



Meet the candidates

As this issue went to print, the NSW Minister for Local Government announced that all local council elections in NSW would be rescheduled to Saturday 4 December 2021. The decision is due to the COVID-19 outbreak in NSW.

We have decided to print our feature article in any case as it profiles candidates who have so far nominated as Councillors and/or Mayor. Each candidate (or team) has provided a short summary of their pitch to voters and

any policies they have specifically concerning Bangalow. While candidates will no doubt respond to new and emerging issues between now and December, the policy platforms in this issue still serve readers as a useful background to each team.

Candidates in this issue are: Basil Cameron (Our Sustainable Future), Bruce Clarke (Byron Shire Action Group), Cate Coorey (Community Byron Team), Duncan Dey (Byron Greens), Alan Hunter (Byron Alliance Team), Michael

Lyon (Byron Independents), Asren Pugh (Labor), and Mark Swivel (Mark Swivel Team).

Other candidates may throw their hats in the ring when new nominations open in late October 2021.

The Bangalow Herald has also postponed the Meet the Candidates evening at the Bangalow Bowling Club on August 18.

It is going to be a long campaign.

*Murray Hand and Sue Franklin
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From the editor

Interviews for the position of Editor of *The Bangalow Herald* took place during July and readers can expect a new slant on things in September. It's been an honour serving the community, *Herald* volunteers and readers over the last couple of years.

COVID has claimed The Bangalow Music Festival, The Byron Writers Festival and a number of other events planned for August. We had written stories on all those things before finding out they were no longer happening. That means there's no On the Radar this month and we've published a 24-page edition rather than our usual 28 pages. Nonetheless, there is still life in the region and much for readers to engage with.

The Byron Shire Council elections are happening on September 4 and locals have the opportunity to read policies and pitches from candidates this month. We are also hosting an evening to meet the candidates at the Bowlo on August 18 at 6pm, which has been organised by Sue Franklin and will be convened by Mia Armitage. Stick around for a drink and chat with candidates after they've finished speaking.

I had the great pleasure of attending the Bangalow Theatre Company's production of *RENT* a couple of weeks ago. What a show! It was impossible not to be impressed by the bravo performances, live music, costumes, production management and good vibes. Well done to all involved and I've heard nothing but positive reviews from people who were fortunate enough to attend.

Don't let the August winds blow you off your feet as winter gives way to spring.

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Our cards are on the table



Meredith Wray
Lives in Bangalow - resident Byron Shire 35 years
Keen to represent Bangalow on Council
PhD Sustainable Tourism - Lecturer SCU
Recently worked in local government at senior level
Consultant with local & state government
Co-founder in the Pink Gelato
Vote 1 for Council

Mark Swivel

Vote 1 for Mayor

Lives in Byron Bay - resident Byron Shire 9 years
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Meet the candidates



Alan Hunter, Byron Alliance Team



Basil Cameron, Our Sustainable Future



Labor: Peter Doherty, Linda Watson, Jan Hackett, Asren Pugh, Melanie Franz, Kaylene Chamberlain

In alphabetical order:

Alan Hunter, Byron Alliance Team

Byron Alliance has been put together to build on my belief that we can achieve much more by being respectful and acknowledging the contribution that a diverse group of focused individuals without political influences can achieve. My nine years on council have given me the insight into what it takes to achieve great results in a heavily bureaucratic environment. The bypass, the bus terminal, railway park, many of the shire roads and issues around holiday letting, affordable housing, and environmental planning are all major outcomes that have been addressed during my time on council, but we need to be more focused on the waste from poor or uninformed decisions from people with political agendas.

My team are strong community members, and each bring their own individual strengths to the table for a better and more balanced council. Byron Alliance includes Sue Stirton, a Brunswick Heads business owner and mother

of two daughters, Bruno Filippello, a former corporate executive now living at Coopers Shoot with his wife and young family, Rhett Holt, the youngest of the team operating his own business in Byron Bay, and myself. Together we are going to do what's best for Bangalow and the Byron Shire.

Asren Pugh, Labor

Monika and I moved back here with our children Miles and Sia 8 years ago. Our kids go to Bangalow Public School and went to the amazing Children's Centre on Raftons Road. I love our little village of Bangalow as a great place to live and work. It is a very special place and we need to keep it that way.

I will prioritise getting funding for the community proposal to use the rail corridor for biking and walking from Rifle Range Road through to the showgrounds. A safe way for kids and families to get to school and sports grounds away from the main roads. Working with Peter Doherty, a founder of Bangalow

Koalas, we will establish a Koala Plan of Management for the hinterland. We will support the community push to get NBN upgrades for businesses and residents, and campaign to build the Bangalow Pool after so many years.

We need a council that is better at the boring stuff, that is responsive to the community, transparent, makes quicker decisions and gets the funding we deserve from state and federal governments for roads, paths and playgrounds. I need your support to create a council that works for you. Vote Asren Pugh for Mayor and Labor for council.

Basil Cameron, Our Sustainable Future

Bangalow values its heritage, strives to be a safe healthy place for families and is a connected, walkable village.

A highlight of my time on Council has been to work with the community on the Village Plan that captured this vision.

Through the Place Planning Group, I have continued to work with community to deliver

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Byron Independents: Sama Balson, Michael Lyon, Peter Westheimer, Jeanette Martin

Bangalow's priorities. These include the Deacon Street upgrades, Byron Street shared path design, Bangalow Parklands and rewrite of the Station Street Development Control Plan. As Chair of the Heritage Panel, I have supported the impressive efforts to promote and protect Bangalow's heritage. It was great to work with the Heritage House Committee to help deliver the recent refurbishment of the museum and cafe.

As Mayor, I will continue to partner with community to build a safe and sustainable future for Bangalow.

