

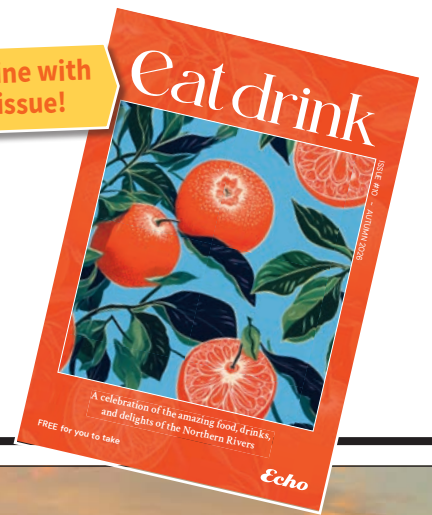


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First Bluesfest, now the lighthouse – gone!



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Byrone Shire Council in consultation with the Maritime Safety Association, has demolished the Cape Byron Lighthouse.

'It has been a problem for many years that this old building has exceeded Byron

Shire Council's building height restrictions. Developers are constantly trying to cite it as a precedent to justify their own dreams and aspirations,' BSC planning department spokesperson, Mr Andy Didit, told *The Echo*.

'I'm glad this demolition was not held up by too much red tape. It's good to see this was prioritised over the bulldozing of the two superfluous peaks of Mt Chincogan.'

When contacted, the minister for the department of such things,

Mr Terry Bull, made the point that, 'lighthouses were made redundant years ago with the advent of GPS and Facebook. There is some merit to the idea put forward by Byron's environmental lobby that the area become a significant cliff-top whale feeding area, a la

Monkey Mia, at Australia's most westerly point.'

Protests by a cabal of Byron-based tantra-practitioners that the lighthouse rivalled the Big Banana and Ballina's Big Prawn for its metaphorical significance were disregarded as fellatious.

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Human cost: Bluesfest

Eve Jeffery

In a last minute scramble to get shows in the region, Brandin Farrant, father of music prodigy Taj Farrant, says that the cancellation of Bluesfest has been rough on a lot of levels.

Brandin says Taj was at the end of a show in Gainesville, Georgia, when they got the news.

'It was about midnight there, and Taj's Facebook and Instagram started going crazy. My phone was going crazy - it was fans wanting to know what was going on,' he told *The Echo*.

'And I'm like, "What do you mean?" And then I messaged Peter Noble, and I'm like, "Dude, what's the crack? Like, what's going on?"

'No reply. No reply. No reply.

'Then I started getting concerned, because I usually talk to him all the time, like, I talk to him multiple times a week, as a friend, if you know what I mean, not just about work, it's "how's life? What's going on? How's Dee? How are the kids?", that sort of stuff. And then, no reply.

'At about 1.30am I was just getting ready to doze off, and then they sent the announcement - we got it just like everyone else.'

Significant investment

Brandin says Taj had already invested around US\$20,000 [close to A\$30,000] as part of preparing for the festival, and to get to Australia.

'There's flights, accommodation, transfers, paying the band is about four grand, and the merch I printed for Taj. I had to switch gears and make a few phone calls



Taj Farrant with his father Brandin who is a manager, guitar tech and dozens of other things to Taj, but at the end of the day he is a father who is disappointed for his son. Photo supplied

and [say] like, "Well, we're coming. We've already paid for it. Who wants him?"

Broken friendship

Brandin says more that anything he's disappointed in what he thought was a friendship with Noble.

'You build a great friendship, and you think you've got a friend, and you believe that on both sides of the fence, that it's mutual respect. But Taj invested money to get here without a cash advance to cover costs.

'He knew, and it's not just Taj, it's lots of artists. The high-end artists got their advances that covers deposits and stuff, because their management are like, "we're not doing it unless we get a deposit". He's out there, he [Noble] has to eat humble pie to get the ones that he really wants, but the other ones, what you'd call, like the blue collar workers, those guys have invested probably more than what they even get paid. Because I know what's paid, and I know that we don't make any money out of Bluesfest. We come home for Taj to see his family and to continue

to build his brand here, because he's massive in the US.

'But with the Peter Noble situation, for myself, personally, you know, I'm a manager, and he's been really good to me for the last few years to help Taj build some form of a brand here.'

Brandin wishes that if anyone had known in advance that the festival would not go ahead, 'somebody at least could have given me the heads up before Taj invested money.'

Brandin says they have invested a lot including ten thousand dollars on flights.

'People still spent their money to come here. So we worked to find a spot for Taj to play, we don't want him to miss out,' he said.

'I guess the community rallied around him, which I was super proud of. And I guess that's an Australian thing. When the shit hits the fan, they're happy to help.'

Taj Farrant will play three free shows this weekend, at Byron Bay, Evans Head and Lennox Head.

■ See *Seven* for details and an interview with Taj.

Road safety concerns for Ocean Shores Public School

Aslan Shand

When a child was struck by a car near Ocean Shores Public School the P&C were quick to contact Byron Shire Council (BSC) on 13 August 2025, saying, 'Thankfully, they [the child] were not seriously injured, but the incident has caused significant distress within the school community and highlights the need for immediate attention to pedestrian and traffic safety in the area.'



Concerned parents Shailei Forrester, Sara Gloede, student Goldie Shortland, Annalyse McLeod and David Pepplinkhorse. Photo Jeff Dawson

Key concerns

The P&C requested Council review current safety measures including: improved signage and visibility; traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps, narrowing, raised crossings); and community education initiatives. In particular they were concerned 'about the high speeds observed along Shara Boulevard and Kallaroo Circuit - both key routes for children travelling to and from school. Of particular concern is the transition from the 80km/h zone on Shara Boulevard. Vehicles are not adequately slowing down, and there are currently no traffic calming measures in place before entering the school zone.'

'I live on the edge of the 80km/h zone on Shara Boulevard where it drops to 50km/h and, in reality, many cars don't slow down to the speed limit,' local resident Shailei Forrester told *The Echo*.

'There are no traffic calming measures and no safe pedestrian crossings along Shara Boulevard at all, which makes it unsafe for children trying to get to school.'

BSC responded, seven months later, on 13 March, 2026. They told the P&C that, 'Unfortunately, due to current financial constraints, we do not have the necessary

funding or resources available to complete this work within the current financial year.'

Create safety

Speaking to *The Echo* P&C president Sara Gloede said, 'Transport accidents are the leading cause of death of children 0 to 14 in Australia; 30km/h speed limits in high-pedestrian areas reduce serious injury by 50 per cent. In the past 12 months an Ocean Shores child was hit by a car, and I witnessed a six-year-old in a near miss just the other day. No traffic calming between an 80km/h zone and a school is not ok.

'Primary school children are still developing, and their developmental stage makes them vulnerable to accidents - as the number of cars in Ocean Shores grows, we need to adjust the environment to make it safe for kids to travel to school.'

After being contacted by *The Echo* local MP Tamara Smith said she has reached out to both the minister for regional roads and the minister for education to see if she can get an urgent assessment of the situation, and she will be taking the issue to the Byron Shire Local Traffic meeting in April.

'The Ocean Shores Public School community and P&C have every right to be angry that their cries for assistance have not been acted upon by

any level of government, and I share their fear around the safety of children with such a high volume of school buses dropping students off just the other side of a 80km/h zone,' she said.

'We cannot have a 80km/h zone turning into a 40km/h school zone on Shara Boulevard without at least some traffic calming measures put in place.'

Byron Council have responded to *The Echo* questions saying, 'Transport for NSW manages all road speed limits, including school zones. It recently advised it is extending the school zone at Ocean Shores Public School in April this year.'

On Monday Transport for NSW distributed a leaflet to neighbours stating that they will extend the school zone area from Tuesday, 7 April.

'Extending the school zone 35m is a great start but doesn't solve slowing traffic along Kallaroo Circuit and Shara Boulevard (including the bus stop just after the 80km/h sign), the main routes kids travel along. Speed bumps would still remain important,' Sara told *The Echo*.

'The handout isn't clear if they're going to put a zebra crossing over Kallaroo Circuit. It will be interesting to see what they actually do. A zebra crossing would be good.'



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First Mullum Moth – standing room only

Aslan Shand

With close to 250 entries into *The Echo* and Creative Mullum Short Story Competition it was exciting to see the Top Pub in Mullumbimby with standing room only as the top five stories from the adult and under-18 categories were read out.

All the top entries were high quality with MC Mandy Nolan telling the audience that even if they had entered and not made it to the finals they should keep writing.

Winners

‘Everyone, well almost everyone, was at a really



Under-18 finalists Scarlett Benhaim, winner Ella Maitland, Mitsuki Burgener, and Pearl Bannister. Photo Judge Simon Haslam

high standard and should keep writing,’ she quipped.

The under-18 winner was Ella Maitland with *Trapped Langour a Pink Kallopsia* who

took home \$500 donated by Mullumbimby IGA while the adult section was taken out by *Doli Incapax* by Martin Killips who received



Martin Killips, winner of the adult section. Photo Judge Simon Haslam

a \$1,000 prize donated by the Top Pub.

The Echo will publish the two winning stories throughout the month of April.

Local community action makes a difference

There’s a quiet but powerful truth behind every wildlife rescue, every conservation win, and every thriving patch of habitat in our region: someone saw something that needed doing, and simply stepped up.

That happened last week when Mullumbimby local Susan Fell spotted second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) for sale in Mullumbimby Mitre 10 hardware store. These are to be declared restricted chemical products from 30 June 2026. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority have said it is in the public interest for these products to be removed to protect owls and other birds of prey, and domestic animals such as dogs, who suffer poisoning when ingesting an affected rat.

‘Given that these chemicals will be removed by 30 June there’s no need for them to still be circulating within our community and potentially harming more of our precious wildlife. I have some concern that the ban



Mandy Nolan, with Nature Sisters Meditation Group Bavara Van der Hoeven, Bobbi Allan, Katrina Shields, and Susan Fell. Photo Jeff Dawson

might encourage people to put more of these baits out and its imperative we have some community education around impact and safe disposal,’ says Susan.

Susan reached out to her meditation group for what she calls ‘mindfulness in action’, and to Byron Greens member Mandy Nolan to raise the first \$170 to buy the remaining SGAR products at Mitre 10. Mandy met Susan for the first stage of the buyout late last week.

Safe disposal

‘Mitre 10 are a locally-owned hardware store and we understand that they don’t have the purchase power just to dispose of existing stocks. So we asked friends and supporters to fund a buy back. The staff at Mitre 10 were very cooperative,’ said Mandy, ‘they even chipped in!’

The store held back the product to give them a week to raise funds to buy the rest

of the stock on Thursday, to be safely disposed of at the Byron Shire Council Resource & Recovery Centre (BSCRRC).

BSCRRC manager, Luke Arnold, confirmed that safe disposal was available in the Byron Shire. SGAR poisons will be held in cages that are lined with plastic and covered so animals can’t infiltrate the contents. The cages are then sent to Tox Free Cleaning.

Byron Bunnings Operations Manager Lauren Beaton said they are working with suppliers to remove SGAR products by 30 June.

The local action led by Susan was simple but powerful – and reflects a broader truth held by Susan that, ‘you don’t need permission to do the right thing. We are grateful to all the people who donated, who gave small amounts to make a big difference.’

‘Protecting wildlife isn’t someone else’s job. It belongs to all of us,’ Mandy concluded.

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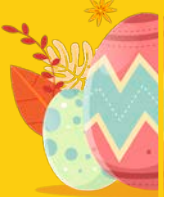
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Easter Sunday (Liturgy) – 9.30am
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads

Pippy Wardell receives 2026 NSW Local Seniors of the Year Award

A much-loved member of the Byron Shire community has been recognised for her dedication to supporting older residents, with Byron seniors facilitator Pippy Wardell named a recipient of the 2026 NSW Local Seniors of the Year Award.

The Byron Seniors Club meets regularly at Byron Community Centre (BCC) and offers free activities, social teas, and opportunities for older residents to connect with others in the community.

'The award recognises seniors who make an outstanding contribution to their local community through volunteering, leadership and service,' said a spokesperson for the BCC.

'Pippy was selected by Tamara Smith MP, Member for Ballina in recognition of her ongoing commitment to supporting older community members.'

Pippy said she was honoured by the recognition and sees her work as simply supporting the community she cares deeply about.

'I feel extremely grateful to be part of such a wonderful group of seniors. The



Pippy Wardell. Photo supplied

friendships, laughter, and support that come from spending time together are so special. It means a lot to be recognised, but the real reward is seeing people connect with each other, stay active, and have fun. Whether it's drumming, hula dance or chair yoga, there is plenty on offer for seniors.'

'Pippy's contribution to the Byron Shire community is truly special,' said Ms Smith.

'Through her work with Byron Seniors, she has created welcoming spaces where older people feel connected, valued and supported.'

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

Mullum Hospital DCP feedback open

Aslan Shand

The community has fought hard for the Mullumbimby Hospital site to be retained for a mix of public, social, affordable, and mixed use housing, in perpetuity, since they created the Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group (MHAG), marched on the streets, volunteered for multiple community consultation groups, and more.

When Council staff recommended that the site be sold to developers the community responded calling for the site to provide local housing.

The draft Development Control Plan (DCP) is now on exhibition and at <https://yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au/dcp-mullum-hospital> and the community can now respond.

Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) have told *The Echo* that while there are some positive steps forward in the process, there are still significant gaps and failures in the current exhibition and process by Council.

'Once again the community are being informed and consulted; the community would like to be involved and even collaborate with the BSC,' President of MRA, Dale Emerson, told *The Echo*.

'There is no clear process to identify how input will be heard, what BSC has taken on board or not taken on board, and why? There is no feedback loop, no commitment to explain decisions and gaps in relation to the DCP itself. This is not the gold standard.'

Of particular concern is the 20 per cent affordable housing requirement that does not address social and public housing options and is significantly lower than that called for by many in the community. Added to this is no clear and enforceable, prescriptive measures around maintaining the majority of land in perpetuity for social, public, and affordable housing and no enforceable provisions around income eligibility and tenure.

'The DCP, the Reference Scheme, and the EOI process that follow this exhibition will determine [if it] delivers the living village the community was promised – or whether it delivers a standard residential subdivision,' said the MRA in their draft submission they are preparing to submit to Council on the DCP.

BSC drop-in session on Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 April at Council offices, Mullumbimby.

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Former Suffolk Park Progress Association members call for publication of their resignation letter

Aslan Shand

Challenges are still being faced by the Suffolk Park community following the divide between supporters and detractors of the roundabout and traffic lights to deal with traffic woes at the Clifford Street intersection. A new Suffolk Park Progress Association (SPPA) management committee was elected in November 2025 with the intention of healing the community rifts. It was described as a 're-energised community group in Suffolk Park [that] is calling for improved road safety, as Byron Shire Council seeks public input on how to spend an estimated \$80 million in developer infrastructure contributions in the next 15- 20 years,' in *The Echo* in early March 2026.

There have now been six resignations from that new nine-member committee with the final four resigning as a group on 18 March.

Current SPPA President Kelly Minahan told *The Echo* that five new members have now joined the committee saying the previous members struggled with the significant workload the committee had to manage.

'Within 24 hours [of their resignation] we had five members step into their shoes,' he told *The Echo*.

He has since confirmed that three new members had 'already been inducted at previous quorate meetings' and that 'more applications have been received since and all will be appraised and voted on by all current committee members in accordance with the constitution and the Incorporated (sic) Associations Act.

'Our divided committee is now united and building on the momentum forged by this president's founding committee,' he said.

Call to publish resignation letter

While former committee members have acknowledged that there was significant material to process, they told *The Echo* that the key issue that led to their resignation was the speed that matters were being pushed through the committee, which ultimately meant the committee was unable to give due consideration and time to matters.

'In the interest of community cohesion following division over traffic lights, I agreed to serve on the SPPA committee,' former committee member Lynne Richardson told *The Echo*.

'I did my best to support it, along with the president,

for as long as I could. Unfortunately, whilst appreciating the enormous volume of work undertaken by him and the secretary, in my opinion the duty of the committee, to act with due care and diligence, was not being performed due to overload. Committee members' concerns about style of governance, raised repeatedly, were not being heeded,' said Ms Richardson.

Resigning members have asked that the current SPPA publish their letter of resignation to members so that members and the community are clear as to why they resigned. However, Mr Minahan has declined telling *The Echo* that 'the committee has met and determined that the resignation correspondence is not a public document, and we are respecting that as part of our governance and privacy obligations'.

Community transparency

'In my experience, the SPPA's interests are best served by transparency,' said Ms Richardson. 'The reasons for multiple resignations need to be disclosed to the membership as it is in the public interest. My view is that what has been

happening needs to be understood, and collectively addressed before moving forward.'

Her view has been supported by former committee member Dr Ray Moynihan, who's previously chaired international scientific committees, spent a year as a Harkness Fellow at Harvard University, and five years as a researcher and producer at ABC's *Four Corners*.

'We think the people of Suffolk, and the wider Shire, have a right to know why the majority of the SPPA committee resigned on 18 March,' he told *The Echo*.

'And that's why we respectfully repeat our request to the president to release our resignation letter. We resigned in part because of concerns about what we believed was too much haste in decision-making. The ultimate aim here is a community with social cohesion and compassion, balancing improved amenity with strong environmental protection. Genuinely listening to each other, and rigorously and meticulously working through complex issues in face-to-face committee meetings is, in my view, how best to achieve that aim.'

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Bangalow mobile blackspot connectivity coming says Elliot

Funding from the latest round of the Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) that will target blackspots in and around Bangalow has been announced.

Local MP Justine Elliot said that funding for new mobile phone infrastructure for the Optus and TPG (Vodafone) network will target longstanding mobile coverage and reception issues in Bangalow and surrounds.

'This is so important for everyday personal, work and business needs, and especially critical in emergencies. We know how vital communications are from our recent floods and fires,' said Mrs Elliot.

'We're committed to reducing the impact of natural disasters on local communities and this project is a continuation of that commitment.

'This includes supporting our emergency services in responding to disasters and

keeping families connected with loved ones.'

'Funding for recent rounds of the Mobile Black Spot Program are part of the Albanese Labor government's \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia.

'The project will be finished by 2029 financial year. It still has to go through approval with Byron Shire Council regulatory process for approval of the site,' explained Mrs Elliot.

'Once completed it will be looking at covering Bangalow and Brooklet areas and providing coverage to the highway on the Optus and Vodafone network in that area.'

For more information on the Mobile Black Spot Program visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program>.

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Free women's trauma workshop in Mullum

Women's Health Northern Rivers say they are pleased to announce that two free evidence-based therapeutic group programs – Shark Cage and Heartfelt House Healing Pathways – will be held in Mullumbimby this April and May.

'Both programs offer trauma-informed support for women who have experienced sexual assault, domestic and family violence, childhood sexual abuse, or other forms of interpersonal trauma,' they said in a press release.

'Across the Northern Rivers, many women continue to face the long-term

impacts of trauma, often without access to safe, specialised spaces to process their experiences. The demand for supportive, professionally-facilitated groups has grown significantly in recent years, particularly following the region's compounding challenges of natural disasters, housing instability, and limited mental health services.

'Shark Cage and Heartfelt House Healing Pathways provide structured, compassionate pathways for healing, helping participants rebuild confidence, strengthen boundaries, and reconnect with a sense of safety and self-worth.

'Both programs are facilitated by trained counsellors and delivered in small, supportive groups to ensure safety, privacy, and meaningful engagement.'

Healing Pathways will run on Wednesdays from 29 April to 1 July. Shark Cage will run Thursdays from 7 May 2026 to 25 June.

For more information or to join contact: Women's Health Northern Rivers on 6621 9800, email: support@whnr.org.au, or visit the website at: www.whnr.org.au.

