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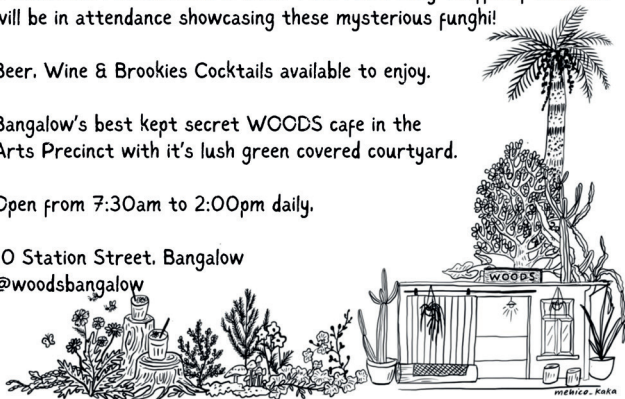
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The Surf Film Archive, a cultural history project, was set up in 2021 by award-winning filmmaker and surfer Jolyon Hoff (*The Staging Post*, *Searching for Michael Peterson*) to find, save and scan Australia and NZ's lost surf films to preserve our iconic surf culture for future generations. Hundreds of hours of previously unseen film footage from the early days of surfing has been unearthed – from under beds and in dusty garages – and scanned and restored with the help of renowned Bangalow-based colourist Billy Wychgel (*Lord of the Rings*, *Sherpa*, *Babyteeth*) and Gabrielle Joosten from Elements Post Production at Byron Bay's industrial estate.

That was Then, This is Now is a live music and surf film event featuring previously unseen footage of local surfing legends from the 1950s and 1960s accompanied live onstage by the Tweed's much-loved salty music collective, Headland.

The event at the Byron Community Centre includes remastered, previously lost reels by surf filmmaker Paul Witzig; footage from the early days of surf exploration in Indonesia by photographer, filmmaker and surfing historian Dick Hoole; classic moments from the archives of the father of modern Australian surfing, Bob Evans; and excerpts from many more, rarely seen, classic surf films – all uncovered and carefully restored by the team at the The Surf Film Archive. "This is our history," says Jolyon. "It's up to us to look after it."

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From the Editor

Winter didn't muck around announcing its arrival with some seriously chilly weather at the start of the season. Yes, change is all around us, and in this edition, we showcase some local community projects destined to bring about transformation. The proposed social enterprise Beacon Laundry will offer flexible work to many underemployed community members. At the same time, providing a commercial wash service to our tourism industry that is currently being outsourced to Brisbane!

Meanwhile, the Bangalow CWA and other local community groups and individuals have transformed a vacant block of apartments in Byron (earmarked for demolition and redevelopment), into a temporary haven for flood-affected Northern Rivers residents.

Community spirit is alive and well. We are also keenly anticipating the return of the much-loved Billy Cart Derby and Bangalow Public School annual fundraising fair The Pit Stop to our social calendars. These events are pretty magical but don't happen by magic. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with sponsorship, and volunteering with both events. We are also hotly anticipating the return of signature local events like Splendour in the Grass, the Bangalow Music Festival and Byron Writers Festival.

Closer to home, it's no secret that I am a dog lover (with three rehomed hounds at home, and counting). I do not doubt that any pet brings tremendous joy, connection, compassion, and responsibility to a household. If you're curious about adopting a greyhound, as some in 2479 have already done, read all about how retired and rehomed racing hounds transition to loving family pets.

As we go to print, food costs are spiralling, and the humble iceberg lettuce has become a luxury few can afford. There's been chatter online about the concept of community gardens in our towns—this a brilliant idea for many reasons, and yet another way to connect and (literally) reap the benefits. Let's keep that conversation going.

Sally Schofield

We acknowledge the original storytellers of the land on which we live and work, the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation.

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The Welcome In

Many people are doing it tough now, none more so than those members of our community who lost everything in the recent floods. A huge number of people (including families) are now homeless, forced to sleep in tents, vans or rely on friends and relatives for a roof over their heads and a bed to sleep in. Members of our community from Lismore to Byron were catastrophically affected.



But when a local property developer approached Byron Shire Mayor, Michael Lyons, with the offer of the use of block of apartments, the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MNDC) saw an opportunity. The apartments were sitting vacant, set for demolition and, later, development, so using a grant from Byron Council to support the project, the MDNC took a 'lease' on the apartments until the end of July. Next, plans to clean and furnish the empty flats were drawn up. Donated furniture and bedding were sourced, the lease signed off, and then all that was needed was some muscle to fit out the 12 empty apartments. That's where

the incredible women and men from both the Brunswick Heads and Bangalow CWA, the Bangalow Men's Shed, the Tallebudgera Lions and Bangalow Lions stepped in, along with a handful of other local volunteers.

Teams were allocated to each apartment (the CWA took on six) and after all the basics such as beds, couches, chairs, tables etc were moved in, they set about trying to make the apartments look and feel as 'homely' and comfortable as possible for the residents who would be calling them home for the next two months. The volunteers were all very aware that homelessness does not happen in isolation and that many layers of trauma are usually

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With community donations and Op Shop finds, the reno teams set about transforming the empty rooms

attached. So, with every 'extra' touch they hoped that in some way, it created a sense of feeling held and nurtured by the teams of volunteers who added them.

The goal of the project is that individuals and families could have some 'respite' from their current living situations. During their stay, case workers from the MDNC will work with them to access more permanent accommodation.

As of writing this in early June, most apartments are complete and have residents in or ready to move in. Of course, in a perfect world, the individuals and families would have much longer to stay. Still, everyone is very grateful that they at least have this window of respite from temporary and often inadequate shelter and some hope for a more permanent home in the near future.

**Marin Simpson (volunteer) and
Di Campbell (Bangalow CWA)**

Blank slates destined for demolition



A redevelopment site in Byron has been transformed into inviting temporary accommodation



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Meet new Byron Writers Festival director Zoe Pollock

Byron Writers festival reveals first guests

International bestseller Trent Dalton, award-winning contemporary artist Ben Quilty and one of Australia's most popular broadcasters, author Indira Naidoo are just some of the leading lights heading to Byron as part of Byron Writers Festival this August.

The Festival also announced 2022 Stella Prize winning poet Evelyn Araluen, acclaimed Northern Rivers author Jessie Cole and award-winning author and historian Yves Rees as part of their sneak preview into this year's program. New festival director Zoe Pollock says "I am delighted to be bringing a stellar line up of writers and storytellers to the Byron Shire in my first year as Artistic Director. We've got a sizzling line up and a thought provoking and stimulating array of conversations to share. The authors we are announcing are just a taste of the talent and diversity we will be presenting this year. In short, it's great to be back." The Festival is Australia's largest and leading regional celebration of storytelling, literature and ideas. This year, it will take place at the stunning North Byron Parklands, 20 minutes north of Byron Bay on the lands of Minjungbal people of the Bundjalung Nation. The line-up predominantly features Australian writers and thinkers who together share their stories, inspirations and insights. The full program is available on 13 July at byronwritersfestival.com



The pop-up mobile library in Bangalow Photo Judy Baker

Our local libraries offering more than just books!