Together we must activate the rail corridor for a walking and cycling link through the village, connecting Rifle Range Road with the sports grounds.

I am standing for Mayor as an experienced Councillor and Deputy Mayor with a strong record of community engagement, responsible financial management and infrastructure delivery. I know how to get things done and I will not let you down.

Michael Lyon, Byron Independents

Our team, the Byron Independents, are united in our desire to solve the housing crisis and to protect and enhance our natural environment. We have the current Mayor, Michael Lyon, who has been pivotal to Council's efforts this term, utilising his business and financial skills to address the backlog of infrastructure issues like road repairs, drains and building and improving public facilities and amenities.

At number two on the ticket is Women's Village Collective founder Sama Balson, a fierce advocate for housing security in the Northern Rivers.

Former Councillor Peter Westheimer brings great experience including 17 years on Council's Biodiversity Committee, which this year picked up a State award for its Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.

Councillor and co-founder of the Mullum Community gardens, Jeannette Martin has delivered some fantastic outcomes this term including the recently approved Natural



Byron Shire Action Group: Gary Deller, Bruce Clarke, Julie Meldrum, Janine Khosid

Burial Ground. Our team are pragmatic, compassionate representatives with a genuine care for community wellbeing.

For the next term, our commitment to housing justice is clear. On the environment, we will prioritise funding for biodiversity actions with a major emphasis on regenerating all watercourses shire-wide and the mapping and connection of key wildlife corridors.

In Bangalow, we are committed to bringing the Village Plan, the local people's vision for the town's future to life and investing in the pedestrian and cycle links the town needs and deserves.

Bruce Clarke, Byron Shire Action Group

Byron Shire Action Group is a team of progressive independents committed to ensuring a better future for all Byron Shire residents. Mayoral candidate Bruce Clarke is a lawyer, local government specialist and environmental strategist with high-level management experience. *(continued p.6)*

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**“Democracy! Bah!
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word I reach for my
feather boa!”**
Allen Ginsberg

(from p.4) Joining him on the ticket are diplomat, journalist and corporate communications strategist Julie Meldrum, cafe owner Gary Deller and small businesswoman Janine Khosid.

The team is committed to genuine and respectful consultation and collaboration to increase liveability, which has been significantly reduced due to the burden of increasing tourism on a small rate base. An overarching goal is to gain external funding for the entire Shire, including to help implement the objectives of Bangalow's community groups and Place Planning Committee.

“Our priorities in Bangalow include increased connectivity in the village as well as with other areas in Byron Shire, peripheral parking, preservation of its North Coast Federation heritage and its surrounds, improved infrastructure, long-term and secure accommodation, and increased recognition and support for its vibrant arts community. With better governance and smart leadership, we will see our home maintain its heritage, character and values while adapting to future

demands. Everyone deserves better from Local Government

Cate Coorey, Community Byron Team

The Community Byron team will protect our unique Shire for all. Leading the team is Cate Coorey, a Mayoral candidate and experienced independent councillor with a proven track record. Over the last five years she has resisted inappropriate development, and recently moved Council to declare a Climate Emergency. She is supported by Delta Kay, Bronwyn Morris and Kim Goodrick.

Delta is a well-respected community leader and Arakwal Bumberbin Bundjalung woman who is passionate about sharing culture and protecting Country. Bronwyn coordinated the Clean Up Australia event in Mullumbimby this year and is training to run workshops for Resilient Byron. Kim has advocated for affordable housing and for the enforcement of zoning, particularly with respect to Short Term Holiday Letting (STHL).

The main priorities of Community Byron are social and affordable housing solutions,

supporting evidence-based planning, land regeneration and protection, promoting ethical and sustainable businesses, and advocating for a balanced approach to tourism that we can live with but are not overwhelmed by.

For Bangalow, we support maintaining its heritage character, timely accessibility repairs and upgrades, the lowering of the speed limit at the Rifle Range Road intersection, the creation of a shared bicycle/ walking path along the old railway line, and the Bangalow swimming pool plan.

Mark Swivel Team

A group of five independents, led by community lawyer Mark Swivel, will be running for council on the platform of competence, community and collaboration. Joining Mark Swivel are Dr. Meredith Wray, a tourism expert and long term local, Evan Anderson and Venetia Scott, who are both small-scale farmers committed to building the local food movement, and Xavier Hanckel-Spice, a young lawyer helping to defend the most vulnerable in the community. “I’m running for Mayor to make a contribution



Community Byron Team: Delta Kay, Bronwyn Morris, Cate Coorey, Kim Goodrick

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Mark Swivel and Meredith Wray

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The Greens: Kate Coxall, Ian Cohen, Duncan Dey, Matt O'Reilly, Sarah Ndiaye

to a community I love. Byron Shire has issues needing urgent attention, from affordable housing and sustainable tourism to environmental protection and better public transport. And fewer potholes! Together with my running mate, Meredith Wray, a newly minted Bangalow resident, we have the competence and the enthusiasm to help realise practical, principled outcomes," says Mr Swivel. "Meredith is an expert in sustainable tourism (with a PhD to prove it) and brings real understanding of Bangalow's special position, and its particular needs. Voting for her will mean greater recognition from Byron Council of issues around visitor management and the provision of services."

Duncan Dey, The Greens

The Greens work to four principles: ecological sustainability, social and economic justice, grassroots democracy, peace and non-violence. This term, we'll focus on climate action, housing, and transparent open government.