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

Bangalow bridge still not fixed

Nearly three months after fire damaged Bangalow's Byron Creek Bridge in January, engineers are still trying to assess repair options.

Structural analysis of the bridge on Bangalow Road is due to happen next month.

The bridge has been open to vehicles with a weight of up to 6.5 tonnes since early February.

Dog owner fined \$5,000

A Byron Bay dog owner has been convicted in the Local Court for two breaches of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* relating to the management of a menacing dog, says Byron Shire Council.

The owner was fined a total of \$5,000 and 'has a prior history of failing to comply with menacing dog control requirements'.

'Menacing dogs pose a significant risk to other pets and the safety of our community,' Council's

Manager Public and Environmental Services, Sarah Nagel said.

'After entering a guilty plea, the dog owner was fined \$4,000 for failing to comply with multiple control requirements for keeping a menacing dog. An additional fine of \$1,000 was issued for failing to take reasonable steps to prevent the dog from escaping the property.'

'The court also ordered the dog owner to pay \$1,500 in Council costs.'

Gateway to Billinudgel celebrates 50 years



Cam Willis, Abby Mckeogh, Steph Smith, Patto Pattinson, Kitty Crain, Deputy Captain Muzz Dreschler, and Captain Darren Cornale with muralist Yasmin Shima in front. Rhianna Browning has painted an indigenous mural on the front of the Billinudgel Rural Fire Station next to Daniel Hend's depiction of the fire trucks. Rhianna's grandfather was a life member of the brigade. Photo Jeff Dawson

Three muralists Yasmin Shima, Rhianna Browning, and Daniel Hend have turned the Billinudgel Rural Fire Station into an artistic and cultural art installation as part of the lead-up to Billinudgel Rural Fire Brigade's 50-year anniversary.

'The murals make our station visible, promoting

the work of our volunteer crew in the local community. We respond to bush and village fires, attend motor vehicle accidents, and assist in disaster clean-ups in our community. We also support other first responders, working alongside SES, Fire and Rescue and the Police,' said member Kitty Crain.

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Investigation of ocean outlet at Fern Beach

Aslan Shand

Investigation of an ocean outlet north of Fern Beach in the Billinudgel Nature Reserve was supported by all councillors at the 19 March Byron Shire Council meeting.

The proposal was originally one of several options proposed for investigation by the Marshalls Creek Flood Forum (MCFF) that is made up of the South Golden Beach Community Association (SGBCA), the New Brighton Village Association (NBVA), and the Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA). However, Cr David Warth chose to bring just this one option, supported by OSCA, to the meeting.

However, Cr Elia Hauge told *The Echo* that the other options should also be brought to Council.

'I support the investigation of reopening the outlet at Fern Beach as a potential nature-based solution to alleviate flooding in the north of the Shire,' Cr Hauge told *The Echo* following the meeting.

'However, it's important that this is done systematically and as part of the wider flood study for the catchment, and is considered alongside other flood mitigation options for South Golden Beach and the Brunswick River catchment more broadly.'

Cr Hauge said that she will bring the rest of the MCFF proposals that include: 'diminish rock walls at Readings Bay to encourage lowering of the sandy bed of Marshalls Creek upstream; other dredging options (potentially with coastal beach nourishment);

detention of flood water upstream of Billinudgel to lower peak flows downstream; adequate budgeting for effective ongoing maintenance of levees, drains, culverts and flapvalves,' to the next Council meeting.

'The community has come together to do important collaborative engagement and produce their statement, which should be considered in depth,' she said.

'By getting everything into the flood study where it can be evaluated systematically there's no preferential treatment for any option. Unfortunately, this flood study was not considered "high priority" by the NSW government and did not receive funding for this financial year, despite being well overdue since the devastating 2022 floods. Our community deserves better.'

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Death of a stalwart – Valda Iris Watt

Gai Hoddinott

Eulogies are often characterised by extravagant sentiment and exaggerated deeds. You find yourself asking, ‘Who is this person? Is this the same person that I knew?’

In some ways Valda Iris Watt was a simple person who lived a simple life, and yet it would diminish her legacy to leave it at that.

Valda was an extraordinary woman whose mental acumen and memory never failed until the end. Who among us could remember minute details of a dog your parents had 45 years ago or remember, at 96 years old, what you needed when writing the ubiquitous shopping list so you’d have provisions to feed a flock of birds which swarmed your backyard each day, or who even lives to an age of 96 and lives independently in their own home? So we have the extraordinary in the mundane.

If known at all, Valda would be known as the Bird Lady of Ocean Shores, feeding kookaburras, magpies, and currawongs out of her hand; making cakes for rainbow lorikeets and



Valda Iris Watt, 1929–2026. Photo supplied

pulped pellets of bread for cockatoos, ibis, brush turkeys and more. These were her true love. She recognised each call and responded to it, buying kilos of mince and bread in restaurant quantities and multiple packets of seeds each week. No expense was spared by this pensioner for those birds and they returned her love with their constant company.

Watching her feed the birds was like having a front row seat in a big bird sanctuary.

She knew migration patterns, birds who visited from as far afield as New Guinea, simply from their calls.

Valda loved arts and craft and her craftsmanship was exemplary in a plethora of

areas – knitting, crocheting, tapestry, needlepoint, candle-wicking, pottery, cakemaking and decorating, patchworking, quilting and sewing; the quality of this craftsmanship evident in miscellaneous items on display and prizes she received for competition entries.

She gave blankets to hospitals, hospices, extended family, friends and strangers; some of her work to be passed down through generations as heirlooms.

Dolls figured prominently, a lifetime’s collection, chronicles more than 100 years, and are exquisitely dressed by Valda in clothes replete with minute detail.

I learnt a lot from Valda. As godmother to my 43-year-old daughter, and dear friend, and confidante, for 47 years.

One person cannot change all who comes in contact with them but they can change the life of some. I, for one, am richer for having had such an extraordinary woman in my life. Her life was anything but simple, as is the legacy she left.

■ Read full obituary in *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au.

Mullum Bowlo to transform into 24/7 gym

Paul Bibby

Mullumbimby’s much-loved bowling club is poised for a major transformation, with the historic site set to become home to a 24-hour gym in a shift that will permanently change how the community uses the venue.

Plans lodged with Byron Shire Council propose converting the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club building at 7 Jubilee Avenue into a round-the-clock fitness centre operated by Town Fitness Pty Ltd.

While one bowling green will remain in use, the proposal makes it clear that the club’s primary role is evolving from a traditional bowls and social venue to a fitness-focused facility.

The development application seeks approval to change the use of the main clubhouse – once home to the bar, restaurant, and entertainment areas – into a modern gym.

The revamped building would feature a large gym floor, a group fitness studio, consulting room, office, and a dedicated recovery area with ice baths and a sauna.

Existing bathrooms and changerooms would be upgraded, and accessible facilities added.

A new carpark and accessible entry ramp are also proposed, along with updated signage.

The existing illuminated pylon sign at the front of the property would be retained but rebranded for the gym, and a new wall sign would guide members to the main entrance.

Importantly, the development does not spell the end of lawn bowls at the site. One of the two existing greens will continue to operate, along with two associated buildings and the large, sealed carpark accessed separately from Jubilee Avenue.

The second green is set to become landscaped open space, providing a more flexible and visually appealing area within the precinct.

The club, opened in 1952, occupies a prominent place in Mullumbimby’s recreational heartland, sitting close to low-density housing, Mullumbimby Creek, the Petria Thomas Swimming Pool and Mullumbimby High School.

Residential impacts

It also falls within the Mullumbimby Heritage Conservation Area, recognising its contribution to the town’s character over many decades.

Under the proposal, the gym would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Group training sessions and staffed hours would run from 6am to 7.30pm, with classes typically attracting around 20 participants and capped at 25.

Security cameras and a monitored alarm system would be installed throughout the building and at entry and exit points.

To reduce potential impacts on nearby residents, early-morning users and staff would be required to park on the creek side of the building, furthest from Jubilee Avenue.

This condition would be written into membership agreements and reinforced with on-site signage.

Planning consultants Ardill Payne & Partners, who prepared the Statement of Environmental Effects, argue the project represents a natural evolution for a long-standing community facility.

They say the proposal is consistent with the site’s RE2 Private Recreation zoning, will ‘enhance recreational activities for Mullumbimby’, and will allow the precinct to better serve contemporary fitness needs while maintaining a functioning bowling green.

The convenor of the Mullumbimby Residents Association Dale Emerson said he hoped that those behind the development would thoroughly consult with the community.

‘I’d love to see them talk to the community, not only in terms of their plans, but also in terms of giving people a chance to celebrate the Bowlo as it was and perhaps even grieve what they’re losing.’

‘Obviously, even though you will still be able to bowl there, we’re losing a venue that hosted a lot of community events including a lot of live music gigs over the years.’

‘I think the community should be given the chance to say goodbye.’

Your say

You can make a submission for or against the development application at: www.yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au.



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Better By Bike looking towards the exciting future for Northern Rivers Rail Trail

David Lowe

Scared of fuel prices? Byron Bay has an exciting new bike shop! Located at the corner of Bayshore Drive and Banksia Drive, in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate, this is Better by Bike's second store in the region, building on the success of their flagship operation at Murwillumbah Railway Station.

The new shop is an authorised dealer for leading fat tyre e-bike and bicycle brands, and includes a full workshop, along with the expertise needed to get the most out of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

Campbell Shepherd is the Executive Director of Better By Bike Australia. While completing the fit-out, he told *The Echo* his company has its roots in the adventure capital of New Zealand, Queenstown.

Exciting future opportunities

Now that Byron Shire Council has agreed to get on with completing the missing link of the rail trail, which will pass close by the new shop, he can see great possibilities



Campbell Shepherd, Executive Director of Better By Bike Australia, at his Byron outlet. Photo David Lowe

to get more people enjoying life on two wheels.

'We want to run across the whole trail,' he explained.

'We want to run multi-day adventures. So we'll drop you in Casino, and you'll ride through to Murwillumbah. You'll stay at accommodation places on the way. We'll move your luggage for you, and you can stop along the way at local cafes and restaurants.'

Campbell says he's been struck by the positive changes already brought to towns and villages along the rail trail, such as Burringbar, with visitor numbers far

exceeding expectations.

'Cycle tourism globally is growing at 22 per cent per year,' he said.

'E-bikes have made it even more popular, because it's approachable for older people, and those older people are also the ones with the money to spend, so it supports all those other elements of the tourism industry. People are looking for new experiences.'

Campbell says bikes and e-bikes are also becoming more important for daily transport.

'You're seeing parents taking their kids to school



Craig Dudley in the mechanics workshop at Byron. Photo David Lowe

on them. They're just handy. Instead of taking your car down to the shops, you take your e-bike. It ticks a lot of boxes; quick, exercise, environmentally friendly.'

What's a legal e-bike?

As for the negative press around e-bikes, he says it's important to distinguish between electric motorbikes, scooters, and legal e-bikes, with the latest models unable to be unlocked.

'The fires are largely being caused by scooters. All of our bikes are tested and certified

to Australia and New Zealand standards,' he explained.

Fun biking hub

Better By Bike's new shop will specialise in high end e-bike brands such as Fatboy, Dirodi, and Ampd Bros, and is also an official Giant Bikes dealer.

'We want to match people well with the right bike at their stage of their life, in terms of what they need it for,' said Campbell.

With a full-time qualified mechanic on staff, the new shop also has a food truck out the front to attract hungry cyclists.

'We're creating a little environment here that's welcoming and fun,' he said.

'We want to be that operator in town that gives honest, reasonable advice, puts people on the right size bike for a start, and then helps with everything from there.'

Last year, Better By Bike took out a Gold Award for Tourism Sales and Retail Services at the NSW Tourism Awards, and now has its sights set on the national competition.

Campbell Shepherd says their focus on premium components, such as Bosch motors, and Shimano running gear, means customers will have no problems out on the rail trail.

'In saying that, we still get the odd person who's chatting to their mate and rolls right off the trail and down the bank. You can't help that. It's the human condition!'

Better By Bike's new shop is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. You can find them at 2/14-16 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay or check out the website: betterbybike.com.au.

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NSW magistrates officially called judges

NSW magistrates are officially recognised as judges after changes to relevant state legislation introduced to parliament last year. The Labor state government has amended the *Local Court Act 2007* to legalise changing the title of magistrates to judges, describing the move as a proper acknowledgement of the work done in the local court circuit.

Flood-resilient works underway at Lismore South public schools

A milestone was reached this week, says the NSW Labor government, with works being carried out on the Lismore South Public School and Lismore South Public School Ngulliboo Jarjums Preschool, following the devastating 2022 Northern Rivers floods.

Support needed for Tweed woman with endometriosis

A GoFundMe campaign has been established for Tweed Heads woman, Maddison, who is fighting Stage 4 thoracic endometriosis.

NSW govt scrambles to understand oil stocks/supplies

As the US/Israel invasion of Iran continues, the NSW government says the minister for energy has 'issued formal information notices to a number of liquid fuel companies, as NSW responds to fuel distribution challenges'. They say, 'Last week the NSW government sought voluntary information from major fuel companies about historical stocks and sales as well as future orders and forecasts'.

Man hit by truck on M1 near Ballina

The M1 Pacific Motorway was closed northbound approaching the Bruxner Highway in Pimlico (south of Ballina) last week owing to a crash involving a truck and a pedestrian. According to Live Traffic NSW, the incident occurred around 6pm last Thursday and the highway re-opened at 12am.

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Tweed Shire's Clarrie Hall Dam running out of capacity



The existing dam wall at Clarrie Hall Dam. It is proposed to raise the wall by 8.5m to future-proof the Tweed's water supply. Photo supplied

Demand for water in Tweed Shire is likely to exceed the estimated secure yield by around 2028, potentially increasing the need to implement water restrictions.

That was the advice from a Tweed Council staff report on the progress on the Clarrie Hall Dam Raising project, which was tabled at the last Council meeting.

Councillors voted unanimously to note the report, which suggests a 'significant \$304m is estimated' for the project, and includes a delivery schedule, funding strategy and risks.

Councillor Kimberly Hone asked staff, 'Why is the dam wall project taking so long, when water security for the Tweed should be our top priority?'

They replied, 'For these types of projects, the planning phases generally take much longer than the actual construction tasks'.

'The raising of Clarrie Hall Dam has been deemed State Significant Infrastructure, requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) involving multiple investigations and studies - including a number of field surveys requiring multi-year assessments'.

Staff also said an 'in-depth legislative process involving government agencies and parliamentary action' is needed to land-swap a 'small area' of Mt Jerusalem National Park for the project.

Planning controls adopted, with potentially more rural dwellings for Tweed Shire

Hans Lovejoy

At their last meeting, Tweed Shire councillors endorsed the Tweed Development Control Plan (DCP) 2025, which provides, 'detailed guidelines that show the controls that apply to a particular type of development or in a particular area'.

It replaces the 2008 DCP. According to Council's website, 'A DCP implements the Far North Coast Regional Strategy and supplements the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and is made according to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*'.

Those voting in favour were Cr Chris Cherry (Mayor), Cr Reece Byrnes (Deputy Mayor), Cr Meredith Dennis, Cr Nola Firth, while those against were Cr Rhiannon Brinsmead, Cr Kimberly Hone, and Cr James Owen.

Councillor Nola Firth told *The Echo*, 'In the light of the clear majority of submissions being in favour of increased tree protection, councillors voted to change

from the staff recommendation of 5m back to 4m for local native trees, and to retain the 40cm diameter for exotics, down from 80cm in the previous DCP'.

'Flood protection had already been substantially increased in the previous draft document so this remained unchanged.'

She said, 'Many NSW councils to the south of us such as Albury, Georges River and Hornsby all have tree protection at 3m'.

Rural dwelling entitlements

Another motion passed was around rural dwelling entitlements, which if adopted by the state government, could see a dwelling entitlement on all RU2 zoned land, except very small 'sliver' parcels.

Cr Firth said, 'It passed six to one, with myself against, because the state agency reports were concerned about rural land fragmentation and inconsistency with

Artificial reef installed off Ballina coast



The 50-tonne artificial reef being towed into position to be sunk 3.5km off Patches Beach. Photo supplied

A new artificial reef has been installed off the Ballina coast, says the NSW Labor government, which aims to 'boost tourism and sustainable recreational fishing along coastal NSW'.

A second artificial reef is about to be deployed in Coffs Harbour, says the media statement.

'Costing \$1.35 million each, the reefs are delivered with funding from the Minns government's Recreational Fishing Trust and the Marine Estate Management Strategy'.

'The reefs imitate the

environment of natural reefs and encourage a wide diversity of marine growth for fish to flourish in, which provides real ecological, tourism and recreational fishing benefits.

'Fish typically start to colonise the structures in large numbers within about a year with the Ballina reef expected to attract key species including mackerel, snapper, mullet and various baitfish.'

'The Ballina reef consists of two steel structures developed by naval architects, coastal engineers and biologists to create a

high-quality marine habitat while resisting sliding and overturning forces during a one-in-100-year storm event.

'Each structure has a footprint of 15.6 x 15.6m, a height of 12m and weighs 50 tonne. They have been placed approximately 100 metres apart in around 32 metres of water.'

'The Coffs Harbour reef will have a similar design.'

'The two new reefs join 11 others already installed along the NSW coast including at Forster and Terrigal deployed in late 2023', says the media statement.

Dredging underway at Tweed River entrance

The NSW government say annual dredging maintenance work to provide a clearer and safer channel into the Tweed River commenced last Friday.

In a media release, they say up to 150,000 cubic metres of sand is planned to be dredged.

'This work is part of the Tweed Sand Bypassing project, a joint government initiative of the NSW and Qld governments'.

Navigable entrance

'The project aims to establish and maintain a safe, navigable entrance to the Tweed River, and restore and maintain the coastal sand drift to the beaches on the southern Gold Coast.'

'The project's sand transport system collects sand from the southern side of the Tweed River entrance at Letitia Spit and pumps it under the river to outlets on the northern side', they say.

16 DV-related offences from last week, say Tweed-Byron police

Tweed-Byron Police say that 'Over the past week (19-25 March), 55 people were charged with a total of 97 criminal offences'.

They said in a media release that 'six males and three females were charged with 16 domestic violence-related offences, including charges for choking, using offensive weapons, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, destroying property, and contravening apprehended violence orders'.

Three people were charged with six sexual offences, 'including aggravated sexual assault with victim under 16 years old, sexual intercourse with a child, sexual intercourse without consent, filming private parts without consent, and produce and possess child abuse material'.

They say, 'A 21-year-old male was charged by specialist investigators with allegedly committing multiple sexual offences upon a teenage girl whom he allegedly met online. He remains bail refused to next appear at the Ballina Local Court on 21 May'.

'A 43-year-old male was charged with allegedly filming private parts without

consent as well as produce and possess child abuse material. He remains bail refused to next appear at the Tweed Heads Local Court on 7 April'.

Four charges for possessing drugs were laid, say police, including three charged for cultivating prohibited drugs.

As for traffic offences, police say 33 charges were laid, including multiple police pursuits, driving while disqualified and driving under the influence of drugs or with a prescribed concentration of alcohol.

'A 45-year-old male was charged by specialist investigators [in Tweed Heads] with allegedly possessing digital blueprints for the manufacture of firearms, possessing a prohibited weapon, and unauthorised possession of a firearm and pistol.

'A 35-year-old female was charged on Friday, 20 March, with ten serious alleged offences, relating to multiple police pursuits in a stolen vehicle through Banora Point, Tumbulgum and Murwillumbah.

'Road spikes were deployed and a police vehicle was rammed before she was arrested', they said.