Libraries across the region have lots more to offer than just a great selection of books. Social circles are offered at Kingscliff and Ballina libraries and are a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy conversation, craft, engage in training and more. For the avid reader, joining a book club is a great way to share your love (or loathing) of a book with others. Creative writing masterclasses are also offered for 8-13-year-olds weekly in the evenings, where participants are encouraged to free-write, plan, execute, edit and revise their work.

If you can't get to your nearest library or reading an e-book or listening to an audiobook is more up your alley, library membership gives full access to a great collection of eAudiobooks ready to download and listen on your device. For those in 2479 keen to hit the farmers market on Saturday and still get to library, the mobile library visits Bangalow every Saturday morning. Until the mobile library trailer is back in action, the library car is packed with reserved books and new library items so you can still enjoy books delivered close to your door on a Saturday morning.

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The floods will have a lasting impact on so many aspects of life for many community members. From business, community groups, individuals and school students, the need to replace all that was lost has been immense. As a response, Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce worked with NAB to secure laptops to replace those that were flood damaged. Access to a working device is essential to getting back to business, back to school, to access government flood crisis funding and complete day to day administrative tasks. NAB have generously donated 1,000 laptops to those in need in the Northern Rivers region and the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce are equipped to distribute the laptops across the region.

The donated devices are Dell computers, around four years old and in good working order. The model specifications are Latitude 7280s, 6th generation, 256 SSD and comes with 8 gig memory. NAB will arrange incremental delivery of the laptops, according to demand, and provide Windows 10 operating system installation. From there, the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce will coordinate distribution of the devices to those who need them most. If you or your organisation is in need, please contact the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce at info@byronbaychamber.com



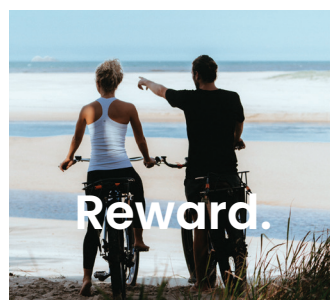
All the fun of the fair Photo Sally Schofield

No stopping The Pit Stop in 2022

Families are gearing up for Bangalow Public School's annual fair "The Pit Stop" which runs as part of the Billy Cart Derby on Sunday 18 September. New Bangalow P&C President David Chang said he was excited to see the derby and The Pit Stop return after a two-year hiatus. "Like the rest of Bangalow, we're really excited for its return," David said. "We will have food and drink stalls, rides and games and loads of fun activities! And it wouldn't be a school fair without delicious homemade cakes or face painting too."

The day will also include the drawing of our famous Pit Stop raffle with some amazing prizes generously donated by local businesses. School families will be selling the raffle tickets throughout term 3 or you can buy them on the day. My tip is to get in early and get a bunch. You don't want to miss the opportunity to win some great prizes and support the community spirit. This is our school's biggest fundraiser and all monies raised directly go to our new nature playspace. A big thanks to our parent volunteers who make events like these happen and if you want to be involved to please contact me on email bangalowpublicschool-pres@pandacaffiliate.org.au!" See you at The Pit Stop!

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The Hounds of Love

Have you noticed the number of greyhounds in 2479 recently? You may have seen one of these placid, sleek and elegant pooches walking in unison with their owner or hitched to a pram, tied up outside Foodworks or having a run at the showgrounds. Why the proliferation of greyhounds? Because they make wonderful pets!



Four year old Luna's racing name was Drunken Joker (low expectations!). She likes going for drives in the car, the beach, sleeping upside down!

But this is not Bangalow's first brush with hounds. In the 1930's, local showgrounds around NSW became the centre of country greyhound racing. Lismore showground sought approval (successfully) for greyhound racing in 1927. Bangalow was to follow this application for greyhound racing at our local showground in 1936. However, a petition signed by 157 local residents in Bangalow in 1936, organised by the Protestant churches, opposed the granting of a dog racing licence for Bangalow Showground. They found an ally in the Nashua P&C Association that claimed the sport of greyhound racing "detrimental to the moral and spiritual welfare of the district". Both protestors were delighted when Bangalow Agricultural and Industrial Society

refused the application.

Greyhounds can be misunderstood as a breed, especially as ex-racers were once required to be muzzled in public, right up until 2019, which was not helpful to their public image. Greyhounds, by temperament, are generally sweet and mild mannered. They rarely bark, walk beautifully on a lead and don't have a doggy aroma. They have two speeds; all out sprint and couch potato. However, they require very little exercise – a 15-minute walk each day is enough – making them ideal for low-maintenance living, those in apartments, or busy families.

Greyhounds are naturally fleet of foot and some will (like all dogs) chase after

small animals, the difference being that a greyhound can run much faster than your average dog (at speeds of up to 70 km per hour) so they definitely have more chance of catching whatever they're chasing. This being said, our greyhound Luna doesn't have that chase instinct (probably why she was a poor performer race wise) and is fine around dogs of all sizes, chickens and even guinea pigs! It pays to have your new greyhound on a lead for the first few weeks or months (and wearing a muzzle for the first two weeks) until you come to fully understand their unique temperament.

Whilst all groups and industries have 'bad apples', my experience is that most people in the greyhound racing community are kind



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Retired greyhounds don't need as much exercise as you'd think. They are quite happy to lounge around.



Phoebe has been part of the Childs' family from Bangalow for seven years. She was rescued after being dumped when she developed a uterus infection in her past life in a puppy farm.

souls who love their dogs. Further more, greyhounds who are unsuitable for racing due to injuries or failure to chase, are kept by their owners or put up for adoption through organisations such as Greyhounds As Pets (GAP NSW), rather than being euthanised. For this reason, Luna and her greyhound friend Morty should be considered 'retired' rather than 'rescued'. They are dogs that were very clearly loved by their previous owners, which shows in their loving and well-adjusted personalities.

Like any new pet, greyhounds do require a little time to adjust to their new homes. Luna, for example, had never encountered a flight of stairs so had to learn how to climb them. It's worthwhile paying attention to the 3:3:3 rule

with your new greyhound, like any adopted dog. The first three days is a time where your new addition will probably be overwhelmed with their new environment and may be anxious or not want to eat. At the three week mark, your dog will be starting feel more comfortable and start showing their true personality as they settle in. After three months, your new dog will finally feel comfortable in their home as the bond with you is cemented. With time and patience, your new greyhound will soon emerge from their shell, rewarding you with a lifetime of love and loyalty.

There are many benefits in choosing a greyhound as a pet. There are lots to choose from, the adoption fee through GAP NSW is

only \$250 and they come to their new home fully vaccinated and de-sexed, having had a full dental too. As most have come from a loving upbringing, they often have less behavioural issues than other dogs available for adoption and are generally toilet trained (despite having often not lived in a house). They also come with a martingale collar and lead. GAP NSW adopts all of their dogs on a two-week trial. However, if you're not ready to commit to pet ownership but have some love to give, GAP NSW also places dogs in foster home situations. This is a wonderful way to help rehabilitate these dogs from racer to family pet. But be warned! You may fall in love! Find out more gapnsw.com.au

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Beacon Laundry: steering a new social pathway

Some people move to the Byron Shire to build a personal palace. Others come to find a pleasant subtropical environment to live, work and raise a family. And there's another new breed which takes a totally different approach. Christobel Munson reports.

