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Going global this Sunday



As part of celebrations of multicultural unity leading into Refugee Week 2021, performers from diverse cultural groups including Japanese, Brazilian, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous Australian will perform at the Byron Theatre on Sunday June 13 from 1.30pm till 4.30pm. Pricilla Rios, from Bataala Brazilian Percussion, and Byron Japanese Tyko's Mayu Akiba, are both performing at Global Beats 2021. Photo Jeff 'There Will Be Repercussions' Dawson

Developers aim to double Bayside suburb

Hans Lovejoy

Developers seeking to double the size of Bayside, a small suburb on the outskirts of Brunswick Heads, have responded to *Echo* questions around potential traffic congestion and the lack of open spaces.

The Clarence Property Group have also claimed they have 'significantly reduced the previously proposed development footprint' and if approved, will 'reduce the amount of developed land to 12.4 hectares, retaining over 18 hectares – or 60 per cent of the site – for existing vegetation, including the protection and enhancement of wallum froglet habitat'.

Down from 151 to 133 lots

An information session wrapped up last week regarding the plans, which are to create 133 lots, down from 151. A concept plan has been approved by the NSW Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPIE).

Yet despite claims around improving ecological credentials from the original plans, the developer's managing director declined to comment on whether they would commit to 'providing a portion of the lots to affordable and/or social housing, in perpetuity'.

The Echo asked the question, 'considering Byron Shire is losing its community to increased property prices'.

Instead, Clarence Property managing director Peter Fahey replied, 'The majority of homesites will be

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Taking it to the cleaners – workers speak

Paul Bibby

It's the type of text message exchange that Byron cleaning business owners like Cristina Arcila are becoming all too familiar with.

'We have a booking that's just come in – I need you to service it,' is the typically blunt opening.

If the cleaner asks for more time, the response is often less than cordial.

'It's often just a "No, that's not

going to work for us"', Ms Arcila recalls.

'And if you suggest that they might want to ask another cleaning company, you're likely to get "but you're my cleaner".'

Welcome to the cleaning and maintenance business, in a town saturated with short-term holiday letting.

With scores of local homes now little more than Airbnb investment properties, some cleaners and other

essential tourism industry workers are being treated like commodities rather than essential workers.

They frequently deal with agencies, property managers, and property owners hundreds of kilometres away, who seem to care little for the person on the other end of the line.

Big agency pressure

'The big management agencies are working for their client and therefore make them a priority,

often at our expense. They will push us to the limit to ensure their clients' needs are met', Ms Arcila says.

Ms Arcila also says there is a tendency among both private owners and agencies to ask cleaners to do errands for them without paying for their time.

'Some clients ask me to do their shopping, pick up and drop off linen or change empty gas bottles', Ms Arcila says.

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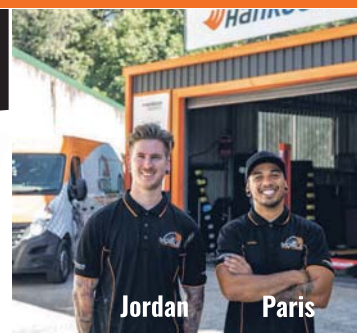
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A cleaner's tale of working for uncaring owners

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'It's the stuff that basically keeps their business operational, but they don't want to pay for those tasks, it's just expected that we do them'.
She says others demand that cleaners make themselves available at short notice, and refuse to take no for an answer.
'I've said to several property owners that I can't make it... they say "What am I supposed to do? You're my cleaner"', Ms Arcila says.

Treated like property

'It's like I'm their property or something.'
'I'm not saying the industry needs to stop, they need us, and we need them, but I'd love it if we could work with them rather than for them... we're a community here'.
And Ms Arcila is far from alone.
When she recently expressed her frustrations on social media, she was greeted with dozens of corroborating comments from fellow cleaners, gardeners and maintenance people, not to mention scores of other locals offering support.
'Many property owners



Cristina Arcila. Photo Jeff 'Cleaning Up In Byron Since 1986' Dawson

act as if it were a simple job, which does not require any understanding', one local cleaner commented.
'They change the schedule the whole time, without worrying about notifying the cleaner'.
'I suggest for them to try doing it themselves to see if it's so easy'.
Dan Waters, the owner of Paradise Maintenance, told *The Echo* that he felt that some Airbnb agencies and owners had lost sight of the community focus that

characterises Byron Bay.
'Some of these guys, they've really taken the personal, community side out of it completely - it's just an investment for them,' he said.
'I moved to this area for community - to love the person next to me and treat them as a friend. It's got to be give and take, you know?'
'These days, there's a lot of time pressure. No time for a two-minute conversation, more just "I need this"'.
'All I want to see is for the community to grow together,

to strengthen our bonds, stick together and continue to support each other'.
Both Mr Waters and Ms Arcila emphasised that there were still many considerate, community-focused owners, property managers and agencies in the Shire and beyond.
'There are some amazing people out there who always treat us with kindness and respect,' Ms Arcila said.
'And there's also a really strong sense of community among the different service businesses in the area.



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Developers aim to double Bayside

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450sqm to 700sqm, with 20 larger homesites of around 800sqm.
'Our proposal also includes a medium density site, which would be suitable for a townhouse-style development, providing quality housing at a more affordable price point, geared towards those looking to enter the market or wanting a lower-maintenance lifestyle'.

Regarding the lack of new access roads to accommodate the new lots, and the potential for increased traffic congestion, Mr Fahey told *The Echo* that the existing street networks and all services within Bayside 'were designed with our development - considered the final stage of the Bayside estate - in mind'.
He added an updated traffic engineering report includes 'traffic calming on our site, and we will discuss with Council other traffic calming opportunities within the existing Bayside estate to address any pre-existing resident concerns'.
As for the lack of open spaces within the new greenfield development, Mr Fahey says, 'Council



Image from www.brunswickestate.com.au

would likely not welcome duplication of the existing park to the north of the Lilly Pilly kindergarten, about 50 metres from the development site', he said.
Lack of open spaces
'Therefore, we proposed to undertake upgrade works to that park, which will benefit the existing Bayside community.
'This would be subject to agreement with Council, but may include new play equipment, shade and picnic facilities, footpaths and landscaping.
'Footpaths will be provided throughout our development and a pedestrian link

between the east and west zones of our site is under consideration, with a view to providing an integrated scenic walking path'.
Mr Fahey said, 'Our revised masterplan has been designed to not only avoid development on existing frog habitats, but to also create additional frog habitat in the south east corner of the site and throughout the central corridor, which has been widened in the new design for this purpose', he said.
'We have also created an improved koala corridor'.
'The entire western corridor along the boundary of the site was previously designated for residential lots'.

Ready, set, music fest! June 18–20



Artist and producer, Billy Otto, will be one of the panelists on the Music Changemakers discussion on Sunday June 20 at the Byron Theatre. It's one of many events planned for the Byron Music Festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

A showcase of local artists from the north coast over three days, is planned around Byron's venues and open spaces, including an industry conference and a focused youth stage.

Running from June 18 till June 20, event organiser and Byron Music's Nick Sergi says it's a 'reinvigoration of the local entertainment industry, and an opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate our incredible music scene'.

Opening night and the launch party will be held Friday June 18 at two venues – the Community Centre will feature The Sidemen (Steve Banks, Greg Lyon), Bronte Eve, and Steve Banks.

Meanwhile, at the Northern Hotel launch party, Flying Machine, Colbey, Bedclub, The Dharma Chain, Blondie, Howl And Moan DJ's will perform.

While gigs will also be held at the Beach Hotel, Woody's Surf Shack and the YAC, the main event is planned for Dening Park on Saturday June 19 from 11am till 8.30pm.

Acts include Wolfmother, Hayley Mary, Kyle Lionhart, Tijuana Cartel and more.

Industry conference

As a first for Byron, a music industry conference will be held at the Byron Theatre on Sunday June 20, to 'uniquely draw back the

curtain for the public to be part of conversations that would normally only be held among those in the industry itself'.

The event will include panel discussion and keynote addresses, which will explore the value of arts to the region, empowering youth through music, how to be a conscious music consumer, how the past can shape our future, sustaining wellbeing in music and the Tambah Project (special feature: film, panel, performance).

The Byron Music Festival Industry Conference is proudly supported by Byron Music, Lifecykel, McGrath Real Estate, Byron

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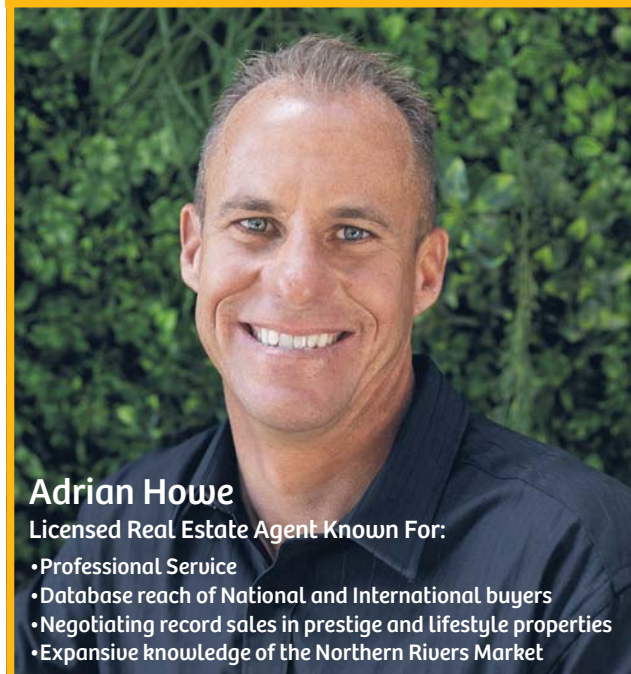
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NSW Govt overhauls Crown land management

A management plan that will impact approximately 42 per cent, or around 34 million hectares of NSW, has been announced by the NSW government.

At 28 pages, *Crown land 2031* says it will establish 'a strategic framework to encourage investment, facilitate innovative new uses and rethink the way in which Crown land contributes to the economy'.

The plan accompanies the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

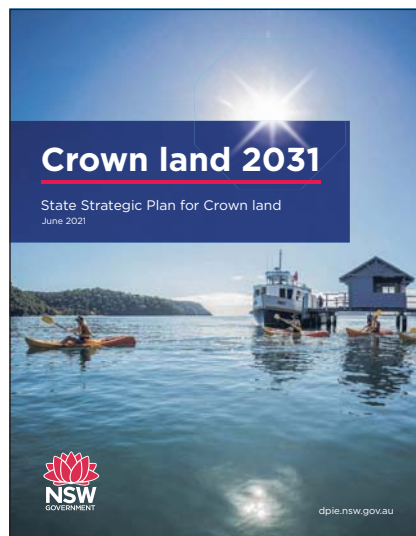
So what is Crown land?

Page 25 reads, 'NSW is Aboriginal land. Following European settlement, colonial and then successive state governments asserted ownership over the land and proceeded to survey and allocate land, and to record and guarantee tenures. This created freehold property rights for settlers.'

'The remainder of the land became Crown land, held in public trust. At the same time, infrastructure was progressively installed on Crown land, including community halls, Crown roads, showgrounds, sports fields and parks which remain integral to community life in NSW.'

The plan says that 'national parks and state forests are not considered Crown land'.

A top priority, according to *Crown land 2031*, is to 'Accelerate economic progress in regional and rural NSW', along with 'Accelerate the realisation of Aboriginal land rights and native title in partnership with Aboriginal people,



Crown land 2031.

protect cultural heritage on Crown land and protect environmental assets, improve and expand green space and build climate change resilience'.

Under *Crown land 2031*, the government says management will 'grow in size and capability'.

Privatising assets?

Local NSW MP, Tamara Smith (Greens), told *The Echo*, 'When I see the concepts of "public ownership" and "economic potential" in the same sentence, alarm bells start to ring. A community garden or surf club on Crown land brings countless benefits to a community that may not deliver a purely economic bottom line'.

'Does this mean that priority for

leasing Crown land will be given to organisations that can deliver a purely economic return? Does this mean that peppercorn rents will disappear for community organisations in favour of high rent paying business style tenants?'

'When I see this kind of rhetoric from the LNP, I ask myself, "how are things working now?'

'The Department of Crown Land has been gutted, within an inch of its life, and is chronically under resourced, which means getting responses from them typically takes six months. How does that department deliver such agility and modernity, we may well ask?'

'The privatisation of our caravan parks was couched in similar glowing terms; around tourism and economic benefits. But what we have seen from the privatisation of holiday parks on Crown land is loss of public land and loss of community say about those public assets.'

'Aboriginal communities without native title are often the last folk to be advised or consulted about Crown land assets. With that kind of track record the lofty aim of "advancing Aboriginal interests" surely needs some detailed intention to consult with Aboriginal communities?'

Ms Smith adds, 'As the NSW Greens tourism spokesperson, I will certainly be keeping an eye on the detail of this policy announcement. The LNP have a track record of privatising public assets and calling it "asset recycling"'

BYS fundraising dinner at Harvest, June 24.

Those wanting to support Byron Youth Service (BYS) are invited for a four course meal at Harvest, which includes beer and wine, on June 24.

To grab a ticket, visit www.bys.org.au/harvest-dinner.

Additionally, a free movie

night screening of *Dream Horse* will be held at Palace Cinemas in Byron on June 17 from 6pm. The event will include a fundraising auction - drinks, popcorn and choc top included.

For more information visit www.bys.org.au.

Open call for textile artisans

Mullum Cares founder, Sasha Mainsbridge, says she is seeking local textile artisans 'who are passionate about reducing the negative impacts of their industry'.

A meeting is organised for Saturday June 12 from 2.30pm till 4pm at the Mullumbimby Scout Hall.

Sasha adds that her organisation is also seeking 'behavioural change experts who share this passion and are interested in contributing to the program design and delivery development'.

'Australians discard an average of 31 kilos of textiles per person annually, at a national rate of 15 tonnes of textile waste every ten minutes. 10 per cent of global emissions are attributed to

the fashion industry.

'These statistics are becoming more widely known, so we're acknowledging there's a major problem. Let's get cracking to find solutions.'

Slow fashion

'While governments are pouring money into revamping our onshore manufacturing industries to process our recyclable materials that China no longer wants and find solutions to previously unrecyclable textile waste, a grass roots movement loosely called "slow fashion" is growing across the globe.'

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Festival profits help homeless

The annual music and beer event, Festival Of The Stone, sold out on Saturday, which is good news to locals doing it tough. Organisers say all profits will go towards reopening the Fletcher Street Cottage, via Byron Community Centre. The cottage, located in the heart of Byron Bay, will be a homelessness hub. Pictured are Stone & Wood bar manager, Johan Simone Kortenhorst, and creator of those giant worms on the wall behind them, mild mannered Mambo man, Mathew Martin. Photo Jeff 'Stoning Himself Since 1986' Dawson

TEDxByronBay releases full lineup

The full list of speakers has been announced for TEDxByronBay, to be held June 26 at the Byron Community Centre.

Organisers have announced presenters Dr Gregory Smith, Costa Georgiadis, Delta Kay, Zenith Virago, Brett Solomon, Kate Constantine, Hiromi Tango, Emilia Decker, Melia Naughton, Catherine Ingram, Elle Davidson, Paul van Ryke,

and Franck Gazzola.

One of the presenters, Elle Davidson, will be talking about decolonising our public domain.

Elle says, 'I'm really honoured to be walking alongside such a great cohort of speakers as we prepare our talks while also interpreting the TEDxByronBay theme – The Spaces Between.'

'Based on Indigenous

astronomy, the theme has sparked an intense process of refinement and collaboration as we all work together to create our talks. I'm really excited for us to share our stories,' she said.

The day will end with an after-party at Stone & Wood in Byron Bay. Tickets are on sale and selling quickly so visit www.tedxbyronbay.com.au for details.

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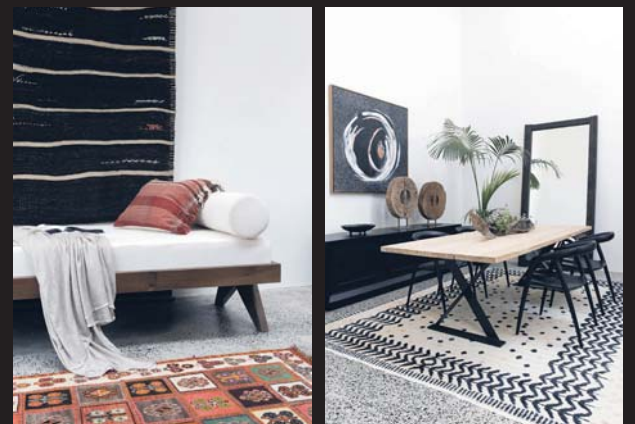
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AVO sparks 'community standards of behaviour' forum

Barefoot Law founder and mayoral candidate Mark Swivel, is hosting an event regarding 'AVOs, harassment, abuse and violence', to be held June 17 from 6pm at the Byron Community Centre Cavanbah Room.

The panel includes Sarah Ndiaye, Deputy Mayor, who has taken an AVO out against Council agitator John Anderson, aka Fast Buck\$, over what she says is constant harassment and intimidation.

Mr Anderson, who said he was not invited to the forum, told *The Echo* he will be contesting the AVO, and says it is

not likely to be heard before the courts until next year.

Meanwhile, the forum on 'community standards of behaviour' will also feature consultant psychologist, Jane Enter, lawyer and former magistrate David Heilpern, general practitioner, Dr Tonya Coren, and social worker, Jenelle Bowen.

Low public awareness

A statement on social media reads, 'Byron Shire needs to talk. After the March for Justice, what [is] next?'

'Women experience a continuum of harassment, abuse and violence. But

public awareness remains low.

'An AVO was recently issued by police to protect a councillor. A public debate followed. What lessons can we learn as a community from all this?'

'Join local experts to lead a discussion on how we can raise community standards.'

Mr Anderson said, 'Councillors and staff don't like my questions. It started over questions to Cr Ndiaye on holiday letting, and it has become a personal trial of my character.'

He says he is engaging a barrister to defend himself.



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Man charged with drug supply

A 24-year-old Pottsville man has been charged with commercial drug supply after more than \$2 million worth of cocaine was found inside 'a gold Nissan X-Trail allegedly driving at speed northbound on the M1 Pacific Motorway near Bangalow'.

Police alleged that on June 1, 'The man underwent a roadside breath test which returned a negative result. After further enquiries, police conducted a search of the Nissan where they located a

vacuum sealed bag containing a substance, believed to be cocaine, and cash'.

'The items and vehicle were seized for further forensic examination'.

The police report says a further five packages of cocaine were found concealed in a speaker box and under the rear seats'.

'In total, police located approximately 6.7kg of cocaine, with an estimated street value of more than \$2 million'.

Hospice benefits from donation



Amitayus president Lyn Kemp with treasurer Kim Elliott. Photo Jeff Dawson

The Commonwealth Bank in Mullumbimby has given Amitayus Home Hospice Service \$500.

An entirely voluntary organisation, Amatayus offers in-home respite care for people with a life limiting illness, or who are in palliative care or choose to die at home.

This can include practical help such as shopping, transport to appointments, social outings and enabling the primary carers to have some time out.

Amitayus also provides volunteer training through the, 'Last Aid - Caring for the Dying at Home' course at Byron Community College, Mullumbimby.

Amatayus president Lyn Kemp told *The Echo*, 'It's donations like these from the community that allow our volunteers to be reimbursed for travel expenses, to be fully insured while in service to others, have ongoing training and development and cover our administration expenses'.

Free counselling service in Mullum

A volunteer led, free counselling service run out of the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) is up and running.

Called The Listening Space, the service was initiated by Richard Hil, a local retired social worker and academic, in response to community needs.