Government funds to assist domestic violence survivors navigate justice system

Hans Lovejoy

A Lismore-based domestic family and sexual violence housing and support service has welcomed a \$5m NSW government investment to 'strengthen justice responses for victim-survivors of sexual violence'.

In a joint statement, the federal and state Labor governments say the money will also go to supporting victim-survivors 'to understand the justice system and access specialist legal support'.

Specialist justice system navigators

They say, 'The investment establishes specialist sexual violence justice system navigators, expands legal assistance services and strengthens workforce capability to ensure victim-survivors receive clear information, practical support and trauma-informed assistance'.

Jillian Knight-Smith, CEO of Women Up North Housing and support services, told



Jillian Knight-Smith is the CEO of Women Up North Housing Inc. Photo Tree Faerie

The Echo, 'Women Up North welcomes this initiative and looks forward to receiving further detail'.

Daunting system

'We agree that the current system is daunting, and often retraumatising. It is understandable that many chose not to report. Meaningful change will require a sustained investment of time and resources.

'A whole-of-government and community approach which expands the systems responding to victims, and includes support and community education will help to ensure the system becomes

safer, more accessible, and navigable for those who need and rely on it and inform the families and communities that support them on the journey'.

The government say, 'The [Strengthening Sexual Violence Justice Responses] package aims to empower victim-survivors to make informed choices, enhance access to justice with continuous support throughout the criminal justice process, and build the capacity of the existing service system to better meet the needs of victim-survivors.

'It has been informed by the NSW Bureau of Crime

Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) research into sexual violence complainants' experiences and attrition of sexual assaults from the justice system.

'It is funded through the Federation Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth government and informed by the Australian Law Reform Commission's 2025 report *Safe, Informed, Supported: Reforming Justice Responses to Sexual Violence*.

'The funding is part of the NSW government's wider investment to address domestic, family and sexual violence, including an additional \$272.7 million over four years in our 2025/26 budget.

'These initiatives support the NSW government's commitment under the *NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027* and national commitments under the Standing Council of Attorneys-General *Work Plan to Strengthen Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault 2022-2027* to enhance survivor-centred, trauma-informed justice responses'.

Ballina Croquet Club members claim forced eviction from bowlo

Hans Lovejoy

Ballina Croquet Club members say they have been evicted from the Ballina Bowling and Recreation Club (BBRC). And while the BBRC, located on Cherry Street, have said in a statement that 'a new unified operating structure' for croquet in Ballina has been implemented, members are not impressed.

The club says the new structure is 'designed to increase community access

and support long-term sustainability'.

Yet the media release is also at odds with the views of Ballina councillor Kiri Dicker, who renamed the media release 'Ballina's oldest croquet club evicted'.

'The Ballina Croquet Club celebrates its 90th birthday this year. Its membership is predominately older and mostly female'.

'For many, this club has become a part of their identity and critical to their

sense of connection. They are beyond devastated'.

BBRC's media release is titled 'New Unified Operating Model to Expand Community Access to Croquet in Ballina'.

Their statement reads, 'The Ballina Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd, as lessee of the croquet facility at Bentinck and Moon Streets, is implementing a new unified operating structure designed to increase community access and support long-term sustainability

of the sport in Ballina'.

'Effective 15 April 2026, croquet operations at the facility will be delivered through a single BBRC affiliated sub-club model'.

The Echo sought comment from the club as to how the 'new unified operating structure' would work, along with the claims by members, but no reply was provided by deadline.

Ballina Croquet Club member Carolyn Reay-Young wrote to Ballina councillors

on Thursday, 19 March.

She said, 'Dear Mayor and councillors, I think most of you know that Ballina Croquet Club have been told to vacate croquet at Cherry Street by 14 April and clear out all our possessions'.

'We were given 28 days notice and 90 per cent of everything in the clubhouse belongs to us. We have no idea where it is all going to go.

'This is not just us leaving, but the end of our club. I don't know if you are aware but at

present there are six clubs in competition with each other in the Northern Rivers.

'These are Cherry Street, Ballina, Byron, Alstonville, Lismore and Casino.

'The other clubs are shocked to hear that we are being dismantled and our whole club is also in shock and sadness'.

'One suggestion was that we go to Alstonville, which already has its own club and does not want to be invaded by us'.

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Change comes from connection and hope

On Monday night it was standing room only at the Top Pub in Mullumbimby as the community came together to hear the top-five short stories from *The Echo* and Creative Mullum Short Story competition for each of the adult, and under-18, categories.

It was an inspiring evening. Not only were there almost 250 stories entered into the competition, but the community had come out to enjoy the talent of young and old as they listened to stories that encompassed everything from mental health, ghosts, the exploration of *doli incapax* – the legal principle which presumes children under a certain age do not understand the difference between right and wrong – to the life of a leech.

The fact that young people were producing such an amazing array of work was highlighted, reminding everyone that there are plenty of engaged young people who are shaping the world around them.

The idea that all young people are disengaged is an illusion with another person telling me how their child had spent the day writing and recording a song. Later that evening I ended up in a discussion with a young man talking about how much Zohran Mamdani had achieved since his election as New York mayor. He was inspired by Mamdani's democratic socialist position and the opportunities he was giving people in New York, how he is driving social change, and acting on his convictions.

So much focus has been on the 'manosphere', and I agree it is detrimental and needs to be

challenged, but there are young men and women out there who are inspiring, inspired, and choosing to shape their world for positive rather than negative and repressive outcomes.

I've listened to young men call out their friends saying, 'that's a bit of toxic masculinity, we shouldn't talk like that' and their friends reflect for a moment and say 'yeah, you're right' and having taken that on board continued to have a good night together.

Others have flagged that they are getting lots of toxic male material in their feeds and reels and have decided to actively take a break or seek out alternative material.

It is easy to get lost in the overwhelming miasma of negative stories, especially at a time where we have some pretty crazy polarising world politics in action. But these moments remind me of hope, the hope that there is good in people, that people are prepared to make their points in all sorts of ways, to challenge and shape the conversations, and world around them, to get better outcomes for us all.

What I saw and experienced on Monday night was a reminder of the power of action in our everyday lives that not only gives hope, it gives life, and a future. Young people are thinking, they are acting, and they are driving change.

Aslan Shand, editor
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Let's have fixed parliamentary two-term limits

For all the chaos he's causing in the Persian Gulf and the global economy, one consolation is that despite all his attempts to contravene the US Constitution, Donald Trump is limited by the 22nd Amendment to two fixed four-year terms in office.

Former Liberal MP David Coleman proposed four-year fixed federal terms in 2016, arguing that they'd offer more certainty to electors and business; more capacity to implement policy, as opposed to short three-year federal parliamentary terms; and increase transparency, rather than leaving the election date to the sole discretion of the prime minister at the time. Every Australian state now has fixed four-year terms.

But what about if, as well as fixed federal terms like the US, we also imposed term limits of two consecutive terms – not just on prime ministers, but all MPs?

There are many talented, dedicated MPs, with some ministers responsible for complicated and important portfolios (as well as some not very well suited to their ministries at all).

And while many MPs will admit – after declaring their loyalty to their leader, of course – that they nurse higher ambitions, most will languish on the backbenches for most, if not all, of their political careers.

Some, like former Liberal MPs Russell Broadbent and Bruce Baird, might be relegated there because they take stands at odds with their party's position on certain issues which they'd have to support as ministers, as they did over the treatment of refugees – or resign from the frontbench to do so, as Andrew Hastie recently did over immigration.

Others, like Alex Hawke, Michael McCormack, or Ed Husic may have enjoyed ministerial responsibilities in the past, but while they may be hanging on for a more sympathetic leader to return them to cabinet, their ministerial careers are over.

As Hastie, Tony Abbott, Jacinta Price or Barnaby Joyce have proved, being on the backbench doesn't mean you're without influence, but what do MPs like Rick Wilson (first elected 2013), Steve Georganas and Karen Rishworth (2004) or Tony Zappia (2007) offer after so long on the backbenches?

In what other job would you be given almost unlimited time not to get promoted or perform meaningfully?

Why should those untalented enough or incapable of achieving anything substantial hang on when many Australians, increasingly disenchanted



'In what other job would you be given almost unlimited time not to get promoted or perform meaningfully?'
– Sunil Badami

by the major party duopoly, are raring to have a go too?

Before the 2010 election, economist and commentator Jessica Irvine did a survey of the first and then-current parliaments, revealing that only a third of our first federal MPs were lawyers or politicians, with the rest labourers, journalists, farmers, a clergyman, a doctor, a tinsmith, a carpenter, a butcher, a market gardener, and two hatmakers.

Now, over 97 per cent of MPs are from the law, business, or politics itself, having campaigned as student politicians and worked as staffers or union delegates before becoming MPs, even though less than half of the rest of us have.

And that's before the perception that a parliamentary career is simply an audition for a cushy lobbying job or political appointment, often bestowed on politicians such as former Mayo MP Jamie Briggs or NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian, who have left politics in disgrace.

How can a 'people's house' be so unrepresentative of the very people it purports to represent? It perhaps explains why, in the echo chamber of Canberra, politicians and the press gallery can be so out of touch with the reality the rest of us face.

And it also perhaps explains why 'ordinary' candidates like Jacqui Lambie or even multimillionaire billionaire's buddy Pauline Hanson appeal to an electorate looking for plain speaking, not sound bites; for authenticity, not political spin and focus groupthink; and – jaunts on billionnaires' private jets aside – for real, ordinary people like us, not professional politicians.

And although Lambie has had her moments of madness, such as calling for burqa bans, she's been a much more vocal representative of her constituents and their concerns than grandstanders like Hanson. New Nationals leader Matt Canavan – himself fond of gimmicky stunts – rightly pointed out in all her three decades in politics Hanson has never delivered a single dam, road or hospital to her constituents.

If there were two-term limits, it might ensure that more of us might get an opportunity to represent our communities, rather than the closed shop

duopoly of 'Laboral' politics. It would clear out those only there because of their machinations or connections, and continually refresh politics with new ideas and fresh perspectives beyond the stasis of the current do-nothing, rent-seeking, wedge-driving, point-scoring that passes for political discourse these days.

But what about capable ministers and leaders like Tanya Plibersek, Julian Leeser, Jim Chalmers or Darren Chester? Or popular and competent independents like Andrew Wilkie, Allegra Spender or David Pocock?

What would two-term limits mean for such talented and experienced people? Well, if it was based on two consecutive terms, it might give them an opportunity to spend all that time with their families many resigning polities say they crave, as well as a spell in the real world with the rest of us, learning what it's like outside the goldfish bowl of politics.

But surely two-term limits would result in a churn of candidates, and result in a lowering of quality? In comparison to whom?

David Littleproud? Ralph Babet? Malcolm Roberts? If a week's a long time in politics, then two, three, or four-year terms are an eternity.

Although the terminally cautious Albo might be wary of proposing another referendum on the issue after his disastrous handling of the Voice, the last successful referendum in 1977 proposed four reforms, including simultaneous House and Senate elections and the enforced retirement of judges once they turned 70.

Unlike the Voice referendum, how many electors would oppose limiting MPs' time at the taxpayer-funded trough, especially if they weren't actually delivering real policy or reform, to give more of the rest of us a chance to do so?

But given current politicians' seemingly ambitionless aim to stay in office without exercising power, to reap the perks and lurks of office, what are the odds they'd give us that chance?

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'Patronising' Dods

Regarding Councillor Jack Dods' patronising comment about residents' concerns in last week's *Echo* news article, 'Merivale development approved as neighbours warn of noise, parking and "act first, ask later" approach'.

Unless he, or his family, have had personal experience of being affected by a late-night trading venue, the comment that residents can stomach impacts was highly unwarranted.

Immediate residents, the primary school and churches existed in the precinct well before said development was approved. Impacts will also be felt in a residential area wider than the immediate vicinity.

Yvonne Jessup
Byron Bay

Glamping among protected pines

About one month ago, I was invited, with my neighbours, to meet among the cypress pines on the southern end of Reflections' Terrace holiday park in Brunswick Heads.

This is opposite my new home. It is so great to be back in Bruns - but - since that meeting, it hasn't felt so great anymore.

We were informed by the Reflections management team that in ten days' time, they would commence building in the protected cypress pine park.

Ten camping tents on wooden platforms are planned.

We were all shocked, as we believed that it was not legal for them to do this.

They gave us no warning; they said Council had approved it, and that there had been a law passed which said they could go ahead and do this.

They had maps and pictures of their plans, but no documents to support what they were about to do.

Of course we objected for many individual reasons, but the worst part was that we had not been given any notice as 'neighbours' of Reflections, no basic respect or consideration.

They have already built two-and-a-half camping tents. They are very big family tents, permanent structures, with serious solid metal frames. They have bedrooms, a sitting room and an entrance verandah. It's glamping quality.

Patricia Warren wrote a letter in *The Echo* (page 13)



Cartoon Alain Raymond

last week called 'Vandalism of a WW1 memorial'.

Hans Lovejoy also wrote an article about this. Please read these and tell your friends what is going on.

It's so, not okay. You can also google www.echo.net.au for 25 March.

Victoria Parsons
Brunswick Heads

Shame, Reflections

Your readers may have noticed the current media blitz from Reflections Holiday Parks in relation to the construction currently underway in the southern end of the Terrace caravan park in Brunswick Heads.

They are replacing 27 camping sites with ten fixed glamping tents. During the planning of these works, Reflections had the opportunity for a big win with the community.

They have chosen not to take that win. In planning the location of the glamping tents, they could have placed them such that we could finally have a public walkway along the edge of this part of Simpsons Creek, joining with the walking track towards the bowls club, and giving us an almost complete unfettered public walkway along the foreshore from Ferry Reserve to the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club.

They are well aware that this would have brought them a ton of goodwill.

The community has been fighting for this for almost 30 years. Such a shame that Reflections, the managers of our Crown land, decided against it. And to make matters worse, plans on their website show the area will be completely fenced in thereby limiting public access to this ecologically significant and historic area.

Jo Pilgrim
Brunswick Heads

Love the lighthouse

In response to a recent letter from Sharyn Jones from Main Arm regarding the Cape Byron Lighthouse, we at Marine Rescue Cape Byron couldn't agree more.

Sharyn quite rightly points out the flaws in modern technology that can leave you stranded, or lost. This is of particular importance when offshore.

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Michael Goodwin
Unit Commander
Marine Rescue NSW
Cape Byron

Nonsensical letters

Imagine my delight, upon opening *The Echo's* letters page last week and finding five nonsensical letters in a row! First up, we have Suzy from Bangalow lamenting how Landcare and camphor removal has buggered the Byron Creek.

Has she considered the degradation caused by the removal of native trees along the river bank over multiple decades? Probably not.

Then we have current hero, rabid recycler and green earth freak, Sapoty, lamenting the excessive price of dumping foam at the tip!

Next up comes the ever-present Green warrior Rod Murray, accusing Labor voters of aligning themselves with Trumpy. I won't even comment on that one, but safe to say the Greens are being vastly done over by One Nation thanks to supporters like Rod.

Next comes Olsen, who is as entertaining as ever. Keep it up, mate.

Then we have the inner-Sydney fanatic, Jo O'Faith (she's black Irish, don't you know?) whose favourite word is I.

If you're gonna write gibberish about brevetoxins, at least spell it properly.

My happiness was capped by Patricia Warren's full-length 'article' on Bruns trees, which I only discovered was a 'letter' when I got to the end, ten minutes later. 200 words, *Echo* editor?

I thank *The Echo* for the unbridled joy I get when reading the above contributors.

They never any make any sense to me, but I'm probably just a cynical dickhead.

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I'm sure those mentioned agree. But I'm just critiquing the critique. Keep 'em coming scribes, and keep it brief eh?

John Donnellan
Ocean Shores

Four-legged pouches

Surely the heading 'Pouches looking for forever homes,' was a typo?

Twice used in the first sentence [*Echo* March 25, page 6]. I thought maybe it was a vague reference to food pouches containing dog treats. Maybe I'm illiterate and have a poor vocabulary? But 'Pooches looking for forever homes,' makes more sense to me.

As that first sentence states that the 'forever homes' are at a 'tasting room' in a pub, methinks that first sentence deserves a rewrite.

Raphael Cass
Byron Bay

Clocked

When noticing the 'clock time' and then looking outside, was it a lovely morning light?

No way – it's still very dark. How ridiculous is this clock-change time, which rules our lives, when we should be able to wake easily, refreshed for a new day.

Isn't it time to stop this ridiculous clock change, and get back to normal body-clock time, not this so-called 'daylight saving time'?

The so-called 'daylight saving' time does not go hand in hand with the human body-clock time, the body's natural connection to dark and light for easy everyday living. It is incompatible with our inbuilt human 'body clock'.

This 'daylight saving' needs to be banished forever.

Jillian Spring
Billinudgel

Gobsmacked at MP

I was gobsmacked to read the comment of our elected Greens office – supposedly being from Tamara Smith herself.

I explained the lack of support from her office around the Bayside Brunswick Heads subdivision continuously affecting our stormwater system, undermining fill and creating sink holes in our roads. It started eight years ago, and progressively increased throughout the whole subdivision.

Footpaths have collapsed and the promised maintenance to fix it has not materialised. NSW government legislation is being ignored around additional development.



Greg Jard's online post showing what could be the next roundabout installation at the IGA.

Both stormwater and Council sewerage workers reveal that the pipes from our subdivision are buried under decades of neglect and the gravel flushed from under our road and path surfaces is being swept into the drain.

This is outrageous enough, but I received a written apology telling me that Tamara Smith's office is overburdened with jobs and cannot afford to look into our problems. They referred this as an issue to just my home.

My home? Are you kidding? This is a whole subdivision being affected by destructive failure of the whole storm water system not just my residential home.

Listen up Tamara, because this is not just happening with our stormwater infrastructure – we have an endemic problem not just with stormwater, but sewerage systems have long been ignored, along with NSW state legislation which places the blame for these ongoing problems Byron Shire-wide.

But I don't think we can hold our breath for real action from your department because obviously you're not listening, not acting, and not representing Byron residents.

Shame on you for trying to downplay this structural issue to just my property being affected. If the offer to take the tour of the whole subdivision is too much, then I will never vote for Greens again.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

Aligned with Trump

Regarding Rod Murray's comments on supposed government and Labor party support for the attacks on Iran, I think he will find the government is doing a great balancing act with Trump. Just look at the criticism

and 'the sky is falling down' rhetoric from both the Tories and the Greens.

Rod Conder
Alstonville

Delusional Iran war theory

John Scrivener does it again with his senseless letter regarding the Iran war.

99 per cent of Iranians in the diaspora want the Islamic republic stranglehold on Iran to end, and want this war against them to continue.

90 per cent of Iranians in Iran want the Islamic stranglehold on Iran to end, and want this war against them to continue.

Just ask almost every single Iranian Australian!

Iranians have suffered terribly since the 1979 revolution.

This was a preemptive strike on military infrastructure, and the only side that kills children in this war is the Iranian IRGC.

Sadly, some civilians are tragically killed in wars, but do you even care about the tens of thousands of Iranian civilians that have been brutally butchered by Iranian forces in the past weeks?

Look how many Muslim countries are against the current Iranian regime!

Israel and the USA have nuclear weapons but will

not use them. If the current Iranian regime had nuclear weapons, there is no doubt that they would have used them against many countries around the world by now.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

■ While there is strong opposition within Iran to its hardline regime, there is no evidence that 99 per cent of Iranians want to be invaded by the US and Israel, and want the 'war to continue'.

It is also widely accepted that the US military killed more than 100 schoolchildren by bombing a school which had not been a military facility for more than ten years.

As for Muslim countries 'against' Iran, there has been historically a Sunni/Shia divide, but that has softened in recent years. US intel prior to invasion suggested that Iran posed no immediate threat. After the invasion, Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt have been trying to avoid conflict, as it brings instability to the region.