Duncan Dey is running for Mayor. He's

served twice before as a Councillor and is committed to protecting natural environment, our neighbourhoods and communities. As Mayor, he'll speak to "the machine", not for it. Current Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye has unfinished Council business to carry forward. Her energy ranges across working with the Arakwal People, improving cycleways, roads and parks, and more. Matt O'Reilly has tracked Council for years and understands planning. He'll put community and environment first, including into our planning documents. Kate Coxall is a social scientist and activist. She has enormous capacity and will adapt her skills to the range of challenges a councillor faces. Ian Cohen was the first Greens MP in NSW parliament and is a champion of environmental and social causes, globally and locally.

Bangalow has its own special CBD flavour and that should be preserved. Growth has overrun capacity on Bangalow's roads. We support making cycling easier and safer within Bangalow, and making the Rifle Range / Lismore Roads intersection safe for school kids.

Murray Hand and Sue Franklin




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Karena Wynn-Moylan wins Hermes Award. Photo supplied.

Narratives Library wins gold

Bangalow resident **Karena Wynn-Moylan** is well known as an artist, composer and radio presenter. Over the last four and half years, Karena has also built an electronic library of and for authors. Hosting over 320 authors, The Narratives Library was visited by over one and a quarter million people last year. **Jenny Bird** interviews Karena about her labour of love.

What's in The Narratives Library?

There are short readings by authors of their own work; interviews and podcasts. The Library covers all genres – everything from romance, travel, crime, food, children and young adult fiction, non-fiction and more. It's all free. It's not a review site or a blog. The main aim is to give authors a platform to invite listeners into their work. It gives them a promotional boost. The Library has an affiliation with online booksellers Booktopia if you want to buy a book.

What prompted you to establish it?

It's based on the concept that everyone can spare five minutes to listen to a story. Basically, I believe in books and storytelling. I was making a documentary about the Byron Writers Festival for my BayFM program Arts Canvass and the authors suggested that they'd like to read from their books. Bay FM producer William Martin heard the readings, and said 'that gave me shivers, let's ask more writers to read'. I've been interviewing authors on BayFM since 1996 and once they go to air

the interviews just disappear. It seemed like a good idea to create a website and make the book readings permanently available.

How does it work?

There's lots of pathways to the Library for authors. Publishers send me books and ask me to interview the author. Authors contact me or record their own reading and send it in. Up until COVID publishers included me on book tours, and I'd go to writers festivals. And, of course, there are the interviews I do for Arts Canvass on BayFM. I've learned to analyse the website's user statistics, and I now send out a list of my Top 20 recordings to publishers. I've found that crime and young adult fiction are popular genres, and that usage spikes after writers festivals and for newly launched books.

How big is this labour of love?

It's completely unfunded. I do everything from home with my own equipment. On average I add a new author every week, and each author takes about four hours of work to record and then post an interview and their reading/s. Before COVID I used to attend about four writers festivals each year and do lots of interviews. These days I'm managing mainly with phone interviews and writers dropping into my Bangalow studio.

Tell us about the Hermes Awards

It's a global competition that started in 1995, run by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. There are lots of categories across print media, electronic media and PR/communications. Last year there were 10,000 entries and 20 per cent of them reached the standard to win Gold. The Narratives Library won in the electronic media website design non-profit sector category. We were the only Gold winner in Australia. I thought that if we won an award we might attract some attention and get sponsorship, which we really need to keep going. If anyone is interested in discussing a discreet sponsorship contact narrativeslibrary@gmail.com.

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Last orders from Wal

After 22 years, the Bangalow Hotel's popular licensee, **Warrick "Wal" Edwards** has called last orders for the final time. Or has he?

Raymond Howells reports.

Wal's popularity with locals at the Bangalow Hotel is evident from the moment he enters the building. Locals and staff welcome him with a cheerful smile or cheeky quip, a reflection of his deep connection with a community that is close to his heart and strong Bangalow heritage. "Both sides of my family are here. Five generations on both my mum's side and my dad's side are from Bangalow".

At 19, Wal found himself in a second job working weekend shifts at the hotel when former manager Greg Cook offered him a traineeship, an opportunity he jumped at. Wal completed his licensee course at 20 and became the licensee of the hotel when a new manager arrived on the scene who didn't have a hotelier license. Within 12 months, the day to day running fell to Wal and newly appointed manager, Mike Dowd (who'd been at the pub for several years). They operated the hotel under Wal's license for many years.

Twenty-two years later the pub has changed a lot. When Wal first started as a young trainee the smoke-filled bar had a strong working-class patronage and was often filled with the sound of live rock music, or as Wal notes "everything was a bit more wild west back then, especially the old pub on Leslie Street which had the boxing ring underneath. They would get in there with the old bare-knuckle boxing and all that carry on". At that time, Wal's grandfathers were split between



Mike Dowd (left) and Warrick "Wal" Edwards Photo: Raymond Howells

Bangalow's (then) two pubs, with "pops" drinking at the Bangalow Hotel from 15. Given he's 89 today, "he's had the longest drinking stint of anybody".

Over the years, Wal has found himself comparing the hotel with other venues and considers the front bar and its regulars as one of the reasons for his long tenure: "People can come in and sing Happy Birthday, you make them welcome and you know you can really change someone's day".

As Wal helped the hotel transition to a more family orientated focus with more day trade and dining, one of the constants over the years has been the sense of community and belonging present in the hotel which has been demonstrated by the high retention of its friendly staff. Strong people management is clearly one of Wal's traits and he proudly reflects on this. "Well, Di had originally been here for about thirty odd years, Mike Dowd for about 25 years and I was about 23 years.

Lorelei Potter she was around 12-15 years and Trent was here for maybe 5 years. Angus he's been here for 6 years".

In recent times, COVID has had a big impact on the hotel with most of the regular staff moving on. There's been a high turnover of staff which has meant Wal spending a lot of time hiring and training. Managers came and went with Wal finding himself running the restaurant as well as the bar. It was a difficult time for Wal and the owners Cathryn and Tom Mooney.