Listening Space

One of the counsellors, Jocelyn Strong, said Richard continues to provide supervision to the service.

'The Listening Space is a professional and confidential service run by qualified counsellors and students completing their undergraduate, post-graduate or

master's degrees in counselling, psychotherapy, or social work'.

'MDNC counsellors work within a person-centred and strength-based framework, aiming to empower clients to help them face presenting concerns.

'The service is for anyone over 18 years of age seeking counselling.

'No referrals or care plans are necessary. Clients can receive up to six, 60-minute sessions free of charge'.

The Listening Space is open Mondays and Fridays 9am-4pm.

Book your session with reception on 6684 1286 or for enquires please call 0427 015 296.

Year 11 theatre production only a stone's throw away!

Year 11 drama students at Byron Bay High School are working tirelessly on an exciting production of *The Stones*, by Zeal theatre's Tom Lycos and Stefo Nantsou.

It will be performed June 8, 10 and 11 from 7pm in the school's Performing Arts Centre.

Director/teacher Simone Museth told *The Echo* the play is inspired by a true Australian story, about two teenage friends who carry a collection of stones up to an overpass on a Melbourne freeway.

'They then engage in the reckless game of kicking the stones onto the road below, aiming for the vehicles that pass underneath. What occurs on that evening will change the boys' lives dramatically.'

Thought-provoking

'This high-energy play is confronting and thought-provoking, moving and powerful, and addresses issues such as risk-taking behaviour and guilt.'



Year 11 Drama production *The Stones*. Photo Ali sha Doherty-Hough

'It places the audience in the position of a jury and will provoke them to ask themselves the serious question of whether the boys, aged 13 and 15, can be held responsible for the devastating consequences of their recklessness.'

Actors are Vinnie Lycenko, Jonah Salmon,

Lilly Cloake and Mikey Scharka, along with technical crew, Will Macpherson, Ruby Jeffries and Hayden Keever.

Simone says she and the crew 'warmly invite all members of the Byron Shire community to come and see the production.'

'They hope to entertain

you, challenge you, and have you leaving your seats asking the question: "Guilty or not guilty?"'

Tickets can be purchased now through the front office at Byron Bay High School 6685 8188, or on the door if not sold out prior. The play is rated PG and contains mild coarse language.

Mullum house fire, Sunday



Photo Jeff Dawson

Paul Bibby

A home on a property near Ann Street, Mullumbimby, was badly damaged in a house fire over the weekend.

Fire and Rescue was alerted to the blaze at around 9.30am on Sunday morning, and arrived to find the dwelling well alight, with flames already burning through the roof.

'There were vast clouds of black smoke and lots of flames going up,' one neighbour told *The Echo*.

'I heard the odd thumping sound.'

'I'm told the yard may have been used to store a number of cool rooms, so it's possible those thumps were

the sound of the cool rooms going up.'

Four fire and rescue vehicles, including a hazmat truck, attended the blaze, along with members of the local RFS and two ambulances.

No one was injured in the blaze, according to a Fire and Rescue spokesperson.

However, the spokesperson said that efforts to extinguish the blaze may have been hindered by a lack of water supply.

'It looks like they had issues with water supply - that could explain the large number of crews who attended, because there probably was a lot of pumping.'

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Lismore councillor candidate quits race, cites harassment

David Lowe

Independent candidate for Lismore City Council, Sally Flannery, has announced she's ending her campaign, citing the effects of ongoing attacks and harassment.

On social media Ms Flannery said, 'This decision does not come lightly.'

'When I decided to run, it was after watching Council meetings religiously for over a year, attending briefings, reading business papers and making a really considered and thoughtful decision about whether I could balance my almost full-time work and council responsibilities,' she said.

'I knew there would be

difficulties and negative aspects involved with running, but I didn't expect the extremity or the emotional toll they would take.'

'Running for Council is one thing, but it feels like running for Council in Lismore is like preparing for battle,' she said.

'I had thought I could help expose and bring light to this from inside the organisation but that's a whole extra layer of stress and battle in itself.'

Sally Flannery has created a Change.org petition to Shelley Hancock, NSW Minister for Local Government, to formally investigate the toxic political situation in Lismore.

The link to the petition is <https://bit.ly/3v2iGS5>.

Ballina's Danny Singh honoured

Story & photo David Lowe

The Cove Restaurant's Danny Singh is now a Paul Harris Fellow.

This prestigious award is named for the founder of Rotary International, 'in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.'

At the awards ceremony held at Ballina RSL, outgoing Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary Club President Dave Harmon spoke about the long friendship between Rotary and the Singhs, which started six years earlier when they had a stall at the Food and Wine Festival.

'Five years ago our Rotary Club conducted the first fundraiser/Action lunch at La Cicina Restaurant and raised over \$10,000 for victims of the 2017 Lismore Floods,' said Mr Harmon.



Danny Singh outside The Cove restaurant in Ballina.

'Further, Danny donated several hundred Indian curry meals for those affected by the floods. In 2018 we held another fundraiser/auction to raise funds for our Rebuilding from the Rubble Nepal Earthquake project. In one afternoon we raised some \$6,000,' he said.

'In 2019 the Rotary Club adopted an Awareness Raising Campaign for Domestic Violence.

DV awareness

'This was a cause close to Danny's and Marla's hearts and since then, we have conducted several fundraiser/auctions related to domestic violence and the respectful relationship education program called Love Bites.

'Collectively we have raised over \$15,000 for this cause,' said Mr Harmon.

Ballina Coffee company paves roads for its growers

David Lowe

A Chuffed fundraiser, to help build a road for farmers in Sumatra whose premium coffee supplies the Northern Rivers, is well on its way to reaching its target, but still needs more support.

Operating out of the Ballina Industrial Estate, Old Quarter Coffee Merchants is run by former caped crusader and Girl Against Gas, Amelia Hicks, and her partner Yosir Le Cerf. They source all their coffees directly from ethnic minority farmers, ensuring the farmers are paid the true worth of their coffee.

Unfortunately, poor roads infrastructure means the farmers' livelihoods are at risk, especially during harvest season, when it rains heavily and the steep dirt tracks to town and the coffee processing facility become extremely dangerous.

When the roads are too



Old Quarter Coffee's Yosir Le Cerf and Amelia Hicks with Mrs Eka and Mr Ali from Ulu Nuwih village in Sumatra. Photo supplied

risky to travel on, coffee is lost (as it needs to be processed quickly), and farmers lose valuable income.

As the Chuffed page puts it, 'In a beautiful show of humanity and community, the co-op's farmer-members have voted to spend their dividends to help the farmers in need.'

'The project will pave 500

metres of dirt road for eight different villages and change the daily lives of more than 1,000 households!'

With the female-led coffee co-op contributing more than 40 per cent of the total cost of this project, the Chuffed fundraiser is attempting to raise a further \$5,000.

Over \$3,000 has been raised so far.

Inspired to help

Old Quarter Coffee's Amelia Hicks told *The Echo*, 'We work with a lot of different ethnic minority farmers across Southeast Asia.

'They often experience additional adversity within their own country. Often English is their third language.'

For more info visit www.chuffed.org/project/paving-the-road-to-success.

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Lismore's biggest, most contentious, development open for submissions

A development application (DA) for 742 Residential Lots and more on the North Lismore Plateau, by a consortium of landowners, is open for public submissions.

Indigenous youth take to the water in Tweed

It is a collaborative journey that has brought together a range of groups to support the pilot project to give 'Tweed Indigenous Youth a pathway to create their own story'. The pilot project brought ten young people from the age of 16 together to provide practical pathways into the maritime industry.

Lismore to SHINE in Bushfire Recovery project

Organisers of the discovery focused light festival that will be held from August 19 to 21 in Lismore, have announced the first round of artists to appear.

Dorroughby's Pocket Forest not rocket science

The Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre (DEEC) are the newest members of a growing, prestigious international club - the Pocket Forest club.

Ballina refuge fundraising campaign

The Ballina refuge provides a safe place for over 130 women and children escaping domestic and family violence each year and requires ongoing funding to deliver accommodation, as well as vital domestic and family violence support services.

Tweed Greens highlight the plight of koalas

Protecting koalas is still at the forefront of conservation efforts in the Northern Rivers and Greens chair of the NSW government koala inquiry Cate Faehrmann MP recently visited Murwillumbah.

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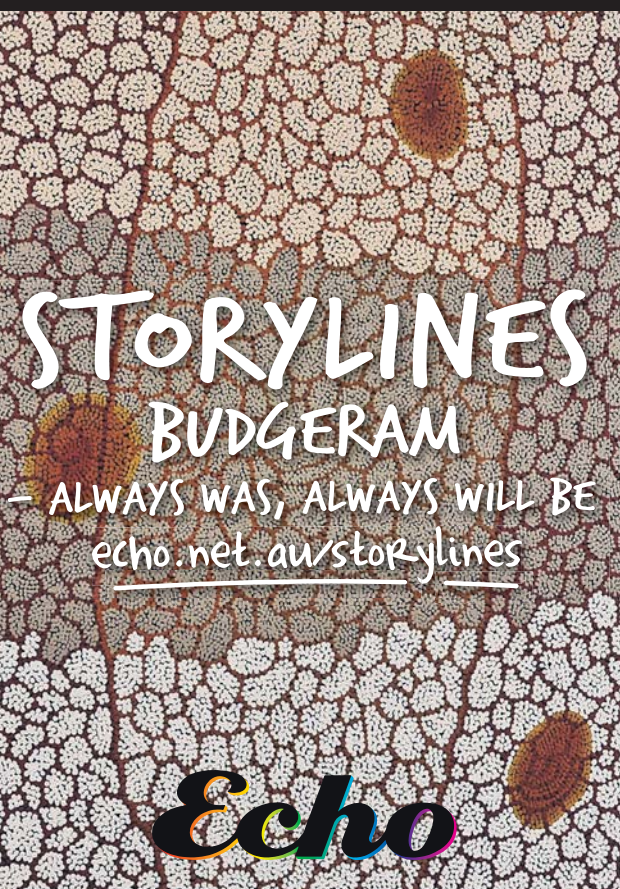
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Evidence emerges of police breaching RDT procedures

The media unit attached to NSW Police have refused to say whether all tests conducted over the Nimbin Mardi Grass weekend, in early May, will be declared invalid, after breaches by a NSW Police Officer conducting drug tests were filmed on video.

According to the video, taken by a staff member of Cate Faehrmann, NSW Greens MP, the officer conducting the test was not wearing gloves while handling the testing device on Sunday, May 2, at approximately 9am.

Ms Faehrmann says it is a breach of part 1-5 of the *Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)* for Random Oral Fluid Testing.

She said, 'All tests conducted over the Nimbin Mardi Grass weekend are now in doubt, and any court attendance notices or penalties issued as a result of a positive test must be withdrawn. The tests used are incredibly sensitive and can be easily contaminated, potentially resulting in false positives.'



Cate Faehrmann, NSW Greens MP, being drug tested by a police officer without gloves. Photo supplied

The *Echo* asked the NSW Police Media Unit, 'Will these tests be considered invalid in light of Ms Faehrmann's claims/evidence of breaches by a NSW Police Officer conducting drug tests in Nimbin?'

They replied, 'Police are aware of an incident involving an officer conducting a Roadside Drug Test (RDT) at Nimbin in early May'. 'All officers conducting RDTs are required to wear gloves for hygiene purposes in accordance with NSW Police Force standard

operating procedures (SOPS). 'The SOPS are based upon best practice for hygiene and do not affect the accuracy of testing or results'.

NSW Police reported that more than 1,500 RDT tests were conducted over that weekend, yet the operation only yielded 29 detections.

False positives

Ms Faehrmann says, 'We have no idea how many breaches by officers conducting the tests are going undetected and potentially causing false positives'.

'That's why I've written to the NSW Police Minister and the Attorney-General asking them to put the brakes on this dodgy Roadside Drug Testing regime and allow for it to be independently reviewed'.

'While tests for blood alcohol levels are rigorous and can't be contaminated, the same can't be said for random drug tests. My experience shows that mistakes happen, and when it comes to something that can lead to a person losing their drivers licence and their career, this isn't good enough'.

She says, 'A recent study undertaken by researchers at the University of Sydney found that the two most common drug testing kits used by the NSW Police are substandard in terms of accuracy and specificity'.

'The research showed that they failed to detect high concentrations of THC, up to 16 per cent of the time, and recorded positive results for THC when the actual presence was negligible'.

Splendour goes virtual for July 24 and 25

Paul Bibby

Well, the people behind Splendour in the Grass have finally done it.

They've organised a music festival that won't disturb a single koala, rare bird, or noise-sensitive neighbour living in or around the North Byron Parklands.

Rather than disturbing these precious creatures, the organisers are conducting the festival in virtual reality on the same July weekend

that Splendour is usually held - July 24 and 25.

Yes, people around the world are actually going sit in their lounge rooms and watch a festival unfold in a 'virtual reality' Byron Bay.

This may not sound like your cup of mushroom tea, but it appears the desire to experience a Byron festival in July is so strong that the virtual festival - 'Splendour XR' - is a thing, and one that people are willing to pay for.

It's all because of COVID-19

of course, which forced the live festival to be postponed until November (sorry koalas, it's only temporary).

Apparently Splendour XR will involve virtual versions of the North Byron site, with giant mushrooms thrown in for fun. It will also feature a quite epic lineup that arguably surpasses that of the live version, because the virtual nature of the event means that overseas acts can be easily included.

The artists performing

- presumably in their own lounge rooms - include Khalid, Chvrches, Denzel Curry and The Killers.

A range of ticketing options are available, including 'House Party Packs,' which include merchandise to help you get into the festival vibe.

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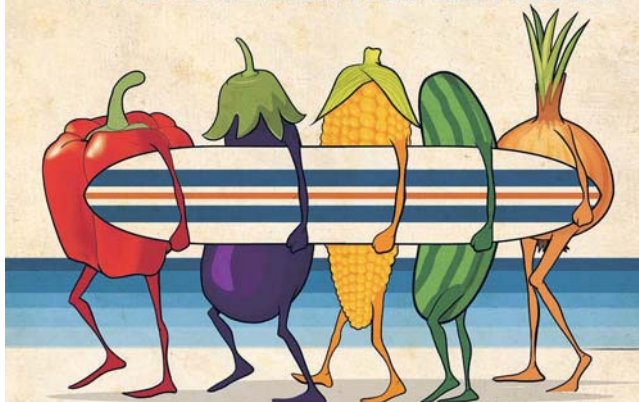


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Sails trimmed, keel up! Echo prospers after 35 years of headwinds

This week *The Echo* completes thirty-five years of continuous publication.

When *Echo* co-founder Nicholas Shand first proposed his scheme to run the news that the *Northern Star* and the *Byron News* would not, it seemed like an amusing lark, a short-lived experiment in being outrageous and goosing the staid and respectable burghers of the Shire.

Now for half a lifetime, the paper has persisted in making a nuisance of itself, with just enough holding back to minimise legal perils.

Mind you, times have changed with a vengeance.

Back then, the Cold War was still keeping American and Russian hubris in check. China was trying to put itself back together after the Cultural Revolution.

The first whispers about climate change were being heard, but nobody imagined then that the fossil fuel industry and right-wing politicians would connive to hinder any serious measures to contain the rising temperatures.

How crazy would you have to be to value profit above the Earth itself?

Not coincidentally, this was the time when neo-liberal economics were beginning to take over around the world.

Before the notion that individual is good, communal is bad, before privatisation took over government services, there was still an unbranded public space for society to evolve in, unlinked to corporate interests.

The Echo arrived at the tail-end of the Enlightenment.

When we produced the first issue in 1986, we had a moderate government in Canberra.

Back in those innocent days, ministers were sacked if they were caught lying or lining their pockets; even evading customs with a teddy bear was a resignable offence.

Now, we have wolves and thieves in the federal government, and the mainstream press is too cowed or complicit to call out their lies and corruption.

We have little affect with what goes on at the national level, but locally, in thirty-five years, we have seen off empire-building general managers, wildly spinning mayors, incompetent staff, thin-skinned councillors, thick-skulled councillors, newspaper competitors and crooked developers (some of them at least).

What no newspaper can do is see off Facebook, Google and Twitter.

There's no point blaming disruptive technology when your traditional models fail: no doubt there were some very peeved town-criers when newspapers arrived.

But the fact that most social media manipulate their users with algorithms that amplify ignorance and prejudice may show there is a place for professional news gathering and curating after all.

We'll know there is if *The Echo* is still around in another thirty-five years. May that be the case!

David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder



Who dobs on the doblers?

Back in August 2016 – oh, it was a different time! – treasurer Scott Morrison was talking about Australia being a nation of ‘the taxed and the taxed-nots’, the latter group being those so gosh darn fortunate to be [checks notes] living so far below the poverty line as to not reach the threshold to pay any income tax.

And aside from it being deliberately and provocatively cruel to suggest that wealthy people paying tax were doing it harder than people on unemployment benefits, it was also a lie: no matter how far below the threshold someone might be, they're still paying tax any time they buy underpants or half-fill their petrol tank or pay a phone bill or do anything else that attracts GST.

However, the childishly nasty tone of Morrison's whining criticism definitely made clear to anyone wondering if Morrison was concerned about the welfare of those actually on welfare, that the answer was, and remains, a thundering ‘Nup’.

And now, many years down the track, we have the sight of his best pal and current Employment Minister, Stuart Robert, fresh from the triumph that was the courts finding robodebt to be completely illegal, merrily introducing the Employer Reporting Line – aka DobSeeker – where would-be employers can report dole recipients who lied on job applications, refused an offer of work, or quit after a short time in employment.

For the record, the current mutual obligations for most unemployed folks involves applying for 20 jobs a month – jobs which, depending on the bit of the country you're in, either don't practically exist or don't even exist in the realms of fantasy.

In fact, there's a solid argument that this requirement alone acts as a disincentive for potential employers to advertise positions at all because it's just not worth the HR hassle of handling literally thousands of applications from people who aren't remotely a good fit but need to hit their monthly quota in order to get an amount of money on which they can't realistically live.

And given the research that has been carried out over the last year or so in the fruit picking and hospitality



‘The DobSeeker hotline has discovered... that a terrifying 0.000006 per cent of recipients have breached their mutual obligations in the last four months’

Andrew P Street

industries, which have discovered rampant levels of wage theft, bullying, and sexual harassment, it's great that the government has now created a way for dodgy employers to weaponise their power even further against anyone who might consider running for the goddamn hills when they realise what they've signed up for.

Mind you, if you're agog that Morrison and Robert would be in favour of a system that will potentially force young women to remain in dangerous workplaces or face official consequences, especially in the wake of Brittany Higgins' alleged rape in a ministerial office, then you might want to sit down before hearing exactly how necessary the government's draconian new system actually is...

According to figures presented by ol' Stu in senate estimates last week, the current number of welfare recipients being investigated for non-compliance is 352. The number of people actually found to have breached their compliance obligations is eight.

And the number of people on benefits that require compliance? Just under 1.3 million.

In other words, the DobSeeker hotline has discovered – at massive public expense, and hundreds of workhours from Centrelink employees – that a terrifying 0.000006 per cent of recipients have breached their mutual obligations in the last four months and change.

And just to be clear, this isn't about ensuring value for taxpayer money. Not even Robert could spin the numbers to suggest that the public wasn't spending orders of magnitude more than it could ever hope to claw back from the hands of people doing it tough.

Now compare and contrast with the money splashed around for JobKeeper, including the much-reported \$22 million given to Harvey Norman, which

they declined to return despite reporting pandemic profits of \$462 million.

Did Morrison demand the funds be returned from them and the many other profitable companies that accepted JobKeeper?

Or suggested that giving public money to shareholders and management breached the company's obligations to the taxpayer?

