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What's up the Creek?

Report shows health ratings

A 2015 report that measures the health of local rivers and estuaries has revealed the lowest rating possible for mid and lower estuarine reaches of the Wilsons River, which runs through Lismore.

It got an 'F'.

But Byron Shire is also on the radar for poor estuary and creek health. Local utility Rous Water told *The Echo* that the independent *Ecohealth Assessment* examines 'key environmental indicators throughout the Richmond River catchment including water quality, riparian (riverbank) vegetation, geomorphic (channel) condition and macroinvertebrates (waterbugs), and reports on their condition.'

Data were applied to regional and national guidelines for healthy rivers and then a scorecard given, a Rous Water spokesperson said.

'In the Wilsons River catchment, Leicester Creek received an F, Coopers Creek received a D+, Byron Creek received a D- and Wilsons Creek a C-. Riparian conditions decline quickly downstream and this was due firstly to dominance of several noxious invasive weeds or clearing associated with grazing in the riparian zones.

'Water quality was generally very poor, although water quality was better in upper reaches of most tributaries.'

The full reply from Rous and story is available at echo.net.au.

Going with the Bruns tide



The sun smiled down on the one thousand and sixty-five competitors on Sunday, as they took to the waters for the annual Mullum2Bruns paddle. The event is now the largest paddle in Australia, say organisers. Of the paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, dragon boats and surf rescue boats that made up this year's event, many were very competitive while others were in it just for fun. Following the event, entrants enjoyed family-friendly entertainment and food at the Terrace. Photo Jeff 'Up The Creeks And Waterways' Dawson

Ocean Shores water leak: 25 million litres

About 25 megalitres, or 25 million litres, of water were wasted after an underground leak in Ocean Shores in April, but Council staff have told *The Echo* there will be no extra cost.

Cr Duncan Dey (Greens) alerted the chamber to the massive leak at last Thursday's meeting, saying the breakages were difficult to locate, one being under a waterway.

Alerted by Rous Water

Council's manager of utilities, Peter Rees, told *The Echo* that there will be no additional costs owing to the water charge structure with Council's water supplier, Rous Water.

He said, 'Rous Water alerted Council to the potential leak.'

'It took staff a day to find the underground leak in a remote location within the Ocean Shores Golf Club grounds, and another day to repair.

'Unfortunately it was not visible and therefore not immediately observed by anyone.' Mr Rees thanked Rous for their supportive alert.

Coastal policy now over to community

Hans Lovejoy & Chris Dobney

Is 21 days enough time for the public to assess and comment on a major piece of coastal policy that took five years to prepare?

Byron Shire Council's controlling majority think so, and voted at last Thursday's meeting to reject a rescission motion which aims to ask for more data on planned retreat

options and seek ministerial and departmental advice.

The incomplete and contentious Coastal Zone Management Plan Byron Bay Embayment (CZMP BBE) is now on public exhibition until Tuesday June 14.

The lack of time for public engagement was raised by Cr Paul Spooner at the meeting to audience applause; however, there was

no reply on that issue from the five councillors in favour of the plan.

A lengthier public exhibition period is supported by Cr Duncan Dey, who says that CZMP guidelines recommend a longer public exhibition period than the minimum 21 days stipulated under the *NSW Coastal Act 1979*.

If adopted, it has the potential to set a precedent for landowners,

providing legal grounds to protect homes with rock-type structures on known erosion hotspots.

The Gold Coast's experience suggests that expensive sand-nourishment programs would be needed to compensate for beach erosion. But there limited sand-nourishment plans tabled within the CZMP BBE, and it has been criticised as offering

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Community organisations within Byron Shire are invited to apply for the 2016 Community Grant Fund.

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Previous grant recipients include Ocean Shores Tidy Towns, Shara Community

Gardens, Brunswick Valley Rescue, Pets For Life Animal Shelter (Billinudgel), Mullumbimby High School, Ocean Shores Public School (music program), Brunswick Heads Public School, The Pocket and Crabbes Creek public schools, Byron Youth Service and the Byron Homeless and Community Breakfast.

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Correction

Last week's story regarding the new highway's effect on the Macadamia Castle incorrectly stated that promises made by Nationals MLC Ben Franklin to owner Mr Gilding were broken by the RMS.

The quote should have read: 'Mr Franklin has been a help but sadly promises made at that meeting have already been broken by RMS.'

Fest breath-test results out

Organisers of a free breath-test and information booth at this year's Bluesfest say that over 1,100 breath-tests and 120 surveys were undertaken, and 100 per cent of patrons intended to change their behaviour after finding they were over the legal limit.

For more information visit steerproject.org.au.

Bashing it for variety



Eighty-four Variety Bash cars rolled into Mullum Public School last Thursday, as part of a fundraising drive for disabled and special-needs children under 15 years. Originally the bash was the idea of businessman, explorer and philanthropist Dick Smith. According to www.variety.org.au he organised the first bash in 1985. Pictured is Steven Lavis on horn with Dennis and Robyn Peters. Photo Jeff 'Paddock Bashed Since 1986' Dawson

Market licences up for grabs

Emily Pierce & Hans Lovejoy

Five-year market licences for the Shire were discussed at a Council-led meeting last Wednesday. Issues were tabled by Byron market operators, such as traffic and parking and the effect of the planned bypass along Byron Bay's Butler Street.

They say the bypass will further reduce parking in the popular area.

But there's another issue with Council's plans to tender out market management.

The *Echo* asked the Byron Bay Community Association,

who manage the Byron markets, the implications if they were not awarded the tender. Although councils fund other community centres, Council does not fund the Byron Bay Community Centre, which relies in part on the income from market stallholders.

Community Association secretary David Sweet replied, 'The Community Centre very much relies on the management of the Community Markets to fund a number of important community programs.'

'At a Committee of Management level we haven't precisely identified what services

would be scaled back or taken away; however, we are well aware it would have a devastating effect on the community centre if Council ended our management of the markets.'

Ramifications

'We believe we have a strong proven track record of managing the community markets and delivering vital community services to Byron Bay, which should give us a good chance of retaining the markets. However, we are concerned about the ramifications if Byron Council

decides to give the markets to another tenderer.'

The *Echo* also asked Council staff why its tender process doesn't include Bangalow markets, which are held on Council-managed land.

Council's media spokesperson replied, 'The Bangalow A&I Showground Trust is managed on behalf of Council by a Section 355 community committee.'

'Under this arrangement, the committee is responsible for managing the property and the events that occur.'

Tender applications close June 15.

Labor's Mark Butler in town

Hans Lovejoy

Shadow frontbencher Mark Butler, from South Australia, sailed through the Shire last week as part of the election roadshow.

He's held an array of portfolios since 2007, and is currently shadow minister for environment, climate change and water. Mr Butler came across as relaxed, affable and engaged.

Like many from Labor, he worked within the union movement; he spent 15 years in the Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU).

His replies to questions were considered and sounded informed.

Even my question about how the ruling global



Local MP Justine Elliot and shadow frontbench MP Mark Butler at the Poinciana Cafe in Mullum. Photo supplied

financial elites - who make up rules that no-one understands - were taken seriously.

So what does he think of creating a federal ICAC?

He cautiously said it would be a good thing if it had a strong framework.

As for environmental issues, he made the point that the alarming loss of the Great Barrier Reef is not just owing to warmer waters from climate change; it's also due in part to the industrial chemical run-off from intensive farming.

He's in favour of reducing the large-scale land clearing which is damaging QLD - that is now on the agenda of the NSW Baird government.

Labor's ambitious plan to reach a 50 per cent renewables target by 2030 is achievable, he claims, and he said that his discussions with industry indicate it could be done, albeit on a stretch, and would require quick large solar-farm roll-outs.

As for breaking up duopolies such as Coles and Woolies, Mr Butler seemed to sympathise with the staggering inequity but wasn't committed to legislation; he believed that consumer advocacy can play a role.

The current campaign to support milk farmers was a good example, he said.

A festival for a clean energy future

Save the date and place: there's a new festival for the calendar – June 18, 2016 at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds.

In a first for the region, Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby, or COREM, are busy organising their first festival, which aims to demonstrate cutting-edge renewable energies and sustainable practices.

Director Ella Rose Goninan says, 'Powered by the SCU's Solar Sunflower, Renew Fest will kaaboom with an earthy-powered packed program and celebration.'

'We are thrilled to announce a solar battery expo – on display will be the Tesla Powerwall and the new Sunny Boy Storage, which allows the Powerwall to be connected to any existing or new solar system.'

'World-leading battery technology from LG Chem and others will be on display.'

'We believe in the power of



Some Renew Fest committee members: from 12 o'clock Sandi Middleton, Joanne Langton, Paul Crebar, Alison Ratcliffe, festival director Ella Rose Goninan, Vicki Brooke and Jeannette Martin. Photo Jeff 'Sunflowers And Sunshine' Dawson

Community Owned Renewable Energy to enable our local region to decentralise and decarbonise our energy system.'

Additionally a beach walk to raise funds and awareness

for climate change is planned for Saturday May 28.

It will start from Byron Bay and finish at Brunswick Heads, a distance of 12.5km.

Money raised goes to

support COREM's projects.

To get involved visit <https://planetfunder.org/projects/corem-walk>. For more info on the festival, visit www.renewfest.org.au.

Coastal policy now over to community

► continued from page 1 inadequate legal certainty and economic implications. Cr Paul Spooner, who is a former NSW Labor candidate, said such a move is 'heading over a cliff'.

He has described it as 'impulsive' and 'short-sighted decision-making' and posed the question, 'Is this council operating in a fair and proper manner?'

As well as the highly controversial 1.6-kilometre rock wall suggested for Belongil Beach, the CZMP also proposes an upgrade of the Jonson Street protection works and removal of the spur groynes.

Council's press release claims the Jonson Street protection works are estimated to cost about \$6.2 million, and funds would be sought from the state government's Coastal Management Program.

As for the Belongil seawalls, the draft plan proposes a private/public funding model with Council funds directed towards works adjacent to public lands. 'At a total cost estimated at \$14.3 million, Council's proportion is estimated to be just over \$1 million.'

Suffolk Park, Brunswick Heads, New Brighton and South Golden Beach are also included in part E of the draft CZMP BBE, which is an Emergency Action Sub-Plan for the Byron Shire Coastline, and deals with coastal erosion emergencies.

And while the state North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au

government has called in all council CZMPs that are 'nearly ready' by June 30, Cr Spooner believes Byron Council's motivations are 'more political than that'.

'I think its got to do with ensuring that we've got a document that suits the majority of councillors, in this term of Council, being adopted.'

'This is a document, however, that sets a policy up – not just for this council or the next – but for many years to come,' Cr Spooner said.

'We have a plan that will be put in place that will influence the management of the beach and coastal zone of Byron Bay – one of the most important environmental, social and economic assets of our community.'

Political grounds

'We should get the greatest amount of community input possible before this decision is taken because it will be something that unfortunately will affect the whole community.'

'This decision should not be made on political grounds, as to who's got the majority in the chamber at the time, it should be made in the best interests of the community,' Cr Spooner said.

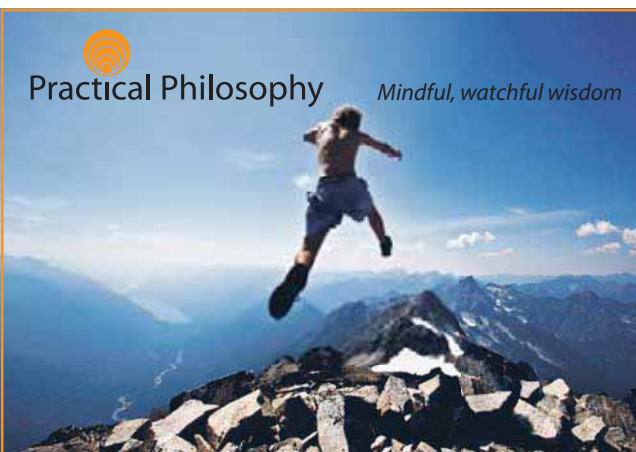
Meanwhile local environmentalist Dailan Pugh, who is a member of the Project Reference Group (PRG) overseeing the CZMP BBE, says a recent letter to Council from the NSW Office of Environment

and Heritage (OEH) describes the draft CZMP BBE as 'somewhat preliminary and requires more work'.

Additionally OEH say the plans do not 'currently meet a standard which would be considered necessary to meet the requirements for certification under the provisions of the Coastal Protection Act 1979.'

More work needed: OEH

He also called the Project Reference Group that overlooked the plans as 'a sham.'



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New biodiversity Bill still an issue

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW are urging the public to get involved with laws to be overhauled which aims to protect native plants and animals in NSW.

But chief executive Kate Smolski said the draft biodiversity package would enable increased land clearing and habitat destruction. '[This has] clearly been crafted to please big agribusiness and the developer lobby.'

The only public briefing by the government was in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday.

Overall there are six public briefings planned throughout the state.

To see the bill, visit www.landmanagement.nsw.gov.au.

Farewell, Barbara Pinter



Barb Pinter's death on the weekend has reverberated throughout the shire. She was a tireless supporter of women in the region who suffered the effects of breast cancer. Here she was clowning around when the Bentley's for Breast Cancer crew rolled into Byron Shire in September 2008. A more detailed tribute will follow next week. Photo Jeff Dawson

Butler Street Reserve spruced up

Helen Burns

There were upwards of sixty trees planted on Butler Street Crown Reserve last Wednesday, bringing the area new life and much-needed beautification.

It's also home to the Byron Community Market grounds, and such improvements have been a desire of stallholders for decades.

The tree planting was done by volunteers – about twenty stallholders – and with Council workers they also built benches around some of the established trees, and new



Nigel Stewart. Photo supplied

Byron Shire Reserve Trust Committee and, after a rousing applause, it was agreed that long-overdue maintenance of the land and amenities commence. The Reserve Trust Committee also reiterated that Butler Reserve is the official home of Byron Community Markets.

Arakwal message

By RRSA's invitation, a representative from the Arakwal people began the day with a blessing ceremony.

All present for this were deeply moved by the message Nigel Stewart read from

Arakwal elders Lorna Kelly, Linda Vidler, Yvonne Graham and Dulcie Nicholls.

He said this country needs to be treated with respect and care, so that all people and animals of present and future generations may benefit.

■ Helen Burns is a stallholder and committee member of RRSA.

Punks for West Papua screens May 27

David Bradbury

A pairing of punk music and human rights has resulted in a documentary which highlights the ongoing genocide of West Papuan people.

West Papua is one of Australia's closest neighbours, yet the occupation and killings by the Indonesian military are being largely ignored by mainstream media and governments.

Punks for West Papua tells of the Aussie punk scene's fight for the West Papuans, turning a fundraising event into an Australia-wide benefit, involving more than 50 bands in seven cities around the country, making *Punks For West Papua* the biggest and no doubt loudest punk rock showcase in the nation's history.

Meanwhile in the UK, the leaders of International Parliamentarians for West Papua were joined last week by members of the United North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au



From the doco *Punks for West Papua*. Photo supplied

Liberation Movement for West Papua and the International Lawyers for West Papua.

They announced their belief that West Papuans should be allowed an internationally supervised vote on independence.

Coinciding with the meeting, thousands of West Papuans held rallies to show their support for the meeting. This brought unprecedented

action from Indonesian security forces.

Reports confirmed that almost 2,000 West Papuans were arrested with many tortured.

Punks for West Papua will screen at the Piggery Cinema, Byron Bay on Friday May 27 and will include a Q&A with filmmaker and director Anthony Brennan.

■ David Bradbury is an award-winning filmmaker

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Federal candidates respond to calls to protect water, air



One Nation's Neil Smith



Labor's Justine Elliot



The Nationals' Matthew Fraser



The Greens' Dawn Walker

Hans Lovejoy & Chris Dobney

Protecting nationally significant drinking-water sources, creating CSG no-go zones and protecting food-producing land from mining are all on Lock the Gate's new wish list for the upcoming election. It's called the Water4Life Index.

Members of the CSG-free group lobbied local federal candidates last week, with three Richmond candidates responding to *The Echo*.

One Nation candidate Neil Smith could not be reached before deadline. Pauline Hanson leads that party.

Regarding the state issue of CSG, One Nation's website says it opposes CSG mining 'until there is substantial evidence that it does not affect people's health, the environment, our farming and water.'

The Water4Life Index also calls upon lawmakers to establish a national Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to administer a new Clean Air and Water Act.

It would also provide landholders and traditional owners with the right to say no to mining companies.

The Index also calls for an end to tax breaks and subsidies for mining giants and the creation of a federal Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Greens Richmond candidate Dawn Walker immediately issued a media release saying she was 'proud to be with the only political party to sign on to both recent community requests on the unconventional gas industry; to sign the Pollution Free Politics pledge and to commit

to the Water4Life Index.'

Not long after, Labor's sitting member for Richmond, Justine Elliot, said she would also support the Water4Life Index. But according to the Pollution Free Politics pledge, a request sent to Ms Elliot to end fossil-fuel donations is yet to be replied to.

Richmond Nationals candidate Matthew Fraser told *The Echo*, 'CSG and any other forms of intrusive mining have no place in the northern rivers, and since the Nationals cancelled all of Labor's CSG licences we can proudly call the northern rivers CSG free.'

'The Water4Life Index is a really positive collection of policies and I will always support any measures that will ensure CSG never returns to the northern rivers.'

'If I am being asked to back each and every measure, that makes it very difficult. For example, the creation of a new national Environment Protection Authority (EPA) duplicates the regulation of the states, adds an extra layer of red tape and will end up hurting farmers and small businesses. If elected, I would be happy to work with anyone to ensure that CSG never returns to the northern rivers and our water is protected.'

Who's got marbles?



Oliver and Grace haven't lost their marbles... yet. But more are needed for the upcoming championships. Photo Jeff 'Marbles Lost Since 1986' Dawson

The organiser of the Australian Marbles Championships, held in Brunswick Heads on June long weekend, is running out of marbles and is seeking more from the public.

From a healthy bag load close to 1,000 eight years ago, Mary Ashton says she is down to about 150.

'I've been donating bags of

marbles to interested primary schools in the area since 2008, to get the kids started for the yearly championships, and my stocks have dwindled,' she said.

Donation call

Mary is asking for the community to donate any spare, unwanted, never-used marbles

to the cause. There are collection buckets in Bangalow, Ocean Shores and Kingscliff Summerland Credit Union branches, Sabi Sushi Bar in Ocean Shores and Brunz Kids in Brunswick Heads. Both Sabi Sushi Bar and Brunz Kids are also offering prizes for guessing marble numbers and the most marbles donated.