As much as he has enjoyed the lifestyle his desire to spend more time with the family, particularly the weekends, has motivated Wal to take the next step in his story. He has fond memories of his time at the hotel, reflecting on the millions of small things that have combined to make it so enjoyable. Wal concedes that it's a lifestyle he has enjoyed so much, and who knows, maybe when the kids are older, one that he may return to.

So, its last orders from Wal.... for now!

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Council Matters

Lauren Julian

Bangalow now has a much needed third representative on Council's Place Planning Committee. Two years ago, after raising two children and changing career from a florist to a schoolteacher, Lauren Julian retired and moved to Bangalow. She joins Clare Hopkins and Jenny Bird in representing the 2479 community as Byron Shire Council rolls out (slowly but surely) priority projects in the Bangalow Village Plan. Clare, Lauren and Jenny are all committed to liaising and consulting with the community at every opportunity.

Shared path news

The new shared paths in Deacon Street and Ashton Street have proved to be instantly popular. Everyone can now safely access the Parklands, the creek, the two playgrounds, the Museum, the Op Shop, the church, the mobile library and the all-day carpark in any weather. This is the first of what will hopefully be a series of new shared paths around Bangalow. Next is the path along Byron Street from the school, over the bridge and to the existing sports fields path. A grant application has been submitted by Council for this important project.

30kph zone in main street

Last month the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce gave its support to Council and the community to begin lobbying Transport for NSW to change the speed limit in the main street to 30km/h and make it a shared zone. New 30km/h zones have been implemented in Manly and Liverpool in Sydney to improve safe walking, cycling and commuting. School zones within the new 30km/h speed zones automatically go from 40 to 30 km/h.

Whilst Council make their approach to T4NSW, we residents can do our own lobbying – the more the better. We are suggesting that the 30km/h zone start at about Readings on Lismore Road and end on the eastern side of Snows Bridge. Go to: Have your say about speed limits - Safer Roads NSW.

Shared path rail corridor

Unfortunately, Byron Shire Council was not successful with its grant application for a shared path on the rail corridor. This particular grant (Stage 2 of the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund) received more than 650 applications requesting a total of more than \$1.6 billion – more than six times the original available funding. 195 projects were successful, including a wildlife vet accommodation and training centre in Byron Shire. We now need to regroup and look for other grant opportunities. In the meantime, Council has met with Transport for NSW to discuss this and other rail corridor projects in the Shire.

Jenny Bird



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Neville at home in Bangalow; cover of the Bangalow's Heartbeat, the predecessor to the Bangalow Herald.

Patience and IT know-how

Continuing our series on the people behind the publication The Bangalow Herald, **Christobel Munson** speaks with the multifaceted **Neville Maloney**

Since moving to Colin Street, Bangalow from Brisbane in 1993, Neville Maloney has had his fingers in a great many pies, the *Herald* being just one. Neville's been involved with the *Herald* in varying capacities from its inception and was also a mainstay of *Bangalow's Heartbeat* from its early days.

For 25 years, with his brother John, Neville ran the Byron Bay Camping Disposals shop near Woolworths. Initially, customers were families going camping in their summer holidays. By 2008, it was backpackers, in town primarily for the nightlife.

Having previously worked as a high school teacher (economics, geography and computing) his patience and IT knowhow came in handy while he operated Cottonsoft for 32 years, a company which provided training in software, such as Word Perfect and Microsoft Office, in its early days. Cottonsoft morphed into Flexlearn until 2020, which offered inhouse training in business management for 12 years, taking Neville all around Australia.

Like several others on the *Herald* team, Neville was "lured" into becoming involved with *Bangalow's Heartbeat* by its founder,

Colin Cook. In its very early days in the late 1990s, *Heartbeat* was put together at the Bannister Court home of Colin and Carol Cook. At that time, Colin would type up each article, then cut out each one, which was pasted onto an A4 sheet. That was then photocopied onto both sides of a sheet of green paper, donated by a local office. Artist Carol, Colin's wife, created the paper's masthead.

From the postmaster of the day, Terry Bleakley, Colin Cook heard that Neville had a folding machine which he needed to fold the pages of *Heartbeat* to fit into letterboxes. Neville was happy to let his be used. He then promptly updated *Heartbeat's* "antique" production methods, setting it up on computer and providing the ability for Colin to lay out and print early copies. That "school teacher's patience and IT knowhow", again coming in handy.

Neville was Colin's "go to" man when he found he had a gap on a page, having graduated to "filler writer" from inhouse IT services. "I always had to have a few story ideas up my sleeve in case Colin called up wanting 200 or 400 words to fit a hole in a hurry," Neville recalls. Ever since that time, Neville has been on the publication's

management committee, currently doing accounts, and stepping in as needed to keep afloat the business operating the publication. His partner Barbara, has also stepped in to keep the publication running, being the Advertising coordinator at critical times.

Neville's management skills have also come in very handy in his capacity as treasurer (since 2010) with the Bangalow Parks Trust. The Trust is the group which, on behalf of Byron Shire Council, manages Bangalow's Showground, the Scout Hall, the Moller Pavilion and the monthly markets. "This has involved an increasing amount of administration as more and more events are now happening in our very popular showground," Neville explains. "There's horse groups, garden clubs, martial arts groups, bands practicing, funerals and other celebrations, all wanting to use the facilities." The Trust needs to make sure the buildings and grounds are serviceable, that all the toilets are operational, that gutters are fixed and buildings in good repair.

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Byron Shire floods impact rural life



Byron Shire's plan for climate change

Even the mythical Blind Freddy would have noticed changes to the Byron Shire environment in recent years. Extreme rainfall and flooding, coastal storm surges and sea level rise, dangerously high temperatures and bushfires, drought – we've been impacted by all of these. But what can be done to prepare for what's to come? Byron Shire Council has had its sustainability team working on it, and its findings will be presented to Council on 5 August. **Christobel Munson** reports.