If you guessed ‘No, I bet he was openly dismissive of the question,’ then give yourself a pat on the back.

When asked in parliament about the situation, he declared ‘I have always said that is a matter for those companies... I mean, I would rather have profitable companies than non-profitable companies.’

Morrison's wealth-based division between the deserving and the deserving-nots was also on show in his reticence to offer support payments to Victorians left without work from the current lockdown, and his stern admonishment that handing over money for people to live on when their places of business were forced to close will... um, somehow, incentivise an entire state to sneakily spread viruses about?

In any case, this must be a huge comfort to everyone in lockdown wondering where their next meal might come from, or dreading the near-certainty that accepting their pandemic payment will result in a future Robodebt letter of demand, signed by Stuart Robert's printer. But that's how life will continue, as long as we have a prime minister who openly misrepresents the struggles of Australians in penury as people choosing to live in poverty as some sort of tax dodge.

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Ghost drivers of the pandemic

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My vaccinations gave me the confidence to travel anywhere safely, neither spreading nor catching many life-threatening diseases.

Back in the 1980s I travelled through remote islands of Indonesia in a fifty foot ketch. We came to a village hit by whooping cough where nine babies had died in the previous two weeks. Mothers carried out their limp, dying babies, begging for medicine to save them.

We emptied the yacht's medical store of antibiotics to give them what we could for symptomatic relief. The tragedy is that whooping cough is entirely preventable. But there are over 17,000 islands in Indonesia and the vaccine hadn't reached these people.

The Australian government is rolling out vaccines for COVID-19. Vaccination is one of humanity's great success stories. We used to die in our twenties and thirties - now we live into our eighties and nineties.

Here in privileged Byron Shire we are blessed with one of the world's best healthcare systems. Vaccines are free, yet many people, for all sorts of reasons, choose not to vaccinate themselves or their children.

There have been several waves of whooping cough pass through the Shire and



Cartoon by Andrew Hill Instagram: @andrews.artworks

I have seen young, unvaccinated children looking pale and weak with chronic hacking coughs that last months, and quite a number of babies have died. It makes local doctors really upset to have to deal with such unnecessary suffering.

Every year over two thousand people drive at high speed along German autobahns on the wrong side of the road. They're known as 'Ghost drivers of the autobahn'. There are horrendous accidents and many people are killed or horrifically injured. Driving a car is an inherently risky business, far more dangerous than any vaccine.

In Australia, out of self-interest and concern for others, we all tend to go with the flow and drive on the correct side of the road. Please let it be so with COVID-19 vaccines.

Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

Brunswick massive development

Brunswick Heads is about to be hit with its biggest development upheaval in decades, with the re-emergence of an old plan approved, in principle, years ago by the State government.

Developer Clarence Property proposes to nearly double the size of Bayside Brunswick, with 130 house lots and an unspecified number of medium-density dwellings.

Residents recently lost a bitter battle over a far more modest Bayside development - the 38-room Corso development. But this draft plan, known as Brunswick Estate, will dwarf that, and the medium-density section will be smack-bang next to the Corso.

To be fair, the new developer has made a genuine attempt to improve the old plan. It has reduced the number of house lots by 31,

increased the minimum lot size, expanded protection for the koala corridor and the endangered wallum froglet, and reduced the overall environmental footprint.

But what is most astonishing about this plan is the apathy of the community and councillors. This development application (DA) came up for public comment in January 2020. I wrote a detailed submission against it, *The Echo* ran a substantial story, and printed my letter. But there was zero community reaction and zero comment by councillors.

It's almost as if Bayside is becoming the dumping ground for developments that would be shouted down in the 'cool' parts of the Shire. Remember the disdain with which Ocean Shores was treated, and Sunrise Beach?

I'm not against the expansion of Bayside in

principle, but this is huge. People should be aware of the implications for bushfire risk, hundreds more cars and service vehicles negotiating that dodgy T-junction with the old highway; lack of parks for kids to play; hundreds of people walking through the fragile bushland to get to unspoilt Simpsons Creek.

Go to www.brunswickstate.com.au and see for yourself.

See for yourself.

Russell Eldridge
Brunswick Heads

Extinction now

It's very disturbing to see the statement made by MLC Cate Faehrmann that koalas will be extinct by 2050.

This prediction is based on modelling done by WWF

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Life Cykel also wants to take this opportunity to give back to the community. During the festival, Life Cykel will be giving away tree saplings from their Grow & Gift a tree program. The trees are grown by The Byron Bay Herb Nursery - a non profit disability charity, offering job opportunities and community engagement for people with a disability. The trees will range from Australian native trees and herbs and also fruit bearing and fast growing plants.

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The housing crisis in regional Australia

James May

As someone who rents a home, I'm frustrated with the lack of action on affordable housing. The debate has raged for years, yet the government buries its head in the sand.

Renters are often lost in the conversation, and ignored by commentators in the government. Many other countries have rent controls or regulate their house prices, but not our country. Meanwhile, the cost of rental properties continues to soar with few vacancies and large numbers of people competing for somewhere to live.

The majority of people I know live in insecure rental properties, and we face the reality of having to relocate again and again. Not to mention being at the mercy of landlords who provide no official documents, refuse to make repairs and can hike the rent up at any time, because there's a growing population of people desperate for a place to live.

The idea of owning a home is for us so far-fetched, it's laughable. Yet the government seems blind to our existence. I've lived in crowded share houses, motels, rooms with no kitchens above shops and laundries, and rambling boarding houses. I've moved countless times and I expect it will continue.



After leaving the city a few years ago, I moved to northern NSW in search of affordable housing. Unfortunately it's not much better, particularly since COVID-19 and the influx of people to regional areas.

Here in northern NSW, the rental market is tighter than ever with limited vacancies and droves of people turning up to property inspections. It's hard for someone with a pay cheque to find a home – those on Centrelink don't stand a chance.

Property squeeze

The majority of advertisements on accommodation websites are now placed by people seeking a home, not offering one. Prospective tenants include singles, couples and families with children. Many landlords have taken the opportunity to jack prices up or advertise their properties in the lucrative Airbnb market. This has reduced availability even more.

On a personal level, the

repercussions are huge. I have a 76-year-old mother undergoing cancer treatment who is forced to live in a decrepit caravan park. The place is hardly safe or comfortable for a man, let alone a woman her age. Another friend, a woman 60 years old has moved seven times in the past year, couch-surfing and sleeping in a ramshackle bus during winter.

An elderly lady pushes a supermarket trolley up our street collecting bottles and cans to survive. So much for this year's budget being touted 'a budget for women.' They're the fastest growing cohort of homeless people in Australia and it's done nothing to help them.

The property squeeze is plain to see on a stroll through any of our local towns. The homeless languish on cardboard mats by the cinema, and share a filthy mattress outside shops in Lismore. Soup kitchens in Mullumbimby are full, while parks and beaches in Byron

Bay are the only refuge for homeless people with tourists taking up vast swathes of accommodation. This is regional Australia where the Nationals' Barnaby Joyce and Michael McCormack told us to go for a 'beaut lifestyle' and 'affordable homes'.

Sorry guys, there is nothing affordable about property in northern NSW.

This year's federal budget did nothing to address the crisis, and is cold comfort for the thousands trapped in precarious, insecure housing. Prior to the budget, leaders in the community sector spoke of their inability to even contact Michael Sukkar, the federal housing minister. Perhaps he had nothing to say. While tax incentives continue for home owners and investors, no support was offered for renters or the homeless.

Do these politicians in the coalition government live on another planet? They seem oblivious to the growing divide between wealthy and poor in this country. The lack of affordable housing is a symptom of this. When will they open their eyes and face what's happening in our towns and cities? When our streets resemble those of the USA? Or maybe when someone they actually care about is homeless? With no money or resources allocated for social and affordable housing in this year's budget, it won't be far away.

► Continued from page 12 (World Wildlife Foundation) before the catastrophic bushfires. This date is not only inaccurate but highly misleading as most of the input information is based on desktop studies undertaken in 2012. Koalas are going locally and regionally extinct right now.

By continuing to recite this irresponsible prediction, not only is the public being misled, but it's a great 'get out of jail' card for governments as they can dump responsibility onto future governments.

No one knows how many koalas remain in NSW, or any other state, because governments refuse to undertake population estimates. What we do know is that industrial logging, climate change, massive urbanisation projects, infrastructure, and failure to acquire or protect habitat is wiping out this irreplaceable species and action needs to be taken now.

Sue Arnold
Ocean Shores

Irony alert

The editor's page five story (2 June) laying the slipper into Dan Murphy's advertising blitz would have been so much more powerful had page two not been wholly devoted to a Dan Murphy's advertisement.

Dave Lisle
Goonengerry

Seriously?

I am a visitor from Aotearoa staying at Suffolk Park. On Wednesday I was in town for breakfast and some shopping. Deciding to catch the bus back to Suffolk Park I returned to the bus stop I had passed on Jonson Street, opposite the derelict Woolworths site, at 11.45am.

A young backpacker and another person were sitting waiting in the shelter. The timetable had the next bus arriving at 12.30pm so I bought some snacks and returned to wait, sitting in the shelter with the other two folk. 12.30pm passed, then 12.45pm. I rang the number

on the timetable fixed to the wall of the bus shelter. I asked the voice that answered if the bus was delayed, he asked where I was.

When I described my location he responded that bus stop doesn't exist anymore. I replied 'I'm standing in it, calling you on the number listed on the timetable'.

'Can't be,' the voice said. 'That stop was removed months ago'.

'Ah no, it's here'.

'Well it shouldn't be, they were all removed, no buses go down Jonson Street, you will have to walk over to the new bus stop behind the rail line'.

I asked when the next bus left, 1.45: one hour's time. I relayed the information to the others.

'This place is fucked,' spat the backpacker and stormed off. I stepped into the street with my thumb out and was quickly given a lift to my door by a friendly local woman.

With the amount of traffic congestion I have seen,

plans for a multi storey car park and a public transport system a third world country would be embarrassed by I

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► **Continued from page 13** tend to agree with the back-packer. The locals, however, seem lovely.

Stephen Bland
Wellington, Aotearoa

Independence key?

Thanks *Echo*, for getting worthy successors for the Mungo Comment space. Margo Kingston, for instance, in a recent op-ed piece (*Echo*,

26 May), reminded readers of the potential of independent political candidates to strike a way through the dreaded two-party system.

Using the example of Cathy McGowan and Zali Stegall she points out that, by not being beholden to party lines or to wealthy donors, a multi-issue independent candidate will be more inclined to actually

serve and empower her or his electorate. And the added benefit is that such independents are often put forward and closely supported by the people of their electorates themselves, thereby encouraging grass roots democracy.

This requires that voters educate themselves about the political issues that affect them, and about the way the preferential system works. Most importantly they are 'prepared to work together across party lines to find common ground'.

This motivation of voters to participate more in the process is surely the secret to the renewal of our democracy. Increased interest in independents has given rise to the 'Voices For' movement mentioned by Margo, which are mentoring groups across the country and helping them to choose 'Indy' candidates.

Admittedly, in the larger picture, it's not known how effective different independent candidates widely spread across the country would be in government; however, the buzz and effort to support an independent candidate would surely raise the level of debate, especially in a small community, and help to loosen the bitter tribalism

of the major parties, including that between Labor and the Greens. Perhaps the result might be that actual policies – supported and refined by independent voices – rather than parties, would be the winners of elections!

All this is food for thought with elections both local and federal coming up in the near future.

Christine Willmot
Sunrise

High school attack

Mandy Nolan's 'Soapbox' claim that schools have remained unchanged for the last 200 years, seems only informed by her own personal experiences. I would like to suggest that she visits some local schools to actually see what has changed over recent years, let alone the last 200 years.

Of course she will still see some disaffected and disengaged students, but she may also see many content and engaged students, succeeding and wanting to be there. Schools strive to extend engagement for students, tackle discrimination, bullying, sexism and racism, but these behaviours are deeply rooted outside school also.

Mandy's comments are offensive to those

who work tirelessly and passionately to improve outcomes, engagement, safety and achievement in schools, whilst always being constrained by government policy, curriculum and gross under-funding.

Working in a local high school, I saw all the things that Mandy calls for – community learning, personalised learning, nature studies, life-skills, cooking, growing food, animal care, water conservation, making fire, Indigenous cultural education, environmental improvement and waste reduction, amongst many other activities beyond the government-endorsed curriculum.

Mandy, and other school sceptics, please go and have a look; look with fresh eyes and you may be surprised. You may even be able to report on some positive things happening in our schools!

Dan Reade
Ocean Shores

Local hospitals

I was admitted to Byron hospital and then Tweed to repair a broken leg and would just like to say that I found the service to be ten out of ten for both.

The surgeons did an

outstanding job, the nurses and all other staff were incredibly helpful and friendly, and I found the food to be of a good standard day in, day out.

We are blessed to live in this country and I think people often forget that.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

Running out of time

I just returned from the 'Festival of Resistance', which happened outside of the weapon expo at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. It fulfilled its aim to make a noise about taxpayers' money being used to support this event as well as investing enormously into the military industrial complex in this country.

The expo was kept pretty quiet and only got into the mainstream media through police brutality and some gutsy actions by protesters. When I hear that a company like Rheinmetal is inviting teachers to their premises, aiming to have an influence through STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) on the curriculum, I feel more than frightened.

What are we letting our government get away with?

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CHES by Ian Rogers

Last November, former Australian Olympian Anastasia Sorokina escaped to Russia from Belarus after hours of interrogation by Minsk police.

Sorokina left behind a husband and child – as well as all her electronic devices, scooped up by security forces after a raid on her house. Her crime was to be a signatory to a letter by more than 1,000 Belarus sportspeople condemning the falsification of the election which saw President Alexander Lukashenko controversially re-elected.

Sorokina was one of Australia's strongest female players in the mid 2000s and represented Australia at the 2004 Calvia Chess Olympiad. In 2009 she returned to her native Belarus, in 2017 became head of the Belarus Chess Federation and in 2018 a vice-president of the World Chess Federation, FIDE.

Nonetheless Sorokina, who began her public support of the opposition after witnessing protesters being beaten by the security forces, knew she was not safe. Upon her return to her family in Minsk, Sorokina kept her head down and last week

announced her resignation from the Belarus Chess Federation.

In an open letter published this week, Sorokina wrote: 'Four years ago I was elected to the post of Chairman of the BCF. Over the course of four years, wonderful social and educational projects have been conceived and implemented. In 2018, Belarus received the right to host the World Chess Olympiad in 2022. Unfortunately, in June 2020, the government of Belarus made a decision to refuse to hold these competitions.'

'These were difficult, but definitely very important and interesting years in my life. But sometimes life presents a choice. And my choice now is my family. I wish all dear Belarussians fortitude, faith, a peaceful and safe sky over their heads, good health and strength.'

The Belarus government is willing to lose Belarus's best and brightest to exile or retirement in order to retain power. Taking a stand has already cost Sorokina dearly and her decision to try to live a normal life and ignore politics is both understandable and just what the Belarus government's use of violence and terror was designed to achieve.



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The ghost in the archives #7

In which a former *Echo* drudge marvels at the size of the silverfish in the crypt. Could it be a warning?

Michael McDonald

On June 19 thirty years ago came the front-page news that Mullumbimby was to have a levee bank, a decision later reversed, obviously. Councilors made the decision without a public meeting beforehand.

The *Echo* described it as 'a massive rampart around nearly a third of the town's perimeter. In places the bank will be just under six foot above the present roadway, destroying a visual amenity in the Heritage and Palm Park areas...'

The vote to 'build the levee at once' to prevent flooding was passed 5-3. Now, with sea level rise on the cards, I wonder if this quixotic brain explosion will be revisited, as brain explosions tend to be. Mention feats of grand engineering and common sense seems to leave the room, the most pragmatic of councillors begin constructing Taj Mahals in their heads.

Chuff, chuff!

Of lesser urgency on the same front page was the news that Mullum was to have its railway crossing returned, 'only the new one will cross Station Street outside the Commonwealth Bank', which strikes me as a strange way of describing it, but the Council office building was still in Byron Bay in 1991, so the crossing could not be next to it.

The railway crossing has not moved in thirty years, despite a paucity of trains,



Michael McDonald gets back to his roots with good friend Nina Bishop and happily takes the reins from A Small Wooden Tray Called Albert. Photo Tree Faerie

and makes a safe access to town for citizens of New City Road on the lookout for speeding bandicoots (or something) on the tracks.

An even less pressing and peculiar incident in the nineties was the wife of one of the Shire's prominent citizens taking umbrage with Michael Leunig's cartoon of Mungo MacCallum that adorned Mungo's column each week.

The cartoon depicted Mungo with his shirt hanging out. The lady in question thought that part of the shirt showed, well, a penis.

Her complaint to the Press Council didn't go far. However, it gave *The Echo* drudges something to chuckle over for a few days - a pleasant diversion from the relentless onslaught by out-of-town property developers on a fragile natural environment.

But now it is time to end

our romp around parts of the nineties and return to the urgent present: the wars, the plagues, the climate, the Influencers, the magpie in the birdbath.

As Shakespeare might have noted, our revels now are ended. Our actors were all spirits and are melted into air, into thin air. Oh wait, he did note...

It was my pleasure and my honour to work at *The Echo* for most of what I laughingly call my adult life, and with a great bunch of people, from starry-eyed enthusiasts to hard-bitten cynics (sometimes in the same person).

It's a buzz that this 'thundering organ', as it was once described, has made it to its 35th birthday, and in paper form, too!

Early on, during that 35 years, *The Echo* invested in a computer network and workstations for journalists.

I no longer needed to write out stories in longhand for *The Echo's* gun typists to punch in.

Before arriving in the Shire I owned a manual typewriter that I left in Tasmania and had cunningly mastered its keyboard with one finger.

Thinking it reasonable to extend my typing skills, I enrolled in an adult education touch-typing course held at the Mullum High School at night.

The pressures of work and a heavy drinking schedule prevented me from completing the course, but I did tell the tutor I could now type with two fingers! She was not impressed.

To this day, about two million words later, I still hunt and peck across the keys with two forefingers. The old saw about old dogs and new tricks definitely applies in my case.

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Did they just embezzle \$1.2 billion taxdollars to avoid the public seeing how the robodebt scheme impacted and destroyed lives? We know that the coal/oil/gas industries etc have lobbyists in parliament and are donating to political parties and in return getting millions, sorry, billions of dollars in contracts. We know that our government is working against renewables and they plan to build a \$600 million gas plant in NSW and to expand mining in Narrabri. We know that they are cutting forests down to sell as woodchips or to

burn to produce electricity in sugarcane mills right here in the Northern Rivers. Trees are carbon sequesterers!

While military spending is on the rise all over the world, it seems like no one takes the climate emergency for real. As Michael Franti sings: 'We can bomb the world to pieces but we can't bomb it into peace'. We are really running out of time to change our behaviour to make sure that we are saving our living conditions on this planet and we honestly need more people to engage in our politics, especially while we can do so much from our computer at home - like research

information (imagine that thirty years ago!), write to politicians, connect and share it. Or better still, come along, join in. I've met so many beautiful people. Check out disruptlandforces.org or find them on Facebook.

Chibo Mertineit
Lillian Rock

Free advertising

I think Dan Murphy's put their vans outside schools and skate parks to elicit some free advertising. It's smart... and too obvious a mistake. And it's worked hasn't it? I now know that Dan Murphy's does deliveries in under two hours. Damn

Dan, get some class.

Folks, support local if you must drink.