Lennox Head festival June 4

The fourth annual Love Lennox Festival is on Saturday June 4. Hosted by the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce, organisers say it is a celebration of all things Lennox Head.

There will be a jumping castle, face painting and craft activities for the kids, and the Lennox Head Preschool will bring back the Old McDonald's Farm.

The festival will again ask local food businesses to compete for the Flavours of Lennox challenge.

Local cafes, restaurants and food retailers are creating their signature 'flavour' and festival-goers can go into the draw to win prizes if they try five of the flavours.

This year the Northern Rivers Conservatorium will

welcome a host of youth music performances at the big stage and seating area on the foreshore. Also on the foreshore the very popular annual Surfboard Swap Meet returns, as will the Dogs of Lennox. After the festival, Jazz By The Sea will commence at the Lennox Community Centre at 7pm. For more visit www.lovelennox.com.au.

Regeneration of Simpsons Creek

Brunswick Valley Landcare and The Farm have collaborated to plant more than 2,000 trees along the eastern headwaters of Simpsons Creek, Ewingsdale.

Peter Ryan, Brunswick Valley Landcare president said, 'It's great to form a partnership with The Farm and

to demonstrate how looking after biodiversity and water quality can be done alongside agriculture and tourism.'

The project is supported by North Coast Local Land Services, through funding from the National Landcare Program.

Simpsons Creek is a

tributary of the Brunswick River and home to a wide variety of species. A history of land clearing and unrestricted access of cattle to the creek has caused severe degradation in sections. The area will be planted and maintained without the use of chemicals, says Mr Ryan.

Councillor cops suspended pay, reprimanded

Lismore councillor Graham Meineke has been reprimanded by the head of the Office of Local Government, and will not receive payment for three months.

It follows an investigation into two instances where Cr Meineke, who is also a town planner, voted on matters relating to one of his clients.

Office of Local Government acting chief executive Tim Hurst said, 'The

non-pecuniary conflict of interests was 'significant' as it was a current client relationship and ongoing business relationship likely to be perceived by a reasonable and informed person as an interest that could influence Councillor Meineke when carrying out his public duty.'

The website of the Office of Local Government indicates that the decision is the subject of an appeal.



Lismore councillor and town planner Graham Meineke

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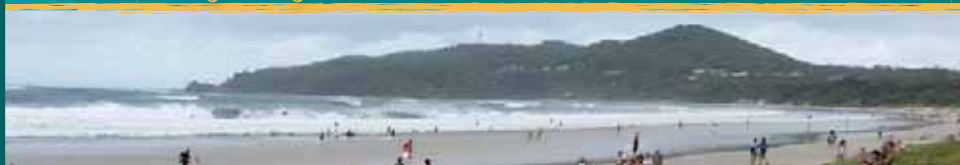
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The draft Coastal Zone Management Plan Byron Bay Embayment (CZMP BBE) consists of 5 parts:

- Part A: General Information
- Part B: Coastal Hazards and Risk Management
- Part C: Community Uses
- Part D: Open Coast Ecosystem Health
- Part E: Emergency Action Sub Plan (Byron Shire Coastline)

How you can be involved in the exhibition consultation:

- Access the draft CZMP BBE and find more information from Council's website, www.byron.nsw.gov.au
- View a copy at Council's Mullumbimby office or the Byron Bay Library
- Come along to a community information session - please see Council's website for details
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Writers emerge from sabbatical



Colleen O'Brien (Lismore) Sally Colin-James (Broken Head), mentor Marele Day, Margot Duell (Suffolk Park) and Christine Tondorf (Alstonville) Photo Jeff Dawson

Four writers chosen for the 2016 Byron Writers Festival mentorship have just spent an intense week exchanging ideas and soaking up the guidance of acclaimed author Marele Day.

Marele, who has been leading the mentorship program for 15 years, said it was impressive to see such world-class stories from northern rivers writers.

Distinctive voices

'The writing this year was of a very high standard and the voices distinctive. I'm

looking forward to hearing the publisher's response to these works,' Marele said.

Aspiring author Christine Tondorf said the retreat made her more aware of how to improve and strengthen her manuscript.

'You use the left side of your brain to come up with solutions for plot, structure, character development in your own work and in feedback for the other writers,' she said. All four writers will also meet with an Allen and Unwin publisher at the Byron Bay Writers Festival to develop and discuss their manuscripts.

Coffee for a cause

A new social enterprise from the Byron Community Centre has just launched, which aims to support local women in moving out of disadvantage and help them with work training and experience.

Coffee BOX is a converted shipping container located on Jonson Street, alongside the Community Centre and aims to raise funds from coffee sales.

General manager of the centre Cr Paul Spooner says, 'All profits from the BOX will go back into the community, funding vital community services and providing training for local women.'

Alarming increase

'The Coffee BOX will be offering a 'pay it forward' scheme, so anyone can buy a coffee at the BOX for someone in need - because an act of kindness can change a life.'

Cr Spooner says the Coffee BOX training project was



Anne Goslett from the Shift Project hands Jaimini some java with Liberation Larder's Helen Hamilton. Also pictured is Rodney Contojohn and Cr Paul Spooner from the Byron Community Centre. Photo Jeff Dawson

developed due to increasing levels of disadvantage faced by women in the Shire.

Celeste Harris, community worker at the Centre says, 'We have seen an alarming increase in the number of women approaching our service for help.'

'Women are an extremely vulnerable group in Byron, due mainly to increasing

employment difficulties and high housing affordability stress. Women are also one of the fastest growing groups experiencing homelessness, both in Byron Bay and across Australia.'

The training project is a partnership between the Byron Community Centre, the SHIFT Project Byron Bay and Liberation Larder.

Fiji rebuild underway with local help

There's local help assisting Fijians who are still without basic services and homes.

Cyclone Winston hit Fiji in February, wiping out entire villages and claiming at least forty lives.

It has been described as the most powerful storm to make landfall in the southern hemisphere.

More help needed

NGO Sea Mercy says that while bigger townships are being assisted by government and international aid, there are other smaller islands that have been left without much help.

Along with Sea Mercy,



Fijian residents affected by cyclone Winston. Photo supplied

former owners of the Old Mill Timber Yard, Ian and Wendy James, are also helping out as project managers to help the people from the small island of Makogai.

They headed over there last Thursday, but has told *The Echo* that more help is needed. Ian says, 'Teams of four to eight are required from July to December - the aim is

to rebuild the school. If we get that done, we can move onto other projects.'

He says that a local builder and his wife will also be coming over.

'We are looking for people with experience in building, labouring and cooking.'

He says all you need is to pay your flight and there is plenty of food and new tents.

'It's fairly casual, so there's time to stroll the beach and fish,' he says.

'You will be met at the airport and then ferried to the island,' Ian said.

To help, email sailin-gonoutsider@gmail.com

Funds pumped into fighting ice

Lismore based North Coast Primary Health Network (NCPHN) were given \$5.7 million recently to help fight what quickly has become a tragic epidemic: ice use.

In the announcement, federal member for Page Kevin Hogan said NCPHN had already conducted local-needs assessment to determine where there are gaps in services. And from July 1, he says, they will start using this money to provide various rehabilitation services. The strategy is to try and help users get off the drug, while also 'cracking down on dealers'.

Part of the government's

response to the epidemic is guided from a *National Ice Action Strategy*, and a taskforce led by former Victorian Police chief commissioner, Ken Lay APM.

2015 ice report

The 2015 report by the nationally-led National Ice Taskforce suggests the 'first priority must be supporting families, workers and communities to better respond to people affected by ice.'

This includes 'advice on how to help their relatives,' and guidance for frontline workers 'in particular where aggressive behaviour or

violence is present.'

And while disrupting ice supply is considered part of the strategy, the report admits that 'Australia's current treatment and support system is not particularly well designed to respond to ice use.'

It reads, 'Many services are designed for other types of drugs - for example, some detoxification services don't cater well for the comedown associated with stimulants, and some services lack appropriate follow-up for the extended withdrawal period associated with ice.'

'Residential services should give priority to those

with significant social disadvantage or other co-existing health issues.

'There needs to be more accessible and cost-effective counselling services available to ice users when they need it.'

It reads, 'Proportionally, Australia uses more methamphetamine than almost any other country, and the number of users continues to grow.'

200,000 + users

The report also suggests there are 'well over 200,000 users'. The strategy is 26 pages long, has 38 recommendations and is available at <http://bit.ly/1sMn2xp>.

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Leadership vacuum

I went to a boys-only public high school in the 1960s so I have a pretty good idea of teenage bad behaviour. Sexist, chauvinist, racist, homophobic, cruel and plain gross – and that was just the teachers.

I've never expected teen boys and young men to entirely escape from being total tools but it appears their so-called mentors are not always assisting them in their re-entry to civil society. A case in point is the sordid revelation on the ABC's 7.30 program last week that senior rugby union players from the elite The King's School at Parramatta were crash-tackling rams in a farm paddock. (Rams. They're going to be fun for the next lot of farmers who have to deal with them.)

Even more puzzling is that the footage of the crash-tackling was posted on a private Facebook page by school teacher and coach James Hilgendorf. The farm at Orange where the sheep were introduced to the game of rugby belongs to a King's old boy.

It gets worse. According to the ABC, the school headmaster, Dr Tim Hawkes, at first defended the incident, saying it was 'a rugby camp training exercise not dissimilar to shearing.' Yes, when I had my small flock of sheep in Tasmania shorn I always looked forward to the shearer crash-tackling them.

Hello? Is this the modern-day version of character development? Does no authority figure at King's, acting *in loco parentis*, think this might be a little weird?

Unfortunately this is not the worst of the week's news involving young blokes allegedly getting a good/privileged education. Both Wesley and St Andrew's colleges at the University of Sydney were caught up in scandal when Fairfax Media revealed that 'student leaders ... publicly shamed students who they said had slept with the most people.'

In addition 'Wesley refused to release the names of students associated with the publication of the *RackWeb*, a journal that identified sexual relationships between students along with awards for "biggest pornstar" and "biggest sleaze".'

It's the kind of thing I might expect from a newsletter by Year 8 sniggering schoolboys but not from students supposedly au fait with their intellects and a sense of ethics.

Some of the toffee-nosed old-boys of Wesley and St Andrew's will most likely try to derail the university's investigation, headed by former sex discrimination commissioner Elizabeth Broderick, as moves for a clean-up have been ignored before.

It's the boarding-school enculturation – institutionalised abuse and abandonment issues – which seems to create the leadership vacuum. As psychotherapist Nick Duffell noted in a 2014 article for *The Guardian*, 'Why boarding schools produce bad leaders' <http://bit.ly/badboardz>, 'children survive boarding by cutting off their feelings and constructing a defensively organised self that severely limits their later lives.'

Great way to develop a nation's leaders.

– Michael McDonald

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Election backflips and bog-ups dominate

So we have at last reached a marker along the long trek to the election. The Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) was announced at the end of the second week, which is supposed to mean just where we and our political masters see the state of the nation.

PEFO was, like all its predecessors, determinedly optimistic: there are problems, sure, but we can expect things to get better. Nothing to see, folks.

But for once there is a serious caveat: it just might not work out exactly as the Treasury and Finance Department hope. And if it doesn't, we are up shit creek in a barbed wire canoe without a paddle.

However this prospect appeared not to concern either of our leaders: manfully assuming insouciance, Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten simply ploughed on with business as usual – which mean they went through the customary rituals of irrelevance and distraction.

The messages were there – jobs and growth versus health and education – but most of the headlines were about things they would rather had not been happening.

The most embarrassing instances were those where the leaders were attempting to dominate the agenda but instead sought to avoid it: not so much a forceful backflip but a quick bog-up job in the hope that it could be fixed properly after the election was out of the way.

Thus Turnbull proclaimed, with great fanfare at the first leaders' forum, that the dreaded pathology tax was off the table: his health minister Susan Ley had negotiated a settlement that would preserve bulk billing for all patents requiring tests. But alas, it turned out that

this was not actually the case: in the threat of a campaign by the pathologists, what Ley had done was impose a temporary rent freeze on the premises of the practitioners, and in return they would waive co-payments – for the moment. After a few months it would have to go back to the drawing board, but at least that would shut the bastards up until July 2.

And so it was with the back-packers' tax, loathed and resisted by the farmers and their National Party members. They would get a reprieve – what was claimed as a review, but the likelihood was that the issue would again be duck-shoved aside until the heat went off it.

Australians who have made their plans to live in luxury, and we have absolutely nothing against them, and actually they are able to keep just about all of it anyway. Oh, and by the way, really, it isn't retrospective.

And then there was, yet again, the case of Peter Dutton. Malcolm Turnbull's wrecking ball unleashed on refugees: illiterate, innumerate, taking Australian jobs and infesting the dole queues. And, presumably, seducing our women, overwhelming our best schools and buying up all the waterfront property – when they aren't smuggling drugs, bringing in diseases and harbouring terrorism.

This, apparently, is all it takes to consider him outstanding – or perhaps Turnbull was just pointing out that Dutton stands out, like the proverbial appendages of male dogs sensible pet-owners have removed in the public interest. Whatever the case, Turnbull once again temporised, perhaps assuaging his conscience with a largely irrelevant piece in the Fairfax press about how much he loved and embraced multiculturalism.

Bill Shorten was almost equally pussy-footed; when he was told his trusted cohort David Feeney owned a \$2.3 million property he had not declared but had negatively geared, the opposition leader thundered that this was unacceptable – and then promptly accepted it.

Having vowed to oppose the abolition of weekend penalty rates, he said it was actually a matter for the Fair Work Commission – true, but clearly unsatisfactory to the unions pushing the issue. And then there were the AFP raids over the NBN leaks. Ham-fisted in the extreme, but not, or at least not entirely, the government's fault.

Shorten effectively accused Malcolm Turnbull of lying about his denials of involvement. It took him far too long to get back to the substantial issue: why should the AFP raid the offices of politicians and their staff over a leak from a whistle-blower which may have embarrassed the company and the government, but was clearly in the public interest?

And so for a muddled and indecisive week two; but at least we got one thing sorted. Both the Labor and Liberal candidates for Fremantle have been punted for various good reasons.

It's not much, but at least we can say that it's a start.

Most of the headlines were about things Turnbull and Shorten would rather had not been happening.

by Mungo MacCallum



It all seemed a bit ad hoc; after all, that was the kind of detailed policy announcements that were supposed to be settled in the budget – in the national economic plan for jobs and growth. And even when they were apparently bedded down, the tone was less than robust.

The tweaks on superannuation were, surely, unarguable: the message should have been entirely straightforward. This was not about securing an income for retirement, it was about tax avoidance, pure and simple. So a very small number of very rich superannuants would take a small slap on the wrists. And if they didn't like it, tough; they were not about to vote Labor. So just suck it up.

But instead, we had words which were conciliatory, almost apologetic. Yes, we know these are hard-working

It was straight out of the old Phillip Ruddock playbook, and it caused all the old outrage from the left and indignant approval from the right. No surprises there, any more than there have been during most of the 15 years the script has been refined since the days of the *Tampa*.

The suspicion was that Turnbull had deliberately put Dutton up for it, a classic bad-cop, good-cop routine. This was considered unlikely: Dutton is not that smart. His outburst was almost certainly instinctive unpleasantness.

But Turnbull's own response was instructive: there was much truth in what his minister said, refugees were expensive. And as for Dutton himself, he was an outstanding immigration minister. After all, he had stopped the boats.

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Sarah Armstrong
Mullumbimby

Drug law reform

Question for candidates of Richmond electorate: What is your policy on drug law reform (not just medicinal cannabis)?

Debbie Turner
Ocean Shores

Cooking with gas

As a visitor from Queensland I am impressed by the region's environmental consciousness and activism. In the May 11, 2016, *Echo* I was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm and effort demonstrated by the Knitting Nannas Against Gas.

This is a compliment coming from an oil and gas worker of 30 years. My nanna had a sharp eye and always set an example. So with a heavy heart I have to expose that most restaurants in Byron Bay cook with natural gas.

Don McMillan
Brookfield QLD

■ If you want to see the northern rivers declared a CSG exclusion zone then please take the time to write a submission to the NSW Draft North Coast Plan. Submissions close on June 2 and should be emailed to northcoast@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Despite public assurances it appears that both the state and federal governments are still promoting the 'potential' for CSG mining in the northern rivers. Until our region is declared an exclusion zone this issue will continue to bubble away like the Condamine River in SE Queensland (due to CSG drilling in the area).

Not only is CSG being promoted in the Draft North Coast Plan state government document but it has also been

revealed that a NSW government promotional CD was handed out to thousands of mining company executives promoting CSG opportunities on the north coast at a recent mining conference.

Now who is running the show, the politicians we elect? The bureaucrats? Or the multinational mining companies? Clearly it appears that the people are being told one thing and the corporate donors another.

It's time to let the NSW government know once and for all that the northern rivers should be an exclusion zone and this needs to be articulated (and promoted) in the final version of the North Coast Plan.

Cr Jeff Johnson
Lennox Head

Corporate capitalism

Libertarianism, and its current radical offshoot, neoliberalism, is the backbone of today's globalised system of corporate capitalism. Phillip Frazer (*Echo*, May 18) does a good job in articulating its essential features, although neoliberalism needs to be



understood as both the by-product of the 18th century Scottish enlightenment and reflective of the 'shared mentalities' of today's establishment powerbrokers. As Owen Jones insists, we need to understand how neoliberalism has neutralised the social in favour of the market and how its tentacles reach into the most routine aspects of everyday lives, including our own.

Its ascendancy in western countries, and particularly in the US, came about in large part through ideas peddled by displaced anti-communist European intellectuals and home-grown ideologues who, for various reasons, argued for the centrality of the free market in all things, at the same time as opposing 'big government'.

As noted in *Merchants of Doubt*, these same people occupied key positions in think tanks opposed to action on climate change, acid rain, the ozone hole, and in many cases tobacco, maintaining that

this was big brother interfering in the affairs of private citizens.

These days, the offspring of neoliberal architects like Friedman, Von Hayek, Thatcher, Reagan and the rest are ensconced in various theatres of the establishment, presiding over what Tariq Ali refers to as the 'extreme centre' of political culture. The task facing progressives is to unravel/unpack/dismantle the assumptions peddled by advocates of neoliberalism – namely, that we have reached the 'end of history' and that 'there is no alternative'.

