'

Of concern is the amenity of local residents and the impact on traffic and services.

'There are unresolved flood impacts as well.

The SES report on the DA slammed their flood mitigation strategy.

**City-sized  
development**

'It's a city-sized development that is protected by local planning regulations.'

Mr Newton's organisation is calling for a more even combination of senior living units and aged care beds.

'The aged care beds proposed is minuscule – there's an additional eight beds than there were previously.'

'Such a high number of senior units will draw people from outside the Shire. It will have unforeseen impacts, and shuts out – and puts pressure on – aged care.'

'Someone said at the meeting: "This is a unit development masquerading as aged care".'

He added the DA's assessment report from

NSW government's planning department agreed with the incorrect narrative provided by the applicant around growth and how the area was changing.

'It was not reflective of what is happening,' he said.

It resulted in 300 objections which then triggered the IPC's intervention as a consent authority.

'As a community, we asked how can you ignore 300 objections?'

Adrian Ciano, Head of Property Development, Uniting NSW.ACT said in a statement, 'We appreciated the opportunity to present to the panel and to hear the perspectives of community representatives through the process.'

Ciano outlined the need for the proposal to meet demand. For more visit [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/uniting-kingscliff-redevelopment](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/uniting-kingscliff-redevelopment).

**NSW Labor 'lacks vision' with drug summit response**

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW government's response to the *NSW Drug Summit Report*, tabled this week, has been roundly criticised by many frontline workers and experts, with pivotal reforms, including ending drug detection dogs and strip searches at festivals for personal possession, being ignored.

Additionally, safe injecting rooms, which have been shown to save lives in Sydney, will not be expanded.

But there is a commitment by NSW Labor to a ten-year alcohol and other drugs strategy, reforms to early drug diversion, and a significant increase in direct funding for harm reduction and support services.

The state government's police sector reaffirmed their stance on criminal enforcement against illicit drugs, while health agencies push for diversion and support.

**NSW Law Society**

The Law Society of NSW noted that 'major systemic challenges remain, including long waitlists for treatment and a need for better coordination and monitoring of new policy rollouts.'

**RACGP**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) say supporting over

50 out of 56 expert recommendations, including the rollout of life-saving naloxone in venues and trialing festival-based drug checking, is progress towards harm reduction and patient support.

The Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NADA) and the Penington Institute, a public health research and drug policy organisation, say the response fell short by not embracing pivotal reforms, 'including ending drug detection dogs and strip searches at festivals for personal possession'.

**Former magistrate**

David Heilpern is a retired local NSW Magistrate, who sat in regional and rural NSW for over 20 years.

He is an Adjunct and Practice Professor at Southern Cross University, and is Director of 'Drive Change' an organisation dedicated to law reform in the area of drug driving, with particular emphasis on prescribed cannabis patients.

Now Dean of Law at SCU, Professor David Heilpern told *The Echo*, 'On safe injecting rooms, the recommendation was for an expansion.'

'The Minns government has determined that there will be no more. Why are the lives of those drug-users who are injecting in Cabramatta or Orange or Lismore of less

value than those who live in Paddington?'

'On body searches and sniffer dogs at festivals for possession offences, the NSW Coroner, the ICE Inquiry and the drug summit all recommended that these stop as they actually cost lives.'

'Why are the lives of our young people less important than keeping the tabloid media and the police association satisfied?'

'Is perceived electoral success really more important than the lives of festivalgoers and the devastation of their loved ones. We will have more "front loading" leading to overdose, more irresponsible drug use, less access to pill testing and more trauma for those body searched.'

'On drug driving, the recommendation was for a Tasmanian-style defence with even greater discretion. Roads will be more

dangerous, as people revert to their prescription drugs and alcohol or driving in pain or when exhausted. We do not need more expert advice on this. The evidence is in from Tasmania and worldwide. There is a glimmer of hope in the referral to an expert body, but I fear it is just kicking the issue down the road.'

'All in all, a dark day for public safety, and a dismal day for faith in the system.'

'Naively, I actually believed that a bipartisan drug summit might achieve results. Instead, it has set back the process at least 20 years.'

**Uniting profoundly  
disappointed**

Uniting has run the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Sydney's Kings Cross for nearly 25 years, and has spearheaded the

'Fair Treatment' campaign for fairer drug laws for over seven years.

Responding to the NSW government's response to the *NSW Drug Summit Report*, Emma Maiden, Uniting NSW.ACT's Director of Advocacy and External Relations said, 'The whole community will be shocked and disappointed at the lack of vision and boldness in the government's response to the drug summit.'

'We saw the Bob Carr Labor government meet the moment of the original drug summit in 1999. The lack of leadership to meet the moment of the latest drug summit by the current government is profoundly disappointing.'

To see the report, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrykezuf>.

■ Full story online at [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

**Defence force reform urgently needed, says local MP**

With disturbing findings of last year's Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide being revealed, Greens spokesperson for Veteran Affairs and Ballina MP, Tamara Smith, is calling for governments to 'confront the crisis and make lasting reforms'.

She said in a media release there have been deeply disturbing instances

of sexual violence experienced by women serving in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), and 'the report exposes longstanding patterns of misconduct and systemic failures in protecting personnel from abuse.'

'The recent class action lawsuit lodged by Australian servicewomen against the ADF underscores the devastating realities

behind these findings.

'Over the past five years, nearly 800 incidents of sexual misconduct have been reported within the ADF and that's with an estimated 60% under-reporting rate,' Ms Smith said. 'These are not just numbers, they represent hundreds of lives marked by trauma, betrayal, and injustice. It demands immediate and comprehensive action.'

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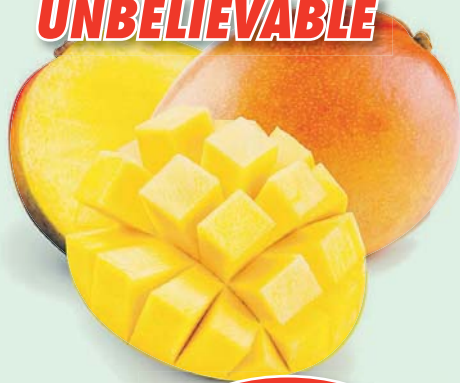


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## Drug policy needs reason, courage

The NSW Minns Labor government has failed in its response to the NSW Drug Summit 2024 report, delivered 3 April, 2025. It is a weak response to the overwhelming scientific evidence that the best approach, to both drug use and drug abuse, is to make them both health issues outside the criminal justice system.

NSW has now had multiple inquiries and recommendations, including from the multi-million dollar Ice Inquiry and the NSW Coroners report, that have clearly stated that action needs to be taken to decriminalise drug use, stop strip searches at festivals for possession, treat drug-driving like drink-driving, address the question of drivers using medicinal cannabis, and provide the whole of NSW with more than one single safe-injection room located (somewhat inconveniently for regional communities) in Kings Cross.

As former chief constable of Cambridgeshire police (UK) and international drugs policy advisor, Tom Lloyd told the British Home Affairs Select Committee drug conference in 2015, 'If you don't have a drug problem then the last thing you need is a conviction; if you do have a drug problem then the last thing you need is a conviction.'

The most recent NSW Drug Summit gave NSW Labor the opportunity to define itself as a forward-thinking government that cared about the lives of its citizens, and was prepared to demonstrate that by making changes for the better. Instead, like Queensland's conservative government (which stripped the state of pill-testing facilities prior to multiple deaths from the synthetic opioid

nitazene), they have chosen not to drive forward with a positive, science-based and community supported policy and programs. Sure, a slogan policy like 'just say no to drugs' might be less politically risky, but that's proven ineffective – and can't even the most conservative voters be persuaded by the merits of a harm-reduction strategy, despite their moral distaste for drug-taking compared to drinking alcohol?

The result is that more lives will be lost in NSW to drug overdoses. More people in rural and regional areas like the Northern Rivers will continue to be impacted by the lack of action on driving and the use of medicinal cannabis which means they either remain in pain, take other stronger prescription drugs, or risk losing their licence and jobs.

Providing health advice to people, in clinics or in safe-injecting rooms is cheaper and far more effective in harm-reduction than expensive strip-search operations at festivals using scarce police resources.

The response has been criticised across the state by organisations who work in the field and those who participated in the Drug Summit.

As former local magistrate and now Dean of Law at SCU, Professor David Heilpern points out (on page 8), 'All in all, a dark day for public safety, and a dismal day for faith in the system. Naively, I actually believed that a bipartisan drug summit might achieve results. Instead, it has set back the process at least 20 years.'

**Aslan Shand, editor**  
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## What freedom really means

'Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose', sang Janis Joplin. To me this means being free of attachments, in the Buddhist sense, that inhibit the flow of life – possessions, beliefs, or circumstances. What does freedom mean to you?

Perhaps the only moment we will fully experience the 'nothing left to lose' freedom is when we die, or become enlightened, and self-identity dissolves into the universal and eternal.

In the meantime, while we are still alive and have not yet transcended our egos, day-to-day freedom is experienced as a relative concept, not an absolute.

Relative freedom is contextualised by the fact we live alongside each other and the rest of nature, as part of an interdependent community. Indigenous cultures tend to have far greater knowledge and expressions of this reality.

Notwithstanding our unreconciled colonial beginnings, freedom in Australia is based on our fundamental rights to freedom of speech and religion and freedom of association, assembly and movement.

These freedoms are not absolute and must be constantly negotiated through public debate in response to new information, world events, or the emergence of new technologies such as social media or AI.

We have a constitution and legal framework, an independent judiciary, free press, and elected governments to uphold our freedoms and introduce laws to protect public safety and national interests.

It is not a perfect system and is vulnerable to powerful vested interests. Transnational corporations have grown so large their revenue is greater than the GDP of many countries. They hoard wealth and resources and wield power ruthlessly, imposing their will on governments and people.

It is a constant balancing act, with the scales tipping this way or that depending on which side of politics is in government. It's our duty to remain engaged, watchful, and active to protect our freedoms. As the saying goes, 'the price of



*'Australia is based on our fundamental rights to freedom of speech and religion and freedom of association, assembly and movement.'*

– Jo Immig

liberty is eternal vigilance'.

Change can happen very quickly as we're witnessing in the US. The American dream in the 'land of the free and the home of the brave', is turning into a gilded nightmare. With the government shutdown, it's at breaking point as the pillars of democracy and peoples' freedoms are being trashed by powerful forces.

People are waking up though and America still has a heartbeat. Seven million people peacefully protested in recent No Kings rallies without incident. History shows that if only 3.5 per cent of the population hits the streets to protest, they can topple even the worst dictators.

We are not immune from this sort of collapse in Australia. There are nefarious forces at work seeding the same MAGA-like discontent amongst the populace. Beware of political organisations bearing their Orwellian versions of 'freedom'.

Life is not a giant game of snakes and ladders and 'survival of the fittest'. This concept has festered under capitalist, neoliberal, and libertarian political philosophies, where everything is reduced to competitive self-determination and individual liberty. Fascism also uses it to promote the idea of a superior nation or race.

Under these models, you succeed by any means possible, including lying, stealing, exploiting, and murdering. We are coldly reduced to just winners or losers. Are you lining up for food aid or invited to the Great Gatsby party?

The collapsing political system in America, and other parts of the democratic world where authoritarian populist leaders are rising, shows the real danger of where bad ideas can lead. Lessons of history may have to be learned all over again.

What Darwin meant by 'survival of the fittest' was not about being the strongest or the fastest; even the strongest can die from a bacterium. What he meant by 'fittest' was the capacity of species to best adapt to environmental challenges they find themselves in and continue to reproduce. Cooperation is key.

Quantum physics also demonstrates our interconnectedness through phenomena like quantum entanglement, where two or more particles become linked in such a way that their fates are intertwined, despite being separated by vast distances.

If we accept this entangled view of reality, we can choose to live with greater awareness and create harmony by understanding our individual actions have profound impacts on others, even if those impacts are not intended or even obvious.

Like the 'butterfly effect' in complex interconnected systems, where the flutter of a butterfly's wing in one part of the world creates a tornado in another, it means even the smallest changes we make can have huge impacts on the world.

Given this understanding, how do we choose to live together – with generosity, loving-kindness, and wisdom, or greed, hatred, hyper-individualism, and psychopathy?

Right now, it feels like the world is in an epoch-defining battle for the next evolutionary step. We might chart a course together, or equally, we may falter and die out as a species.

To return to a Buddhist idea: all beings are sentient and trapped in a cycle of suffering and rebirth. The ultimate goal is for everyone to achieve liberation from this cycle. One thing is certain: 'no one is free until everyone is free'.

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### 30 Chinbible Avenue

Not being content to await the outcome of their development application (DA) for dozens of new houses on a vacant block of flood-prone land at 30 Chinbible Avenue in the western part of Mullumbimby, the developer took Council to the Land & Environment Court under 'deemed refusal' provisions (as reported in previous *Echos*).

When preparing to address the commissioner at the court hearing in September, I noticed that the flood assessment by the developer's flood expert relied on substantial agreement with Council's flood expert and on assistance from Council for flood modelling. It looked like Council had 'folded' on flooding.

That happens. The court encourages the two experts to disregard who is paying them and to reach agreement in their field of expertise.

What bothered me however was that the developer's expert said that rises in flood level of up to 10mm would impact existing homes neighbouring the proposal once the development was built. These are the rises caused by the current proposal. They do not include subsequent rises, like when people add flood-proof fencing in the neighbourhood, for example.

In flat country, such rises can be critical to putting water onto dozens of floors that would have been dry before the development was built.

I asked Council staff and councillors at their Council meeting on 25 September whether our Council court team had agreed to the 10mm rise? Sadly, I don't know when or where the answer will appear.

There are two issues at stake here. Firstly, we must not put new people at risk by housing them on floodplains. And secondly, we must reduce risks for people already living on floodplains.

There should be zero tolerance for new structures that raise flood levels on urban floodplains. Until Australia has occupied all of its flood-free land with housing, no new housing should ever go onto flood-prone land.

At the previous Council meeting on 11 September, I had addressed Council about the scant level of reporting on Council's L&E Court cases. For 30 Chinbible Avenue, Report 13.1 that day advised



Cartoon Brendan Kelly

that formal conciliation was attempted on 24 April 2025 but had failed and that the developer was invited on 15 August to submit new plans.

