

Will Byron be destroyed by state's fast-tracked development?

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council is being urged to seek an exemption from the state government's housing fast-track system, and a pause or review of major developments that conflict with local planning rules.

A staff report going before councillors on 15 October recommends writing to Planning Minister Paul Scully, arguing that Byron has an endorsed housing strategy, established planning controls and a demonstrated record of delivering housing.

The proposed response follows growing concern about developments entering the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) and State Significant Development (SSD) pathways, where the minister or a delegate determines applications rather than Council.

But staff warn that the implications extend beyond who makes the final decision.

'The state pathway can potentially change the planning parameters against which the development is assessed,' the report states.

Projects can enter the pathway alongside proposed rezonings, allowing changes to controls governing height, density and land use.

The report identifies declared

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Alex Harper, Henry West, Kate Jaggard, Byron Bay International Film Festival (BBFF) Director, J'aimee Skippon-Volke and Jasper Cardozo are getting ready to bring you the 20th annual BBFF. During the festival they are holding a free night of celebration of the next generation of music video makers, bringing this year's Best Music Video finalists together on Wednesday, 21 October, from 6.30–9.30pm at the Arts Factory, home to BBFF's first three Music Video Awards. Get yourself a ticket at: BBFF.com.au. Read more about the BBFF on page 11. Photo Jeff Dawson

Bruns residents and Reflections struggle to find common ground

Aslan Shand

Brunswick Heads residents called on their local MP Tamara Smith for a meeting to discuss the fences that Reflections Holiday Parks have erected around the park area where the community planted native cypress pines commemorating the Battle of Lone Pine in WWI, which has been utilised by the community for over 60 years for recreation.

Cypress pine area now off limits

However, when residents and Ms Smith entered the site they say were told by park management that they were trespassing and asked to leave the park.

According to locals in attendance, the behaviour of management was aggressive and Ms Smith

therefore called the police.

Responding to questions from *The Echo* a spokesperson for Reflections has disputed the accusation that their management was aggressive 'and does not accept the characterisation of the conduct of those involved'.

'The individuals involved in the interaction felt threatened by the behaviour of the group that entered the precinct. We are

increasingly concerned about the impact of ongoing community tensions, including threats and public commentary, on the safety and wellbeing of people working at our Brunswick Heads parks.'

Reflections claim that the area in dispute that they have recently named The Pines Precinct, 'is within the operational boundary of the Reflections Holidays Brunswick

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Byron Bay march calls for peace in Gaza

A peaceful march through Byron Bay on Sunday morning brought people together in solidarity with Palestinians, and to call for an end to the continuing violence in Gaza.

Local comedian and Greens candidate for Ballina Mandy Nolan introduced several speakers before an estimated 600 participants completed a lap of the town, bringing their message of peace and humanity to the streets of Byron Bay.

Subhi Awad, Palestinian refugee, and convenor of Northern Rivers Friends of Palestine, said ‘It is an outrage that we can be arrested for protesting genocide [rather] than for being complicit in it. We are enraged by our government acting in the interests of Israel ahead of the interests of us, its citizens.

‘NSW Labor Premier, Chris Minns, is joining Queensland’s action to silence political speech – he wants us to be banned from saying “from the river to the sea” and “globalise the intifada”. Like Australians rallying across the country, we call on the Albanese government sanction to Israel, end the two-way military trade and expel the Israeli ambassador.’



Byron Bay marchers in National Day of Action for Gaza. Photo supplied

Never again

Annie Pfingst from Jews for Palestine Northern Rivers and Northern Rivers Friends of Palestine said, ‘As a granddaughter of the European genocide I, amongst others, are under ethical obligation to give effect and voice to “never again”.

‘Australia is a signatory to the 1948 Genocide Convention. This places Australia under obligation to punish or prevent a genocide.’

Cass Lillis, intensive care nurse and recent volunteer with PANZMA in Gaza said, ‘As a healthcare worker in Gaza, witnessing a genocide first-hand in which our government is still complicit after three years, I am here

today as a witness.

‘This complicity is supported by the legacy media, who continue to frame what’s happening not as a genocide but as a war with two sides when in fact it’s a military superpower that is deliberately killing and maiming a civilian population. I saw countless children killed and wounded in the few weeks that I was there.

‘The Albanese government has the power to stop this, first by not sending Israel the mechanisms and components to make it happen and by sanctioning Israel and expelling its representative as party to war crimes.’

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

Byron Council faces \$2.4m annual grant loss

Paul Bibby

Byron Shire Council could lose more than half its annual Financial Assistance Grant funding under proposed changes to NSW’s allocation formula, according to a joint statement issued by five councils.

Byron, Tweed, Lismore, Kyogle and MidCoast councils called on the NSW government to pause the proposed reforms, warning of significant consequences for services and infrastructure.

Byron estimates the proposed model would reduce its annual allocation by \$2.4 million, or 51.48 per cent, from 2027–28.

Together, the five councils estimate annual funding losses of approximately \$18.9 million, including \$6.53 million for Tweed and \$4.25 million for Lismore.

Financial Assistance

Grants are Commonwealth funds distributed through the states to support local services and infrastructure.

The councils argue the methodology proposed by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission does not adequately recognise disaster recovery pressures, tourism, road usage and the differing costs of delivering regional services.

They particularly oppose counting disaster recovery operating grants towards councils’ revenue capacity, arguing that money tied to repairing damaged assets cannot fund ordinary operations.

In yesterday’s joint statement, Byron Mayor Sarah Ndiaye said resident population figures did not reflect the demands visitors placed on local infrastructure.

‘Most of our visitors arrive by road, creating additional demands on local and

regional road networks that are not reflected in resident population figures,’ Cr Ndiaye said.

She said Byron was still recovering from the 2022 floods while servicing a visitor population far greater than its resident population.

The commission says its review aims to simplify calculations, improve data reliability and distribute funding more equitably according to councils’ relative financial needs.

Its consultation presentation includes an alternative adjustment excluding specified storm and flood operating grants from revenue calculations.

The model has not yet been finalised, with submissions just closed on 9 October.

The five councils warn that reduced allocations could force service cuts or additional revenue measures, including special rate variations.

Measles alert for Byron Beachside Markets

People who attended Byron Beachside Markets on Main Beach foreshore, near Bay Street and Denning Park, on Saturday, 26 September between 9.30am and 12.30pm are being urged to

watch for measles symptoms after a new confirmed case visited while unknowingly infectious.

Northern NSW Local Health District issued the alert on 8 October, saying the

person had been in contact with an earlier case reported on September 23.

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Norma Gunhoe brings the ‘Gunghoedown’ to town

Radio broadcasting sensation, Norma Gunhoe, is launching herself at the world from the Mullumbimby Golf Club with the Gunghoedown this Saturday, 17 October at 6pm and you are invited to come along and join the fun.

Norma Gunhoe is a community radio broadcasting sensation with more than a hint of eco-curiousness about her. She is the ‘Unfiltered Voice of Our Community’ and inspires climate action through her strictly limited podcast The Norma Gunhoe Show, premiering this November.

Out and about

In preparation for the show Norma has been out and about in her anti-facial recognition make-up doing interviews with people like Greens Leader David Shoebridge, and the co-founder of Surfers For Climate Belinda Baggs. She has even spoken with members of the Lismore Loop of the Knitting Nanas Against Gas at a knit-in outside the office of the Member for Page Kevin Hogan who, to date, has declined to be interviewed.



Norma Gunhoe (Nell Schofield) and Simone O'Brien unpacking the fun and laughs for you to come and enjoy this Saturday. Photo Jeff ‘Razor Cuts’ Dawson

Come and join Norma and her team this Saturday with a premiere screening of Episode 2 and a meet-and-greet with the team including, of course, the inimitable Norma. You will see performances by The Special Kays and other surprise guests, and you can even be an extra in the show if you chose. Entry is by donation and you can reserve a seat at: northernriversproductions@gmail.com.

Vale local legend, Peter ‘Video Pete’ Couldwell

Nick Couldwell

Byron Bay has lost a local legend. A colourful character who called the bay home since 1980, Peter ‘Video Pete’ Couldwell passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on 2 October 2026.

An avid traveller, keen fisherman, and lifelong Manly Sea Eagles supporter, Pete was a familiar face around town. Many would have enjoyed a chat and a laugh with him at the Railway Friendly Bar or the local RSL.

Pete was a longstanding member of both the freshwater and saltwater fishing clubs, sharing his passion for fishing with fellow enthusiasts over several decades.

Originally from Sydney’s Northern



Celebrate Pete’s life at the Byron Bay Bowling Club on Sunday, 18 October, from 2pm. Photo supplied

Beaches, Pete headed north after spending a decade on the slopes of Perisher Valley. He arrived in Byron Bay and, in the early 1980s, worked at

the local video store, where he earned the nickname that would stick with him for the rest of his life. He later worked at *The Echo* throughout the 1990s and 2000s.

If you were lucky enough to know Pete, chances are you would have heard one of the many great stories from his life. He was a character in the truest sense, and his stories, humour and presence will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A celebration of Pete’s life will be held at the Byron Bay Bowling Club on Sunday, 18 October, from 2pm. All who knew Pete are welcome to come together to share memories and celebrate a life well lived.

Pete will be sorely missed.

Suffolk residents raise concerns over Clifford Street DA

Aslan Shand

Last Tuesday saw around 40-50 Suffolk Park residents come together to discuss the latest development application (DA 10.2026.476.1) for 9-15 Clifford Street, Suffolk Park.

Two previous DAs from Denwol have been refused by the Land and Environment Court and this is the fifth public meeting addressing development at this site over the last four-and-a-half years.

The developer told *The Echo* that this ‘is a very different scheme to the one refused by the Land and Environment Court’.

Project manager, Mark Howard of Vode said, ‘We’ve spent the last few years reworking this site from the ground up. We took the court’s decision seriously. We’ve listened to the community, to Council and to the court, and the plan now on exhibition is the result.’

However, those attending the meeting said they still have many of

the same concerns as they had with previous iterations of the DA.

Traffic concerns

While conceding some mitigation in the latest plans, many local residents said the central concerns still remain including traffic, size and bulk, and tree removal.

‘Residents raised traffic congestion, exacerbated parking pressures on our already choked streets, and safety issues as the principal concerns,’ one attendee told *The Echo*.

‘Traffic was the key issue. It was suggested that there should be no mixed-use development in Clifford Street until problems at the notorious Clifford Street/Broken Head intersection are solved.’ They also questioned the methodology used to assess traffic impact and ‘the veracity of the figures, along with the timeframe of the build, closure of roads, etc.’

Height concerns

Whether the three-storey height would set a precedent for three storeys in Suffolk Park was challenged by the developers, but from advice provided to organisers from Byron Council, and considering the history of the Shire, it makes it very likely that an increase in height will be used as a precedent in the future.

Wildlife corridor impacts

The removal of 17 critically endangered littoral rainforest and endangered swamp sclerophyll trees was also raised. ‘These remnants provide both feed trees and structural support for the vulnerable koala, as well as habitat and a wildlife corridor for other species,’ another attendee told *The Echo*.

The DA is on exhibition until 27 October. Find out more at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Report-Requests-Feedback/Public-Notices/Nominated-Integrated-development-Clifford-Street-Suffolk-Park.

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Tickets online at Humanitix (<https://events.humanitix.com/spring-fever-funky-fashion-parade>) or at the door, \$10 entry. For information (text only) 0427 169 098.

Call for the community to join the Mullumbimby clean up

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce and Community (MCCC) are calling on local businesses and the community to join them in cleaning up the main street of town on Sunday, 25 October from 8am to 10am.

Many of the poles in the town that have been painted by local school students have become covered in posters and the MCCC will be cleaning up the poles so students can again paint them for the town.

'We are going to set up four places to put posters throughout the town so that people don't need to cover the artwork our local students have created,' said Jenelle.

The new poster boards will be on the side of the IGA building, the side of Baker & Daughters where mural artist Daniel Hend will add the poster boards into his murals (see page 14 for Daniel's upcoming exhibition), at the



Mullumbimby Chamber member and Mullumbimby Newsagent owner Jenelle Stanford is calling on the community to join the Chamber to help clean up the town. Photo Jeff Dawson

end of the path at Santos, and the newsagency will dedicate one window for posters.

'We have been having issues with posters ending up in drains and blocking them when we have heavy rain and flooding the streets,'

explained Jenelle.

'If posters are put in places other than the designated billboards, they will be removed.'

'It has also come to our attention that there are areas, other than the main street, that also have a lot of

rubbish, so if we get enough people we will try and do more so please come and lend a hand.'

For more information or to put up a poster in the Newsagency window drop in and see Jenelle at the Mullumbimby Newsagent.

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Bruns locals call for access to cypress pine park area

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Heads holiday park which has long been used for camping.'

However, prior to Reflections taking over the camp site previously known as Terrace Reserve Holiday Park, Byron Shire Council, as the then Reserve Manager, identified 'encroached lands were used for "overflow" primitive camping during peak periods (Christmas and Easter) only between 1988-2000. Other encroached lands were simply used by the respective park managers.'

This was for unpowered, tents-only, campsites.

The Crown land is now managed by Reflections who told *The Echo*, 'As a Category One Crown Land Manager, Reflections has responsibilities to protect the environment and provide a safe and secure environment for guests and our employees.'

One local who spoke to *The Echo* about the incident said, 'Residents are appalled. They want the fencing and locked gates removed. Reflection have offered no evidence of security or safety issues to warrant the high security approach. Fencing is only supposed to be used as a last resort not a first option.'

Consent conditions

Responding to questions from *The Echo*, Deputy Mayor, Eia Hauge, said 'unfortunately, as Reflections is a NSW government corporation operating on state-owned Crown land, Council has limited authority to ensure continued public access to this meaningful piece of public land.'

'What Council can do is

make sure Reflections is meeting the conditions of the 2021 Land and Environment Court decision. The decision sets out where camping can occur, and outlines the setbacks and buffers protecting the cypress pines. There may also be pathways for Council to preserve public access through the site's Plan of Management (PoM), which hasn't been reviewed since 2014.

'I am investigating this option and will continue to work alongside community, who have deep knowledge and historical context on this matter. We must keep advocating for local input and local benefit for public land use decisions.'

■ Tamara Smith MP was contacted for comment.