This is the story of a 'social enterprise' project emerging in the Bangalow Industrial Estate, with a refreshingly caring, community-oriented goal.

In 2016, social entrepreneur Luke Terry set up a commercial laundry in Toowoomba, Qld. Its primary goal was to create jobs for people with a lived experience of mental illness who struggled to secure work. After 15 years working in mental health and the social sector, this was the first commercial business Luke built from the ground up, and it's changed the lives of hundreds of local people.

In 2019 Luke went on to launch White Box Enterprises with a vision to create 5,000 jobs for overlooked and underserved people in Australia

by 2030. "We do this by setting up and supporting social ventures, and by helping other existing social enterprises to grow through access to funding, property solutions or advisory services," said Luke.

So why choose Bangalow as the location for another commercial laundry? When selecting a site for a jobs-focused social enterprise and commercial laundry, considerations for the White Box team included proximity to marginalised communities, commercial viability and the size of the property. Bangalow proved to be a prime location – close to Byron Bay and the Gold Coast, in the heart of the Northern Rivers.

The 900 sq.m property was bought in July 2021 by White Box with the support of social impact investors including the Richard and Lorena Uechtritz Foundation, plus a \$750,000 contribution from Federal MP Justine Elliot on behalf of the Labor Government.

"Commercial laundries lend themselves very well to the social enterprise model," explained Beacon Laundry General Manager Anthony Dann, who will be moving to Bangalow from Toowoomba as the project proceeds. "The type of work is easy to learn, and it allows the staff to build skills and confidence in a friendly environment, and then transition to mainstream employment outside the laundry when they feel ready to move on.

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Back left to right then front: Anthony Dann (General Manager, Beacon Laundry), Oskar Stenriker (Commercial Manager, White Box Enterprises (WBE)), Nicolas Deloux (Head of Philanthropy & Partnerships, WBE), Luke Terry (CEO and Co-Founder, WBE).
Photo Lyn McCarthy Niche Pictures

"Currently, there is no large-scale commercial laundry in the Byron Shire servicing the larger hotels," he continued. "The closest commercial laundry for this market is in Tweed Heads, and we estimate that 80 percent of the market volume is serviced interstate, so there is a clear opportunity to bring jobs into the Northern Rivers region. 'Going local' will increase service provision and quality, be a socially responsible option for the industry, and reduce environmental impacts through less road travel. We also hope to establish pathway partnerships with our clients for transitioning staff into long-term gainful employment in the industry".

The intention of White Box is to create secure and meaningful jobs for people from Byron and neighbouring shires who experience disadvantage. They are defined as "a broad group of people who face barriers to mainstream employment, including individuals with a lived experience of mental illness, disability or homelessness, refugees and asylum seekers, and individuals facing cultural barriers". Their expectation is to support 160 people through employment opportunities at the Leftlaundry by 2030, with up to 65 people employed at any one time. Public bus services and potentially, a Beacon shuttle bus service, will provide transport to and from work, with flexible rosters coordinating with public bus schedules.



The proposed commercial laundry offers on the job training to those who face barriers to mainstream employment

Photos supplied



On-the-job training will be provided at Beacon Laundry, which will "provide wrap-around support, and a mentoring and pathway planning program, helping each employee identify and work towards career goals, also supporting them in their journey onwards to mainstream employment outside the laundry."

White Box has started working with Byron Shire businesses and groups to establish relationships and develop networks to help the "transitioning of staff into further employment outside the laundry when appropriate," said White Box commercial manager, Oskar Stenriker. Closer to opening in 2023, local staff will also be engaged to help with recruitment, training and pathway development.

Once the current tenant has moved to new premises, it will take around two to three months to refurbish, install and set up machinery and for laundry operations to begin.

With 'Planet First' a vital part of the White Box philosophy, the team is exploring how the laundry can be set up with as minimal long-term environmental impact as possible. The aim is also to make Beacon Laundry a commercial energy producer "with a maximised onsite solar power production, with capacity well above the 100kW maximum limit for normal installation rebates. Any balance of electricity required will be sourced from a green energy provider." Minimising water use is also key, and electric or hydrogen-powered delivery trucks are also likely.

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LOCAL NEWS

The Flower Bar Co. highlights homelessness

For Mother's Day 2022, Brooke Down – owner of The Flower Bar Co. in Bangalow – wanted to use what is traditionally a florist's biggest of the day of the year to shine the light on an important issue – women and homelessness. The Flower Bar Co. teamed up with Her Black Book to create a series of interviews and profiles of women who are working to publicise and gain support for what is often an invisible issue within our society. The project includes interviews from politician Jane Caro and Women's Community shelters CEO Annabelle Daniel, who discuss the many facets of this urgent issue, as well as what can be done to support vulnerable mothers Australia wide and places to go to receive support. "Homelessness doesn't have a face... anyone can be escaping homelessness and domestic violence. [It] isn't something you would recognise on the street... it can be the woman with the Chanel bag" says Donna Burke of the Women's Community Shelters, Northern Rivers.

News from the Shed

Men's Shed Week is our annual opportunity to showcase Men's Sheds to the world collectively. It's a great chance to focus government, corporate partners, media, and the community on the benefits and positive contributions Men's Sheds make to the Australian community. We're proud of the work undertaken throughout the Men's Shed network – the achievements and benefits of Men's Sheds for members and communities are immeasurable. So, we've dedicated an entire week to celebrating all things Men's Sheds. We will celebrate connection, community and camaraderie during Men's Shed Week 2021 from 30 August 2021 to 5 September 2021.



A stitch in time

Bangalow Quilters Group is getting a reputation for the delicious food served at their annual morning teas. This year they held a very successful morning tea and raised \$1500 for flood relief appeal. Over 50 guests attended and were generous in their support. Thanks go to the many local business who generously donated prizes for the raffles. The members made beautiful craft items and potted plants which were sold on our trading table. Some of the 30 quilts made by members to be donated to people who have lost so much in the floods were displayed around the hall. Bangalow Quilters Group meet on the second and fourth Thursday mornings 9:30am at Anglican Church Hall, Ashton Street, Bangalow. All welcome. For more information about our group activities contact Morag Wilson at bangalowquilters@gmail.com

Remembering Tony Gilding



Tony Gilding's great passion was the Macadamia Castle, which he owned and managed for 14 years, selling it only last year to a not-for-profit organisation called Wildlife Recovery Australia. He was also one of the founders of the Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital. Tony had many other wildlife preservation interests, especially working to save orangutans in Borneo. He was interested in providing infrastructure for electric vehicles and established recharging points at the Castle a few years ago. He drove a Tesla himself.

Tony had a very broad knowledge and love of wines from all over the world and was a very generous host. He was a member of The Bangalow Wine Club since 2005. Many meetings were held after hours at the Macadamia Castle with the chorus of animal cries adding to the atmosphere. Over the years we have tasted many from Tony's extensive collection, exchanging yarns or trying to achieve some

success at blind tastings!

Tony passed away in Japan on 7 June 2022. He was 65 years old. Thanks Tony for your friendship and valuable contribution to our little wine club. It isn't the same without you.