Preceding Council's draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP) is a foreword by Byron Shire resident, Dr Joelle Gergis. Among other attributes, Dr Gergis is a lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - the IPCC, and a senior lecturer in climate science.

After referring to Australia experiencing its hottest and driest year on record in 2019, the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires and the 2020-2021 La Nina event resulting in severe flooding in Byron Shire, Dr Gergis notes that, "The occurrence of these types of weather and climate-related risks will increase in frequency and intensity as our world continues to warm. A future of compound extremes, like the simultaneous drought, heatwaves and bushfires experienced during Australia's Black



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Summer, or the subsequent heavy rainfall and storm surges caused by severe weather systems like east coast lows and tropical systems, pose very real and immediate threats to Byron Shire. It's now part of our lived experience."

Dr Gergis continues, pointing out that "While the challenges are great, we must draw on the strong custodian spirit alive in our Shire, and provide an inspiring example of how a local community can build resilience and make clear-eyed plans to protect our collective future."

Council's Sustainability Officer, Rachel Thatcher, explains that the aim of the CCAP is "to minimise risks from projected climate change impacts in the Byron Shire, and improve resilience in our communities, infrastructure and environment." The five-

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Simple actions you can take at home

Know your neighbour. Increase your resilience by building relationships and networks in your local community. Make

new friends. Start a 'What's App' group for your street or neighbourhood.

Join a local community group. Learn new skills. Join Bangalow Land & Rivercare, Bangalow Parklands or Big Scrub Landcare. Join a 'Resilient Communities' course offered by Resilient Byron www.resilientbyron.org/

Make simple changes to lower your carbon footprint. Check out the 'Act Now' page on Zero Emissions Byron's website. zero Byron.org/take-action/ and subscribe to their e-news.

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Find out what you can do to make sure your home stays cool during heatwaves and is protected from the elements during severe weather events. See Council's Sustainable Living webpage to explore ways to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions. Bangalow has its own environmentally focussed architect, John Gray at:

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year plan outlines how Council is preparing to respond to climate change and support the community to help people prepare for and respond to climate change. It was developed by Council's sustainability team in consultation with experienced local climate change experts and organisations, through a peer-review process.

The plan outlines 100 adaptation actions for Council operations to minimise risk before, during and after severe weather events. "These actions span the whole organisation and include flood controls, coastal management,

bushfire fuel reduction and water security," Ms Thatcher said.

Another aim of the CCAP is to build resilience in the community to help people be more prepared for extreme weather events. "There are a number of community resilience projects already underway, including community workshops, evacuation centre audits, and the launch of our Climate Wise Communities and Emergency Dashboard websites," she added.

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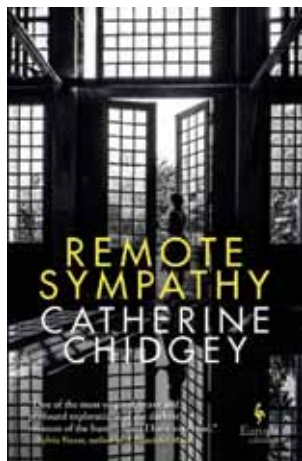
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Remote Sympathy by Catherine Chidgey

Remote Sympathy is a concept behind a machine developed and constructed by one of the main protagonists of the novel, Doktor Lenard Weber, who works at the Holy Spirit Hospital in Frankfurt. During the 1930s he convinces his peers that applying electrical currents to cancer sufferers might cure cancer. When the war begins, his position at the hospital becomes untenable while he remains married to a Jewish woman. But, even after going through a sham divorce, his own lineage



comes into question when a Jewish grandparent is discovered. Doktor Weber's story is told through a series of letters written to his daughter Lotte and the question of lineage is one of many interesting points raised in this original WWII story.

It is narrated through the imaginary diary of Greta Hahn, the young wife of SS Sturmbannfuhrer Dietrich Hahn, who will leave her mother and apartment in Munich to reside in the opulent villas provided to SS officers at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp situated on Ettersberg Hill, outside the city of Weimar.

The third narrator is SS Sturmbannfuhrer Dietrich Hahn, who tells his own story of their time at Buchenwald through 1954 interview transcripts. Dietrich is the chief administrator of the camp and the move from Munich is a big career opportunity for him. He is deeply in love with his wife and is a loving and caring father. The brilliance of this book rests with the author's ability to create characters of warmth and humanity while exposing the flaws and frailties of each.

When the Buchenwald Camp was eventually liberated by the Americans, General Patton insisted that the mayor of Weimar bring 1,000 citizens for a civilian tour of the Camp. The author has inserted private reflections of the citizens of Weimar, which provides insight into the emotional conflict caused by the opportunities the camp creates for the Weimar community and the disparity between the facts given and what they can see before their eyes.

Carolyn Adams

Parlez-vous Picpoul?

I am not a rich man, but it's mid-July and I should be shushing down the slopes at Falls Creek as I write this, all pop-eyed, beanie-clad Michelin man posing as a winter-time athlete. Not to be, such is life. God bless Australia and the French.



Picpoul de Pinet. Available at The Cellar, Bangalow

Languedoc is the biggest wine region in the world, stretching from the Rhone valley in the east to the Spanish border in the west and provides about a third of the French output. Maligned, perhaps, by a perception of quantity over quality, the region does produce high quality wine, some real gems, so may I present to you the Picpoul De Pinet, 2020 by winemaker Benjamin Darnault. One of the oldest of Languedoc grape varieties, Picpoul is grown in and around the village of Pinet on the Mediterranean coast in the south-west of the Languedoc region. Used often in blends, it has had a renaissance as a varietal under the careful tutelage of winemakers such as Benjamin. Picpoul translates as "lip-stinger", not so sure about that but a wonderful drink, a little tropical almost, floral with pear and green apple on the palate, it has volume

and that sizzling, citrus-like acidity to balance and tidy the long finish.