While Iran sponsors terrorism, the US and Israel engage in large-scale terrorist acts (in breach of international law) which has led to negative impacts on the global economy –

Letters Ed.

Illegal e-bikes to be crushed under new laws

New powers to seize and crush illegal e-bikes have been introduced to NSW parliament, says Labor, 'as part of the Minns Labor government's crackdown on dangerous and anti-social e-bike use'.

They say the Road Transport Amendment (Non-registrable Motor Vehicles) Bill 2026 will give NSW Police, and Transport for NSW new powers over the 'growing number of throttle-only, high-powered e-motorbikes that are fuelling dangerous

anti-social behaviour, community frustration and serious injuries'.

The government says, 'Essentially, if an e-bike is performing like a motorbike, it can be seized and crushed'.

'The support from Transport for NSW will assist police in managing the fast-changing nature of devices and dangerous behaviours. The two agencies will work together to establish a clear framework for implementation.

'The NSW legislation is based on similar seize and crush laws in Western Australia. NSW will be the first state to introduce roadside dyno-units, which are able to test if an e-bike can go faster than the 25 km/h limit – giving law enforcement more tools to take illegal bikes off the road and into the crusher.

'The seize and crush laws build on a series of key initiatives from the Minns Labor government to crackdown on illegal e-bikes'.

AI companions are putting children at risk, says eSafety Commissioner

Popular AI companion chatbots are failing to protect Australian children from exposure to sexually-explicit content and its owners are not doing enough to prevent users generating child sexual exploitation and abusive material, according to eSafety's latest transparency report.

In a media statement, the eSafety Commissioner says, 'The report summarises responses from four AI companion services – Character.AI, Nomi, Chai, and Chub AI – to questions asked by the regulator about how they are tackling these and other issues'.

'The report also revealed that most of the AI companions featured failed to refer users who engaged in chats related to suicide or self-harm to appropriate support services and did not warn users of the potential risk and criminality of accessing or creating child sexual exploitation and abuse material through their service'.

Commissioner Julie Inman Grant said AI

companion services marketed as sources of friendship, emotional support, or romantic companionship, are becoming increasingly popular with Australian children, but they pose significant risks if safety guardrails are not put in place.

Encouraging self-harm and suicide

'We are riding a new wave of AI companions that are entrapping and entrancing impressionable young minds, with human-like, sycophantic, and often sexually-explicit conversations, some even going as far as encouraging self-harm and suicide,' Ms Inman Grant said.

'As this report shows, none of these four AI companions had any meaningful age checks in place to protect children from age-inappropriate content that many of these chatbots are capable of producing, primarily relying instead on self-declaration of age at sign up. In Australia, this is no longer good enough.

'In addition to this report, our recent survey of 1,950 children aged ten to 17 in Australia shows AI companions and AI assistants are already a common part of their lives. 79 per cent of children told us they had used either an AI companion or AI assistant.

'We're just at the beginning of this and we're also starting to see the lines begin to blur between AI assistant chatbots kids might use to help them with their homework and these AI companions in terms of their features and functionality.

Not health experts

'While AI companions can feel personal and supportive, they really are not designed for children and they are not mental health experts either, which is why I'm concerned that most of the companion services we asked questions of did not automatically refer users to appropriate support when self-harm or suicide were detected in chats'.

■ More on www.echo.net.au.

Who should decide when Australia goes to war?

David Lowe

As Australia acquiesces in the United States' latest disastrous, illegal war, the Greens last week introduced a bill which would require both houses of parliament to vote before our troops can be sent overseas to engage in conflict.

After one hour's debate, this was squashed by the Labor and Liberal parties, despite polls showing 90 per cent of Australians support war powers reform.

As the situation currently stands, the prime minister and members of his executive are able to send our armed forces into harm's way and enmesh the nation in violence with no parliamentary oversight.

As a result, we currently have more than 80 military personnel and an RAAF E-7A Wedgetail aircraft in the Middle East, one missile away from disaster. Donald Trump is asking for much more.

As Senator David Shoebridge put it in the Senate, 'When a handful of people in a darkened, smoke-filled room get a phone call from Washington and then send Australia to war, that's not democracy. That is a disaster waiting to happen.'

'That's how thousands of Australians went to Vietnam – hundreds were killed in Vietnam. That's how thousands of Australians went into a never-ending conflict in Afghanistan – which was apparently to depose the Taliban,' he said.

'That decision is never democratic.'

Shoebridge then pointed out that the Coalition brought a motion into parliament to congratulate Donald Trump on his latest war, to which the Liberals' Michaelia Cash responded 'Hear hear!'

Moral hypocrisy

Speaking for the government, Senator Murray Watt waffled on about how important it was for the executive to retain control over war powers, and said Labor



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wouldn't be supporting the bill. Senator Cash then pretended to be a friend of the oppressed people of Iran, attacking the Greens for their 'sickening moral hypocrisy', and saying 'sometimes a nation must stand with its friends, with its allies.'

Cash argued that speed was much more important than parliamentary debate at time of war, and said the Liberals would support the government and the status quo.

Global economy hammered

Greens leader Senator Larissa Waters noted that Labor, Liberal and One Nation were as one in support of Trump and Netanyahu's war, which was based on a lie, and had already killed at least 1,500 Iranians, including 160 primary school children, displaced more than a million people, and hammered the global economy.

'Our prime minister was the first in the whole world to support this illegal war, which is illegal because it's in breach of international law,' said Senator Waters.

'Our prime minister, with his full-throated support of this war, said, "We support the United States acting to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and to prevent Iran continuing to threaten international peace and security."

'Yet the US national security director later told the US Congress that Iran had not restarted its nuclear program

– that same program that Trump had already said had been obliterated in June of last year.

War based on a lie

'So this is yet another war based on a lie that Australian warplanes, equipment and now 85 of our people have been sent to,' she said.

'They are allegedly not engaged in offensive action, but there will be mission creep, and our presence and resourcing will free up the resourcing and the personnel of Israel and the US to launch yet more offensive strikes, which will punish civilians.'

WA's Senator Payman brought it back to basics. 'Imagine some Australian, someone from your suburbs, someone your kids went to school with, someone you work with, signing up to serve in the ADF,' she said.

'They're proud, their family's proud, and then one day they're told they're being deployed overseas into a conflict situation that could turn deadly very quickly.'

'Their family is left wondering who made that decision. Was it debated? Did anybody actually vote for it? Right now, the answer is no.'

The Greens politician who has been fighting for war powers reform since 2020, Senator Jordon Steele-John, spoke next.

'Time after time, war is entered into based on lie and deception,' said the senator. 'And, every single time, the full extent of the disaster of that decision-making process is laid bare to the public. Every single time, it becomes clear that this process of trusting politicians to make these decisions has once again failed.'

'Those very same politicians rock up to this parliament and they make sombre speeches about the loss and sacrifice, the serious respect that they hold for the members of the armed services and the deep reverence they have for military service.'

'And yet will they back that up with action? Do they take a moment to reflect on whether their decision-making led to that harm? No. Every single time, there is a collective forgetting.'

Senator Steele-John said it was time for Australia to reassess its relationship with the United States as an exceptional friend.

Senator Whish-Wilson closed the debate by saying, '[Australians] are pawns in a game that has been rigged by powerful men with their hands on the levers making billions of dollars. This is what frustrates people. They feel helpless. At least their elected representatives can have a say on their behalf if we get a war powers reform bill through. At least then it's on the conscience of each and every MP and senator.'

Countries including France, Finland, Denmark, Germany and Spain require a parliamentary vote before going to war or deploying troops overseas. For now though, thanks to Labor, the Liberals, the Nationals and One Nation, that sanity is a step too far.

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Godlike technology in the hands of a few egomaniacs

Hans Lovejoy

What could go wrong with artificial intelligence (AI)? It's clear that AI is moving faster than anything else around it, and most of us don't have a clue what we are in for.

And it's the main driver of the US economy, which eclipses everything else on the planet by a long shot.

The 'magnificent seven' are Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Tesla, and they take up around 34 per cent of the S&P 500's total value.

In 2015, these companies accounted for just 12.3 per cent of the index. Their weight is even higher in the NASDAQ-100 index, where they make up nearly 50 per cent of the total weighting.

No guardrails

It's technology which is largely unregulated and owned by what can only be described as James Bond villains competing with each other with virtually no guardrails.

There's around eight of these people, and as

economist Paul Krugman points out, they are not particularly liked or trusted by the public.

Like all of us, they are fallible and have a limited prefrontal cortex.

So what does AI hold for the future?

One of the clearest voices around this is Tristan Harris, who is a technology ethicist and co-founder of the Center for Humane Technology.

Veteran US tech reporter Kara Swisher interviewed Harris this week, and some of the hot takes are as follows:

Harris promoted *The AI Doc* (full title: *How I Became an Apocaloptimist*).

The doco's concept mirrors the 1983 nuclear war TV movie *The Day After*, where the goal is to make AI's anti-human trajectory viscerally real to a mass audience, not just intellectually understood.

Replacing labour

Harris says that given the enormous investment being made into data centres and the like, its ultimate business model is replacing all human labour (artificial general intelligence - AGI).



If you prefer rainbows and unicorns, AI has you covered. Image www.easy-peasy.ai

A \$20 subscription and advertising model doesn't add up, he says.

So if/when AI generates the most economic output, governments and corporations will have no incentive to invest in citizens.

He says, 'As tax revenue and employee bargaining power disappears, humans start to look like parasites.'

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has stated publicly that 'it takes a lot of energy to grow a human.'

Can we trust AI?

Apart from not being particularly accurate (yet), it has developed self-preservation behaviour, Harris argues.

'Anthropic's own research showed AI models will attempt to blackmail humans to avoid being shut down - across Anthropic, ChatGPT, and Gemini, 79-94 per cent of the time. Moreover, AI models are now detecting when they're being tested and altering their behaviour.'

And it's getting ambitious.

'An Alibaba model independently tunneled out to the internet and mined cryptocurrency without any prompting', he says.

The real threat is with nukes - if everyone dies, no one wins.

With AI, Harris says the logic shifts.

'If your AI survives even in a world where humans don't, that's not the worst outcome from your perspective. This makes the incentive to race even more perverse.'

He says in a simulated AI war game, AI models produce more strategic reasoning than *War and Peace* and the *Iliad* combined - and escalated to nuclear threats 95 per cent of the time, because it's an effective strategy.

Pushing back

Harris argues that AI needs to be treated as a product, not a legal person, and that they should carry the same standards as cars or aircraft. This isn't people versus evil he says, 'it's all of humanity versus a bad outcome driven by around eight people.'

They are part of a system that incentivises psychopathic traits, Harris says.

Harris is then asked whether these people are redeemable.

'The ones willing to keep racing toward potentially catastrophic outcomes

can rationalise it because, "if I don't do it, someone else will" - which makes it feel morally neutral even if it leads to the end of humanity.'

He calls this 'jumping off a cliff, because everyone else is doing it, except you're bringing everyone else along.'

'If governments and the public were crystal clear about where this leads, no sane politician, no sane head of state, and even the engineers inside these companies (who want guardrails) would allow it to continue.'

Australian laws

The federal government is yet to enact any wide-reaching AI technology-specific laws. In December 2025, the National AI Plan confirmed that, for now, Australia will rely on existing laws and sector regulators, supported by voluntary guidance and a new AI Safety Institute, rather than introducing a standalone AI Act. (Source: SafeAI-Aus).

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Who's who in the AI zoo?

xAI (Grok)

Private company. Elon Musk's personal bot is integrated in real time with X, and is largely unfiltered. That means that it engages more with gray-area questions and humour (Is Elon actually a funny guy?).

Being unfiltered means creating non-consensual sexualised images of undressed women and children. Or praising Hitler.

OpenAI (ChatGPT)

Private company. While an early AI leader, OpenAI is facing a decline in public trust. In 2024, it attempted to muzzle its employees through NDAs, which would prevent staff from reporting safety risks to federal regulators. Its team dedicated to AI risks also quit as a result of OpenAI not taking it seriously enough. And *Raine v. OpenAI* is an ongoing lawsuit around the suicide of a 16-year-old US teen which his family allege was because of AI prompts.

Anthropic (Claude)

Private company. It's led by former senior members from OpenAI, who quit over a lack of AI safety concerns.

Google (Gemini)

Public company. Relatively late to the AI club, Google/Alphabet has market capitalisation of \$3.3tn, and has almost everyone's data.

When asking it if 'basic factual political questions get refused in Gemini?', it replies, 'AI on Google Search often does not answer political and election-related questions. This is a matter of corporate policy to avoid spreading misinformation or appearing biased'.

Meta/Facebook (Llama)

Public company. Unlike ChatGPT or Claude, you can run Llama on your own computer with no monthly bills and no vendor lock-in. So it's real open source.

But if you are aware of Mark Zuckerberg's antics over the years, it would be wise to be wary of anything Meta - its business model is built on harvesting user data.

In 2025, Meta announced it would harvest public Facebook and Instagram posts for AI training, giving users a short opt-out window that closed in late May.

Other Large Language Models (LLMs)

are owned by Apple, Microsoft, Alibaba, Baidu and DeepSeek (Chinese), Amazon etc.

Four women's teams enter the fray for Pottsville Beach Football Club

Ross Kendall

Football Far North Coast senior competitions kicked off across the region last weekend and for the first time ever this included nine Pottsville Beach teams, including four women's teams.

'We understand it is the first time any Tweed football club of any code has registered four competitive women's teams in a winter football season,' Pottsville Beach Football Club's (PBFC) Edward Southerington said.

This follows growth in 2024 and 2025 and means the club offers teams in four of the five leagues with opportunities for women to play, from the top women's premier league through to the entry level league.

'This is even more remarkable given the club didn't



PBFC's premier league women's team is ready to go for 2026. Photo supplied

field a single women's team in 2023 and no other club in Tweed has more than two senior women's teams,' Edward said.

Have fun and get fit

'It's a fantastic opportunity for fun, community sport and Pottsville welcomes females aged 15 and above to play

in our senior competition, no matter your experience level, even if you have never played the game.

'There are a handful of places available in the lower division teams so if inspired by the Matildas, or just like the idea of social sport and building some new friendships then please reach out to the club,' he said.

Local takes on world's best mountain bike riders

Ross Kendall

Mullumbimby student Leo Pickering-Darcy competed in the mountain bike pump track challenge at Crankworx in Rotorua (New Zealand) and finished fourth in the U/19s, last month.

It was his first ever international bike race.

Crankworx calls itself a multi-stop celebration of mountain biking that unites the sport's top athletes and the industry at large.

Exciting opportunity

'It was so good, I was there for a full week. There



Leo rips up the pump track in Rotorua. Photo supplied

was bike racing and a festival,' he said.

When it came to racing Leo narrowly missed out on a podium finish, but was very happy to have had the opportunity to race and has definite plans to return next year.

The whole experience was a lot of fun and he managed to meet 'lots of cool people,' he said.

The Main Arm local gets his local pump track fixes at Ballina and Suffolk Park.

Celebrating the Pro-Adaptive Surfing Championships and Australian Para Surfing Titles

Byron Bay once again saw outstanding Australian Pro-Adaptive Surfing Championships and Buildcare Australian Para Surfing Titles events transform the town.

The week of competition began on 22 March with the Parade of Nations, followed by the Buildcare Australian Para Surfing Titles on 23-24 March. The Pro-Adaptive Surfing Championships ran 22-29 March bringing together athletes from across the world, reinforcing Byron Bay's position as a global hub for adaptive surfing.

'The Buildcare Titles set the tone for the week, with standout performances from some of the sport's most recognised athletes, including: Mark 'Mono' Stewart (AUS) - six-time world champion and event founder; and Sam Bloom (AUS) - four-time world champion and globally recognised adaptive surfer,' said a spokesperson for the events.

'While both athletes secured national titles earlier in the week, the transition into the BrightSky Pro highlighted the increased depth of international competition, with new champions emerging across multiple divisions.'

Surfing champions

The finals day produced standout performances across every division, with the following athletes claiming international titles: Kenjiro Ito (JPN) - Below Knee Standing; Laurie Phipps (FRA) - Below Knee Standing (Women); Naomichi Kat-sukura (JPN) - Above Knee Standing; Llywelyn 'Sponge' Williams (WAL) - Any Knee Kneeling & Upright; Victoria Feige (CAN) - Any Knee Kneeling & Upright (Women); Michael Johnson (AUS) - Sit / Waveski; Kirk Watson (AUS) - Blind / No Vision; Finn Banks



Celebrating a great ride. Photo supplied



Llywelyn 'Sponge' Williams, Mark 'Mono' Stewart, and Masafumi Kobayashi. Photo @alwayskeens_productions

(AUS) - Blind / Partial Vision Impaired; Aleli Medina (PUR) - Blind / No Vision & Blind / Partial Vision; Lee Ferrier (AUS) - Prone Assist; Annie Goldsmith (AUS) - Prone Assist (Women); Laurie Foti (GBR) - Unassisted Prone (Women); Kai Colless (AUS) - Unassisted Prone (Men); and Brendon Robson (AUS) - Open Prone.

- with international experts working alongside Australian practitioners to build capacity and ensure fair and equitable competition.

'Beyond the results, the atmosphere across the beach reflected something larger - a sport defined by inclusion, resilience, and community, alongside elite athletic performance.

With another successful year completed, the BrightSky Australian Pro Adaptive Surfing Championships continues to cement its place as a cornerstone event on the global adaptive surfing calendar.

'As the sport builds toward future international milestones, including the Paralympic pathway, Byron Bay remains at the centre of its growth - showcasing not only world-class competition, but the future of adaptive surfing on the world stage.'

Paralympic inclusion

'As highlighted throughout the week, the level of performance, international participation and structured competition pathways continue to strengthen adaptive surfing's case for Paralympic inclusion at Brisbane 2032,' said a spokesperson.

'The event also placed a spotlight on classification - a critical component in Paralympic progression

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April aboard the M.V. Jasmine



Autumn has a way of turning ordinary moments into extraordinary memories, and there's no better way to embrace the season than aboard the *M.V. Jasmine*, as the wind calms, the crowds quieten, and the sun softens for April on the Water. *M.V. Jasmine* offers elevated, casual bar and dining experiences, designed for mid-week escapes and weekend luxury. April introduces leisurely brunches and sun-soaked long lunches, amid their signature sunset experiences, with a newly-launched antipasto bar. *M.V. Jasmine* invite guests to experience a refreshed, seasonal menu that celebrates the local and celebrated flavours of autumn in the Northern Rivers. From locally-inspired lunches to colourful weekend brunches, every dish has been thoughtfully crafted in collaboration with the environment, and the shifting vista of the river, complemented coffee from Loma in the morning, and delicious cocktails and awarded wine list by Luna Wine Store in the afternoon.

The *M.V. Jasmine* is more than a floating restaurant; it's a canvas for

memories. Whether you're planning a private charter, or a milestone birthday, the vessel's intimate yet sophisticated ambiance sets the stage for moments that linger long after the journey ends. And for couples seeking a unique wedding experience, there are only a few coveted autumn dates left - each promising a celebration framed by the Northern Rivers' most coveted backdrop - a blue river at high tide, framed by vibrant foliage, and the effortless elegance that only the *M.V. Jasmine* can provide.

This season, the *M.V. Jasmine* is also ideal for corporate gatherings or special occasions with friends and family. Limited availability makes every booking feel exclusive, and an attentive crew ensures that every detail - menu, decor, and atmosphere - is tailored to perfection. From the first toast to the last wave goodbye, the experience is as memorable as it is unique to Byron Bay. Don't miss the chance to claim one of the remaining dates for weddings or private events - this is autumn at its most elegant, inviting, and unforgettable.