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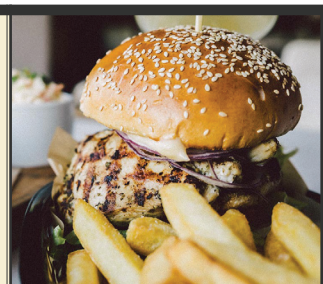
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Vale John Christopher (Chris) Sanderson

Christopher Sanderson, who died at home in May aged 86, was a big man in every respect. He was physically striking, tall and broad-shouldered, with an eye-patch and range of raffish headwear, and the deportment and posh tones of an English country squire.

But he had a disdain for pomp and the trappings of privilege: his concerns were for the common weal – the good of others, his community, and the planet. He was expansive in his vision and his inclusiveness, with an ability to digest complex emerging ideas, from technology to meditation, and to share his insights and knowledge. It was a talent for “creating sandpits where people could play, learn and thrive”, says his partner of 40 years, Christobel Munson. He created communities and promoted causes – most recently the call for action on climate change.

Christopher’s 30 years in Byron Shire as an “alternative” and activist were at odds with his ultra-conventional upbringing. His Scottish/English ancestral line could be traced back to 1240, and was filled with courtiers, aristocrats, military men and wool and shipping magnates. Born in London, he was the son of a brigadier in the Scots Guards, and educated as a boarder at the elite Wellington College and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, graduating as a second lieutenant in his father’s regiment

in 1956. He left the army as a captain five years later – much too imaginative and forward thinking to be constrained by the powerful traditional expectations of his class. His interest ran more towards exploring Spain on a motorbike, and learning the classical guitar.

In the early 1960s, he went into advertising and married an Australian, Jocelyn, with whom he had four daughters – Penny, Camilla, Stasia and Misty. They migrated to Sydney in 1963, living on a property in Lovett Bay, where the girls luxuriated in nature. From the late 60s, Christopher could see the growing significance of computers, and joined IBM, working there for 10 years in senior roles in Australia, the US and Paris. A further 10 years were spent setting up the Australian branch of Canadian computer giant IP Sharp & Associates, which was developing programming languages that anticipated the internet. By 1991, his time with the corporate world had run its course and he and Christobel took a two-year sabbatical at Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh’s ashram in Poona, India. Chris’s hunger for finding better ways of

doing things had a deeply spiritual aspect to it.

In June 1993, they came to Byron Bay, where Chris envisioned establishing a community on a large block of land. A group of six friends bought a dairy farm and turned it, over a period of 15 years, into Jindibah, a fully functioning and environmentally responsible community title property in Fowlers Lane, near Bangalow.

In the years that followed, he and Christobel created a computer trading system for farmers, ran import-export businesses, and started The Travellers Net, an early dot.com travel site. Christopher also helped set up the Bangalow Community Alliance and the Green Coast Catalysts, organising large-scale events to inform locals on aspects of climate change; he was one of the first members of the political party, Our Sustainable Future.

Climate change was his final great passion: as in all his concerns, he became exceptionally well-informed and, typically, shared his knowledge widely and built community support for reform. He was a founding member of the Zero Emissions Byron team of volunteers, and contributed to their first EV Expo and Forum.

Chris retired from his last Byron Shire Council committee in December 2021, at the age of 85, a formidable but gentle warrior to the end.

Digby Hildreth



The Billy Cart Derby is one of 2479's signature social events. Cancelled for the past two years due to COVID, for those new to town, Sally Schofield offers a quick run-down of the event, and why you should get amongst it.

A truly unique and wholesome regional experience, the Bangalow Billy Cart Derby takes place in the Bangalow main street which is lined with hay bales and closed to vehicular traffic while locals race homemade billy carts down the centre of the road all day. What could go wrong? Well, there's been some magnificent stacks in years gone by, and a broken bone or two, to be sure. But don't let that put you off.

There are races for young and old, teams, celebrities, teachers, and even some daredevil mums don their crash helmets and take on 'the hill.'

Each race begins, conveniently, outside the Bangalow Hotel, with the finish line adjacent to the mysterious and magical Abracadabra store.

Crowds line the streets, and a lucky few gather on shopfront balconies for the best vantage points for the day. Some stores remain open, others choose to close and enjoy the festivities, while many create pop-up offerings of street front stalls selling food and drink.

It's a carnival atmosphere that harks back to

a time of simple pleasures – fresh lemonade, a sausage sizzle from the Lions, a thrilling day of wild carefree fun. And who doesn't need one of those these days?

I know, right? Sounds great, but who is Billy? And where in blazes do I get one of his carts?

Billy carts were often originally old timber boxes on wheels pulled by goats, hence, billy cart. Today, racing carts are sometimes passed down through the generations in local families or inherited from friendly neighbours. Others are handmade and purpose built, with varying degrees of finesse and success.

But if you are about as handy on the tools as a former Prime Minister, never fear! The Men's Shed in Bangalow is here to help you with woodworking and basic mechanical engineering skills just in time for the Billy Cart Derby. The Shed have worked with Billy Cart Derby scrutineers (amazingly, all carts are inspected for safety prior to racing) to develop a 'build your own billy cart' template and kit, all to correct Derby specifications. All you need is



some paint, an enthusiastic young person or two, and a bit of time, and you'll be flying down the main street come September in your own rocket racer. Brown pants recommended!

"The Men's Shed is keen to assist any father or granddad who wants help making a racer for a kid," says Shed president David, who can be contacted on 0403 899 225. "The cart can be ordered from the Shed whose members will prepare the kit. The family can then come and personalise the machine with their own colour scheme etc."

The Derby coincides with the Bangalow Public School annual fundraisers called The Pit Stop, offering fair rides, activities for kids, food and more, making Derby Day an unforgettable outing for the whole family. See you at the starting line, Sunday 18 September.

Find out more bangalowbillycart.com.au



The thrills and spills of the Bangalow Billy Cart Derby capture by Lyn McCarthy, Niche Pictures

Council Matters

Draft Budget

The financial outlook for Council over the next year at least looks pretty grim. Council's Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022/2023 demonstrate the heavy impacts of fires, floods, COVID and now inflationary pressures on their budget. Usually balanced or with a slight surplus, this budget will be in deficit. Council hope that, over the next twelve months, they can regain the revenues lost during lockdowns and natural disasters and reduce the deficit. Flood recovery priorities and funding have been specified separate to 'core business'.

The Drafts contains rates increases that if approved will increase a household's overall rates bill by about \$3 per week.

Council will have deliberated these documents at its meeting of 30 June.

Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme

Council has responded to the enormous pressure and need for more affordable housing across the Shire. For Bangalow the Draft Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme contains a significant expansion of lots in the village now earmarked as Affordable Housing Contribution Areas. Proposals to make lots in Ballina Road and the Rankin Drive/water tower area available for investigation under this scheme are particularly significant. For more information go to byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-support/Housing-Affordability-Initiatives/Affordable-Housing-Contribution-Scheme

Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee

Longtime resident Sue Franklin has been appointed to this Committee which focuses on housing for low- and moderate-income households, boarding house residents, homeless people and others experiencing housing stress. Sue has a long history of community engagement and activism in Bangalow.