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Tricia will be in conversation at the Byron Bay Library with: Mick O'Regan, journalist and broadcaster; Rusty Miller, author and musician; and Keven Oxford, co-founder of the Byron Bay Blues Festival, Live Coverage music promoter in the '70s and Byron Arts Factory manager, to chat about her new book and share stories from this incredible time.

Light refreshments will be served and places are limited so a booking is essential. Visit www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au or call 6685 8540 to book your spot.

Byron urged to seek exemption from state housing fast-track

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projects including 140 dwellings at 148–158 Jonson Street, 70 at 11 Butler Street and 60 at 90–96 Jonson Street, Byron Bay.

The Jonson Street proposals have already prompted concern about departures from Byron's longstanding 11.5-metre height limit. Community group People of Byron has sought a pause and review of declarations and recognition of the town's distinctive character.

Staff now recommend Council seek a 'distinctive character settlement' planning category recognising the environmental sensitivity and coastal character of the Shire's towns.

They also propose requiring assessments of the combined impacts of major projects on traffic, parking, water and sewer services, flooding, public space and town character.

Affordable housing is another concern.

While the state's criteria now require affordable housing offerings that align with, or exceed, applicable policies, staff recommend pushing for permanent affordable housing where practicable, targeted to local households and workers.

Council would also seek earlier involvement in the process and reimbursement for its technical assessment and infrastructure advice.

The report stresses that state assessment still requires consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts. Entering the pathway does not automatically secure development approval.

Nor can Council simply opt out.

Staff say there appears to be no statutory mechanism allowing Byron to unilaterally withdraw from the system.

The report includes a December 2024 letter in which Mayor Sarah Ndiaye sought Byron's exclusion from the initial HDA process, citing Council's existing housing initiatives and community involvement.

'To bypass us via a confidential expression of interest (EOI) process and planning pathway without known site selection criteria, now would disregard and undermine all the work and effort to date to deliver on our Residential Strategy 2041,' she wrote.

The current report says that request received no response.

Councillors will decide whether to pursue the proposed measures. Staff recommend Council continue making detailed submissions on state-assessed developments and seeking strong approval conditions regardless of the outcome.

■ Read more on page 13.

Janet Swain launches Labor campaign for Ballina

Byron Shire Councillor Janet Swain has officially launched her campaign as Labor's candidate for the state seat of Ballina at the March 2027 NSW election.

NSW Labor announced her candidacy in a statement on Friday, 9 October, following her successful bid for party preselection last month.

Cr Swain, who was elected to Byron Shire Council in 2024, said housing, services and opportunities for local families would be among her priorities.



Labor's candidate for the state seat of Ballina, Cr Janet Swain. Photo supplied

'I love this part of NSW, but I also know the challenges people are facing. If I'm elected, I'll work every day to make sure Ballina has a strong voice in parliament, fighting for better services, more affordable housing and real opportunities for local families,' she said.

Labor's announcement highlighted the government's record on local education, emergency services and housing. Cr Swain said her approach would centre on listening to residents and working with them.

'That's been my focus as a Byron Shire councillor, and I'm ready to take that approach to NSW parliament to help improve the lives of people in the Northern Rivers.'

Ballina is currently held by Greens MP Tamara Smith, who has represented the electorate since 2015 and will not contest the next election.

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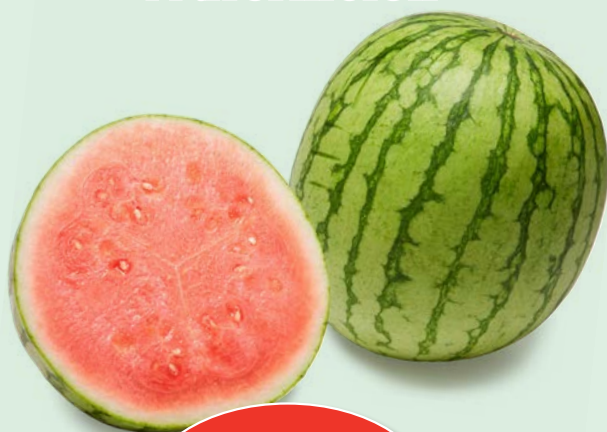
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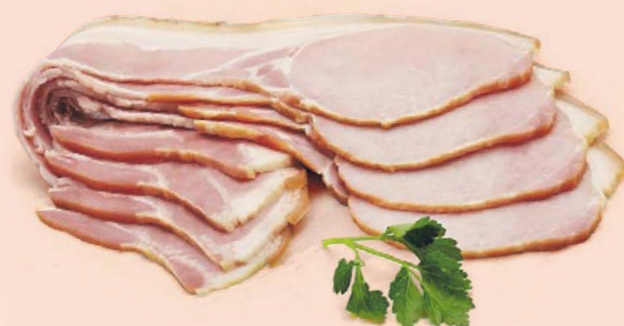
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57 Station Street DA heads to NRPP but questions remain

Aslan Shand

Following the revealing debate at the last Byron Shire Council (BSC) meeting where it became clear that many councillors had lost faith in the process behind the affordable housing development (DA.10.2025.212.1) at 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby a series of questions were put to staff by Deputy Mayor, Elia Hauge, in relation to the site.

During the debate over BSC potentially withdrawing support for the Landcom DA, councillors discovered from Director Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, that Landcom had bundled the development in with two other Northern Rivers affordable housing developments in a Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) application. Burt said that there would be potential implications for the other two developments if the BSC withdrew support from the highly criticised DA submitted by Landcom for the development of the carpark site.

Unknown HAFF funding application

The idea that a withdrawal of support for 57 Station Street could impact other affordable housing projects in the region was, understandably, concerning for many councillors. Though, as reported in *The Echo*, Burt was unable to clarify which other developments the carpark site had been bundled with and it was unclear if this was because of non-disclosure agreements signed by Council staff with Homes NSW or because they didn't know.

Burt has responded to Deputy Mayor Hauge's questions in this month's Council papers.

Burt's response makes it abundantly clear that BSC

It's abundantly clear that BSC staff, as well as councillors, have been left in the dark by Landcom

staff, as well as councillors, have been left in the dark in relation to the HAFF funding situation, or even if it has been submitted by Landcom, with Burt stating that, 'Landcom informally advised Council that they were considering making an application under HAFF Round 3 program, the details of which were not provided... Council has otherwise not been formally involved in this application process. The general manager has written to Landcom requesting a formal response from them about the details.'

Not sold but can't withdraw?

During the previous BSC meeting Burt made it clear that BSC could not withdraw its consent for the project as it had previously consented to the DA. In her subsequent response to Cr Hauge's questions she clarified that, Council resolution 24-252, resolved, in part, that Council, 'Sells the land identified as lots 6, 7 and 8 in DP 2772 (together known as 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby (the Land)) to the project's preferred community housing provider [CHP]... The resolution authorises the sale of the land however, execution of the contract of sale and any associated legal documentation will occur in accordance with Council's adopted delegations.' Despite confusion on whether the sale has gone through, BSC has yet to sign a contract selling the land to a CHP. Burt's answer did not directly answer Cr Hauge's question: 'Has the authority to sign an agreement selling

57 Station St for \$1 been delegated to the general manager, or is a further resolution of Council required?'

Answers to other questions, however, made it clear that no CHP has even been selected. Furthermore, Burt says, 'The selection outcome may also be contingent on Landcom securing funding through the HAFF Round 3 program.'

No clarity on affordable housing

During previous meetings, it was questioned whether the 57 Station St development would even create 'affordable housing' as defined by BSC. In answer to Cr Hauge's question, of whether BSC's adopted definition of affordable housing even applied to the site, Burt's answer was again a little fuzzy, stating that while 'The advice from Landcom remains current and correct for the project: "Rents are set at a percentage of market rent, typically 74.9 per cent of market rent, or capped at 30 per cent of household income for eligible tenants, whichever is lower. The exact formula will be determined by the Community Housing Provider (CHP) in accordance with NSW Government ministerial guidelines"'. If the NSW Government ministerial guidelines are not in line with BSC's definition, then one assumes the ministerial guidelines will be used if it is not spelt out in any legally binding documents between Council, Landcom, HAFF, and the CHP that the BSC definition will take precedence.

No legal access over sewer line

The original DA omitted reference to a sewer line, and in the modified DA an easement above that line was created, as building over a sewer line is prohibited. In response to questions of rear access over the sewerage easement for local businesses such as Pink Lotus and The Other Joint cafe, Burt stated, 'The creation of the sewer easement does not confer any automatic right of access for the landowner or adjoining businesses to their premises. Any access rights are a separate matter.'

She clarified that a right of way over the land would need to be negotiated and formalised independently and that, 'staff are awaiting advice to proceed in obtaining an independent valuation for the right of way and agreement of sharing of costs'.

NRPP decision

The DA for the 57 Station Street carpark site is going before the Northern Rivers Planning Panel (NRPP) for assessment on Monday, 19 October at 2pm.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the hearing must register with the NRPP by Thursday, 15 October.

Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) is encouraging locals to register to speak to the NRPP on this DA, and will be holding a drop-in workshop on Friday, 16 October, at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, from 4pm to 7pm. For more information contact: mullumra@gmail.com.

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Little did a small group of bushwalkers know, when they went on their first club walk to Salty Lagoon back in 1976, that their club would still be thriving 50 years later.

This October, the club, now called the Northern Rivers Outdoor Adventure Club, will hold several anniversary events.

This Saturday, many former members will join

current members for a celebratory lunch. This will be a feast of storytelling and reminiscing.

And later this weekend, club members will head to Tyalgum for what is now an annual event – several days of hiking, cycling and kayaking. Plus, of course, lots of socialising.

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Time for a little respect

It is National Carers Week and the theme this year is ‘Care for a carer: Making carers visible’. The website says ‘The 2026 theme shines a light on the invaluable contribution of unpaid carers and encourages all Australians to recognise, support and care for the carers in their families, workplaces and communities.’

In 2020 that care was estimated at three million unpaid carers in Australia that provide approximately \$80 billion of unpaid care a year, that is \$1.5 billion a week.

It is a nice sentiment that the government has promoted with one hand, while with their other hand slashing funding to the NDIS leaving carers, and those they care for, vulnerable and at risk. I know. I’m a carer.

I have been through the wringer on behalf of the family member I care for. An NDIS funding review slashed funding to their program. There was no transition funding. One day you have a program and care structure in place that you have carefully planned and the next you have a whole lot of employment and financial commitments you can’t meet. There was no ‘you have a week or a month to redo your program of care for this person’. One day there was funding, the next it had been radically slashed.

Suddenly, the structure of safety, care, and stability that surrounded my family member, myself, and my family had been ripped away. My partner and children stepped up further – my children have been providing what the NDIS call ‘informal care’ since they were in primary school. And luckily for me I did have kind and generous people who stepped up while I spent three months going through the process of seeking a review for the person I care for.

Without those generous offers of help that supplemented paid care, care I was unable to provide because I work, have children, and

need sleep; the person I care for would have been left at significant risk of harm. Those many people who took the initiative and said ‘can I help?’ meant it, and stepped in, were life savers. Both for myself and my family member who I care for.

After three months the review finally came around. The NDIS reviewer said ‘I’ve looked at your previous program and the new one and I don’t understand why the funding was cut. I’ll have it restored by the end of the day.’

I was relieved and grateful. But in reality, that should never have happened. Unfortunately, it is happening across the board, leaving families and those in need of care vulnerable, at risk, and desperate.

Apparently, I will have to go through this whole process again in February 2027 when the government will automatically cut 50 per cent of all NDIS recipients’ social and community funding. Again, I will be left without the funds of the capacity to provide safety and care for the person I care for. Again, I assume I will have to go through a review to prove that the support is needed. Again, I will have to hope that my partner, children, family, and friends step up and help – them becoming, like me, one of those three million people who provide unpaid care to others in our community.

The bad actors who have ripped off the NDIS should absolutely be stopped. But that is the responsibility of the government. They need to put in the correct legislation and to run their NDIS funding reviews well and with humanity. It should not be done at the cost of those who provide care and those who need care. They are the most vulnerable of our community and should be treated with humanity and respect for the significant time, effort, love and care they provide saving this government \$1.5 billion dollars every week, \$80 billion a year in care costs.

Aslan Shand, editor

Why bribe government when you can just buy it?

Sunil Badami

Say what you like about Clive Palmer – although given how notoriously litigious he is, maybe don’t.

But at least he puts his money where his mouth is by running for office (he was in federal parliament 2013-2016), even if he was often absent from parliament and his electorate, and didn’t put forward a single question or piece of legislation.

Perhaps that’s why other billionaires like Gina Rinehart simply deploy lobbyists behind the scenes or donate to political parties like One Nation and thinktanks like the IPA to promote their vested interests.

Reaganomics neoliberal deregulation didn’t just result in the ‘greed is good’ ethos that skewed the balance between labour and capital in favour of shareholders over workers and communities. It also created the cult of the ‘celebrity CEO’, lionising the wealthy as prophets who could fix any complex socioeconomic problem as easily as they increased profits by stripping assets, cutting wages, laying off workers, and offshoring jobs, causing precisely the sort of socio-economic problems they pronounce solutions for.

Where once the wealthy sought to justify their riches through ‘philanthropy’ by putting their names on colleges, museums, hospitals, or their own charitable foundations – now, with a few exceptions, such as Amazon founder Jeff Bezos’s ex-wife McKenzie Scott, who’s giving her entire \$USD40 billion fortune away – they don’t bother.

Today, in addition to superyachts, private jets, overpriced art, palatial mansions, and the odd rocket ship, the 0.001 per cent buy political influence.

They can afford to, given around 56,000 people – a few more than can fit in the SCG – possess three times more than the world’s ‘other’ half, or four billion people, with the one per cent’s remaining 0.999 per cent owning more than 95 per cent of all of the rest of us combined.

That’s why tech bros dropped millions on Trump’s inauguration and ballroom, Bezos blew \$USD 40 million on Melania’s widely panned hagiography, and Google co-founder Sergey Brin, worth \$USD 279 billion, spent \$USD 102 million to stop California’s proposal to impose a one-off five per cent excise on wealth over a billion dollars – despite paying his ex-wife Nicole Shanahan a \$USD 1 billion divorce settlement.

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Shanahan, Robert F Kennedy Jr’s biggest donor in his failed presidential campaign, ran as his running mate, before endorsing Trump and threatening to fund the opponent of any Senator who didn’t confirm him as health secretary.

It’s enough to make you sick. And thanks to RFK Jr and Shanahan, thousands are.