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S Darling
Mullumbimby

Land repair and housing

The question of how to accommodate more people affordably and realistically without ugly poor quality
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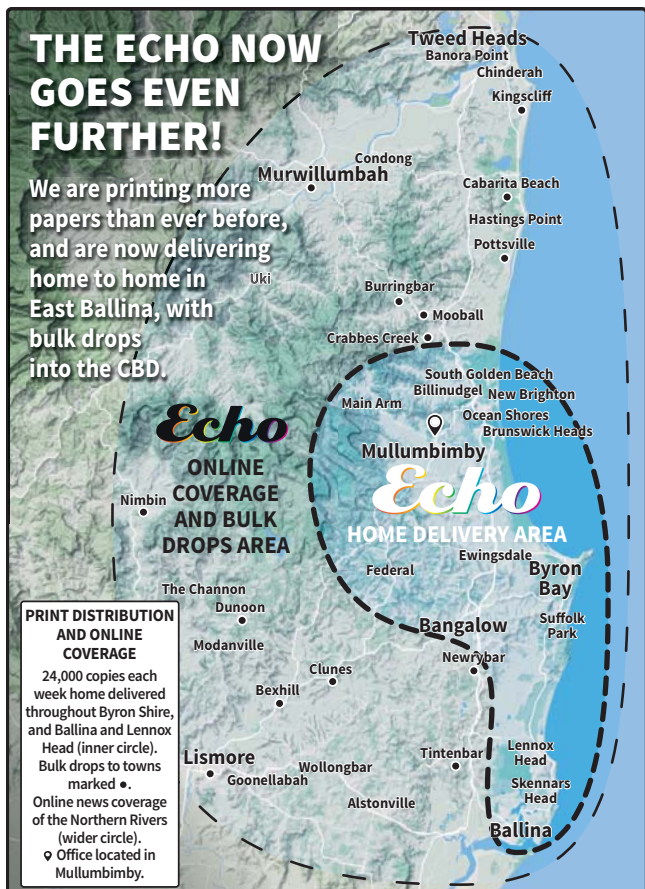


A solitary old man gives shelter to his daughter and her friends, who are on the run from the secret police. He becomes a target himself when two scientific entrepreneurs with very different solutions to our political problems arrive on his doorstep, one with a genetically engineered house cat. Meanwhile in David Lovejoy's SF story California slides into the sea, the tundra melts and Australia's last butterfly vanishes.

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That may be HIStory but HERstory is a bit different

■ Tom Tabart, cantankerous curmudgeon. Was glad to see the back of him. Offered him my ear, but he always preferred public ridicule or a good old 'letter to the editor'. Offered no support, zero encouragement, and I'd say most people who disengaged and stopped coming to Greens meetings around that time did so because of him and another bad tempered, surly male who couldn't help but pontificate their own misery. As for signing off as 'Victorian Greens', I'm guessing they'd have a thing or two to say about that.

Tom references the 2016 preselection for Byron Shire Council (BSC) elections. He was constantly patronising and condescending. He ran, came fourth, and threw a tantrum because he didn't like the way the counting was done. I polled fifth, having only recently joined the Greens, but that doesn't mean I wasn't an activist. I've been involved in positive change in the environment, Aboriginal rights, gay rights and other social justice issues for as long as I can remember. I'd had a local radio show for a decade covering these sorts of issues. Tom couldn't possibly have known anything about me or any other councillors environmental credentials. So polluted by his venomous hatred of Simon, he never had a conversation with any of us.

When Tom finished fourth and three other candidates said they didn't want to run on a ticket with him, and he didn't like the way it was counted, he pulled out. I became fourth on the ticket – a spot that was said to be unwinnable. Once running, I had to stop working at the ABC – and I can't work there again. As a single mum it was a huge gamble.

I got the highest number of first preference votes in the councillor ballot and we got enough votes for a fifth candidate – our preferences

getting Cate Coorey elected. Like a bitter child who didn't get his way Tom started the three blind mice narrative, publishing letters saying I couldn't think for myself, that I just did what 'Simon said' and that I'd been rejected by the Labor Party. All lies.

Simon never once told me how I should vote. I've never shied away from robust debate, and I call staff to account when appropriate – but by and large, I realise we are all in this together and working together is the best way to get things done.

Re Fast Buck\$, Tom, ever think HIS behaviour was escalating because there's an election coming? I wasn't removed by police on multiple occasions. I wasn't swearing at people in the gallery or behaving like he was. In John Anderson's recent ad, aside from grossly inaccurate information, some commentary, which I consider to be defamatory, and breaching the APVO by contacting me via the media, what's he actually advertising? Hate for Sarah? Misogyny at its finest? No wonder Tom's chiming in, no surprises there – but I'm over the word count – I'll address the rest next week.

Cr Sarah Ndiaye
BSC Deputy Mayor

■ In response to John Anderson's (aka Fast Buck\$) advertisement in last week's *Echo*, I feel I must set things straight. As usual, Mr Anderson has got it so very wrong – nothing particularly strange about that – councillors, council staff and the public gallery experience his often malicious and misinformed shenanigans repeatedly at every Council meeting.

In stating that Sarah Ndiaye went to Tweed Heads to take out the AVO (apprehended violence order), he is misleading the public yet again.

Sarah did not go to Tweed Heads police station, nor was there any political

play involved. This was not something she planned to do – the police were called to the Council meeting when, once again, he refused to leave. Police approached her at Council and it was their decision, not hers, to issue the provisional AVO on Mr Andersen.

Police have been called to remove Mr Anderson from the Council chambers on several occasions now because of his refusal to leave and his obnoxious behaviour. In one of the latest episodes, he was not asked to leave Council chambers just because he mispronounced Sarah's name. It was because he repeatedly refused to pronounce it correctly, and became quite belligerent, swearing at members of the gallery, ultimately obstructing Council procedures with his rantings.

His aggressive behaviour towards Sarah has been ongoing, from insulting statements directed at her, to blocking doorways, pulling faces, as well as his regular, well documented jibes at her in the local newspaper. She is a tough cookie but he hasn't made any secret of his intentions to intimidate her. It's all been very public. Clearly he has set out to undermine her and how you could ever associate her work with a 'right wing, development at all costs' agenda is ridiculous and completely at odds with her voting record.

Sarah has a right to a safe workplace, and trying to work under a sense of threat is not acceptable.

The police acknowledged that his behaviour warranted an AVO and to formalise the process it had to be heard in court.

Sarah was asked, on very short notice by the police – the morning of, to attend Byron Court in case the judge had questions for her. I went with her as a friend and work colleague. While we were there, another acquaintance

who, as a legal professional, was attending another matter, decided to stay to give extra support to Sarah in these very unpleasant proceedings. Despite everything that was going on, John Anderson continued to hover at an uncomfortably close distance. I was glad I was there.

I hope this situation is settled quickly – there are far more important matters to be dealt with than Mr Andersen's continued attempts at wasting time and resources. I don't doubt that he believes that, since the 1980s, he is still fighting corruption – but he's not. I can hardly remember an interesting or insightful question he's brought to councillors – particularly that hasn't already been addressed. And most are completely off the mark. He is just stuck in trying to be relevant, and it's very, very sad.

Mr Andersen, as I once said to you personally, you need to get a new hobby. This one is not working for you, or anyone else for that matter.

Cr Jeannette Martin
Mullumbimby

■ In response to the silencing tactics of unaware and privileged men in last week's *Echo*, I say 'No'.

We, as women, will no longer be silenced. Women know what silencing means and what it leads to. What goes on behind closed doors, in bedrooms, boardrooms and other places a woman deserves to be treated as though her rights to her body are equal to that of a man's.

I am here to tell you that a woman's body is not here for your pleasure. A woman's toil and mind is not here to be used or belittled as you feel, to serve you. It is 2021 and we are free, rising and coming to a council, boardroom, and battlefield near you, and we are ready to ROAR.

Kate Coxall
BSC Green candidate
Wilsons Creek

▶ Continued from page 15 development, the bottom line is that we need creative, functional, local solutions.

These could be facilitated by NSW and federal governments when and if they have the foresight. Most residents have shouted from the beaches that Byron Shire should not embrace old fashioned suburban subdivisions or endless carving up of rural land into ever smaller

plots, because it would end up being self-defeating and would 'cook the golden koala/goose'.

Next time you gaze over that half of the Shire's total land area that is used for old style cattle grazing, consider whether there could be better ways of land custodianship and accommodating people on that land. Encouraging a balance of reforestation, regenerative grazing

or sustainable agriculture in association with more small and medium size dwelling alternatives could actually enhance the environment and help the housing crisis.

The continuing gradual revegetation of the Shire could be boosted with more riverine/riparian repair, steep slope protection, and creation of wildlife corridors with climate resilient species. Encouraging far more

planting of site-specific local native species to increase the community's air quality, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and scenic values could happen by a more merit-based assessment of rural developments, including where dual occupancy, secondary dwellings, tourist cabins and general housing options are currently permitted. The rules for their

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Time to fight for the Great Barrier Reef



A still from the short animated film *Coral* that explores human impacts on the Great Barrier Reef and what we can do about it.

Aslan Shand

The impacts of human activity on the planet are driving the heat on land and in the oceans. The higher temperatures are having an acute impact on one of the seven wonders of the natural world, the Great Barrier Reef.

Local writer, artist, and sometimes *Echo* cartoonist Antoinette Ensbey brought her concerns together in a book called *Coral* that she self-published in 2018.

'It's about the Great Barrier Reef and the plight of the marine creatures and coral communities,' Antoinette told *The Echo*.

Inspired a short film

'The book received an extremely positive response with many people saying it lends itself to making an animated movie out of it. That was a great inspiration and I have just released animated short film, *Coral*, published on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmJeO_1S-8A).

'We've produced the animated film as a means to create more awareness of the plight of the Great Barrier Reef and hope to foster

increased initiative to get active in saving the amazing natural world heritage that once was luring millions of people to its crystal clear waters and kaleidoscopic reef life,' she said.

'The film features a short narration by the legendary coral expert, Charlie Veron, and, among others, voiceovers by the rainforest activist John Seed, by the pro surfer and writer, Derek Hynd, and by the acclaimed Australian artist Wendy Sharpe. The film features beautiful singing - 'Save the Reef' - by students of the local Shearwater Steiner school in Mullumbimby, and the youngest voiceover is by two-year-old (just turned three) Isabel who lives with mum and dad and their dog in Bangalow.'

The animation has launched a website (www.oceaninmotion.com.au) that talks about the book and the film, as well as the issues they raise, as well as introducing artists and musicians who have been part of the project. This includes Jeremy Reed, the award winning American artist who lives and paints ocean life in

Florida who was the artist behind the animation, and German musician and writer, Bernd Steinhardt, delivered the stunning score for the short film.

'I just love the ocean so much, and it just hurt me to have all these beautiful animals struggle because of global heating - from the biggest whale to the smallest reef fish,' said Antoinette passionately.

'Everyone of us, how we live, our lifestyle, it all contributes to the big picture. The human race is a species like all the others and we are part of and dependent on the Earth's ecosystems. The film is about showing both sides, that global heating is a serious problem and it is empowering us to take action to make a difference.'

Antoinette told *The Echo* that she hopes that the short film will perhaps inspire enough of a response that the film might get picked up and turned into a feature film.

'I have written the script to the feature film which at the moment is being proofread by the Tasmanian editor, Josephine Murray,' she said.

► From previous page approval need to be seriously revised and updated. Current rules tend to be inflexible, prescriptive, and do not allow for variations in size, topography, soil, vegetation, road access and the benefits of reforestation.

Land parcels could thus be assessed on how they could deliver more housing and more revegetation with incentives for creating affordable housing. For example the current Byron Shire DCP provision for each community title lot to plant 900 trees is a good idea, but could be much greater. If we look at a tree planting that

aims to provide tree canopy cover and thus minimal maintenance weed control after about four years, a tree spacing of about 1.5-1.8 metres is recommended. This equates to about 3,500 trees per hectare. So, 900 trees are only enough to revegetate about 0.25 hectares, i.e. a half acre of land. There are often much larger areas of grazing paddocks available for bush regeneration, tree planting or small-scale farm forestry. This could be augmented by new rural and urban developer contributions for tree planting across the Shire.

After all, large parts of the

Shire were, in pre-colonial times, one of the largest subtropical forests in the world before misguided but possibly well-meaning governments incentivised major land clearing for timber, dairy and cattle farming. Much has been achieved in recognising and rectifying that folly, but future local and regional planning policies will need to continue to evolve into what the community wants to help support regenerative, sustainable outcomes linking affordable housing and land repair.

Peter Westheimer
Myocum

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New, different Byron Fresh

S Haslam

Byron Fresh is an enduring cafe favourite, right in the beating heart of Byron, on the corner of the happening Bay Lane (car-free from 5pm every night) and Jonson Street, just back from the beach. There's

an open beachy design with great classic touches. The vibe encompasses relaxed drifting through the day to greeting the buzzing energy of the street in the evenings. With indoor and outdoor seating you can cosy up inside with the fire, or be seated outside

to watch the eclectic parade and soak up the atmosphere close to the hip, resident buskers who play dinner-friendly music. The cafe welcomes people early, 7.30am for breakfast, and right up until 10pm in the evenings, seven days a week, and is awash with patrons at any time.

It's also a venue that keeps it fresh with menu choices. Recently they have added a selection of South American dishes a couple of nights a week – thanks to a Brazilian chef and other South American staff – these are the real deal, the sorts of food you might eat with the Latin American family back home. We tried the Pastel de Papas Argentino (\$16), reminiscent of a beef and potato pie looking like a piece of perfection with a golden toasted potato top, and served in a 'cute as' enamel pie dish. The Peruvian Lomé Saltado (\$20) consisting of beef beautifully suffused with chargrilled flavour – as was the grilled Caponata, which was accompanied by salsa rosa, saffron rice, pickled vegetables and salad. But the South American additions to the menu are different each week – you might like the Brazilian Moqueca (\$20) consisting of seafood, coconut milk, tomatoes, peppers, lime rice and fresh herbs. And of course the full normal bill of fare is always available, a menu with fresh food, organic ingredients and local produce.

Fresh has a genuine commitment to local producers, this is seen not only in their produce selections but also in the drinks menu. You can get further into the Latin vibe with a favourite South American export: the caipirinha... it is



practically Brazil's national drink. In South America it's made with cachaca, a special spirit that is, like agricole rum, distilled from the cane juice rather than being distilled from the molasses (like Bundy), and it has a distinct flavour. Fresh has sourced a local distiller of agricole rum: Husk Distillers, who are pioneering local production of this specialty rum. The commitment to local spirits by Byron Fresh is commendable; they are using the great local producers like Husk, Winding Road, Lord Byron, Byron Bee's, Soltera, Rancho Relaxo, Seven Mile, Stone & Wood, Bucha of Byron, and Byron Bay Juice Company to create a super-local drinks/cocktail list.

'A very key thing for us is to work with as many local suppliers as possible,' says long-time owner Markus Hofer, 'our buy is almost entirely local now – all our major suppliers. We've worked hard to achieve this over the years – 16 years ago we didn't have so many suppliers. Bread Social, Farm-Gate, Hayters Hill meats, Byron Bay mozzarella, Stone & Wood, Husk, Marvell coffee roasters and Mayde Tea – all of these great suppliers weren't here 16

years ago. They also seem to come up with great ideas, and offer it to us to incorporate into our range, whether it is seasonal product or something new to the region.'

In addition to the expanding range of local suppliers, there's also been an explosion in quality competition in the local food scene, which Markus sees as a good thing. 'It makes us constantly lift our game,' he says.

If anyone should have their finger on the changes in Byron, it's Markus, who's been running the place for 16 years now, since falling in love with the venue after scouting it for a hospitality venue for a multinational, and moving. 'Despite all the naysayers it's still an awesome place to live,' he says, 'I walk up the lighthouse every day and see whales. It was clear to me when I came that we couldn't keep it a secret from the rest of the country, and despite some hiccups (like the Easter lockdown) we've been incredibly lucky since the 2020 lockdown ended. Of course, we still can't seat as many people as we could pre-COVID, and it's a bit of a "wait and see" what will

happen in the next year, but so far we have weathered these changes well.'

With their incredible opening hours, the cafe needs a lot of staff. 'With the lack of seasonal staff a lot of cafes have struggled to find staff. But we have sponsored many staff, including those from South America, and I think it's good for us. Not only do we have loyal workers, but we also have these great additions to our menu from South America,' says Markus.

Even if you're not able to come on Wednesday and Thursday nights, the cafe also makes great breakfasts, lunches, dinners and coffees, with a relaxed vibe and friendly staff. They also have Sunday roast nights (\$25 for roast and beer or wine) Sunday and Monday, and a lot of other stuff going on. Fresh is an eatery that lives up to its namesake, with fresh, local ingredients and new and invigorating options being offered regularly.

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Aner says the option to add turmeric to the mix he



prepares for his customers is particularly popular this time of year. 'It's refreshing and it's full of things that your body wants – especially around winter when our immune systems need to work a bit harder with colds and flus around,' he said. 'The juice has all the complex Vitamin B's, it's high in iron, contains trace elements and has an alkaline PH.'

Kids and adults alike also love watching the process of the juice being made, with long stems of the sugar cane



plant being fed through a crushing machine on site.

Aner said he loves working at the markets and being part of the community. 'It's a wonderful experience, the Mullum Farmers Markets,' Aner said. 'It's a place of such wide ranging people and opinions, and there's a real atmosphere.'

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The Good Life

New Indian: Daughter in Law

This Thursday at 4pm is the soft launch of acclaimed chef-owner Jessi Singh's 'unauthentic Indian' restaurant Daughter in Law on Fletcher Street, Byron Bay (where St Elmo used to be). 100 per cent of all proceeds from the busiest night of the opening week will go to a three-pronged initiative close to his heart, which directly supports Indian people living through COVID. The restaurant will gradually ramp up from Thursday, and will be accepting bookings via the website from Monday 14 June.

This is not your typical Indian joint. Singh, who has run restaurants in Melbourne, New York, California and Sydney, as well as the Melbourne and Adelaide branches of Daughter in Law, has been mastering the art of what he calls 'unauthentic Indian' food for many years now; and will be blending the flavours he grew up on, with local Northern Rivers ingredients, and new cooking techniques.

'I like working with what surrounds me. Yes, I'm Indian, but I live in Australia and I'm also Australian,' he says. The menu at Daughter in Law Byron, unlike the interstate varieties, will be more coastal style; ambitious and playful, and aims to encapsulate the Byron Bay lifestyle with an emphasis on seafood, vegan and gluten-free fare.

Singh describes his food as 'unauthentic' because, in his view, 'there is no such thing as authentic Indian food. There are no recipes, and everything is passed on through the generations, in the kitchen, verbally. Daughter in Law represents my travel journey throughout the world, so it's global food with an Indian twist; these recipes will be passed on to my children.'

Celebrated sommelier, Bhatia Dheeraj, will be overseeing the extensive wine list, which includes local producers alongside interstate and overseas drops. For cocktails, there's an Indian spiced sangria - a mixture of red wine, sweet vermouth, and orange - as well as the Daughter in Law, which is made with Byron's favourite Brookie's gin, a tandoori-fired pineapple, and cardamom lime.



Jesse Singh at the bar at 'fun' new Byron Indian restaurant, Daughter in Law.

The 65-seat restaurant will have a vibrant atmosphere with daily DJs spinning '80s and '90s tunes to get the party started, while projected scenes from famous Bollywood films will flicker on the walls. Green and blue velvet seating, handmade glasses with rainbow peacocks, gold touches (a colour that traditionally symbolises wealth and prosperity in India) and a pink neon sign will add to the buzzing space.

'We don't take things seriously, but we're very serious hospitality people. That's the goal; to be fun and relaxed, not to be stuffy,' says Singh.

The restaurant will be open in 'soft launch' mode from 10 June at 4pm (Thurs-Sun for walk-ins only in the first week). Then from Monday 14 June they will be open 7 days and reservations can be made via the website below.