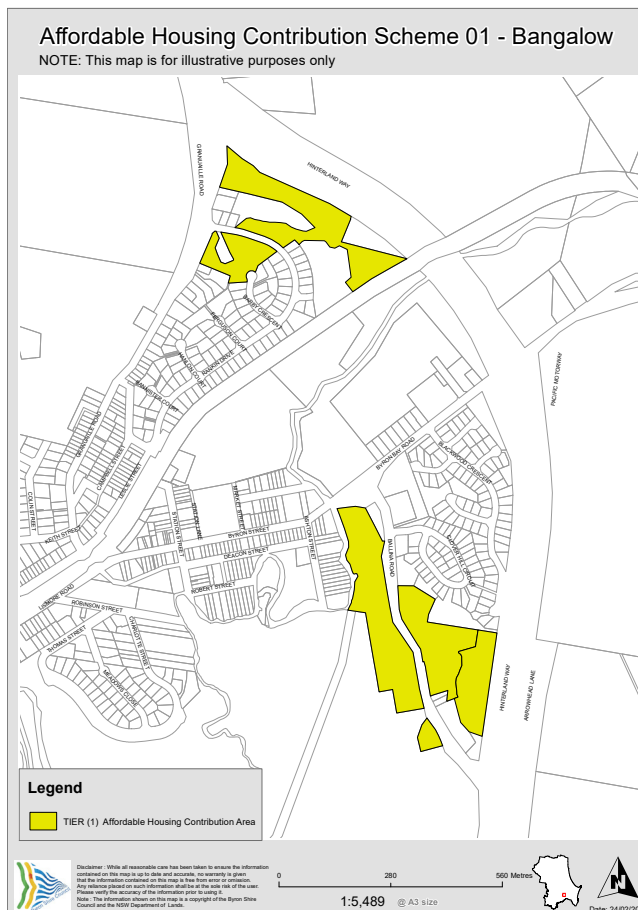
Bangalow projects

The plans for the Rifle Range Road intersection upgrade were finally approved last year. Tenders were sought and unfortunately rejected. Like all construction work this year, the cost of the upgrade now exceeds the allocated funds and Council is forced to seek additional funds.

Tenders have been sought for a project that will a) develop a Materials Palette for the Bangalow Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) and one for areas outside the HCA, and b) design and location for three village entry treatments. The outcome of this project will be, after community consultation, a document that contains images of things like trees, lighting, banners, awnings; public seats, bins, bubblers, bike racks, bollards, handrails/safety fences, bus stops, footpath surface treatments, driveway crossovers, retaining walls.

Later this year ownership of the 'Woods Precinct' in Station Street will change hands to family-owned property group CADRE. Alongside architects Twohill & James and landscape architect LDGLA, CADRE are collaborating on a mixed use development of the site. Plans will be made available for community input before being submitted to Council.

Jenny Bird



Proposed lots in Bangalow. Byron Shire Council Draft Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme



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Banana Cake

With so much convenient food so easy to buy these days, the value of home baking really came into its own during COVID lockdowns. It may have been on YouTube or, in my case, from my grandmother but there is great joy in the sharing and passing on of favourite recipes from family and friends, and the skills learnt from watching someone bake. Techniques such as creaming and folding for instance, are best learnt hands on. The best part, of course, was waiting to lick the bowl or the beaters. I can't remember who gave me this handwritten recipe but it's very close to my grandmother's cake with the addition of yoghurt. She used milk. Try the fruit syrup topping as a variation from a drizzle of lemon icing, both the icing on the cake!

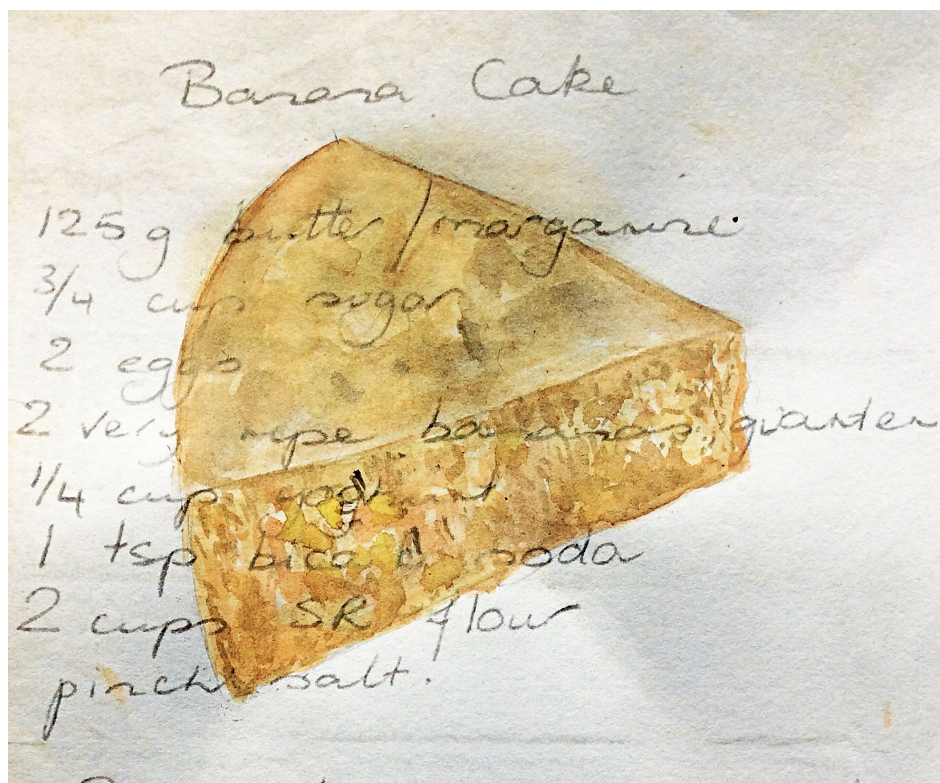


Illustration by Lyn Hand

Ingredients

125g unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup caster sugar
2 eggs
2 very ripe bananas, mashed
1/4 cup yoghurt
1 tsp bicarb soda
2 cups self-raising flour
Pinch of salt

Method

Cream the butter and sugar
Add the eggs one at a time, mix well
Add the mashed bananas
Add bicarb soda, flour and salt, folding in two tablespoons at a time
Add the yoghurt, stir until combined

Bake in a 20cm square cake tin at 160° fan forced, or 180° conventional.

Bake for 50 minutes.

Fruit syrup icing

1/2 cup lemon juice
3 tbs black sugar (demerara, molasses, dark brown sugar etc.)

Simmer liquid well. Evaporate until syrup becomes sticky on back of a spoon.

Remove and drizzle over banana cake. Allow some to run down the side of cake.

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Love Stories

by Trent Dalton

"There's a sign resting against my desk: 'Sentimental writer collecting love stories. Do you have one to share?' You would not believe the things people will tell you when you take the time to shut the hell up and listen." This extraordinary idea hatched in Trent Dalton's mind after Kathleen Kelly, the mother of his mate, bequeathed him her old Olivetti typewriter. At the funeral of Kathleen his mate told him that Kathleen had been collecting and scrapbooking Trent's "journos stuff" for years – an act of love in itself. What better way to honour the memory of the letter-writing, activist Kathleen (and escape the 18-month-long fug of a global

pandemic) than to sit in Queen Street Mall, Brisbane and collect love stories?