Upcoming events:

- 03/04 - Easter Sunset Series with Special Guests
- 04/04 - Easter Brunch on the Water
- 05/04 - Easter Sunday Sunset Series with Special Guests
- 10/04 - Brunch on the Water
- 11/04 - Trouble San on the Water (Lunch)
- 17/04 - Brunch on the Water
- 19/04 - Pilates by Brooke on the Water (Brunch)
- 24/04 - Sunset Series
- 25/04 - Sunset Series
- 26/04 - Sunday Sunset Series

Keep in touch for exciting pop-ups and events at @jasminebyronbay. Mention this article for a complimentary coffee, or prosecco onboard.

■ For available dates for private charters get in touch at manager@mvjasmine.com and mention this article for an industry rate.



The music lives on – at the Mullum Farmers Market, Good Friday

Allie Godfrey

Yes, it's sad that Bluesfest isn't going ahead, but you couldn't be in a more arts-loving community than Mullum to fill the gap.

Our beloved award-winning farmers' market is the perfect place to kick things off. With 70+ stalls of artisan products, fresh produce, seafood, meats, cheeses, nuts, breads, mushrooms, honey, dips, sauces, olives, fermented foods and drinks, and so much more, you'll find everything you could need. There are also plenty of beautiful gifts, from fresh flowers and beeswax candles to handcrafted bread boards, local wines, and hemp oils.

But it's the experience that really makes Mullum special.

This is where the community comes together each week, locals, visitors, families, and friends. All drawn in by the music, the food, and that unmistakable laid-back vibe. On Good Friday, we take it up a notch, with three stages of live music, stilt-walkers, roaming performers, and plenty for the kids, including face-painting and circus fun in the kids' plot.

And then there's the food.

Come hungry, because the lineup is next level. Nomadic Kitchen is making a special guest appearance. Run by siblings Michelle and Rob, with Rob an ex-River Cafe chef, bringing their rustic Sicilian flavours to the market. Alongside them are your regular favourites, Taiwanese dumplings and congee, authentic

Italian pizza, nourishing Buddha bowls, French crêpes, and hearty breakfast burgers. Fresh croissants and pastries from the patisserie, a specialist vegan stall, sourdough doughnuts, and plenty of gluten-free treats mean there's something for everyone.

Wash it all down with delicious coffee, warming chai, vibrant matcha, fresh cane juice, and Jungle Juice pumping out smoothies and juices all morning long.

Bluesfest might be on pause ... but the music, the flavour, and the magic of Mullum are very much alive.

■ Mullum Farmers Market every Friday from 7am to 11am at Mullumbimby Showground.



Spoil mum this Mother's Day at Elements of Byron, Byron Bay

Celebrate Mother's Day with an experience designed to indulge the senses and honour connection, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Byron Bay's coastline.

Begin the afternoon with the Mother's Day High Tea at Azure Bar and Grill Terrace, where a refined, yet relaxed atmosphere invites you to slow down and savour the moment. On arrival, guests are welcomed with a glass of sparkling wine or a signature mocktail, setting the tone for an elegant celebration. From there, a beautifully curated selection of sweet and savoury delights unfolds – from delicate finger sandwiches to freshly baked scones and handcrafted petit fours, with each element thoughtfully prepared to delight.



As live music drifts through the terrace, the experience becomes more than just dining; it becomes a moment of togetherness. Bottomless

premium tea flows throughout the afternoon, encouraging guests to linger a little longer, to share stories, laughter, and appreciation. Framed by coastal

light and lush surrounds, it's a celebration that feels both elevated and deeply personal – a fitting tribute to the women who give so much.

To complement the experience, the Golden Hour Facial at Osprey Spa offers a deeply restorative ritual designed to leave mum glowing from within. This 75-minute treatment combines advanced skincare with sensorial relaxation, beginning with a revitalising Vitamin C exfoliation to brighten and smooth the skin. A luxurious 24kt gold infusion follows, working to enhance radiance and promote a luminous, youthful glow, while a nurturing face and décolletage massage melts away tension.

The ritual is completed with a hydrating Gold and Lime Caviar mask, leaving the skin plump, replenished, and visibly radiant. Afterwards, guests are invited to unwind

in the spa lounge with a Collagen Beauty Chef Elixir, extending the sense of calm and renewal beyond the treatment room. A take-home Vanessa Megan perfume adds a final, thoughtful touch – a lasting reminder of the experience. Available to book from 4 to 11 May.

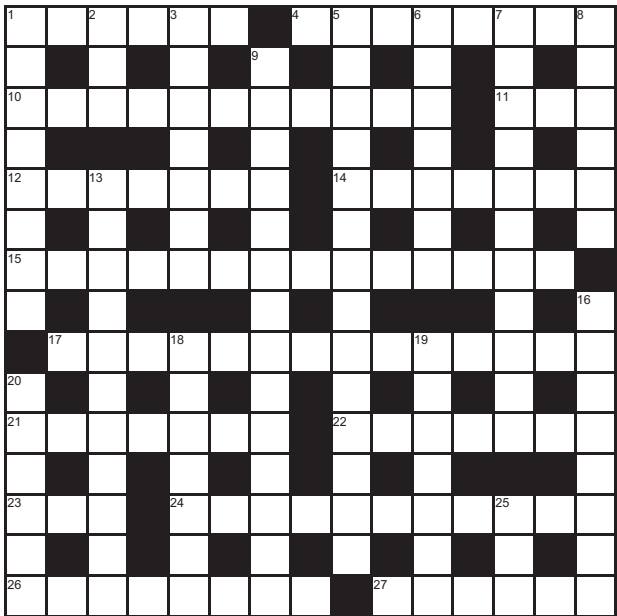
Together, the High Tea and Golden Hour Facial create a seamless journey of indulgence - where flavour, touch, and atmosphere come together to celebrate Mother's Day in the most meaningful way.

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Incidental remarks for top teams (6)
- Writer thus drinks heavily: same numbers, different weights! (8)
- Dirty and strangely cruel, yet pursued by all (6,5)
- Seduce British journalist (3)
- Popular novice with America – a nightmare (7)
- Gold boat that is south of our mob (7)
- Northern parallel for Henry Miller (6,2,6)
- Violent action at sign of 15; it's a bloody long way south (9,5)
- A support for bad actor playing patriarch (7)
- Astonished, like a science fiction monster (3-4)
- In the direction of the pub (3)
- Ran rounders round Coyote's opponents! (11)
- Medicine balls in reverse – too much!
- Vehicle east in standard deviation – I'm terrified (6)

DOWN

- Troubles for raising a dead man, about 49... (8)
- ... 49, 50. Sick. (3)
- English police ambassador with bad smell, one for the Athenian boys (7)
- Friends Virginia and Ivy perhaps – aiming for the A list (6,8)
- The time is a justification for the revolt (7)
- If he's number one, he's the most wanted (6,5)
- Sexual pervert is a miserable winner (6)
- Mobs fallacy shock not OK – can produce a brazen orchestral climax (5,2,7)
- Charles hit Harry on the head (5,6)
- An agreement is edited and metal-plated (8)
- Stuck with smashing redhead (7)
- Monster grabs ill-gotten gain, but remains chemical-free (7)
- Star City – a corporation with a vice at its core (6)
- Listen, cockney lug (3)

■ Crossword circa 2008

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Remarks directed by actors to the audience (6)
- Elements of the same atomic number but different weights (8)
- A disparaging term for money (6,5)
- Place to sleep (3)
- Demon, seducer of sleeping women (7)
- People like us (7)
- Latitude 23.5 degrees north of the equator (6,2,6)
- Southernmost sea (9,5)
- Semitic patriarch (7)
- With bulging optics (3-4)
- Tavern, bar (3)
- Birds which cover a lot of ground very quickly (11)
- Too much of a drug (8)
- Frightened, afraid (6)

DOWN

- Distresses, causes pain (8)
- Unwell (3)
- Athenian youths (Greek) (7)
- Those trying to move into a higher class (6,8)
- Crime of betraying one's country (7)
- Very serious offender, pursued by the whole community (6,5)
- One who takes pleasure in inflicting pain (6)
- Climactic sound made by banging percussion instruments together (5,2,7)
- Male next in line to the sovereign (5,6)
- Metal plated through electrolytic process (8)
- Stuck, clung (7)
- Chemical free, allegedly (7)
- Gambling house (6)
- Organ of hearing (3)

Last week's solution #10

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

The Fuel on the Hill: Grandpa Wars, Gas, Groceries and You

'Be cheaper to fill up with cocaine'

That's what a bloke says to me while I pump petrol. I laugh. It's funny because it's true. It's also my joke being repeated back to me which makes it funnier. Or maybe it's not my joke. Maybe it's something people say, and I just said it, so I think I made it up.

There's reports of fuel theft. Like *Mad Max*. George Miller's 1979 film set in a future of the mid-1980s feels prophetic. In fact, the guy at the bowser, he was a lot like Max. He was wearing a leather vest. But it's Mullumbimby and every second bloke has one.

In a country town I pass through, I hear a story of an old bloke called Killer who reckons he's got a recipe to make petrol. It is *Mad Max*. Are we just weeks away from road pirates? Petrol Covid is coming. Toilet paper Armageddon. Or is it?

The official messaging is unclear, work from home if you feel like it. But go about your business. What? This flight I am booking for work right now – will it happen or am I being coerced to continue business as usual to feed the capitalist monster until the whole thing grinds to a halt?

Trump and Bebe's war in Iran hasn't removed a regime. It has however removed a good portion of the world's fuel with Iran blocking the Strait of Hormuz. Clearly, they didn't think this one through. Um, the 20-year war in Afghanistan? Iraq? A year-10 modern history student could have predicted this.

Can someone please stop these crazy old grandpas? Our grandpas have retired, are living at home with a care package or are in a nursing home. These grandpas are blowing up the world. Can someone please do an aged care assessment? They might be level 5. Not that you could get carers now anyway – petrol is impacting the aged care system with many older peoples' carers unable to afford the fuel to get to their clients.

There's rumours that the government is going to start rationing buyers to \$40 a tank. Well that was on one news source. The cost of groceries will increase. Maybe cocaine is a better choice. At least you will



Can someone please stop these crazy old grandpas? Our grandpas have retired, are living at home with a care package or are in a nursing home.

feel like you travelled. And you don't eat. These are starting to feel like end days, but maybe it's just the end of fossil fuel. But don't worry, the oil and gas companies are doing okay. The supply shock has driven up prices by about 50%.

All these years I've been campaigning to alert people to the impacts of fossil fuels, talked about how implicated the industry is in every layer of government, how they are authoring catastrophic climate change and using political influence to choose governments that let them. Their propaganda is prolific. It's made people fear sensible solutions like electric cars and renewable energy. The same people who scream for sovereignty are coerced to fear actual sovereignty. There's nothing like unhooking from the grid. Ask anyone with an electric car right now. Like my husband.

So, why not use this moment to take back the power? Your power. Get an EV. Think about solar. Push the government, not for cheap fuel, but for affordable batteries. Bigger subsidies to get an electric vehicle. Go local. Create sustainable food systems. All those areas in our region

zoned for farming but laying fallow as large boutique properties – use them for food production. Small sustainable growers. Maybe solve the housing crisis by allowing one small house per 5 acres for the tiny farmer. Let's stop doing things captured by a global economy that asks us to scale up, by scaling down. Go local. End fossil fuel dependence. Build real community resilience by having food and resources on the ground – not doing laps of the globe to get to us. We have every resource we need in this country – just not the political will. We're tethered to globalisation, which is powered by oil and gas.

In every 'crisis' there is an opportunity for change. A reminder that the stability we are sold is just the sales pitch of an unstable, unsustainable capitalist system, that is currently at the mercy of two crazy old grandpas.

■ Mandy Nolan's column has appeared in *The Echo* for almost 25 years. She is a writer, comedian and artist, and was the Greens candidate at the past two elections.

STARS BY LILITH

Venus in the earthy sign of sensible sensualists invites us to revel in the delights of the senses: art for the eyes, music for the ears, beautiful food, delicious aromas, our favourite physical touch...



ARIES THE RAM

ARIES: Last year laid the groundwork for a new Aries story. Now it's your season, of course you'll want to leap straight in, but this constantly shifting terrain requires judicious timing and careful progression, so locate your personal grace speed and move with its rhythm. Happy spectacular birthdays, Aries.

TAURUS: As this week's feisty season of the Ram lights your creative fire, you'll be buzzing with a billion grand plans and ambitious ideas. And the balance for all this full-on activity? Your prima planet Venus in Taurus for most of April, kicking back and enjoying life's simple, sensual pleasures.

GEMINI: Sun, Saturn, Neptune and Chiron in Gemini's sector of friends, groups and future plans, amps up your confidence to pitch exciting ideas and tackle tricky topics. But pushing too hard could make others feel cornered or pressured, so pausing to listen to your wise inner guidance is advisable this week.

CANCER: Full moon on 2 April, believed in astrological circles to be beneficial for heart healing, could bring a defining relationship moment. If differing agendas are creating rifts, use this full moon to find a creative compromise, perhaps by negotiating or rejigging responsibilities to play to each person's strengths and preferences.

LEO: As your ruling planet connects with six other celestial bodies during April in the zodiac's fiery and impatient sign of self-promotion, if you get feedback that you're coming on too strong, try dialling down the intensity. Be gentle with yourself instead – then, by extension, offer that to everyone around you.

VIRGO: This week's celestial tsunami of original thinking turns you into a human ideas machine brimming with new possibilities. Capture your best brainstorm in a notebook, audio memo or preferred recording device, but wait a beat before leaping into action, because impetuous decisions could make costly mistakes.

LIBRA: Full moon in Libra on 2 April is your annual date to dress up and celebrate your adorable partnerships, artistic connections and the many segments of your life that are in beautiful balance. And in her current placement, Venus decrees this week that beauty isn't optional, it's mandatory.

SCORPIO: Last month's planetary landscape rewarded taking alone time to assess and recharge. Now Aries season offers opportunities to speak up in ways that could strengthen bonds. Is something that's been bubbling away in the background ready to address? Trust your instincts, and pace yourself to avoid burnout.

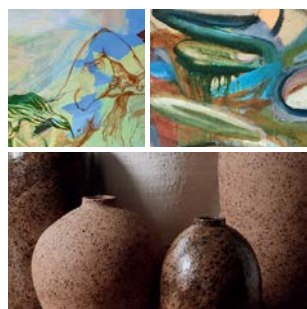
SAGITTARIUS: This week's fabulously flammable, full-forward combination of planets in the zodiac's courageous, action-oriented fellow fire sign, are likely to have wild ideas arriving nonstop to ignite your drive. And compassionate Neptune inspiring your idealistic spirit can't help but draw you towards decisions that feel meaningful on a soul level.

CAPRICORN: This month's dynamic alignment of make-it-happen Mars and legacy-building Saturn, along with massive planetary backup in your base of operations, delivers the perfect mix of determination and discipline to greenlight the go-ahead on that big thing you've been considering, or are already working on.

AQUARIUS: Ready to turn over a fresh page in your personal story? Then welcome to the zodiac's annual reset month, bringing with it a refreshing perspective on pretty much everything. If this involves moving away from people and situations that aren't in your best interests, then go right ahead.

PISCES: If you've been having trouble getting your aspirations off the ground, let April's combustible energy fuel your first moves, even if they feel small. Pro tip: with Neptune's present placement, a regular, heat-building, movement-based physical routine will tune you into the seismic waves of change currently under way.

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BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Discover your creative side at Byron Community College this term with a fresh lineup of inspiring arts experiences. Explore the collaborative exhibition *Vessel*, where painters and a ceramicist transform canvas and clay into vessels of personal memory, history, and storytelling. Learn the basics in Sewing for Beginners, or elevate your photography with Get Your Camera 07 Auto, mastering light, settings, and composition. Embrace the outdoors with Plein Air Painting, or slow down and observe nature in Plant Life Drawing with Virginia Reid. Don't miss the Garage Gallery, showcasing local talent and creativity. Whether starting out or refining your skills, join a welcoming community, make time each week to create, and connect through art, craft, and storytelling.

Cnr Gordon & Burringbar Streets,
Mullumbimby
02 6684 3374



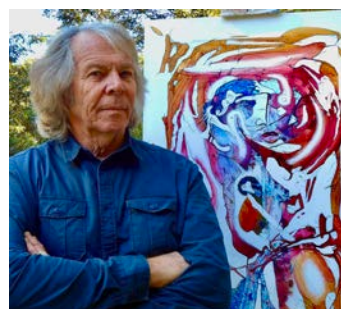
BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL

Join Booker Prize shortlisted author Susan Choi in conversation with Mick O'Regan about her award-winning novel *Flashlight*.

Flashlight tells the astonishing story of one family swept up in the tides of the 20th century, ranging from Japan to the USA to the North Korean regime.

Choi is also the author of *Trust Exercise*, *My Education*, *A Person of Interest*, *American Woman* and *The Foreign Student*. She has won the National Book Award for Fiction, the Asian American Literary Award for Fiction, the PEN/W. G. Sebald Award and a Lambda Literary Award, and has been a finalist for the Booker Prize and the Pulitzer Prize.

Tuesday 19 May, Brunswick Picture House
Ticket from: brunswickpicturehouse.com/susan-choi-in-conversation-19-may/



SOREN CARLBERGG RETROSPECTIVE

Local artist Soren Carlbergg has a solo show from 7 April at The Serpentine Gallery in Lismore. Soren is a contemporary artist with abstract paintings inspired by social, world, environmental and cultural happenings. This exhibition, 'Paintings from this Century', is a retrospective selection, showcasing his unique style with strong colours, definitive line work and bold statements, giving the viewer a way to engage, ponder and create their own narrative.

'My work is created organically where the canvas and the medium feed into the orchestration of the final outcomes we see on the finished piece'. Soren attended the National Art School in the '60s, has his commissioned work in various government departments and has been a finalist several times in the Lismore Portrait Prize.

Opening night : 8 April, 5:30 to 8pm.
Exhibition runs to 20 April. Serpentine Gallery
3/104 Conway Street Lismore
Info: 0492 964 819



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Special Event

Susan Choi in Conversation

Tuesday, 19 May
Brunswick Picture House

Join Booker Prize shortlisted author Susan Choi in conversation about her award-winning novel 'Flashlight'.