Daughter in Law: 22 Fletcher St, Byron. Mon-Sun 4pm-late (7 nights from 14 June). www.daughterinlaw.com.au.



The DJ area at the Festival of the Stone. Liked it!

More Stone Beer Festivals please

S Haslam

Possibly because I haven't attended any big live music events over the pandemic, I liked the Festival of the Stone on Saturday night more than any previous year, including those when it was just a few people standing around a brazier. It's more like a big party now than a 'festival', but the night was sold out, the street outside was blocked for safety, the whole check-in process was friendly and well organised, and there was a big, younger crowd who seemed to all be having a good time. Surely this couldn't be right - but it even seemed to me that the Stone Beer itself tasted better than any other 'vintage', which I followed up with a Bay Pilsener before becoming lost in the vibe of the DJ area. As I was the designated driver to the next party, I had to leave before JK47 came on, and I left many beers undrunk, so I'm looking forward to next year. You can now buy the

Stone Beer from the Stone & Wood website (it's described as a dark brown porter with rich and chocolately aromas, followed by coffee, dark chocolate and biscuity flavours on the palate and finishes with a firm bitterness). Or it's available in cartons and on tap at select local venues,

and there is also Stone Beer in barrel-aged crocks, which look pretty cool. Taking it to the next level, the super-limited Uber Stone Beer is a double barrel aged imperial porter with richer chocolate, truffle, rum cake and ripe cherry notes. See stoneandwood.com.au for more info.



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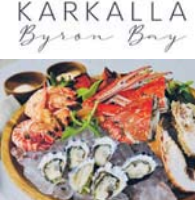
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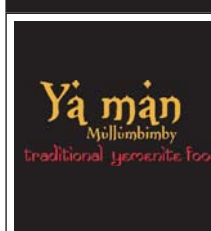


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Conspiracy, vaccination and the left/right paradox of bullshit

■ Please could I ask anti-vaxxers how many Australians they expect to die or have serious illness owing to not being vaccinated?

Please could an anti-vaxxer provide the number of deaths and the number of serious illnesses they are prepared to accept as a fair consequence for their refusal to be vaccinated?

Ron Priestley
Mullumbimby

■ I have a concern about the 'Byron rally highlights govcorp tyranny' story last week.

Now the Mullumbimby hairdresser I've been going to for five years has placed a sign on the door saying words to the effect: Do not enter if you have recently been vaccinated for COVID-19.

There is baseless info circulating that the vaccine causes shedding of the virus.

I don't get paid to

research that. But you do, and please do it and report to your readers the true fact that none of the vaccines for COVID-19 in Australia contain live virus and no shedding takes place.

Can you imagine how hurt I feel that my hairdresser, a nice person, has been so hoodwinked by this absolute shit information that she puts a sign on her door that makes me turn away from her business? This probably emanates from the same sort of people in town with the big signs in the main street proclaiming 'my body, my choice', a disgusting perversion of the message of womens' rights.

I'm sure you're torn by the sizeable anti-vaxx community deluging you with stuff. But when they prevail, you get bullshit signs on businesses in our community that are promoted by idiot COVID-deniers.

How much are you going



Caroline was recently supported by her friend as she received her COVID vaccination. Read more on *The Echo* online at www.echo.net.au/to-vax-or-not-to-vax.

to encourage them? If you do some wide reading, you must be aware the anti-vaxxers are part of the extreme right-wing, Trumpist, Q-Anon picture. An anathema to *The Echo's* foundations.

At the very least, research and publish a story that

rejects this extremely nasty, divisive sort of stuff that is a danger to public health. Yes, if they have a rally it should be reported, but certainly not encouraged. The story does not even give a crowd estimate. These people are promoting Trumpian bullshit

about the virus. Extreme right-wing bullshit that has spread amongst the local health/yoga community. Check Crikey and other sources, please.

Eve Sinton
Main Arm

■ I've taken umbrage with the expression, 'fake news,' – proud of our *Echo* – but the article on page 5, of *Echo* 2 June, concerning a Byron rally about 'forced COVID-19 vaccinations,' disappoints me greatly.

Even Blind Freddy knows vaccination is voluntary. The article has no by-line, which indicates it is not written by an *Echo* journalist. It appears as though it was written by the rally organiser. The photo is 'supplied', meaning it's not taken by an *Echo* photographer.

The article quotes the organiser regarding different topics as speaking on behalf of 'many Australians,' 'many,'

and 'people'. He states his points of view, has no medical or scientific information and there is no statement from anyone who knows anything about the horrible virus.

The last paragraph takes the cake, inferring that if people had a 'healthy lifestyle and immune system', they wouldn't get the coronavirus – despite huge numbers of healthy people getting it. He adds, 'then, if they do get COVID-19, treat any symptoms with known non-toxic available antiviral drugs.'

I suggest the organiser talks [and all the 'protesters' talk] to someone who has had COVID-19 and nearly died, and to relatives of people who have died from it, to get some sensibility about the illness. His claims are damaging and ridiculous.

I'm qualified to say this. I survived COVID-19.

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Byron Golf Clubs crowns new Ladies Foursome

Margaret Pierce

Kerry Lollback and Joan Neate will have their names added to the Byron Bay Ladies Foursomes Championships board after winning the 27-hole championship held at Byron Bay golf Club.

Kerry lives in Byron Bay and only started playing golf six years ago, she has been the net winner with Carol Wells as her partner, but this was the first time she has succeeded in having the best gross score on the day and getting her name on the honour board.

Mullumbimby's Joan has an enviable background having won the Foursomes Championship in Darwin once, been the B-grade gross winner twice in Darwin, once at Ocean Shores and once



Joan Neate (L) and Kerry Lollback with their championship trophy. Photo supplied

at Mullumbimby. But again it the first time she has been the Club Champion at Byron Bay.

They won with a score of 148.

Both ladies were stunned and amazed to find themselves the winners after playing the first nine holes very well, but the other 18 holes

were 'ordinary but steady,' Joan said.

Runners up, Sue Charles and Alex Thomas, were only one shot behind the leaders.

Net winners were Pippa Crane and Perri Young with 117, while Stella Hetherington and Marcia Kelly were runners up.

Power pair claim new table tennis trophy

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Table Tennis Club held their inaugural mixed doubles tournament last week at Newrybar Hall and declared Ian Evans and Janice Best champions, after they won three from three matches.

Amazingly the duo only met each other on the night.

Mark Smith and Ashni Murdolo were the main rivals after winning three from four matches.

Ian Cohen and Vashti Eastern had to forfeit their last match owing to unforeseen circumstance, which also left the door open for the new team.

'There are no champions, just luck on the night,' Janice said.

'It's wonderful playing with such a competent partner, Ian was happy to share tips and his knowledge about game strategy.

'Any pressure was totally alleviated by the goodwill of all players on the night,' she said.

Teams including Richard Ray and Penny



Janice proudly holds her splendid new trophy aloft. Photo supplied

Young, and Shokei and Julia Fox were also competitive.

Memories of the big night will long linger. 'I didn't just get a trophy, I got a bottle of kombucha,' Janice said.

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Heartfelt farewell

As Heartfelt House prepares for its move to Lismore Women's Health & Resource Centre, we would like to invite all friends of Heartfelt House to come back to the beautiful grounds and house to say a farewell on Wednesday 23 June at 10am-12pm at 301 Lismore Road, Wollongbar. Owing to COVID regulations registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3go0Tdo>.

Bangalow Progress Association meeting

The Bangalow Progress Association general meeting will be held at 6pm Wednesday, 23 June at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. It will include an update on planning and project activities in Bangalow. Come along and be part of the community voice. All BPA members and Bangalow residents are welcome.

Potts Croquet AGM

Pottsville Fun Croquet Club Inc meets every Tuesday and Thursdays at 9am at Black Rocks Sports Fields. Our AGM is being held at 10am on 13 July. New members are welcome to join. Any enquires please call 0431 606 376.

Citizen scientists

Glossy black cockatoo birding day is calling citizen scientists. Can you help gather data about one of Australia's rarest and smallest cockatoos - the glossy black cockatoo in northern NSW and south-east Queensland? Over the

weekend 11-12 September you can help identify this charismatic bird, identify feed trees, recognise signs of feeding and to record bird behaviour. To find out more visit <http://bit.ly/GBCvolunteer> and register as a volunteer.

Housing solutions

Liz Friend has started up the Reality Check Campaign that is encouraging locals who can donate money towards supporting the growth of low cost housing and toward supporting people in housing crisis. 'Any donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, making this a great time to donate,' said Ms Friend. Read more online at: www.echo.net.au/reality-check-campaign-seeks-to-assist-low-cost-housing.

Devotional

The Baha'i Community of Ballina invite you to their monthly Devotional on 20 June at 10am at the CWA Hall on River Street Ballina. The theme for this Devotional is 'How the beauty of this world help us understand the next'. For more information call 0422 798 802.

Bangalow Chamber of Commerce meeting

The next meeting for the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce is Wednesday, 9 June 5.30-7pm at the Bangalow Men's Shed.

Learn Bridge

The Byron Bay Bridge Club is offering

lessons for beginners on Tuesday evenings at the Byron Bay Golf Club 5-7pm. The cost is \$5 per session. Please contact Kath Morgan at: morgan.kath@gmail.com or call 0427 868 617.

Family history society

The next meeting of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society is on Saturday 5 June, 2-4pm at the Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina. The topic is a State Records Webinar on School Records, for more information Kerrie Alexander on 6628 1324.

Probus Club

Probus Club of Hastings Point Tweed Coast meeting on 15 June. Guest speaker is local bush poet and author Dennis Scanlon. For more information: hastingsptprobus.org.

BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club meets on Thursday, 10 June at 10.30am for luncheon at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Luncheon cost \$25. Apologies to Wenda on 0449 563 580 or wjhunt@yahoo.com.au. Casual members please advise if you are attending, no later than the Monday before. New members are welcome. Info: BV VIEW President, Margaret 0429 966 894.

Gnosis

Gnosis: Establishing harmony in the universe within and the universe without. Classes on Wednesday nights in Byron. Phone 0412 020 234. By donation.

Byron Cancer Support

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for four years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group

is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect with other people with cancer. It runs on the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting on Tuesday 1 June at the Services Club, Jonson St, Byron Bay.

Volunteer hub closes

The Byron Community Centre Volunteer Hub will be closing down at the end of May. After six years serving the volunteer needs of the Byron Shire, the funding has been cut and all volunteer enquiries must now be accessed online at Volunteering NSW.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 and market Saturdays 9-1. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** is open Wednesday to Friday 10am-2:30pm, Saturday 8.30am-12.30pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 9.30am on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow. Info: 0429 882 525.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings, coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.15 for 6.30pm start at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Presbyterian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7-9pm. Contact Shona 0457 356 567 or Bronte 0451 567 996.

Regular As Clockwork

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Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include:

Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.**

Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.

Financial Counselling: outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts.

Information, referral and advocacy. To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

Homeless Breakfast: 7:30-9am Wednesday. **Homeless Showers:** Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm (book in at breakfasts). **Women's Support and Counselling:** Friday

1-3pm, Community Cabin Carlyle St. **Seniors Computer Club:** Friday 9am-11am, Community Cabin Carlyle St (school term only). **Seniors drumming, yoga, ukulele, art and drama:** 66856807 for booking and time details.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with need immediate support call 000.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia discussed at quarterly meetings, currently online. Attendees must be Exit members. More info: www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

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Banksia Dr block party

Love your neighbour... Don't miss Banksia Drive's Block Party and Warehouse Sale. The community of creatives behind Chasing Unicorns, Arnhem, Joey Rainbow, Sienna, Eco Minerals, Marr-Kett & Lord Byron Distillery open their doors for a day of collaborative shopping, socialising, and sipping! You'll find Fashion, beauty and homewares seconds, one-off samples & limited clearance stock from just \$20.

ONE DAY ONLY

Saturday 19 June, 10am-4pm
4 Banksia Drive
Byron Arts & Industry Estate
02 5629 7061

Warehouse closing retirement clearance sale

After more than four decades in their retail business, the owners of Tasa Jara have decided to retire and are having a Warehouse Closing Retirement Clearance Sale. Everything must go, so drop in for a bargain! They have genuine massive reductions on everything, below import costs, and the more you purchase the cheaper they are.

Business for Sale: There is also an amazing opportunity to continue and build this successful business. The business is fully set up, so all you would need to do is purchase stock at below cost and continue.

The online store is operational with hundreds of items already online.

This business is also suitable for a retailer, bulk buyer and/or wholesaler.

Call Victor 0403 754 758, Ilanit 0448 884 364
1-1 Tasman Way Arts & Industry Estate Byron Bay
www.tasajara.com



Wallace and Co

Locally owned and steeped in family history, Wallace and Co is situated right in the heart of River Street, Ballina.

Offering good old-fashioned customer service and expert advice, they specialise in men's and ladies' clothing and footwear fit by their expert staff. They put an emphasis on providing quality products and brands sought after the world over, including Birkenstock, Dr Martens, Skechers, RM Williams and Crocs.

While it is not always easy to find good quality men's clothing, you are spoilt for choice at Wallace's. Shop the biggest range of Linen and Bamboo clothing from Industrie, Kingston Grange, Gazman and Blazer, as well as famous Australian brands like Akubra Hats and RM Williams clothing and boots.

Open seven days for your shopping convenience or shop online.

109 River Street, Ballina
6686 2081 | Wallaces.com.au

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My Geek Mate

Good news! My Geek Mate has received another round of funding to support a further 100 senior citizens to get acquainted with their technology. That means anyone who hasn't yet done the Be Connected course with My Geek Mate and is aged 50 or over is entitled to a free 1.5 hr digital literacy workshop, starting Wed 14 July 2021. Three people max per workshop. Choose your session:

Wednesday 9:30–11am
Thursday 1:30–3pm
Friday 9:30–11am.

In addition to the free Be Connected class, Mark also does personal tech support and tuition.

Get in touch with Mark the Chief Geek to book. Now with extra crunch!

1/53 Tamar St, Ballina
0431 122 057
mark@mygeekmate.com.au
www.mygeekmate.com.au



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Smart Firewood – delivered in a bin

Smart Firewood delivers quality Northern Rivers firewood to your door, in a wheelie bin.

It's convenient, easy to handle, and stays dry. They offer both sustainably sourced plantation hardwood, and local coastal mixed hardwoods.

Their founders have been involved in sustainable forestry, permaculture and regenerative agriculture for decades. Smart Firewood's overarching goal is to support landowners to engage in forest restoration activities. Markets for firewood timber provide a unique opportunity for forest restoration and the income to fund it.

For example, some of their native firewood is from a landowner committing resources to forest dieback restoration, as well as planting over 20,000 new trees. Their plantation firewood is 100 per cent sourced from timber plantations in the north coast region.

smartfirewood.com.au | 0475 786 410



North Coast Veterinary Services

North Coast Veterinary Services now has CT, a form of advanced imaging that uses X-rays to image the body in 3-dimensions.

'CT scanning can pick up treatable problems that x-rays can't. This technology reduces misdiagnosis!'

Whole-body CT scans can detect cancer early and pick up on spread, and they enable diagnosis of 'slipped discs', which are commonly misdiagnosed as 'arthritis'.

NCVS are making their CT scanner available to patients from other clinics. 'Your vet is able to refer your pet to us for the scan and then you can keep their treatment with your regular vet who you know and trust.'

CT has placed North Coast Veterinary Services at the cutting edge of medicine, providing their vets with another tool to be the best diagnostic vets!

233 Gulgan Rd
Between Mullum & Bruns, near Uncle Toms
6684 0735
www.northcoastbetservices.com.au



L to R: Ben Pietzsch (ProSolar), Ryan Morley (Byron Farm Produce), Alasdair Smithson (Grow).

Organic and climate protected farming powered by the sun

The health of our planet, community, and of ourselves is paramount in discussions about the future of energy consumption and food production. The founders of ProSolar and GROW have come together to provide solutions to growing organic produce for the community and generating power from the sun.

Ryan from Byron Farm Produce and Alasdair, one of the Founders of GROW, engaged the ProSolar Team to provide a Green Energy Solution to power Ryan's certified organic farm in Nashua, which has a 40m x 40m semi-automated Commercial GrowTunnel. Both locally owned organisations hope the combination of their products can lower carbon emissions and create a healthier greener future.

Prosolaraustralia.com.au
growtunnels.com
Instagram byronfarmproduce

Byron Community College

Wanting to upskill, learn a new hobby and meet and connect with some new people? Why not try a course at Byron Community College?

Choose from a range of courses across Language, Cooking, Wellbeing, Business, Computers, Writing, Music, Handcrafts, Drawing & Sustainable Living.

Get creative and look out for Herbal Lotions and Potions, Natural Building Introduction, Crochet for Beginners, Gelliplate Printing and Mixed Media, Mosaic Jewellery or Build Your Own 'Earth Oven' to name a few.

It's never too late to learn.

Enrol online today at www.byroncollege.org.au or call 6684 3374



Laser Clinics Australia

Finally! An answer to the mummy tummy (or beer belly)!

Leading fat freezing technology Coolsculpting is now available at Laser Clinics Australia in Tweed City!

Coolsculpting is the world leader in non-invasive fat reduction, working permanently on the fat cells it targets. Pictured is one of their clients, showing visible results. It is a medical treatment, with a registered nurse prescribing your treatment plan.

Many struggle with stubborn fat and whatever the concern, Coolsculpting can likely help.

'Our clinic has become a community hub for so many people. Being able to bring



this to our local community is a great feeling as I know it will give even more confidence back to our beautiful clients.' Jodi Cottle, LCA Tweed Heads owner.

Contact them for a free, no obligation consultation.

Located opposite Best & Less in Tweed City.

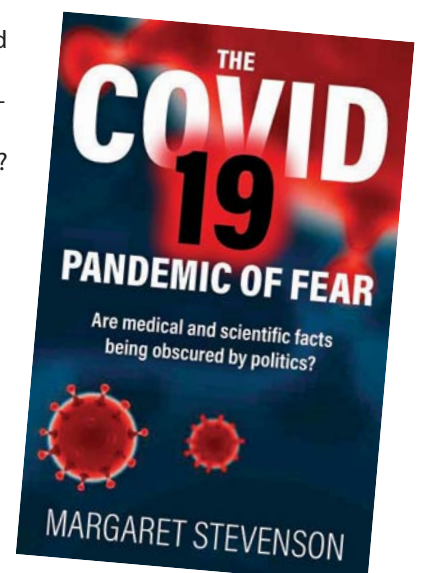
07 5613 2057
tweedheads@laserclinics.com.au

The COVID-19 Pandemic of Fear

Are we being told the whole truth about COVID-19 or just a one-sided view? Is the PCR test being used to diagnose this disease fit-for-purpose? Was this coronavirus modified in a laboratory using gain-of-function research to increase its transmissibility? Are the COVID-19 vaccines really safe and effective?

Award-winning writer Margaret Stevenson says, 'In my book *The COVID-19 Pandemic of Fear: Are medical and scientific facts being obscured by politics?* I provide verifiable scientific facts and sound reasoning on these and many other issues. My book uncovers hidden truths that will help people reclaim peace, hope and personal sovereignty. By offering such information, readers will be empowered to make informed decisions giving them the strength and confidence to journey forward in whatever direction they choose.'

www.margaretstevenson.com.au



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1 Love what you do

2021 is the fresh start we have all been looking forward to. If you are thinking it is time to consolidate your career, formalise qualifications or fast track your job readiness then take a moment to explore your fee free, traineeship and low fee course options.

Gaining your nationally recognised full qualification at Certificate III, IV or Diploma level is going to make a massive difference to your employment prospects.