Very similar to a Spanish Albarino, the

Picpoul works well with seafood and will cut through with strong cheese and cured meats. Great value with fruit, minerality and zesty acidity, this is a drink now wine, no stashing this baby under the bed. There is an offering on the back label of the bottle from the winemaker that reads "Hope you enjoy this message of freshness sent from the other side of the Earth." How can you refuse an offer like that? Indulge and enjoy.

Wayne Steele

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Airdre Grant's guide to what's worth streaming in August

Feel Good (Netflix) is a transgender love story written by Mae Martin, a Canadian comedian and actor. Mae is nonbinary and uses the pronouns they/them. This clever, intriguing and amusing series is about recovery from addiction and navigating love in a gender-fluid world. The casting is great, including Lisa Kudrow (*Friends*) as Mae's mother and Charlotte Ritchie as Georgie, her girlfriend. *Feel Good* is street smart and highly engaging viewing. It's not always comfortable as the two main actors negotiate the business of queer love, coming out and addiction/recovery against a backdrop of friends, family and the world of standup comedy in Canada and England. All the awkwardness of falling in love, the angst of growing up and accepting adulthood, the challenges of finding a place in the world and coming to terms with things and people that shaped you are explored. This might sound heavy but it's not. The writing is deft. For example, there is a scene where Mae and her mother have a conversation about her childhood while on a ghost train at a fun fair. This is a series that is worth the ride and full of the unexpected.

Do you like shows that portray the craziness of bureaucracy and idiocy of institutional thinking, such as *Utopia* and *Yes, Minister*? Then **Fisk (ABC iView)** is the sitcom for you.



straight talker who doesn't really like people. Her character anchors the whole show with wry one-liners and observations. The show deals with themes such as sexism, death and ageism, evolving social etiquette and other challenges of modern living. The series is written by Flanagan and her sister Penny. It's a good-hearted, clever delight.

Netflix has been throwing up shows that have been aired before, which is how I came across **Tangle**. This fantastic Australian series, which first aired in 2009, (definitely not to be confused with the Disney Rapunzel movie *Tangled*) is about three Melbourne families, and contains the usual suspects of drama and life including death, adultery, politics, deceit and troubled teenagers. It's extremely good. The script is excellent, the ensemble casting and acting is extraordinary. Wonderful Australian actors, including the ever-sinister Ben Mendelsohn, Lincoln Younes, Kat Stewart, Justine Clarke, Matt Day and other greats, bring a gritty realism to an excellent script. Incredible series. I don't know how I missed it before.



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Giant Chandelier
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Giant Chandelier: Medinilla dolichophylla x alat

This spectacular plant is part of the large Melastomataceae family of over four thousand species and hybrids. The family includes the ubiquitous Tibouchina (Lasiandra) that also grows well in our region. If you look at the foliage you will see the similarity, although the flowers are very different.

The family name of Melastomataceae is derived from the Greek "black mouth" as the juice from the edible berries will stain everything it comes into contact with.

Originally from southern Africa and SE Asia, some are epiphytes and all can thrive in sheltered, humid locations preferring bright morning sun and wind protection.

They all like light, open soils and can do

well in hanging baskets or tied into the forks of trees. Commercial orchid mixes are great for pots as good drainage is essential to prevent rot in the fragile root systems.

Medinillas have no pests or diseases apart from occasional mealy bugs which can be simply rubbed off stems should they appear. These are usually only a problem if there is no ventilation or air flow around them.

The lovely fleshy leaves with deep venation are complemented by the flower spikes that can appear at almost any time of the year and last for months. While they are long lasting on the plant, as cut flowers they are not.

The flowers are pollinated by bees and birds and attract large numbers of both. Even

though their perfume is delicate it is a powerful attractant.

Propagation from seeds is relatively successful but seedlings are extremely slow to develop. Most specimens are derived from hard wood cuttings, which also ensures true colour. There are dozens of colours including orange, reddish- maroon, white and a darker pink that might result from fertilised seeds.

One of my favourites is Medinilla scortechinii Orange Coral, a low growing form. Medinillas dolichophylla grows about one and a half metres tall and benefits from tip pruning.

Some are even suitable for Bonsai.

This is another exotic plant that is easy to grow and really spectacular. Carole Gamble



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Arancini

These rice balls bring back fond memories of living in the inner-city, close to my favourite Italian deli. You can serve them as a snack with a Romesco dipping sauce or as a meal with delicious salads. You can stuff with a lentil or meat ragu or peas or mushrooms. Or just prosciutto and mozzarella as I have done here.

Ingredients

1 cup chopped prosciutto
1 cup mozzarella
1 cup arborio rice
½ cup dry white wine
½ cup grated parmesan
4 eggs divided
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups fresh breadcrumbs or panko or a combination of both
1 tbsp butter
3-5 cups chicken stock
¼ cup shallots, chopped
Salt

Method

1. Heat the stock in a large saucepan over medium heat. In a separate saucepan melt the butter over medium heat. Add the shallots and cook for 5 minutes or until softened. Add the rice and wine and cook, stirring, for 1–2 minutes or until all the wine is absorbed. Gradually add the hot stock, 1 cup (250ml) at a time, stirring continuously, for 25–30 minutes or until all the stock is absorbed and the rice is tender.
2. Spread risotto on a tray. Add parmesan cheese and two eggs. Add ¾ tsp. salt. Mix to combine.
3. Scoop about ½ cup rice mixture into palm of your hand and place a portion of mixed mozzarella and prosciutto on top. Shape the rice into a ball.
4. Roll the ball in flour and then dip in egg mixture to coat.
5. Roll in breadcrumbs and place on rack. Repeat with remaining rice. Depending on size, you should have between 8 and 12 balls.
6. You can fry in hot oil or bake at 180°C. Spray with oil first.