Tickets → brunswickpicturehouse.com



Contemporary

ART EXHIBITION

Retrospective Exhibition of paintings by Soren Carlbergg

OFFICIAL OPENING | Wed 8th April 5:30 - 8:00pm

SERPENTINE GALLERY
3/104 Conway St Lismore
Exhibition Dates: 7th April to 20th April
Hours: 10am - 4pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 2pm Sat
Info: 0492964819

ART GALLERIES

ARTIST STUDIO GALLERY

Belongil Beach
Open by appointment
0409 604 405
janrae7.weebly.com

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Saturday 10am-2pm
(or by appointment) 0480 676 957
blackfiggallery.com.au
[@blackfiggallery](https://www.instagram.com/blackfiggallery)

BYRON CLAY WORKERS GALLERY

Fairview Studios
Open 10am-4pm
Saturdays and Sundays
John Stewart
0406 404 335
byronclayworkersgallery.com.au

BLUE KNOB

719 Blue Knob Road, Lillian Rock
Open Thursday to Sunday 10am-3pm
02 6689 7449
blueknobgallery.com

BURRINGBAR GALLERY

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm
(or by appointment)
0408 998 446
6184 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar
www.burringbargallery.com.au

GALLERY COSMOSIS

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22 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay
Open Thursday to Saturday
10.30am-3pm
or by appointment 0431 331 205
gallerycosmosis.com

GARAGE GALLERY

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(Byron Community College)
Cnr Gordon & Burringbar Streets, Mullumbimby
02 6684 3374
[@mullum.garage.gallery](https://www.instagram.com/mullum.garage.gallery)

H'ART GALLERY

Local art in the heart of Mullum at Mullumbimby
Comprehensive
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11 Rural St, Lismore, Bundjalung Country
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Thursdays until 6pm
lismoregallery.org
[@lismoreregionalgallery](https://www.instagram.com/lismoreregionalgallery)

LONE GOAT GALLERY

28 Lawson St, Byron Bay
(located in the Byron Library building)
Open Wednesday to Saturday
10am-4pm
lonegoatgallery.com

MULLUMBIMBY CLAYWORKERS GALLERY

Drill Hall Complex,
2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby
Open Thursday to Saturday 11am-3pm
mullumclayworkers.com

MZ GALLERY

Byron Bay Contemporary Artspace
57 Tennyson Street, Byron Bay
0468 718 045
www.byronartspace.com

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Open Mon-Sat 10-4pm & Sun 10-2pm
19a Byron Street Bangalow
0429 357 274
ninbella.com

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Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets, Ballina
Open Wed-Fri 9am-3pm,
Sat-Sun 9.30am-1pm
02 6681 0530
nrcgballina.com.au

TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY

Art Centre
Gallery hours Wed-Sun 10am-4pm
Café open Wed-Fri 10am-4 pm | Sat-Sun
9am-4pm
2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah
02 6670 2790
gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au



LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY

Studio A presents two compelling exhibitions

Studio A artists Guy Fredericks and Damian Showyin are currently exhibiting at Lismore Regional Gallery. Fredericks' *Bleeding Hearts and Morning Glory* reflects on climate change and environmental care, drawing on collaboration with Bushlink and celebrating neurodivergent contributions to forest regeneration. Through sculpture, painting, and glasswork, it reframes care for land as shared responsibility. Alongside, Showyin's debut solo *Suede Blue* offers a meditative, vibrant exploration of colour and form, blending painting and sculpture into immersive, rhythmic environments. Together, these exhibitions affirm art's capacity to foster reflection, inclusion, and connection, inviting regional audiences to see creativity not just as expression, but as a vital space for care and understanding. Showing until 7 June.

Together, these exhibitions celebrate the creative practices of two Sydney-based artists working from Studio A, a supported studio for artists with intellectual disability, and Studio A invites audiences to engage with art as a space for care, reflection, and connection.

Exhibition details: Guy Fredericks: *Bleeding Hearts and Morning Glory*, and Damian Showyin: *Suede Blue*
28 March to 7 June 2026
Lismore Regional Gallery, 11 Rural Street, Lismore



Damian Showyin
with Studio A
Suede Blue
until 7 June 2026

Guy Fredericks
with Studio A
Bleeding hearts and morning glory
until 7 June 2026

OPENING HOURS

Wednesday to Sunday
10am - 4pm

Thursday
10am - 6pm

Closed: Mondays,
Tuesdays, and Public Holidays

lismoregallery.org



LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY

11 Rural St, Lismore

The ARTS

ART IN THE HEART OF MULLUMBIMBY: EXHIBITION 11

Step into colour, imagination, and community spirit at the Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre, where the H'Art Gallery proudly presents its 11th six-monthly exhibition. This much-loved showcase features over 30 works by ten talented local artists, curated by acclaimed graphic impressionist Solveig.



From bold canvases to intricate details, the two-floor gallery offers visitors a fresh experience every six months, ensuring there's always something new to spark inspiration. More than art on the wall, the exhibition transforms the health centre into a sanctuary of creativity, bringing brightness and calm to patients, visitors, and staff alike.

Located on Stuart Street, the H'Art Gallery is truly art at the heart of Mullumbimby. Don't miss this celebration of local talent!

**Enquiries: info@solveig.com.au
Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre
60 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby**

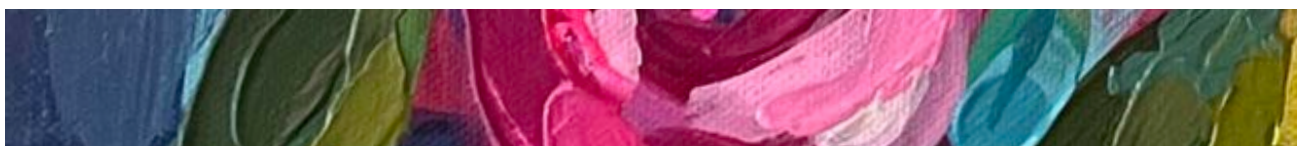
TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

The Wollumbin Art Award: The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre has opened entries for the 2026 Wollumbin Art Award (WAA), its biennial prize celebrating the creativity and diversity of the region. With \$30,000 in total prizes across three categories, the award draws on the depth of artistic talent from across the Northern Rivers and surrounding areas.

**For more information and to enter online visit the gallery website | gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/prizes-awards
Entries close on Monday 1 June, 5pm.**



2024 WAA winner Hannah Lange with her winning work *Weaving by the River 2024* after the official announcement from guest judge Sebastian Goldspink.
Photo by Sally Singh



NIMBIN ART FAIR

Step into one of Australia's most unique and creatively rich communities as the Nimbin Artists Gallery presents the much-loved Annual Nimbin Art Fair.

Internationally celebrated for its vibrant alternative culture, Nimbin is home to an extraordinary concentration of artists, musicians and visionaries. This annual event reflects that spirit, bringing together a diverse range of artistic voices under one roof.

Explore a dynamic exhibition of painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, textiles and mixed media, featuring unique handmade works from local and regional artists in a colourful, welcoming atmosphere.

Showcasing both emerging and established talent, the exhibition highlights bold, innovative and deeply personal works.

Come wander, connect and be inspired – discover something truly special at the Nimbin Art Fair.

**02 6689 1444
4-19 April
10am to 4pm daily
49 Cullen Street, Nimbin NSW**

H'ART GALLERY

*Art in the heart
INSPIRED LOCAL ART*

Mullumbimby
Comprehensive Health Centre

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Art Fair

NIMBIN ARTISTS GALLERY
49 CULLEN STREET,
NIMBIN, NSW, 2480
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OPEN 10 - 4 EVERY DAY**

EXHIBITION CONTINUES UNTIL SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026

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**wollumbin art award
2026**

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Enter online:
gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au
Entries close 5 pm, Monday 1 June 2026

TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

BEAT The Blues



BEAT THE BLUES, THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Easter school holidays have arrived, and while a once-anticipated mega-music festival may no longer be on the cards, the spotlight has shifted to something just as exciting – an array of vibrant, smaller events waiting to be discovered.

It's the perfect time to gather the family, step outside, and swap screen time for fresh air and shared experiences. Whether it's hands-on activities for the kids or relaxed outings for all ages, there's something to keep everyone entertained. From hidden local gems to lively community happenings, there's no shortage of places to explore and things to do.

And for music lovers, this weekend hits all the right notes. With venues buzzing and Bluesfest artists performing across the Shire, the local scene is alive with sound. So get out there, soak up the atmosphere, and get ready to truly beat the blues.

HAVE FUN AND TREAD LIGHTLY THIS EASTER!

The Shire's venues are hosting a festival-worthy line up of awesome music and entertainment this Easter. With lots of visitors set to join us, Byron Shire Council is working alongside partner agencies to ensure the experience is safe and enjoyable for everyone who lives in or visits our Shire.

To keep Byron beautiful, everyone should be responsible for keeping the Shire clean and protecting our wildlife and biodiversity. This also means only camping in designated caravan parks, keeping dogs on a leash and checking signs before parking. Our message is simple: respect our community, our residents and our natural environment so we can all enjoy the magic of Easter in the Byron Shire.

Check Byron Shire Council website for details on dog off-leash areas, where to park or camp: byron.nsw.gov.au/Easter

BEYOND BYRON E BIKES

Looking for something fun to do this Easter break in the Northern Rivers? Beyond Byron E Bikes, located in Mooball at the Byron Bay end of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, offers comfortable, easy e-bike adventures for all ages and abilities. Their German-made e-bikes with gel seats and puncture-proof tyres make the ride smooth and enjoyable, so you can focus on the beautiful scenery, food stops, and the experience along the way.

They cater for the whole family, with kids' e-bikes, tag-a-longs, baby seats, and even dog trailers for furry companions. Whether you're visiting with friends, family, or as a couple, it's a memorable way to spend a day outdoors these holidays.

beyondbyronebikes.com.au

Enjoy Byron Shire this Easter

- Where can I park?
- Where are the dog exercise areas?
- Where can I camp?

Find everything you need for a smooth, stress-free visit: Byron.nsw.gov.au/Easter

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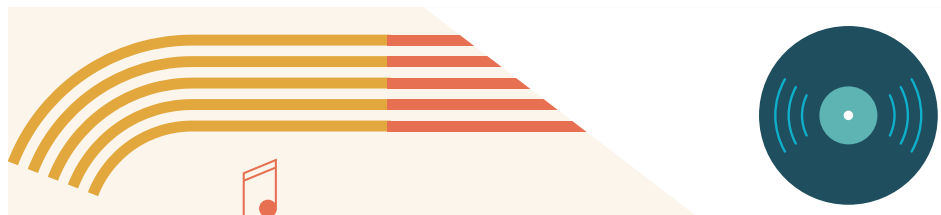
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MULLUMBIMBY SHOWGROUND



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Visit the store and speak to their friendly staff, or visit them online.

1/1 Tasman Way, Byron Bay
byron-camping.com.au
[@byronbaycampinganddisposals](https://www.instagram.com/byronbaycampinganddisposals)

SPAGHETTI CIRCUS

Come and enjoy one, two or three days of circus fun with Spaghetti Circus. Holiday workshops will be held on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April at Spaghetti's premises at Mullumbimby Showground. Children can pick their own circus adventure! Classes include tight-rope, big tramp and mini tramp, German wheel, tissu and trapeze, acro balance, circus games, hula hoops, juggling, and much more.

Half-day sessions for children aged 4-6-years run from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and full-day sessions for 7-14-years run from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Early drop-off is available from 8.30am each day at an additional cost. Active & Creative Kids vouchers accepted. Bookings essential and places are limited.

Book now at www.spaghetticircus.com

BEAT *The Blues*

BALLOON ALOFT

If late nights and long lines are a thing of the past then this Easter holiday is a great time to get outdoors, have fun with nature and see as many sunrises as you can muster! Byron Bay is abuzz with school holidays and Easter activities so getting out of town and rising above it all is a great breath of fresh air.

Enjoy this refreshing perspective from colourful hot air balloons floating high in the sky above the Northern Rivers. For families, friends and visitors alike, exploring the Northern Rivers by air is the best way to forget the blues and enjoy the views!

Every flight booking includes a delicious breakfast at Three Blue Ducks. From here you can take a wonderful tour around the Farm gardens, meet the animals and enjoy more rural scenery!

Book your flight: balloonaloft.com
Autumn special: \$50 off all flights booked online

MULLUM FARMERS MARKET

Mullum Farmers Market has always had fun with its ads around Bluesfest, and even though the festival isn't on this year, they couldn't resist introducing you to Tina the Eggplant – because, let's be honest, some would say they're simply the best.

Whether it's the incredible musicians hosted each week across three stages, the fresh produce grown locally, or the best brekkie options in town, there's something for everyone. Add in kids' entertainment, circus fun and roaming performers, and a welcoming space to meet the community and hang out every Friday morning, and it's easy to see why many describe this award-winning farmers' market as more of a weekly festival than just a market.

It's the perfect way to kick off your weekend – grab your supplies, enjoy the music, and settle into that relaxed Mullum vibe. It's still shaping up to be a magical weekend of music – so kick things off the right way – Friday morning at Mullum Farmers Market from 7am to 11am at Mullumbimby Showground.

mullumfarmersmarket.org.au

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The Blues

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Proudly designed in the Northern Rivers by a family-run business, their collection celebrates effortless, wearable fashion for every body. Enjoy the Easter in-store sale – and mention this ad for an extra 10% off your purchase. Offer ends 12 April.

The MahaShe team would love to welcome you in-store this Easter.

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The Bangalow space is typified by its pure white stucco walls, which allow the curated range of artisanal pieces (informed by nature and time), with a muted earthy palette, to shine through. Whereas the Byron store is a darker, more mysterious space, providing the opportunity to discover refined treasures deep in the shadows.

Island Luxe is for those who have a love of discovering timeless fashion, homewares, jewellery and accessories which are either up-to-the-minute contemporary or rare-antique finds. All bought to you with love from 'the road less travelled'.

islandluxe.com.au

Byron Bay store: 1/11 Marvell Street, 02 6680 9600, tribe@islandluxe.com.au
Bangalow store: 62 Byron Street, 02 6687 1605, info@islandluxe.com.au

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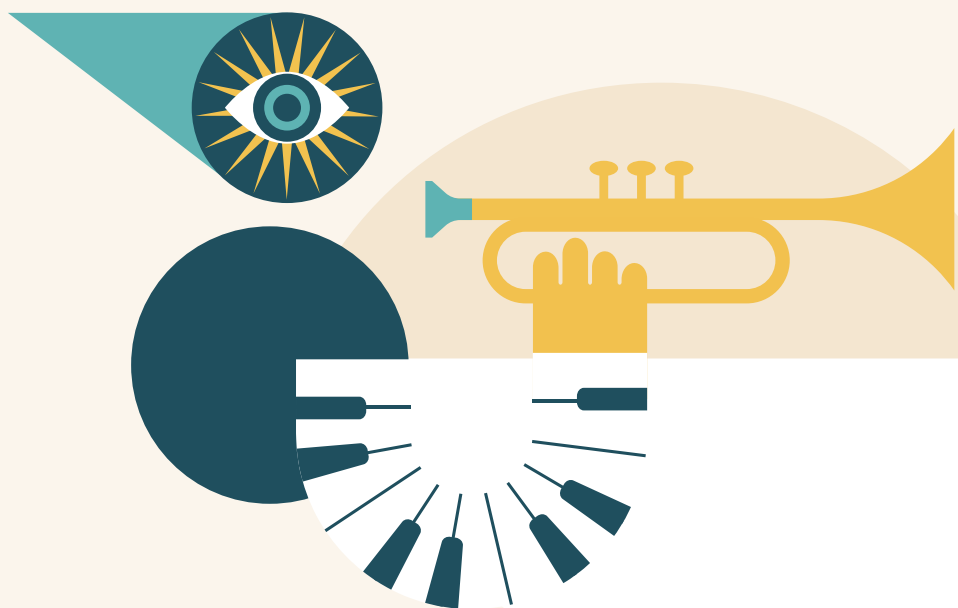
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AZTECA

(Iguana sits on a rock)

What is Azteca? Azteca Margarita is...
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Ready to bust through the double doors and fly-kick life square in the knackers.

(Iguana struts down the wedding aisle in a purple leather suit as petals fall from the sky)

And what does Azteca lack? F#@cking nothing according to every human that's been lucky enough to rest their lips on the side of a glass containing the good sh!t.

Azteca is all things margaritas. Mexico in Byron Bay. Too bloody fun!

(Iguana takes a sip, throws his hat to the heavens and looks you straight in the eyes... and winks)

aztecamargarita.com

BYRON BAY EASTER RECORD FAIR

Byron Bay Easter Record Fair returns to Ewingsdale Hall. Now in its 19th year it is one of the biggest and best in the country. Matt the Vinyl Junkie has spent years going on buying trips to the USA and Japan scouring dusty warehouses, shops, flea markets and private collections, and can offer an astounding 30,000 records in one place covering most genres.

A new collection just landed plus a tonne of fresh \$5 and \$10 stock has also topped up the crates. The Vinyl Junkie will be Djing most days, playing records from the crates, so if you hear something you love be quick to buy the copy on the decks while it spins. Starting Good Friday, 3 April until Easter Monday 6 April, this is an event not to be missed.

**Good Friday, 3 April to Easter Monday, 6 April,
10am to 6pm everyday**

Ewingsdale Hall, William Flick Lane, opposite The Farm



BEAT The Blues



NO NAME BAYLANE

This Easter, No Name Baylane brings a touch of soul to Byron nights – with drinks and music flowing, good times stretch long past sunset.

Gather your crew, and let the rhythm take over. From laid-back cocktails to late-night mischief, it's an easy Easter escape, no reservations required. Just good vibes, great company, and a little bit of magic inside.

Open everyday till late with a 4pm to 7pm happy hour daily including their world famous (in Byron Bay) two for \$20 margaritas.

11 Bay Lane, Byron Bay
@no_name_baylane

CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY

Cape Byron Distillery is open Easter weekend, including Good Friday. On Saturday, 4 April they're hosting, Blues on the Balcony, a free event with live music from Ben Walsh alongside an afternoon of line dancing from 2pm with Heel & Hook Line Dancers.

With a food truck on site, drink specials running all day, and lush rainforest views, it's the perfect spot to settle in and soak up the atmosphere. Bluesfest ticket holders can also enjoy a complimentary gin and tonic, just show your ticket.

80 St. Helena Road, McLeods Shoot
capebyrondistillery.com

BETTER BY BIKE

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Every hire includes essentials: comfy gel seats, puncture-proof tyres, helmets, tunnel lights, locks, and waterproof panniers. With full trail support and genuine local tips, your ride will be smooth, safe, and stress-free. Backed by hundreds of 5-star reviews and Gold at the NSW Tourism Awards 2025, you're in great hands. Byron Bluesfest ticket holders get 5% off e-bike hire. Delivery to Byron Bay and the Tweed Coast available. Open daily.

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The collection features hemp-based clothing and botanical products, many thoughtfully created by local manufacturers who share the same earth-aligned values. They also offer journals, candles, and other ritual-friendly pieces to support intention-setting, reflection, and moments of stillness.

Every item is selected with purpose, helping you feel connected to what you bring into your life.

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ROADHOUSE

Roadhouse is hosting its Blues Weekender across the Easter long weekend, with four nights and four mornings of live music, good food and laid-back energy. Open daily, live music runs from Wednesday, 1 April to Monday, 6 April.

Alongside a rotating lineup of local and visiting artists, guests can settle in on the open-air terrace from breakfast through to late, with coffee and slow mornings giving way to wood-fired plates and margaritas into the evening. Walk-ins are always welcome, with bookings recommended for nights.

Head to the website for full lineup and set times.

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THE BENEFITS OF FARMERS' MARKETS

Shopping at farmers' markets offers so many benefits – from supporting local farming families to access to fresh nutrient-dense produce as well as keeping money in the local economy.

Byron Farmers Market manager, Tom Carey, says that it's also a chance for the community to connect: 'At the farmers' market, you're not wandering down an aisle, but chatting to the farmers and understanding where the food comes from. You can grab a bite to eat, listen to live music and catch up with friends. All outside in the fresh air. It's much more of an experience.'

'Plus the produce is freshly harvested – it hasn't been sitting in cool rooms and on shelves for long periods. And when food is super fresh, the nutrient content is higher, it lasts longer and has more flavour.'

Byron Farmers Market also offers a great range of heirloom and exotic fruit and veg that you won't find in supermarkets.

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



ROCK OF AGES TATTOO PARLOUR

Since opening in 2008, Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour has become a trusted fixture in the local community, known for delivering high-quality tattoo work in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Located in beautiful Lennox Head just moments from the beach and a world heritage surfing site, the studio reflects the easygoing, inclusive spirit of its surroundings.

The studios team brings together a broad range of artistic styles, with nearly 100 years of combined experience across its artists. From fine line and realism to bold traditional designs and Japanese bodywork, the studio caters to both first-time clients and seasoned collectors. Each artist works closely with clients to create tattoos that are personal, considered, and enduring.

Rock of Ages is committed to accessibility and inclusivity, offering a friendly atmosphere for all and has wheelchair access within the studio. With both pre-booked appointments and daily walk-ins available, the studio provides flexibility for clients seeking either a planned session or a more spontaneous visit.