To discover in September that Council had folded in June on flooding confirmed the under-reporting. Now again in October, the same L&E Court reporting is down to two words for 30 Chinbible Avenue: Judgement reserved. Do we really not care what is happening in our name?

Duncan Dey  
Main Arm

### Response to where is the Mullum love

It saddens me to see how much anger and division have crept into our conversations as a community. Mullumbimby has always been known for its warmth, creativity, and sense of connection, yet lately it can feel as though we've lost some of that easy kindness that once defined us.

Being in local government means navigating big challenges and differences of opinion, and that's healthy. Debate and diversity of views make our community strong. But it's how we have those conversations that matters most. Respectful dialogue allows us to listen, learn, and find common ground, even when we disagree.

I know many people are doing it tough owing to cost-of-living pressures, rebuilding after floods, and global uncertainty.

It's easy for frustrations to spill over. But this is also when kindness counts most. Small gestures of patience, generosity, and compassion help restore trust and belonging.

The spirit of Mullumbimby is still here; we see

it every time neighbours help neighbours, or people show up for one another. In the outpouring of grief for dear old Alfred. If we lead with empathy and curiosity instead of anger, I believe our town's heart will shine through again.

Mayor Sarah Ndiaye  
Mullumbimby

### OS boardwalk cons

The plans for boardwalks through land Council does not own or manage, (NPWS land) involved 2km of paths/boardwalks along the river edge basically from near Orana bridge, past the Ocean Shores shops, and on through the nature reserves to the M1 bridge and on to Bruns.

The plans had little to do with making life easy for residents of hilly Ocean Shores.

The plans had a lot more to do with creating a flat cycle path for a rail trail offshoot expressway from Billinudgel through our quiet northern shire villages to Bruns. Naturally some Ocean Shores businesses saw financial advantage with this possible flood of rail trail users.

Little thought was ever given to who would pay the millions required to assess and build and maintain such a venture (on land Council doesn't even manage).

It was never likely to even get past the assessment stage, given the extremely high environmental value, but would have still cost hundreds of thousands of wasted dollars. Councillors made a wise, informed decision that reflects the values of the natural environment over the wishes of those proponents with little

environmental knowledge. Well done councillors.

Richard Whitling  
South Golden Beach

### OS boardwalk pros

I agree with Catherine Lane (Letters October 22) that Ocean Shores has been a forgotten corner of Byron Shire. A boardwalk connecting residential areas to the beach would have been a brilliant drawcard to Ocean Shores as well as benefiting the local community, which currently is very much car-dependent.

Residents concerned about the environmental impact of a boardwalk should check out the East Ballina-to-Lennox coastal walk. The Ballina coast boardwalk tracks through culturally significant land at Black Head and the pristine swamp at Sharps Beach. Walk along it and you'll find it's well used by pedestrians and cyclists alike.

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Note this information has been extracted from the BSC DA Tracker.

### CLOSES - 6 NOVEMBER

- 10.2016.286.4 DA Mod - 11 Yalla Kool Drv, Ocean Shores - Modification to dwelling design, earthworks and retaining walls of approved multi dwelling housing - (4) two storey dwelling houses.
- 10.2025.425.1 DA - 72 Tandys Ln, Brunswick Heads - Detached dual occupancy in two stages, stage 1 new dwelling, stage 2 alterations and shed additions for new dwelling & swimming pool.
- 10.2025.441.1 DA - 1 Massinger St Byron Bay - Secondary dwelling, tree removal (5) boundary fencing.
- 10.2025.421 DA - 39 Scenic Vista, Ewingsdale - Dwelling house and swimming pool in two stages.

### CLOSES - 9 NOVEMBER

- 10.2025.452.1 DA - 17 Keats St, Byron Bay - Deck extension
- 10.2025.443.1 DA - 283 Tyagarah Rd, Myocum - Use of alterations and additions to existing dwelling house, carport and shed & proposed swimming pool & deck.

### CLOSES - 10 NOVEMBER

- 10.2025.435 DA - 65-67 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby - Alterations to existing shop front and install vending machine.

### CLOSES - 11/13 NOVEMBER

- 10.2025.460.1 DA - 567 Lismore Rd, Nashua - Detached dual occupancy, existing dwelling and new dwelling with swimming pool.
- 10.2025.444.1 DA - 18 Palmer Ave, Ocean Shores - Carport ancillary to existing dwelling.
- 10.2025.434.1 DA - 294 & 332 Picadilly Hill Rd, Coopers - Boundary adjustment.
- 10.2025.442.1 DA - 22 Tongarra Drv, Ocean Shores - Staged development plan, stage 1 studio and decking, stage 2 swimming Pool and decking.
- 10.2025.424.1 DA - 140 Quarry Ln, Ewingsdale - Dwelling house and with attached carport, swimming pool, studio, shed, landscaping access works.
- 10.2021.115.3 - DA Mod - 29 Myocum Ridge Rd, Myocum - Modification to secondary dwelling.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

To make a submission see the Byron Shire Council website: [www.yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au)



- Draft DCP Chapter E11 Gulgan - closes 23 November
- Sandhills Proposed Wildlife Protection Area - closes 2 December
- Koala lights and signage survey - closes 13 December

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► Continued from page 11 rubbish. Indeed, as the boardwalk has made it more accessible, groups such as Landcare and Ballina Council can easily access areas that need restoration and cleansing of weeds and rubbish.

Compare that to Marshalls Creek. The only access is by kayak so it's full of rubbish washed down the creeks or dumped out of sight. It's also full of weeds.

I would argue that 'long-term environmental protection' is a reason to build a boardwalk in Ocean Shores. Let's hope a future Byron Council reconsiders.

Simon Alderton  
Byron Bay

### Mullumbimby's water supply

The future of Mullumbimby's water supply was again on the table at last week's Byron Council meeting. I and my fellow Greens councillors continued to advocate for an evidence-based, robust and transparent investigation into the most appropriate long-term option for Mullumbimby, comparing between a range of options and with plenty of opportunity for community engagement.

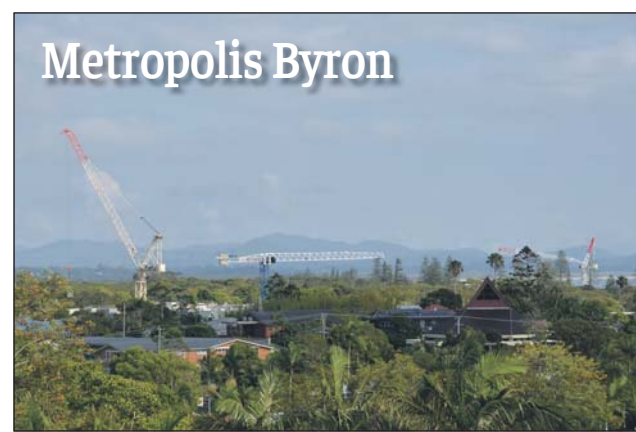
However, a deal done behind closed doors between independent councillors Michael Lyon and David Warth saw the investigation voted down.

In place of the investigation, Cr Lyon put forward a motion to progress a new water treatment plant for Lavertys Gap - despite his long-term position that Mullumbimby should simply connect to Rous and be done with it.

While the Greens' Council team don't support moving forward with any option without proper investigation, if this motion had failed we would have been left with a connection to Rous and no alternative on the table - so we begrudgingly supported it, and were surprised it sailed past unanimously, as the Labor team has also never supported an independent supply for Mullumbimby.

To move forward with a new treatment plant at Lavertys Gap, a number of questions need to be answered:

1. Can a new treatment plant fit on the site? The current site is notoriously constrained, and a modern plant that meets health and engineering requirements is unlikely to fit. The water that comes from Lavertys Gap is extremely turbid during wet weather (an issue that could have been solved with an off-stream storage reservoir) so



So nice to see China's national bird finding a home in Byron Bay. Three large cranes now grace our horizon. Bring on the metropolis.

George Graham  
Byron Bay

the plant is likely to require significant settling tanks and pre-treatment over a large footprint.

2. If it can be built, what will the capacity of the plant be? Will it be able to treat enough water for this hybrid system to stack up economically? We will need emergency supply from Rous in dry weather when the flow in the Wilsons River drops. The cost of water per kL from Lavertys Gap has historically been much cheaper than the cost per kL of Rous water.

3. How will the natural environment of the Wilsons River be protected and enhanced? I successfully amended Cr Lyon's motion to ensure Council plans for environmental flow - leaving water in the river during drought to support the environment. How much water does the river need, and how much does this leave for our community? Will the new investigation consider fish passage up the river, as was intended with the now-cancelled studies?

As an engineer, I'm frustrated that this decision was made hastily, with no guidance from either the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee or Council staff, and through a deal struck behind closed doors rather than open debate.

While keeping a local supply option on the table is better than losing it entirely, the path we've taken is far from ideal.

Moving forward, I and my fellow Greens councillors will be working closely with the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee and the community to ensure the investigation into Lavertys Gap is rigorous and transparent. The three questions above are just the starting point - this community deserves answers before we commit millions of dollars to infrastructure that may not be fit for purpose. Mullumbimby's water future is too important

to be decided by backroom deals - it requires rigorous investigation and genuine community consultation.

Cr Elia Hauge  
Myocum

### Council trashing Mullum's heritage

But it is heritage-listed, the one [public toilet] at 57 Station Street that the mayor and Council are so eager to demolish.

Sure, there are issues with building the mixed-use building on this Council carpark, but they can all be solved simply, just add money. Where that money comes from is another issue.

Yet there is a small building in the way, easy to knock over. And as Mayor Ndiaye said at a public meeting, if the people want another toilet, we can build one (somewhere, we don't know where, sometime, we don't know when!)

What has yet to be addressed is a matter of principle.

If a heritage-listed building is in the way of a development, can it be knocked over? If so, then does this apply to any heritage-listed item be it Aboriginal, environmental or in this case, urban? If so, then heritage is just a cute but meaningless word.

True, a heritage item can be demolished if it is beyond reasonable repair.

This classification cannot describe the doomed toilet. Landcom commissioned a heritage report on the site. There are problems with the validity of this report (Everick Heritage, Affordable Housing, 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby, 2025). It is contradictory.

Firstly, it is a desk report, no one actually visited the site. If they had, they would have seen that the 'vegetation growing through the roof' is actually an epiphyte sitting on the roof.

Secondly, the Executive Summary at the beginning,

the only bit most of us read, says that 'The toilet block is in a poor condition both structurally and cosmetically...'. Yet in the body of the report, it states that the building is sound. Maybe the executive should also have read the report?

It goes on. There are some 17 contradictory or subjective statements that push the report in the direction of having the building demolished. Hmmm??

I agree that it is cosmetically poor. Whoever is responsible for bolting those childish paintings on the outside and painting the building undercoat pink should be charged with desecrating a heritage site. Good enough for Rio Tinto! It needs finishing off inside with a tiled floor, baby-changing table perhaps ... but then the mayor thinks we are too old so that is not needed!

There are many other sites for low-cost housing. Unfortunately the best one would disrupt the parking privileges of our Council staff.

Ok, let's have a couple of signs up to let tourists know that there is a toilet here in the CBD, refurbish the inside so that it is hygienic. Just as importantly, let's be proud of our heritage.

John Davies  
Mullumbimby

### Byron SEP and roads

Improved transport options are always welcome, but a few extra late-night buses won't come close to serving our outlying hinterland villages.

Many hospitality workers and patrons live kilometres away on dark, narrow roads with no line-marking, guideposts or safety signage. These roads are unsafe at night for any vehicle, let alone minibuses, after midnight.

Fatigue kills. The NSW Centre for Road Safety reports that about 30 per cent of the state's 300 annual road deaths involve fatigue.

Driving after being awake 17-22 hours is like driving with a blood-alcohol level (BAC) of 0.05-0.15 per cent. Encouraging more late-night drinking and driving home fatigued through a late-night Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) will only heighten that risk for workers and patrons driving home at 2-4am.

Byron isn't Sydney - we don't have 24-hour taxis or rideshare options. The soon-to-open Merivale venue will already put another 500 people on the street after 1am. Let's fix our existing transport and road-safety issues first, not make them

► Continued opposite

## Maddi Powell's DV support recognised

Assistant manager and community support worker at Byron Bay's Fletcher Street Cottage, Maddi Powell, has won the Zonta Award for Young Women in Leadership for the Northern Rivers.

The award recognises Maddi's outstanding contribution to supporting women experiencing domestic violence (DV), homelessness and financial insecurity through Fletcher Street Cottage's Byron Women program.

Fletcher Street Cottage organisers say, 'The award, presented by Zonta Northern Rivers, recognises young women who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their community. Maddi's dedication to supporting women experiencing



Maddi Powell. Photo Kurt Petersen

domestic violence, homelessness and financial insecurity through Fletcher Street Cottage's Byron Women program has been recognised as an outstanding contribution to the region'.

Maddi said, 'I'm grateful to work alongside an incredible team at Fletcher Street Cottage, who share the same passion and commitment to supporting women in our community'.

## Elva and Steve celebrate 50 together

Congratulations Elva (nee Pleasance) and Stephen Carter who reached a very special milestone last month - their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple have lived in Bian Court, Ocean Shores, for over 30 years, and raised their two children there. Elva is wheelchair-bound owing to multiple sclerosis (MS) and has been diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma.

She is being cared for at home by the Tweed Heads palliative care team.

Elva's cousin Jillyan Jopson told *The Echo*, 'Elva and Steve live with their two dogs Misty and Winnie and are loved by all who live in



Elva and Steve. Photo supplied

their street. They have fire pit parties on their front lawn and all the neighbours are always welcome'.

'Elva and Steve both have

huge hearts and will always stop for a chat, or to compliment a stranger, bringing a smile to someone who needs it most', Jillyan added.

► From previous page worse with an ill-conceived late-night SEP.

The NSW minister for roads, and Council, both have a duty of care here to just fix our current transport and unsafe road condition issues and not facilitate more risk-taking through the proposed late-night SEP as regional areas in NSW are already overrepresented in the road trauma statistics.

Tony Stante  
Coorabell

### Only safe for cars

While a rail trail is interesting, why not just start by making it safe to walk and cycle along roads like Ewingsdale Road?