I met Trent Dalton at the Byron Writer's Festival Signing Tent shortly after he had written and released *Boy Swallows Universe*. I couldn't help falling in love with him; a good-looking, effusive, articulate, heart-on-your-sleeve kinda guy. In the space of those five minutes spent in the Signing Tent he hugged me three times (pre-COVID, obviously). This book has his open heart

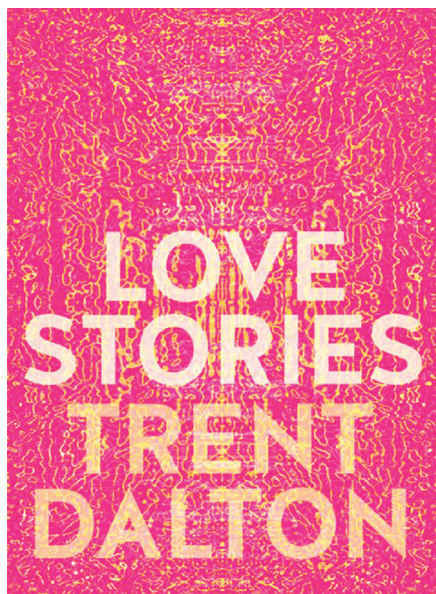
and generosity all over it; if you know only half of his real-life story (and some of it is present in this book) you will know that some among us are innately good and kind and nothing the world throws at them can change that. This book of beautifully crafted and curated stories demonstrates Trent's kindness and ability to capture the positive in tragedy.

In the two months spent in Queen Street Mall Trent spoke to people from all walks of life and the love stories told include parental love, sibling love, romantic love, flash-mob wedding proposals, the loving care of a palliative nurse, to name but a few.

You can't read this book like a novel. If you're walking through a botanical garden you don't run; slow down and enjoy the journey, you'll be amazed at Trent's ability to get people to open up and tell their stories. *Love Stories* deserves to sit on a coffee table to be picked up when you are needing an elixir.

Good Reads rating 4.29 stars. Published by Harper Collins

Carolyn Adams



This is the first in our new column on local beverages of all varieties including tea, coffee, juices, spirits and milk!

Pecans are grown around our shire; there is even a famous tree in George Street where annual pecan parties were held. In 1990, Les 'Woody' Woodgate was given a pecan tree which quickly flourished to become a focal point of the street's landscape and social activity. In 2012 the residents celebrated the inaugural George Street Pecan Festival with an old-fashioned bake off. Neighbours would make pecan delights from their tree and let everyone share.

The love of all things pecan lives on. Did you know that Bangalow has the first producer of commercially viable pecan milk in Australia? This creamy, smooth milk from the Byron Milk Company, is a great dairy-free alternative. It has a nutty flavour, great colour and clean finish. It also comes in dinky retro glass bottles. I can see this in porridge with candied pecans and pears. I am keen to try a brulee topped with more of these candied pecans or pecan icecream.

This milk is rich in fibre and antioxidants each helping to build the immune system. It is also a source of magnesium, calcium, and potassium. Most of the fat in the milk is the mono-unsaturated healthy type.

Pecan milk uses organic ingredients and is hand crafted by the owners. It has a three-week shelf life without preservatives.

If you have a dairy allergy, lactose intolerance, vegan or just want a tasty alternative, this bevy is for you. Look for the Byron Milk Co. at your local farmers markets or visit them at the Bangalow Industrial Estate.

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Queens, teens and the American Dream

Winter is the perfect time to indulge in some binge watching on your favourite streaming service.

People lead fascinating lives. **The Bikes of Wrath** (ABC iView) is a quirky and endearing documentary, in which five Australian lads bike the same route written about in John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize winning novel (1940), *The Grapes of Wrath*. The book is about the Joad family, dispossessed from their land in the Oklahoma Dust bowl who trek to California in search of work. The book is famous for its depiction of the grinding down exploitation of humanity by ruthless agricultural economics and an unforgiving climate. It's a troubling, profound novel.

On the screen, the riders, with the same amount of money the Joad family had (less than \$400), set off from Sallisaw, Oklahoma heading to Bakersfield California, heading down Route 66, over 30 days covering 1547 miles. One could argue that they are privileged white men who get to fly home at the end of their adventure. But it has substance. The story is sincere, the people they meet are kind to them and the insights they gain about the strongly held belief in the crumbling American Dream, the wealth gap, generosity of strangers, comfort of Southern Baptists makes it complex and interesting viewing. It's very well-constructed and edited. The music is good and the excerpts from Steinbeck's novel give gravitas to the tale. Recommended, particularly for those who wish to understand the complexities of the US.

Sex Education (Netflix). I mentioned this briefly before, but I want to remind people to

“ It speaks to the tumultuous coming of age years when teenagers are overcome by a heady mix of insecurity, lust and bad judgement.”



Becoming Elizabeth – a lusty, violent, captivating ride

watch this cleverly written and well-acted series about teenagers, hormones and the resulting crazy drives. Writer Laurie Nunn has created a funny, wise series set in fictional Moordale High school in England (Wales). It's been such a hit. It speaks to the tumultuous coming of age years when teenagers are overcome by a heady mix of insecurity, lust and bad judgement. A perfect combination! Note that Ncuti Gatwa (a Rwandan born Scot) performed so brilliantly he won a BAFTA Scotland Award for Best Actor in Television as well as three BAFTA Television Award nominations for Best Male Comedy Performance. He is also going on to be the next Dr Who. But all the performances are fantastic, including Gillian Anderson as Jean, the sex therapist mother of Otis (Asa Butterfield) and his love interest, 'bad' girl Maeve (Emma Mackey). Highly recommended. Can't wait for season 4.

Where would we be without an English period drama about the English Kings and Queens? Mostly Queens. Costume makers,

seamstresses and embroiderers across the world should give thanks to the Tudors for keeping them in work. (I do wonder about who did the washing with those long frocks dragging across muddy courtyards and straw-strewn floors in damp, smoky castles).

Becoming Elizabeth (Stan) charts the story of the future Virgin Queen (Alicia von Rittberg) and her journey as a teenager, along with her siblings, when their father Henry VIII dies leaving a power vacuum. They have to navigate nasty political machinations of sinister and complicated court. History tells us how this ended, but it doesn't get in the way of this being a cleverly constructed and visually compelling series. Note that George R.R. Martin, who wrote *Game of Thrones*, drew inspiration from this time in English history. Buckle up for a lusty, violent, captivating ride.

Dr Airdre Grant





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Elderberry

There are 25 species of elderberry, part of the Genus *Sambucas*, most of which originated in Europe and North America. They have been mentioned in historical records for many hundreds of years because of their medicinal qualities. They've been traditionally used in many parts of the world to treat fevers and relieve pain and for their nutritional benefits.

Their many uses are well documented, and elderberries are in many herbal remedies but I grow them because they are lovely, hardy and adaptable plants.

They are very rewarding especially in these difficult times. With our enormous rainfall and waterlogged conditions, dozens of favourites have simply drowned, unable to access the necessary oxygen to sustain life but my elderberries have been thriving.

Sambucas nigra grows up to three metres with bright feathery foliage (it looks a little like marijuana!) and from spring to autumn produces enormous inflorescences – sprays of tiny white flowers preceding the blackish-purple berries. After picking the berries or when they have all been taken by birds, the remaining bare umbels make a beautiful addition to flower arrangements.