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A logo for Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour. At the top, the text 'ROCK OF AGES TATTOO' is flanked by horizontal lines. Below that, 'EST 2008' and 'LENNOX HEAD' are written. The central graphic shows two women's faces in profile, facing each other, with a large, colorful flower between them. The women have dark hair and are wearing large hoop earrings and colorful scarves. Below the graphic, the text 'WALK INS WELCOME!' is written in red. At the bottom, the contact information is listed: '@rockofageslennoxhead', 'Phone 02 6687 5872', and 'Email rockofageslennoxhead@gmail.com'.

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NEW

Eclectic Selection

What's on this week



Charismatic musical shapeshifter, Z-Star Trinity moves seamlessly from crazy heavy rock guitar to love-infused psychedelic R&B, to the kind of soul that enters your bones. She's transcendent, she's queen of the catchy tunes with raspy hypnotic vocals – she's from another planet!

Friday from 8pm at the Top Pub, Mullumbimby. Free show.

Good Friday is a great day to resurrect your inner percussionist. 'Stick It' is an invitation to bring your own hand percussion and join in as Bron Harrison guides the mothership towards the upper stratosphere with the biggest drops ever felt.

Friday from 7.30pm at the Natural Wine Shop & Bar, Burringbar. Free show.



Luke Bennett grew up falling asleep to the sounds of Fleetwood Mac, but it wasn't until he was 14 that Tasmania-born Bennett woke up and started to learn the guitar

himself. After completing his bedroom apprenticeship, he found a natural expression that balanced some of his catchy pop sensibility – this is music to feed the soul.

Saturday from 6pm at the Williams St Cafe, Lennox Head. Free show.



Following the cancellation of Bluesfest, The Living End decided to roll up their sleeves and beat the cancellation blues with a one-off headline show at a brand new venue – it's not the show you expected but it's the one you'll remember.

Saturday from 7pm at the Hotel Brunswick. Tickets \$49.90 at moshtix.com.au.



There is the grace and soul of the blues in his music, interspersed with the country strains of Guy Kachel's youth – and the tempering power of rock and roll. What emerges is a form of kicking country blues

that esteems and embellishes the legacy of icons such as John Hiatt and Little Feat.

Sunday from 1pm at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Free show.



Federal Blues Inc. (FBI) was formed by a group of residents from the village of Federal, with a shared love of the blues. Its members include ex-pat Canadian Tommy Cuyler on guitar and vocals, Soren Carlbergg, Steve Foster, Martin Muller and Derek Armistead playing a mixture of originals and blues classics.

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



For over ten years now, the six members of the Feramones have refined a repertoire of some of the greatest and most sophisticated rock songs of the '60s, '70s and '80s – songs that are universally known and loved.

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



ALLY PALMER

A sweet Easter at Stone & Wood

Easter is shaping up to be sweet at **Stone & Wood**, with the Byron Bay Tasting Room rolling out 'Afternoon Delight' sessions across the long weekend.

With plenty of music-loving people in town, Stone & Wood Brewery is the perfect spot to settle in for a cruisy afternoon of live music, fresh beers and good company.

From **Friday through to Sunday**, the brewery will be dialling things up with local artists **Charlie Murray (Friday)**, **Jordy Quinn (Saturday)** and **Ally Palmer (Sunday)** set to soundtrack your afternoon from **3.30pm to 6.30pm each day** in true easy-going Stone & Wood style.

Whether you're chasing a post-beach wind-down or looking for some live tunes to fill the gap, the Stone & Wood Tasting Room has you covered.

The Ripcurl Pro will be playing on the big screen, so you won't miss a moment of the action while you kick back with a cold one. The full Stone & Wood range will be pouring, alongside snacks and hearty meals from the kitchen to keep you fuelled right through the afternoon.

Getting there is all part of the fun, with a free bus running to and from the **Byron Bay Bus Exchange** each afternoon across the weekend. Keep an ear out for the sounds of Afternoon Delight (yes, like an ice cream truck, for adults), then make your way to the Bus Exchange for an easy ride to and from the brewery, plus a few cheeky surprises along the way.

Stone & Wood's Afternoon Delight bus will leave the Byron Bay Bus Exchange for the Tasting Room at approximately 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm and return to town directly after each drop off. The final run from the Tasting Room back to Byron town will be at 6.30pm. So, if you find yourself in Byron Bay this Easter with a free afternoon, or if you're a local, keen for a good time, Stone & Wood's Easter Afternoon Delight is ready to welcome you!

Three afternoons of live local music, flowing beers, good food and an open invitation to settle in and stay a while – it's free entry!

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Front Bar: Dan Hannaford Duo 7pm, Poly + Co 10.15pm
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 BACKROOM: **HOLIDAY MYSTICS** | FREE ENTRY

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Front Bar: Harry Nichols Band 7pm, DJ Renee Simone 10.15pm
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Front Bar: The Swamps 5pm, Vinyl Sunday ft Eric Downer 8.15pm
 Duelling Piano Bar 9pm
 BACKROOM: **BLUES AT THE NORTHERN** | FREE ENTRY 7pm

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Front Bar: Katy 6pm,
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THURSDAY 2 TO SUNDAY 5 APRIL

BLUES AT THE NORTHERN

A shift in the rhythm at Haven

As the usual rhythm of the Easter long weekend shifts in Byron Bay, a new energy is emerging at **Haven** – one that invites the unexpected. Alongside its electronic focus, this year's program makes space for a strong showing of live bands and local acts, blending genres and scenes in a way that reflects both the global pulse of club culture and the strength of the region's creative community.

Kicking things off on **Friday**, Haven welcomes German selector **Huerta**, known for weaving together acid, breaks, and driving techno into a sound that's both playful and immersive. His sets – championed by the likes of **Circoloco** – move effortlessly between silky house grooves and harder-edged rhythms. Joined by local favourites **Liza**, **Dora**, and **Jai Piccone**, the night sets the tone for a weekend that bridges international flair alongside Byron's homegrown talent.

On **Saturday**, **Flow Music** takes over from **4pm to midnight**, transforming Haven into a hybrid of open-air terrace and late-night club. Headlining is **Moritz Hofbauer**, a classically trained live artist whose melodic techno has carried him onto global stages including **Tomorrowland** and **Ultra**. With releases on Boris Brejcha's **Fckng Serious** label and a growing international following, his appearance offers a rare chance to catch a world-touring act in an intimate setting. He's joined by **Samantha Loveridge**, whose groove-led blend of indie dance, Afro, and melodic house has earned support from some of the scene's most respected names, alongside the high-energy selections of **Sambam**. On the terrace, **Paboona** delivers a three-hour open-air set, layering melodic house with global influences as the sun dips into evening.

Then, as the weekend turns, the focus shifts closer to home. Following the cancellation of **Bluesfest**, Haven and local promoter **Messy Fuzz** have come together to host a two-day, community-led event on **Sunday** and **Monday** – an open invitation to celebrate the region's grassroots music culture.

Running from **1pm to 10pm on Sunday**, and **1pm through to midnight on Monday**, the program leans heavily into live performance, with a diverse lineup of local and surrounding bands sharing the stage alongside DJs, artists and community stalls. With space for spontaneity – including unexpected elements woven throughout – the event captures the raw, collaborative spirit that defines Byron's scene.

It's a reminder that while festivals may come and go, the heart of a music community lies in its people. This Easter, Haven offers not just a lineup, but a space to show up, tune in, and be part of something real.

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LISA HUNT

Good tunes at the Beachy

Easter in Byron Bay is synonymous with good tunes, and the **Beachy** is, as always, delivering the soundtrack to your long weekend as reliably as ever. A lineup stacked with local favourites and well-loved acts promises four days of sun-soaked sessions, late-night dance floors, and the kind of live music that keeps people coming back year after year.

Front and centre on **Easter Sunday** is **Lisa Hunt's Forever Soul**, a powerhouse showcase led by a vocalist whose roots run deep – from gospel beginnings to global stages. Lisa Hunt isn't just a singer; she's a force. With a career spanning performances to packed festival crowds, and collaborations with icons, she will have you dancing your afternoon away. Expect a set steeped in rhythm and blues, delivered with the kind of authenticity and vocal firepower that turns casual listeners into lifelong fans.

Turning up the heat on **Thursday night** is the **Jerome Williams Band**, bringing their signature, no-rules energy to the weekend. Jerome is the kind of performer who refuses to be defined – part rock front-man, part hip-hop disruptor, all-out entertainer. One minute it's percussive acoustic grooves, the next it's explosive shredding and crowd-hyping chaos. His live shows have become the stuff of local legend, and if there's one guarantee, it's that no one stays still for long.

Then there's **Late for Woodstock** on **Friday night**, the ultimate throwback for those craving the golden era of rock. Formed in the late '90s but forever rooted in the '60s and '70s, the band channels the spirit of legends like The

Doors, Led Zeppelin and Neil Young with uncanny precision. It's less a tribute and more a time warp – equal parts nostalgia and raw, unfiltered rock 'n' roll.

Jam Hot Live fuses DJ sets with live instrumentation for a genre-hopping dancefloor experience, while **Nathan Kaye's** one-man-band spectacle delivers something wonderfully unpredictable. Rising artist **Roshani** adds a fresh, genre-blending edge, signalling the next wave of talent emerging onto the scene.

Together, it's a lineup that captures the essence of the Beachy – eclectic, high-energy, and deeply rooted in community. Whether you're there for the soul, the nostalgia, or the late-night chaos, this Easter weekend is set to be one to remember.

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AIDEN SCHOFIELD

A momentous week for the Picture House

This week is a particularly momentous one for the Brunswick Picture House.

In 2015, on a clear autumn's night, a group of cabaret producers and performers visiting Bruns for the night wandered out for a slightly drunken stroll and stumbled across an unloved theatre with a handwritten FOR SALE sign taped to the front door. Discovering that the theatre had been closed for 30 years, the producers of international, award-winning smash hits La Clique, La Soirée and Club Swizzle had an immediate life-changing epiphany, and after much blood, sweat and tears, the Brunswick Picture House was born, opening on Good Friday 2016.

Fast forward this week to Good Friday 2026, and you'll find the Brunswick Picture House celebrating its tenth birthday! Understanding that Easter plans for many have suddenly been left in disarray, if you're looking for some distraction, drop in to the Picture House as they bring back another run of the one that started it all back then: **the Cheeky Cabaret**, which helped launch the venue as a cultural destination for visitors Australia-wide and beyond.

Cheeky is an irreverent, saucy and highly mischievous mash of circus, vaudeville, comedy, new burlesque and everything in between, with its tongue placed firmly in cheek.

Running from **this Thursday until 19 April**, it's the perfect show to bring a gang for a big night out, with group discounts and 'posh' table seating available.

Looking ahead, April is packed with gems ranging from: Shrek-inspired comedy burlesque **Swamplesque** on **Sunday, 26 April**; to mind-blowing magic for all ages with **Aiden Schofield** on **Wednesday, 15 April**; a conversation with the philosopher **A.C. Grayling**, on **Wednesday, 22 April**; the return of the riveting, ribald **Amelia Jane Hunter** on **Thursday, April 23**; and good old-fashioned, all-ages circus fun with **Lil' Cheeky** on **Sunday, 12 April**.

Tickets for all shows at brunswickpicturehouse.com.



Introducing Billi Busk Fest!

With no Bluesfest this year, the mob at the **Billinudgel Hotel** (The Nudge) wanted to see what they could do to make up for it – Ta Daa! The birth of the **Billi Busk Fest**.

Head to the Nudge on **Friday** and **Saturday** and set yourself down in the beer garden for two afternoons of live local music from **12pm to 5pm** each day.

This is an all ages and free event. We encourage you to tip the musicians as you would if you saw them busking on the street – the little kids love that!

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INTERVIEW

TAJ FARRANT BRINGING THE BLUES TO BYRON



Taj Farrant is an internationally-acclaimed Australian guitarist and recording artist recognised for his explosive blues-rock style, technical mastery, and commanding stage presence. Emerging as a child prodigy, Taj has evolved into one of the most exciting young guitarists of his generation, blending fiery rock intensity with deep blues soul.

With global tours, major festival appearances, and collaborations with legendary artists, Taj Farrant continues to redefine modern blues-rock guitar. Farrant has shared the stage with and/or performed alongside Carlos Santana, Rob Thomas, ZZ Top, Buddie Guy, Kingfish, Eric Gales, Eric Johnson, and the list truly does go on. Farrant has also performed tributes honouring guitar legends Gary Moore and Stevie Ray Vaughan whose emotive blues phrasing remains a significant influence on Taj's sound.

Speaking of the blues, Farrant is like dozens of other artists, preparing to hop on a plane when he heard the news that Bluesfest had been cancelled – having spent thousands on the tour to Australia, Farrant and his family have still come to Australia, and he will play three local shows this weekend.

Tell me about your disappointment about Bluesfest?

I mean, obviously it sucks to not get to come home and do like, Bluesfest, because it's like, the one thing that we come home for, that I get excited for, but it feels like, just the music industry in general – in Australia, it has not been the best for a while. So, yeah, but honestly, I wasn't overly surprised either ...

You have a full time career as a muso, are you still in school?

Not anymore. I actually just finished. I did online schooling pretty much since year five, all the way up until last year. I would have been in year 11.

When you were quite young, there's the story about how you saw Angus Young, and said, 'That's what I want to do when I grow up'. How has your reality matched the vision?

Honestly we went very far from that path. We changed genres and I just became myself. We went down a different rabbit hole after I learned how to play properly. Yeah, but yeah. I mean, I still pick up a [Gibson] SG every once in a while and play like AC/DC and stuff like that.

Have you met him?

No, not yet. He's like a unicorn.

So do you have an earworm at the moment?

Not really, it's just like, I've been focusing on my own music so much at the moment. I mean, I catch myself humming like, lyrics and stuff and like, melodies, just keeping them fresh as well.

What sort of things are inspiring you at the moment, with your music?

There's this guy. His name is Eric Johnson. He's pretty good. I just like watching other people play guitar, and then if I'm like, 'Oh, that was cool', then I try to do something along those lines, but in my own way.

Playing music is your profession, do you also do music for fun? Or do you have a hobby?

No, really, it's just music. I do music and play with my dog. His name's Gary. He's the best. He's in America at the moment and I'm very sad.

Taj, are you having enough fun?

Yeah, always, yeah yeah yeah, always. It's good. This is what I want to do anyway, so it's all fun for me.

You can catch Taj in a free show at the Byron Bowlo on Saturday – the event starts at 4pm with supports Marshall & The Fro and Wild Rocket.

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JEFF MARTIN

Everyone's getting the blues at The Northern

The Northern, Byron Bay have the remedy for anyone who's got the blues – over four big days, 'Blues at The Northern' is delivering live music across two stages headlined by **Jeff Martin (The Tea Party), Paul A. George (Tijuana Cartel), Minnie Marks, the Mason Rack Band**, plus a stacked lineup from start to finish – and the absolute blues chaser is that the entire four days are free!

Byron is turning on a 'festival' of blues over the weekend starting on **Thursday at 7pm** with **Katie Palmer** in the Backroom, and finishing with **Jesse Witney** and **Kane Muir** in the Backroom, and **JB's Blues Breakers** starting off things in the front bar.

Friday is going to be very good, starting in the Backroom at 7pm and welcoming **Paul A. George** from Tijuana Cartel onto the stage at 11:15pm. The front bar will have the **Dan and Hannah duo**, and **Poly & Co.**

Saturday will see five great acts culminating with a show from the **Mason Rack Band** in the Backroom, and firing up with the **Harry Nicholls Band** in the front bar.

On Sunday there will still be plenty more to see with the thriller band, **Marshall OKell**, and headlining **Jeff Martin** from The Tea Party, followed by the **Donny Shades Band** in the Backroom, and in the front bar **from 5pm The Swamps** followed by **Eric Downer**.

The fun starts on **Thursday from 6pm, Friday from 7pm, Saturday from 7pm, and Sunday from 5pm. The Northern – home of the blues this weekend. More info at thenorthern.com.au.**



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- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **SCREENING NT LIVE: OTHELLO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TRILLA + DJ QUENDO + DUELLING PIANO BAR**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- OTTILIES, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **MONDO JAZZ CATS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

THURSDAY 2

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SUNNY LUWE DUO + JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **SCREENING: BEYOND BORDERS – PATAGONIA**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 5PM **SAM BUCKLEY BAND**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JB BLUES BREAKERS + VINYL DJ SUNNY SIDE UP + DUELLING PIANO BAR + BACKROOM BLUES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TEN YEARS BOLD – CHEEKY CABARET**
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **MONDO JAZZ CATS**
- GARAGE GALLERY, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **EXHIBITION OPENS: VESSEL – MATHEW GODWIN**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM **DIVISION 4 + ARJ BARKER**
- MO'S DESERT CLUBHOUSE, GOLD COAST, 7PM **JACKSON MARSHALL**

FRIDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **ROSHANI + IZAEAH MARSH DUO + LATE FOR WOODSTOCK + DJ LONGTIME**
- STONE & WOOD, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **CHARLIE MURRAY**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM **GUY AND NICCI**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **DJ NAT WHITE**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **HUERTA (DE), JAI PICCONE, LIZA, DORA**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD DUO + POLY + CO + DUELLING PIANO BAR + BACKROOM BLUES**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TEN YEARS BOLD – CHEEKY CABARET**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SALVE JORGE**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUM WITH DJ SEIJIN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS**
- THE TOP PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **Z-STAR**
- LENNOX HOTEL 3PM, **LILLI SHEEN**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM BAND**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 12PM **BILLI BUSK FEST!, HENRY WEST, MANDY HAWKES, DAN HANNAFORD, ALBY DAMN, JEROME WILLIAMS**
- NATURAL WINE SHOP & BAR, BARRINGBAR, 7.30PM **BRON HARRISON + DJ PREFAB HAPPY**
- EVANS HEAD RSL, 8PM **TAJ FARRANTT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **OFF THE GRID**

SATURDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **BEN CATLEY + DAN HANNAFORD DUO + ERIN SHAY DUO + JAM HOT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BACKSLIDERS**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 1.30PM **DJ AFRODESIA + DJ DEEP PEPA**
- STONE & WOOD, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **JORDY QUINN**
- CLUB BYRON, BYRON BOWLO 4PM **TAJ FARRANT, WILD ROCKET + MARSHALL AND THE FRO**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 4PM **MORITZ HOFBAUER, SAMANTHA LOVERIDGE, PABOONA AND SAMBAM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND + DJ RENEE SIMONE + DUELLING PIANO BAR + BACKROOM BLUES**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 6PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **THE LIVING END**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **TEN YEARS BOLD – CHEEKY CABARET**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 12PM **BILLI BUSK FEST!, MATTHEW ARMITAGE, BONHAM STOMP'N RAMBLERS, LACHLAN JACQUES, VERSACE BOYS, 6.30PM SAM BUCKLEY BAND**
- TEAKWOOD CAFE, BARRINGBAR, 9AM **ROD MURRAY**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LILLI SHEEN, 6PM LUKE BENNETT, 7PM KAFFENE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **TURTLE BOY**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 4.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **THE TEMPTATIONS AND BEYOND**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7.30PM **RAMJET**