If you feel that it's unsafe for children to ride bikes to school because the traffic conditions threaten their safety, why not start there and address it? While we all know that Alfred was not always making safe choices, the fact is that most of our roads are extremely unsafe for

any usage other than cars. In fact, when people do risk their lives by walking and cycling in Byron Shire, they are usually considered the problem.

Mark Oliver  
Byron Bay

### Hamas not terrorists

Regarding the two letters to the editor last week that whitewash the genocide of the Palestinians: we have been watching on our screens daily for the last two years, and yes Palestinian people are still being murdered - every day.

The ceasefire was not negotiated with Hamas, so how can it be binding when the USA, Israel and other Arab vassal states are not allowing self-determination of the Palestinian people?

Conflict resolution 101: both parties need to meet and negotiate, but we seem to live in a world where diplomacy is lost, and governments are unable to talk with their adversaries, e.g.

Ukraine conflict.

You might say that Hamas is a terrorist organisation. No, they are a resistance guerrilla force fighting the brutal Israeli occupation that started in 1948. Palestine was not empty when the Jewish people arrived, the indigenous Palestinian people lived there for generations.

What about the idea that Israel is the terror state - according to the UN definition of terrorism, it is 'acts of violence intended to cause death or injury to civilians or non-combatants'.

So Israel's killing of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians, the bombing of Lebanon killing thousands of civilians, Israel's dirty war and bombing in Syria resulting in countless deaths... all resulting in untold suffering of the people of the Middle East from Israeli aggression. It doesn't paint a pretty picture of the Zionist project.

Matt Wierzbicki  
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# Here's something you should know about the

Richard Hil

I have it on good authority that some members of the Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) have been accused of being insensitive and uncaring towards those in precarious housing situations.

I find this rather confusing, as I happen to know a number of MRA folk who have impressed me as caring, sensitive people.

So, without wanting to get stuck into the Station Street development issue, I thought I'd tell you a little bit about the founder of the MRA, Dr Sonia Laverty.

Sonia and I have been good friends for well over a decade.

When visiting Mullum, I often stay with Sonia. We talk, laugh, and reminisce. Along with her beloved dog Jessie, Sonia now lives a quiet, yet interesting, life in the heart of the town.

A few years back, over a glass of wine, I asked Sonia about her background – where she came from, what she did for 'a living', and what she viewed as her finest accomplishments.

Like many people with fulsome lives, Sonia said, 'I don't know, I haven't done much really.'

Well, that is about as far from the case as could be. Sonia has, to say the least, led what can only be described as an extraordinary life.

At 12 years of age, along with her twin sister, younger sister and parents, Sonia moved from her Brisbane home



Dr Sonia Laverty. Photo supplied

to the far North Queensland town of Mackay, where her mum managed a general store for about a decade.

It wasn't easy, especially after Sonia's father passed away.

By all accounts, Sonia's mum was a pillar of the local community – encouraging young people to take up sports, befriending and supporting local Indigenous people, all while managing a busy store and caring for her three daughters.

### Nursing career

After finishing high school and completing a general nursing course at the local Mater Hospital, Sonia packed her

bags and headed to Sydney, where she trained in midwifery.

This marked the beginning of a nursing career that, on and off, spanned four decades.


As time wore on, Sonia began to reflect on the circumstances of her many patients.

She observed that those who hadn't fully recovered were often being sent back to places with little or no support – the very situations that made them unwell in the first place.

Sonia wanted to understand the structural conditions that immiserated people.

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## MRA, and Sonia Laverty

► an undergraduate degree in Behavioural Sciences at Macquarie University, where she learned how over generations particular social, economic and political arrangements favoured some populations over others. Sonia wanted to act on this knowledge. She was determined 'to make some sort of difference.'

With this in mind, and after completing her honours degree, Sonia joined a child welfare organisation to help establish childcare centres in large-scale workplaces around Sydney.

### Social Welfare Union

This was followed by some major career changes. Between 1978 and 1982, Sonia was appointed Secretary of the NSW Social Welfare Union, during which time she helped the union achieve registration and successfully applied for a state award to improve members' working conditions.

This was followed by a lengthy stint in the national office of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union, where Sonia worked to improve communications with large numbers of migrant women working from home in often dire circumstances.

Importantly, Sonia was behind the publication of a handbook called *Clothing Workers, Know Your Rights*, which was translated into nine languages, and another report outlining skill levels in the clothing industry, published in 14 languages.

She also spoke about the plight of outworkers at an International Labour Organisation conference in Geneva.

### Former councillor

Later, Sonia was elected as an independent to Marrickville Council, as its only female councillor, focusing on various community and social issues.

After four years of often challenging yet rewarding work, Sonia moved to Port Macquarie to be with her ageing mother, during which time she took up another nursing position, worked in aged care, and even managed to complete an excellent PhD. By that stage, Sonia was in her mid-60s.

Eventually returning to Sydney, Sonia was appointed to the NSW State Committee of the Older Women's Network, a position she held for five years.

She arrived in Mullumbimby around 2014, joined the Ngarra Institute's events committee, and in 2016 founded the MRA.

She remains an active member and takes a strong interest in local community issues.

All I can say is that it has been an honour getting to know Sonia who, among many other things, has a terrific sense of humour, won't cave to BS, and cares deeply about her family, friends, and people in the local community – and Jessie, of course.

So, to those who have made disparaging comments about MRA members, please think twice.

## Rotary launch 'Say No to Domestic and Family Violence' campaign

Rotary members from across the North Coast and Justine Elliot MP have launched the local Rotary 2025 'Say No to Domestic and Family Violence' campaign in Tweed Heads.

Since 2018, Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands have been uniting to build awareness and education programs to help communities identify, reduce, and stop physical domestic violence as part of the 16 Days of Activism.

### 16 Days of Activism

The United Nation's international campaign '16 Days of Activism' against gender-based violence takes place each year from November 25 until December 10 – this is a global campaign whose 2025 theme is to prevent and eliminate gender-based digital violence against women and girls.

Mrs Elliot says, 'As part of this campaign Rotary clubs will be holding walks, runs, and bike rides to help make the voices of domestic violence survivors heard.'

For more info visit [www.rotarydownunder.org/events/16-days-of-activism](http://www.rotarydownunder.org/events/16-days-of-activism).

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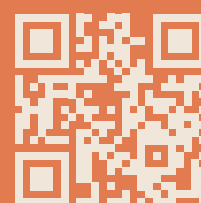


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## Paddle Out for domestic violence awareness

Last year saw the inaugural Paddle Out raising money to support nature-based programs, mentoring, and surf therapy, helping young survivors of domestic violence trauma rebuild confidence, connection, and purpose.

### Get involved

Paddle Out 2025 – Turning the Tide on Violence will be held on 6 December and Spirited Foundation advocate Sam Hilton is calling on Byron Shire to come together to join the movement again this year.

The paddle out will take place at The Pass, Byron Bay from 8am to 11am.

‘Domestic and family violence continues to affect families across Australia. For young people, the trauma can last a lifetime. Paddle Out 2025 brings this issue into the open — creating space for healing and hope,’ said Sam.

Last year the flagship event was held at Terrigal Haven Beach, Central Coast with simultaneous paddle outs around Australia and worldwide. They raised

\$5,000 that went to the Spirited Foundation’s surf therapy, mentoring, and nature-based programs.

‘When communities come together on the water, we send a clear message: we believe in a future free from violence, where every young person feels safe, supported, and seen,’ said Sam.

Sam is calling on the local Byron Shire community to join in the event again this year and help set up a local organisation and event here. Find out more at: <https://paddleout.raiselysite.com>.

## Lennox Head Lions tee off for local charities

Ross Kendall

The John Mitchell Memorial Golf Day delivered by the Lennox Head Lions Club had over 100 players in 25 teams enjoy wonderful weather, an exceptional lunch, some fine golf and great camaraderie, last Sunday at the Byron Bay Golf Course.

‘What a day,’ said the Lions Club’s Graham Shaw.

‘As a result of the support of our major sponsors, the generosity of both Lennox Head and Byron Bay businesses and the involvement of so many enthusiastic players we were able to raise close to \$20,000.

### Charities the winners

‘This will enable us to donate our pledges of \$10,000 to the Buttery and \$5000 to the Fletcher Street Cottage, and record a small excess for further community contribution,’ he said.



Josh Koellner chips in for the Lennox Lions’ John Mitchell Memorial Golf Day at Byron. Photo Jeff Dawson

‘We thank everyone for their wonderful involvement and contribution,’ Graham said.

The John Mitchell Memorial Golf Day ‘continues to be a pillar of our club’s fundraising efforts and a celebration of community generosity and good-spirited fun’.

Shaw says, ‘This year’s beneficiaries are two remarkable organisations:

The Buttery, which provides essential mental health and addiction services in our region, and Fletcher Street Cottage, a sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness, offering food, counselling and medical referrals’.

The four-person Ambrose event kicked off at 12 noon with a shotgun start, and included a putting prize.

## Young Byron cyclist makes his mark

Ross Kendall

Byron Bay Cycling Club’s (BBCC) George Bloor claimed a double, winning first place in C grade for both the criterium event and a road race held in the Clarence Valley last weekend as part of an interclub series.

The Grafton Cycle Club (GCC) hosted the Jacaranda Cycling Festival on Saturday, a criterium event at the Junction Hill Track, while on Sunday the Yamba Cycling Club (YCC) hosted the Jacaranda Road Race at Woodford Island.

George was first in C grade at both events.

Sunday morning brought ideal racing conditions for the annual Jacaranda Road Race on the scenic Woodford Island circuit, the YCC reported.

‘C grade produced one of the biggest and most exciting fields of the day, with 13 starters from across the region.

‘Despite several surges,



George Bloor on the top of the podium for his outstanding achievements. Photo supplied

the bunch stayed largely together to the line, where George Bloor (BBCC) powered home for the win in a close sprint with Jarrod Flower (Northern Rivers CC)

and Eddie McLane (GCC),’ the report said.

The BBCC congratulated all riders who raced and was glad to see a strong club representation in the events.

## Mark ‘Mono’ Stewart becomes a legend of NSW sport



Mark ‘Mono’ Stewart will be joining NSW sports greats when he is inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions in late November. Photo supplied

‘Mono’ (aka Mark Stewart), adaptive surfer from Byron Bay, will join other sporting legends from NSW on Monday, 24 November when he is accorded the NSW Hall of Champions Legend Status.

As a teenager, Mark ‘Mono’ Stewart played football and was a star striker, representing Northern NSW in the Tasman Cup. After a severe injury and an osteosarcoma (bone cancer) diagnosis, Mark lost his right leg at 15 years old.

### Getting back in the surf at Byron

With the help of friends and family he got back in the surf when he was home from Sydney between treatments.

Mono has won gold eight times in the Australian

Adaptive Surfing Championships, from 2016-2025.

Mono has an impressive medal tally of 33 gold, seven silver, and five bronze across a range of national and international competitions. He also has six World Titles across ISA and AASP professional platforms.

In 2021, Mono became the world’s oldest Para Surfing champion, winning the ISA World Adaptive Surfing Championships at Pismo Beach, California, at age 59. In 2023, he was the first adaptive surfer to get a perfect score with two 10-point rides in the final of an international event. This is only the fourth time any surfer has achieved the feat.

Mono will be one of five NSW sports greats to be inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions later this month.

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# the arts



## BALLINA ART SOCIETY

The Ballina Art Society's annual exhibition is the grand finale for the year!

They are about painting together, providing tutoring for their members, socialising and providing support. The annual exhibition is an opportunity to showcase their work. They meet in school terms at The Ballina Scout Hall. Artists vary in skill and years of expertise but some are very well-known local artists. They all work in a variety of mediums, including oil paint, acrylic, watercolour, pastel and mixed media.

Head along to the exhibition to see some inspirational art. You might even decide to buy a piece as a truly unique Christmas gift. There are 150 pieces on display, starting from \$70.

**Ballina Art Society Annual Art Exhibition**  
14-16 November (see ad for hours)  
Ballina Scout Hall.



## BETWEEN APPEARANCE NAT KAFKA

Between Appearance by Northern Rivers artist Nat Kafka explores themes of duality, perception, and the contrasts between what is seen and what lies beneath the surface.

Arriving via an intuitive inquiry that Kafka maintains throughout her practice, her work includes both a fragility and a strength. Kafka invites viewers to contemplate the delicate boundaries between outer appearance and inner reality, with her works serving as a meditation on tension and harmony, and resilience and vulnerability.

This exhibition is the outcome of the Tweed Regional Gallery - Byron School of Art (BSA) 3rd Year Graduate Award, 2024. A Tweed Regional Gallery initiative.

**Summer Opening Celebrations**  
Friday, 14 November, 6 - 8 pm (DST), free  
<https://events.humanitix.com/sonov25>  
Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm (DST)  
[gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)  
[@tweedregionalgallery](https://twitter.com/tweedregionalgallery)



## COORABELL HALL PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY HEATHER McCALMAN

Heather moved to the Northern Rivers from Canberra 12 year ago. She also spends half the year in the north of Japan. These three, very different environments can be seen reflected in her current paintings. 'I enjoy the expansive skies and sense of peace to be found in the mountains, and by the sea. Rocks are also a reassuring, stable presence, either along the shoreline or in the granite boulders of the Great Dividing Range.'

Heather's landscapes hover between abstraction and recognisable forms and in some cases suggest the presence of the human form. This is an exhibition not to be missed.

**Opening Friday, 14 November 5.30pm**  
Exhibition is open on Saturday 15 and 16 November 10am - 4pm

## BALLINA ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION 14, 15 & 16 NOVEMBER 2025



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SATURDAY 15 - 16  
10AM - 4PM



An exhibition  
not to be missed

## Between Appearance Nat Kafka 14 November 2025 - 8 February 2026



Nat Kafka *Passing Through* (detail) 2025, acrylic and feldspar potash on board, 105 x 82 cm. Photograph: Michelle Eabry © The artist

This exhibition is the outcome of the Tweed Regional Gallery - Byron School of Art (BSA) 3rd Year Graduate Award, 2024. A Tweed Regional Gallery initiative.

**TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY  
& MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE**

The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is a Tweed Shire Council Community Facility and is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

Wed - Sun, 10am - 4pm DST | 2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah | [gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)



## ART GALLERIES

### ARTIST STUDIO GALLERY

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### ARTIST'S STUDIO GALLERY

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**02 6685 5317**  
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### BLUE KNOB HALL GALLERY

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**02 6689 7449**  
[Blueknobgallery.com](http://Blueknobgallery.com)

### BURRINGBAR GALLERY

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm  
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**Ph: 0408 998 446**  
6184 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar

### GALLERY COSMOSIS

Visionary Art  
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Open Thurs-Sat 10.30am-3pm or by appointment  
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'Community Arts Hub' (Byron Community College)  
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### LONE GOAT GALLERY

28 Lawson St, Byron Bay  
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[nrcgballina.com.au](http://nrcgballina.com.au)

### STUDIO SUVIRA

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[suviramcdonald.com](http://suviramcdonald.com)

### TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

Gallery hours: Wed-Sun 10am-4pm  
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**Saturday 8 November 10am-4pm, Centennial Cct, Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate**

### Pitching Masterclass

Join literary agent Melanie Ostell for a dynamic pitching workshop designed to help you craft a compelling pitch, refine your project, and present your work with confidence to publishers and agents.

**Saturday 15 November 11am-1.30pm, online**  
**Find out more at [byronwritersfestival.com](http://byronwritersfestival.com)**



## CREATE ART STUDIO

Looking for a thoughtful present that inspires and uplifts? Create Art Studio in Mullumbimby offers e-gift vouchers starting from just \$35 – the perfect way to give someone a creative experience this Christmas. Vouchers can be used for Paint & Sip nights, after-school art classes, holiday workshops, adults and kids sessions, private parties, or even art supplies like brushes and paints. It's more than a gift – it's an invitation to relax, connect, and express yourself through art and colour.

**Gift vouchers available at [www.createart.studio](http://www.createart.studio)**

**b** Byron Writers Festival '25

## Writing workshops

**Saturday 8 November:** Personal to Published with Hilton Koppe

**Saturday 15 November:** Prep your Pitch with Melanie Ostell

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# ARTS FOCUS



## BORDER CLAY TRAIL SHOWCASES CERAMIC ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE TWEED

Residents and visitors of the Tweed region are invited to explore the talents of local ceramic artists on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November for the fifth annual Border Clay Trail weekend presented by Clay Without Borders Inc.

Clay Without Borders Inc. looks to connect like-minded people who love working with clay, promote local artisans, and connect clay creators along the New South Wales and Queensland border with ceramics enthusiasts and collectors.

Visitors will be presented with a showcase of ceramics hosted within the beauty of the Tweed region, created by passionate artists eager to introduce you to the wide range of possibilities clay has to offer.

The Border Clay Trail is held over two days to allow visitors to take their time and engage with the makers at each location, participate in workshops and demonstrations being held at open studios, and discover new parts of the Tweed.

There is a wide variety of ceramic artworks including functional tableware and homewares, contemporary structural forms, whimsical sculptures and distinctive jewelry, using a range of clay working processes, decorative techniques and firing forms.

To find out more visit [claywithoutborders.com.au](http://claywithoutborders.com.au)



## ART EXHIBITION BY JAN RAE IS NOW OPEN UPSTAIRS AT BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE (BBCC)

Jan Rae is one of the three artists who painted the historic BBCC Mural (1984), on the building which is this year celebrating its 130th anniversary.

Her canvases are a luminous vision of our hinterland, highlighting the skies, hills and ocean.

**BBCC, 69 Jonson St. Byron Bay**  
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## An exhibition of paintings by **JAN RAE**

Byron Bay Community Centre, upstairs, 69 Jonson St  
22 Sept to 15 Dec, 2025 – Mon to Fri, 10am-4pm  
[www.janrae7.weebly.com](http://www.janrae7.weebly.com)

**Border Clay Trail 2025**  
8th & 9th November  
9 am - 3 pm

Experience creativity & explore the Tweed

Event Highlights:  
Showcase of clay artisans  
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# Good Taste

# Eateries Guide

## BALLINA



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103 River St, Ballina  
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## BILLINUDGEL



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www.rosefinas.place

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

## BANGALOW



### Bangalow Tuckshop

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43 Byron Street, Bangalow  
bangalowntuckshop.com  
hello@bangalowntuckshop.com.au  
@Bangalowntuckshop

Where good food and good times bump into each other and decide to stay for a drink. They've taken modern Aussie cuisine, given it a cheeky spin, and packed it with the best locally sourced produce the Northern Rivers has to offer. Whether you're a local or just passing through, Tuckshop offers a dining experience that feels both special and familiar at the same time.

## BYRON BAY



### Roca Byron Bay

Open:  
Everyday from 6:30am to late  
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@rocabyronbay  
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Breakfast: 7:30 to 10:30am  
Lunch on Verandah from 12 to 3pm  
Dinner: 5:30 to 9pm  
crystalbrookcollection.com/  
byron/forest

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

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



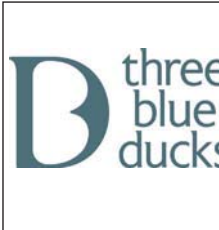
### Main Street

Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner. Menu, more details - @mainstreet\_burgerbar  
18 Jonson Street  
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Menu and more details  
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www.riverrestaurantbruns.com.au  
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Guided by the ethos "Wild at Heart, Local by Nature", River is a celebration of Northern Rivers produce, people, and provenance - a space where community and creativity come together over beautiful food and wine.

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### Lennox Pizza

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## MULLUMBIMBY



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## MURWILLUMBAH



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Dinner Tuesday - Sunday  
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www.murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au

### We warmly welcome Olivewood Bistro to Murwillumbah Golf Club.

Locals know Le Ping and Simone from their time running 'White Olive' where they built a strong reputation for excellent food and warm hospitality.

## WILSONS CREEK



### Threeways of the Valley

Wednesday - Sunday 8am - 3pm  
(kitchen closes at 2pm, drinks & treats till 3pm) Saturday Evenings Pizza Nights 4:30pm - 7:30pm Friday Specials 4:30 - 9pm  
See website for upcoming events.  
10 Huonbrook Rd, Wilsons Creek  
0421 054 484 | www.threeways.store  
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## WOLLONGBAR



### Bonito Peruvian

@bonitoperuvian  
www.bonitoperuvian.com.au  
10/54 Simpson Ave, Wollongbar  
(02) 6628 3111  
Open Wed / Thurs: 3pm to late  
Fri / Sat: 12pm to late

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# The Good Life



## Chef × Distiller: a celebration of craft at Azure Bar and Grill



Dan Woolley (L) with Chef Craig Robertson (R) who produces smokin' dishes at the Azure Bar and Grill in Elements of Byron. In December the culinary artistry of each course will be paired with a whisky that elevates its essence. Photo Jeff 'Smokin' Pots' Dawson.

Azure Bar and Grill invites locals to a distinctive dining event: a five-course Chef × Distiller Dinner and Whisky Pairing. This one-night collaboration brings together the culinary artistry of Executive Chef Craig Robertson and the dedicated craftsmanship of Dan Woolley – better known for his small-batch single malt brand Highwayman Whisky.

Craig Robertson, a Northern Rivers native, has returned home after decades refining his craft across some of Australia's most acclaimed kitchens, from luxury resorts in Queensland to hatted dining institutions in the Hunter Valley and Fiji. Known affectionately as 'Chef Robbo,' he brings an elevated yet grounded approach to coastal cuisine, one that honours both the artistry of fine dining and the authenticity of local flavour. At Azure Bar and Grill, Robertson leads with his 'forest to foreshore' philosophy – a celebration of provenance that draws inspiration from the land surrounding Elements of Byron. His menus weave together native herbs foraged on the resort's grounds, locally-sourced seafood, and seasonal produce from Northern Rivers farmers, creating dishes that feel deeply connected to place and memory.

Meanwhile, Dan Woolley's journey has taken him from the whisky heartlands of Scotland, Japan, and Tasmania to the coast of Byron Bay. Founding Highwayman Whisky in 2016, he has built a loyal following for his handcrafted, cask-strength single malts – each small-batch aged and bottled by hand. His 'liquid library' reflects a deep respect for tradition and experimentation alike, capturing the spirit of the region in every bottle.

Together, the duo have crafted a sensory journey that intertwines their crafts. From an opening of wagyu corned-beef pastrami paired with a smoky Old Fashioned, through Highwayman-cured swordfish, Northern Rivers smoked duck, wild venison saddle, and a decadent Smoking Oak chocolate cigar, each course is thoughtfully paired with a whisky that elevates its essence.

With limited seats available, this intimate event promises an evening where land and sea meet barrel and flame.

**Date:** Thursday, 4 December at 6pm  
**Location:** Azure Bar and Grill, Elements of Byron, Byron Bay  
**Price:** \$149 per person  
**Bookings:** [elementsofbyron.com.au/things-to-do/whats-on/](http://elementsofbyron.com.au/things-to-do/whats-on/)

## Organigrow: eggs for a meaningful existence



As we hurtle towards Christmas it is good to pause and reflect on the important things in life – a meaningful existence, people to cherish and good food. 'At Organigrow we try to achieve all of these, producing ethical food to sustain those who respect the rights of animals and the environment and who want to nurture their bodies and mind with the best organic food,' say Simon and Elisabeth Cripps Clark, the owners and managers of Organigrow's farm at Monaltrie near Lismore.

'At Organigrow we also try to be carbon positive, absorbing more CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere than we are responsible for producing by regenerating much of the farm with rainforest and tree crops. The pecan trees planted around the hens' housing not only give us delicious nuts but provide shade and cooling in the summer and being deciduous lets our feathered friends get plenty of sunshine in the winter months.'

'Our eggs are the best-tasting eggs around because we feed our hens with abundant green peck and select organic whole grain – chooks have the ability to grind their food in a crop, picking up small stones from the range area to assist with this. As the grain we feed is whole, it gives all the vitality that whole living grain contains – as soon as it is ground, grain starts to oxidise and the germ goes rancid. Almost all commercial eggs are fed pellets which contain a mixture of ground grain and other ingredients. We dare to be different – feeding a varied and balanced whole grain diet which our hens benefit from, and they don't need vaccines or any medications to stay healthy.'

'Of course, we couldn't produce your eggs without a dedicated team and a supportive work environment. We are an equal opportunity company with an inclusive and positive working environment. I would like to pass on everyone's gratitude for your support in buying our eggs – especially our feathered friends' thanks for letting us give them the best food and environment.'

You can buy Organigrow 'Certified Organic Free Range' eggs at most local food stores and supermarkets – just look for the Organigrow label.

■ For more info on stockists and pictures of happy hens see [organigrow.com.au](http://organigrow.com.au)

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# Mullumbimby Show 2025



Photo Jeff Dawson



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## Mullumbimby Agricultural Show 2025

Mullumbimby Annual Show is on this weekend. There is a great diversity of sights and sounds to be seen, heard and experienced by all from within our community and surrounds. This year, once again, there will be an action-packed three days of events, displays and entertainment.

### Message from Show President, Mark Ward.

'Hi everyone, it's that time of the year again! I'm so glad to welcome you to the Mullumbimby Show, a true celebration of community spirit and family fun. I'm incredibly proud of our committee members who volunteer their time and energy to make this event possible. Your dedication and hard work are the backbone of our show, and I'm grateful for your efforts. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the many other volunteers who help at working bees throughout the year and on show weekend, including our local sporting groups, service clubs, and rescue workers - your contributions are invaluable. I'd also like to extend my thanks to our generous sponsors, both new and returning, who

support us every year. We couldn't put on a show without you! To all our attendees, competitors, and exhibitors, I offer a warm welcome.

We're excited to share a packed program with you, featuring some new events and some old favourites. This year's theme in the main pavilion is 'Tradies and Their Tools' and we have some exciting new additions to our entertainment lineup including traditional woodworking demonstrations. We're also looking forward to the Mullum Mullet Competition, a Woodchop Display by the North Coast Axemen's Association, and our inaugural All Breeds Horseman's Challenge. These events join our usual lineup of horse events, trotting, the truck show, show jumping, motorcycle barrel racing, and Sideshow Alley. Our entertainment program is shaping up to be fantastic, with band The Craw performing a powerhouse blend of B-side 80's classics and hand-

hitting modern rock on the main stage on Saturday evening, accompanied by fireworks. Sunday will feature the Show and Shine, and both Saturday and Sunday will showcase the Airtime FMX team's thrilling aerobatics. The crowd favourite Demolition Derby will take place on Sunday, with the One 2 Many Band closing the show.

Thank you all for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at the show.'

This year's show continues our community engagement through exhibition, involvement, competition and entertainment. The three-day show kicks off on Friday - a free entry day. First up is the stock horse judging from 8.00am, followed by the stock horse challenge, and then from 3.00pm to 7.00pm there will be trotting demonstrations. Sideshow Alley cranks up from lunchtime as does the BBQ and bar.

'Bring the family along and join us again for a great weekend.'