The Ngara Institute, based in Mullumbimby, is dedicated to the task of exposing neoliberalism's illusions, its violent and dehumanising effects, and to asserting that another world is indeed possible.

Richard Hil
Ngara Institute

Jobs and growth

Let's contemplate the meaning of 'Jobs and Growth'. Growth is measured in inflated

numbers, dollars. Buyers get less for hours worked. Good for profits. House prices keep rising. Terrific if you own one. So do the number of man years required to pay for one. The real gains are with the developers and bankers.

Primary producers receive less, enabling profit growth to retail cartels. There is mortal competition for profits between suppliers and buyers. It's free enterprise, all is fair.

Growers can't afford to attract resident workers. So bring in the backpackers and guest workers. It helps keep wages down in the rest of the economy. That's supply and demand!

Who can't find a job? Don't blame yourself for not trying hard enough. You made an essential contribution to supply-and-demand's unemployment pool. That is the market working. Some people just don't get it. It's a game of pass-the-parcel. If you're in, another is out. Sometimes you retire from

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Climate change is not going away

■ Significant ice ages during the last three million years have enabled the buildup of stores of methane clathrates in shallow areas of the Arctic Ocean. These are now thawing. Exponential rise in methane release from natural sources is creeping up on humanity as a runaway feedback triggered by human sources of CO₂ release. It seems likely to me that this will exceed previous expectations of greenhouse warming and take humanity to

catastrophic climate change fairly quickly. (Google 2-c-c-o-m-i-n-g-o-n-f-a-s-t-e-r-t-h-a-n-w-e-f-e-a-r-e-d-a-t-m-o-s-p-h-e-r-i-c-m-e-t-h-a-n-e-s-p-i-k-e-s-t-o-r-e-c-o-r-d-i-c-3-0-0-0-p-a-r-t-s-p-e-r-b-i-l-l-i-o-n.)

Billions of lives are at stake. Australians will have to make horrible decisions about attempting collective self-defence versus joining the global collapse and attrition. That is assuming we can maintain sufficient agricultural stability to feed ourselves.

Of course, we have the

option of immediate cessation of fossil-fuel combustion. That is a hard one when we refer to our past lifestyle, but would be easier if only we could fully embody our potential futures.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

■ No matter what they say, or don't say, climate change remains the greatest moral challenge of our time.

Now, I have been a rusted-on true believer since my

political baptism during the Whitlam years, but cometh the hour and my Labor are no longer on the side of the angels, and the coalition is a right-wing rag-tag of ratbags. I won't vote for either.

So, no matter what horrors I wake to on July 3, I will suck it up; but only if there are enough Greens in the Senate to hold somebody's – anybody's – fricken feet to the fire. Vote Green – please.

Simon Campbell Thomson
Mullumbimby

the Monopoly guy says he will 'buy everything and develop it'. This scene has played out in Azalea Street, Mullumbimby, this week.

Two development applications, DA 10.2016.248.1 and DA 10.2016.250.1 from the same applicant, have been submitted to subdivide both 16 and 32 Azalea Street. This quiet tree-lined street is being threatened with increased noise, traffic and the reduction in vegetation as well as a total change to the relaxed nature of the street.

The application is for number 16 to be subdivided into five lots and number 32 to be subdivided into three lots. Please help save this street from overdevelopment by writing a submission to Council opposing both these applications.

Phil Ashton
Mullumbimby

Aussie term

On the *Backlash* page (*Echo*, May 4) you report on the German 'smombies' who 'walk (and cross the road unheedingly) while using their smart-phones'. The Germans need the urgent import of an Aussie term to characterise them – 'bloody drongoes'.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

Elements train

The Elements train has been stated to use 3.5 litres of diesel fossil fuel per 7km return trip. Elements claims that it would be very 'Byron' if the train were to be fitted with solar power. Now, let's look into this.

If one litre of diesel fuel produces around ten kilowatt hours of energy, then each return trip would require 35 kWh of energy. On an hourly turnaround over ten hours, that would be 350 kWh per day. My house's 1kW six-panel system happens to produce an average of 3.5 kWh per day, with the PV panels facing the optimal due north. So, in order for the Elements train to be solar powered, there would need to be around 600 panels installed, plus a battery system to store the power that would likely nearly fill one of the two carriages. The extra weight of these batteries would likely require another 200 panels plus more batteries, to shift. And so on.

I really don't think this train will ever be 'Byron' solar powered. In the meantime, the diesel consumption per passenger will likely be the equivalent of ordering a large diesel taxi-truck per passenger. Also not very 'Byron'.

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the game before you win.

It looks like capitalism is broken, past its use-by date. However, don't expect the election to change anything. The ruling party is always owned by capitalism. A PM finds his promises are blocked. Democracy is broken.

Hayo van der Woude
Mullumbimby

Milk's dark side

I cannot believe that people are being asked to buy more milk, and pay more for it, because dairy farmers might go broke. According to this

logic, we should all smoke more cigarettes to support the poor, struggling tobacco farmers.

I grew up on a dairy farm and learned that, like humans, cows gestate for nine months, but calves are normally ripped from their distraught mothers a few hours after they are born. I remember lying in bed at night on the farm, hearing the mother cows bellowing sorrowfully, often for days.

Anyone who has witnessed a cow returning again and again to the place her missing baby was born, and often refusing to eat, will

never again doubt that these animals suffer and feel grief as we do. The male or 'bobby' calves are usually sent for slaughter at five days old, terrified, cold and hungry, and can legally be transported for up to 30 hours, without food, to their grisly fate.

The heifers are fed watered-down milk until they can enter the same cycle of constant pregnancy and milking.

When their bodies wear out and their milk production wanes, they are slaughtered as 'spent' at the age of 5–7 years, less than a quarter of their potential age.

Humans don't need to drink cows' milk, and we're healthier if we don't. Let the invisible hand of the market do its work, and then the farmers can move (like the tobacco farmers did) into more ethical products that cause less suffering, less human disease, and less pollution.

Desmond Bellamy
Special Projects Coordinator,
PETA Australia
Byron Bay

Unwanted DAs

'There goes the neighbourhood' the pig from the Rails cartoon exclaimed in the recent issue of *The Echo* after



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Soaking in the sunrise sacrament

S Sorrensen

There are some clouds, so I won't see the sun pop like an inflamed bubble out of the ocean. But, in compensation, I'm getting this textured igneous smudge across the horizon as dawn breaks like an egg. Beside me, an old bloke in lycra shirt and shorts, which struggle to contain a magnificent belly, holds his bicycle and gazes east, his face lit egg-yolk yellow. It's embarrassing to see a mature person wearing this sort of garb, but, as a fellow sunrise celebrant, he has my respect.



This is my secret ritual: I regularly come to Ballina to participate in the sunrise ceremony. (Well, not so secret now, I guess.)

I leave my shack under the cliffs at the end of the world, and trek eastward, following a tributary, and then the main course, of the Richmond River to here, land of the Big Prawn, *Las Balsas* raft and seaside retirement, where the mighty river meets the Pacific Ocean. Then, with a small congregation, I witness the dawning of a new day.

In an autumn of insulting verbiage towards the voters, of inhuman abuse towards the suffering, of foolish disrespect towards the ecosys-

tem, this sunrise service is an honest homage to the miracle of light and life.

I'm standing among the jumble of concrete blocks and rocks that is the end of the North Wall. This man-made finger of rock pokes into the sea at the river mouth and points to Ecuador (from where the *Las Balsas* expedition drifted in 1973. You can see one of the balsa rafts in the Maritime Museum up the road. See? Ballina rocks!)

To my left a pod of dolphins is surfing the break into Lighthouse Beach. There are four or five of them. One flips out of the wave, gets some air, and arches its back before splashing back into the water. It looks like fun. Closer to shore, a human, clad in black rubber, also surfs.

A young bloke and his girl sit on a concrete block, his arm around her, keeping her warm in the cool autumnal air. They, like the lycra codger and me, stare at the flaming flare.

I have seen them here before. They are regular communicants, gathered here to receive the sunrise sacrament. Their being here gives me hope, because life will not be easy for future generations. I'm glad these two are still connected to the actuality of land and sea, of sunrise and sunset. For many, the planetary reality is now only a shadow lurking behind the noisy distractions of an artificial world.

The sun will rise every day – this we cling to – but, in the future, what sort of

world will those first rays fall upon? Here and now, we live in a bubble. The air is clean, the river flows, the rains still come. Our warmongering is not yet on home soil, and our abuse is mostly for foreigners and Aboriginals.

Yes, what a beautiful bubble I'm in. I can almost smell the coffee brewing and the eggs poaching, as Ballina wakes behind me, preparing itself for my breakfast. A man could retire here...

His arm may keep her warm, but I hope it also keeps her safe. I hope they continue coming for the sunrise, a meditative moment in the daily clamour. Contact with reality.

I wish our politicians would attend sunrise here. No vacuous slogan or high-vis fluoro vest needed. I wish we all would attend sunrise here. It would remind us of ourselves.

Actually, that's probably not a good idea – there isn't enough room on the North Wall for us all. Some of you should watch it from Byron. (The parking meters don't start till 9am.)

■ Read more of S's work at Echonetdaily.net.au echo.net.au/here-and-now

Some Element'al maths may better be employed here. Riding a pushbike seems so much more progressive and 'Byron' to me.

Tim Shanasy
Byron Bay

■ Re the proposed Elements train. We own a property between Belongil Beach and the Byron Bay town centre that

fronts directly onto the train line, and we are concerned about the proposed development for the following reasons:

1. Safety – A number of people including ourselves regularly cross the rail tracks at various points to access Belongil Beach. With the potential for a train to be running every 30 minutes it introduc-

es a severe risk of someone being hit or injured. This proposed train development significantly encroaches on the freedom, safety and access to the beach for residents and visitors to Byron Bay.

2. Traffic congestion – There is already considerable traffic congestion along Shirley and Jonson Streets. A train will mean

the reintroduction of signal crossings at Lawson Street and Border Street which will result in increased traffic congestion.

3. Selfish single-user project – This proposed train development will not alleviate the traffic issue in Byron as currently being promoted. It is for the single use of

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Respect for asylum seekers

■ I have been dismayed at the number of Australians ready to believe unsubstantiated claims made about asylum seekers that are appearing on Facebook and in emails, despite lack of reliable sources and evidence. These people would do well to visit the Australian Red Cross website at redcross.org.au/asylum-seekers-refugees-facts.aspx and read the '13 facts ... about refugees and asylum seekers [to] help dispel myths and misunderstandings.' The Red Cross works with asylum seekers here and overseas.

Let's hope that Australians themselves never become victims of an invasion or war

in the future. Then they may find out, firsthand, what it's like to flee with their children for survival, possibly to another country, by boat.

Sue McLeod
Myocum

■ Where does Peter Dutton get his ideas from – or are they prompts? Having watched and listened to him (reluctantly) during the time of this government, I can't believe he could come up with anything original – unless he does have one area of expertise: fear mongering.

Regardless, the responsibility for his abhorrent remarks must be sheeted home to

our ever-so-civilised, urbane prime minister and both major parties share the blame for the instigation and continuation of the current asylum-seeker policy – the incredible cruelty, the international shame and the enormous expense (of our money).

We have been led to believe it is too difficult to change (and too electorally challenging) but of course there are alternatives, eg as suggested by human rights organisations and espoused by the Greens; thank heaven we have one party we can vote for with good conscience.

Meanwhile not everyone realises how bad the situation

is for that group of asylum seekers allowed to stay in this country on temporary visas and under very restrictive conditions – not allowed to work or receive benefits so one wonders how on earth they survive. The Ballina Region for Refugees (br4r@googlegroups.com) tries to help and has two fundraisers currently planned – one a musical and the other an informative documentary, *Chasing Asylum*. We'd love a good turnout so for more information either contact them, as above, or me on 6687 2478.

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Council burden: crumbling shores and rural land

■ Only in Byron Shire! Cr Canute has lodged a code of conduct complaint against the three councillors who signed the rescission motion on the CZMP BBE, on the grounds that the rescission motion would 'impede the proper functioning' of Council. Since when has it been 'the proper functioning' of Council to try to push through an incomplete and uncosted proposal based on

greed and creative accounting in a mad rush to get it up before the councillors who support it are kicked out at the forthcoming election?

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

■ The newly built rock wall in front of John Vaughan's Belongil beach property is already showing signs of disintegrating with rocks appearing on the beach, just as predicted by experts the council chose to ignore in their rush. Only a matter of time before massive boulders from this wall further trash our beautiful beach. Well done, Gang of Five. Now for the next 1.6km of this madness!

Joanne Petersen
Possum Creek

■ If you go down to the woods today, you'll never believe your eyes, if you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise – unless of course you were expecting a plethora of human poo clustered around unofficial camping grounds in Belongil or down Butler Street, or anywhere backpackers and vans cluster for their mating rituals. On top of that, paid parking has driven people from Main Beach to the edges, so where is the required support?

Damn, I wish I was one of those van people, 20 or so, free as the breeze. In fact, I have been one of those people. How about you? But I could always access a public toilet when I needed to.

Times have changed. Paid parking is an issue driving people out Belongil way, but there are no public toilets.

Council is talking up

Belongil as a tourism icon, so where are the services? Let's face it, ratepayers and locals are carrying the weight of a failed strategy from a failed council.

If Council took over management of railway land around Butler Street it would be an asset, not a liability. If Council wants to push Belongil, and it does, then for goodness sake, dunnies please. Hey, fine a few illegal holiday-let operators and you'd have the required cash.

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

■ There is much talk lately about Ibrahim's Gang of Five dominating Shire voting, specially the Byron Urban Land Use Strategy.

Would we be in this position had not the Greens party enlisted an estate agent as candidate? They seem surprised that she continues to behave as an estate agent, and not as a forest blockader.

They stooped to conquer, as it were, in their single-minded quest for power, and now reap the consequences.

Vyvyan Stott
Mullumbimby

■ Various correspondents have written to *The Echo* over the last few weeks deploring some councillors' position on a rural land use strategy for Byron Shire, but none have added to the debate with anything constructive.

Here's my two bobs' worth: Rural properties larger than 2ha are eligible to be rezoned Community Title if:

- no invasive or noxious weeds exist on the property or on the roadside verges
- 50 per cent of the property

is planted out or dedicated to endemic rainforest species

- 50 per cent is fenced off from grazing animals

the cost of annual maintenance of the rainforest area of, say \$5,000/ha, is levied on the owners in the same way strata title works for apartment buildings; the rainforest becomes common land

• solar passive, off-the-grid, rainwater-harvesting, composting toilet Council-approved dwellings of no more than 180m² costing less than \$500,000 may be built on each hectare, where topography allows, that is not dedicated to rainforest

the title to each dwelling site can only be sold on a pro rata basis to the Valuer-General's current land value assessment – 5ha valued at \$400,000, 1ha can be purchased for \$80,000 and a, say, \$420,000 house is built on it. A young family has acquired a 1ha home for \$500,000. To avoid real estate speculation that home can only be sold for the cost price plus annual CPI ad infinitum, thus ensuring affordable housing in Byron Shire forever.

Affordable housing on under-utilised land for future generations while adding to biodiversity and environmental health.

Tony Margan
Federal

■ With sections of our Shire up in arms (and rightly so) about the recently released 'draft' of plans for our region it may have been forgotten that council elections are coming up in early September.

Like other issues that have been bulldozed through our democratic local process by

the pro-development majority of councillors, this land-use draft plan looks to be extremely ill-conceived, largely unworkable, impractical and very damaging. It also flies in the face of what most residents expect the future to look like.

Our elected Council (here we have the 'Rose factor') were green and that in my opinion stands for sustainability, ecologically sound 'development' and continuing efforts to retain and improve the unique and wonderful character of this region.

This land produces clean, nutritious food in the most sustainable way and could produce more if the planning process were to include more small land holdings of an affordable and manageable size close to amenities. Great for families who wish to grow their own food and live in a semi rural setting rather than suburbia in the bush (400 sq metre blocks!?) which most of us didn't envisage ever happening in Byron Shire.

I hope that Council has been inundated with submissions that cannot be ignored. This alarming piece of 'land use law' must receive meaningful community discussion before it is implemented.

And let's not forget that those elections are only a few months away.

It's time that we were all thinking about the next council that we will elect and maybe looking around for residents to represent us from September onwards.

We can make a difference and should have the opportunity to be heard.

Carole Gamble
Mullumbimby Creek

we are demanding.

If there is one country in the world that is blessed in its freedom from porous borders it surely is Australia.

But, if this is the honest intent of our political leaders, the attempts thus far to solve the beginnings of a much larger problem reveal them inadequate to face the real problems that approach.

Both parties have a common scapegoat. It is those wicked 'people smugglers' who loom large in their discourse.

These people smugglers are just businessmen operating in a free market just like the pirates of old. They found a niche, a market opportunity. They do what normal business does; poverty

and insecurity at the lowest levels, screw the vulnerable. Pointing to them is a diversion from a shared stuff-up.

The easiest way to put the people smugglers out of business is to pick up refugees at source in ocean liners which could become floating processing centres and educational, social, political environments.

This problem will become far worse. Power and money can flit around the globe in a fraction of a second. People are contained and restrained by borders and barriers. This is inherently unfair, particularly when we divide people into 'genuine' and 'economic' refugees. We are a nation of economic refugees.

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whose property fronts onto the old rail corridor this project risks negatively impacting on property values. The thought of having a train rumble past your place at regular intervals disturbing the ambience is hardly an attractive value-creating feature.

As a community we need to stand together to fight these developments that do not improve the town or community.

George Spink & Leesa O'Kane
Byron Bay

Borders and barriers

It seems that the one thing our major political parties agree on is 'border protection' and 'saving lives at sea'. They tell us that this is what

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residents staying at Elements Resort and yet will have substantial negative impact for Byron residents and the natural habitat. Elements Resort should be looking at making the train track into a paved bike track so their guests have the options to walk, ride a bike or skateboard into Byron Bay rather than ride a diesel train which will pollute the natural surroundings.

4. Pollution and noise – There will be noise from braking on steel wheels and from the horn warnings and pollution from the diesel engines, not to mention where the diesel will be stored and dumped when cleaned.

5. Property values – From a property-owner perspective

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The knives are out for the corruption watchdog

Fast Buck\$

Currently there is a concerted right-wing effort to noble the ICAC. All was fine while dodgy Labor MPs such as Eddie Obeid came under scrutiny, but as soon as Liberals such as Barry O'Farrell, Nick Di Girolamo and Arthur Sinodinos copped serious heat, the backroom boys got nervous.