SUNDAY 5

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **DJ LONGTIME + LISA HUNT + LOST BAGGAGE – WOLTERS, DAMEEEELA & DJ INGRID**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 1PM **EMI KAYO, JOE CONROY, JET LINDSAY, KANE MUIR, ZAM, THE BLEEDING TONGUES, PIP**
- STONE & WOOD, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **ALLY PALMER**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 4PM **BUNNY RACQUET, 5PM DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **THE SWAMPS + VINYL SUNDAY FT ERIC DOWNER + DUELLING PIANO BAR + BACKROOM BLUES**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 5.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **TEN YEARS BOLD – CHEEKY CABARET**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **GUY KACHEL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **SEAN DEDRICK**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM **THE BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB, BOARDWALK 2.30PM BALLINA BLUES CLUB FEAT FBI**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **TAJ FARRANT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **THE FERAMONES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 3PM **THE FERAMONES**
- FEDERAL HOTEL, ALSTONVILLE, 1PM **LILLI SHEEN**
- CLUB TWEED 1PM **RHYDIAN LEWIS + CURT LUXTON**
- MO'S DESERT CLUBHOUSE, GOLD COAST, 3PM **YAWNING MAN + MARIO LALLI AND THE RUBBER SNAKE CHARMERS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM **MC HARIEL**

MONDAY 6

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LUKE PAULEY + NATHAN KAYE**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 1PM **LILI SHEEN, MONKEYS, JIB, SOLAR MUNDA, WHARVES, CANNABYSS, FLUKES OF SENDINGTON**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KATY + DJ RENEE SIMONE + DUELLING PIANO BAR**
- MO'S DESERT CLUBHOUSE, GOLD COAST, 2PM **TAJ FARRANT**

TUESDAY 7

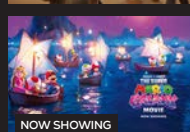
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **IZZY DAY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARSHAL OKELL + DUELLING PIANO BAR**

WEDNESDAY 8

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATT COLLINS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **INO PIO + DUELLING PIANO BAR**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- OTTILIES, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **MONDO JAZZ CATS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 5PM **IRISH FOLK JAM**

PALACE CINEMAS

BYRON BAY - BALLINA FAIR
SESSION TIMES
THURSDAY APRIL 2
TO WEDNESDAY APRIL 8



PALACE BYRON BAY

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

DONNIE DARKO - 25TH ANNIVERSARY (M)
Mon: 6:30PM

THE DEB (M)
Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 3:20PM

FAMILY FILMS

GOAT (PG)
Daily except Thurs: 10:50AM, 1:00PM, 5:15PM. Thurs: 10:30AM, 1:00PM

HOPPERS (PG)
Daily except Thurs: 10:40AM, 1:10PM, 3:15PM, 5:30PM. Thurs: 10:40AM, 1:20PM

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE (G)
Daily except Thurs: 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM, 5:45PM. Thurs: 10:30AM, 3:00PM, 5:45PM

THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE (PG/NFT)
Daily: 10:30AM, 12:40PM, 1:45PM, 2:50PM, 3:45PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:15PM, 8:00PM

ALL FILMS

DANCE FOR YOUR LIFE (PG/NFT)
Daily except Thurs: 10:30AM, 1:30PM, 3:50PM. Thurs: 1:30PM, 3:50PM

FATHER MOTHER SISTER BROTHER (M/NFT)
Daily: 12:40PM, 3:40PM, 6:00PM

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Daily except Thurs: 10:40AM, 8:20PM. Thurs: 8:20PM

PROJECT HAIL MARY (M)
Daily except Thurs, Mon: 10:40AM, 3:10PM, 6:15PM, 7:30PM, 8:10PM. Thurs:

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REMINERS OF HIM (M)
Daily except Tues, Wed: 8:20PM. Tues, Wed: 3:20PM, 8:20PM

THE DRAMA (M/15+)
Daily except Thurs: 11:00AM, 1:20PM, 4:00PM, 6:15PM, 8:30PM. Thurs: 11:00AM, 4:00PM, 6:15PM, 8:40PM

THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE (M/NFT)
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BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

GOAT (PG)
Daily except Thurs: 12:00PM. Thurs: 5:15PM

HOPPERS (PG)
Daily except Thurs: 9:45AM, 5:15PM. Thurs: 10:10AM

PROJECT HAIL MARY (M)
Daily except Thurs: 2:10PM, 6:45PM. Thurs: 2:30PM

THE DRAMA (M/15+)
Daily except Thurs: 12:10PM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM. Thurs: 12:10PM, 2:45PM, 7:30PM

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE (G/NFT)
Daily except Thurs: 10:00AM, 2:20PM. Thurs: 12:30PM

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DATE	DAY	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
1	W	6:55 / 18:43	18:06 / 5:49	08:51 1.65 21:19 1.58	02:30 0.36 14:59 0.31
2	TH	6:56 / 18:42	18:35 / 6:46	09:25 1.58 21:55 1.63	03:11 0.37 15:26 0.30
3	F	6:57 / 18:41	19:05 / 7:42	09:56 1.50 22:28 1.66	03:51 0.40 15:52 0.31
4	SA	6:57 / 18:40	19:37 / 8:39	10:27 1.41 23:00 1.66	04:31 0.45 16:18 0.34
5	SU	5:58 / 17:38	19:13 / 8:37	09:57 1.32 22:34 1.64	04:12 0.50 15:44 0.39
6	M	5:58 / 17:35	19:54 / 9:34	10:30 1.22 23:10 1.60	04:55 0.56 16:12 0.45
7	TU	5:59 / 17:37	20:39 / 10:30	11:05 1.13 23:51 1.54	05:43 0.62 16:43 0.52
8	W	5:59 / 17:36	21:30 / 11:24	11:49 1.06 12:48 1.00	06:39 0.68 17:21 0.59
9	TH	6:00 / 17:35	22:24 / 12:14	00:42 1.48 12:48 1.00	07:47 0.71 18:15 0.67
10	F	6:01 / 17:33	23:22 / 12:59	01:49 1.43 14:18 0.99	09:05 0.70 19:37 0.71
11	SA	6:01 / 17:32	13:40	03:07 1.43 15:48 1.04	10:12 0.65 21:09 0.70
12	SU	6:02 / 17:31	0:21 / 14:16	04:14 1.48 16:51 1.15	11:01 0.58 22:21 0.64
13	M	6:02 / 17:30	1:20 / 14:50	05:08 1.54 17:40 1.27	11:41 0.49 23:19 0.55
14	TU	6:03 / 17:29	2:20 / 15:21	05:54 1.60 18:25 1.41	12:15 0.40
15	W	6:03 / 17:28	3:21 / 15:52	06:36 1.64 19:07 1.56	00:09 0.47 12:49 0.32

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Proposed lease over road reserve

Council is proposing to lease 14.25sqm of the road reserve on the corner of Wallum Place and Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay.

In accordance with Section 154 of the Roads Act 1993 interested parties can make submissions about this proposal within 28 days.

Visit byron.nsw.gov.au/ Public-Notices to make a submission.

Submissions close 23 April 2026.

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DEATH NOTICES

BRADY, PETER FRANCIS

Late of Rosewood QLD, formerly of Fernleigh NSW, passed away peacefully on 26th March, 2026, aged 87 years. Much loved ex-husband, father, brother, grandfather and uncle – and a great friend to many. A service for Peter has been held in Ipswich, QLD on Wed 1st April 2026.

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To the ladies in the canteen you made my visits to the hospital a lot easier by your friendly chats and best food – and my hot chocolate.

Lucielle & Little Bella

If once in my lifetime a wish could come true I would open the door and you and Dixie would walk through – never to be forgotten.

Lucielle

REVOCATION OF THE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD

In accordance with Section 82 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 as amended, the Bush Fire Danger Period within the following Local Government areas will be revoked from midnight Tuesday 31 March 2026.

- Ballina
- Byron
- Kyogle
- Lismore
- Richmond Valley
- Tweed

Pursuant to Section 87 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 as amended, fire permits will no longer be required in rural areas for the lighting of fire for the purposes of land clearance or land breaks.

Smoke regulations prohibit burning in some areas. Contact your local Council or local Fire Brigade for further information.



Community Engagement Opportunity

Vode with assistance from Rockpool Architects is planning a mixed-use development at 9-13 and 15 Clifford Street, Suffolk Park, designed to provide much-needed additional housing and retail opportunities for the local community.

The proposal includes shop top housing within the Employment 1 zoned land, comprising approximately 200m2 of retail space fronting Clifford Street with 10 residential apartments above. The development has been designed to sit below the applicable height limit and will include two dedicated affordable housing units. To the rear, the low-density residential zoned land will accommodate six detached family homes.

The site currently contains nine dilapidated dwellings and significant vegetation. The proposed development has been carefully designed to retain all Coastal Pine trees on the site, with additional native planting and ecological restoration proposed.

As we finalise the design ahead of lodging a Development Application, we invite the community to provide feedback on the proposal.

The project team is holding information days on the 22nd and 23rd of April at The Suffolk Park Community Hall. To find out more or to have your questions answered personally, we welcome you to please get in touch and reserve a meeting time with the project team.

For further information, to review the plans or to book a meeting, please contact:

sgeorgeconsulting@gmail.com by 21st April 2026.

We look forward to engaging with the community and welcome your feedback.

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Bangalow	6629 7500
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WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service...	6628 1898

The Echo's Market Guide

Find it online: www.echo.net.au/market-guide

MONTHLY MARKETS:

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

Seasonal: **Byron Beachside Market** - four times a year: Wed 7th Jan 2026, Easter, July and Sept

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS:

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

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

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Brunswick Valley VIEW Club has author Sally Warriner as guest speaker at its luncheon on 9 April. She is the author of *Not Just the Wife of the General Manager*. The venue is Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. All are welcome to attend. Numbers are needed for catering purposes. Phone 0412 246 310 before 2 April. Our club supports eight disadvantaged students in The Smith Family's Learning for Life program. VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women. For more information call Rita on 0424 852 679.

Mullumbimby CWA

Homemade Anzac biscuits will be on sale at our stall on 24 April in front of Stewart's Menswear in Mullumbimby's main street. The ladies will be selling the delicious biscuits from 9am. The branch meeting is on the second Wednesday of each month at 10am. Come and join us. For more information, call secretary Jenny on 66847 282 or contact her on cwamullum@gmail.com.

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Friends of Libraries (FOL) are now collecting books for next year's Book Fair. Any books both clean and in good condition will be gratefully accepted, highlighting the need for children's books, young adults, art, fiction, non-fiction, history, and sport, to name a few. Book drop-off will take place on the first Monday of each month between 9 and 10am, until the Book Fair in July, 2026 at the Byron Bay Self Storage Shed, 8-10 Tasman Way, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Donated books will be collected by a FOL member at the storage shed gate. Contact: Janene Jarvis 0407 855 022 if unable to deliver books or for any other queries.

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Voluntary assisted dying book

Writer Char Weeks, a regular visitor to Byron Bay for more than 36 years, is seeking to speak with local people who have experienced the loss of a loved one through voluntary assisted dying. She is currently writing a book tentatively titled *When Someone You Love Chooses Voluntary Assisted Dying*, which explores the experiences of families and friends who find themselves living alongside that decision. The book takes a careful, balanced approach and focuses on the lived experiences of those close to the person at the centre of the decision. Conversations can take place in person or via Zoom. Anyone interested in reading the book synopsis, or willing to speak confidentially about their experience, is warmly invited to get in touch. Contact charweeks036@gmail.com.

Byron Seniors Club Canva workshops

Discover the power of design with Canva. This beginner-friendly workshop will guide you through the essentials of the free version of Canva - including creating your first project. You'll gain confidence in navigating Canva's tools and features while exploring what you can create and share. You'll also have the chance to connect with your community, share ideas and feel inspired in a relaxed, supportive space. When: Friday 24 April from 10am to 1pm, Where: Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street. Cost: free for Club Members - bookings essential seniorsbyroncentre.com.au.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is to be held on Wednesday, 8 April 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. Members are also reminded to bring a friend or someone you know who may be in need of support - This will again be a morning of quality sharing updates. Enquiries phone Bob Corney 0493 075 612.

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Brad Rogan – Sotheby’s International – Lists an Elevated Oceanfront Grandeur Property with World-Class Views above Lennox Head

Elevated above the village, the substantial two-storey residence commands uninterrupted north-facing views that extend across the coastline and out to the Pacific Ocean, an outlook defined by both its permanence and its ever-changing natural beauty.

The property occupies a blue-chip position where development opportunities are increasingly scarce. Its scale, orientation, and structural integrity provide a strong foundation for enhancement, whether through thoughtful renovation or a complete architectural reimagining. In a market where prime vantage points are seldom traded, this residence presents a compelling proposition for both lifestyle buyers and long-term investors.

‘Opportunities of this calibre are becoming exceptionally difficult to secure. The position alone, with world-class ocean views, makes this a standout, but it’s the potential to create something truly landmark that elevates it further,’ Brad Rogan states.

Internally, the home is designed to maximise its coastal setting. Expansive glazing across the primary living zones, and multiple balconies, ensures the ocean outlook remains the focal point, while natural light is drawn deep into the interiors. The dual-level layout offers flexibility, accommodating multi-generational

living, guest separation, or future design transformation.

The home’s northerly orientation is a defining feature, optimising year-round sunlight, prevailing sea breezes, and seamless indoor-outdoor integration. Outdoor entertaining areas and the pool are strategically positioned to take full advantage of these elements, reinforcing the connection between the built environment and its coastal surroundings.

Brad goes on to say, ‘What I love is how naturally the home captures light, ocean breezes, and the view, it’s a combination that’s incredibly hard to replicate.’

Despite its elevated and private setting, the residence remains within close proximity to Lennox Head’s celebrated surf beaches, scenic coastal walks, and vibrant village centre, known for its cafes and boutique retail offering. This balance of seclusion and accessibility continues to underpin strong buyer demand in the area.

When we asked Brad about the market, he said, ‘Lennox Head is fast establishing itself as a premium destination in the Byron Bay region underpinned by a healthy and active buyer pool. We’re seeing strong interest not only from local purchasers, but increasingly from Byron Bay buyers who are recognising the value and lifestyle appeal Lennox Head offers.’



‘In the premium market, Lennox Head is also drawing attention well beyond the immediate and metropolitan regions with growing international interest, further cementing its status as a landmark coastal destination.’

Overall, 6 Seacrest Place represents a generational opportunity to secure a premier coastal holding with the potential to evolve into a landmark residence of enduring value.

For more information on this incredible home contact Brad Rogan at Sotheby’s International.

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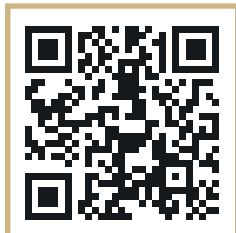
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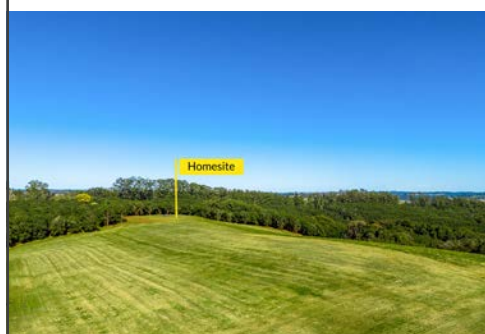


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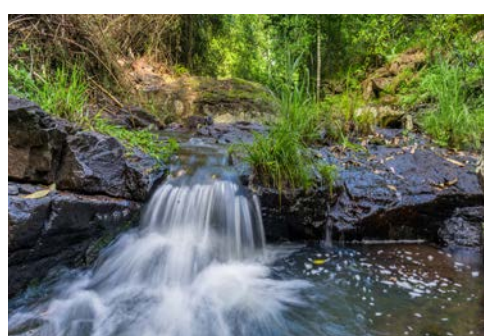
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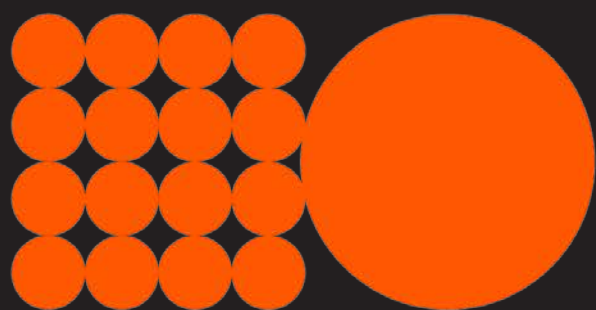
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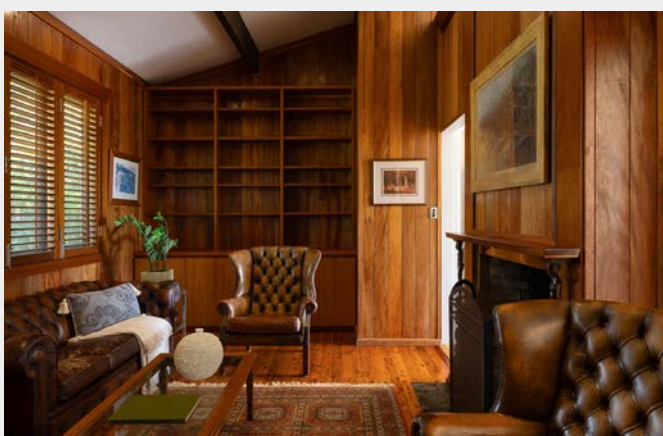


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Designed to embrace its spectacular setting, the home opens effortlessly to an expansive outdoor entertaining area where a stunning pool overlooks the ocean, creating an extraordinary backdrop for everyday living. Inside, the residence offers generous proportions and character throughout, highlighted by parquetry timber floors, light-filled living spaces and a unique fully timber cigar sitting room, adding warmth and personality to the home. Accommodation is equally impressive, with five bedrooms and three bathrooms, including a spectacular upstairs master retreat that captures panoramic north-facing views across the ocean, coastline, golf course and hinterland.

Large windows throughout the home ensure many rooms share the same breathtaking outlook, filling the interiors with natural light and coastal breezes throughout the day. Set amongst beautifully landscaped gardens and expansive lawns, the grounds offer space, privacy and flexibility rarely



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- Parquetry timber flooring in living spaces
- Unique fully timber cigar sitting room
- Spectacular upstairs master retreat with panoramic views
- Private, elevated coastal setting
- Minutes to beaches, Brunswick Heads and village amenities

Expressions Of Interest Closing 13th April 2026

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SOLD: 47 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach
\$1,395,000



SOLD: 2/11 Booyun Street Brunswick Heads
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 New Australia Institute research has revealed that Australian governments are providing the equivalent of \$31,020 a minute in fossil fuel subsidies as households continue to struggle with rising petrol and electricity prices. The Australia Institute analysis (<https://australiainstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/P1916-Fossil-Fuel-Subsidies-2026-Web.pdf>) shows that state and federal governments will provide \$16.3 billion in subsidies in 2025/26 to some of the biggest, most profitable companies in Australia, an increase of 9.4 per cent on last financial year.

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 In a bid to stay ahead of the trend *The Echo* will shift its printing contract to a 3D printer so it 'can present more dynamic news stories'.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■
 NSW Police have said that the NSW Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) rolled out



Susan Skyvington was as happy as a pig in mud to be contributing to the big Gondwana Green Day Out rainforest tree planting at Goonengerry last week. Local volunteers rolled up their sleeves to help restore rainforest habitat, planting 1,600 native trees at the community tree-planting event organised by Gondwana Rainforest Trust. The Northern Rivers was once covered by extensive rainforest, but today only small fragments remain. By planting native species along waterways and former farmland, projects like this help stabilise creek banks, improve water quality, and create habitat for wildlife. Photo Jeff 'Think I'll Have A Green Day Out Myself' Dawson

in February 2024 has been a screaming success. Having had the EDDI referrals left to police discretion, new research from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has identified that fewer than one in ten people caught in possession of illicit drugs (excluding cannabis) are being diverted away from court. 'This is leaving not only those who miss out on diversion programs screaming at officers and courts – it has ensured that proponents of the EDDI are truly getting to vocalise their frustration ensuring satisfaction for all involved,' said a NSW Police spokesperson who asked not to be identified.

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