Decide to get back in the game. Train smart with your Community College:

- 11 intakes a year – start studying sooner
- Customised learning
- Online courses with student mentoring
- Class workshops & practical placements
- Industry specialist trainers
- Fee support.

If you can dream it, you can do it. #changeyourworld

59 Magellan Street, Lismore
6622 1903
info@acecolleges.edu.au
acecolleges.edu.au



2 Escape with NORPA in 2021!

NORPA has curated a thrilling 2021 Season packed full of cutting-edge performances, classic drama and sublime music including the premieres of two new NORPA works *Into the Forest* and *Flow*, an outdoor drive-in adventure *Throttle* and the blockbuster musical *Once*.

Eat, drink, and be merry!

At NORPA the good times start long before the curtain is raised, with live music in the courtyard and the NORPA Bar and Secret Chef Diner open for dinner and drinks from 6pm.

Friends with Benefits

An easy way to make sure you don't miss out on any of the shows is by becoming a NORPA subscriber. Just choose three or more shows and get 20% off your tickets, as well as the best seats in the house and additional tickets for friends and family at subscriber rates.

All tickets on sale now at www.norpa.org.au



3 Southern Cross University Health Clinic

Community members looking for affordable osteopathy treatments can now book appointments at Southern Cross University's Health Clinic in Lismore. The Health Clinic offers quality assessments by student practitioners completing their Master of Osteopathy under the supervision of accredited practitioners.

Most people, regardless of age or gender, will suffer from back or neck pain, headaches, sport injuries, stiffness or pain at some time. Osteopaths can help to identify the cause of the pain or injury and develop a safe and effective course of action to manage pain – so people can make the most of their active lives. The Health Clinic is offering a free initial osteopathy assessment by one of their talented Masters students if you mention this *Echo* ad.

To make an appointment, phone Southern Cross University Health Clinic at Lismore Campus on 02 6626 9131.

Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm | Rifle Range Rd, Lismore
scu.edu.au/healthclinic



5 School Leaver Employment Support (SLES) at REDinc.

Transitioning from school to employment can be a tricky time. For someone with a disability it can come with additional challenges. For those in Year 12 or who have recently left school (and who have a NDIS plan) they can request funding for SLES, for up to two years, to help them move into the world of work.

The team at REDinc will chat with them to identify their work goals and come up with a plan to address the areas they feel they need help with to move toward these goals. Whether this is increasing confidence, deciding what kind of work they would like to do, travel training, work experience, job skills training, communication skills or exploring a business idea, it is all done in a supportive and fun environment.

Call Libby, SLES Coordinator to find out more on 0490 543 246.
87 Magellan Street, Lismore



4 Vistara Primary School

Vistara students are proud of their recent seasonal harvest. The school's grounding in ecological education is evident everywhere in the beautiful classrooms and surrounds. This school engages students to develop and broaden their intellectual and emotional connections between their personal worlds and the Earth as a living whole.

The school is currently taking enrolments for 2022 and beyond. If you would like to book a personal tour, please email visps@bigpond.net.au. You might be interested to see their Annual Art Exhibition, on display 20 July–6 August. Kindy orientation days are 10 and 17 August. Bookings are essential.

41 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill (via Lismore)
6624 4127
email: visps@bigpond.net.au
www.vistara.nsw.edu.au

6 Book Warehouse

Book Warehouse is an independently owned bookstore in Lismore, part of a larger north coast locally owned group, with shops in Coffs Harbour, Ballina and Grafton. Their staff are passionate readers – and it shows!

Their stores stock the latest in new release books and they have an incredible range of specials, bestsellers, literary prize winners and classics. From the littlest tiny tot to the most well read senior there is something for everyone.

They also stock a large selection of awesome art supplies, jigsaw puzzles, specialty games, beautiful greeting cards (many by local artists) gift wrap and a wide selection of bookish gifts.

Quite simply, they are more than you imagine – drop by and see them next time you are in Lismore, and bring your visitors – they have repeat customers from all over Australia who come back again and again on their travels. They're definitely worth a visit.

6621 4204 | Keen St, Lismore
www.thebwh.com





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7 Tiles, Mosaics & More!

Locally-owned and family-operated, Northern Rivers Tiles & Mosaics is a treasure trove of beautiful and unusual tiles sourced from around the world.

Exclusively stocking a stunning selection of Spanish and Italian tiles, the store also carries a contemporary collection of quality and affordable floor and wall tiles, natural stone, pool tiles, pavers and mosaics, with many items available to purchase directly from the showroom.

It's a one stop shop with quality adhesives, a huge selection of Laticrete

and Ardex grout colours, tiling trims and the tools to help you get the job done.

The mosaic range is like a lolly shop full of colourful glass, ceramic and mirror mosaics perfect for your next creative project. Bookings are available for beginners mosaic workshops and mosaics are now available online!

Check out their Instagram accounts to see more of what's in store:

177 Keen Street, Lismore
6621 5232
[@nrtilles](#) | [@nrmosaics](#)



8 Toy Kingdom

When visiting Lismore you can't go past Toy Kingdom's flagship store located in the CBD opposite Flock. With an emphasis on play-based learning and educational toys, the ethos of this locally owned and operated store is one that has stood the test of time in a world where toy fads come and go. Operators, Carey and Carmel, have enjoyed a strong local following for over 26 years and customers of their Byron and Ballina locations regularly travel to Lismore to shop the larger range and big-ticket items not carried in their smaller coastal stores.

Boasting the largest range of toys, games and puzzles on the north coast, including hard to find brands for kids and collectors, this is a store where kids are king and parents enjoy friendly expert advice. Generous layby terms are available and items will be shipped to your store of choice for pickup within 24hrs!

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64 Woodlark St, Lismore
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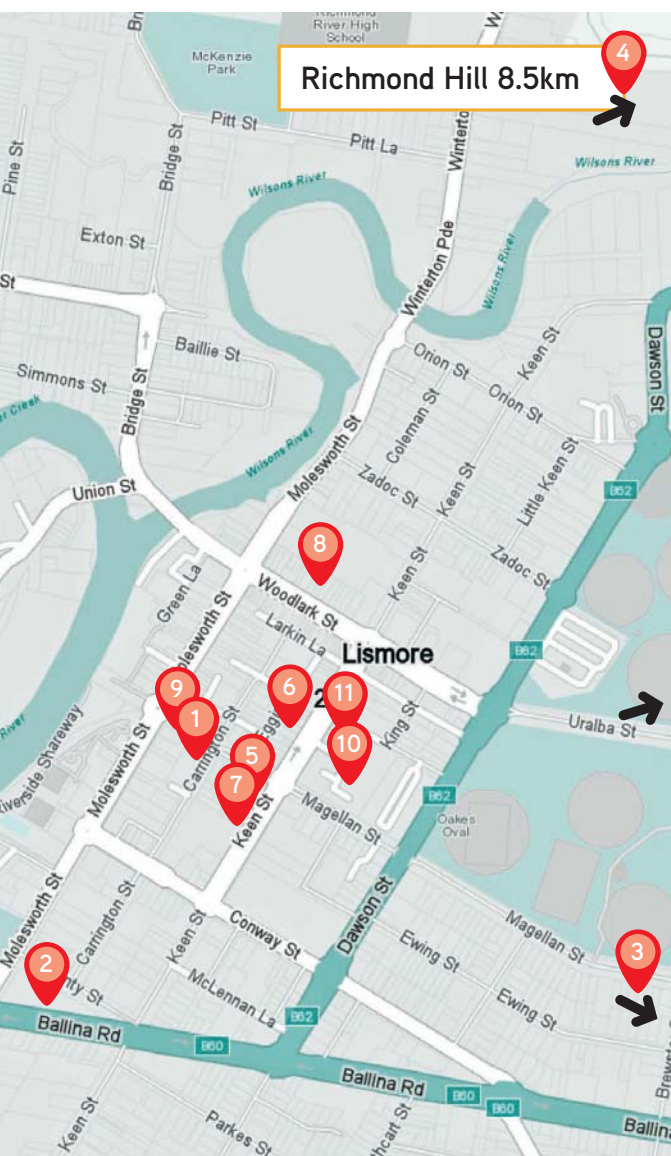
9 Northern Rivers Stained Glass

Join the creative team at Northern Rivers Stained Glass for a workshop and learn how to create your own piece of glass magic. Their two-day workshops are fun and relaxed for beginners, intermediate, or those wanting to brush up on an old skill set.

Their centrally located shop offers a wide range of glass equipment, including a beautiful glass sheet range with great prices. The shop is also filled with locally made gifts and art.

In addition, they offer a stained-glass/lead-light repair service and custom-made stained glass commissions. Check the website for more info.

Cnr of Molesworth & Magellan Sts
Instagram: [northern_rivers_stained_glass](#)
Facebook: [@northernriversstainedglass](#)
nrstainedglass.com



10 Lismore Regional Gallery

A place for everybody, Lismore Regional Gallery is one of the region's most vibrant art spaces and presents a wide range of cultural events. Showing local, national and international artists, the gallery always has something unique to experience with regular talks, children's activities, and exhibitions. The Gallery is also home to Geoffrey Hannah's incredible Hannah Cabinet, which has weekly viewing session times to see the intricate craftsmanship inside. Outside the Gallery is lovely green space, the Lismore Quadrangle, an ideal place to kick back and relax.

Images: Top: Lismore Regional Gallery opening, 2017. Photo: Kate Holmes. Bottom: Karla Dickens, A Dickensian Sideshow installation, 2020. Photo: Michelle Eabry.

11 Rural St, Lismore
www.lismoregallery.org



11 Fundies Organic Wholefood Market

Founded in 1979, Fundies Lismore strives to keep the community well with nutritious food and naturopath recommended supplements – no matter where you are on your wellness journey. Inside you'll find fresh seasonal certified organic fruit and vegetables, gluten free pasta and bread alternatives, plus organic skincare and a huge vegan food range.

Free naturopathic support is available in store, offering a mainly plant based vitamin and supplement range. The team can help guide you in this area based on your individual needs or what has been prescribed by your own practitioner.

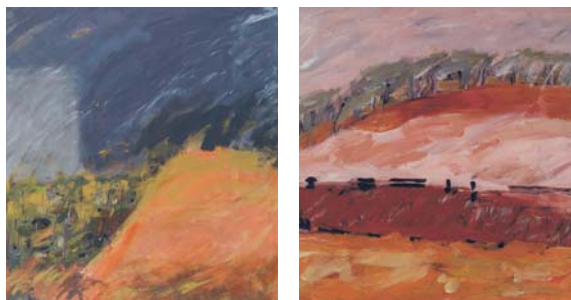
From alternative products, dietary and intolerance advice, or how to look after your skin – they've got you covered. Sourcing food as locally as possible, grown in the earth and touched by the Sun.

(02) 6622 2199
140 Keen St, Lismore
Fundies.com.au



THE Ants

ARTIST IN FOCUS



www.jaypearse.com

Jay Pearse

Passing Through

Your chance to acquire works by award winning artist, Jay Pearse. The exhibition, a landscape inspired series, explores the "spirit of place."

Opening night 5pm, 4 June
Ongoing Wed-Sun 4-18 June
3-5pm or by apt 0423061467
Gallery 3, The Collective
3/1 Kendall street, Byron Bay

BEN HELLEWELL

West Australian born, Myocum-based emerging artist and sculptor, Ben Hellewell has developed a unique style, describing his work as an 'imaginative collaboration' with the natural world. An avid explorer, Hellewell spends much of his time in a meditative search foraging for 'treasure' along our vast coastlines and creek beds. Ben's instinctive vision and child-like inquisitiveness enable him to transform his meticulously selected driftwood pieces and beautifully weathered timbers into unique works of art.

The great Renaissance sculptor Michelangelo once said, 'I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free'. Similarly, Hellewell's unique intuition engages with the untold stories of these foraged timbers, giving them a second life and a new stage for appreciation. Ultimately his works encourage the viewer to ponder the idea that humans are not separate from nature but a fundamental part of it. Featuring Humpback Whale Father - Solitude: 1.5 metre wide, and 1.7m high, timber whale sculpture. 'East of Everywhere' is Hellewell's first exhibition.

'East of Everywhere'
June 11 to July 11, 2021
Peek Gallery
7/8 Fletcher Street,
Byron Bay, NSW 2481
Opening night: 6-8pm,
11 June 2021 includes live
music by Miss Renee Simone
and eats by Karkalla,
Byron Bay. All welcome.



PEEK GALLERY
PRESENTS
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11.06.21 6 - 8 PM



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- 7/8 FLETCHER STREET, BYRON BAY NSW 2481 -

A LIFE IN ART: MARGARET OLLEY

A life in art: Margaret Olley is a new exhibition featuring artworks by Margaret Olley AC (1923-2011) from the Tweed Regional Gallery collection. Artworks included in the exhibition date from as early as 1938, when Margaret was just 15 years of age, through to 2011, the year of her death.

'Margaret Olley dedicated her life to art, not only as an artist but also as a philanthropist to regional and metropolitan public galleries and as a mentor to several emerging artists,' Gallery Director, Susi Muddiman OAM, said.

A life in art is a unique celebration of Olley's incredible career and her significant role in the history of Australian art. This year marks the 10th anniversary of her death, at 88 years of age.

The exhibition will be on display in the Margaret Olley Art Centre at Tweed Regional Gallery from Saturday 1 May until Sunday 31 October 2021.

**2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah South
6670 2790
artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au**

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+ VINYL SAMPLES
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10am - 3pm
Saturday 12 June

5 Tyagarah St (crn Riley Ln)
Mullumbimby



Margaret Olley A Life in Art

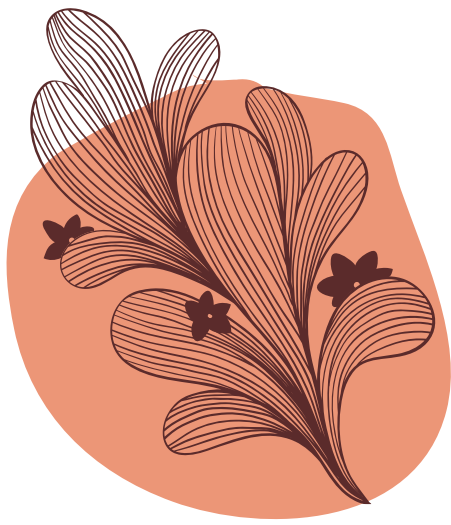
1 May - 31 October 2021

Drawn entirely from the Tweed Regional Gallery collection, this exhibition brings together artwork from each decade of Margaret Olley's extraordinary career.

John McRae (b.1960)
Portrait of Margaret Olley in her Paddington Studio (detail) 2011
photograph, 66 x 150cm
Gift of the Tweed Regional Gallery Foundation Ltd., 2012
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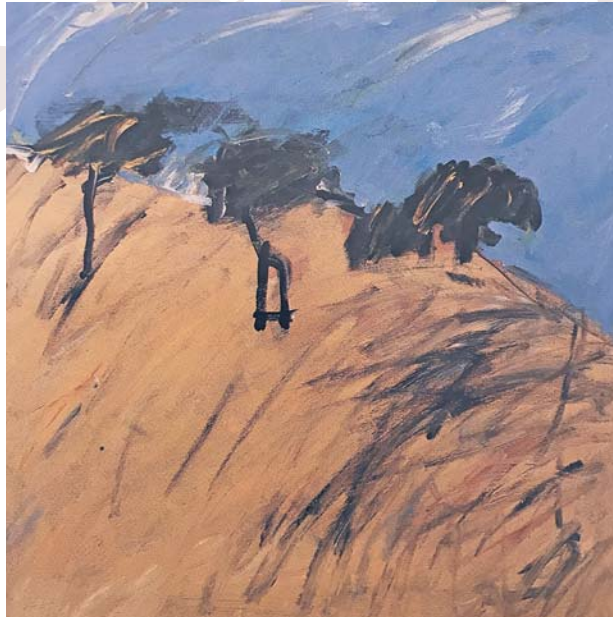
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Come to this exhibition and see how our local sculptors address the theme of HOME! Have your say in the People's Choice prize and support local art. This Creative Mullum project has support from the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Crystal Castle and private sponsors.



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Jenn will be joined by Lani (@homeinthehills) who has established a micro-nursery on her hinterland farm where she grows rare plants, orchids, cactus, succulents and indoor plants to create her glorious and unique living bowls. Also, long-time DJ, radio presenter and producer Andrew Booth will be selling cleaned and graded vinyl from his personal collection.

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WHEN 'YES' MEANS 'NO'

This year the federal government showed us they don't understand consent. Then they spent \$4million plus on what was to be an educational series for young people that featured a weird milkshake video. It answered a lot of questions for me as to why rape culture appears to exist in our parliament: they don't get it. To them it's a transaction that has nothing to do with gender, that's why they made the woman the protagonist... and they reduced sexual conduct to a flavoured drink. Hang on, maybe I can only allege they don't get it?

Then there was the suggestion of the consent app. This suggestion by NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller showed further that old white men don't get consent. It's not a milkshake in the face. It's not an app that reduces sex to a social transaction that, in the end, protects men from prosecution but not women from unwanted penetration. The consent conversation has been more about protecting men from legal ramifications of rape and assault, and less about empowering women to make assertive choices and have them respected. The reason we can't have conversations about consent in a way that is meaningful, is that true consent can't exist until there is social change.

Consent is meaningless until you address patriarchy. How do you give 'permission' for something male culture already feels entitled to? Consent becomes meaningful only when we have eradicated entitlement.

You can't talk about consent in a patriarchal culture where women, and particularly young vulnerable women, aren't heard or supported when they give consent just to be liked, or to get a lift home, or because they were drunk, or just to stop being hassled. Is consent that results from begging, cajoling or a sense of indebtedness actually consent? No, it's not.

Consent is not black and white. You can say 'Yes' or you can not say 'No' and you can still be manipulated or disempowered into giving consent. I call this coercive consent.

There wouldn't be a woman on the planet who hasn't been coerced into giving consent at some point in her life. This can be with a stranger, a friend, with a husband. This is a pervasive behaviour that also exists within the alternative 'spiritual' community.

I had this conversation with a local friend recently who strongly believes that many of her early sexual experiences were framed by coercion.

Libby moved to Byron, this mythical place full of hippies and healers at just 16. She told me the lines for her around sex and consent then were very blurred. 'As a hippy woman if you weren't open and loving and free you could be called "not trusting", or "inhibited and fearful". It was like the more open and sexually free and liberated you were the cooler you were, and the more status you had.' So is being seen as repressed or uncool a form of consent coercion?

It seems that even in alternative communities, sexual politics haven't really been that alternative. Patriarchal narrative reigns supreme. Men tend to be the 'gurus', and as it turns out, gurus still like their cock sucked. Generally by young women.

Libby told me story after story of being a vulnerable young woman whose body men felt entitled to.

'I was staying in a communal area and one night there was a man standing on my pillow, looking down at me in his underpants. He said: "sorry, I thought this was my bed". I was really upset and the man that came to help me hugged me – and wouldn't hug me. An older guy there later said 'you have to look at what you did to manifest that'. I took that on. Every time a guy crossed my boundaries, I wondered what I did to make it happen.'

This is the ultimate in victim blame. When spiritual double-talk suggests that your 'energy' authored someone else's inappropriate or illegal behaviour.

In 'sexually free' communities, who does that freedom serve? Libby felt that her sexual freedom as a young woman was constantly impinged by the entitlement of older men.

'I was having a shower in a hippy house and this guy came in and jumped in the shower with me naked, and started laughing under the guise of being playful and free. I got out and thought... he just wanted to fuck me.'

She tells stories of the partners of friends jumping into bed with her, of some offering to help her with some work, but instead showing her hardcore porn, and consistent within this narrative was that in some parts of the 'spiritual' community women who won't consent are considered to have something wrong with them.