Their canes can be pruned, and in England, elderberry hedges are still popular as they are fast growing and the canes are very flexible and can be pulled and positioned into desired



Elderberry Photos Carole Gamble

shapes and directions.

Elderberry does send out suckers and some gardeners will regard it as a weed, but I'd rather regard it as a desirable 'outlaw', as a weed is only a plant that grows where it isn't wanted!

It needs space but it can look wonderful in those difficult spots that are either a bit shaded, a bit soggy or just somewhere that needs a vigorous and interesting filler that can be pruned if it gets too big.

The medicinal properties are said to be many but most studies say "further research is needed to substantiate various claims of efficacy" and it's worth noting that the

uncooked flowers, berries and bark are poisonous and are likely to cause abdominal issues.

Elderberry cordial is high in vitamin C and antioxidants and is available at health food shops.

The plant can be easily propagated using softwood cuttings, the section of stem where the brown is turning to green wood. Pruning to bushy shapes will create more flowering stems for the following season and the birds and butterflies will love this addition to your garden.

Carole Gamble



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'Furnishing' art in the frame

In matters of original art, provenance (a documented history of ownership) is often quite important and can add serious monetary value.



19th Century oil painting on canvas in original gilt wood frame. Unknown artist – dated 1881

Even past documented ownership can add value.

For example, imagine the value of a painting which was once the property of England's wartime prime minister Winston Churchill and which hung in the cabinet war room.

That painting (perhaps of a dark grey battleship which Churchill may have favoured) could be one of no particular artistic merit whatsoever and might even be unsigned by its original artist.

Yet that painting could be of considerable value solely because of its history of ownership, without which it would be probably worth around \$10.

Conversely, this very beautiful painting of a dog in its original water gilded 19th century antique gold frame (dated 1881) has quite obvious artistic merit.

You do not have to "know" art or require an "expert" to tell you that it is a "good" painting.

You may be drawn not only to the subject, but to the colours that the artist

mixed and used to create the tonal aspects of the painting.

While clearly dated 1881, the artist's signature is indistinct and thus cannot be attributed to anyone.

So, its monetary value is simply as Furnishing Art alone, its certified real value is the cost of an antique gilt frame, a piece of canvas, the cost of the paint or the value of what someone is willing to pay for it.

In this particular case its value is up to a few thousand dollars.

Ten times that figure if it once belonged to Winston Churchill.

Twenty times that figure if it could be attributed to a recorded 19th century artist.

Forty times that figure if it's by a 19th century artist of some note.

Five hundred times that figure if the artist is a member of the Royal Academy!

So now armed with all this information, please commence your hunt in antique shops and flea markets for paintings of this type but please remember they will most definitely survive long term and, as such, you cannot actually "own" it.

Instead you are simply "minding" it for some future owner.

Now please, do your bit and at least commence its future provenance, by putting your invoice or receipt for it in an envelope and attaching it to the back because there it will be eventually found by some future owner, and they will simply bless you for it.

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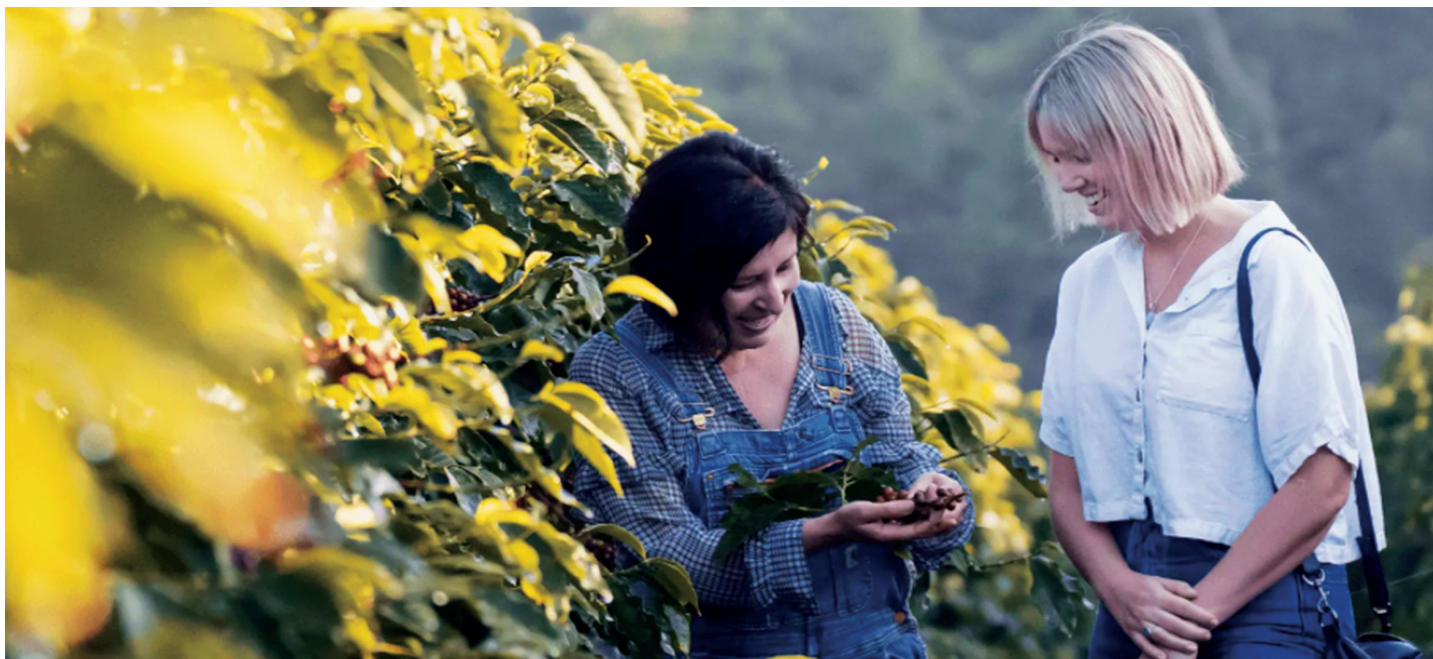
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You Beauty, Bangalow

Erroneously reported as being in Byron Bay (ahem!) Matt Stone's new produce-focused venture You Beauty will open on the old Italian Diner site in Bangalow.. You Beauty will tap into the abundance of locally grown and made produce including locals Picone Exotics based in Tyagarah who produce the most incredible range of interesting and unique tropical fruit and vegetables which are sure to make their way onto the menu. Diners can expect seasonal share plates complemented with homemade pickles and fermented foods, and a bloody beaut wine list.

Through the grapevine

Whispers of a new collaboration are swirling through 2479 that will have green thumbbed diners swooning. Melding the kitchen finesse from the team from Woods Café, with ceramics from The Clay Barn and plants from local botanical stylist Andrew from Cacthaus and co-owner of Woods, this botanical inspired haven will be part of the ever-fascinating Station Street precinct. Featuring a super cute dining room brimming with plants and handmade ceramics, diners will feast on local produce, and the space is also available for private events and meetings.