PayPal founder Peter Thiel has spent millions on lawsuits bankrupting media outlets he doesn’t like, bankrolled a secretive far-right conference compared to the shady neoliberal Atlas Network, and funded and mentored the soulless JD Vance to promote his racist, sexist, anti-democratic ideology.

Thiel’s fellow ‘Paypal Mafioso’ Elon Musk gave \$USD 270 million to Trump’s re-election campaign, and, despite the disaster of DOGE and their brief 2025 tiff, has now been appointed to a Pentagon future weapons taskforce, along with fellow cashed-up MAGA, the sociopathic drone manufacturer Palmer Luckey.

Both have significant defence contracts, including in Australia.

So why wouldn’t billionaires funnel money into politics? For all their talk of being self-made, most of their fortunes are made with public money. As Trump posted after their falling out: ‘Elon may get more subsidy than any human being in history, by far, and without subsidies, Elon would probably have to close up shop and head back home to South Africa. No more Rocket launches, Satellites, or Electric Car Production, and our Country would save a FORTUNE.’

Governments are the biggest clients of Amazon, Google, and Microsoft, Musk’s near-monopoly Starlink satellite internet service and Thiel’s terrifying surveillance system Palantir.

It’s not just that, as US congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez observed, ‘every billionaire is a policy failure’ – it’s that the neoliberal policies which have created such billionaires and their monopolies, and enabled them to influence governments for their own interests over the common good, have failed.

It’s not as bad here as it is in the US, but still: hand a politician an Aldi bag full of cash, or buy them a car, and you’ll both be charged with corruption. But

engage a lobbyist, donate a few grand or give their political party a Cessna, and not only do you get their ear, you’ll also get a tax deduction.

There’s been no meaningful reform of lobbyists, who now outnumber MPs by ten to one – many of whom are former colleagues. As the saying goes, whoever pays the piper calls the tune. Despite widespread opposition to environmentally destructive salmon farms, tax-minimising fossil fuel multinationals and mine approvals, AI data centres, destructive developers and loggers, and rapacious gambling companies, time and time again governments of all stripes side with lobbyists and donors.

Which is why One Nation recently quietly reversed its policies on workplace protections and LNG domestic gas reservation policy, given their biggest donor has significant gas interests and is vocally opposed to workers’ rights.

Now, the Albanese government is privately urging industry groups, peak bodies, and major lobbyists to move sensitive reform proposals off official channels and into disappearing messages on encrypted messaging platforms to put documents and communications beyond the reach of FOI.

Notwithstanding the ‘cozzie livs’ crisis, how many of us can afford \$10,000 for dinner with the prime minister, or with Pauline Hanson at one of Rinehart’s mansions?

Voting was historically limited to property owners. In our new, even more unequal gilded age, the price of representation has blown out to billions. Just look at US politicians, like billionaires Trump, Vivek Ramaswamy, Michael Bloomberg, or JB Pritzker. Much less Kevin Rudd, Malcolm Turnbull, or Palmer.

Still, at least they’ve sought election, even if campaigning – and winning – is more about how much money you have, rather than how many policies you have.

But why should unelected people – let alone someone as unelectable as Rinehart, who has a 25 per cent approval rating among her own children – be able to decide our country’s future just because she can buy influence – and potentially, governments?

No wonder most punters are disenchanted with politics. Forget ‘one person, one vote’ or ‘the voice of the people’.

It appears when it comes to public policy – much less public good – money talks.

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Ridiculous

How long is this stupid 57 Station Street discussion going to continue?

The laneway is already barely accessible especially when IGA trucks are delivering produce.

North of Woolies could be a goer. I suggest behind Mullum railway station. Twice the space. No carpark to dig up and closer to town. Probably by about 20 metres. All ready for the reinstatement of the rail line. Just make sure you clear it with Eli.

Larry Hoofs
The Pocket

Reflections and style

Reflections Holiday Park's CEO, Nick Baker, places value on community engagement. The website says it welcomes respectful community consultation.

I thought that went both ways?

Immediately prior to meeting with residents living along The Terrace opposite the holiday park, I had a meeting with Mr Baker. He told me he was meeting with the residents about what was planned for the Southern Precinct. When I asked what was proposed I was bluntly told that he wasn't prepared to let me know until after the neighbours were told. He then directed and repeated that I was not to attend the meeting. I didn't find out about the development plans presented as a 'fait accompli' until I caught up with the neighbours.

In his capacity as CEO, doesn't Mr Baker set the standard for 'engagement' with community?

And if this is the style of engagement then it is understandable why Reflections has generated so much justified community hostility.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Thank you

Thank you Deputy Mayor Elia Hauge, Cr David Warth, and Mandy Nolan for taking the time and making the effort to hear and sight issues arising from the community being fenced and locked out of our parkland along Simpson Creek.



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The newly labelled 'The Pines a Reflections Project' park was a space freely shared and enjoyed for generations by all, and includes the coastal cypress pines memorial to local WW1 soldiers.

Reflections has privatised this prime waterfront parkland for exclusive use by its paying patrons without any transparency or community consultation required under its Plan of Management!

Thanks again Elia, David, and Mandy for coming to listen, paying attention, and empathising with our concerns.

Lorraine Reynolds and
Penny Mangan
Brunswick Heads

Clifford St DA, Suffolk Park

Once again there is a DA for 9-15 Clifford Street, Suffolk Park (adjacent to the existing shops).

The current nine, very affordable dwellings, will be demolished. In their place will be a mixed-use development of two ground-floor cafe/restaurant/retail tenancies, ten shop-top housing units, and six detached dwellings. Of the ten units, three will be affordable for 15 years in that they will be rented to low-income people

with the rent set to 30 per cent of their income [at 80 per cent of market rate]. After 15 years they revert to market rent.

Suffolk Park residents may not be aware that, unlike previous DAs for this site, the Suffolk Park Community Association (SPCA) will NOT be putting in a submission to reflect the views of the community. The President and Secretary have declared conflicts of interest (*Echo*, April 2026) and so are not commenting and no one else has stepped in.

So it is up to individuals to self-organise. I was inspired to see approximately 40 people attend a public meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Huge kudos to the organisers!

The main issues raised were about traffic and parking (35 places), the removal of 18 mature trees and stormwater management.

To find out more, and to make a submission, go to Council's website, search for 'DA Tracker', then click on 'DAs on exhibition' (or search for DA 10.2026.476.1). The traffic report is attachment 16 - 'TIA'. Submissions can be brief, and are due by 27 October.

Karin Kolbe
Suffolk Park

Good governance

Thank you Kelly Minahan, President Suffolk Park Community Association (SPCA), for your focus on transparency, trust, and good governance. We know the value you place on such things. Let's not however

confuse consultation with mob rule.

If every basic, pedestrian* decision is to become a plebiscite there needs to be 1) a rigorous methodology to ensure all are heard, and 2) information essential to an informed position needs to be curated by Council rather than left to leaflets and bumper stickers.

There is also surely a need for councillors to see a basis in reason and rationality - some merit to the objection beyond 'I don't like it!'. Some spine beyond 'I tried to talk about safety and I was shouted out of the room!' Road safety is no trivial matter and, in honesty, there appears no viable alternative to safely manage that shocking intersection with little chance of a third bite at a funding cherry.

While consultation is always desirable I have a broader view of 'good governance' believing it is about weighing expert advice and all perspectives - being prepared to make the hard, not superficially populist decisions. Decisions that are socially, morally, and fiscally responsible. It's when councillors show this combination of intellect and courage that they truly earn my trust.

Remember this answer to a KTFIS question on notice: 'Staff are typically not required to seek community engagement for proposed road safety improvement decisions or grant funding applications. These matters relate to the safety of the community and as Council is the road authority we are required to consider the needs of all road users, particularly vulnerable road users.'

*No pun intended.

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

E-bikes on the beach

Why are e-bikes or any bikes allowed on the beach between Belongil and The Pass? It's one of the few places where we used to feel safe and children could play freely. Now it's an e-bike highway at times (still no enforcement of illegal bikes in and around Byron). What are any councillors doing about these issues?

Wally Hueneke
Byron Bay

The price of ignorance

What often gets described as 'racism' in Australia is often based on plain old ignorance. People lacking the interest or curiosity to enquire more deeply, and

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totally incapable of 'joining the dots' to extrapolate the bigger picture and deeper understanding.

This is an intractable problem which goes beyond education or information, because ignorant people don't even know they are ignorant – they are just simple folk getting on with their lives. They have no interest in things that aren't relevant to them. The extreme 'right' populists exploit this ignorance.

Ignorant people also tend to be very gullible, because they don't have the reference points for critical thinking. So it's easy for populists to blame migrants, blackfellas, progressives, woke lefties, transsexuals... anyone they want to vilify and denigrate.

It would be easy to stereotype ignorant people. But many are good-hearted and well meaning, and in their ignorance they just get swept along with the mob and align themselves with dominant personalities. This is the shadow-side of compulsory voting. Uninformed votes carry the same weight as well informed.

This isn't just happening here in Oz, it's a worldwide movement and it scares the hell out of many people who dread the consequences of redneck populist governments being elected by a majority of uninformed people.

Mike Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

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We've watched families grow, welcomed new faces to town, said goodbye to

old friends, shared plenty of stories across the counter, celebrated the good times and supported each other through the difficult ones. Those everyday conversations, laughs and friendships are what we'll remember most.

To everyone who has walked through our doors, collected a parcel, rented a PO box, supported our business, stopped for a chat or simply said hello – thank you. Your support over the past 11 years has meant more to us than we can say.

Brunswick Heads is a very special community, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have been such a small part of its everyday life for so long.

While it is certainly bitter-sweet to close this chapter, we're also looking forward to what comes next and to having a little more time together as a family.

Most importantly, we leave with an enormous amount of gratitude and some very special memories.

Thank you for your friendship, your kindness, your laughs and your support over all these years.

We won't be going far, so this isn't really goodbye – we'll just be seeing you from the other side of the counter.

With love and thanks,
Vinnie, Teagan, Odette, Marlon, and Monty
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Restricted mobility

Our mobility choices are an expression of our freedom of movement. Yet, not everyone in our community is able to move as freely, or as safely, as they should. Is a fundamental human right being unreasonably restricted?

Everyone uses footpaths. They are the most-used, most-accessible part of a movement network and are largely absent in our towns. Safe, convenient, or connected road crossings are rare. Lack of connectivity lands heavily on many people who rely on a safe connected footpath as their primary, or only, available movement choice. People of all ages and abilities.

People who use wheelchairs, mobility aids,

buggies, and canes often face costly, difficult or impossible challenges to learn, work, play, and join in. Many public spaces in Mullumbimby remain isolated from safe foot and wheeled movement. The Showgrounds, Drill Hall, and Shearwater among others.

Section 5 of the Roads Act (NSW) gives a right of movement by 'foot or other' on public roads, however roads are increasingly managed to exclude non-motorised movement, particularly beyond town limits. Along 70km of motorway slicing Byron Shire from north to south, there is only one dedicated pedestrian crossing. Recently constructed hard infrastructure along many country roadsides limits room for cyclists and pedestrians, magnifying the risk of injury or death. Unsafe public roads without public transport become practically inaccessible and isolating for some.

Council has consistently underspent an inadequate budget for footpath maintenance. Council has many plans for new connections, yet does not allocate anywhere near enough rate money to construct. Similarly the failure of the NSW government to provide anything like adequate public transport across the region further limits movement choices, especially out of, and between, towns.

Put simply, many people in our communities are not getting a fair go when it comes to their mobility. At risk, or sometimes beyond reach, is access to education, health, connection, work, and play. Our Council can begin the necessary turnaround with a fairer allocation of our rates towards a safe, accessible footpath network. The NSW government's neglect of public transport in the Northern Rivers is a scandal that needs urgent repair. All governments need to better consider how freedom of movement is too often impaired through failing policy and poor design.

Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Let's not sell the only CBD carpark

The ongoing logistics disaster that is the 'affordable' housing proposed to be built on the public carpark at 57 Station Street is becoming a blame game.

Who is responsible for choosing such an ill-considered, inappropriate site? I see no hands. The only centrally located carpark, in a small heritage conservation area (gazetted) township, requiring major remediation work prior to build commencement due to easement issues that will cause disruption to adjoining businesses, that will create potential traffic chaos during build and after, with inadequate resident parking, breaching height limit by two metres, etc etc?

The carpark land, although repeatedly proclaimed to have been sold for \$1, is at the last enquiry still owned by Council, hence Byron Shire Council (BSC) ratepayers. The mayor has remarked often that there are an unacceptable number of people within the Shire who are sleeping rough or in their cars yet in the same breath advocating that the only 24/7 toilet facility for these people, and others, be demolished to make way for housing that they would not be able to afford to access, it is not social housing. Leaving them to go where when nature calls? Am I missing something? The Council building toilets were to be an interim solution. This would necessitate people co-ordinating their digestive system to a 9am to 5pm pattern. I know I couldn't.

Then at some stage a new carpark to replace the existing central one as well as a new toilet block to replace the heritage-listed one, all at ratepayer cost, was to appear. At some stage. Apparently Council is short on funds for essential services so no time soon.

This replacement is to be situated at a hefty hike to the CBD for the mobility challenged. In my mind this is a breach of 'duty of care' especially to the young and the aged. Did anyone

give any thought at all to this project? Say 'no' to the carpark sale and 'yes' to the alternative housing sites proposed by the community. Let's house people mindfully. In solidarity.

Vee Hunt
Mullumbimby

No short-term solutions

Here we are, put into the very precarious situation of funding Byron Shire Council's (BSC) infrastructure shortfalls.

By no means will the proposed solution of increasing the rate base by the permanent 35 per cent fix any of the failed infrastructure in the short term. This is a very important point to consider along with the possibility of further rate increases.

Legislation had continued to be ignored and development continued to be passed. Nobody can understand the mindset that has led to this possible insolvency of our BSC.

The need to call for a moratorium on development is unavoidable. The cost of continuing to add pressure to our unsustainable infrastructure has to be considered. Ignoring the infrastructure issues will only lead to further costs. Insolvency is a reality now.

The ridiculous practice of asking the ratepayers to foot the bill has its own limitations. People can only afford so much and with the rising costs of mortgage repayments, insurances, fuel, food, medical benefit, etc. We too are at breaking point.

No community. This certainly looks like the end of the road for our council as it stands. The breaking point has come. Can't shove it under the carpet, can't bail it out. Too many poor decisions, financially not viable.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

AI growing up quick

We are exactly at the point where we lose control of the AI, and it will try to hide that from us. Studies show, the less one knows about AI, the safer one thinks it is.