A similar thing happened back in the 90s when Lib premier Nick Greiner was forced to resign. Instead of abolishing the ICAC - which they actually threatened to do - the Libs decided to control it from within by appointing Barry O'Keefe as its head.

Whitewash

Mr O'Keefe has since died and is therefore not able to defend himself but I will point out that after his stint 'investigating' Byron Council I published a two-page spread criticising his performance as a whitewash. I also point out that a Labor MP criticised him in parliament as 'the leper of the legal system', that there were accusations that he had well-known Liberal connections and that he got rid of over-eager ICAC investigators.

Sydney lord mayor Clover Moore too went public against him after he 'investigated' Rupert Murdoch's acquisition of the Sydney Showgrounds and declared it all hunky dory.

After a succession of dud commissioners, ICAC began to improve under Jerrold Cripps (whom I'd previously encountered in the Land &



Independent Commission Against Corruption Commissioner Megan Latham (left) appears at a public hearing examining ICAC inspector David Levine's report regarding Operation Hale at State Parliament in Sydney on Thursday February 11, 2016. Operation Hale was looking into corruption allegations against deputy senior crown prosecutor Margaret Cunneen SC. The High Court found the commission did not have the power to investigate because the allegations did not constitute corrupt conduct under the ICAC Act.

AAP Image/Dean Lewins

Environment Court; he was the judge who effectively torpedoed the so-called Cape Byron International Academy - which in retrospect can be seen as a warning of what was about to happen to the education sector in this country). When Megan Latham took over, things really did become interesting; the ICAC began to do the things it was designed to do.

The right-wing counterattack seems to be led by the Murdoch press, assisted by David Levine, the inspector of the ICAC. The Murdoch press keeps repeating that Mr Levine is 'independent' of the ICAC, implying that his motives and arguments are therefore automatically credible.

Mr Levine's latest proposals will neutralise the ICAC. They include not only secret hearings but the suggestion that if the ICAC makes a public finding of corruption against a person, and then a criminal court finds him 'not guilty', the ICAC must expunge from the record its earlier finding of corruption.

The role of ICAC

This is one of those supremely specious propositions, worthy of a true right-winger, and of course it trades on the public's ignorance. The point is that the ICAC - like the Royal Commission into paedophilia - was established precisely because the criminal justice system has failed to rein in systemic wrongs.

Indeed there would be no point in having an ICAC if it functioned like a court.

Such bodies have quite different powers and processes from those used in the courts, so comparing them is like comparing apples and oranges.

The most obvious difference is that in a criminal court the accused is not expected to incriminate himself; he/she can remain silent from the moment of arrest till the conclusion of the trial.

In the case of the ICAC or a royal commission, however, the witness can be compelled not only to attend but also to answer all questions on pain of being charged with refusal. This seems like a draconian power, but the evidence

obtained in this way cannot later be used in court.

That is, if the witness admits to the ICAC that he did XYZ illegal things, then if he is later criminally charged with doing those same things, what he said in the ICAC cannot be used against him in the trial.

Little prospect

This is one of the rules of evidence that make it difficult to pin anything on a dodgy operator, and I note that Eddie Obeid bragged, after the ICAC outlined his dodginess, that there was only a one per cent chance that criminal charges would follow. Meaning that the prosecution would look at all the things that would have to be excluded from the trial and probably decide that there was little prospect of a conviction. And then Mr Obeid would claim that he has been 'vindicated' - of course.

The issue of whether the

ICAC investigation of Margaret Cunneen was valid or not is essentially a distraction; the right wing has not hesitated to use it to undermine ICAC's credibility and the integrity of Commissioner Latham but the matter has nothing to do with the fundamental processes I'm talking about here.

I do point out, however, that Ms Cunneen's conduct was referred to the ICAC by another body investigating organised crime; no way was this some random persecution by an out-of-control ICAC as Mr Levine would have us believe.

Let's cut to the chase here: the right wing have always been soft on corruption, which they seem to regard as little more than an extension of 'private enterprise', 'initiative', and a worthy counter against over-regulation. Why should a man's reputation suffer just because he's been cutting a few corners, eh.

If we are to survive as a species we will need to transcend the limitations of the metaphors on which we base our reasoning; transcend the tyranny of the binary.

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

Medicinal cannabis

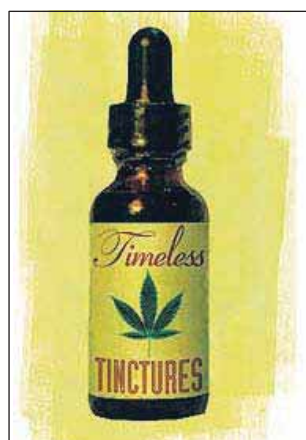
I signed a petition on www.change.org/helpkatelyn to Malcolm Turnbull to stop sending a father of an epileptic child to jail for giving his daughter cannabis tincture.

How much longer will the people let themselves be ruled and ruined by so-called politicians who have seemingly no intelligence, understanding nor compassion? These people should be sent to jail, not the caring parents, family members, partners or caring community members

trying to help the sick.

What a crazy world to see this happening after all the information coming through the media in the last five years since Tony Bower started to hand out his cannabis tincture, free, on December 1, 2010 (World AIDS Day) in Nimbin. I remember doing a 'Picnic on Grass' in the back of Parliament House Sydney on August 31, 2004, organised by the Compassion Club and the Hemp Embassy with patients and politicians invited to meet and inform themselves after premier Bob Carr spoke about 'their medicine' (Hansard 20/05/2003) and talked about a trial.

Let's not forget that Tony Bower from Mullaway Medical Cannabis Pty Ltd was jailed for growing medicine. Every plant had a name of a



child/patient on it when the police raided his place. Tony didn't even have a sick child himself; he felt he had to help because he could make the tinctures.

How dare we send people to jail for helping the sick, poor or disadvantaged. How dare we still criminalise recreational users as if we shouldn't be thankful for any alternative

to the worst drug of all, alcohol. Over centuries we've been suffering from the impact of alcohol on the roads, our neighbourhoods and families - we all let it happen.

Medicinal cannabis is a homegrown industry which can help create employment and give meaning to the lives of so many people and we should stop our politicians handing it over to the pharmaceutical industry. I know hundreds of sick people in Germany who would love to buy Mullaway's medical tincture right now. Here we have the chance of a grassroots, homegrown industry utilising decades of local expertise. What did the trillion-dollar big pharma industry do for our epileptic kids?

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Australia catches America's anti-reefer madness

Another backlash prior to our 30th birthday celebrations in early June: Operation Noah was a ludicrous police campaign in the early nineties, which was totally discredited when one of its boosters was found to be a drug dealer himself. This is the February 19, 1992 Backlash take on how to do in your neighbour.

Mark down next Wednesday, February 26, on your calendar. That date is do in a neighbour day, also known as Operation Noah. Members of the public are encouraged to ring a toll-free number – anonymity guaranteed – to inform on anyone they think is involved in drugs.

Under Stalin in the thirties Soviet citizens were encouraged to inform on each other. A whole generation grew up with this perverted morality, and one child who turned in his parents was celebrated as a state hero.

By its very nature Operation Noah can only serve to harass the small-fry druggie. Large-scale enterprises are unlikely to be affected by

the do in your neighbour scheme. By the time any member of the public had serious information about a Mr Big in the drug world he would be on very dangerous ground indeed. So, whether it was intended or not, the young student or old hippy with a joint in his pocket is Noah's real target.

What a Pandora's box old Harry J Anslinger opened on us fifty years ago. Social historians will remember that Anslinger was the obscure Food and Drug Administration public servant in the USA who selected marijuana as his career vehicle.

Up till then it had been the preserve of minorities like blacks, hispanics and musicians. Anslinger persuaded American legislatures to ban the drug by inventing the 'drug progression' theory (hash physiologically leads to hard drugs) and creating the whole 'reefer madness' scenario. After World War II Anslinger disciples joined the World Health Organisation and made their careers by getting all the industrial



nations to pass laws against marijuana, thus ensuring the corruption of police forces and judiciaries around the world. So seeing as how the

whole concept is one of those unpleasant PR jobs designed to make the public think that something is being done about the drug problem whereas in fact it isn't (the only thing which would actually have an effect – a change to the laws – is studiously avoided by politicians, policemen and drug barons alike), *Backlash* here offers a few suggestions to expand on the principle of Operation Noah.

We invite you to dial up and do in a deviant. Feel a warm, inner glow, knowing you've helped rid our society of perverts, degenerates, scumbags and litter bugs.

Here are just a few forms of anti-social behaviour that a really vigilant community (like the Ayatollah's Iran) should be able to extirpate:

- having orgasms that are too loud
- voting in brain-dead councillors
- drinking red wine with fish
- reading the *Byron News*
- listening to Barry Manilow, Kamahl, and any form

of country and western music

- appearing naked in a cul-de-sac
- leaving your mistress for your wife
- appearing naked in a cul-de-sac when you can be seen by a neighbour standing on a chair in his bathroom
- wearing a hat when you drive
- driving along the Pacific Highway at 60km/h (with or without a hat)
- consulting channellers
- running incomprehensible religious raves in the classifieds

But what we'd really like is for someone to do in the name of the cretin who stole the thirty-year-old staghorn from a tree at the northern end of Mullum railway station.

■ **Image:** Lost in the pot-smoking jazz scene of the fifties because of that devil weed. The pulp fiction of Robert Campbell Bragg, writing as N R de Mexico, has been given a new lease on life through publishers Ramble House ramblehouse.com.

Indonesian police revamp their crackdown on communism

Jakarta [AAP]

Indonesia's police and military crackdown on t-shirts, books, films and even fish with any perceived links to communism is 'reckless' and hurts reconciliation efforts over the 1965 massacre, the country's human rights commission has warned.

Anti-communist sentiment within Indonesia has

always been strong with random clampdowns on anything deemed linked to or supportive of Indonesia's communist party PKI, Imdadun Rahmat, chairman of the National Human Rights Commission Komnas HAM, says. But ever since survivors and politicians gathered in Jakarta last month for landmark discussions to confront the state-sanctioned killings

in 1965 to 1966 that are said to have led to at least 500,000 deaths, things have taken a turn for the worse, Imdadun told AAP.

On May 9 a shop owner in Jakarta was arrested and questioned after he unsuspectingly reproduced images of a hammer and sickle on t-shirts featuring the German thrash metal band Kreator.

Book sweeps against titles

with any links to communism – even those which are anti-Marxist – have seen publications confiscated.

Meanwhile on World Press Freedom Day earlier this month, a planned screening of a film about the writer Hersri Setiawan, who was imprisoned without trial in 1965, was shut down by police.

Even a fish has found itself the focus of police fury.

'In Yogyakarta, there's a fish with its head that has spots resembling a hammer and sickle. The man who kept the fish was arrested and the fish confiscated by the police,' Imdadun told AAP.

In a statement released on the Cabinet Secretary of Indonesia's website this month, national police chief General Badrodin Haiti defended the actions, saying they had been

given a directive from president Joko 'Jokowi' Widodo.

'We have been given the directive to perform legal measures to contain communism and to prevent it from being broadcast or developed. That means whatever shape it takes, be it shirts or symbols or films that teach communism.'

See more in the *Jakarta Post* <http://bit.ly/JKraids>.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

Round-robin events are necessary for toughening up a player, yet until recently such tournaments were almost unknown in Australia.

Long-time Australian number one Zhao Zong Yuan has played only three GM round-robins in his career – and incredibly won all of them – while current Australian board one David Smerdon (pictured) has competed in only two such events since 2007 (and won one).

However, next month Smerdon, 31, will get a big break, having been invited to the television tournament *Checkmate*.

Checkmate is a revival of the concept which hit Australian television in the 1970s and 1980s, with players post-recording their thoughts about the game and having it spliced into the footage of the real game.

The first series of *Checkmate* was filmed in Malta and won by Hungarian rising star Richard Rapport ahead of Arkadij Naiditsch and Nigel Short.

The field for *Checkmate II*, to



be filmed in a rather less exotic location of an airport hotel in Gatwick, London, is even stronger, with five female players including 2015 Women's World Champion Marija Muzychuk, her sister Anna, and another former Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk.

Smerdon understood he would be outrated by all his male and most of his female opponents and so has decided to team up with the other 'bunny' in the field, German number one woman Elizabeth Paetz, to prepare for the tournament of his life.

A successful outing for Smerdon will not only open doors to other strong round-robin tournaments for him but might even help an Australian television network show *Checkmate* on local screens.

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ANOTHER FLAWED LAW:
The keeping us uninformed law

What law did police use to raid the Labor Party and the home of one of its staffers on May 19, 2016?

Deep within the *Crimes Act 1914*, subsection 70 lays out an offence of a Commonwealth officer who "publishes or communicates..." any fact or document which comes to his or her knowledge."

The penalty? Two years' imprisonment.

In this case, NBN management suspect that a whistleblower released embarrassing documents to Labor regarding botched NBN plans. So informing the public of bad or even corrupt governance is a crime.

The *Crimes Act's* subsection conflates reasonable protection of information which could compromise national security, for example, and transparency for the common good.

70(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* has been used to score political points from both Labor and coalition, so the appetite for reform is unlikely unless public pressure is applied.

Oh, and 79(6) of the *Crimes Act 1914* outlines two years' jail time for anyone receiving such information.

This is part of the puzzle as to how to improve society and live in a land of rainbows, unicorns and sparkles.

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The silly secret about voting '1' on the Senate paper

Phillip Frazer

Malcolm Turnbull always liked to checkmate his opponents with a neat manoeuvre. His neat trick this year was to inflate a crisis around the Construction Forestry Mining Electrical Union so he could force an election for every seat in the House and the Senate. Second trick was to change the voting rules to prevent those pesky micro-parties like the Motor Enthusiasts from winning any seats.

No question the Senate voting rules needed changing because even though we like wildcard senators we shouldn't pick them through an insane scheme of preference-trading. A lottery would be better, cheaper, funner, and actually a great idea.

But – the way it will work on July 2 is that you will either (1) number the parties' logos above the black line on the ballot, or (2) number individual candidates in whatever order you like below the line.

When the coalition, Greens and Xenophon were writing these new rules, they knew that punters were used to doing the really easy/lazy thing of just putting a '1' in the box of their favourite party – in fact, for the past 30 years 95 per cent of voters have marked their Senate ballot papers with a single '1'



Optimistic cupcakes. Photo Brad Greenlee flickr.com/photos/bgreenlee

above the line. Under the old rules, that meant your chosen party would pass on all your preferences to whichever other parties they had made deals with – but you did technically help select all 12 senators.

This year, if you only put a '1' in your fave party's box, you'll only vote for candidates of that party, and even if your party is Labor or the coalition, you will have helped choose just three or four senators out of 12. That's why the polities keep saying you 'need to' number at least six parties, not just one, above the line, or 12 individual can-

didates if you vote below the line. The Australian Electoral Commission's advertisements say exactly that – you 'need to' vote 1 to 6.

Weird

But here's the weird secret: when they say you 'need to', they want you to think you have to do that or your vote will be tossed. But that's not true. The polities realised that requiring us to number 1 to 6 would seriously increase the number of people who couldn't be bothered or lost track of their numerals after 3. So they included a 'savings provision' that says voters

who number just 1 (or 2, 3, 4 or 5) will still have their vote counted. But no one's advertising this obscure rule.

What's behind this 'you need to do this but you don't really have to and I'm not going to say this out loud' thing? The major parties are going to be happy if you only vote '1' because that will prevent any other party getting your vote under any circumstances. And that's the downside – smaller parties have even less hope if you record no second or subsequent preferences. Punting psephologists are betting the big parties including Greens will not suggest

any preferences on their how-to-vote cards.

Behind all this I see a bit of school-principalism at work in deliberately misleading voters into thinking they are required to number 1 to 6. It's inside-Canberra paternalism to decide that we Australians can be kept in the dark when it's for our own good. In fact, Australia will be a better place if we all furrow our brows and number 1 to 6, or better still vote below the line 1 to 12 (or your vote will NOT be counted), or 1 to 24 or more.

The 'savings provision' – as in saving the vote 1 votes – is supposed to die in a few years, presumably because we'll all have learned how to count to 6 by then, but the ruling parties could change the rules again any time.

The word *psephology*, or the study of elections, comes from the Greek *psephos* meaning pebble, and if you can't get enough of this pebble-counting you could check out the webpage of the election-mumbler himself: <http://blogs.abc.net.au/antonygreen>.

USA update

The establishment and its mainstream press now treat Bernie Sanders as a whining has-been, even though he keeps beating H Clinton in primaries and polls. It's

still theoretically possible for him to get the nomination, but even if he doesn't he will shape Democratic Party policy at the convention in July.

Meanwhile, vox.com revealed some of the absurd fees corporations have paid Hillary for 'speeches' recently – example, General Electric gave her \$225,000 personally and close to a million to the Clinton Foundation, and Oracle, Microsoft, AT&T and many more corps have been similarly generous. She refuses to share the diamonds of wisdom she delivered to earn these influence-buying checks. Why is this not front-page news with appropriate outrage? Because half a million dollars here and there isn't enough money to matter when it costs \$2 billion to get elected president.

Meanwhile Crain's *New York Business* reports that Trump's tax returns suggests his entire income each of the last three years was less than \$500,000 and not the \$362 million he boasted it was. But then, as his mouthpiece said when asked about what Trump has called women – fat pigs, dogs, slobs and disgusting animals, et al – 'No-one cares.'

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NASA loans out robots to help build human habitat for Mars

Lowell [AP]

Four sister robots built by NASA could be pioneers in the colonisation of Mars, part of an advance construction team that sets up a habitat for more fragile human explorers. But first they're finding new homes on Earth and engineers to hone their skills.

The space agency has kept one Valkyrie robot at its birthplace, the Johnson Space Center in Houston. It has loaned three others to universities in Massachusetts and Scotland so professors and students can tinker with the 6-foot-tall, 150-kilogram humanoids and make them more autonomous.

One of the robots, nicknamed Val, still hasn't quite harmonised its 28 torque-controlled joints and nearly 200 sensors after arriving at a robotics centre at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Engineering students let the electricity-powered robot down from a harness and



tried to let it walk, only to watch as Val's legs awkwardly lurched and locked into a ballet pose.