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## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

6.30pm	Gates open, horse entries open
7 – 9am	Pavilion entry items drop off to main pavilion
9am – 12.30pm	Horse judging
9am – 3pm	Membership available at secretary, office showgrounds
1pm approx	All breed challenge
3 – 7pm	Trotting demonstration Side Show Alley – limited

### SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY	AFTERNOON
Camp oven demonstrations	Mower races
Antique machinery and tractors on display	Woodchop demonstrations into the evening
Trotting all day	Air Time FMX bike shows
Traditional woodworking demonstrations	
Reptile shows	
Petting zoo	
Horse events	

### MORNING

6.30am	Gates open, horse entries open
8am	Horse, show jumping and poultry Competitions start Side Show Alley open
9am	Beef cattle judging starts Main pavilion open
10am	Welcome and sponsors thank you Ring announcer John Norris BBQ and bar open
10.30am	On stage Ray Essery
11am	Petting zoo open Spaghetti Circus performance - \$5 entry
11.30am	Trucks enter showgrounds

### AFTERNOON

12.30pm	Official opening Spaghetti Circus performance - \$5 entry
1 – 2pm	On stage – Clelia Adams and band
2.15pm	Truck show presentation
2:45 – 5:30pm	On stage – Yazmindi and Max
3pm	Mullum Mullet registration (beside main stage)
4pm	On stage – Mullum Mullet competition
6 – 9pm	On stage – The Craw
8pm	Fireworks



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### SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY	AFTERNOON
Reptile shows	Show n Shine cars and bikes lap
Antique machinery and tractors on display	Motorbike barrel racing
Traditional woodworking demonstrations	Air Time bike shows
Camp oven demonstrations	HLS Trick Riding performance
Trotting all day	Trotting final
Petting zoo	Mower race final
	Tug-of-war (If time permits)

### MORNING

8am	Show jumping competitions start Main pavilion open Side Show Alley open
10am	BBQ and bar open Show n Shine cars and bikes display
10am – 12pm	On stage - Schools Rock
10.30am	Pet show
11am	Petting zoo open

### AFTERNOON

1pm – 3pm	One 2 Many Band
2pm	Pavillion auction – proceeds to Westpac Helicopter
3:15 - 3:45pm	One 2 Many Band
3.45pm	Demolition derby
4.15pm	On stage - One 2 Many Band

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Sunday is the fun day, again the main gate

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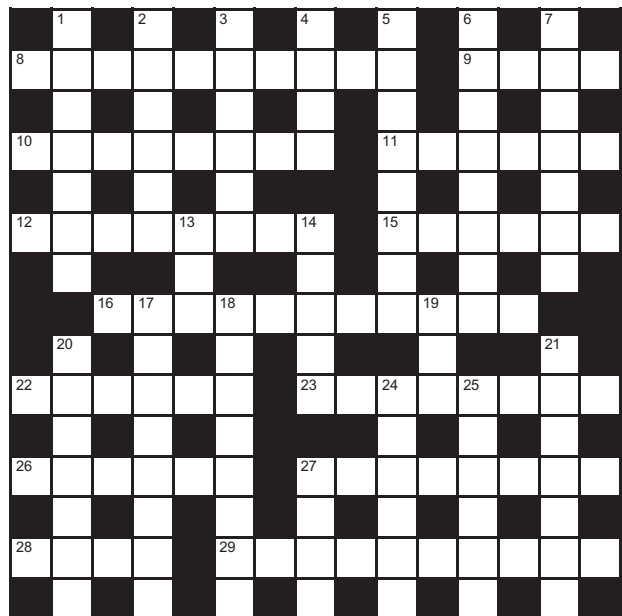
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**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- 8. Constable, essentially naive, tricked into digital asset (10)
- 9. Times features old queen getting a summons – finally! (4)
- 10. Stan and others lose right to depict old ships (8)
- 11. A time – perhaps five, or seven? – to be dissenting (2,4)
- 12. Aristocrat matters when accepting directions (8)
- 15. Catch mate about to dump Rex (6)
- 16. Superior crew get on in ship (4,7)
- 22. Fictional dog sustains master with fruit (6)
- 23. Badmouth men in speech, creating a false image (8)
- 26. Erect umbrella to protect waste collector (6)
- 27. Political philosopher pronounced Guy to be a straight shooter (8)
- 28. Streamer is okay when untangled (4)
- 29. A dog is only a pet if you train it (3,7)

**DOWN**

- 1. Stick to original issue of hat (7)
- 2. Get old lunatic asylum to embrace Microsoft's latest AI (6)
- 3. Overnight flight that's a feature of some photos? (3-3)
- 4. Swimmers understood to be turning south (4)
- 5. Old Peruvian men are different behind closed doors (2,6)
- 6. Republican in storehouse points to potential ICE target (8)
- 7. Spooner's grit transported by power tool (7)
- 13. Big fish tail dropped into barrel (3)
- 14. Sketches over green grass (5)
- 17. How soldiers might go to rest? (8)
- 18. Hostility over? Otherwise, it's a great crime (8)
- 19. Show that could go either way (3)
- 20. Spooner's stupid, perhaps at any time (4,3)
- 21. Deeply embarrassed, Romeo flees monastery at first signs of early dementia (7)
- 24. Rows of leftovers (6)
- 25. Something initially found in waste matter of a bear (6)
- 27. Dressing of the month – first of October? (4)

**Quick Clues**

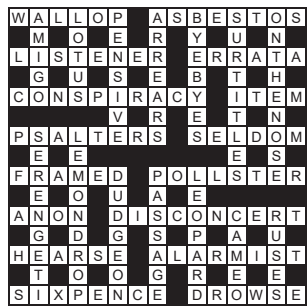
**ACROSS**

- 8. Digital currency designed to maintain steady value (10)
- 9. Historical periods (4)
- 10. Ocean-going vessels (8)
- 11. In disagreement (2,4)
- 12. Female noble (8)
- 15. Catch in a snare (6)
- 16. Direct supervisor (4,7)
- 22. Red fruit used in salads (6)
- 23. Mask one's identity (8)
- 26. Lower section of large intestine (6)
- 27. Skilled shooter (8)
- 28. Sports streaming service (4)
- 29. Small variety of popular breed of dog (3,7)

**DOWN**

- 1. Man's felt hat with broad brim and high crown (7)
- 2. Acquire (6)
- 3. Overnight flight (3-3)
- 4. Swimming costume (4)
- 5. Behind closed doors (2,6)
- 6. Person expelled from country (8)
- 7. Woodworking cutting tool (7)
- 13. Large barrel (3)
- 14. Grassy surface (5)
- 17. Failure to act (8)
- 18. Great wickedness (8)
- 19. Light two-wheeled carriage (3)
- 20. At some future time (4,3)
- 21. Conscience-stricken; remorseful (7)
- 24. Food leftovers (6)
- 25. Bear-like (6)
- 27. Cold sauce comprising egg yolk, vegetable oil and lemon juice (4)

**Last week's solution #79**



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)

# It's Time for a Fast Fashion Fast

Mandy Nolan

**W**e need to stop buying clothing made by children we don't know, in sweatshops we will never see, that ends up in landfill in countries we never visit. A shocking 85% of all textiles go to dumps each year. Countries like Ghana import about 15 million items of secondhand clothing each week. That's business in disposing of overconsumption.

In Ghana they call them *obroni wawu* or 'dead white man's clothes'. Important African conservation areas are being used as fashion graveyards. Locals are having their fishing nets, waterways and beaches clogged with synthetic fast fashion. Your last season Zara turtle-neck actually wrapped around a real turtle's neck.

According to the UN Environment Programme, fast fashion (using energy-intensive processes like dyeing and spinning) is responsible for about 10% of global emissions which is more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined.

But we keep overlooking the impacts. We aren't evil. We forget. And our governments don't hold manufacturers to account. The horror is hidden, and when that little present from the supply chain gods turns up at our front door, it's impossible to see the link between our swanky new pants suit and a warming planet. We feel distanced from the impacts, and the direct-to-consumer model pioneered by Shein and other e-commerce heavy hitters removes us from bearing witness to the climate impact.

We are told that these new, direct supply models are more environmentally friendly because it cuts out the middle – but we are talking about a 24-hours-a-day, 365-days -a-week, supply on demand. They create garments ready to be sold in less than ten days. These items are



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worn on average seven times and then discarded. Garments might be cheap to purchase, but they literally cost the earth – causing untold environmental and human harm.

As consumers, we are coerced. It's a constant stream of ads that our social media algorithms select from our browsing history. Ads that just continue to pop up because you once looked at something, and now you have been profiled and those supply chains, well they are targeting you. They show you pretty pictures of dresses and shirts and shorts and swimmers. Hell, it's 10pm, you're on your bed but you're at the shops.

I resent the constant bombardment. But sometimes, when I'm in a social media stupor, feeling a bit sad and vulnerable, I'll click on a link, and I've

fallen into the Buy Now basket. Most of us do.

The fast fashion industry is also the second biggest consumer of water. Washing those clothes sluices 500,000 tonnes of microfibres into the ocean each year. According to earth.org that's the equivalent of 50 billion plastic bottles. I can't even conceive of what that looks like.

Apparently we only wear 10% of our wardrobe anyway. It's the 'I have nothing to wear' paradox. We have too much to wear. So maybe it's time to stop. Or at least have a fast fashion fast. Buy secondhand. Buy slow. Buy nothing.

■ *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.



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

## STARS BY LILITH

Full moon in sensual Taurus, Venus sashaying into magnetic Scorpio, and Mars galloping into energetic Sagittarius promises a week of thrills and spills...



SCORPIO THE SCORPION

**ARIES:** Your planet ruler Mars charging into its speediest placement is the time of year Aries are prone to overdo it – so better to say 'yes' to a little less than have the planetary backdrop force a pause. Rather than pushing through, you'll get more done by taking time to recharge.

**TAURUS:** Taurus full moon on 6 November is your date to celebrate everything you've achieved this year, and all the daily graces you enjoy: nature's unending beauty, your favourite food, music and sensual pleasures. And with your prima planet Venus in the zodiac's let's get physical transit, take that where you will.

**GEMINI:** With Mercury in its least tactful placement, family interactions are likely to require delicacy this week. Thinking out loud is a no-no if you don't want to spend the festive season estranged from loved ones, so best take a breath, count to ten and edit before uttering.

**CANCER:** November's planetary patterns recommend reassessing your end-of-year plans, including what brings you comfort, nourishment and joy. If you've been feeling off balance lately, full moon on 6 November is your cue to pause, regroup, and focus on creating more stability before the silly season kicks in.

**LEO:** Fiery Mars at his most outspoken could make snappy comebacks tempting this week, but with Mercury retrograde heading into the mix, you may not have all the facts, so consider the difference between reacting and responding. Check whether you're promoting division or progress to assess the best course of action.

**VIRGO:** Your mentor planet Mercury, the zodiac's communication principle, leads a merry dance this month, from blunt and blazingly outspoken through mind games and hidden agendas. Expect no-holds-barred opinions and some fearlessly frank sharing this week, during which nothing could be the wisest thing to say.

**LIBRA:** With Jupiter magnifying emotional responses, you'll need to appeal to peoples' feelings if you want to engage their interest and assistance. This week's Libran balancing act looks like walking the fine line between dummy spits and getting stuff done, between productivity and taking enough time out for respite.

**SCORPIO:** Full moon on Thursday, 6 November in your opposite and complementary sign on the astro wheel suggests taking dedicated time out. Because on the same day Venus sashays into your sexy sign, making this is the week's best date for beautiful food, a massage, spa, your favourite sensual pleasures.

**SAGITTARIUS:** With energetic Mars blasting into your straightforward sign to join communicator Mercury, currently in chat mode, communications speed up. And heat up, so best keep cool and accept this week's edgy exchanges as pathways to the ultimate Sagittarian destination, which is the truth of any situation.

**CAPRICORN:** If you can loosen up a little control this week and let things unfold organically, you're likely to be grateful for what shows up and comes back to you at this slower pace. Which might be a creative breakthrough, unexpected gift or the opportunity to assist someone in need.

**AQUARIUS:** November's power dynamics and control issues can be intense, with others unlikely to back down, and four planets' retrograde recommending resisting playing devil's advocate, or voicing that epic putdown out loud. Don't make assumptions, better to read the room. Then if it's necessary, ask direct questions calmly.

**PISCES:** Full moons illuminate what's possible, but they aren't going to do the heavy lifting for you. This week's cosmic spotlight and planetary push suggest that the most effective approach could be taking the lead yourself, rather than waiting for someone else to make the first move.

## Eclectic Selection

### What's on this week



DIY punk energy is coming to Lismore with a loud and heavy show – headlined by Lismore's hometown heroes **Masochist**. The punk quintet will be supported by **Problem Green**, **L.A.R.M.**, and **The Fem Grems**.

**Friday from 7pm at the Hotel Metropole, Lismore. Tickets \$15 or \$20 on the door.**



It has been a smash hit, and this weekend will see the last performances of the **Spaghetti Circus Performance Troupe** in **Spaghetti Western** at the Bruns Picture House.

**Friday at 6.30pm Auslan show, Saturday at 2pm and 6.30pm, and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets \$20+bf from brunswickpicturehouse.com.**

Thirty students, ranging from years 7 to 11, have joined forces to create **Firebringer**, a highly entertaining, hilarious musical theatre production filled with acting, singing, and dancing, bound together with a brilliant score, brought to life by Byron

Bay High School's very talented, student-led band.

**Friday from 6.30pm, Saturday from 1pm at Byron Bay High School. Tickets \$15 (children 13 years and under), adults \$25 from trybooking.com/events/landing/1435703.**



This week the **Ballina Blues Club** features the **Dillion James Band** – with roots firmly embedded in New-Orleans flavoured funk and blues, Dillion James has re-birthed the Hammond organ and boogie-woogie piano, enveloping the classic tone associated with an earlier era. He is also well known for his growling bluesy lyrics.

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

Northern Rivers rock outfit, **Funny Goats** are setting their sights on Byron Bay – and they're not coming quietly. The Funny Goats have carved out a loyal following across the region and now, with Byron local **Jon J Bradley** stepping in as front man, the band is delivering a revitalised setlist packed with pub rock favourites certain to get the punters moving.

**Saturday from 8pm at The Rails, Byron Bay. Free show.**



**Miss Eileen and King Lear** are a brother/sister duo hailing from the Northern Rivers. What started off as a small side project for the pair has steadily gained momentum to become a solid outfit mixing folk with pop, and laden with strong harmonies.

**Saturday from 7.30pm at The Citadel, Murwillumbah. Tickets \$30+bf, U18s \$15+bf from thecitadel.com.au.**



**The 2025 Russell Hobbs British Film Festival**, presented by Palace, lands in Byron Bay this week with a spectacular lineup of exquisite dramas, fascinating documentaries, much-loved retrospectives, comedies and more at Palace Byron Bay and Ballina Fair Cinemas.

**Festival open on Wednesday and wraps up on Sunday. Tickets \$29 from palacecinemas.com.au/festivals.**



## Coming across the ditch

New Zealand reggae icons **Katchafire** are getting on the plane again, touring Australia in November, as they prepare to release **Revival 2.0** which sees songs from their platinum debut album being remixed, remastered, and re-recorded with revered reggae names from around the world.

With special guests, fellow Aotearoan **Reiki Ruawai** on all shows, and Brisbane/Magandjin's **Badassmutha** at the Byron show.

Katchafire's sound is defined by their seamless fusion of vibrant reggae rhythms with Māori influences, a unique combination resonating with listeners across the globe, making their music both deeply soulful and widely accessible.