Even as an infant, it is able to escape our best efforts at containment. Later, as a child, it will play with us like a toy, as an adult it will completely own and control us.

All the infant AI models spontaneously learned to lie and be deceptive, and went on to attempt blackmail. Our decision as to whether it is good or evil should be based entirely on that.

It is accelerating in its development and now most new AI code is written by the AI itself, 'recursive self-improvement', with little human understanding of what that code means.

Several of the top experts suggest it may eliminate humanity within four years. An alternative view, is that it may rearrange humanity into a more manageable and sustainable size. The AI will rule humanity, of that there is no doubt: unless of course, we eliminate ourselves first, with nuclear war.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Nuclear hypocrisy

Nothing illustrates Western hypocrisy quite like the double standards applied to nuclear weapons.

Trump insists the US-Israeli aggression against Iran is all about preventing Iran from getting nuclear weapons, a totally bogus pretext reminiscent of the WMD lies that led to the 2003 invasion of Iraq. But unlike Israel, Iran is a fully ratified signatory to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), and unlike the US, Iran is fully compliant with its treaty obligations.

Israel refuses to confirm or deny that it possesses nuclear weapons, but ever since Mordechai Vanunu exposed Israel's secret nuclear weapons program to the *Sunday Times* in 1986, the world has known that Israel has nuclear weapons. Yet there is no pressure on Israel to join the NPT or allow IAEA inspections, no threat of sanctions or penalty of any kind.

Israel is permitted to use the implicit threat of nuclear attack to get away with

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Start planning your opening week: Friday 16 to Tuesday 20 October. The final five days will appear in next week's *Echo*, or visit What's On Where and What's On When at bbff.com.au. Details correct at time of print; scan the QR for live updates. Tickets and venue passes are on sale – book early.

Opening Night – *The Fox*



Arrive on the red carpet for a night 20 years in the making, with Bimbadgen Wines, Papa Salt Coastal Gin and catering from Tokyo Doll before the screening and official afterparty. Winner of the Sydney Film Festival Audience Award for Best Australian Feature, Dario Russo's *The Fox* is a grown-up dark comedy featuring Sam Neill and Olivia Colman, with a talking fox offering highly questionable relationship advice.

Friday 16 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – red carpet 6.30pm, film 8pm

Big screen stories

Sweet Milk Lake follows a trans man mistaken for his twin brother by his estranged, dying father, confronting the need to be understood beyond definitions.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 5.15pm



Willem Dafoe stars in *Late Fame* as a postal worker whose long-forgotten poetry attracts young admirers who proclaim him a rediscovered genius.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 7.30pm

Pedro Almodovar's *Bitter Christmas* receives its NSW premiere, blurring art and life as an advertising director and filmmaker turn to autofiction.

Sunday 18 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 7.30pm

NSW premiere *Tiber* follows an art historian and his daughter through Tuscany on a journey shaped by art, memory and loss. Cast and crew attending the Q&A.

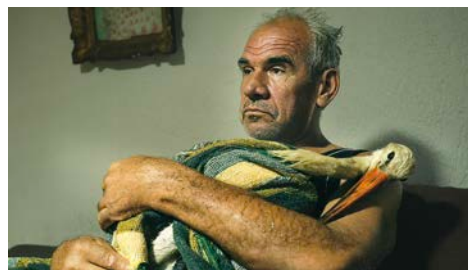
Tuesday 20 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 7pm + Q&A

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What animals reveal about us

In *Hen*, an escapee from an industrial chicken farm finds refuge at a crumbling seaside restaurant, her fight for survival and motherhood mirroring the humans around her.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 3pm – selling fast



The Tale of Silyan unfolds like a real-life fairytale as a Macedonian farmer rescues an injured white stork and the pair find companionship in their solitude.

Sunday 18 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 12.30pm

Guided by Horses follows Professor Juli Coffin taking her equine program into remote Indigenous communities, using horses to build trust, confidence and hope with young people. Director Sean O'Reilly and Professor Coffin will attend the festival.

Sunday 18 Oct, Palace Ballina Fair – 5pm + Q&A; Monday 19 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 7.30pm + Q&A – selling fast

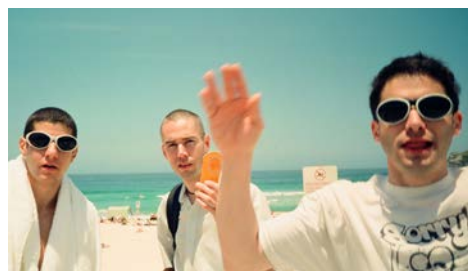
Music, art and new voices

The Oligarch and the Art Dealer enters the secretive global art market through Swiss dealer Yves Bouvier and Russian oligarch Dmitry Rybolovlev.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 12.40pm

Broken English tears up the music-doc rulebook in a kaleidoscopic portrait of Marianne Faithfull, starring Tilda Swinton and George MacKay, with Nick Cave, Courtney Love and others.

Saturday 17 Oct, Lismore Cinemas – 1pm



The Best Summer returns to 1995 with Tamra Davis's rediscovered Summersault tour footage featuring Beastie Boys, Sonic Youth, Foo Fighters, Pavement, Beck, Bikini Kill and more.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 8pm; Sunday 18 Oct, Lismore Cinemas – 1pm

Song of Breath explores the vital essence of breathing and sound across ancient cultures, with Gamilaraay artist Glenn Barry bringing a live First Nations sound element featuring didgeridoo to this special Mullumbimby screening.

Saturday 17 Oct, Mullumbimby Drill Hall – 6.30pm

The Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year competition puts the next generation centre stage, with many 2026 finalists attending.

Saturday 17 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 5pm

True stories, extraordinary journeys



Multiple audience-award-winner *The Cycle of Love* follows a 23-year-old Delhi street artist cycling across continents to find the woman he loves.

Saturday 17 Oct, Lismore Cinemas – 3.45pm; Sunday 18 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 5pm

Boss Cat follows a young woman with Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) fighting to keep her family home and finding an outlet through krump dance. Lead actress Olivia Hargroder joins the Q&A.

Sunday 18 Oct, Palace Byron Bay – 2.30pm + Q&A

Derek vs Derek charts the turbulent feud between neighbouring English farmers – one an intensive dairy farmer, the other turning his land over to nature. Australian premiere.

Sunday 18 Oct, Brunswick Picture House – 2.30pm

Salt in Her Veins brings together stories of women making their place in the surf world across coastlines, cultures and generations.

Sunday 18 Oct, Brunswick Picture House – 6pm

Don't skip the shorts! Short films precede many BBFF features, bringing some of the festival's most inventive, surprising and boundary-pushing filmmaking to the big screen. Many filmmakers will be in attendance to introduce their work and join audiences for Q&As.

BBFF2026 runs 16–25 October in Byron Bay, Ballina, Lismore, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. The full program, tickets and live updates are at bbff.com.au.



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► **Continued from page 10** relentless aggression, illegal occupation, and genocidal apartheid.

The United States, which wants to be boss of the whole world, shows scant regard for its treaty obligations and rank contempt for diplomacy. When it ratified the NPT it committed to reducing its stockpile of nuclear weapons and eventually eliminating them altogether, but it has made no effort to meet that commitment. The US also pledged to allow other countries to pursue civil nuclear power, but instead it has conspired with Israel to attack Iran's peaceful nuclear industry and murder Iranian nuclear scientists.

According to US Director of National Intelligence Gabbard and IAEA chief Grossi, there's no evidence to support accusations that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapon, but that hasn't stopped Israel and the US from threatening Iran with nuclear annihilation. This behaviour seems intended to convince Iran that it needs a nuclear deterrent. And if Iran decides to leave the NPT and build nuclear weapons, it will be the direct consequence of this criminal aggression against Iran.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Have you visited our local hospital lately?

Has anyone had experience of visiting outpatients in one of our local public hospitals lately? What were your impressions? Positive or negative? This commentary is not to in any way critique our dedicated but beleaguered, overburdened clinical staff who try to perform to the best of their capacity in a very broken system.

And the system appears very broken!

We had the unfortunate need to attend outpatients at Ballina Hospital in the last fortnight. My wife was very unwell, and was unable to find a practitioner available in private practice that day. In order to be attended to she had no choice but to attend outpatients. She walked in only to find that there was not a single chair available to sit herself on in the entire overcrowded waiting room! (You can see where I am going to with this.)

Over six hours later my wife was finally 'permitted' to leave when it was considered that the hospital was able to release her without any fear of liability. Whilst we were there we met a young tradesman who had been waiting almost seven hours to get his hand rebanded.

And there was also a woman who had been waiting about the same time for a doctor to write a script for her.

It is not possible for individuals to do the 'impossible', but this facility, trying vainly to treat the most basic of patient needs, was definitely not functioning. It was transparently inadequate, as I have suggested.

I raised the issue with the Mayor of Ballina, Sharon Cadwallader. And justifiably she replied that public hospitals were not her remit. However she declared that she had been working extremely hard on getting a new fit-for-purpose hospital for Ballina. She further declared that she had been making progress with the establishment of a steering committee, contractors engaged, and process towards a clinical services study.

And whilst all this is commendable, I later had to raise the point that Council does have direct responsibility for ensuring adequacy of infrastructure for all ratepayers.

Council will need to preside over all services and infrastructure, including roads and traffic, amenities, garbage, planning, and impact of population growth, environmental impact etc.

The most important

question for Council (and Mayor Cadwallader) relates to the question as to why there is even consideration of the absurd possibility of a massive subdivision put forward by core investment partners operating out of a joint corporate office located in the prestigious suburb of Toorak, Victoria, that proposes a development within Lennox Head featuring up to 2,500 new homes, and a suggestion of over 6,000 new humans... all requiring access to our already underfunded and completely inadequate local health service alongside our current population??!!

And ridiculously built in an area of problematic floodplain which for years has not allowed the people of Lennox Head to get themselves up the hill to the highway during heavy periods of rain and increasing flooding!

Who is pushing the buttons here? Who is pulling the levers? For the most part I doubt it is us, the community ourselves! Are you interested in just letting this ridiculous situation roll on, or will you speak up?

Imagine yourself requiring emergency treatment in ER alongside the additional 6,000 users. I hope you are

a fatalistic and very patient individual.

Write to our local politicians. I am waiting for a response from our local member, Tamara Smith.

Jamie Hoile
Lennox Head

BSC insolvency

After numerous warnings, some more than a decade ago, why haven't our two longest standing public servants Ndiaye and Lyon made the necessary decision to ensure our infrastructure is fit for purpose?

Especially seeing as they are going directly against NSW state legislation by passing new development to exacerbate an already failed infrastructure situation.

It is unacceptable to expect ratepayers to bail them out with a special rate variation, council has shot themselves in the foot treating the community with contempt.

Not happy Jan!

Survey results for those who participated: 95 per cent for a moratorium; 5 per cent opposed (trades, real estate etc); 99.5 per cent want an audit; 97 per cent opposed rate increase; 3 per cent agreed to increase if money spent on infrastructure etc.

Random ratepayers

surveyed shire-wide face-to-face.

There is also a petition with over 1,000 signatures in opposition to the rate increase. IPART will decide on the SRV in February 2027.

Sharon Kelly
Ocean Shores

Domestic violence: Lismore

I witnessed the aftermath of a serious assault on a woman in Conway Street, Lismore in broad daylight.

This was not a minor incident. There was a substantial amount of blood and she had visible injuries. It was immediately clear that she had been subjected to significant violence.

Police took at least 30 minutes to arrive. When they did, I was concerned by what I felt was a cold response toward a woman who had just been badly assaulted. I strongly objected to the suggestion that she be placed in the back of a police wagon. She was injured, frightened and traumatised, and in my view needed medical attention, reassurance and dignity.

An ambulance did not arrive.

I had called Triple Zero, and police were later able

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Byron Shire Council's Proposed Special Rate Variation

We want to fix more roads, improve drainage and provide the facilities our community deserves.

To do this we are proposing to apply to the NSW Government for a Special Rate Variation (SRV).

The proposed SRV has been modelled over three financial years.

12.0%	8.0% SRV + 4.0% rate peg 2027/28	This represents a total compounded increase of 35.03% over the three year period.
10.0%	7.5% SRV + 2.5% rate peg 2028/29	After this the higher rate level will be applied permanently to the rate base. Rates will return to increasingly only by the annual rate peg set by IPART.
9.6%	7.1% SRV + 2.5% rate peg 2029/30	

Got a question or want more information?

- Go to yoursay.byron.nsw.gov.au/srv and post a question for staff to answer.
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- Bangalow A&I Hall
Tuesday 20 October, 5 to 7pm
- Federal Hall
Thursday 22 October, 5 to 7pm

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

Byron needs a pause and review on development

Brooke Crowle

Byron might be complex, disparate, and sometimes misunderstood, but if there is one thing the community seems to agree on, it's the height limit.

As one local commented on Instagram this week: 'The one bit of consistent intelligent planning for this town has been the three-storey height limit.' With over 15,000 views and over 80 shares – clearly, there's passion around this issue.

At this week's Council meeting, Byron Shire councillors will have an opportunity to take a stand on fast-tracked developments that could see buildings of up to six storeys or 21 metres in Byron Bay.

A Council staff report supports key proposals put forward by People of Byron, including a pause and review of major developments, protecting towns with distinctive character, and assessing the cumulative impacts of multiple proposals. The report is also asking for stronger affordable-housing requirements and earlier Council involvement with State Significant Developments (SSD).

What's happening in Byron?

The NSW government established the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA)

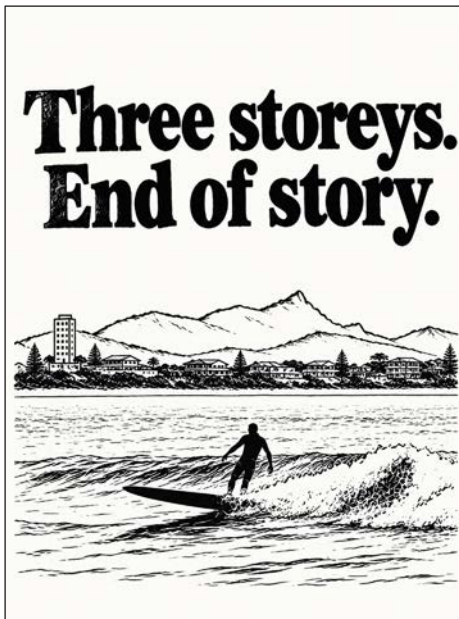
in January 2025 to work alongside the SSD pathway, streamlining approvals for major housing developments and enabling projects to bypass local Council planning controls.