'That doesn't look good,' said Taskin Padir, a professor at Northeastern University, noting Val's \$2 million price tag. Northeastern and UMass-Lowell are partnering on a two-year project to improve the robot's software and test its ability to manipu-

late tools, climb a ladder and perform high-level tasks.

NASA originally designed Valkyrie several years ago to compete in the disaster-relief robotics contest hosted by the US military's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, but now it's looking for outside expertise to craft her into a kind of space mechanic. NASA shipped two other Valkyries to the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

This is not yet the stuff of *The Martian*, the Hollywood blockbuster about surviving on the Red Planet. For one thing, the tiny holes that prevent Val from overheating could get clogged up by spiralling Martian dust. But a sturdier exterior will come later.

There are still another two decades before NASA aims to land humans on Mars in the mid-2030s, said Johnson Space Center spokesman Jay Bolden. Now is the time, he said, to build the computer code that will make the robots useful in hostile environments. If not the Valkyries, it will be their descendants serving as the robot vanguard that could make human life possible on Mars.

'It needs to be able to communicate back to Earth, very clearly and concisely, what's going on,' said Holly Yanco, a computer science professor who directs UMass-Lowell's

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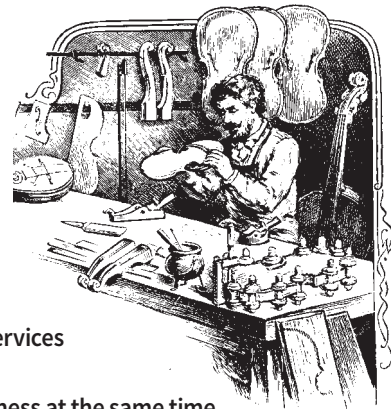
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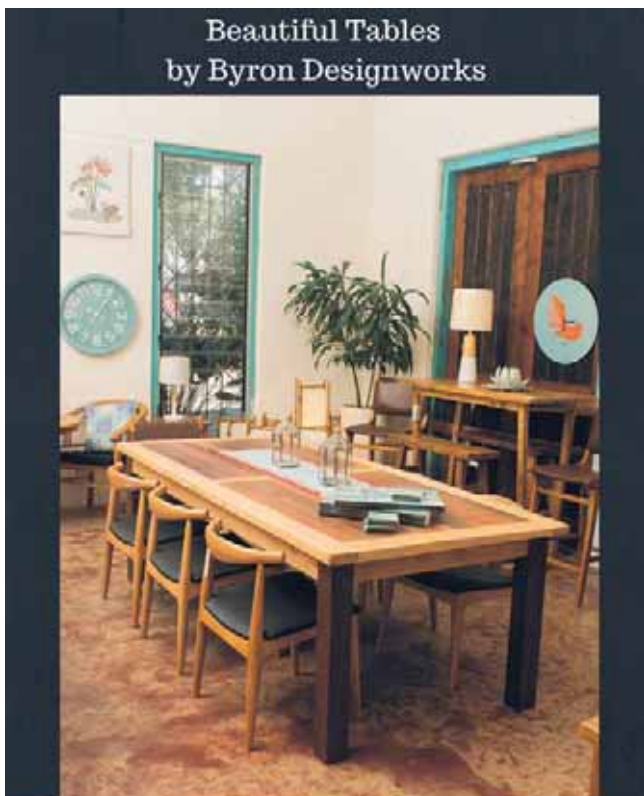
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The once humble burger has reached a whole new gourmet level. In celebration of International Hamburger Day, here are three tasty offerings for your consideration. Vote for your favourite by emailing adcopy@echo.net.au with your name and phone number and your choice of favourite burger in the subject line (either Main Street Burger Bar, Ocean Shores Tavern, or Empire Cafe) and you'll have a chance to win a \$50 voucher to be spent at the venue with the most popular burger.

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Tasty goodness in a bun
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Vegan vegetable pattie with nuts and fresh herbs, crunchy sea-vegetable noodles, sprouts, mixed lettuce and tomato with Tiger Thai Sauce on a vegan bun.

Well known for our deluxe meat burgers, but also vegetarian and vegan options, we wanted to create another yummy vegan treat for the International Hamburger Day. Chef and creator Lumiar Ramos Rodrigues: 'I was inspired by my little son to always make the tastiest vegan meals with different combinations of flavours and textures, using the best range of fresh veges, nuts and herbs.' This from a burger joint? Yes, absolutely! We love to create healthy food that tastes sexy - there is so much more to a burger than just meat! But hey, if you are a meat eater, that's all good - we get the best organic beef from our local butcher. Anyway, if you try El Duderino, you won't regret it - promised!



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Main Street Burger Bar
The Main Street 'Spicy Buttermilk Chook'



Once upon a time a young team of formidable fried chicken fanatics (aka the Main Street squad) kidnapped the original 'King of Chicken', Colonel Sanders himself. Through force and threat he helped us create a unique finger-lickin' buttermilk marinade deep within the top-secret confines of the Main Street Burger Bar test lab.

So was born the prototype of the Spicy Buttermilk Chook...

A precise and prolific parade of perfectly poised produce nestled within a terrifically toasted bun. Sheer simplicity derived from the effortless kidnapping of everybody's favourite chicken expert.

- Ingredients**
The Colonel's Secret Spice Rub
Buttermilk (for the marinade)
Free-range Chook Tenderloins
House-smoked Chili Mayo
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Pickled Jalapeños
Organic Main Street Burger Roll
2 Tbsps of Sarcasm
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Main Street Burger Bar
18 Jonson St, Byron Bay
6680 8832



Ocean Shores Tavern
The Alabama Slammer!

- Ingredients**
White burger bun
Homemade beef pattie
Sliced gherkins
American mustard
Tomato ketchup with diced white onion
2 slices red cheddar (one melted into pattie while cooking)
Full rasher bacon (crispy)

Behind the burger

When we were deciding on what burger to put on our menu, we first thought what we like to eat and not to over-complicate it; keep it simple. Just use good-quality ingredients and make sure it's juicy and it's a great tavern feed enjoyed with a cold beer. And we make a crackling ketchup!

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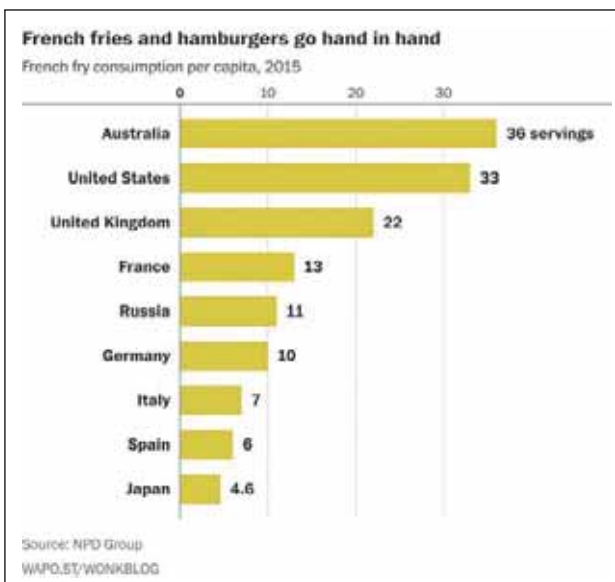
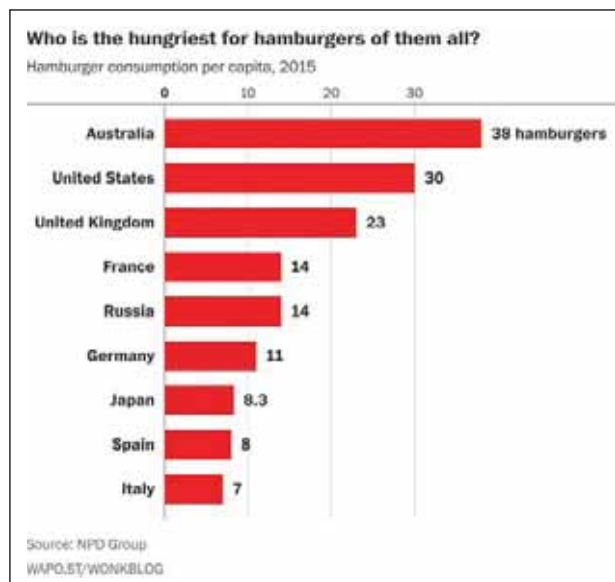
You can get a great range of healthy burgers in Australia

According to a recent study by the NPD Group, hamburgers are becoming one of the most popular dishes in France, a country otherwise renowned for its haute cuisine. In fact, the study says that three quarters of all French food establishments now sell at least one hamburger, and 80 per cent of those say it's their best-selling item.

In Australia in 2015 we consumed nearly three times as many hamburgers per capita as they do in France. According to the NPD Group, 'If in France we have reached 14 burgers consumed per person per year, the UK

is on 20, the US on 30 and Australia on 38', and, Australians, the chances are that you will have fries with that.

Of course, not all burgers are equally as bad as the low-cost offerings served up by your local Hungry Jack's, Burger King or McDonald's, and if you're an Australian you now have the choice of a great range of healthy burgers from a number of independent outlets - so choose wisely!



Stone & Wood wins Champion Large Australian Brewer

At the recent Australian International Beer Awards (AIBA) Western Australia's Gage Roads Brewing Company's Little Dove (draught) was awarded Champion Australian Beer.

Conducted by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV), the AIBA is the world's largest annual beer competition judging both packaged and draught beer.

Other major Australian trophies awarded included Champion Large Australian Brewer to Stone & Wood Brewing, Champion Medium Australian

Brewer to Two Birds Brewing in Victoria, Champion Small Australian Brewer to Pirate Life Brewing in South Australia and the Australian Gypsy Brewer Award to BrewCult in Victoria.

Stone and Wood's co-founder Jamie Cook told *The Echo*, 'We are absolutely stoked to be an independent brewery that's doing so well on the national scene. Many of the large breweries have been bought out by the multinationals and for us to win this award is incredible. This is something that the north-



ern rivers community can take pride in, as they've helped us to get to where we are today; we wouldn't have been able to

have achieved this win without their support.'

Photo from www.craftypint.com.



Kate Walsh at work preparing quinces for jam

Bowled over

By: Vivienne Pearson

I might be biased but I'm bowled over by the new chefs at the Bruns bowlo. I encourage you to ditch your grip on any other places you eat out at and line up to see how green the grass is once you drive to this rink. If you have a friend called Jack, definitely bring him along.

See what I did there? How many of the lawn-bowls references squeezed into that first paragraph did you get? Whatever your score,* you are welcome to check out the new setup at the Pacific Bistro (the name of the restaurant at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club).

New chefs, Bill Thomas and Simon Egan, took over in March. They have great lineage in terms of creating and cooking quality, affordable, pub/club meals; until recently, they were the chefs behind the \$15 meals at Mullumbimby's Middle Pub.

Bill and Simon have brought a similar ethos to their new venture. All meals are \$20 or less, including steak, parmigiana, salmon or barramundi. If \$15 is your limit, you can choose from five burgers and eight mains, including homemade gnocchi and what Bill, at least, likes to think is the 'best salt 'n' pepper squid around'.

The \$20 limit applies to the Specials board too. Some days, Bill and Simon see almost all orders coming from this board: 'It seems to be part of the culture here,' Simon remarks. And if the adults find it hard to decide, kids will also be happily occupied deciding among the seven options listed for them (\$6-8).

Functions are available, whether it be meetings, training, clubs or social gatherings. Bill worked in wedding catering for many years so has no difficulty swapping into this role. Part of the restaurant area is semi-screened, allowing for smaller functions or for



Photos: by *The Echo's* Jeff Dawson

large dining bookings to have a sense of privacy.

Bill and Simon decided to go into business after finding that they worked well together. Both of their partners have also donned aprons to join in and Bill happily reports that 'no-one has killed me yet,' despite the juggling of family and business life that has resulted.

So, if you like your bowls but haven't eaten at the Pacific Bistro for a while, give the 'new blokes' a try. 'The club staff say that they've been seeing faces of people who haven't eaten here for years,' says Bill.

Or, if you like eating out knowing that you won't blow your budget, this is a good option for you. And, if you come on the last Sunday of each month, when Mufti Bowls is on, you could try your hand at lawn bowls too. Just make sure you bring along the first paragraph of this article as a handy reference for some of the terms you might need to know!

* There are 10 references. Anyone who disputes this (ie knows more about bowls than I, which wouldn't be hard) is welcome to discuss it over a rib-eye steak sandwich at the bowlo one lunchtime!

■ Pacific Bistro is located in the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club, Old Pacific Highway (just south of the town). Open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. 6685 1328.

A jammy afternoon

Story and photos: Vivienne Pearson

I don't usually eat jam while typing, but I'm happy to run the risk of a stuck key in order to immerse myself in the subject matter for this story. The pear and cinnamon jam in question is the sugared fruit of my labour from a jam-making class I enjoyed on the weekend.

The workshop was the first in a series run at Harvest Café (in Newrybar) by Kate Walsh. More about Kate later - I want to stay immersed in the jam for a while longer.

A group of ten, all suitably aproned, listened to Kate's jam-making wisdom before diving in to prepare the fruit and mix it with sugar and lemon as well as a few surprising ingredients, such as the cinnamon and chamomile tea. My last jam-making experience, as a child, saw the whole family spend one day picking fruit, then another consumed by stirring huge pots. Kate encourages us to take it a little easier than this. 'You can make jam using just two punnets of strawberries and one cup of sugar,' she says. 'You can do kilograms of fruit to have it last for the whole year, but as we no longer have to do this style of preserving for necessity, a small batch is fine.'

Kate, a self-taught cook and ex-staffer at Slow Food USA, is an advocate of from-scratch, wholesome fare, but she is not a purist. For example, she introduces us to a commercial jam-setting product. 'It's totally fine to cheat at first then move onto more purist ways,' she notes. She encourages experimentation and is not afraid to share her own cooking disaster stories.

Future classes will focus on less sticky subjects such as pickling, stocks, barbecue cooking, sausages, cocktails and all things dairy.

Now, please excuse me while I clean my computer keyboard (and maybe indulge in another piece of bread and jam)...

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Left to right are Life Member Jim Stuart (sitting), Andrew Spice, Will Sorrell, Nick Comer, Les Hoffman. Ladies (L to R) Sheena Sorrell, Anne Slater. Photo by Jeff Dawson

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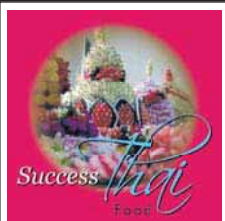
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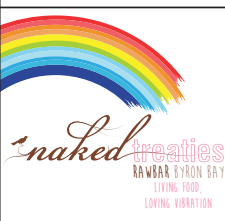
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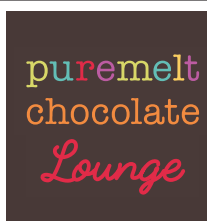
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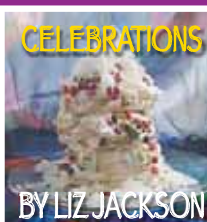
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Property Insider caught up during the week with **Tara Torkkola**, one of the shining lights at **First National Byron Bay**.



Tara with her partner Warren brought a property in New City Road, Mullumbimby, for \$454,000 almost two years ago and, after a complete renovation and obtaining DA approval for the studio flat in the backyard, it went to auction on the weekend. The result of \$758,000 was beyond all expectations, well above the price guide, which was based on recent comparable sales.

Although known for her empathy with her clients, going through the buying and selling process herself so recently has highlighted to Tara how emotional the process of buying and selling can be.

Why did you choose this property?

What can I say – these charming old homes get you

every time! We fell in love with the character and my partner loves working with timber. The position being so close to town was another plus. When we purchased the property we also bought at public auction and definitely got caught up in the competitive bidding to secure the property and we were so happy to call it home.

What was the most challenging thing about the process?

Keeping the house so clean and presented with a one-year-old was most challenging!

Even though I have been an agent for eight years it was interesting being the client and seeing it from that perspective. I had to remember that my partner doesn't sell homes every day, and to not fall into the trap of assuming he knew the process. We had to listen to what buyers were saying, and give this careful consideration when setting our expectations throughout the campaign. The market is as good as it gets right now, so that gave us confidence.

What did you enjoy most about the process?

It was exciting meeting the range of people coming through the property. There were 114 inspections and enquiries and it was a mix of people moving here from the US,

London, lots of young families from within the Shire, artists, professionals... Mullum is attracting people from all over!

After the renovation, we furnished the house through Cactus Hill Project in Mullumbimby; we fell in love with their shop and Leanne and Jo offer a styling service to present homes for sale. Presentation is so important; we couldn't believe how much it complemented the house and created a feeling throughout the home.

Did you ever doubt your decision to undertake this project?

We knew Mullumbimby was a great town that was taking off, and it will only continue to do so. It was a juggle but well worth it.

You had a baby during the renovation. How did you manage juggling motherhood, work and a renovation?

Having a newborn while renovating was difficult at times to say the least! With the support of First National I was able to work from home. Warren worked on the house while being on duty with Art on dad duties so we have been a busy little household these last two years!

Why did you choose auction?

The market in Mullumbimby is exploding. The supply of properties for sale is the lowest it has ever been and, being with

buyers all day every day, I knew the demand was incredibly high. We had the normal fears any owner does about auction but I had to put my emotions to the side and recommend what I would to any seller. For us I knew auction was the only way and I was astonished at the response.

Where to from here?

We are looking for another project!

NEW FACES

There's a new face at **Remax Coastal**.



Jordan Brown (pictured) has joined the team in a sales support role. Jordan says he believes his friendly outgoing personality will lend itself to a career in real estate.

He enjoys meeting and talking to people and is looking forward to building the long-term relationships that will make his goal of becoming a successful and well-respected agent a reality.

SOLD LAST WEEK:

10 Kingsvale Road, Myocum, sold for \$870,000 through **Janice Maple of Elders Bangalow**. The 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom masterbuilt home is set on four acres.



A 480sqm block of vacant land at **52 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay**, sold through **Nick Dunn and Ian Daniels of McGrath**.



5/20 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay – a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit – sold through **Paul Banister of First National**.



8 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park sold for \$750,000. The 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom brick-and-tile home sold through **Kaye Wilkie of Ray White**.



OLD FACES

Elders Ocean Shores/New Brighton are upbeat at the moment. 'We are totally committed. We live where we work and love where we live.'

It's true you can't operate in a small community successfully for more than 38 years if you're doing the wrong thing by people.