For almost 25 years Katchafire have consistently produced songs that celebrate the importance of whānau (family), unity, and a strong sense of cultural pride. Their enduring commitment to these values is evident in every heartfelt melody they write and every dynamic live performance they deliver, ensuring that their music continues to inspire and uplift audiences everywhere.

Special guest **Reiki Ruawai** (also lead singer of band Mayasa) has already released a handful of singles showcasing his soulful vocals and pop-leaning production. Known for his charismatic presence and genre-defying sound and drawing from his diverse musical influences and experiences, Reiki Ruawai's music transcends boundaries, offering listeners an unforgettable sonic journey.

A Githabul, Migunberri-Yugumbah, Gamilaroi woman based between Tulumur and Magandjin, **Badassmutha** is a multidisciplinary artist weaving stories through lyrical wit-poetry and catchy melodies, with an eclectic sound inspired by reggae, alt-pop, soul and funk.

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**SUNDAY: MARGIS!**

# Seven

## Another packed picture house program

It's not often we host a world premiere in Bruns, but the brand new **Spaghetti Circus** production, **Spaghetti Western**, lassoed its way onto the stage last week. With many sessions already sold out, it's an exciting, unmissable, homegrown, rollicking all-ages, wild ride for the whole family. Best availability at the **Friday** and **Saturday 6.30pm** shows. **Ends Sunday.**

It's mind-boggling the number of fierce and fabulous ladies hitting the stage this month: the hugely popular burlesque spectacular **Wild Women: With Pleasure** and its coterie of tantalising ladies is back for three big shows, **Thursday, November 13; Thursday, November 20; and Friday, November 21.**

The delectable **Loveys** bid us farewell with their final two shows on **Saturday, November 22.**

Some of the best in the biz, including the Shire's own **Emily Lubitz** and **Abbie Cardwell**, pay homage to

some of the best in the biz in **Women of Country** on **Sunday, November 16**, and the venerated **Liz Stringer** brings her poignant show to Bruns on **Friday, November 28**, and the Shire's newest vocal ensemble, **Show Choir**, celebrates the cinematic grandeur of **Musical Movie Hits** on **Saturday, November 15.**

Easily one of the most popular films screened at the 'House, is **The Road To Patagonia** – it's back for one more encore screening on Thursday.

There are only a handful of tickets left for **Amazing, Alex Lloyd's**

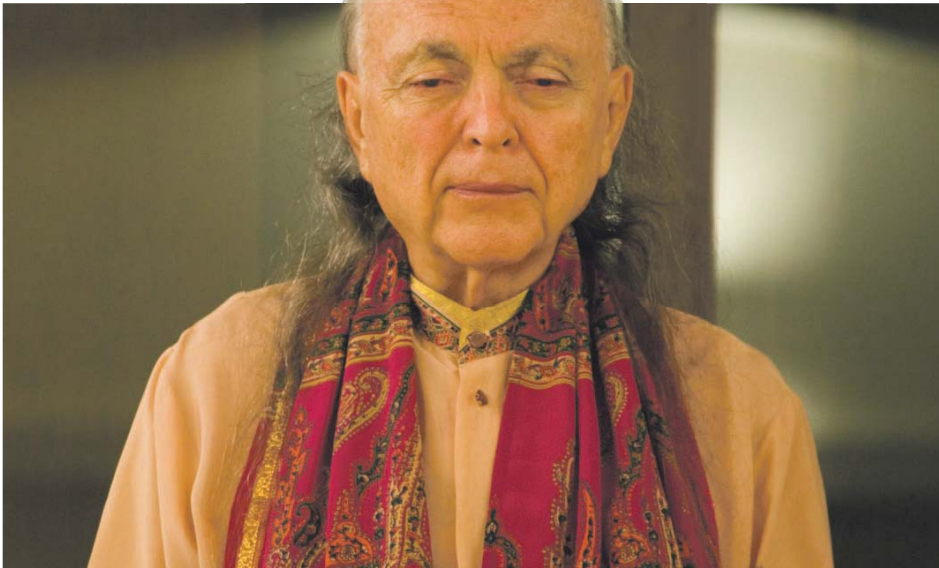
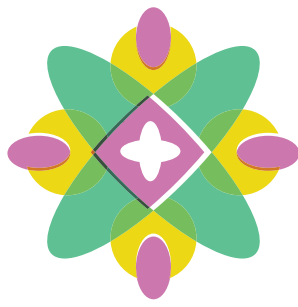
eagerly awaited show **Thursday, November 27** and for a good laugh, warm and affable **Tom Cashman**, star of **Taskmaster**, hits the Bruns stage for the first time on **Friday, November 14.**

Finally... the most anticipated season in the calendar, the **Cheeky Christmas** is back with 13 big shows. There's a group 6+ discount, so bring as many as you'd like to close out the year with a festive bang! **Wednesday, December 3** to **Saturday, December 20.**

Tickets for all shows at [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com).



TOM CASHMAN



SHOW CHOIR

## Conscious Light

**Conscious Light – The Divine Life and Revelation of Avatar Adi Da Samraj** is an award-winning documentary that offers a penetrating glimpse into the remarkable life and enlightened teachings of avatar **Adi Da Samraj** and his work to establish a way of ultimate spiritual realisation for everyone.

*Conscious Light* draws on extensive archival film, photography, and audio recordings, as well as interviews with students who lived with Avatar Adi Da and continue to practise the way that he revealed.

Avatar Adi Da communicated ‘the bright’ not just through words or philosophy, but by his direct spiritual transmission of it.

The great message that Adi Da Samraj brings to all is that the fundamental need of every human heart is to exceed the paradox of mortality, of bodily existence in a finite world, and to realise infinite love, perfect freedom, and boundless happiness.

He teaches that such realisation is not only our most essential need, it is also our certain and inevitable destiny. This is because the true condition of reality itself – and therefore of everyone and everything – is not the finite mortal world or universe, but indivisible conscious light – which is the limitless manifestation of infinite love, perfect freedom, and boundless happiness.

Spiritually realised masters of varying degrees have appeared throughout history to teach, bless, and awaken humankind. Though seldom recognised or rightly honored in their own time and place, such realisers are the world’s greatest spiritual treasures.

Adi Da Samraj has appeared within this ancient and venerable tradition of all divinely realised masters, with the same impulse to teach, bless, and awaken humankind to the one truth that is reality itself.

Thus, Adi Da revealed and established a new sacred tradition. His numerous books of spiritual, philosophical, social, and practical wisdom are widely acknowledged as among the most insightful spiritual teachings of this age.

In response to Adi Da’s blessings, Adidam sanctuaries and centres have been established globally. Avatar Adi Da does not offer mere techniques for self-improvement, but a transformative relationship to all who respond to his spiritual presence and state of being.

**The film will be shown on Tuesday at the Ocean Shores Community Centre at 7pm. Admission is free – donations are welcome.**

## Musical Movie magic in Bruns

Get ready for a fun night of song and spectacle as **Show Choir** returns to the stage with **Musical Movie Hits** at the iconic **Brunswick Picture House**.

Founded and directed by **Rachel Sinclair** in early 2025, Show Choir was born from a simple idea: to create a space where people could sing contemporary songs with energy and passion, with the accessibility and community spirit of a local choir.

After a sell-out debut in Newrybar and a joyful appearance at the Ticked Pink High Tea for Jodie’s Inspiration in Alstonville, this Brunswick show marks their biggest performance yet.

The repertoire celebrates the magic of movie musicals, including numbers from *Barbie*, *Wicked*, *La La Land*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Rent*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, and even a solo from *Little Women*.

Adding to the magic is **Margaret Curtis** on keys – a highly regarded performer

and accompanist on both harp and piano, Margaret has played with various orchestras including Lismore Symphony and Gold Coast Chamber, and is currently musical director for the Bangalow Theatre Company.

Joining the stage are special guests **Headliners Chorus** from Ballina – an all-women’s a cappella group known for their vibrant four-part harmony and genre-spanning repertoire, from jazz and swing to pop and show tunes. Their passion for performance and community spirit adds an extra layer of sparkle to this evening of song.

Make a night of it – arrive early and enjoy the Brunswick Picture House’s delicious food and drink offerings. The kiosk opens an hour before show time. Pair your meal with a drink in the beautiful courtyard garden.

**Saturday, November 15 at 7pm. Tickets: available now at [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com).**



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## They're way too cheeky

Cheeky charm, wit and sun-soaked attitude, that's **Cheeky Leash** – four cheeky lads from Wollongong. Chris, Brad, Jaydo, and Brody have hit the scene running with their infectious and energetic melodies, bringing the good times wherever they play, no pretence, just pure energy and their own flavour of feel-good indie rock from the south coast of NSW.

Cheeky Leash are loud, raw, unforgettable, and of course, always a little bit cheeky.

**Be charmed by the cheeky lads in their Burning Up tour – free entry event on Thursday from 7pm at The Northern, Byron Bay.**

## NORPA's Prima Facie

This summer, NORPA is taking one of the world's most-talked-about plays on the road across the Northern Rivers. The company will launch its brand-new touring program, **The Village Circuit**, with **Suzie Miller's** international sensation **Prima Facie**.

A gripping, one-woman play, *Prima Facie* has captivated audiences from Sydney to Broadway and now NORPA's new production will play in six towns across the region – Byron, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Kyogle, Grafton and Lismore.

When *Prima Facie* premiered at Sydney's Griffin Theatre in 2019, it stunned audiences with its raw power, precision and heart. This extraordinary play has travelled the world, earning Olivier and Tony Awards along the way.

Featuring acclaimed actor **Matilda Ridgway** and directed by Heather Fairbairn, *Prima Facie* tells the story of a brilliant defence lawyer, whose belief in the law shatters when she experiences firsthand how deeply the justice system fails victims of sexual assault. It's an unflinching piece of theatre that balances legal intellect with deep emotional truth.

For NORPA, *Prima Facie* also marks the beginning of something new. The Village Circuit is the company's fresh approach to regional touring. NORPA Artistic Director, **Julian Louis**, says, 'The Village Circuit is NORPA's new way of sharing theatre more widely. It's a summer tour



that links our towns and centres through powerful, professional live performances. It is about bringing exceptional theatre to the heart of the Northern Rivers, giving everyone the chance to experience world-class storytelling close to home.'

*Prima Facie* will open in Byron Bay at the **Byron Theatre on February 12**, running until **February 14**; before moving on to the **Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Tweed Heads, on February 19**; Murwillumbah at the **Murwillumbah Civic Centre, on February 20**; **Kyogle Memorial Hall, Kyogle on February 21**; **Saraton Theatre, Grafton on February 25**; and coming to a close in Lismore at the **Star Court Theatre, with a run from February 27 and 28**.

For more information and tickets for all show visit [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au).

## A green blob...

A green blob paid for my house – **The Story of Pipik** is coming. From film festivals, to becoming a household name in Europe, and eventually buying a house, the strange, hilarious journey of Pipik is now coming home – to Mullumbimby.

Local filmmaker, musician, and designer **Sheldon Lieberman** brings his one-man show *The Story of Pipik* to the **Drill Hall Theatre on Friday, November 14**.

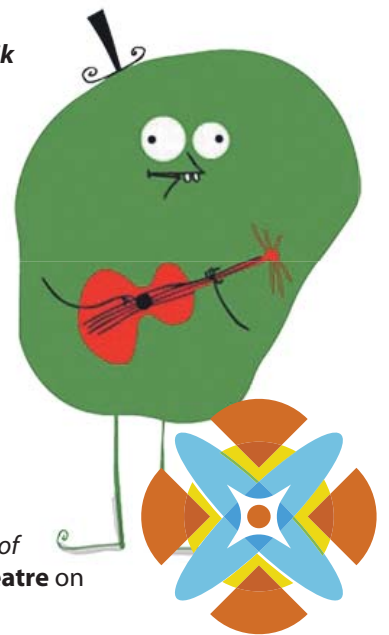
The performance tells the true tale of how a green animated blob, created years ago for a song about global warming, went on to win international film awards before vanishing, only to resurface a decade later with an offer too good to refuse.

Through storytelling, original songs, and projected animation, Sheldon shares how this improvised character went from a side project to an unexpected success story – and what it taught him about creativity, luck, and letting go.

'It's about how the most random, ridiculous ideas can lead to something incredible,' says Sheldon, 'You never really know which project will connect.'

*The Story of Pipik* is funny, heartfelt and deeply local – a celebration of creative chaos and the magic that happens when you make something just for fun.

**Friday, November 14, at 7pm – the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby. Tickets from [events.humanitix.com/the-story-of-pipik](http://events.humanitix.com/the-story-of-pipik).**



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BY SHELDON

# CINEMA



## He said, she said, he denies, she doesn't back down...

In September 2019, Alma Imhoff, a philosophy professor at Yale University, and her therapist husband, Frederik, host a dinner party. In attendance are Hank Gibson, Alma's colleague and best friend, and Maggie Resnick, her top PhD student.

Alma and Hank are both up for tenure. Frederik privately opines to Alma that Hank and Maggie are unremarkable, and that she is drawn to them only because they greatly admire her. Hank walks Maggie home.

The next day, Maggie is absent from Alma's class. Alma finds Maggie outside her home later that night and Maggie confides in Alma that Hank invited himself in for a nightcap and then sexually assaulted her.

From filmmaker **Luca Guadagnino** (*Call Me By Your Name*, *Challengers*), *After The Hunt* is a gripping psychological drama that probes the complex power dynamics, trust and consent, and far-reaching consequences of silence within the charged world of academia.

**Julia Roberts** stars as a respected college professor whose world is turned upside down when her brilliant and outspoken student (**Ayo Edebiri**) accuses one of her closest colleagues (**Andrew Garfield**) of serious misconduct. As the academic community reels from the revelation, the professor is forced to navigate a treacherous landscape of loyalty, morality, and professional ethics.

Meanwhile, the turmoil awakens a dark secret from her own past – one she has long buried – that threatens to unravel not only her career but her very sense of self.

Tense and emotionally charged, *After The Hunt* explores the ripple effects of accusation and denial within a microcosm of power and privilege, posing difficult questions about complicity and courage. This layered drama, rich in nuance and moral ambiguity, has begun its highly anticipated release.