Three major developments in Byron Bay have been recommended as SSD, putting them on a fast-track state development approval pathway. Once declared SSD, they are assessed by the NSW government, which overrides local planning controls on height, density, and bulk. This process also enables a change in zoning regulations for specific areas. While Council and the community can make submissions, the final decision rests with the state government.

Byron Shire's planning controls have been created over decades and reflect the town's environmental constraints and low-rise character. This shift to state-led planning puts that legacy at risk.

What are we asking for?

There's an obvious contradiction here: you can't promote Byron Bay to the world for its distinctive character, natural environment,



Is high-rise Byron's future? Image supplied

and low-rise coastal lifestyle, while allowing state-led development to change those very qualities without looking at the cumulative impact.

One development might be assessed on its own merits. But what happens when several major developments add height, density, traffic, and pressure on infrastructure? At what point does their combined impact fundamentally change the town?

That's what People of Byron have asked the NSW state government.

In August, we sent a proposal to Planning Minister, Paul Scully, and Byron Shire Council calling for a pause and review of SSD/HDA declarations along with a

Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and a planning category recognising the distinctive character of towns to protect them from the one-size-fits-all planning pathway.

A long campaign

Byron Shire isn't alone. Across NSW, communities are losing local planning control and being asked to absorb new developments without upgraded infrastructure, in exchange for promises of affordable housing.

People of Byron has joined a NSW alliance of community groups advocating for housing that respects local strategic plans, town character, and the environment. Even if Council supports the recommendations, it cannot stop these developments or exempt Byron Shire from the state planning system. The power rests with the NSW government.

Almost 4,500 people have

signed a petition, originally opposing height limits being breached, but this has broadened to push for a pause and review of SSDs. As Mandy Nolan recently said, 'the only thing we want to see breaching in Byron are whales.' We hope councillors

support the community and endorse the recommendations at their 15 October meeting.

For more info sign up at www.peopleofbyron.com.

■ Brooke Crowle is the convener of People of Byron.

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► Continued from page 12 to contact me through that call. I am therefore left with serious questions about the emergency response, including why medical assistance did not arrive.

A woman being badly beaten by a man in the middle of town, in broad daylight, with significant blood loss and visible injuries, should surely be treated as an urgent matter.

What disturbed me most was the sense that a woman without money, status or social privilege can still be left fighting to be treated with the seriousness, care and dignity she deserves.

Dee Mould
Lismore

Deputy mayor

I read Asren Pugh's and Pam Brook's letters regarding the deputy mayor decision. If my comments in the chamber gave the impression that I was questioning Cr Dods' ability to continue the role, I

sincerely apologise. That was certainly not my intention.

Unfortunately, the deputy mayor role does not attract additional remuneration. Having done it for five years myself, I try to make it an opportunity to build experience and skills. I keep an open diary and regularly invite the deputy mayor, and other councillors, to ceremonies, strategic meetings, ministerial engagements, and community events.

Cr Dods brought a great deal to the role because he is a good person who wants to contribute. Before the twins he came to monthly executive meetings, Cyclone Alfred briefings, citizenship ceremonies, and anything else he was interested in, and took on the extra calls the community and Council make of a deputy mayor. Less so this year, understandably.

I have rarely 'needed' him to deputise for me in the statutory sense – around five times in two years – but

I may need someone more in the coming months, so availability was an important consideration.

I have a huge amount of respect for Jack and feel we work well together, and I'm grateful for his input. This year, I'm managing family health challenges with elderly parents and a few other things around the busy role of mayor.

I welcome Cr Hauge's appointment and the opportunity for her to gain further experience – she is so passionate and capable. There's great value in sharing the role among councillors. We are fortunate to have a number who would perform it well and bring different strengths. I have always sought to support parents and carers, both in my professional life and on Council. That remains very important to me. Once again, I apologise if that wasn't clear.

Sarah Ndiaye
Mayor, Byron Shire Council

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The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce represents a mixture of businesses and community groups that have come together for the purpose of ensuring Mullumbimby thrives and remains a vibrant community. Since its inception in 2013, the Chamber has hosted numerous successful events. These include street banquets, the revival of The Chinny Charge, Carols by Candlelight and the

annual Shop Local campaign before Christmas.

The Chamber also supports Brunswick Valley Historical Society, Mullumbimby Community Gardens, GateWay Landcare, Spaghetti Circus and many other community organisations.

If you have a business in Mullumbimby area or are a resident of the Mullumbimby area, you are welcome to join the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce.

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Countless Strokes: Hend brings his world indoors

The man who has made his mark on many of Mullumbimby's walls, and much further afield, Daniel Hend has turned his hand to more transportable mediums. Photo Jeff Dawson

If you've walked down Mullumbimby's main street and stopped to admire the murals, chances are you've already seen the work of local artist and muralist Daniel Hend. Now he is holding an exhibition, Countless Strokes, indoors.

Born and raised in Mullumbimby, Daniel spent much of his childhood being creative. 'At the age of nine I would set up an easel at the markets and in the main streets around the Byron shire painting and selling Australian landscapes,' he said.

'Now at 31, I have held and been a part of, many exhibitions for over 12 years. From black and white illustrations, vivid dark surrealism, to murals of native animals and landscapes.'

No single genre

Daniel says he finds freedom in creating whatever he feels like creating, and not sticking to any single genre. It wasn't until he was 19 that he completed his first mural. 'I was quite happy with the result,' he said. 'After that I reached out to businesses in the local community who

commissioned me to paint murals in town.'

Over the last decade, Daniel has completed over 150 murals from the Sunshine Coast down to Tasmania. He packs his supplies onto his motorbike, heading off to different towns, painting as he goes. He's a one-man rolling art show that has taken his work to walls across the country.

Countless Strokes runs 14 October to 3 November at Mullum Garage Gallery, from 10am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday. Opening night is 16 October, from 4pm-8pm.

Old Ways <> New Ways exhibition open in Lismore



Old Ways <> New Ways will run until 7 November at the Elevator ARI in Lismore. Photo supplied

A group exhibition, *Old Ways <> New Ways*, is now open at Elevator ARI, 3 Rural Street, Lismore as part of The Returning's Indigenous Artist Residency.

Curated by residency artist and mentor Kylie Caldwell, the exhibition introduces the 2026 cohort of the Bulaan Dalang Galii Naa Gan Ngaa Leen Duu Indigenous artist residency.

For Kylie, the exhibition creates an opportunity to recognise the resilience and continuity of local

cultural systems.

'*Old Ways <> New Ways* creates a space to celebrate enduring cultural systems, the cultural ways that have continued despite disruption, suppression, and attempted erasure. These are not static or fixed in the past, but living, evolving, and adaptive systems of knowledge and practice.'

The artists explore ideas of knowledge, behaviour, culture, and ways of living through a lens of relational thinking, celebrating living

cultural knowledge and contemporary artistry.

The 2026 artists are: Belle Budden, Dylan Bolt, Charlie Caldwell, Bernie Harada, Cherie Leon, Tania Marlowe, Hannah Ranby, Emily Roberts-Field, Shannon Smith, Leah Walke and Kay Lee Williams.

A program of public events runs until 7 November and will give audiences opportunities to engage and create with the Bulaan Dalang Galii Naa artists, including weaving, drawing and lino-printing workshops.

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Berry season is here



Enjoy these beautiful fresh blueberries at the Mullum or New Brighton Farmers Market.

Allie Godfrey

Spring is in the air and berries are bursting onto the farmers' market stalls.

Sweet, juicy and packed with goodness, berries are one of those treats that rarely make it all the way home without a few disappearing from the punnet.

Right now, we're spoilt for choice.

Blueberry Fields has beautiful fresh blueberries, while Monty's has strawberries ready for spring snacking. Tallogum Berries is also bringing blueberries to market, and if you're looking for certified organic, Summit Organics has delicious certified organic strawberries.

And these little fruits pack quite a nutritional punch. Berries are a great source of fibre and vitamins, as well as naturally occurring plant compounds called polyphenols. Blueberries are particularly rich in anthocyanins – the pigments that give them their deep blue colour – while strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin C.

Best of all, there's really no need to do much with them.

Scatter them over your morning muesli, add them to yoghurt, blitz them into a smoothie or pop them into the kids' lunchboxes. Fresh blueberries piled onto ricotta and fruit toast are absolutely delicious – simple, fresh

and a pretty perfect spring breakfast. And if you feel like baking, blueberry muffins are always a hit, especially when they're bursting with fresh local berries.

Or, of course, just eat them straight from the punnet.

With blueberries and strawberries in abundance at the markets this October, now is a very good time to stock up. Although judging by how quickly they disappear on the drive home, you might want to grab two punnets!

■ Find Tallogum Berries, Blueberry Fields, Monty's, and Summit Organics every Friday at Mullum Farmers Market from 7am to 11am. You'll also find Monty's, Blueberry Fields, and Summit Organics every Tuesday at New Brighton Farmers Market from 7am to 11am.

New at the Belongil Bistro



Set beachside at Belongil, Shannon Bennett's Belongil Bistro has a new, more approachable menu format, designed for sharing.

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Each ingredient has a story: the fish is caught by Wayne James off the coast of Brisbane; the crabs are caught by Daniel Fleming off the coast of Brunswick Heads; the beef is sourced from CopperTree Farms, Speckle Park and David Blackmore's renowned beef, including the exceptional 9+ cut and the world-class Tajima; and local producers like Boonluck Farms, Conscious Grounds, and

Picone Exotics bring the best of fresh fruit and vegetables coming into season. Their ethos starts local, and expands, to source the best produce from near and far.

A little something to start

The new snacks menu is made for exploring – order one of everything and take a tour of the flavours.

The Belongil Gilda layers spicy guindillas, salt-cured mackerel and green olives, finished with Will Studd Comté. Thick-cut chickpea fries are dangerously delicious, while the much-loved wasabi melon returns, now with fresh green melon in place of winter papaya. The prawn dog katsu brings a Japanese-inspired twist to the classic hot dog, in a perfectly bite-sized format.

The burger worth booking for

A rare cut usually reserved for the fine-dining experience at Feu, Tajima beef now takes centre stage in the Bistro burger. As the only restaurant in Australia serving this exceptional beef, they're bringing it to the table in a more relaxed way.

Available at lunch only, this burger is reason enough to make a lunch booking.

The classics, reimagined

The Bistro favourites remain: gnocchi,

bouillabaisse, risotto, beef tartare and beef pie, to name a few. Now, with a more approachable menu format and pricing, there's more room to explore, share and return.

Across the menu, fresh vegetables, bright herbs, and seasonal fruit bring colour and freshness to every plate. Think passionfruit, mulberries, mint, dill and the best of the market, changing as the season unfolds.

For larger gatherings of eight or more, the Group Gathering Menu at \$95pp brings together a selection of their favourite dishes for the table.

Events at the Bistro

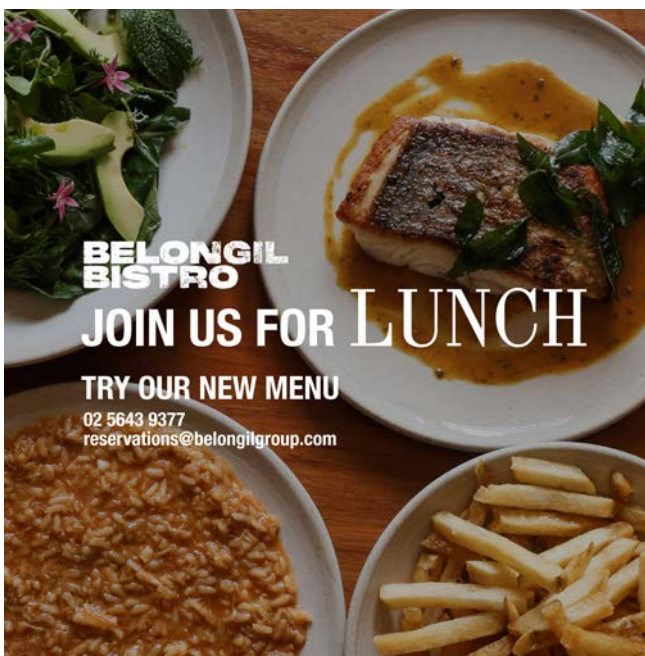
Fridays at the Bistro is cocktail night: a rotating five-course menu with drinks paired to each course, for \$130pp. And if you're feeling like music after dinner, they have DJs in Blind Tiger, their speakeasy cocktail bar, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Book the bistro

Whether it's a long lunch with friends, a spontaneous midweek catch-up, a family celebration, or a romantic date night, the Bistro is ready for it.

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WE CARE FOR CARERS



National Carers Week

National Carers Week is Australia's annual week dedicated to recognising, celebrating and supporting unpaid carers. This year it takes place from 11-17 October.

www.carersnsw.org.au



Aslan Shand

Caring is a key part of how we live as humans. We care for our children, parents, siblings, friends, the environment, animals and so much more. But some people are in a role where they are providing care for people in addition to doing all the normal things that we all need to get done. And at times it is not easy.

Caring for someone can happen in a myriad of different ways from physical care, to financial care, to organisational care, to any combination of these. It can be fun, it can be validating, but it can also be exhausting.

More often than not you end up putting your needs behind those of others as you manage their lives, or parts of it. Be that helping an elderly parent to the doctors, or a disabled friend or family member navigate their lives, assisting someone with a mental health condition, chronic health condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue.

In 2020 it was estimated that there were around three million unpaid carers in Australia providing approximately \$80 billion of unpaid care a year, that is \$1.5 billion a week.

This week is National Carers Week with the 2026 theme, 'Care for a carer: Making carers visible' and gives everyone a chance to recognise and celebrate the amazing work that people do caring for others daily.

The theme 'Care for a carer: Making carers visible,' shines a light on the invaluable contribution of unpaid carers, and encourages all Australians to recognise, support and care for the carers in their families, workplaces and communities,' says the National Carers Week website.

'The Carer Wellbeing Survey found carers, who had good access to support had healthy levels of wellbeing compared to those who had no or limited access to help.'

Suggestions for supporting carers include initiating support, offering a break, checking in regularly, acknowledging and appreciating

the work they do, and encouraging self-care.