'I had dinner with a friend who was running a spiritual rite of passage program and it was clear he wanted to have sex. I told him I wasn't interested. He said "Libby, you have too many boundaries and you don't trust people." I wasn't 18 anymore. I got so mad I told him "fuck off, I'm not playing your mind games.'

Libby told me her story because she believes there are still many vulnerable young women who don't have the inner strength or awareness to say 'No' and be fine with it. Some may be traumatised and say 'Yes' out of patriarchal conditioning. 'I have been on so many dates where I say "No No No" and they beg, and I eventually say "Yes". I call it consensual rape.'

Consent is not an app, or an ad. It is a conversation. And if you are a man reading this, worrying about if you'll ever have sex again if women feel entitled to say 'No' – that is your privilege speaking. We will let you know if we want to have sex. You can ask. We can say 'No'. But you might be lucky – we may even say 'Yes'.

THE LOVEYS ARE BACK!

The Loveys present their *Stories & Confessions* album launch. This local, award-winning two-act show features the songs, stories and confessions of four formidable females, and they're not to be missed. **Thursday 24 June, Byron Theatre. Doors open 6.30pm. Show at 7pm. Tix from, <https://byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/11688>**



BYRON MULTICULTURAL INCORPORATED PRESENTS: GLOBAL BEATS BYRON BAY

A celebration of multicultural unity leading into Refugee Week 2021. Featuring performances from diverse cultural groups including Japanese, Brazilian, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous Australian groups.

On Sunday at 1.30pm, at Byron Theatre, at the Community Centre. Tix on byroncentre.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Global Beats Byron Bay A Celebration of Multicultural Unity with performers from diverse cultures Sunday 13 th June 1:30pm	
Byron Music Festival 2021 The Sidemen: Friday 18 th June 7:30pm Music Industry Conference & Showcase: Sunday 20 th June 10:30am - 6:00pm	
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The Loveys "Loveys Actually" Album Launch Songs, stories & confessions of four formidable females Thursday 24 th June 7:00pm	
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TEDxByronBay The Spaces Between A full day of cutting-edge ideas Saturday 26 th June 10:30am - 4:30pm	
Trainspotting – 25th Anniversary A Paradis Movie Club Special Event Featuring live AV show by Motorik Cinema Tech Saturday 26 th June 8:00pm	
Psychedelic Medicine Symposium Mind Medicine Australia An expansive day of expert discussions & more Sunday 27 th June 11:00am - 5:00pm	
Trip of Compassion Documentary Screening + Q&A A window into psychedelic-assisted therapies Sunday 27 th June 6:30pm	
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SHE IS THE OCEAN

She is the Ocean is an in-depth exploration of the lives of nine astonishing women from around the globe who share a profound love for the sea. A love so profound that they have chosen to make the ocean the centre of their physical, philosophical and professional lives. The film starts with a window on the lives of three women who engage in the thrill of ocean sports, then we meet a famed scientist who plunges into the deepest depths on the edge of human survival, before meeting a cliff diver, who is hailed as 'The bravest woman in Germany' who captures the common thread that binds their stories together. The film shows how the ocean has shaped their lives and given them meaning beyond the normal constraints of society.

***She is the Ocean* – is showing at the Byron Theatre on Friday at 7.30pm with a Q&A.**

Tix on byroncentre.com.au

And yes, you can use your Discover vouchers to buy tickets!



ART FEST IN BILLI

It's on again! Following a hugely successful event in Billinudgel last December, and in Grafton during April, the **Arts Fest** is back.

Artist, **Hilton Stephenson**, and renowned bush poet **Ray Essery** are again joining forces as the **Painter and the Poet**. Hilton has always wanted to encourage and inspire emerging artists, so a couple of years ago he made a connection with Clarence Valley artist Sue Baker, mentoring her work progression and practice. The results? An exciting display of various art forms from Billinudgel and the Clarence Valley.

Experience an eclectic presentation at the historic Billinudgel Hotel on Sunday, from 12–5pm with muso Slim Pickens, ceramacist Fiona Robb-Davis and Clarence Valley artists, John Baker (wood burning and sculpting ingested with opals), Sue Baker (visual artist), and Jennie Mansfield (visual artist in the third dimension).

THE CAT WITH FOUR SURNAMES

Presented by performer **George Catsi**, *Am I who I say I am?* is a comedic memoir about one father and four surnames.

After sold out Sydney seasons comes the much-anticipated return of George's successful comedic memoir show.

It's storytelling at its best; award-winning George Catsi immerses you in his tales of multiple names, a wayward father, and how hopeless a Greek he is with an identity pulled together by multiple Greek diasporas, upheavals and revolutions. George tells a ripping yarn centred around his father that balances absurdity with pathos, journeying from Crete to Cairo to Detroit to Sydney. The result is a funny, lively and heartfelt evening of stories that has been delighting audiences. A light-hearted way of pulling the threads of family and seeing where we unravel.

Presented at the Sydney Comedy and Sydney Greek Festival and now touring.

Shows Wednesday 16

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Bar in Bellingen,

Thursday 17

June (with a

Greek feast!) at

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Friday 18 June

at The Citadel in

Murwillumbah,

and Saturday

19 June at

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TWO FOR SHEARWATER

Traditionally set in an English pub owned by a savagely bickering husband and wife, Jim Cartwright's *Two* is a bittersweet comic drama, reimagined by Shearwater's Year 11 Drama students, complete with live music by Ross Nobel and friends, and a (non-alcoholic) tippie or two.

Set in the 1970s, in the Universal Pub, Shearwater's *Two* explores the intricacies of relationships, where human beings must navigate the landscape of their own belief systems and experiences pushed up against those of others. The play explores this in a way that is both moving and humorous, through a series of vignettes featuring 13 characters, over the course of one night, in their lives.

The play will be performed in the Shearwater Hall, June 16–18. Dress code is 1970s themed. Doors (and bar) open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Show runs for two hours with an interval. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (not recommended for primary age students).

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BRYBC

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THE SHAI GUY

Finally emerging out of COVID-time, singer songwriter Shai Shriki is preparing a great show and a fundraiser to start releasing his new work and creating amazing music videos. Join him and his full band for his album fundraiser and Patreon launch.

Shai, what was last year like for you?

Last year was actually amazing! The lockdown started two days before a two week New Zealand tour. This was just the beginning of a busy year of shows, travels and recordings that were planned for 2020.

March 2020 was an extremely busy time getting everything ready and getting on the road, but then the NZ government announced the 14 days quarantine and everything went from hectic to... ahhhh... quiet.

To be honest I loved it, I didn't look back. Yes, I was a little disappointed that my whole calendar got erased in a second, but I felt very peaceful. Being in the Byron Shire was one of the best places in the world for this crazy time.

How have you made the most of the downtime?

I feel like I made the most out of that time by recording my new music, writing, composing, doing art and surfing every day. I've set up an amazing workshop for my woodwork and art, building instruments like the Oud, Cajon drums, fixing people's guitars, restoring instruments, making furniture by special order, growing veggies, and yes, a fair bit of Netflix.

What's a day in the life of Shai Shriki look like?

Every day is different. Coffee is always first. Music and surfing is on the same level of passion for me so it's on the cards every day. I mostly wake up naturally just before the sun. It's a really creative time for me. I get really good ideas, some practical and some are the extension of my dreams. I try to use this time to write, compose, learn something new and plan ideas. The day continues with the flow of what needs to be done or what I feel like doing. It can be recording sessions, making videos, booking shows, building a dinner table, building an instrument, and the one thing we all really love... admin work on the computer to keep this ship moving forward – or sometimes just floating.

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SHAI SHRIKI
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WHAT YOU FIND IN THE FOREST...

When Alice and her support worker Kate venture into the forest for the night – the shapeshifting Dingo is ready for them. *Into the Forest* is a magical theatre experience performed and devised by dancer Alice Misty Boscheinen with writer and performer Kate McDowell, who is also Alice's support worker off the stage. Directed and devised by NORPA's Artistic Director, Julian Louis, *Into the Forest* explores themes of caring, independence, friendship and fantasy.



Why have you chosen to go into the forest?

Alice: It's fun.

Kate: The forest is so close, it's all around us, and yet it is so full of mystery – a universe of ancient cultures intersecting with one another, with which we can't directly connect. As a great unknown, when we enter the forest, we are out of known comforts, often out of sight from others, and out of the kind of comprehension we are used to in human-made environments. The way each of us exists in that place of unknown and obscurity might tell us something about who we are, so it's a great place to begin.

How did you come up with the story?

Alice: Red Riding Hood. Fall in love. We just dance, and do acting, to find the story.

Kate: I collected a whole bunch of research on forests in literature, trees, forests and folklore in Australia, news stories, following leads that were exciting. I brought it to the rehearsal room to share it with Alice and the team and together we did things like drawing, creating sound with objects, playing out scene ideas that came up, and visiting classic stories and fairy tales, and the story began to find its way. Then we kept playing with the story synopsis in the studio to find the ways we

wanted to tell it.

What scary things live in the forest?

Alice: Dingo. And Firestarter. Hyenas, wild dogs, snakes, crocodile...

Kate: Myself.

Alice, how does this story talk about you?

Alice: Red Riding Hood, fall in love with person in audience, scenes with Kate are funny and fun and fantastic. I get curious about love relationships and friend relationships too. About fighting with Kate – it's fun and scary and good, but it's fake.

Also, don't judge, treat other people, like me, like a normal person.

And how does it show who Kate is in your life?

Alice: A normal person. A support worker – come save my life for me. Up and downs in our relationship. Have fun together. Kate is very frustrated and worried and expressing feelings...

Tell me more about Dingo?

Alice: Good mask. Kate just pretending. It's like what happens with Dingo come true in my life, scary stuff. I wanna express my feelings in that. Just act and dance. And let it go.

What should we expect for your show?

Alice: To have fun, to have a laugh. Me and Kate acting and dancing. One personal thing – violent stuff in there, me and Kate, don't take that too seriously. Just come and enjoy it.

Into the Forest, a NORPA Premiere.

Thursday 10, and Friday 11 June, 6pm.

Bar open from 5pm.

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www.norpa.org.au.**

STARS BY LILITH



Combustible Mars in Leo, the fiery planet in a fire sign, torches a dramatic gala week of show-stopping performances...

- ♈ **ARIES:** Attention-getting Mars striding into the sign of pumped-up passion unleashes your wild side, declaring boldness your friend in the bedroom, on the boardwalk and beyond. But buyer beware because tempers can flare, so keep it entertaining rather than argumentative. Take a creative approach to working out differences of opinion.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Current planetary patterns make it easy to let sensitive information (oops!) slip through the cracks, so check before pressing send or firing off a feisty reply. If in doubt, save to drafts and wait it out. Good use of this week would be checking where your life is so settled it's become stuck.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Also known as Hermes the Greek god of travellers, Mercury stimulates movement, though at present that's likely to be more the mental sort than physically free-ranging. 10 June is Gemini new moon so celebrate your astrological new year with inspirations, epiphanies and a personal growth spurt – though best wait till late June before getting others on board.
- ♋ **CANCER:** Like their zodiac totem, Cancerians are famous for a tenacious ability to hold on. And you're also deeply in tune with the moon, which makes healing available through letting something go during this week's lunar eclipse portal. Most helpful mantra? *To hold on is strength, to let go is wisdom.*
- ♌ **LEO:** June's power point sparks when hot-blooded Mars hits Leo this week to restore your roar. And maybe ignite a romantic renaissance, even if that's just with your own self-esteem. The red planet only sashays down your catwalk every couple of years and it's here till the end of July, so carpe diem, majesties.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** With Mercury backtracking in effusive Gemini fuses are shorter than usual, so keep communications simple. Too much information can be confusing from people not being intentionally misleading, just forming judgments without background checks. That said, with supercharged new moon sparking an expressive outpouring of brainstorming conversations, keep a notebook handy.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Libra's astrological gift is the ability to see opposite sides of a situation while standing in the centre. It might help this week's balancing act to view this week's push/pull dynamic less as a tug of war between head and heart, duty and booty, your public and private personas, and more as a constantly moving cosmic seesaw.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** As the retrograde planetary brigade brings Zoom fatigue, communication chaos and travel restrictions, remember to confirm reservations, check the latest updates and keep hitting 'save'. What's this week good for? Well, from Earth's perspective an eclipse looks like two planets making love, and new moon eclipse on 10 June looks set to get your romantic radar vibrating.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Jupiter and a slew of other planets in hibernation stations this week could see people moody and grouchy as friction and unpredictability ramp up misunderstandings. If it's you feeling furious, acknowledge fluctuating feelings without acting on them. Vent to a friend rather than go public. Excuse yourself from conversations that push your buttons.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** As internal reprogramming continues, this week suggests a lifestyle overhaul towards a healthy balance of productivity and playtime. And asks you to check in on yourself; have workaholic tendencies escalated to the point where they're stifling creativity, exploration, experimentation? On difficult days, and there'll be some, go with the flow rather than trying to push the river.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** This week's one step forward, two steps back planetary tango probably won't provide the kind of momentum that suits your futuristic style. But Saturn in Aquarius is an astral opportunity that doesn't come often, and crafting positive responses to unforeseen setbacks and frustrating delays will set the tone for the rest of your year.
- ♓ **PISCES:** The celestial gift in Mercury retrograde? A chance to revisit the past for course correction, because you know by now if old issues aren't resolved they just keep replaying. If this all feels like the too hard basket, check out quintessential Piscean documentary *My Octopus Teacher* on Netflix for some inspirational instruction.

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GIG GUIDE

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SLIM PICKENS**, 8PM **CHELSEA SKYEATER**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **WHO GETS TO BE SMART: BRI LEE IN CONVERSATION WITH COURTNEY MILLER**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **'D' UKE NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 3PM **VINTAGE RADIO ROCK 'N ROLL**

THURSDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ADAM HOLE DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LOKI & SAM**, 8PM **SWAMP CATS TRIO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **GYAN - RETROSPECTIVE**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, **MISS RENEE SIMONE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 5PM **OLE FALCO**, 8.30PM **BRETT GANNON**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 3PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 7.30PM **RICK BARRON DUO**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **DAVY SIMONE**, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**, 8PM **CC DISCO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4PM **MARK CHAPMAN**, 7.30PM **BENNY ODWYER**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ JORGE PATRICINIO**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 9.30AM **MORNING MELODIES WITH DEAN DOYLE**, BOARDWALK 6PM **DENNIS WILSON**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **BEN NOY AMI**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, **ISOBEL KNIGHT EP LAUNCH FEAT. DEE**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH MYKAELA JAY**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **JIMEOIN**, THE STAGE 9PM **PINKSTA & SWAUSSYFIRE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 12PM **CASEY FOGG**, 4.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**, 9.30PM **AGENT 77**

SATURDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **BEN WHITING**, 4PM **MIGHTY MAX FOG**, 6.30PM **ASHER BEAU**, 8.45PM **AUSTIN MACKAY**, 10.45PM **KESMAR**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BEN JANSZ**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- FAIRTALE STUDIO - ARTS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS - BHAKTI EMERGING**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - WILL HENDERSON**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **OOZ**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **MULLUMBIMBY FOLK ORCHESTRA WITH SPECIAL GUEST ARTE GITANA FLAMENCO**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJS SI CLONE & JEZ**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM **SHAI SHRIKI**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **SEBASTIAAN**
- LISMORE SHOWGROUND 8PM **LET'S DANCE! TROPICAL FRUITS JUNE PARTY**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **JORGE PEREIRA**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **CHARLIE CHAPLIN LIVE CINEMA - BEN WALSH AND SHENZO GRIGORIO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THELMA PLUM**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **GAVIN DONIGER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 6PM **RUSSELL SPROUT**, 9PM **RADIO CITY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 12PM **JASON SHEPARD**, 4.30PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**, 9.30PM **REMEDY**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **RUSSELL SPROUT**

SUNDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **CARAVANA SUN**, 10PM **IN THE FLOWERS**
- BYRON THEATRE 12.30PM **GLOBAL BEATS BYRON BAY 2021**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **BEARFOOT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **FELIX**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **WILL HENDERSON**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 12PM **PIANO LOUNGE**
- ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH, LISMORE, 3PM **VOX CALDERA**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET **THE LAST MINUTE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7PM **DEZZIE D & THE SINGRAYZ**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 12PM **STEPHEN GREEN**, 5PM **LISA HUNT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 3PM **REMEDY**
- MEVLANA HALL, MYOCUM, 3PM **HARMONIUM CHOIR & SHRINE RIVER KIRTAN**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARSHALL OKELL**

MONDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ALISHA TODD**, 8PM **BEN WHITING & THE PACIFIC NATIONALS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **SARAH GRANT**

TUESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEVE TYSON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **KRISTIE LEE**, 8PM **898**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY - RENT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 10.30AM **THE DISNEY STORY**

WEDNESDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY - RENT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **GREENS EVENT: PREVIEW - SWITZERLAND**

THRILLER AT THE DRILL

The Drill Hall Theatre Company are about to open the curtain on their latest play, *Switzerland*, a psychological drama written by Joanna Murray-Smith. Starring veteran actor Liz Chance and newbie, Charlie Burton, this is a unique story that unravels between the reclusive writer Patricia Highsmith and Edward, the young man sent to woo her back to her publisher. Directed by Toni Scanlon, this is an intense psychological thriller perfect for a cold winter's night!

From a Director's point of view the play had immediate appeal. 'Patricia Highsmith has always fascinated me since reading *The Talented Mr. Ripley* many years ago,' says Toni. 'I read a biography on her a few years ago and could not put it down. She is at once loathsome and brilliant. Joanna Murray-Smith has written a fictional play about her in the style of Highsmith herself - a very dark and sometimes funny psychological drama.

Her dialogue is swift and smart and that is very appealing.'

The play is leveraged on the tension between the two actors, with a disturbing intimacy that builds throughout the piece. 'There's an intimacy there - and as a writer she understands the relationship between the writer and her characters. I think she has given us a chance to understand a little of this in this play. On top of that, we have Patricia Highsmith, who was a very complicated, terrifying, bigoted, reclusive, homophobic lesbian, and collector of snails. An irresistible character for a writer!'

Celebrated actor Liz Chance steps in as Patricia Highsmith. The role is a gift for a senior actor. 'When I first read *Switzerland* I was blown away. I'm a big fan of Joanna Murray-Smith and I thought straight away this was one of her best. She doesn't sugarcoat Highsmith, rather she reveals her as a grumpy, pugnacious, racist, miserly, paranoid, homophobic lesbian, who was potentially sociopathic like her most famous creation, Tom Ripley. What's not to love? But in another way it is also a love letter to writing itself. The text is brilliant. Any actor would kill to play this role.'

What Liz loves most is playing a character that is a mass of contradictions 'A famous anti-Semite who nevertheless surrounded herself with Jewish lovers, friends and business partners, all lasting forty years or more; she realised by the age of twelve she was a boy in a girl's body, but she hated women because they 'allowed' themselves to be treated as second class citizens, yet fell in love with them constantly. Murder obsessed her as an expression of power and she saw love in the same way. [It was] all started by her mother who first abandoned her at three months old after attempting to abort her. Plays about nice people are boring.

How the audience feel about her is their business. Nothing to do with me, not in the job description.'

Liz is joined on stage by Charlie Burton, a 20 year old who returned from Melbourne to play the lead male. 'When I got the chance to play Edward opposite Liz I jumped at the chance' said Charlie. 'Working with Liz and Toni has been an incredible opportunity.' Charlie had made it to the final 15 at the NIDA auditions when Liz's daughter found out he was from Mullumbimby and asked if he'd consider auditioning for the role. So Charlie escaped Melbourne's lockdown and instead has been in a *Switzerland* lockdown!