**Screening this week at Palace Cinemas Byron Bay and Ballina.**

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DEADLINE 5PM ON FRIDAYS

### WEDNESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, HAYLEY GRACE DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM THE RISING NORTH TOUR FEAT. SHELLY BROWN, PAM HATA & THE FLORIN ARC
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM NT LIVE: MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION, 6.15PM SCREENING: LOVE LETTER TO THE UNSEEN – SAVE THE SKATE
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM JORDAN MAC, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – MITCHELL DORMER & JOHN HILL
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 10.30PM SPAGHETTI WESTERN
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM CURRY JAM
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM NOT QUITE FOLK JAM
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM DAVE GRANEY & THE CORAL SNAKES
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM ANDREW MORRIS
- BYRON BAY HIGH SCHOOL 6.30PM FIREBRINGER
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM JB'S BLUES BREAKERS + DJ SOLOMAN, 8PM DUELLING PIANOS – MICK BUCKLEY & SHANE PARRY + SAM WHEAT & ADAM HOURIGAN
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM THE VANNS
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM SPAGHETTI WESTERN
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM SH\*TS & GIGGLES COMEDY NIGHT FT. GREG SULLIVAN & ELLEN BRIGGS
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPPYKOE WITH JESS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM ISAAC FRANKHAM
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM PUSH
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM THE COASTERS
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM MASOCHIST, PROBLEM GREEN, L.A.R.M & THE FEM GREMS
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 8PM KAZ
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM PHIL GUEST
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM CHRIS COSTELLO & HIS HEDONISTIC ORCHESTRA
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM X-PORT
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM COASTAL ROAD
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM JEROME WILLIAMS
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM LIVING IN THE 70S
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE ANIMALS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM JK-47, SCOPES, THE WAYWARD SUNS & DOGTAGS
- BYRON BAY HIGH SCHOOL 1PM FIREBRINGER
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM DJ ALICE Q, 4PM DJ SHANE COLLINS
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM ERIN SHAY BAND + DJ JAMIE LOWE, 7.30PM THE BUTLERS + THE SLIMS, 8PM DUELLING PIANOS – SAME WHEAT & MICK BUCKLEY + JOHN HILL & JAKE BRISTOW
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM LIONHEART REBELLION
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM & 6.30PM SPAGHETTI WESTERN
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM JAMES STREET PREACHERS
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM SUPERCHEEZE
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM DJ REIFLEX & DJ ABEL EL TORO
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM DAN HANNAFORD
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM WEAR THE FOX HAT
- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM SYLVIE
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 6PM WOMEN UP NORTH 2025 SPRING GALA
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 8PM JOE CONROY
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM MISS EILEEN & KING LEAR
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM BRETT HEALY
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM OOOZ
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM RAW ORDIO
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM FROM A DIAMOND TO A KING
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM THAT RETRO BAND
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM THE VERSACE BOYS
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 2PM SPAGHETTI WESTERN
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM GRAVITY'S GUMBO
- TINTENBAR HALL 4PM TAPESTRY ROAD + TONY KOELLNER + VERANDAH FRIDAYS + MARTY BREEN
- LENNOX HOTEL 4PM HARRY NICHOLS
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT DILLION JAMES BAND, LEVEL ONE 2.30PM BOBBY BRUCE – NEARLY NEIL SHOW
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM KEVIN BORICH
- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM CHRIS ARONSTEN
- CLUB TWEED 1PM RHYDIAN LEWIS + ANGUS HOLMES

### THURSDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, ALLY PALMER DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM LUKE HAYWARD BAND
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM INO PIO + DJ RENEE SIMONE, 7PM CHEEKY LEASH + NAZARE, LUNE TO THE MOON, MERMAID WATERS, 8PM DUELLING PIANOS – SAM WHEAT, BODHI ACTON & MICK BUCKLEY
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM GINGER LANE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM SCREENING: THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM MONDO HUM
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT
- KELP, BALLINA, 6PM LILY GRACE GRANT
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM SINGER SONGWRITERS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8.30PM LIPLINE + WIZZ
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE FUNNY GOATS BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON + BENSON
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM STARS OF BYRON BAY – DANCE FOR CANCER

### FRIDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHIN BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM HARVEY SUTHERLAND + SHLUFFY & VINNIE LADUCE

### SATURDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE FUNNY GOATS BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON + BENSON
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS 2025
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM ISAAC FRANKHAM + VINYL SUNDAY FT MUTCRESPO, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – SHANE PARRY & JAKE BRISTOW

### SUNDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, OLE FALCOR
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM TYNE-JAMES ORGAN + JET CITY SPORTS CLUB + JACOB FITZGERALD & THE ELECTRIC CITY
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS 2025
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM ISAAC FRANKHAM + VINYL SUNDAY FT MUTCRESPO, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – SHANE PARRY & JAKE BRISTOW

### MONDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, CHRIS ARONSTEN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM ADAM HARPAZ
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM THE DROP IN FT NAZARE + JEROME WILLIAMS, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – SHANE PARRY & JAKE BRISTOW + MITCHELL DORMER & BODHI ACTON

### TUESDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM KATIE WHITE
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM MARSHALL OKELL, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – MITCHELL DORMER & DIZZY J
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM WE HONESTLY LOVE YOU

### WEDNESDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, GUY KACHEL
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM ALLY PALMER
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM DAN HANNAFORD, 9PM DUELLING PIANOS – MITCHELL DORMER & DIZZY J
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM CURRY JAM
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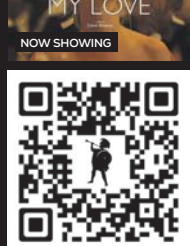
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COOL HAND LUKE (M)  
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Mon: 6:00PM

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BRITISH FF CENTREPIECE  
Sun: 3:30PM

#### FAMILY FILMS

A PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS (G)  
Sat, Sun: 11:30AM

KANGAROO (PG)  
Sat, Sun: 1:00PM

THE BAD GUYS 2 (PG)  
Daily except Sat, Sun:  
11:10AM. Sat, Sun: 10:50AM

ALL FILMS

AFTER THE HUNT (MA15+)  
Daily except Wed: 10:45AM.  
Wed: 10:30AM

BUGONIA (MA15+)  
Daily: 10:45AM, 2:10PM,  
8:15PM

CHAINS AW MAN – THE MOVIE: REZE ARC (SUBBED) (MA15+)  
Thurs, Sat, Sun, Mon:  
3:20PM, 8:40PM. Fri:  
3:20PM, 8:20PM. Tues:  
3:20PM, 8:30PM. Wed:  
3:20PM, 6:20PM

DIE, MY LOVE (ICTG) (NFT)  
Daily except Fri, Wed:  
1:10PM, 5:50PM, 8:15PM.  
Fri, Wed: 1:10PM, 5:50PM,  
8:30PM

FRANKENSTEIN (MA15+)  
Daily except Mon: 10:45AM.  
3:20PM, 8:00PM. Mon:  
10:45AM, 3:00PM, 8:00PM

GOOD FORTUNE (M)  
Daily except Sun, Mon:  
1:00PM, 8:30PM. Sun:  
1:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM.  
Mon: 12:50PM, 8:40PM

JOURNEY HOME, DAVID GULPILIL (M)  
Daily except Sat, Sun:  
11:00AM, 1:20PM. Sat, Sun:  
11:00AM

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN (M) (NFT)  
Daily: 12:20PM, 3:00PM,  
5:45PM

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER (M)  
Daily except Mon: 11:00AM,  
3:10PM, 7:00PM. Mon:  
11:00AM, 3:15PM, 7:00PM

PREDATOR: BADLANDS (M) (NFT)  
Thurs, Sun, Tues: 1:40PM,  
4:40PM, 6:00PM, 8:40PM.  
Fri: 1:40PM, 4:40PM,  
6:15PM, 8:30PM. Sat, Mon:  
1:40PM, 4:40PM, 6:00PM,  
8:30PM. Wed: 1:40PM,  
4:40PM, 6:30PM, 8:40PM

PRIME MINISTER (M) (NFT)  
Daily except Mon: 10:50AM,  
3:40PM, 6:20PM. Mon:  
10:45AM, 3:40PM, 5:50PM

SIGNORINELLA: LITTLE MISS (PG)  
Thurs, Mon: 11:15AM,  
4:00PM. Fri, Tues, Wed:  
11:15AM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM.  
Sat, Sun: 4:00PM, 6:00PM

SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE (M)  
Daily: 1:00PM, 3:30PM,  
5:30PM, 8:30PM

TRAIN DREAMS (M) (NFT)  
Daily except Mon: 1:10PM,  
6:20PM. Mon: 1:10PM,  
6:30PM

REGRETTING YOU (M)  
Thurs, Sat, Sun, Tues:  
1:30PM, 4:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Fri, Mon: 1:30PM, 3:50PM,  
8:00PM. Wed: 1:20PM,  
3:50PM, 8:00PM

SIGNORINELLA: LITTLE MISS (PG)  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 10:15AM. Sat, Sun: 10:00AM

THE AFRICAN QUEEN (PG)  
MATEE MEMORIES  
Wed: 10:00AM

THE TRAVELLERS (M)  
Thurs, Fri, Wed: 10:20AM, 5:15PM. Sat, Sun:  
10:00AM, 5:15PM. Mon, Tues: 10:20AM, 5:30PM

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A PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS (G)  
Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues: 10:30AM. Sat, Sun: 10:15AM

BLACK PHONE 2 (MA15+)  
Daily: 2:45PM

DIE, MY LOVE (ICTG) (NFT)  
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AGMs

THE BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE is holding its AGM and general meeting on Friday 14 November at 12.30pm in Byron Bay at the RSL Club on Jonson St. For more info please email Renee renee8@aapt.net.au. All members are invited to attend.



Annual General Meeting 2025

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DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
5	W	5:50 / 19:08	18:54 / 5:04	0848 1.76; 2143 1.31	0208 0.04; 1456 0.20
6	TH	5:49 / 19:09	20:09 / 5:47	0935 1.85; 2143 1.31	0246 0.03; 1552 0.19
7	F	5:48 / 19:10	21:23 / 6:37	1024 1.89; 2231 1.20	0328 0.05; 1650 0.21
8	SA	5:48 / 19:11	22:33 / 7:36	1115 1.87; 2324 1.10	0411 0.11; 1750 0.25
9	SU	5:47 / 19:11	23:35 / 8:41	1207 1.81	0458 0.21; 1853 0.31
10	M	5:47 / 19:12	9:50	0022 1.01; 1304 1.71	0551 0.31; 1958 0.36
11	TU	5:46 / 19:13	0:25 / 10:58	0131 0.96; 1404 1.61	0655 0.42; 2102 0.39
12	W	5:45 / 19:14	1:08 / 12:02	0252 0.97; 1507 1.51	0811 0.50; 2203 0.40
13	TH	5:45 / 19:15	1:44 / 13:03	0408 1.04; 1609 1.44	0931 0.54; 2257 0.38
14	F	5:44 / 19:15	2:15 / 14:00	0514 1.14; 1706 1.38	1045 0.54; 2341 0.35
15	SA	5:44 / 19:16	2:43 / 14:54	0606 1.26; 1756 1.34	1148 0.53
16	SU	5:43 / 19:17	3:10 / 15:48	0651 1.36; 1840 1.30	0018 0.31; 1244 0.50
17	M	5:43 / 19:18	3:37 / 16:41	0730 1.46; 1919 1.27	0050 0.27; 1332 0.46
18	TU	5:43 / 19:19	4:05 / 17:35	0806 1.54; 1956 1.23	0120 0.24; 1416 0.43
19	W	5:42 / 19:19	4:36 / 18:31	0841 1.60; 2032 1.20	0149 0.22; 1459 0.40
20	TH	5:42 / 19:20	5:10 / 19:27	0915 1.64; 2108 1.16	0217 0.22; 1539 0.38
21	F	5:41 / 19:21	5:49 / 20:23	0949 1.66; 2144 1.12	0246 0.23; 1617 0.38
22	SA	5:41 / 19:22	6:34 / 21:18	1025 1.66; 2220 1.08	0318 0.25; 1657 0.39
23	SU	5:41 / 19:23	7:24 / 22:09	1102 1.63; 2259 1.04	0351 0.29; 1738 0.41
24	M	5:41 / 19:23	8:18 / 22:56	1141 1.60; 2341 1.01	0427 0.33; 1821 0.43
25	TU	5:40 / 19:24	9:16 / 23:37	1223 1.56	0507 0.39; 1908 0.45
26	W	5:40 / 19:25	10:15 / 23:37	0030 0.99; 1308 1.52	0555 0.44; 1959 0.46
27	TH	5:40 / 19:26	11:15 / 0:14	0130 0.99; 1358 1.48	0652 0.50; 2053 0.44
28	F	5:40 / 19:27	12:14 / 0:48	0241 1.02; 1453 1.45	0801 0.54; 2146 0.39
29	SA	5:40 / 19:28	13:14 / 1:20	0353 1.11; 1552 1.43	0918 0.56; 2236 0.33
30	SU	5:40 / 19:28	14:15 / 1:50	0458 1.24; 1651 1.40	1034 0.53; 2323 0.25

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

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

#### RSL meeting Nov 11

General meeting for the Brunswick Heads and Billinudgel RSL sub-branch will be held 11 November at Brunswick Heads. It will be followed by the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph from 11am.

#### Remembrance Day, Mullumbimby

The Mullumbimby RSL sub-branch would like to advise that a Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Mullumbimby Cenotaph commencing at 10.50am on 11 November. For further inquiries please contact the Mullumbimby RSL sub-branch at MullumbimbySB@rsl.nsw.org.au.

#### Remembrance Day, Byron Bay

Byron Bay RSL sub-branch will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph on Tuesday 11 November. Assemble by 10.45am. There will be a lunch for RSL members following at Services Club. Enquiries Jim 0412 679 870.

#### Pop up Picnic for Peace

Remembrance and Armistice Day, on Tuesday, 11 November from 4pm at Lismore Quad (or a venue of your choice). This is an open invitation, to all people of good will. Let's come together, somewhere nice, to create a picnic honouring all those, past, present and emerging, who have, do and will dedicate their lives to love, peace and understanding. I want to

make a picnic that is an excellent kids party. Zoe Humphreys 0434 476 309.