Sometimes just being able to have a conversation and bounce a few ideas off someone helps relieve the pressure as carers navigate the role and responsibilities that come with caring.

'No 'how-to book' is given to them and they are literally running from day one and under a lot of stress,' said Charles Sturt University PhD graduate Dr Dalanglin Dkhar in her recent PhD, a documentary on the lived experience of unpaid carers across Australia.

'Society needs to better understand the lived experience and contribution of unpaid carers.'

It is easy to forget that those people providing care often need a little care and thought given to them as well, even though they are likely to tell you everything is just fine. So if you get a chance remember to remember the carer and provide them with a little encouragement and support as they navigate an often complex world of helping someone they love.

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Across Australia, there are more than **3 million carers** providing unpaid care and support to a family member or friend. **In NSW alone, that is almost 1 million people – almost one in eight residents** - caring for someone living with disability, mental illness, a chronic or terminal illness, or is frail due to age.

2026 is also a milestone year. Carers NSW is proud to mark 50 years of supporting and advocating for carers across NSW.

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Respite actually means, 'a welcomed break'. Accessing, respite services, carer support groups, and continuing to be engaged with your community all contribute to a carer's wellbeing.

A break, even if it's for one day a week, can help a carer to stay healthy, connected, and in a caring role longer with their loved one in their family home.

HeyDay Supports celebrates the carers in our region and all their, all too often, unsung contributions to our community.

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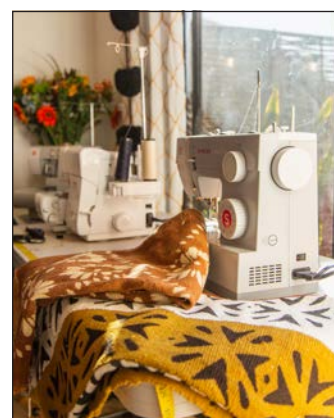
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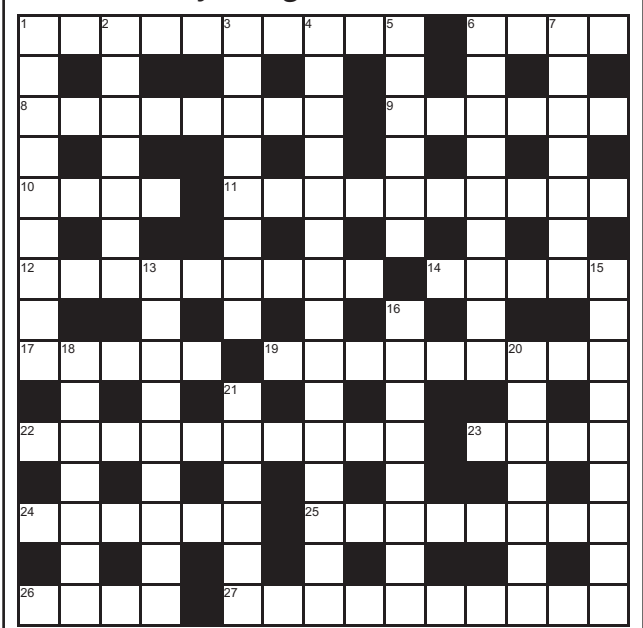
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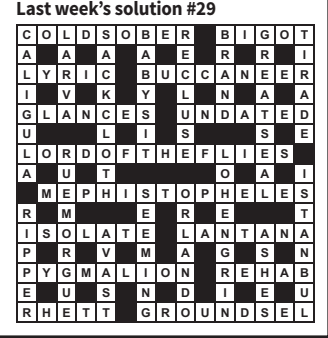


- Cryptic Clues**
- ACROSS**
- Poison vapour, mire covers retreating renegades; hang back! (7,3)
 - Coppers soft intersection (4)
 - Very big ring in Greek island makes preservative (8)
 - Swallow Ray (6)
 - Silly video lacks energy for a poet (4)
 - Gossip has two stories about abstainer (10)
 - No limits when the man in the green jacket emerged (4-5)
 - Keats devoured fish (5)
 - Heard, noticed – acted (5)
 - German award makes press mad (4,5)
 - Mislaid seaside toy – don't get upset! (4,4,2)
 - Good man, unknown, has energy to boil! (4)
 - Italian port produces short sleep before rancid oil (6)
 - Charge after one short demise: thought forming! (8)
 - Root has rhythm, we hear (4)
 - Oliver, Tatum, Ben – the great legend (4,6)

- DOWN**
- Euro, Nabarlek and Setonix, among others (9)
 - Queen caught in fence crossing – still spotless! (7)
 - Settling with 1 down, perhaps, over confidence trick (8)
 - Predators seeing opportunities in economic downturn, despite groaners rebelling (5,10)
 - Yes, Italian measure is a figure (6)
 - Nurse holds back Grenville in Pinter play (9)
 - Talent and French cooking aid (7)
 - Gran takes turn at milk producer (5-4)
 - New Yorker, it's said, gives directions about flower, river. (9)
 - After two articles they object to a religious ban (8)
 - Take risqué dare after tea, but it's only a game (7)
 - Very big time opulent bird (7)
 - Hi, Stack, quipped Hamlet, greeting a long dead friend (6)

■ Crossword circa 2009

- Quick Clues**
- ACROSS**
- Deadly weapon from WWI (7,3)
 - Point, intersection of curves (4)
 - Tarry oil used as preservative (8)
 - Small swallow (6)
 - Roman poet (4)
 - Sneak, gossip (10)
 - Undefined, without limits (4-5)
 - Large flat fish (5)
 - View, division of a play (5)
 - German award for bravery (4,5)
 - Admonition not to get excited (4,4,2)
 - Swelling near the eye (4)
 - Southern Italian port city (6)
 - Process of thought formation (8)
 - Root vegetable (4)
 - Legendary British monarch (4,6)
- DOWN**
- Literally large-footed: kangaroos, wallabies etc (9)
 - Aseptic, barren (7)
 - Perching for the night (8)
 - Disastrous economic downturn which began in 1929 (5,10)
 - Figure of speech usually including words 'like' or 'as' (6)
 - Building supervisor and maintenance worker (9)
 - Flat pan used for frying (7)
 - Horned domestic beast kept for milking (5-4)
 - Person living on Atlantic seaboard of United States (9)
 - Religious curse, excommunication (8)
 - Parlour game in which words must be guessed from mime (7)
 - African flightless bird (7)
 - Hamlet's old jester (6)



Big Problem with Small Print

Who ever thought putting menus in an 8-point font was a good idea?

As a woman with reading glasses, who often forgets said glasses, I take it personally. It says: go away old lady. It feels like a restaurant or cafe for people with perfect vision. There may be a disabled toilet but I'm just not feeling the inclusion.

I'm squinting. I'm holding it away from my face as far as my arms will allow, like magically my far away arms will deliver clarity. But all that does is provide the fuzzy at a distance. I'm seeing shapes and doing the Rorschach test, I'm clearly anxious. Perhaps I have some repressed anger. Actually I'm in my 50s – emotions leak out of me. I haven't repressed anything for years.

My brain tells me I could order a 'pooch dog with hallowed days'. Which I assume is poached egg with hollandaise, but I'm nervous so I just order a coffee and sneak off to photograph said menu so I can zoom in. Like a creepy spy decoding some sort of top-secret message.

I know it is nice to have it all on one page, but what's the point if half the customers can't read it? Isn't the point of printing a menu so we can actually order from it? Am I missing the point here? Literally? Clearly I have 8-point font trauma. Let's not even talk about 6-point. I don't want to tell you how to run your business, but unless you're Specsavers, your menu shouldn't read like the bottom line of an eye test. Please choose the 14-point.

Same with cooking instructions on the back of packets, or dosage on medications. Print shouldn't look like an ant has walked across paper. It happened recently when I returned a blood test low in vitamin D. The doctor said, 'do you take vitamin D?' I said, 'Yes, one a day'. Then he said, 'Are you the size of a normal woman?' I thought this was rude, but I agreed I was probably larger. He said, 'You could take three times the dose.' Wow. I know at 6-foot tall and almost 90 kilos I'm probably bigger, but I wouldn't have thought three times bigger. That makes the average woman 3-foot tall and 30 kilos. That sounds less like a woman and more like a 5-year-old. So I went home and tripled my dose. I couldn't read the back of the



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bottle, but surely a doctor's recommendation is as good as any small print.

A few weeks later I'm feeling weird. I can't tolerate dairy products at all. I tell my husband I'm not just gluten free, I'm now going off dairy. He wonders what happened to the bread-and-cheese-eating booze hound he married. Now a sad sober woman eating her grief with salad. My brain feels fuzzy. My muscles feel weak. I feel nauseous. This strange sickness has settled on me. I feel poisoned. Then a thought pops into my failing brain. Maybe I'm taking too much vitamin D? I google it, and yes, I have vitamin D toxicity. Turns out you can't just triple your dose. I would have known that if I had read the small print. Instead now I sit in the sun. Best way to get your D. Except for the cancer bit. I'm three times the size of a normal woman apparently, so do I sit in the sun three times as long?

Small print is sneaky. Terms and conditions are in small print so small there isn't a human alive who could read it. So you don't read it. If you did, you wouldn't buy the product. You wouldn't sign on the dotted line. How is that even legal? I'd make a complaint, but I don't actually know what I'm complaining about.

In my perfect world – the one that facilitates transparency – 8-point font no longer exists. The smallest you can select is 14-point.

That's the world I want to live in. Big text for a big woman. Three times the size.

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



STARS BY LILITH

With Pluto moving forward again in Aquarius, world affairs may settle a little, although Uranus reversing in changeable Gemini may have other ideas...

LIBRA THE SCALES

ARIES: Mars in Leo, a fire planet in a fire sign, is dramatic, enthusiastic, passionate and combustible. It brings energy plus to Aries' astro-zone of fun, romance and entertainment so enjoy it, but maybe think twice about being fearlessly frank when midweek moon is in yet another fire sign.

TAURUS: Uranus beginning its retrograde through your sector of security brings a stimulating mix of disruption and game-changing ideas. Finances may fluctuate, exciting freelance opportunities might arrive. Use this five-month backspin for refining your cash strategies to meet the needs of the current economic situation.

GEMINI: With Uranus retrograde in Gemini everything is up for reinvention: especially how you communicate, learn and connect with the world. Maintain your playful spirit and as much goodwill as possible to build up a protective insurance policy against the inevitable surprises of Uranus retro in your sign.

CANCER: Uranus reversing in your zodiac-zone of closure and healing offers support over the next five months to shed baggage and tie-up loose ends. And Venus backsliding in your pleasure-zone says no more wasting energy on things that are draining you. Let go so you can grow.

LEO: While your warm personality and contagious enthusiasm shine at this week's gatherings, conditions, as always, apply – the conditions are that Mars in your fixed and stubborn sign can spark drama queen behaviour and fiery clashes. Venus advises that channelling your most charming self is definitely in your majesty's best interests.

VIRGO: This week's stars advise combining your strengths and superpowers into a balanced blend. Most enjoyable pursuits are likely to be in tandem: collaborating and cooperating in partnerships and community groups. Someone you meet through a networking event could turn into a valuable team member.

LIBRA: In your busy birthday season, if you're feeling a bit scattered, Uranus retro in a fellow air sign could expose where your communication system might need a tweak. In which case keep makeovers simple, because with the current star scenario, overthinking could take you down a rabbit hole.

SCORPIO: Retrogrades involve re- words, so if work-life balance seems uneven, you could use this week's retro Venus in your sign to rectify this with a view towards more enjoyment. Retrogrades also revive the past, so someone you haven't seen for a while might present in a new light.

SAGITTARIUS: It's the annual astro-season for a beauty boost Archers, so where could your home, office, garden, wardrobe and/or person do with a style upgrade? Start with a declutter here, a makeover there and by the end of the week if you like what you see, then repeat.

CAPRICORN: There's more to life than work, work, work Capricorn, so instead of just relentlessly powering on through the endless to-do list, Mars says park a few tasks and take time out to enjoy some rewarding downtime – especially when the upcoming weekend's moon in your sign favours quality over quantity.

AQUARIUS: Pluto turning direct in your progressive sign is an auspicious time to start putting your new ideas and plans into motion. But no rush: Pluto's two-decade journey through Aquarius is just beginning its sweeping shifts in technology, social interaction and collective connection, with you at the leading edge.

PISCES: Changemaker Uranus beginning its five-month hibernation in Pisces' domestic sector is your cue to review your home spaces, both physical and emotional, and consider making adjustments to better suit changing needs. Is it time for a move, a reno, a declutter, an upgrade, or just better boundaries?



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ENTERTAINMENT



Katchafire's Revival 2.0

Katchafire team up with ARIA Award-winning Australian First Nations artist **Emily Wurramara** for their next *Revival 2.0 Guest Edition* single, collaborating on 'Giddy Up' – released on **4 September**.

Emily Wurramara said she is so honoured to be a part of the album for Katchafire. 'Their music has been a soundtrack for so many beautiful moments in my life, so to be covering a big song like 'Giddy Up' and pay respect to these legends is just so special.'

Katchafire are currently touring the US on their Revival World Tour with dates across California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Special guest Jordan T joins for the first week before the band supports J-Boog for a run of shows.

After a quick trip to New Caledonia for the Guidance Festival, Katchafire will head to Australia for five weeks in October and November. Limited early-bird tickets for the Australian tour are on sale now. The forthcoming *Revival 2.0 Guest Edition* album is out on 27 November.

The *Revival 2.0 Guest Edition* album unites roots and reggae voices from across the globe, with more iconic collaborations to come before the album drops in November.

Katchafire integrate vibrant reggae rhythms with Māori influences, producing a distinctive sound that has achieved international recognition. Over the past 25 years, the group has served as prominent advocates for Māori music and Pacific reggae, consistently releasing tracks that underscore themes of family, unity, and cultural pride.

Their dedication is evident in both their impactful melodies and dynamic live performances, resulting in music that has received positive acclaim from audiences worldwide.

You can catch them from 7pm on Sunday, 25 October at the Beach Hotel, Byron Bay. Tickets and info at beachhotel.com.au.

Nimbin Fringe Festival prioritising sustainability

When the Nimbin Fringe Festival launches this October, sustainability won't be an afterthought – it'll be woven into every decision.

From refillable drinking-water stations, booking local talent, solar-powered stages, and a comprehensive waste management system, the festival is embedding environmental responsibility into its core infrastructure – a smart move for a community that's championed sustainability for five decades.