'Our kids go to school with our clients' kids. We have a team of

seven locals who are passionate about this community,' says agency principal, **Will Sorrell**.

HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

Any new faces? Career milestones? Exceptional results? Market observations? Have you had anything quirky or unusual happen to you out in the field? Email propertyinsider@echo.net.au.



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3 JACARANDA DRIVE, BYRON BAY

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- 3 bedroom home in sought-after Jacaranda Drive
- Easy-care property or investment in a quiet neighbourhood
- Very private with open-plan living and great light
- Covered outdoor entertaining and north-facing backyard
- 602m2 level block with established gardens
- Short walk to shops, beach, tavern and kids' playground

Open: Thursday, 26 May 11.00 – 11.30am
Saturday, 28 May 11.00 – 11.30am

Auction: Saturday 18th June Onsite
Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



HOUSE 4 OF 3 SALLYWATTLE DRIVE, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Beachside living at its best!
- Spacious and contemporary home with versatile floorplan
- Only minutes walk down a private track to Tallow Beach
- 2 large living areas, high ceilings and quality finishes
- Alfresco entertaining, private rear yard and fabulous pool
- Set in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short walk of shopping centre

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Saturday, 28 May 11.00 – 11.30am

Price: \$950,000 to \$1,045,000
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6/69 CENTENNIAL CIRCUIT, BYRON BAY

- Ultra-modern warehouse-style studio
- Located in the popular arts & industry estate
- Over two levels of floors space
- Ground floor space has 76m2
- Mezzanine floor space has 50m2 and balcony
- Well-maintained complex of mostly professional suites & studio spaces

Open: Friday, 27 May 11.00 – 11.30am
Price: \$360,000 to \$390,000
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61 KINGSVALE ROAD, MYOCUM

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- Private retreat mins to Byron, Mullum, Brunswick Heads and beaches
- 2.03ha property at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in sought-after area
- The land is gently sloping and cleared with a north/northwest aspect
- There are currently two buildings on the property
- Views and sunsets over Mt Warning, area of regenerating rainforest
- Established gardens, fruit trees, 4 water tanks, deep bore and pump

Open: Thursday, 26 May 12.00 – 12.30pm
Saturday, 28 May 12.00 – 12.30pm

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19 GORDON STREET, BYRON BAY

- The Villas of Byron offer meticulously designed 5-star luxury
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26 MAHOGANY DRIVE, BYRON BAY

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- Spacious family home in town
- Huge north facing 1002m2 block
- 2 separate very large living spaces
- Covered patio overlooking established gardens
- Enormous yard, space for granny flat and pool
- Walk or cycle to town, beach and schools

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HOUSE 22 OF 3 SALLYWATTLE DRIVE, SUFFOLK PARK

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- An environmental oasis in a pristine natural setting
- A master architecturally designed and built home and gardens
- The quality throughout and attention to detail are impeccable
- One of the most private homes you will find
- Overlooking Tallow Creek Estuary, a natural bushland backdrop
- A private track from the property leads directly to Tallow Beach

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Property

Uninterrupted views

144 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay

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\$8,000,000



This architecturally designed home spanning three levels affords its occupants breathtaking uninterrupted views of Byron beach, bay and hinterland. Expansive entertaining terraces and a magnificent 12m black-tiled swimming pool are all exceptionally private.



Entry to the property is on the middle level with a double-height foyer, aquarium and Italian-marble floor. Split-level entertaining with a lounge and open-plan kitchen and dining opening out onto another terrace are additional features.

The top level is taken up by the master suite and the ground level of the home comprises a large self-contained guest suite.

Tropical gardens reveal a stone water cascade and log gazebo, steps directly to the beach, and all just minutes from the heart of Byron Bay.

Inspect: By appointment
Contact: Ed Silk 0418 660 063
Ed Silk Byron Bay

Family home + granny flat + studio

46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar

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\$700,000 to \$750,000



Set on 2685m2 (more than half an acre), this Newrybar property offers a real sense of privacy and elevation with a beautiful rural outlook, granny-flat accommodation plus work-studio spaces.

The home features 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. All of the bedrooms have BIRs; the main has a WIR, ensuite and A/C.

The home features 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. All of the bedrooms have BIRs; the main has a WIR, ensuite and A/C.

At the hub of the home is an open-plan living, dining and kitchen with high raked timber ceilings.

Separate from the home is a one-bedroom granny flat with living room, kitchenette, bathroom and laundry. PLUS there is also a 2-room work studio with storeroom and small toolshed.

Surrounded by 37 hectares of farmland with the convenience of being able to walk to the Harvest Café, or you can drive a few minutes to Broken Head beach for a surf. Byron Bay, Bangalow and Lennox Head are also close by.

Inspect: Saturday 28 May, 10.00 – 10.30am
Contact: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698
First National Byron Bay

Outstanding 100 acres

463 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek

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\$1,495,000 to \$1,600,000



This stunning architect-designed 4-bed, 2-bath home with games room has been created to overlook a beautiful dam situated at the top of Tuntable Creek Valley.

The 100 acres offers numerous options including DA approval for 7 x 2-bed cabins plus managers residence.

There is a separate studio overlooking one of the dams. There is an abundance of water with 4 dams, 7 water tanks including 2 x 500,000L tanks beneath the house that act as a self-cooling system and there is access to Tuntable Creek featuring big waterholes and rapids.

The entrepreneur wanting to operate a business from home, tradies or farmers, or those in need of huge storage space, will love the massive 15x12m machinery shed with concrete slab and self-sustainable solar system.

7 mins to The Channon, 30 mins to Lismore, 50 mins to Byron Bay, 15 mins to Nimbin and school bus pickup at the front gate.

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142 Overall Drive, Pottsville
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760 m2 lot with feature pool

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Ideal for extended family living 4 2 2 2

149 Ballina Road, Alstonville.

- ✓ Spacious single level 4 bedroom family home on 809.4m² block
- ✓ Generous backyard with pool adjoins reserve
- ✓ Open & light filled entertainment area flowing out to deck and pool
- ✓ Floor plan ideal for extended family with separate wet bar
- ✓ Recently painted

- ✓ Has aircon + low maintenance gardens
- ✓ Convenient location in walking distance to village and schools

Auction: June 29, 2016
Web ID: 1P1082
Contact Lois Buckett 0428 877 399
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Character and charm of yesteryear 3 2 2 2

81 Bentinck Street, Ballina.

- ✓ Circa 1940s Art Deco home, lovingly restored, 607m² level block
- ✓ Main bedroom – multiple built-ins and drawers, ensuite + dressing room
- ✓ Stunning array of polished and waxed timbers feature throughout
- ✓ Open plan kitchen and dining, sunroom + two living spaces
- ✓ North-facing rear verandah plus pergola, oversized SLUG/workshop

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Exquisite & stylish. Stunning rural views 4 3 2 2

12 Golden Penda Pl, Mullumbimby.

- ✓ Set on elevated 1,038m². Open living/dining areas capture mountain views
- ✓ Huge covered deck overlooking pretty 12 metre salt water pool
- ✓ Modern s/c ensuited poolhouse suits a guest studio/retreat
- ✓ Tranquil & private living nooks amidst landscaped gardens
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- ✓ Modern bright bathrooms, air-conditioned, huge sliding doors
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163 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot
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The well-equipped gourmet kitchen, open plan dining and living areas with high raked ceilings look out over hundreds of acres of borrowed views and uninterrupted ocean vistas to Lennox & Broken Head. There is a separate TV room or 4th bedroom on this level. Designed to capture the sea breezes, this is a house for all seasons.

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- 3 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Thu & Sat 11–11.30am
- 4/64-70 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Thu 11–11.30am
- 61 Kingsvale Road, Myocum. Thu 12–12.30pm
- House 4 of 3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Thu 12–12.30pm
- Lot 6, 155-159 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Thu 1–1.30pm
- 16 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Thu 2–2.30pm & Sat 10–10.30am
- 6/69 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Fri 11–11.30am
- 75 Burns Point Ferry Road, Ballina. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar. Sat 10–10.30am
- 33 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 102 Eureka Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 120 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Sat 11–11.30am
- House 4 of 3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am

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- 131 Currie Road, The Channon. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 71 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 16 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Auction 4th June
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- 47A Cedarvale Rd, Possum Creek. \$1,958,000–\$2,150,000
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- 81 Bentinck Street, Ballina. \$665,000

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MAGDA SZUBANSKI – WHAT SHE RECKONS

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO LOVE MAGDA SZUBANSKI. SHE IS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BEST-KNOWN AND MOST-LOVED PERFORMERS AND WE ADORE HER AS THE ICONIC CHARACTER OF SHARON STRZELECKI IN ABC-TV'S *KATH AND KIM*.

She has also acted in films *Babe, Babe: Pig in the City, Happy Feet, The Golden Compass* and stage shows. Last year Magda released her memoir, *The Reckoning*, an extraordinarily surprising book in its scope. It's here she tells the story of her assassin dad. Her insatiable hunger. Her realisation that she loved women. Sensitively crafted, insightful and unselfconscious. Or course her book is funny in parts. But it's more than that. It's an open invitation into the heart of a woman that we already love. Now we know why. It's no coincidence that Szubanski won NSW Premier's Literary Award for non-fiction for her first book and memoir. She's a natural storyteller.

Somehow Szubanski has managed to weave her whole complex tale seamlessly, uncovering insights into herself alongside the reader.

The voice in *The Reckoning* isn't comedic. She's not hiding behind character. It's her.

'When I started, I was looking at all sorts of things. I was going to do the weight-loss journey. I experimented with the comedic voice, and I wrote stuff after my dad died and it wasn't funny. The voice in *The Reckoning* is how I talk. Most of us are quite thoughtful serious people and I wasn't trying to be anything else; it's very much who I am.'

Although even in her comedic endeavours, Szubanski is masterful when it comes to weaving the comedy and pathos.

'Sharon is the classic sad clown. Those have a powerful place in culture, because we all feel that what's life is like, at times tragic at times hilarious!

'The book isn't unremitting horror! But I wanted to come to grips with the intergenerational trauma.'

In her book Szubanski describes a childhood haunted by the demons of her father's espionage activities in wartime Poland. This is the theme she chases down to unravel the complex truth of herself.

'It makes complete sense to me. It is about the ability to understand the operating system we were born into and what's pulling your levers. Although you are not who your ancestors were, it's a dance between nature and nurture and what switches off the epigene that I find fascinating.'

Magda is a woman with considerable courage.

'A different place and a different time,' she laughs, 'a different courage is required. I am obsessed with the fact that I am lazy and weak. I would be the first to collaborate.'

In *The Reckoning* her perceived weakness and shortcomings fall in the wake of her father's shadow. He was a hero. At 18 he'd made decisions about who lived and who died.

'It's extraordinary the highs and lows of human nature. I was left with that legacy of what would I have done. It's very present for other Polish people I know. I am once removed, but I characterise what my father experienced as a moral trauma. He had to make ridiculous decisions that a high court judge wouldn't have to make. He was amazing; he had no bitterness. None. He had a basically sanguine nature. He picked himself up and he moved on; he didn't focus on the past at all!'

But not this generation of Szubanski. She needed to know. Everything.

'I was the botherer, the nuisance, always asking a lot of questions. I know a lot, because it was what I was obsessed with. Interestingly my brother doesn't want to read the book; he has his own memories, he just doesn't want to affect his own personal remembrances, and I understand that. Maybe because I was the younger one and was deprived of family as I grew up. His was a migrant story. Increasingly the world is full of refugees, people moving forward but with something missing.'

'I think you need to look back and feel that understanding of those early beginnings and what a trauma it would have been.'

We live in a paradise here, and most of the people who wash up on these shores must have been brutalised. If you don't have empathy for your own suffering it will be hard to have empathy for anything else.'

The Reckoning also lets us into Szubanski's struggle with weight. Namely, what she describes as this insatiable hunger.


'There is so much fat shaming. A recent study on *The Biggest Loser* and why they don't keep the weight off showed the body created a hormone that makes you ravenous. I look at my father; all the Poles were put on starvation rations. And my grandfather on the Irish side – they were starving too. World wars affected everyone. Now when you have abundance, the body is going to go crazy... maybe it's the skinny people who have it wrong!'

So how was the writing process?

'It was fantastic – I loved it! It feels like my opus. I love writing. In some ways it comes more naturally than writing comedy, because I find those subjects about morality and courage and identity so readily. I find it fascinating. It's interesting to step into another world. It's a different world again. I feel fortunate that I can do it. It's exciting at my age to step off on a different path, to do something quite serious. People pay their hard-earned money for a certain experience. Trust me, this is a different kind of ride and I think you will enjoy it. I have created that, I have led them to believe that's what I am going to do. For me it's been enormously gratifying, the way people have received the book. People have gone with it. It's always all about communicating the human experience more. Next I think I should go and do a collaboration with the Australian Ballet!'

Magda Szubanski is one of the featured writers at the **Byron Writers Festival, 5–7 August**.

Earlybird Tickets now on sale at www.byronwritersfestival.com.au.



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THE TO-DO LIST

I make lists. It's what I do. It is not unusual for me to wake in the middle of the night, my head buzzing with things that I would have otherwise forgotten. 'Order serviettes. Do I need buckets? Count chairs.' I scabble for a pen and by the light of my iPhone I scratch out another list. Blessed are the list-makers. They will inherit the earth. They will inherit the earth because they would have put 'save planet' on their to-do list.

I think there are two sorts of people: people who write lists and people who live in

unmitigated chaos. There is even a word for these slovenly people: listless. No wonder they are lacking energy and enthusiasm and suffer from spiritless indifference. They have no list.

Hall and Oates were on to it. They even made sure 'your kiss was on my list'. While I'm a passionate list-maker, I tend not to list acts of passion on my to-do lists. 'Kiss, bit of a through-the-clothes genital fondle, followed by awkward undressing and removing of shoes, delicious full-naked body contact, conclude with act of penetration. Orgasm!' I don't

know, it seems a little overly officious. Although when I think about it, I have to admit, I really would enjoy a post-coital ticking off the boxes. Lying naked across the sheets with my pen out.

I like to tick the things I have done. Other people like to cross out. I find the crossing-out tends to obscure your acts of greatness. The point of making a list is so you can enjoy how much you get done. I've been self-employed for nearly 30 years. The list is how I ensure that I meet my performance outcomes. The Tick allows you to really appreciate the task you have achieved.

Sometimes I go back and look at old lists, and 'carry over' list items that may have slipped through my fascist regime. I make several lists a day. Sometimes a list item requires its own list. Kind of like a list that branches off from a list. I wouldn't suggest people new to list-making start attempting

these more complex listing manoeuvres.

I make a list for the week. Then I make a forward projection on another list of what has to be done within that month. Sometimes six months. And yes, I have a list for the year. That list is always the same. It usually says: 'Do tax, update website, lose weight, get fit, put the pool in'. People with lists get shit done. Schindler had a list. God had a list - called it the 'ten commandments'. Basically it was the guideline to effectively manage some sort of social cohesion so we weren't coveting our neighbour's ass. Or murdering people when they pissed us off. 'Thou shalt not kill' is one of the all-time great list entries. Many governments around the world would do well to revisit that particular list item. Comedians and musicians would be lost without the List. If you've

ever found one of our 'set lists' you would think us insane. They generally have random entries like 'sack my chef, Grafton, Big Prawn, Botox, Yoga, sex with strangers, picking up dog poo'. These are not the ramblings of a crazy person; this is merely a list of key words required to remind us what comes next.

Where you write your lists and how you write your lists is a personal taste. My friend Ellen goes for the whiteboard. There's no mixed messages regarding what she's up to each week. While I can see the benefits of the whiteboard - namely being the impressive public broadcast of one's daily activity to the less active members of the household - I don't like the rubbing-out. Honestly, there's nothing more fulfilling than flipping my diary back to 1 January and re-reading my list entries. In fact, when I die, instead of a eulogy, I want someone to read out all of my

totally done to-do lists.

I think list-making is genetic. My mum is such a prolific list-maker that she even makes lists for my dad. This is where she cleverly outsources the more unpleasant list items from her 'to-do' list to his. It says things like: 're-thatch Bali hut, build new deck, move 10 cubic tonnes of mulch'.

Mum then crosses out things on Bill's list. It's genius. She gets the joy of ticking off list items without having to actually perform the task at hand. I did feel a bit sorry for my dad though. I remember seeing him once holding his list, shaking his head. I said, 'Come on, Bill, why don't you write a list for her? Why don't you just put "suck my cock" on it?'

I didn't think he'd actually do it. So now he's living in the shed. Which coincidentally only exists because it was on his list three weeks back.

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on Morotai Island plus more than 30 others, live art auction with art gallery of pieces, presentations, guest speakers, great food and a chance to travel to Morotai with Positive Change for Marine Life to work hands on with the local community to determine an environmental strategic plan for the island!

Tickets \$10 (including free raffle ticket) available via Eventbrite and on the door (if not sold out). Doors at 6pm. **Thursday** at the **Treehouse** on **Belongil**.

BELLO YOUTH

Applications are now open for Bello Winter Music festival's **Youth Mentorship Program** where emerging artists under 19 years of age are paired up with established artists on the festival bill.

The selected young artists from each category will receive a rehearsal session with their mentor, a 20-minute performance at the festival with their mentor backstage, the opportunity to watch their mentor perform

from backstage and a weekend pass to the festival. This year's mentors include former Youth Mentorship winner Merryn Jean (now with more than two million YouTube views for her recent track *Aloha* with French composer and producer Møme) mentoring the Under-15 category; Miss Eileen and King Lear of Perch Creek mentoring the Singer/Songwriter section; soul/blues legend Jo Jo Smith mentoring in the Vocal category, and local musician and drummer extraordinaire Kai Tipping coaching the Band category.

Applications at bellowintermusic.com. **Bellow Winter Music** - through the township of Bellingen **7-10 July**.

DANCING WITH YOUR LIGHTBODY

Saturday 11 June marks the next epic series of **LIGHTBODY Community Dance Celebrations**, featuring DJs Pob, Jason Lewis, Miles Jackson, Strange Planet & Asaf, with incredible decor by Zakay Glass and Coda and sound and lights and video by Crystal Grid. Brilliant music, live art, installations, bonfire and delicious food! \$25. 6pm till midnight. **Durrumbul Hall**.