Switzerland previews on Wednesday 16 June at the Drill Hall as a fundraiser for the Byron Greens. It then runs 18 June-4 July. Discover vouchers can be used; for tix go to drillhalltheatre.org.au

CORRECTION

Last week's interview with Bri Lee was excellent but she did not speak to Kerry O'Brien, she actually spoke to Mandy Nolan.



WHAT'S ON

WHO GETS TO BE SMART BRI LEE IN CONVERSATION
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▶ INTERVIEW WITH SHAI SHRIKI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 29

Who are the musicians, or thinkers, or people who inspire you?

The most musical influence in my life comes from my family. Not only musically, but the way of living the music. My grandfather was a master Oud player, singer and composer in his time in Morocco and then they moved to Israel, where I was born. Music was always played around the table at my grandparents house on my mother's side. My father's side are all artists, sculptors, wood workers, metal and leather. This is where I get my art influence.

The musical influences in my life were always from a very wide range; anywhere from traditional music to modern rock, pop, blues, the list of artists is too long, as long as it's really good, touching my heart or grooving my soul. The traditional music at home as I was growing up always seemed like "old people music", so as a kid and young teenager I was a lot more drawn to electric guitar with loud distortions. Later on, when I was about 17, I started getting the feel for the traditional sounds again. In my 20s I started playing a lot more Oud and creating a fusion of modern and traditional. A big part of my influence came from the Israeli band Sheva that was co-created by – now longtime Byron locals – Amir Paiss and Avishai Barnatan. Apart from the music they played as a band, they had a strong message of peace and coexistence. That spoke directly to my inner truth, after growing up in the Israel/ Palestine everlasting conflict and war. It was a euphoric time in Israel in the mid '90s, and we all saw the peace coming. I feel lucky to be inspired by my close friends and family.

I'm very inspired by new ideas like sustainability, new economy, community and overall a better life and future for all.

I get inspired by my dear friends Danny Almagor and Berry Liberman the founders of Small Giants and owners of the magazine *Dumbo Feather* for being dedicated and cutting edge in finding solutions for these worldwide problems. The conversations with them and the people I've met through them are amazingly dedicated to creating a better future and I love it!

What do you get from powerful collaborations? Is an audience a bit of a collaboration?

Powerful collaborations are everything for me. When I am a part of a joined effort I feel energised, productive, powerful and inspired. It makes me feel more switched on, relaxed and present. When the collaboration is natural it feels effortless and complete. No one needs to push and it takes off in a powerful way. The audience is a huge collaboration! It's always an exchange. In my shows I really like getting people to join me for a chorus, a melody or a call and respond. There's nothing like a room or festival crowd all singing together, it creates instant unity regardless of where we come from, gender, religion, opinions, political views. It makes the moment a neutral place of accepting each other in our beautiful differences.

Tell me about a gig you've played that still sticks in your mind as magic?

It's hard to tell. Sometimes those supposedly glamour gigs turn out to be a major disappointment. I'm not avoiding the question, but I feel like those moments where nothing else exists but the music; the connection between myself and the music, with the people I collaborate with, and the crowd, all locked in – that's the magic. I'm blessed to have many of those

moments in my life, on stage and jamming with friends.

What have you created for your upcoming show?

This upcoming show is a concentration of everything I just spoke about in this interview.

It's my time to emerge out the COVID time and present my new songs, music and collaborations. This is a very dynamic show that travels between intimate, heartfelt and emotional moments to a high vibe with energetic music.

My songs are written in Hebrew and English. We will be singing in Arabic too. Most of the songs are talking about the state of the world from my eyes, some political rebel songs with a positive twist for a better future. My songs have a lot of opposite extremes in them like war and peace, refugees and freedom, everyday challenges and beauty, and of course some love songs.

I will have an amazing band with me: **Willow Stahlut** on violin, **Linden Lester** on bass, **Tsoof Baras** on drums, **Yoav Mashiah** on percussion. Special guests include **Amir Paiss** on vocals, and Santur and **Avishai Barnatan-Ney** on flute and Turkish clarinet, and **Murray Kyle** on vocals, and my beautiful wife **Rachel Myra**, will be dancing.

This show will feature the songs and instrumentals for my upcoming new album. It's a fundraiser for my new single releases and the launch of my new Patreon account.

To learn more, find tickets and to join my Patreon, go to www.shaishriki.com

Shai Shriki – Full Band Show

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Following the deadly events at home, the Abbott family (Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Noah Jupe) must now face the terrors of the outside world as they continue their fight for survival in silence. Forced to venture into the unknown, they quickly realize that the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats that lurk beyond the sand path.



CRUELLA

Emma Stone ("La La Land") stars in Disney's *Cruella*, an all-new live-action feature film about the rebellious early days of one of cinema's most notorious – and notoriously fashionable – villains, the legendary Cruella de Vil. *Cruella*, which is set in 1970s London amidst the punk rock revolution, follows a young grifter named Estella, a clever and creative girl determined to make a name for herself with her designs. She befriends a pair of young thieves who appreciate her appetite for mischief, and together they are able to build a life

for themselves on the London streets. One day, Estella's flair for fashion catches the eye of the Baroness von Hellman, a fashion legend who is devastatingly chic and terrifyingly haute, played by two-time Oscar® winner Emma Thompson *Howards End, Sense & Sensibility*. But their relationship sets in motion a course of events and revelations that will cause Estella to embrace her wicked side and become the raucous, fashionable and revenge-bent Cruella.

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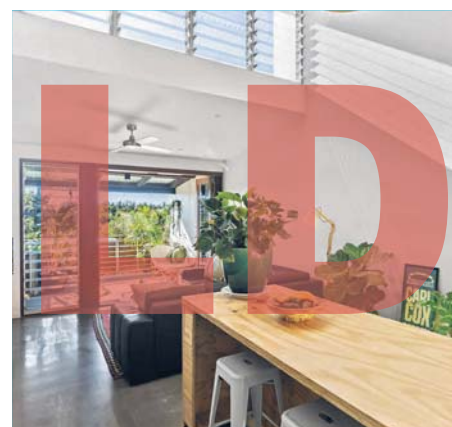
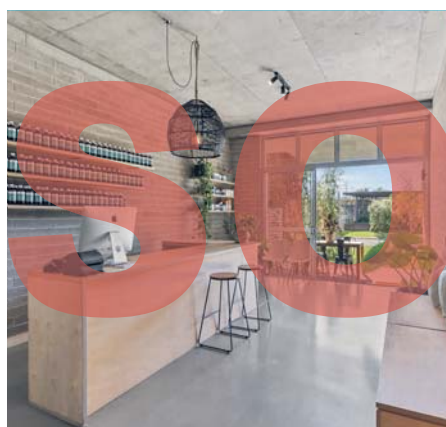
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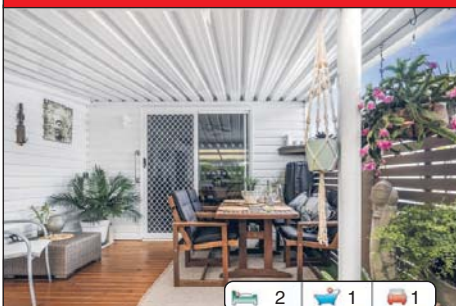
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- The original Chapel structure was built by the community at the turn of the 20th century approximately 120 years ago, from solid rosewood and teak
- This is a magnificent example of hardwood craftsmanship and the considered renovations have maintained the integrity and essence of the original design
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Quintessential Queenslander in Sought-after Position

3 2 2 662M²

- Timeless Queenslander style family home is filled with charm, boasting high ceilings, beautiful timber floors and period fretwork
- Located in a lovely part of Bangalow, filled with families and locals, the home has impressive street frontage and verandas with panoramic hinterland views
- Within walking distance to the buzzing hub of Bangalow's shops and cafes, a short drive to Byron's famous beaches and 35 minutes to Gold Coast Airport

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Fabulous Family Home With Coastal and Hinterland Views

5 3 4 2.3 ACRES

- 2.3 acres of exquisite land, located on one of the most exclusive ridgelines in the Byron hinterland with some of the best vistas in the Northern Rivers
- Resting on a fabulous plateau looking directly at the ocean, sits a 5-bedroom, 3-bathroom brick family home with versatile floorplan to suit any family
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Uninterrupted Ocean Views over Byron Bay

3 2 4 5129M²

- Set on an elevated block on Byron Shire's most scenic escarpment overlooking Mullumbimby, Myocum and Tyagarah
- Lush garden surrounds boasting uninterrupted views of the pristine coastline
- Conveniently located with Byron Bay's eclectic town only a scenic 15-minute drive and only an 8-minute drive from vibrant Bangalow
- Perfect blank canvas to redevelop or build your dream home (STCA)

Address: **494 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell**
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Large Block in a Fantastic Location with Ocean Views

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Have you been searching for a spacious family home with a great layout in a fantastic coastal location? Want a large block? Potential for extra accommodation? This is the one for you!

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- Large master bedroom with ensuite and dual robes
- Solid timber floorboards throughout
- Sliding doors opening to decks on the East and North sides
- Potential to add a granny flat (STCA)

View Saturday 12.00pm – 12.30pm

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Auction

3 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores

Private Coastal Lifestyle Home

4 2 2

Set amongst private, leafy surrounds at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac on a 742 Sqm block, this inviting, multi-level family home offers the feeling of spaciousness.

Inside the home, you'll find beautiful, polished timber floors, a feature timber staircase and high ceilings throughout the living areas, plus a cosy combustion fireplace.

- Private master bedroom with ensuite on top floor
- Well-appointed kitchen with stainless steel appliances
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Just Listed

4 Terrara Court, Ocean Shores

Established Home, Quiet Coastal Village Location

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Tucked away in a peaceful street with no through traffic, this potential-packed brick and tile home set on a large, level 930 Sqm block offers a fantastic opportunity to add your own decorative touches and reap the rewards.

What a fabulous location – just a hop, skip and splash to the beautiful local beaches at New Brighton or South Golden Beach.

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- Separate utility room/games room/home office with adjacent bathroom
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Auction

2 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores

Panoramic Ocean Views, Huge Corner Block, Development Potential STCA

4 2 4

Feast your eyes on panoramic ocean views over the Byron Shire from this elevated family home set on a corner 1524 square metre block. The property is in a fabulous location, close to the beach, golf course and local shops – and there's such massive potential here for the savvy purchaser.

- Two separate living areas
- Covered deck with views for entertaining
- North easterly aspect 1524Sqm block with ocean views
- Double garage, large established gardens

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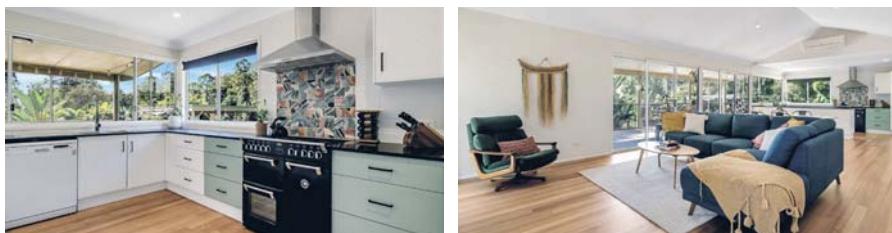
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Waterfront 100 Acres Zoned Large Lot Residential Near Yamba

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- 37 Queen Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 10.30-11am
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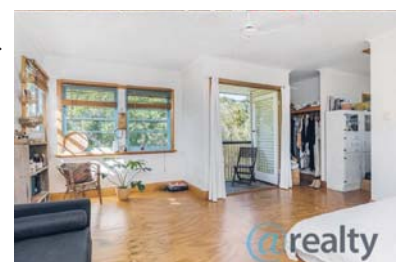
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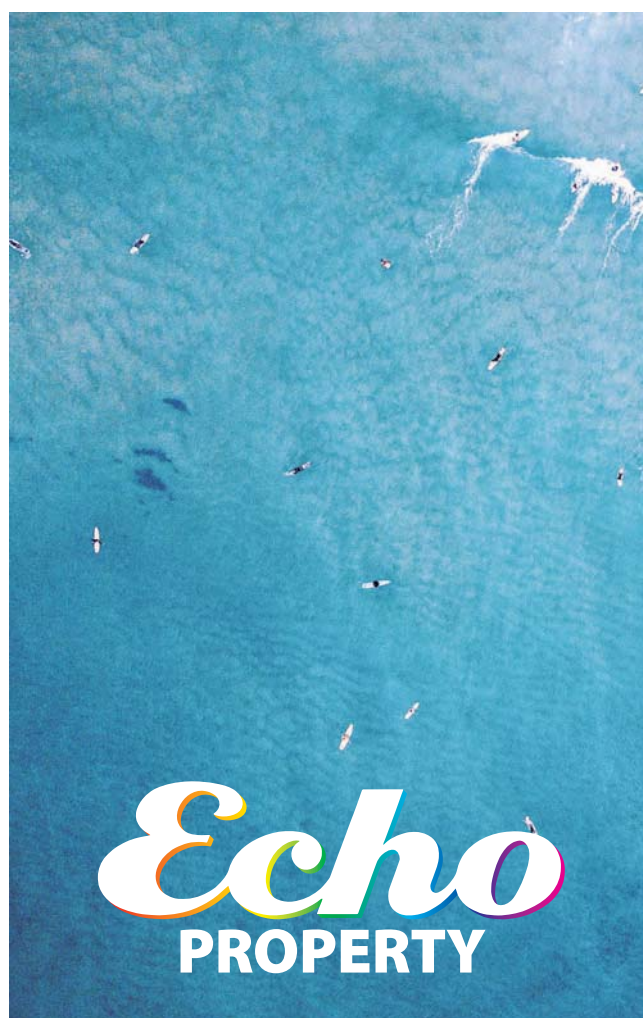
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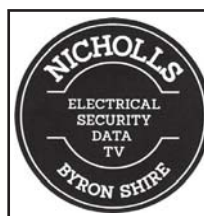
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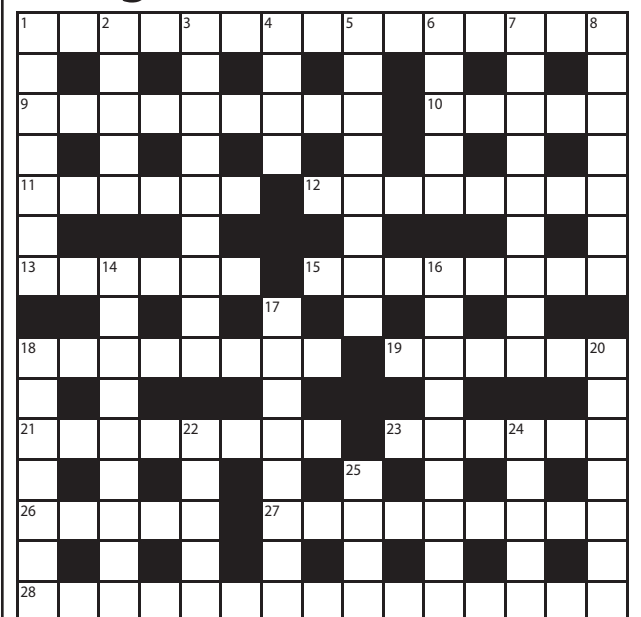
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Mungo's Crossword

N390



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Sharing a joke with an idiot - or an Australian bird! (8,7)
- Mad to undo strange anomaly (3,3,3)
- Noodle soup to follow; snap! (5)
- Produce forth and bubble, charge for gas reported (6)
- Left evil top queen (8)
- Medicos embrace their union - exciting events! (6)
- Marsupial and two men consumed one sharing accommodation (4-4)
- Regrettably, a snob embraces Amin - it's very hard! (8)
- Unconscious? Please stir! (6)
- Bewildered alligators lost at primates (8)
- Employers are studs (6)
- Mails mislaid in religion (5)
- Ego, brain I find in first Australian (9)
- 1 colossal monarch, angler (5,10)

DOWN

- Beast, fat, engulfs rising author (7)
- Turn divine queen into dairy producer (5)
- Native country, disembark after unstable earth (9)
- Negative, positive - recess! (4)
- Black time, single offspring - discard! (8)
- Messy crap on island - a famous island! (5)
- Turn around café (5,4)
- Small firm - encourage, give it a lash! (7)
- A for our 3 (9)
- Popular, the Italian topless marsupial returns - as an Italian fascist! (9)
- Rug, a hair confusing the spy (4,4)
- Working, leaving, continuing (7)
- Bygones, raise regret for the great biochemist (7)
- Bound, I am in a French bed (5)
- Small expectation, but glamorous (5)
- Tall pine (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Kookaburra (8,7)
- Misfit (3,3,3)
- Image (5)
- Oxygenate (6)
- Menacing (8)
- Histrionics (6)
- Bedfellow (4-4)
- Volcanic glass (8)
- Slumbering (6)
- Great apes (8)
- Chiefs (6)
- Regrettably, a snob embraces Amin - it's very hard! (8)
- Native (9)
- Large African bird (5,10)

DOWN

- Panther (7)
- Mammary gland (5)
- Essential part of a country or region (9)
- Alcove (4)
- Throw away (8)
- Italian island (5)
- Reversal of direction (5,4)
- Whip (7)
- Land Down Under (9)
- Italian war leader (9)
- First World War German spy (4,4)
- In progress (7)
- Famous French microbiologist (7)
- Restrict (5)
- Smart (5)
- Yearn (4)

Last week's solution N389



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A celebration of Max's life is to be held at Melaleuca Station Memorial Gardens, 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah, NSW, on Thursday, 10th June 2021, commencing at 1.00pm.

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DEATH NOTICES

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2nd June 2021.

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The family of Stewart John Compton would sincerely like to thank you for your many floral tributes, cooking and kind messages of condolence and support during this sad and difficult time.

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The *Guardian* reports that news organisations have been fined more than \$1m for contempt of court over reporting of the sexual abuse verdict surrounding Cardinal George Pell. It reads, ‘Pell was found guilty of child sexual abuse charges in December 2018. Although that verdict was ultimately overturned by the High Court in April last year, at the time it could not be reported on because the high-ranking Catholic official faced a second trial over a different set of allegations.’ This is despite the case being reported on by overseas media organisations.

Hypothetical question – you find cash on the ground in an envelope with a birthday card. No-one’s watching, what do you do? One local put an ad in *The Echo*’s Lost & Found classifieds page and the envelope is waiting for its owner at the Bruns Police Station.

The Land Forces arms expo at the Brisbane Convention Centre wrapped up last Thursday, which attracted protesters. Seasoned activist Benny Zable was on hand to remind the public that the trivialisation and normalisation of an industry that causes death and suffering is perhaps not a particularly enlightened path for the human species to be taking.

Last Thursday was Mabo Day, when Eddie Koiki Mabo is remembered for his part in overturning the fiction of terra nullius in the eponymous landmark decision of the High Court of Australia.

NSW Nationals deputy leader and coal loving, climate wrecking goon, John Barilaro, is apparently suing political comedian and YouTube star Jordan Shanks, aka Friendly Jordies, alleging defamation. Despite it being leaked widely to the media, Shanks says he is yet to be served – and is desperate to be, so he can presumably make as big a fuss as possible. Meanwhile, Defence Minister Peter Dutton is suing refugee activist Shane Bazzi for defamation, proving that despite his reptilian appearance, the spud actually has a very thin skin.

Yay – *The Echo* turns 35, and has not only survived, but prospered through seemingly endless turbulent headwinds. As we are completely independent and free of corporate agendas, *The Echo* can call out the hypocrisy and the conflicted, absurd human condition, while celebrating its finest potential. For that entire 35 year history, a tireless small crew of locals have not strayed from these ideals. See *Echo* co-founder David Lovejoy’s editorial, page 10.

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