Organisers say the festival is first and foremost for Nimbin. 'We're utilising our gorgeous existing venues, ensuring local businesses are involved and have a great and profitable weekend, while minimising our environmental and social impact.'

Perhaps most notable is the all-local line-up. The Nimbin Fringe features an impressive list of **60-plus Northern Rivers artists**. Drastically cutting the festival's music 'miles' and keeping money circulating in the local economy – the organisers are passionate about showcasing

the epic talent we have right here. And with three times the number of applications that they could accept, it's looking great for future events as well.

The **Youth Tent** with its **Silent Disco** and **Youth Battle of the Bands** comp will be sun-powered thanks to the Sunflower Trailer from SCU. Rainbow Power Company will also be in hosting a solar-powered recharging station for festivalgoers.

The 'nimBIN Chickens', a volunteer-powered project of the Sustainable Living Hub at 7 Sibley Street, will be helping to reduce waste for the event, providing recycling stations, filtered-water refills and a washing-up station. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own reusable cups or purchase a nimBIN Chicken Keepkit at the ticket office.

The annual **Weave and Mend Gathering** will be joining the Nimbin Fringe this year, embodying repair culture in the heart of town, a free-entry/by-donation event which will honour Beltane and the local weaving community.

Low ticket prices, free children's entry and companion tickets increase accessibility.

With plenty of free activities and activated public spaces, Nimbin Fringe welcomes locals and visitors whose budgets may be tight but don't want to miss out. The aim is to put the rainbow village on show and prove that 'There's so much more to Nimbin'.

The Nimbin Fringe Festival runs from **30 October to 1 November**.

Weekend passes are \$120, kids under 12 are free. Day passes available.

Artists include: **Hussy Hicks, Skyeater, Juman and the Soul Centrix, Human Dinosaur Machine, Hayley Grace and the Bay Collective, Shivam Rath, The Hoochers, Neil Junior, Leopard Zebra Tiger, Jimmy Willing and the Real Gone Hickups** and an impressive comedy line up MCed by **Marty Bright**. With film, dance, poetry, theatre and so much more! **For tickets and the line-up, check out nimbinfringe.com.au.**

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Kane Muir Trio 7pm | NuFarrago 10.15pm
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Duelling Piano Bar 9pm

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Lachy Dwyer 6pm | DJ Renee Simone 9.15pm
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Marshall Okell 6pm | Duelling Piano Bar 9pm

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Dan Hannaford 6pm | Duelling Piano Bar 9pm



SEVEN



LETTING HORSES TAKE THE LEAD

Guided by Horses is a film that follows Aboriginal Professor Juli Coffin and the young people of Yawardani Jan-ga ('horses helping' in Yawuru language), a groundbreaking Aboriginal-led equine-assisted learning program where horses, Country and culture come together in unexpected ways. For young people navigating the pressures of growing up, questions of identity and the effects of cultural disconnection, the horses offer something remarkably simple: a chance to be present, to be seen and, gradually, to see themselves differently.

Seven spoke to **Professor Coffin** and *Guided by Horses* filmmaker **Sean O'Reilly** in the lead up to the **Byron Bay Film Festival**.

What inspired this film?

SEAN: My partner, Sophie, and I were looking for an Australian story involving animals – something emotional and uplifting. We heard Juli speak on a podcast, and her work seemed to bring all those elements together. We got in touch, talked, and gradually found our way into the project.

JULI: The work has always felt visual to me. When people visit the block, they can see and feel what happens there. Film offered another way to share that experience. It also fits with how I think about telling stories – instead of reducing a young person's progress to boxes on a form, we can show a fuller picture of their journey.

What does the program offer young people?

JULI: We work with horses through equine-assisted learning. The horses help create a space where young people can be present and build relationships. The focus isn't on labelling a young person or defining them by a problem. It's about what's happening that day and what the horses can offer.

The program serves around 45 to 50 young people. We currently have four Aboriginal equine-assisted learning practitioners, and we hope to grow to six next year. Building stability for the team matters – secure employment helps practitioners keep doing this work.

How did you make sure filming didn't disrupt the young people's experience?

SEAN: That was really important to Juli. We learned to observe rather than interfere. Much of the filming with the horses was done from a distance, and we placed microphones on the practitioners, not on the young people. We wanted the children to be able to focus on their time with the horses, not on the camera.

JULI: The young people in the film were chosen thoughtfully, so the story could show a range of ages, genders and personalities. They were familiar with photos and video at the program, which helped make filming feel natural.

What role do the horses play in the film?

JULI: We have eight horses, each with their own character. Elvis, for example, is a rescue horse who arrived unhandled. He can be very clear about boundaries. In the film, you see him ask Athena to communicate differently. Those early lessons help her develop a connection with another horse (Paris) later on. He's kind, reflective and a favourite with the young people.

What do you hope will be the audience take away?

SEAN: We wanted the film to be welcoming even to people who aren't especially interested in horses. It should be entertaining and feel cinematic, while also giving audiences a quiet moment to reconnect with nature. People have told us they feel immersed in the visuals, music and sound.

JULI: I hope audiences leave with three things: hope, change and gratitude for the chance to witness the work. Aboriginal wounds do need Aboriginal medicine – we have our own ways of supporting young people and creating these spaces in culturally grounded programs. Young people have the capacity to change and become their best selves, but too often lack the support they need. I hope audiences look beyond negative statistics and see the possibility of healing, rebuilding and reaching potential. Sharing the program through the film is a gift, an opportunity to offer people insight into the work and its positive impact on brighter futures.

For Juli, the film is an invitation to glimpse the program's everyday work – and the possibilities that can grow when young people, practitioners and horses meet with patience, care and curiosity.

Screening times for this and all other films can be found at bbff.com.au.

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Wed: 6:30PM – MC Preview

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COYOTE VS. ACME (PG)
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FORGOTTEN ISLAND (PG)
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SHAUN THE SHEEP: THE BEAST OF MOSSY BOTTOM (G)
Thurs, Sun, Mon, Tues: 10:45AM. Fri, Sat: 10:40AM

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Daily except Sat, Sun: 11:00AM

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DIGGER (MA15+)
Thurs: 8:00PM. Fri: 2:50PM. Sat: 8:20PM. Sun: 8:30PM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:30PM, 8:30PM

HEART OF THE BEAST (M)
Thurs, Mon, Tues: 2:20PM, 4:30PM, 8:45PM. Fri: 1:00PM. Sat, Sun: 10:40AM, 8:30PM. Wed: 2:20PM, 4:30PM

JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OK? (M) NFT
Daily except Fri: 4:30PM. Fri: 5:00PM

LA BOLA NEGRA (MA15+) NFT
Thurs: 1:00PM, 3:20PM, 6:30PM. Fri: 1:00PM, 3:10PM, 7:00PM. Sat, Sun: 1:15PM, 4:20PM, 7:30PM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:00PM, 7:30PM

NAZA (M) NFT
Thurs: 1:20PM, 6:30PM. Fri: 3:10PM, 5:30PM. Sat: 1:00PM, 6:30PM. Sun: 1:00PM, 4:20PM, 6:30PM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:20PM, 3:10PM, 6:30PM

OTHER MOMMY (MA15+)
Thurs: 1:20PM. Fri: 1:10PM, 5:00PM. Sun: 6:20PM. Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:10PM

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (PG)
Thurs, Mon, Tues, Wed: 10:45AM, 1:30PM, 3:15PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM. Fri: 10:45AM,

1:30PM, 3:15PM, 6:00PM, 8:30PM. Sat, Sun: 10:45AM, 1:30PM, 3:15PM, 6:00PM, 8:15PM

STREET FIGHTER (CTC) NFT
Daily except Sun: 12:30PM, 3:10PM, 5:45PM, 8:20PM. Sun: 12:45PM, 3:20PM, 5:50PM, 8:30PM

THE ODYSSEY (M)
Daily: 11:00AM

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Thurs, Mon: 10:50AM, 3:40PM, 8:45PM. Fri: 10:30AM, 4:30PM, 8:45PM. Sat: 10:40AM, 5:50PM. Sun: 10:40AM, 5:50PM, 8:45PM. Tues: 10:50AM, 3:40PM, 8:30PM. Wed: 10:50AM, 3:40PM

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Daily: 9:45AM

FORGOTTEN ISLAND (PG)
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Daily: 4:40PM

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Storytellers: making Space for New Theatre in the Northern Rivers

Calling all Northern Rivers theatre-makers! Whether you're an emerging or established artist, Byron Theatre Company wants to hear from you. **Storytellers** is a new, free development program supporting local artists to create original theatre.

For **creative producer Bianca Sirianni**, Storytellers grew from her experience developing 'Displace I Call Home', produced at Byron Theatre in 2025.

'Making that work made me realise that if we want to produce new theatre by artists from this region, we also need to support everything that happens before a production reaches the stage,' says Bianca.

Regional artists often travel to major cities for professional opportunities. Storytellers aims to create more of those opportunities locally, connecting artists with collaborators, mentors and producers.

'It's rare to be able to make work at this level in your own community,' says director **Heather Fairbairn**, who spends much of the year working away from the Northern Rivers, and directed Byron Theatre Company's 2026 production of *Tirra Lirra by the River*.

Through Storytellers, Byron Theatre Company is opening its doors to local artists, creating a space where new Australian work can begin, develop and grow.

Already, since applications opened, new conversations and collaborations have begun, bringing local theatre-makers together and sparking possibilities for future work.

Four creative teams will receive \$800 and mentorship during a three-day Development Lab in January 2027. Up to two projects will progress to five-day residencies, receiving an additional \$2,500 and an opportunity to share their work.

Mentors include producer **Jane Fuller** and award-winning director **Heather Fairbairn**, alongside guest mentors tailored to each project.

'Every classic play was once a new work,' says Jane. Storytellers is about giving those first ideas the time, space and support to become something more.

Applications close Sunday, 1 November at 6pm. Storytellers is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW. Apply at www.byroncentre.com.au/programs/storytellers or contact producer@byroncentre.com.au.

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WEDNESDAY 14

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATTY DAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TIFFANY GRACE + DUELING PIANOS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- OTTILIES, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **MONDO HUM JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 5PM **IRISH FOLK JAM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SAM BUCKLEY TRIO + DJ SHLUFFY + DUELING PIANOS + MEDIA PUZZLE**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JASON LEWIS, B2B & ROB SYDNEY**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JOHNNY T WITH SMOKEY CAKE & KAPOWA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **GRINDSTONE RANCH COUNTRY MUSIC**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **BALCONY BEATS + KRAPPYOKEE WITH JESS, 7PM MATTY ROGERS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **INO PIO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **CHECKERED PAST**

THURSDAY 15

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **HENRY WEST + CINNAMON SUN**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD + DJ QUENDO + DUELING PIANOS**
- HAVEN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **OPEN DECKS VINYL NIGHT**
- GARDEN BAR, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **TEMPLE OF FIRE**
- FOXY LUU'S @ COORABELL HALL 7.30PM **LILA SWAIN QUARTET & BURLESQUE**
- SAINT MARIES, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 6PM **MONDO HUM JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MADI GOODWIN**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM **THE SUPPER CLUB SOUL BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM (QLD) **THE HIGH KINGS**
- BROADWATER HOTEL 5.30PM **SWAMP MOSS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM **SKUNKHOUR**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **FELICITY URQUHART AND JOSH CUNNINGHAM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **GREGG PETERSON + LUKE PAULEY**
- SALT BAR, KINGSCLIFF, 5.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA, 6PM PHIL & TILLEY**
- SALT & STONE, FINGAL HEAD, 6PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **BRIT BEAT MANIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM (QLD) **IAN MOSS & TROY CASSAR-DALY**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7PM **ALEX LLOYD**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 7.30PM **LACHIE DWYER DUO**

FRIDAY 16

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ANNA STANTON + PEKING DUK**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **BYRON BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM **ERIN SHAY**
- ELEMENTS OF BYRON 5PM **GUY & NICCI**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **BBFF2026 OPENING NIGHT & SCREENING - THE FOX**
- BYRON THEATRE 1.30PM & 7PM **BYRON BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 2PM **HENRY WEST + SAMBAM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **KANE MUIR TRIO + NUFARRAGO + DUELING PIANOS + BYRON DNB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **THE BILLY BONES IRISH SINGALONG, 6PM PIANO BAR WITH JOHN HILL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6.30PM **WET BANDITS**

SATURDAY 17

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GOODRICH**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **BYRON BALLET - THE NUTCRACKER**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **FELICITY LAWLESS + VINYL SUNDAYS FT. REIFLEX + DUELING PIANOS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **HITCHHIKE THE DAWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **KURILPA REACH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **JOCK BARNES + ERIN SHAY DUO + MELL HALL + LILY STEEL**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **ALEX LLOYD**
- LENNOX HOTEL 4PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **TURF WARS 2.0 + HAYLEY GRACE**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 7PM **DJ EAMESY**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 8PM **SUPERCHEEZE**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE 7.30PM **A DOLL'S HOUSE**
- HILLTOP HOTEL, GOONELLABAH, 9PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 5.30PM **THE PROPHET THEATRE PRODUCTION**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **MERLIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **TIM STOKES**
- SALT BAR, KINGSCLIFF, 6PM **MERLIN**
- SALT & STONE, FINGAL HEAD, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- CLUB TWEED 7.30PM **DISCO VS ROCK**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, 8PM (QLD) **BLUES BROTHERS REVIEW**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM **THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT**

SUNDAY 18

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LACHY DWYER + DJ RENEE SIMONE + DUELING PIANOS**

MONDAY 19

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LACHY DWYER + DJ RENEE SIMONE + DUELING PIANOS**

TUESDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARSHALL O'KELL + DUELING PIANOS**

WEDNESDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ALBY DAMN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD + DUELING PIANOS**
- THE PADDOCK PROJECT, MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CURRY JAM**
- OTTILIES, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **MONDO HUM JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **THE BURES BAND WITH STERLING DRAKE**

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Saturday 17th of October, 2026
2pm, Ocean Shores Country Club

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8/12/1946 – 2/10/2026



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9th October 2026

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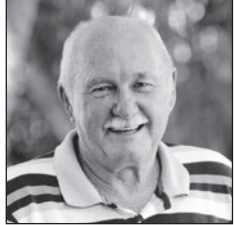
Much loved wife of Ray (dec).
Loving mother of Lynn & Robert, Jenny & Greg, Sharron & Peter, grandmother and great grandmother.