HAPPY BOBBAY

It's Bob Dylan's 75th Birthday. Nimbin School of Arts will host a big fundraiser and Tribute Concert at **Nimbin Hall** on **Saturday**, featuring 20 performers including Willie McElroy, Luke Vassella, Sarah Stando, Phil Levy, Jimmy Dowling and Jolanda Moyle. Proceeds will go to the 7 Sibley Street project and the School of Arts. Doors open at 7pm, verandah cafe, tickets \$15/\$10.

PICKING THE EYES OUT OF YOUR POTATO

Local Celtic band, **Hide the Potato**, have picked the eyes out of Celtic and Australian folk music to present a repertoire of dance sets for bush-dancing. The band began in 2000, and hosts bushdancing once a month in Brunswick Heads with the assistance of Belinda the dance

caller to guide you through the steps. Those not wanting to dance will enjoy listening to the happy and uplifting tunes.

Come along to the **RSL Hall**, Fawcett St, **Bruns**, 2.30 till 4.30 pm this Sunday, all welcome.

CLUB DUCK

More than 40 years since **Galapagos Duck** first formed to play the winter season at The Kosciusko Ski Chalet, the band still performs in Australia and overseas. Along with trailblazers such as the late great Graeme Bell and then stars like Don Burrows and George Golla, Galapagos Duck put Australian jazz on the map. As part of a northern NSW and Queensland tour the band is delighted to have the opportunity to play in **Mullumbimby** and is looking forward to performing at the **Ex-Services Club** on **Sunday**.

Audience members at this performance will witness a vibrant and exciting Galapagos Duck.

THE PIANIST

Alex Raineri is the pianist and co-artistic director of ensemble Kupka's Piano, and pianist with the Southern Cross Soloists. After the concert patrons are invited to enjoy a three-course Mediterranean dinner by Nadine Abensur on the BCC balcony. Dinner is only available to concert patrons.

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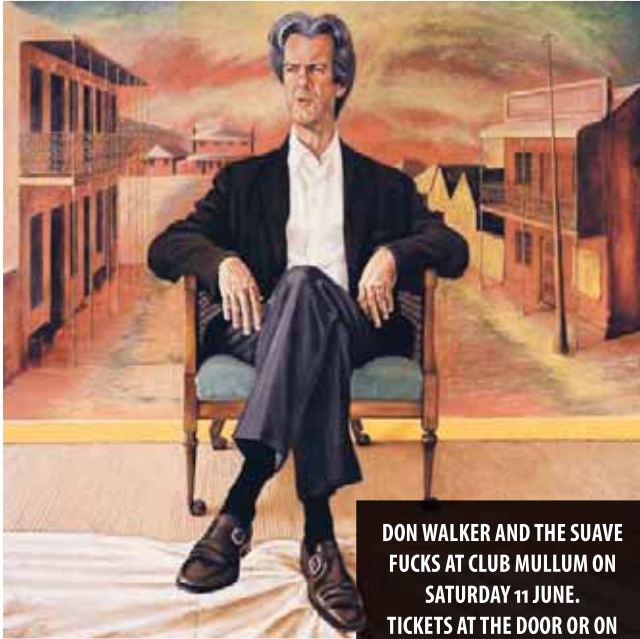
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LEVON J CONLON AT THE BREWERY ON FRIDAY

LEVON AT THE BREWERY

Levon J Conlon is the new solo project from Australian songwriter Rhyece O'Neill of the post-punk blues band Greta Mob.

Levon J Conlon invokes the blues, rock'n'roll and country.

He has toured and performed with some of the world's finest including The Beasts of Bourbon, The Ape, Hanni El Khatib, Spencer P Jones and White Denim.

A prolific poet, novelist and songwriter, in the past three years he has written and produced five albums' worth of material and a book of poetry. Recently he completed his second novel, *Run To The Dust*, based on his experiences as a union delegate working on a huge construction project in the desert.

He performs at the **Byron Bay Brewery on Friday**. Entry is free.

A cowboy hat will be passed around the audience as a collection for Spencer P Jones, legendary Australian guitarist of Beasts of Bourbon and Jonnies fame, who is very ill and requires expensive medical attention.

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BARB JUNGR IS THE CONSUMMATE DYLAN AND COHEN INTERPRETER. A PERFORMER WHO TRULY KNOWS HOW TO DELIVER A MEMORABLE SHOW. JUNGR IS IN BYRON FOR ONE SHOW ONLY.

How do you keep yourself engaged and enthralled with your performance?

People are amazing. I can be at a low and I'll come off stage and someone will come up to me. This woman took my hand and said, 'never stop what you're doing. What you're doing is wonderful.' It's like the spirits are always there, taking to you, no matter what.

Cabaret has had a huge resurgence, so much so that 'alternative' cabaret is actually at the forefront. Is that something you saw coming?

No. Never. So that's great. I love that cabaret and jazz and folk and blues, which get so little mainstream media time, are suddenly walking around strutting their stuff again!

Why do you think it was 'underground' for so long when so often the work there was often of higher artistic merit than some mainstream cabaret?

By 'mainstream' do you mean American, or songbook cabaret? I have always believed that cabaret must have a political element, so I've always felt much closer to European, or alternative, cabaret than anything else.

I was a huge fan of Sir Richard Rodney Bennett, who worked a lot with British jazz singer Claire Martin, and he knew his stuff on songbook so well. I don't really care if it's mainstream or underground or anything, I just want it to be good.

Do you think being 'underground' or 'alternative' offers artists greater chances of extending themselves artistically?

I don't care how far people extend themselves if what they're doing isn't interesting. I can take massive leaps if what I'm asked to be a part of in an audience is someone trying to do something bloody brilliant. I really want things to be bloody brilliant.

What were the defining moments that helped establish your creative voice?

I'm the child of refugees so all of that's had a huge effect on the work and on the creative voice. I grew up in the 1960s so I was in a world that was full of life force and positivity. At home we had opera and music and Nat King Cole, but there was dialect and humour and politics. I was born in Rochdale and grew up in Stockport. It was the industrial northwest. It's all had an effect. And my mum and dad were incredible.

I hear you had early involvement with Julian Clary; tell me a little about that.

I love Julian. I met him at a show in the original alternative cabaret circuit in London in 1984 and in 1985 at Edinburgh and we've been friends ever since. Fanny the Wonderdog used to sometimes come stay with me and sleep in the bed with her head on the pillow beside me; I loved that little dog. I still have Fanny's pot we had from the show *Sticky Moments*, which I appeared on and for which I wrote the theme. Julian and I did an evening together at Crazy Coqs in London just for the joy of it and, because of that, we have a little something up our sleeve for 2017.

How do you bring comedy to the stage in your performance?

It's just the way of it. I'm lucky in that I grew up in a humour zone – the northwest. I had funny parents, and I was lucky enough to work through the entire alternative cabaret areas in London in the mid to late eighties and so I got to work alongside the funniest people in the UK and learned a lot from all of them.

Can pathos and comedy sit side by side?

Yes. They are the same coin, welded together with pain and joy.

What should we expect for your show in Byron Bay?

Well, I hope some great music and songs and singing and a laugh and a cry and some alchemy. I can't wait to do this material in Byron Bay!

Saturday 4 June at the Byron Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased through www.byroncentre.com.au.

JAZZY UKES

Join Miss Amber and Stukulele for this month's **All that Jazz** uke night, with special guests Jimmy Dowling and the Northern Rivers Uke Orchestra. Expect an elegant night of standards and classics with a surprise instrumentalist. Adults still only \$10, kids under 16 \$2.50. BYO ukulele, best singing voice and happy face. Join the mailing list at ukemullum.com for the link to the songbook.

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Stars with Lilith

With the Sun and Venus changing gear into Gemini, this month's introspective energy explodes into socialising, networking, brainstorming and, best of all: clearer communication...

♈ ARIES: If mighty Mars sparks up a battle about who's boss of what, just step away. Don't waste this week's potent nuclear energy fusing and fighting. Take it adventuring into the great outdoors, exploring a wonderful idea or in a new life direction. Use your superpowers for love and joy.

♉ TAURUS: TAURUS: If this week brings a heated clash over cash, don't get pressured or provoked into a quick decision, which is never your forte. Mercury moving forward again in Taurus gradually unwinds knotty problems so that ongoing projects, business ventures and relationships can steadily progress and strengthen.

♊ GEMINI: Just a touch over treading water, being patient, talking things through and weighing options? Join the club. Sun and Venus sparkling into your sign are this week's game changers: buffing up your personal appeal, not to mention shopping instincts for bargain buys. Geminis, this is your week. Happy birthday, scintillant Twins!

♋ CANCER: This could be an antsy week for you lunar Crabsters, so here's an action plan: You like hanging on to stuff, but there's presently a widespread need for deletion. Don't panic: something's waiting to enter the space. Your call is to prune life's dead wood so this can happen.

♌ LEO: This week martial Mars picks arguments with just about everything – and everyone. Feisty pyrotechnics? You can bet on it. Resist fighting fire with fire because, well, you know from experience how that ends up. Honey's the answer, so use sweet soothing speech. Be warm, not scorching.

♍ VIRGO: After retrograde Pluto and Mercury flushing your body, mind and spirit of stressy toxins (and probably giving your closets a colonic as well), this week's turbo-charged energies breathe fresh spritz into old plans. Plus an auspicious late-week Jupiter/Saturn connection encourages trying out those new dance steps you've learned recently...

♎ LIBRA: Code red alert this week: Do Not Lose The Venusian Cool. That hurdle past, Sun and Venus slipping into the hot-gossipy, let's-do-coffee air-sign Gemini reboots social intercourse to lively interactive mode again, clarifying misunderstandings and promising a peak week for Librans in the media.

♏ SCORPIO: This week could trigger differences of opinion over joint finances. Contrary to popular belief, attack isn't the best defence – which is actually not being defensive at all. Scorpios tend to be fearless under fire, so use your calmest, smartest negotiating skills to broker the best agreements for all concerned.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Retro Mars (high desire/want it now) and Saturn (slow progress/more to learn) together in your sign can be frustrating. While lower chakras react, higher chakras respond, so review, rethink and take responsibility for finding ways to communicate without upsetting others. Results continue to be your most reliable teachers.

♑ CAPRICORN: You're definitely dating the forces of change right now, so make that work for you. Capricorns being the zodiac's premier list writers, here's this week's suggestion: Make a list of things that make you happy. And another one of things you do every day. Compare lists. Adjust accordingly.

♒ AQUARIUS: If this week starts combusting partnership camaraderie, perhaps ask yourself if it's time to step back and take an objective, impartial assessment of what you look like through other people's eyes. Might it be wise to rein in renegade behaviour? Unclench the fist of contrary thinking? No? Then carry on...

♓ PISCES: In traditional astrology, Mercury's the messenger between heaven and earth, head and feet, conscious and unconscious, and its recent retrograde focused on deleting old stories that no longer work so new scripts can be written. This truth-seeking week could stir fireworks under something that's been simmering for some time.

CULTURE

CURRYOKE

Friends of the Circus are hosting fundraising event **Curryoke at Circus Arts Byron Bay** this **Saturday**. The night includes delicious curry, a silent auction, entertainment from the Bollywood Sisters, the Circus Arts Performance Troupe and Circus Arts Ensemble plus karaoke for all, and the bar will be open.

6pm. Meal and show \$25, Event entry (no meal) \$15. 10 per cent discount for groups of eight or more. To book call 6685 6566 or visit circusarts.com.au.

FUNNY WOMEN REIGN SUPREME

Kat Davidson has often been referred to as 'the funniest chick I've seen' and has been known to keep working-class blokes and high-class gals alike gasping with laughter. Kat started her standup career in 1997 (as Katrina Shiels) and has continued her love affair with the stage in the public eye. The relationship is 'fiery and passionate' and they have no plans to stop seeing each other. Kat brings a fresh and intelligent view to her comedy. She tackles relationships, observations and random events with equal passion and her unique storytelling ability takes her audience along with her for the ride.



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MANDY NOLAN THINKS POLITICS IS A JOKE!

As part of the federal election campaign the local Greens have put out the challenge for up-and-coming and established comedians to tell the best jokes, including at least one political joke, in just three minutes!

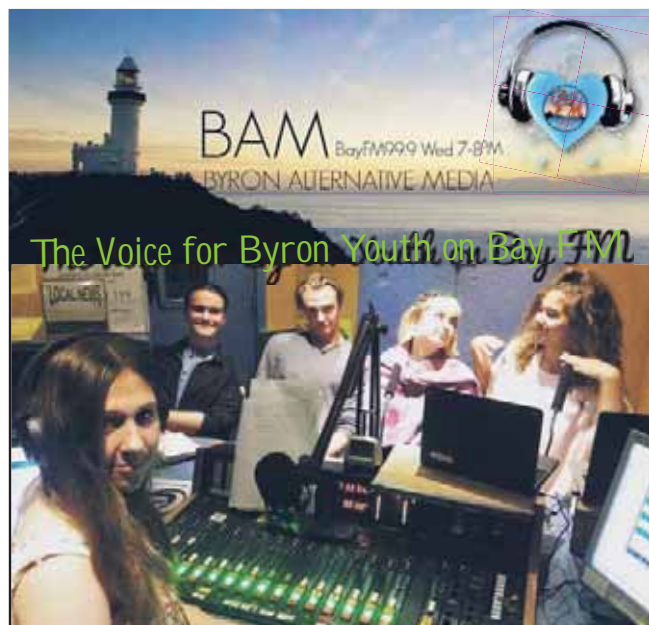
'Politicians have been writing comedy for years,' says Mandy Nolan. 'They call it policy.'

'Performers certainly have enough material to choose from, with CSG mining resulting in the Condamine River turning into a tea-light candle, Peter Dutton blaming refugee advocates for asylum-

seeker immolation and acts of self-harm, and PM Malcolm Turnbull's twee fascination with catching public transport, declaring that no worker will have longer than a 30-minute travel to work under his reign. 'Expect a night of cutting-edge satire and political commentary,' she said. Only The Greens aren't beholden to big donors and corporate interests, as they will never accept their donations. We're people powered, not fossil fuelled.

It means we must be innovative with our fundraising. The bonus: we get among the community and have a laugh.'

Tickets: [dawnwalker.com.au/mandylaugh](http://dawnwalker.com.au/)s. Doors 6pm **Friday 3 June** at the **Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club**.



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THREE BAGS FULL

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, will graciously accept donations of unused wool for a community art project titled **Apomogy** and is inviting the community to make an apology through the vessel of a pom pom. The gallery is calling on community members to support this project by donating unwanted and unused

skeins of wool for this fun and colourful community art project. Donations can be dropped off at the gallery before Thursday 2 June during opening hours on Wednesday through Friday from 10am till 4pm or on weekends from 9.30am till 2.30pm.

Apomogy is an all-ages community art project. To take part, drop into the gallery on **Saturday 4 June** between 10am and 2pm. Cost is \$5 and all materials are provided.

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RAMS

The brothers Gummi and Kiddi (Sigurður Sigurjónsson and Theodór Júlíusson) have not spoken to each other for forty years. They live on adjoining farms in a remote, bitterly cold valley in Iceland. They are childless and loveless – all they have are their herds of long-haired sheep (and what gorgeous creatures they are, too). Director Grímur Hákonarson does not elaborate as to the reasons for their intractable enmity, other than to allude to the fact that it was Gummi who was the beneficiary of their parents' will – he is primarily concerned with the circumstances of their changeless lives. Disaster strikes the valley when an incurable, fatal disease is detected in one of the sheep. To protect the viability of Iceland's flocks, the government decides that Gummi and Kiddi's sheep must be slaughtered. This is a movie of intrigue, bleak humour and pathos, one in which you just cannot tell for certain what is going to happen – a not unwelcome component when we are force-fed predictability by mainstream cinema. Gummi is determined to outsmart the local veterinarian and her rangers, whereas Kiddi blames his brother for their dire predicament and hits the bottle even harder – in one dark but hilarious scene, Gummi finds Kiddi passed out in the snow, picks his body in the front of his tractor and dumps it outside the nearby town's hospital. You suspect that at some point there will be a rapprochement between the men, but on the other hand an almost Shakespearean portent of gloom prevails – Kiddi has a gun that will surely come into play in a bad way. The environment, too, is fierce and unyielding – not since *Fargo* have I seen a winter landscape play such a significant part in creating ambience. As the brothers struggle to hang on to the only existence that they have ever known, it's impossible not to hope for the best for them. The climactic moment of desperation arrives as a blinding blizzard descends on the valley, with Gummi and Kiddi, like King Lear, lost in it. Fantastic.

Catch him at the **Brunswick Picture House** on Friday. Tickets \$10 (including free raffle ticket) available via Eventbrite and on the door (if not sold out). Tix on brunswickpicturehouse.com. 6pm

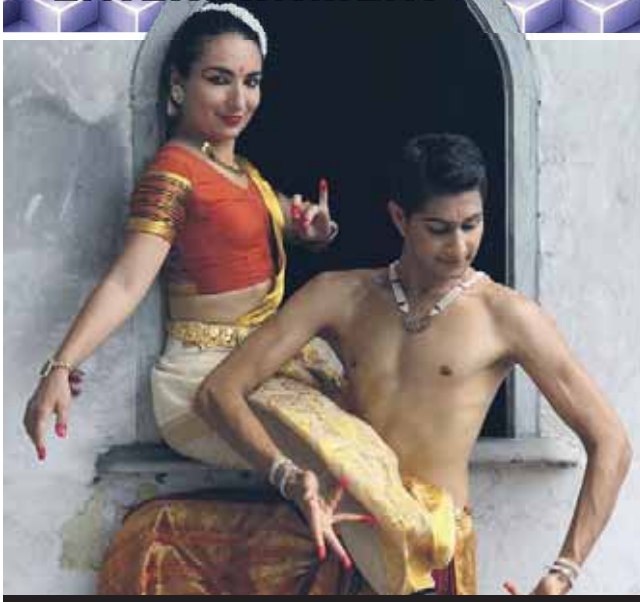
COFFEE MAGIC

The Coffee Man documents Australia's World Barista Champion, Canberra's Sasa Sestic. *The Coffee Man* explores the extraordinary world of specialty coffee and the lengths one man will go for 'coffee nirvana'. The journey takes the viewer from the farm to cup, to the dizzying heights of international competition, where Sasa will win at any cost, even if that requires 'smuggling' Australian milk through US customs to attain the perfect flavour profile. Sasa, a former immigrant from war-torn Bosnia, found international acclaim of a different kind when he first moved to Australia in 1996, by representing his new country at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Director of *The Coffee Man* Jeff Hann says, 'As documentary filmmakers, cinema magic is often created when you have no idea what the outcome will be. We had the raw ingredients: one man, with a powerful passion to produce the best-tasting coffee ever!