Lyn Hand

Adapted from a recipe by Kris Longwell



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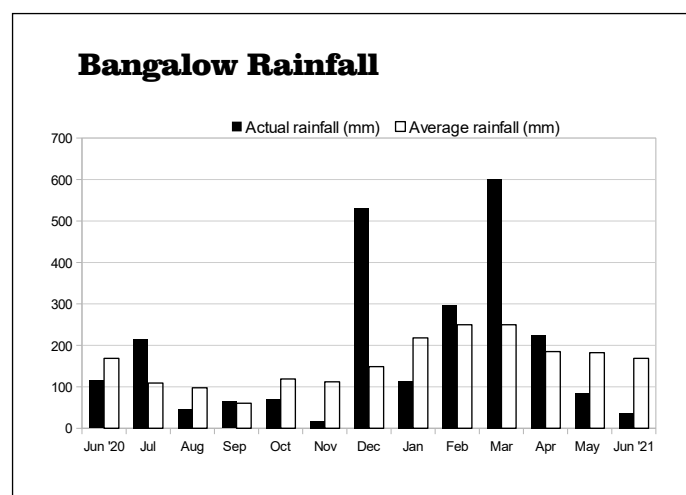
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Rachel and Manu with Paloma and Lucia

Rachel and Manu

Rachel Decorte and her husband Emanuele Pagliarini (Manu) recently moved into a house in The Meadows estate. Their twin girls Paloma and Lucia, aged four, will go to Bangalow Public School next year and Rachel and Manu are looking forward to meeting other parents and integrating into the town. If you meet Rachel, she may be accompanied by Manu or by her support worker Amanda. She will probably ask to take your photo and make a note of your name for future

reference. She might explain to you that she has some short-term memory difficulties and needs to see you a few times before she can remember you easily.

In 2017, Rachel had a stroke, followed by a caesarian section and an operation to remove part of her brain due to an arteriovenous malformation, a tangle of arteries and nerves that prevents normal movement of blood and oxygen through the body. Her twin pregnancy required

more of her body than it could give, and her babies were born at 30 weeks. Rachel spent four months in hospital and had several operations, her husband and parents not knowing how her recovery would go.

It is now known that the brain can rewire itself after a stroke. Functions previously located in the damaged area move to other brain regions and, with practice, there can be successful rewiring of the circuits. Fortunately, Rachel surprised her doctors with an excellent recovery. The stimulation of daily yoga, of managing her little girls, attending weekly art and physical therapy sessions, and interacting with family and friends are working well. Her support worker Amanda has become a devoted friend and social secretary and Rachel makes full use of her iPhone, always on hand to jog her memory.

Rachel's husband Manu has played an intrinsic role in her recovery, caring for his girls, ensuring that Rachel has had the best treatment possible and advocating strenuously with doctors, hospital staff and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Having grown up in a rural Italian village, Manu has a strong sense of family and community. He says, "I grew up farming the land, growing vegetables, and raising animals with love and passion. I left school at 15 and decided to be a chef but in the best places I could. I worked for free for a year in one of the top restaurants in Rome at the time, the Radisson Blu es Hotel." The work was hard, but it paid off, and in 2014 Manu was awarded Best Young Italian Chef San Pellegrino, going on to attend the prestigious Alma International School of Italian Cuisine in Parma. After working as a private chef for some of the wealthiest people in the world, Manu is happy to leave that life behind and concentrate on family. Next year, when the girls start school, he would like to open a rotisserie deli in Bangalow, providing quality deli meats, cheeses, coffee, snacks and delicious Italian home cooked meals for local families.

Mery Stevens

DON'T IGNORE YOUR SNORE

It could be harming you.

Snoring is linked to breathing problems in sleep. This often results in low oxygen at night and a risk of heart disease, stroke, fatigue, depression, acid reflux, chronic cough, stress and weight gain.

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There's plenty happening to keep us entertained and connected

Bangalow Garden Club

When Wed 4 August, 1.30pm
Where Moller Pavilion Bangalow Showgrounds

Contact Annie 0417 636 011 or abbinkanne48@gmail.com

Steven Wedd will give a talk on propagation this month after last month's cancelled meeting. Due to COVID-19 restrictions numbers are limited and the meeting is strictly for members only. Please bring along a teaspoon and mug for afternoon tea. Details of the garden visit on Saturday 7 August will be given at the meeting.



Fair Trade is fair. Photo: David Morgan

Fair Trade Stall

When Tues 10 August, 9-11am
Where Bangalow Uniting Church, Station St,
Contact Corinne 6629 1692

The Bangalow Uniting Church will be holding a Fair Trade stall to celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight. Come along for some ethical and beautiful shopping and a cup of barista made Fair Trade Coffee. The church is also open every Tuesday morning 9-11am if anyone would like to pop in for a free cuppa, a prayer, quiet contemplation or a chat.