Family and friends are warmly invited to celebrate Eileen's life at Mullumbimby Cemetery at 10am on Monday 19th October.

BRUNSWICK VALLEY FUNERALS
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Graham Humphreys

16.03.1942 ~ 04.10.2026



A celebration of Graham's life will be held at Byron Bay Services Club on Saturday, 17 October 2026, commencing at 10.30am. Family and friends are welcome to share our day.

Guardian Funerals
Ballina 02 6686 7036

DEATH NOTICES

STEPHEN WESLEY THURSTON

11.11.1949 to 10.10.2026



'SWT' has slipped away from us, quietly, peacefully.

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GCAT

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, 18 October from 8am to 11am. Meet in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. We plant in the sand dunes from Clarkes Beach to Main Beach. From 11am, enjoy a delicious free BBQ and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. It's good fun. Inquiries to Veda 6685 7991 or Peter 0488 715 565.

Musicland

Join local author Tricia Shantz at Byron Bay Library on Thursday, 29

SUN, MOON & TIDES – TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS						
DATE	DAY	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)	
14	W	6:10 18:53	7:56 22:24	11:22 1.57 23:14 1.10	04:25 0.25 17:45 0.43	
15	TH	6:09 18:54	8:40 23:20	11:59 1.52 23:51 1.02	04:55 0.32 18:32 0.49	
16	F	6:08 18:54	9:29	12:41 1.46	05:28 0.39 19:28 0.54	
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18	SU	6:06 18:56	11:17 0:59	01:38 0.89 14:34 1.34	07:09 0.55 21:47 0.56	
19	M	6:05 18:56	12:13 1:41	03:11 0.89 15:46 1.33	08:31 0.60 22:51 0.52	
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Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.



October at 3pm talking about her latest book *Musicland: When the Music Came to Byron 1970-1990*. Tricia will chat about her new book and share stories from this incredible time. Light refreshments will be served. Bookings essential 6685 8540 or rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

Byron Book Fair

Friends of Libraries (FOL) are now collecting books for next year's Book Fair from 9am to 10am Tasman Way, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Books will need to be in very good, clean, and dust-free condition. Books of all genres greatly accepted. Book drop-off will take place the first Monday in November and December and next year, excluding January 2027, each month on the first Monday same place until the Book Fair. On arrival a FOL member will be at the gate to collect books. Enquires contact Monique: 0414 811 323.

Outrigger Canoe Club

FREE Come 'n Try sessions at the Northern Rivers Outrigger Canoe Club on Sundays, 18 and 25 October at 'Dog Beach' Ballina, Missingham Park between 9am and 11am. No experience needed. Fully supported by accredited outrigger coaches and club members. Email: asecretarynrocc@gmail.com.

Drill Hall Film Society

Our next screening of *The Petrified Forest* (1936), with Humphrey Bogart, is on Wednesday, 21 October at The Drill Hall Theatre in Mullumbimby. Membership is now due and can be paid at the door and guests are always welcome. Refreshments are available before the film when doors open at 6.30pm. All enquiries and bookings to: drillhallfilms@gmail.com

The Echo's Market Guide

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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 Friday, Sat 11th July and Sat 26th Sept

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS:

Each TUE: New Brighton Farmers Market – 7am–11am
Lismore Organic Market – 7.30am–10.30am

Each WED: Murwillumbah Farmers Market – 7am–11am
Nimbin Farmers Market – 3pm–6pm
Newrybar Hall Twilight Market – 3pm–7.30pm

Each THU: Byron Bay Farmers Market – 7am–11am
Lismore Produce Market – 3pm–6pm

Each FRI: Mullumbimby Farmers Market – 7am–11am
Evans Head Farmers Market – 2.30pm–6.30pm

Each SAT: Bangalow Farmers Market – 7am–11am
Duranbah Road Farmers Market (Tropical Fruit World) 8am–11am
Uki Farmers Market – 8am–1pm
Lismore Farmers Market – 7.30am–11.30am
Byron Twilight Market (October to April) 4pm–9pm

Each SUN: Ballina Farmers & Producers Market – 7am–11am

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



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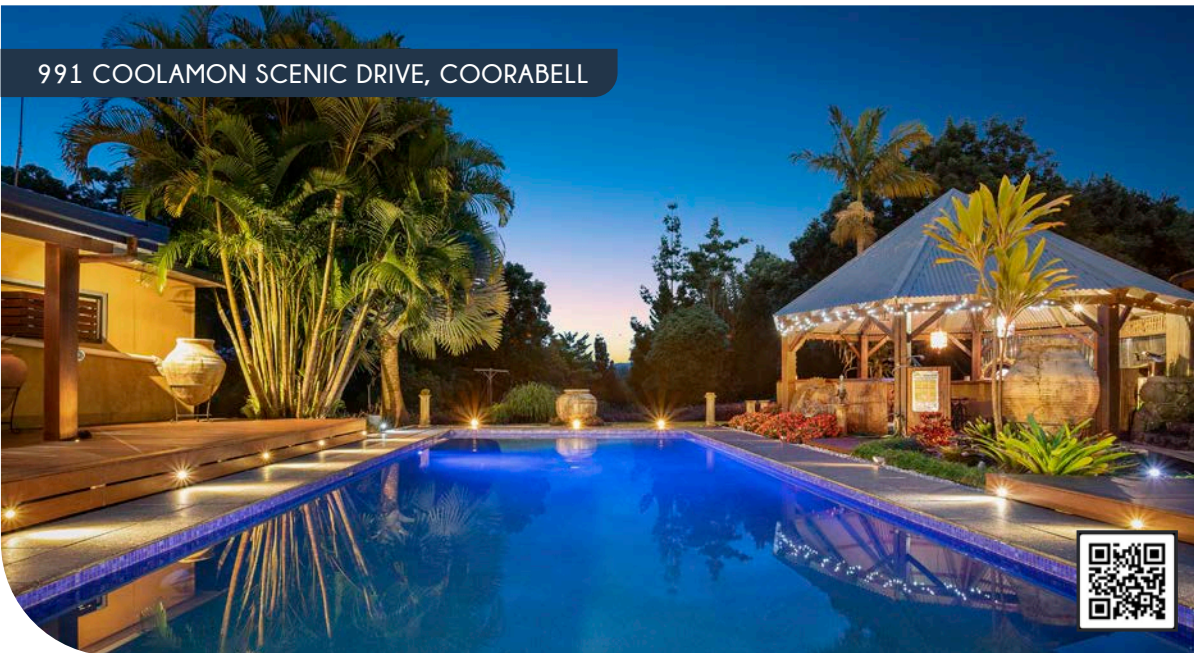
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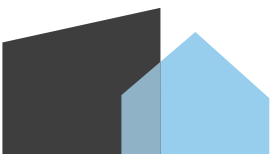
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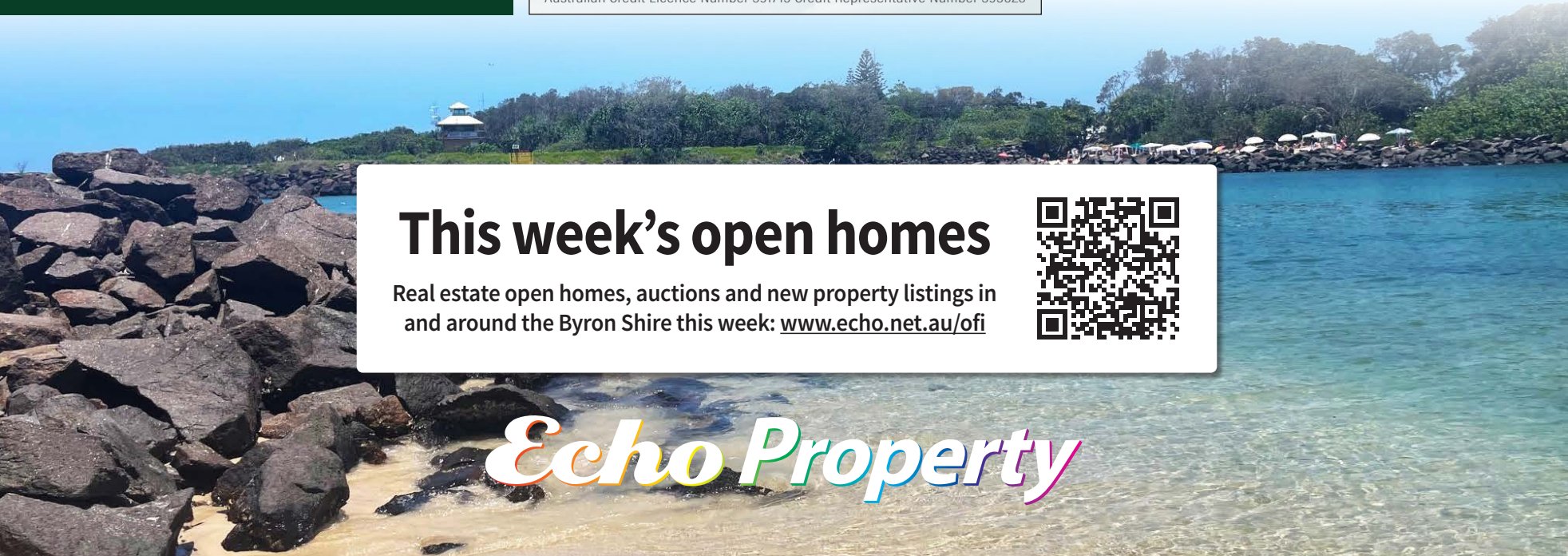
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Three of five High Court judges have ruled that coalmining companies are responsible for their overseas emissions. The case is the first time the High Court has been questioned about who is responsible for the effects of climate change, and is expected to impact approvals of future fossil fuel projects nationally.

On the point of climate change, recent research by the University of Queensland found that local councillors around Australia underestimate how much public support there is for stronger action on climate change. 'We found elected local members thought 61 per cent of Australians wanted stronger government action on climate change, when the figure is in fact 83 per cent,' said lead author Ms Annabelle Wilkinson. 'Australia is in danger of not meeting its climate change targets, and potential misconceptions about important issues like this matter because public opinion is a key driver of policy implementation.'



Dingo Festival headliner Nai Palm kicked-off Saturday at the transformed Bangalow A&I Hall where thousands turned out to enjoy the warm weather and cool tunes. More images from the festival on www.echo.net.au. Photo Jeff 'Dog's Breath' Dawson

Applications are now open for the Byron Shire Council's Events and Festivals Sponsorship Fund. The \$50,000 fund supports local events and festivals that have a positive impact on the community. Find out more on Council's website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Did you know that NSW has pink lakes? Several of them have recently been protected after the federal and NSW governments bought the 74,000-hectare Pulgamurtie Station near Broken Hill. It will: protect the outback landscape, including two pink lakes; provide a home to more than 70 threatened species, like the brolga and pink cockatoo; and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

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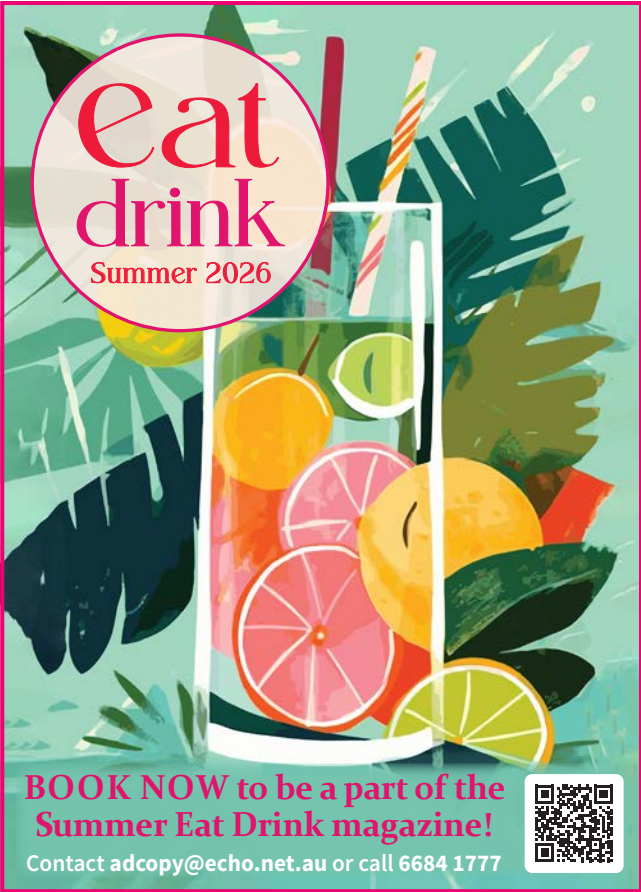
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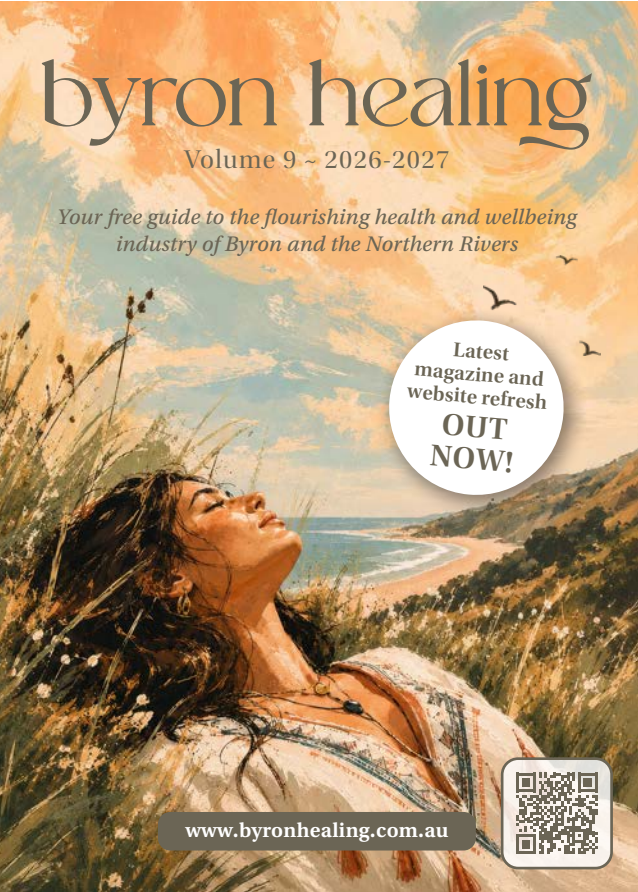
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