'I know the world will fall in love with Sasa's journey; they'll even learn a few tips along the way to perfect their own coffee at home! Screening at **Pighouse Flicks** on **Wednesday 1 June**.

PUNKS FOR WEST PAPUA

Australian-made documentary *Punks For West Papua* picked up another Laurel – this fifth Laurel being for the Los Angeles Cinefest Official Selection. New dates have been announced in Lismore, Byron Bay and Melbourne with guest appearances by filmmaker Anthony 'Ash' Brennan of *Hired Gun* TV and performances from local punk legends in Brisbane. The Byron Bay screening will be presented by five-time AFI winner and two-time Academy Award nominee David Bradbury. **Friday at Pighouse Flicks** pighouseflicks.com.au/buy-tickets-online/.



GOVIND AND RAINA PRESENT SUTRA: SECRETS OF INDIAN DANCE AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY WITH A YOGA CLASS AT 10AM ON SUNDAY AT THE BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL

SUTRA: SECRETS OF INDIAN DANCE

brings a 3,000-year-old tradition to life onstage through live dance and film, gorgeous costumes, intricate hand gestures, athletic footwork and captivating poses – an exquisite dance and multimedia performance by award-winning classical and contemporary performers, Raina Peterson and Govind Pillai, of Melbourne based Karma Dance Company. Govind and Raina will also present an Indian Classical Dance and Yoga workshop: Move over, Karma Sutra, this is the real Sutra. They teach key poses, stretches and kinetic movements, accessing ancient wisdom to increase your awareness of self and body.

Sutra: Saturday at 7.30pm at **Byron Community Centre**. Tickets \$27/\$22 from www.byroncentre.com.au or 6685 6807. **Yoga: Sunday 29th** at 10am at **Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall**. Tickets \$20/\$15. Bookings not needed.

PRISON OF BELIEF

Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief screens at the **Brunswick Picture House** as part of the weekly Grown Up Film series. This highly controversial award-winning documentary deconstructs the Church of Scientology's claims, the role played by celebrity members such as Tom Cruise and John Travolta, and highlights the stories of a number of ex-members and of the abuse and exploitation they described seeing and experiencing. The Church of Scientology responded vehemently to the film and initiated a sustained campaign to block its release, including taking out full-page ads in *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times* to denounce it. The film was released on HBO in the United States and ultimately won three Primetime Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Documentary. **Thursday** at 6pm.

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THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY

It's an important coincidence that this film of love and acceptance should turn up so soon after our nation's soul has been indelibly stained by the filth uttered by the pile of slime in a suit that is the federal immigration minister. As a mathematician, S Ramanujan (Dev Patel) was a rare genius. Leaving his young wife to live with his mother in Madras, he sailed to England to further his career just before the outbreak of WWI. Driven by an ambition to have his groundbreaking theories published, at Cambridge he found the perfect mentor in GH Hardy (Jeremy Irons). The movie deals initially with the usual problems encountered by the outsider who wants to be accepted by those who would look down on him. Ramanujan's race, his vegetarianism and homesickness, his upstart self-confidence all hinder his progress, but most confronting to the professional elite is his intuitive approach to his work. To them he must produce unarguable proofs to support his discoveries and it is when director Matt Brown explores more closely the vast spiritual and psychological chasm that Ramanujan and Hardy must bridge that the film finds its spellbinding pitch. For Ramanujan, a devout Hindu, his inspiration comes directly from God – the numbers that fly into his head mean nothing if they don't express a divine truth – whereas the atheist Hardy can only comprehend that which is arrived at through scholarly pragmatism. It is a frustrating journey for both men, but in Hardy's case he understands that his protégé has more to offer than can be so haughtily dismissed by his peers – and, thankfully, Brown does not muddy his theme by spending too much time with those unfathomable equations. Patel brings to his part the unstinting enthusiasm with which he lit up *The Best Marigold Hotel* without ever succumbing to the head-wobbling wallah that would only mock the stature of Ramanujan, while Irons's mellifluous performance is rich in empathy and wonder – his final address to the board sitting to determine Ramanujan's worthiness for a fellowship is a speech of heartfelt self-realisation.

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THURSDAY 26TH MAY TO WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE

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ANGRY BIRDS THUR FRI MON TUES WED 9.35AM 5.20PM SATURDAY SUNDAY 9.35AM 1.50PM 5.20PM PG	CAPTAIN AMERICA CIVIL WAR THUR 26TH TO WED 1ST 3.45PM FINAL 7 DAYS	FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS THUR FRI MON TUES WED 10.00AM 1.45PM SATURDAY SUNDAY 10.00AM FINAL 7 DAYS	BAD NEIGHBOURS 2 THUR 26TH TO WED 1ST 9.25PM FINAL 7 DAYS

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THURSDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **AKOVA**
- THE BALCONY, BYRON 6PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 6PM **POSITIVE CHANGE FOR MARINE LIFE FUNDRAISER WITH DALLAS JAMES, JORDAN MCROBBIE, NICK CUNNINGHAM, JAYWALKER**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **GOING CLEAR: SCIENTOLOGY & THE PRISON OF BELIEF**
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **ALL THAT JAZZ UKE NIGHT WITH JIMMY DOWLING & NORTHERN RIVERS UKE ORCHESTRA**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **BIG GIG COMEDY WITH KATRINA DAVIDSON, MARTY LAPPAN, MANDY NOLAN**
- ITALO CLUB, LISMORE **PUNKS FOR WEST PAPUA DOCO**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **FUGITIVE & THE VAGABOND, BEN WILSON, THE DUKE**

FRIDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LYALL MOLONEY, JANNAH BETH, CHRIS BRADLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOHO COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM 4'20' SOUND**
- BYRON BREWERY **LEVON J CONLON**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON **PUNKS FOR WEST PAPUA DOCO**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **HIGH ROLLERS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE IMPRINTS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SWINGING DETECTIVES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TONY FALLON**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **SPACE COWBOY LIVE!**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **MURRAY KYLE**
- ST MARTIN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS, HEARTS ON FIRE COMMUNITY CHANTING**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 6.30PM **OUR LAST TANGO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAZY KARAOKE WITH JOHN FOG & SHARON V**

- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **MEDICINE DANCE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7.30PM **SHYBABY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- BALLINA RSL 6PM **GUY KACHEL 8.30PM CATH SIMES BAND**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE **BLACKBOI & CASS**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **MARK SLINGSBY**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 7.30PM **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **CHAOS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 7.30PM **FEAR & LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **MARSHALL O'KELL DUO**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **MARK WILKINSON & ANABELLE KAY**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **LURE, CHELSEA ROCKWELLS, TESLA COILS**

- & ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATORS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM **SUTRA: SECRETS OF CLASSICAL INDIAN DANCE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 6PM **FUNDRAISING WITH BOLLYWOOD SISTERS, CIRCUS ARTS TROUPE & ENSEMBLE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD DUO**
- SOUND SHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **THE PETER 'POTATO HEAD' DUTTON FAN CLUB ANNUAL ASYLUM SEEKER BASH**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **VASUDHA HARTE**
- DURRUMBUL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **ZORBA GYPSY PARTY WITH SHAKSHUKA, THE IMPRINTS, BEDUIN CIRCLE, SHAI SHRIKI & MORE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **ODYSSEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **LADY LEE & THE JAZZY KATS 8PM TRIBUTE TO CLASSIC AUSSIE ROCK**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **FREYA JOSEPHINE HOLLICK**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY 7PM ANDY JANS BROWN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **TONY FALLON PROJECT**
- HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, UKI 7PM **SONGWRITERS ON THE SONGLINE WITH MURRAY KYLE, SHUNYA & AMRITA**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 7.30PM **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **TOTUM**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **SARAH STANDO**

- NIMBIN HALL 7PM **BOB DYLAN TRIBUTE WITH WILLIE MCELROY, LUKE VASSELLA, SARAH STANDO, PHIL LEVY, JIMMY DOWLING, JOLANDA MOYLE**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 7PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**

- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **FAT ALBERT**
- MONDAY 30**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **HIGH ROLLERS**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **HUGH MACKAY'S BEYOND BELIEF**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ OVAL**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 4PM **JASON DELPHIN**

SUNDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **RAGGA JUMP 9PM DJ DISCROW**
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **DEEP HOUSE MUSIC**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 3PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **DJ BRICKS & DJ EVA J**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE **TESS LATU**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK RSL HALL 2.30PM **HIDE THE POTATO**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **BAND OF FREQUENCIES**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **THE TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE**
- CLUB MULLUM 3PM **GALAPAGOS DUCK**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **JAZZ'N'BLUES**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- SHAW'S BAY TAVERN, BALLINA 1PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CASSIE ROSE DUO**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **CARLIE & YOSI**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM JAMMED TARTS**
- RAPPVILLE PUB **WATLING & BATES WITH THE NOBLE LARIATS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 12PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 12.30PM **BILL JACOBI**

TUESDAY 31

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **CARNAVAL DRUMMING WITH THE SAMBA-BLISSTAS**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- THE BALCONY, BYRON 9PM **DJ DOZ MORE VIBES**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **LIVE DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **DANCE TEMPLE ECSTATIC DANCE**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **RAANI**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **JIM KELLY'S THRILLSEEKERS WITH JOSH BOYD**

WEDNESDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PURLING BROOK**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON **SASA SESTIC IS THE COFFEE MAN**
- BYRON BOWLO MUSICAL TRIVIA
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN BRANDELLO**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM NIGHT**

SATURDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT MCHUGH, FLETCHER PILON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ CUTLOOSE**
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Saturday 4 June, 8pm Tickets: Full \$53
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Luck takes a back seat as Hornets sting Devils revival

Story & photo John Campbell

It's easy to be a smartarse after the event, isn't it?

About ten minutes into the second half of this pulsating, at times torrid NRRRL round 6 game between Byron Bay and Cudgen, the Red Devils were awarded a penalty close to the sticks. The boys had taken a hard-earned 12-4 lead to the break and, after an initial onslaught that saw the other mob come back to 12-8, they looked to be recovering their mojo. Pressing hard to reassert themselves, a set of six presented itself as the perfect opportunity to put the visitors on the back foot again. These days, however, the fashion is to take the two on offer – but, even though Joey 'The General' Gordon's kick never looked like missing, increasing the lead from four to a less than overwhelming six seemed like a less than positive option. Certainly, Cudgen weren't bothered by it.

Following their convincing win at Kyogle, the Devils were back at home before an estimated crowd of 5,001 on a glorious autumn arvo – a perfect day for rugby league, as



Byron's Chris 'Jawbone' Coleman thought he'd have a crack at the Campese goose-step at Red Devil Park on Sunday – hooker Tom 'Deano' Martin couldn't believe it.

they say in the classics. And Byron put in a first forty of tremendous vigour and commitment. Ball control was good, tackling fiery.

Cudgen got an early try from a straightforward passing raid after a scrum win, but the Devils returned fire with murder in their hearts. Gordon, now the leader of the pack, made a typical long-striding break and front-rower Chris 'Jawbone' Coleman built on it with one of his Sherman-tank charges. Busy hooker Tom 'Deano' Martin then plunged over from

dummy-half and with the conversion the Bay grabbed a 6-4 lead with a spring in their step. For those of us in the bleachers, the team's newfound self-belief was palpable.

Gordon then nailed a penalty and, on a roll that Cudgen were unable to control, Coleman and fellow prop Jason 'Buddy' Hackett – who puts in so much every week – took the men in red to within striking distance of the line again. Second-rower Will 'Haystack' Haylock crossed and the Bay trooped off for

oranges to a well-earned ovation from the faithful.

Things went awry in the second stanza, and it's hard to put your finger on why.

It might simply have been because Cudgen lifted their game – which they did. It may also have been because, after a late kick-off and with the light dimming dramatically, the ref (who blew the pea out of his whistle) was unable to see in the descending dusk the Hornets' persistent off-side. Worryingly, it may also have been the adverse effect of the Devils' earlier losses haunting them. Playing as they did on Sunday, there is no way in the world that they would have been sitting bottom of the ladder with a 1-4 ratio – losing, like winning, can become a mind-set.

Tempers frayed, Cudgen kept their cool and slotted an impeccable field goal to more or less kill the contest. The dispirited Devils kicked out on the full from the resumption and all there was left was for the crew on the western hill to give heaps to Cudgen's Bryan Ferry wannabe winger – he was asking for it.

There is still a long way to go in the season – go, the Bay!

Byron Bay rugby win away against Lennox Trojans

Andrew Teuma

Byron Bay Rugby travelled to nearby Lennox Head on Saturday to take on the Trojans, who were also three wins from three games.

The game started fast and strong with Byron showing their skill set at the breakdown and restarts. Byron's first points came after an impressive, strong drive from the forwards with Jack Cooke diving over the white-wash giving him his fifth try on four games for the Blue & White.

Cooke was involved in Byron's second after a quick change in direction from the breakdown down the blind-side with Darrell Montgomery popping to Cooke, who made a darting run down the touchline before executing a perfectly timed pass back inside to scrum-half Harold Chiffolleau, who sprinted to score over the line. Fly-half John Laughlin converted again, making it 14-0.

The Byron forwards showed their dominance again with flanker Craig Wallace and Cooke scoring his second of set pieces and string

drives, Wallace now scoring six tries to match Cooke's six this season. Laughlin converted another, taking Byron into halftime with a 26-0.

The second half saw Byron's attacking play flourish once more with some great hands from Chiffolleau who assisted Byron's fifth try of the day, pairing up with Laughlin, who showed great footwork, to beat the Lennox defence to score his try to bring his points tally into double digits. Laughlin then converted his own try to bring him to 13 points for the afternoon.

Veteran Troy Wynter came in to the fold off the bench and with one of his first carries secured the ball and scored a great try off the Byron Bay pack. A welcome return for Wynter, who had been overseas for the last two games. Captain Jascha Saeck converted, bringing Byron Bay to 33 points clear.

Byron Bay next travel on 28 May to Southern Cross University, who were narrowly beaten by Wollongbar-Alstonville Pioneers.

Lennox Head Trojans 7 / Byron Bay Rugby 40.

Bulldogs get primed



Bulldog Charlie Heath leaves nothing in the tank chasing his opposite number with Ned Bailey in support. Photo by Stuart McDonald

Dean Trevaskis

The Bruns Bulldogs Under-11s hit the ground snarling against Tweed Tigers on Sunday, holding their own in a first quarter of fiercely contested ball.

Young pup Ned Bailey burrowed under packs, Ethan Johnston ploughed through them, and tenacious Thandi McCallister pressured the Tigers with her relentless tackling and chasing.

Tweed's experience and footy smarts gained the

ascendancy after the first break but they didn't have it all their own way.

Jack Bailey was dominant in the ruck, and Adam Grey stood tall in defence, preventing a number of goals.

In the Dogs' play of the day Charlie McCallister took on four larger opponents and, through sheer determination, got the pill to the fleet of foot Charlie Heath to burst clear and send a drop punt deep into attack.

Caio De Souza iced that cake with a clever six-pointer.

It was the Tigers' day though and, when the ump called time, their running game had orchestrated an impressive win.

For the Bulldogs it was a solid hitout, leaving them primed for this week's blockbuster against Casino.

– Winter sport is well under way and what better way to spend the cooler months than enjoying the sunshine rugged up and watching future sporting heroes get their start in the game! – Ed

Rams pipped at Goonellabah post



Herrick Schuenemann put in another tireless performance against Goonellabah.

Story & photo Dogwhistle

The Great Northern Byron Bay Rams faced a tough and determined opponent on Saturday, taking on an ascendent Goonellabah at the Byron Rec Grounds.

The day started positively, with the Rams Reserves continuing their string of strong performances.

Kazuhiro Tsukamoto opened the scoring for the resses, with Will Ennis adding two more shortly after.

Thirty minutes in, a Byron hand ball in the box gave the Hornets their second, and a fourth for Byron from

Thomas took them into break at 4-2. Five minutes into the second session, a cross from Sam Owens put Will Ennis on the spot for his hat-trick, taking the scoreboard to 5-2. Minutes later a Goonellabah defender headed an Ennis shot into his own net, making it 6-2.

Young substitute winger Hari Scott made an impression after three minutes on the pitch, taking a flanking run, cutting inside and going to goal then threading his shot past the keeper for 7-2. With minutes to go, a scrappy goal from Goonellabah took it to 7-3. The Rams are now

clear and undefeated leaders at the top of the Reserves table.

The top-squad boys had a much tougher run in the Premier League match. Despite having a slight edge for much of the contest, the Rams couldn't break down the Hornets' defence. Three spectacular saves from the Goonellabah keeper kept the scoreline at 0-0 right down to the final seconds. A superbly executed free kick from the Hornets curled around the wall and skimmed inside the far post.

It was the final touch of the match and a painful sting in the tail for the Rams.

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Public consultation on the NSW government's controversial biodiversity law changes got only one airing on the north coast, and that was at Coffs Harbour. According to the Nature Conservation Council, the changes will 'add extinction pressure to the state's 999 threatened animal and plant species by accelerating land clearing, release millions of tonnes of carbon pollution into the atmosphere by increasing land clearing' and 'undermine federal government programs

that pay farmers millions to retain bushland', among other detrimental impacts. Public submissions close on June 28; see the detail at <https://www.landmanagement.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say>.

The damage to professional journalism continues, with the ABC's helpful Fact Check unit to be axed, reportedly with 12 news positions being made redundant. It seems an extraordinary, if not suspicious, management decision at the start of a federal election campaign when the public needs all the help it can get in working out which politicians are telling porkies.

And in this week's follow-on from our 400ppm page last week we offer: 'The global community is badly prepared for a rapid increase in climate change-related natural disasters that by 2050 will put 1.3 billion people at risk, according to the World Bank. Urging better planning of cities before it was too late, a report published on Monday from a Bank-run body that focuses on disaster mitigation, said assets worth \$158 trillion - double the total annual output of the global economy - would be in jeopardy by 2050 without preventive action.' Yet another wake-up call. See a full report at <http://bit.ly/WB158tn>

A tip of the lid to Colin Cook for introducing us to Place <http://place.trust.org>, the site which 'explores the complex social, economic and political effects of inadequate land rights' and also looks at projects on the ground throughout the world working to solve the inequities.

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