Arthur Streeton Golden summer, Eaglemont. Courtesy Google Art

ADFAS Byron

When Mon 16 August
Where A&I Hall, Bangalow
Contact adfasc.org.au or adfascbyron@gmail.com or facebook.com/ADFASByron

August's lecture is titled 'The Australian Landscape from Glover to Olsen' and will be

presented by Sydney-based art historian, tour leader and artist Nick Gordon. Nick brings his deep knowledge of materials, techniques and the insights of his 'artist's eye' to his analysis of art. Non-members can now purchase tickets to ADFAS Byron lectures at trybooking.com/

Fate and Fable: Living on a Prayer

When Fri 13 August, 7pm
Where Bangalow Bowling Club
Information facebook.com/fateandfable

Enjoy emerging and established Northern Rivers voices as they respond creatively to the theme 'Living on a Prayer'. Don't miss this live compilation of music, tales, poetry, comedy, trivia, and

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Last month's double lecture Diamonds and Pearls Event has been rescheduled for 8 November. Existing ticket holders will be refunded. Email adfasbyronbay@gmail.com for further information.

even a little magic, hosted by Shire Choir's Melia Naughton and Sally Schofield. Seated COVID-safe capacity. Tickets \$25.

Meet the candidates

When Wed 18 August, 6pm

Where Bangalow Bowling Club

Hosted by *The Bangalow Herald* and convened by Mia Armitage, locals will get the chance to put questions to the candidates, many of whom are also running for mayor.

Ceramics at The Clay Barn Kindred Women Together

When Sat 21 August, 1-3.30pm

Where The Clay Barn, 1035A Hinterland Way, Bangalow

Information

kindredwomentogether.com

This is a small group activity where women use hand building skills to create a bowl and platter with clay.

Bangalow Business Networking Lunch

When Thurs 26 August, 12-2pm

Where Bangalow Dining Room, 1 Byron St, Bangalow

Tickets/Information

byronnandbeyondnetworking.com.au

CWA Cake Stall

When Sat 28 August 8 - 12 noon

Where CWA Rooms, Byron St Bangalow

Contact Rebecca 0438 871 908

All the usual CWA goodies on sale - cakes, biscuits, slices, jams, pickles and lots more.

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Tea Pot Exhibition

When 4-18 August

Where Bangalow CWA Rooms

Contact Robyn Porritt 0409785138

North Coast Ceramics have partnered with Bangalow CWA to hold a Tea Pot Exhibition August 4-18. The CWA windows will display some unique Tea Pots handcrafted by 10 members of North Coast Ceramics. This display is a lead in to our very popular annual Mud Trail held August 14/15. All Tea Pots will be for sale, proceeds going to CWA. Mud Trail Booklets will be available.



AUGUST KOALA AND NATIVE SPECIES TREE PLANTINGS

We are looking for volunteers to help us plant koala and native species trees. There is **NO** Weeding, **NO** Digging, **NO** Whipper Snipping, just planting trees in pre-dug holes and mulching – **EASY!** So if you can spare a couple of hours please these are the details.

What you need to bring and wear: Trowels, drinking water, sunscreen. Wear long sleeves, long pants, gloves, fully enclosed footwear and a hat. **Bookings are essential** and spaces are limited due to COVID so email and book your place today with Linda - **RSVP: president@bangalowkoalas.com.au**



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Moo with Me

As Rebecca Sargeant grapples to find the words, and with the Byron Writers Festival cancelled, perhaps the Bangalow Theatre Company's production of *RENT* has the answer.

I studied the Byron Writers Festival program like a punter with a form guide. I've got my own system: identify my must-see guests, look for their sessions, consider the make-up of the panel and check for scheduling clashes.

I quickly identified my best bet: "The Power of Words" with Randa Abdel-Fattah, Melissa Lucaschenko and Arnold Zable.

Arnold Zable's *The Fig Tree* and Melissa Lucaschenko's *Too Much Lip* were already sitting next to each other on my book shelf. I follow Randa Abdel-Fattah on Twitter.

But, thinking about this column made me start to question whether words have power.

At MONA, there was an installation creating a waterfall of words. The words were sourced from live newsfeed, and the effect of the cascading water formation was mesmerising: an ephemeral and other-worldly glimpse of

Jade Rushwood playing Maureen in Bangalow Theatre Company's production of *RENT*
Photo: Kate Holmes

words that saturate our media.

The message was in the words you catch; the words you're primed for. Familiar words, like: Trump; the; vaccine.

See *What You Made Me Do: Power, Control and Domestic Abuse*, written by journalist Jess Hill, won the 2020 Stella Prize. Jess Hill has been instrumental in campaigning for the introduction of coercive control laws in New South Wales.

I have made a deliberate choice to privilege marginalised voices in my Twitter feed. As a consequence, I am aware of debates around carceral feminism (probably not an easy term to catch when cascading in a waterfall).

Carceral feminism advocates for increasing and expanding prison sentencing to address gendered violence.

The Indigenous community has been vocal in opposing these new laws. The story of Tamica Mullaley is illustrative of why: black women understand what the system can do to them and their children. The state itself perpetuates the abuse, so why expand its power.

Language is a system. It's a system that operates within other systems. So, what becomes of the words? Who controls the operating system? Are we speaking the words or are they speaking us?

The Bangalow Theatre Company's *RENT* was spectacular. I particularly loved Maureen's monologue which evokes imagery of cyberland and cows jumping over the moon in a glorious parody within a parody of early 90s postmodernism.

A jointly authored article in *The Conversation* titled "Carceral feminism and coercive control: when Indigenous women aren't seen as ideal victims, witnesses or women" finishes by quoting Aileen Moreton-Robinson's seminal text *Talkin' Up To The White Woman*.

When Moreton-Robinson says "the invisibility of unspeakable things requires them to be spoken", she is aware of the burden of finding the words with which to be heard.

In curating the session, the Byron Writers Festival organisers were giving us an opportunity to listen to writers who work to find the words. As an exchange between the speaker and the listener, those words gain power. That's the payout I was looking for.

But with the Writers Festival cancelled, and the rugby rolling on, words feel powerless.

I think that's why Maureen struck such a chord with me last night - when she implored the audience to "moo with me". Too right I mooed!



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