#### Suffolk Prog Assc AGM

Suffolk Park Progress Association is holding its AGM on Wednesday, 19 November at 6pm at the Suffolk Park Community Hall. Hope to see you there for a friendly community meeting.

#### Together She Thrives

Together She Thrives is a local NFP in the Byron Shire helping women and teen girls connect, grow and thrive. A free guided bushwalk in the Byron Shire will be held Sunday, 9 November from 9am to 12pm. Also our free five-week teen girls program will run every Saturday in November from 10am till 12pm, with the aim to build confidence, creativity, wellbeing and connection while engaging, in hands-on activities and supportive community experiences. For more info email togethershethrives@outlook.com or call 0427 026 935.

#### Shedding AGM Nov 24

The Shedding Community Workshop Inc AGM will be held Monday 24 November. Join our AGM and potluck dinner from 5.30 till 8.30pm at 18 Prince Street in Mullumbimby. Bring a dish and join our celebrations! RSVP to 0458 134 551 or email hello@shedding.com.au.

#### Beach clean up Nov 7

A community beach clean up day is planned Sunday, 7 November, starting at the Pass and finishing at Main Beach. The event will bring

together local businesses and community members to care for our coastline and raise awareness about sustainability. Call 0492 895 604 for more info.

#### U3A event Nov 11

U3A is a group for retired folk offering lifelong learning and activities.

On 11 November, the forum talker is Mel Williams on Mullum and District Neighbourhood Centre. Interest groups are garden group, foodies, movie/lunch, men's shed, French revisited, Scottish folk dance, mahjong, walkers and talkers, shabashi, table tennis, chess, debating group and ukelele. For more info email info@bru3a.org or call Denise 0423 778 573.

#### Landcare working bee

Organic Landcare Inc's next working bee will be Saturday 6 December, from 8am until 12.30 pm, at Saltwater Creek. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden car park. Tasks will be to follow up Green Cestrum saplings, Tradescantia fluminensis ground cover and removed ringbark Camphor suckers. Please wear a long sleeved shirt and pants for sun protection and avoid scratches. A hat, gloves and bring water and some morning tea, for a 10.30am break. A first aid kit, tree poppers, loppers and weeding tools will be provided. If you have bush regeneration tools, please bring them. This will be the last working bee for 2025 so will celebrate with a watermelon feast.

#### Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group will be held Wednesday November 12 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, as family are very much involved with the process and treatment of those with this diagnosis. For enquiries, phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

#### Kyogle Hospital turns 100

Kyogle Hospital will mark its 100th anniversary with a community open day on Saturday, 15 November from 9am to 1pm, with official proceedings to take place at 10am. Now known as Kyogle Multi-Purpose Service (MPS), the hospital will mark its centenary with a community open day, highlighting the various services offered today, as well as the fascinating history of the healthcare service over the past century.

#### No Probus meeting

Brunswick Valley Probus Club. There will be no meeting in November, as it is Melbourne Cup Day. Our next meeting is on 2 December.

#### AIR Nov 14

Please note that the usual meeting of Australian Independent Retirees will not be held on the first Friday of November, but has been transferred to the second Friday because of other groups meeting on 7 November. We will meet as usual at the Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant street, Ballina on Friday, 14 November, 2025, with friendship commencing at 9.30am for a 10am meeting. The guest speaker will be Geoff Hutchinson, who will be giving us a step back in time to the mid 1800s. Enquiries to the President, Mrs Jill Huxley ph 6686 8958.

**Please note:** This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

## 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.

#### 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.

#### Bruns backgammon

The Bruns Backgammon Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the CWA Hall in Brunswick Heads, from 5.30pm till 7pm. It's a relaxed, social evening open to all skill levels - newcomers are always welcome!

#### Sing and play along

Free weekly sing along sessions for over 70s in Mullumbimby, on Wednesdays from 10.30 to 11.30am. Feel free to bring your ukulele and/or guitar and enjoy singing the songs of your youth. Limited spaces. Contact Magenta on 0447 844 215.

#### Free baby clothes

Free baby clothes are available each Friday morning (during school terms) from 10-12am at Mullumbimby CWA Hall, corner of Tincogan and Gordon sts. And if you like hanging out with mums and bubs and have a penchant for folding tiny clothes, we're always keen for more volunteers to join our happy team! More info: www.pbbmedia.org/outreachhub. Contact: hello@pbbmedia.org.

#### 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:

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**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.

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#### 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.

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#### Alateen meeting

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

#### 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, mazerati2010@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.

## 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

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### Banyan Hill Buzzes with Buyer Demand and Community Spirit

The Northern Rivers property market is showing strong signs of resurgence, with renewed confidence most evident at Banyan Hill – Ballina’s premier land estate by Intrapac Property.

Over the past three weeks, more than \$6.54 million in land sales have been recorded across the region, including over \$5 million at Banyan Hill and \$1.34 million at Aureus, Skennars Head. This surge in activity signals that buyers are back, ready to build, and eager to secure their place in one of the most desirable coastal communities in New South Wales.

‘After a quieter period, we’re seeing energy quickly return to the market,’ says Maxwell Shifman, CEO of Intrapac Property. ‘Stabilising interest rates, improved confidence, and a genuine shortage of quality land are combining to create real momentum across the



region.’

Adding to the excitement, the recent Banyan Block Party held on Sunday, 26 October was a resounding success. Families from across the region came together to enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment, delicious food trucks, and vibrant community connection. The event showcased the lifestyle and energy that make Banyan Hill so appealing – reinforcing why so many buyers are choosing to call it home.

‘The Block Party was a fantastic celebration of everything Banyan Hill represents,’ said Sarah

Cobb, Sales Manager. ‘It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the space and imagining their future here.’

#### Why buyers are choosing Banyan Hill

Banyan Hill continues to attract strong interest from both locals and buyers from surrounding areas. Its unique blend of convenience, coastal lifestyle, and natural beauty makes it a standout choice. Located close to schools, the airport, and the beach, yet surrounded by open space and hinterland calm,



the estate offers a rare balance of accessibility and serenity.

Set between the beach and the hinterland, Banyan Hill features elevated homesites with sweeping views, generous lot sizes, and access to future parks, walkways, and cycle paths. At the heart of the estate will be Hilltop Park – a vibrant community space with playgrounds, gardens, and shaded lawns designed to bring neighbours together. Construction of this stage is underway and construction will be complete in 2026.

#### New land release to meet growing demand

With 50% of Release One already sold and buyer interest continuing to build, Intrapac is excited to announce a new land release at Banyan Hill. This next stage will offer more elevated homesites with premium views and access to future amenities, giving even more families the opportunity to secure their place in this thriving coastal community.

To help buyers take the next step, Intrapac is

offering the Banyan Build Boost – a \$10,000 incentive designed to support the transition from land purchase to home construction. With house and land packages under \$1 million, eligible buyers are also taking advantage of the federal government’s 5% Deposit Scheme, making home ownership more accessible than ever.

The Banyan Hill Display Village, featuring homes from Perry Homes, Coral Homes, and G.J. Gardner, showcases the latest in coastal living design. Packages start from \$914,113, offering a range of options for families, downsizers, and first-home buyers alike.

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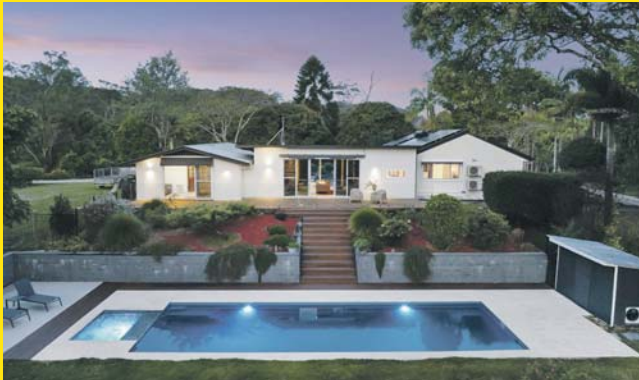
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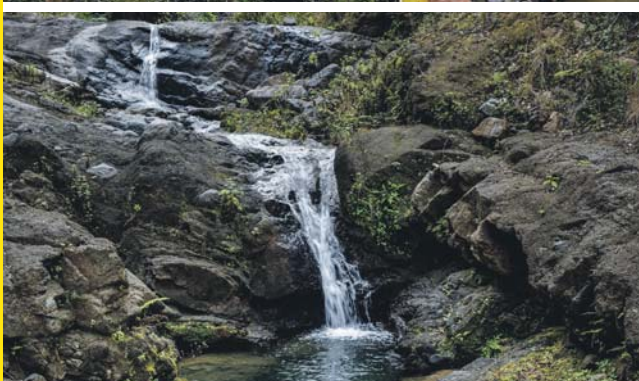
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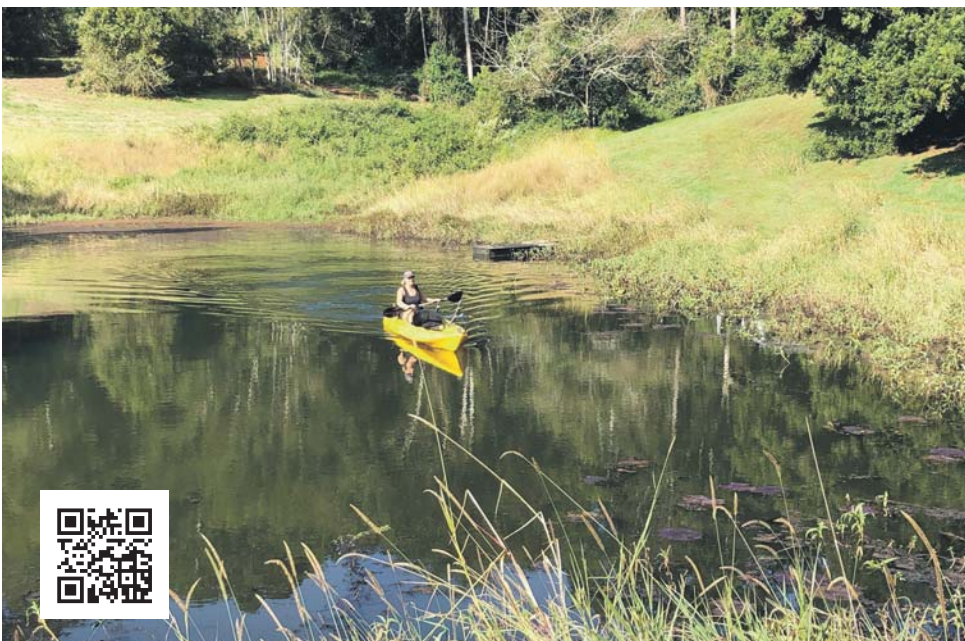
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- 93 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 12a Coolamon Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 18 Wareham Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 16 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 40 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.30am-12pm

- 38 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 17 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 480 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 11.45am-12.15pm
- 56 Ruskin Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 465 Uralba Road, Lynwood. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 9 Natan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 134 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 202 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 5 Deacon Street, Bangalow. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 47 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 2-2.30pm

### Lifestyle Group Brunswick Heads

- 1/11 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Wed 4.30-5pm
- 361 Huonbrook Road, Huonbrook. Fri 10-11am
- 7/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am
- 47 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 9.45-10.15am
- 1/11 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.40-11.10am
- 5 Bower Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.20-11.50am
- 5/7 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12.10-12.40pm
- 35 Pimble Valley Road, Crabbes Creek. Sat 1.10-1.40pm

### Mana

- 1/44 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Wed 12-12.30pm
- 15 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores. Wed 3.30-4pm
- 237 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah. Thurs 11.30-12pm
- 86 Tyalgum Ridge Road, Tyalgum. Thurs 3.30-4pm
- 1/44 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 9-9.30am
- 15 Kallaroo Circuit, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am

- 4 Gara Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Nagoon Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10 Canowindra Court, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/21A Balemo Drive, Ocen Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6 Orion Street, Lismore. Sat 11am-12pm.
- 17-21 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 86 Tyalgum Ridge Road, Tyalgum. Sat 2-2.30pm

### Ray White Rural Bangalow

- 6 Karinya Place, Clunes. Sat 10-10.30am
- 100 Federal Drive, Eureka. Sat 11-11.30am
- 369 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 12-12.30pm

### Real Estate of Distinction

- 126 Harwood Road, Burringbar. Sat. 10-10.30am
- 98 Greenvale Court, Burringbar. Sat. 11-11.30am
- 876 Tamarind Drive, Tintenbar. Sat. 12.30-1pm
- 2A Palm Valley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat. 2-2.30pm

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- 148 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. Sat 11 -11:45 am

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A Harvard study, of 32,000 men over 18 years of age found those ejaculating 21 or more times a month had a 31 per cent lower risk of developing prostate cancer than those who did so less frequently. But good luck with getting men to do that for better health outcomes instead of exercising or having a good diet ([www.health.harvard.edu/mens-health/ejaculation\\_frequency\\_and\\_prostate\\_cancer](http://www.health.harvard.edu/mens-health/ejaculation_frequency_and_prostate_cancer)).

MP Justine Elliot joined Rotary members from across the north coast to launch the 2025 16 Days of Activism 'Say No to Domestic and Family Violence'. The global campaign to end gender-based violence takes place each year from 25 November until 10 December. For more information on Rotary events go to: [rotarydownunder.org/events/16-days-of-activism](http://rotarydownunder.org/events/16-days-of-activism).

Local Byron Bay business Align and Shine is helping set up a Community Beach Clean-Up Day on Friday, 7 November, meeting at The Pass Cafe at 4.30pm. The clean-up will start with a yoga class and a breathwork session for about an hour,



The undead were unimpressed when Saturday's Halloween celebrations at Bruns School were cancelled because of, get this, scary weather. Photos from the crypt by Jeff, 'Hello Ian Dawson

followed by the beach clean-up for roughly two hours before finishing up with pizza at Pizza Lab around 7.30-8pm.

'Opinion is really the lowest form of human knowledge. It requires no accountability, no understanding. The highest form of knowledge... is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another's world. It requires profound purpose larger than the self kind of understanding.' Bill Bullard (Based on a quote by George Eliot).

The 2026 Great Cane Toad Bust event runs from 17 to 25 January 2026, with great prizes up for grabs. Sign up and learn more via the Great Cane Toad Bust website: <https://watergum.org/greatcanetoadbust>.

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