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ADFAS	Dianne	0412 370 372
Al-Anon (2pm Fri)		1300 252 666
Bangalow Koalas	Linda	0411 491 991
Bridge	Dennis	6687 1574
Chamber of Commerce		admin@bangalow.biz
Community Children's Centre	Kerry	6687 1552
Co-dependents Anonymous	Gye	0421 583 321
CWA (Wed)	Rebecca	0438 871 908
Garden Club (1st Wed)	Diana	0418 288 428
George the snake man	George	0407 965 092
Historical Society/Museum/Cafe		6687 2183
Kindred Women Together	Janice	0401 026 359
Koala rescue line (24 hr)		6622 1233
Land & Rivercare (8.30am Sat)	Noelene	0431 200 638
Lions Club (7pm 2nd/4th Tues)	Chris	0416 005 700
Market (4th Sun)	Jeff	6687 1911
Men's Shed	John	0427 130 177
Op Shop (9.30am-2.30pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm)		6687 2228
Parklands	Lynn	0429 644 659
Park Trust Committee	Shane	0475 732 551
Police – DCI Matt Kehoe	Fax: 6629 7501	6629 7500
Pool Trust	Jo	6687 1297
Progress Association	Ian	0414 959 936
Poultry Club	Hector	6687 1322
Quilters (2nd/4th Thur)	Karen	0413 621 224
Red Cross (1st Fri)	Liz	0409 832 001
Show Society	Anne	6687 1033
Sport		
Bowls men (1pm Wed & Sat)	Gerry	6687 1142
Bowls women (9.30am Wed)	Frances	6687 1339
Cricket	Anthony	0429 306 529
Karate self-defence	Jean	0458 245 123
Netball (3.30pm Wed)	Ellie	0429 855 399
Rugby Union (Rebels)	Dave	0412 080 614
Soccer (Blue dogs)		0434 559 700
Tennis court hire	Bernie	0433 970 800
Venues		
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All Souls' Anglican Hall		6684 3552
Bowling Club	Chris	6687 2741
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Moller Pavilion		6687 1035
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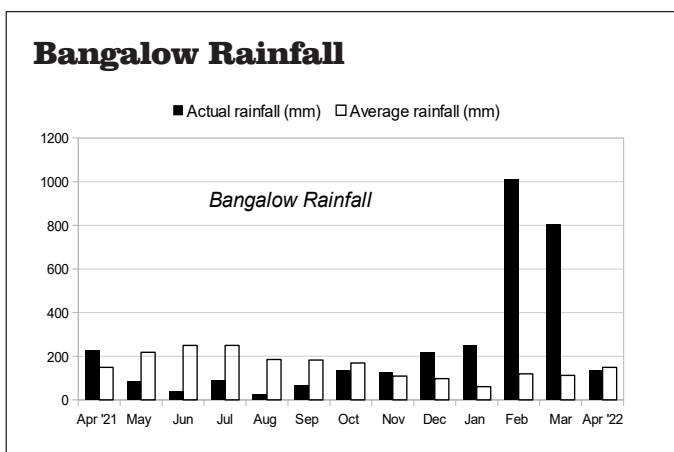
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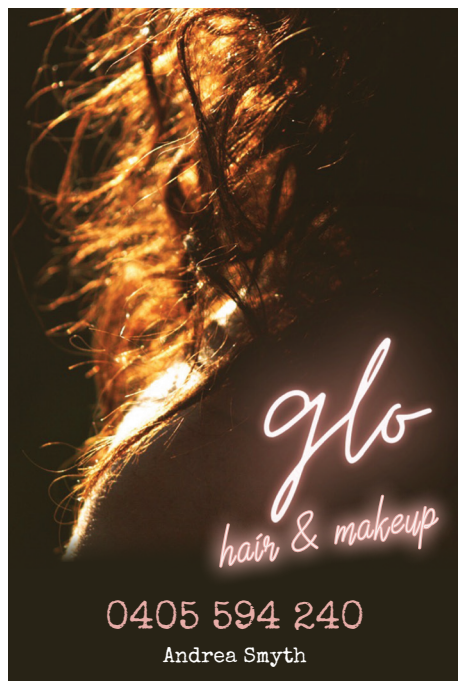
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WHAT'S ON

There are plenty of interesting events and opportunities happening in and around 2479 this month. Get involved!

Friends of the Library Book Fair

When Fri 1-Sun 3 July, 9am-4pm

Where Byron Bay Surf Club

Information byronbayfol@gmail.com or byronbayfol.com

Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire Annual Book Fair is on! Thousands of books to browse with all funds raised going to support our three Shire libraries.

Bangalow Garden Club

When Wed 6 July, 1.30pm

Where Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showground

Contact Diana Harden 0418 288428

This month's speaker is Hendrika Johnson, a family-historian and writer. 253 years ago the Endeavour, commanded by Lieutenant James Cook, sailed up the east coast of Australia. On board were natural scientists and assistants led by botanist Joseph Banks. They went to shore at various points and collected 13,000 mainly unknown botanical specimens. They then described, preserved and transported them back to England. Hendrika offers insights into the challenges the 95 men on board faced and overcame. She explains new and ancient methods of botany and how this epic journey changed farms and gardens all over the world, including ours.



Wildlife needs keepers and guardians.
 Photo: Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Keeper for a Day

When Wed 6 & 13 July, 9am-3.30pm (register 8.30am)

Tickets \$100 pp (12-18 year olds) includes morning tea, lunch and icecream

Wildlife Guardians

When Tues 5 & 12 July and Thurs 7 July & 14 July, 9am-3.30pm (register 8.30am)

Tickets \$80 (8-12 year olds) includes morning tea, lunch and icecream

Where Macadamia Castle, Hinterland Way Newrybar

Bookings info@macadamiacastle.com.au or 02 6687 8432

Spend a day behind the scenes with one of our senior keepers during the school holidays. Find out what working in a wildlife sanctuary is all about with some exclusive firsthand experiences. Learn about the conservation of our local wildlife, animal husbandry practises and provide enrichment for our animals. Parents collect children inside park at 3.30pm

Bangalow Business Networking Breakfast

When Thurs 7 July, 7:30 – 9 am

Where Woods at Bangalow

Information

byronandbeyondnetworking.com.au

Michael Murray, Buyer's Agent with Byron Property Search will report in on what's happening with real estate in the Shire from his perspective – looking ahead five and ten years.

Social Dance Swing and Ballroom

When Fri 8 July, 6pm -10pm

Where Coorabell Hall, 565 Coolamon Scenic Drive

Contact Rhydian Lewis 0420454165

Tickets \$20 at door or at rhydian-lewis.square.site

It's time to step out and start enjoying meeting people from our local community again. Dance on Coorabell Hall's wonderful wooden dance floor, watch, chat and meet new people. This is a very friendly social dance with a live singer and DJ playing music for Swing, Jazz & rock n roll, modern Ballroom and Latin dances. Hopefully there will be food and refreshments to purchase – usually a Thai Vegan dish @\$15.



Smart Works: Design and the Handmade Exhibition (2007).
Photo: Powerhouse Museum

ADFAS: Inspired! Design Across Time, and Smart Works: Design and the Handmade

When Mon 18 July, 6pm for drinks, lecture starts at 6:30pm

Where A & I Hall, Bangalow

Contact adfasbyronbay@gmail.com or Facebook @ADFASByronBay

Tickets For non-members trybooking.com

Ms Grace Cochrane looks at two of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum exhibitions: Inspired! Design Across Time (2005-2010) – 300 years of decorative arts and design with a focus on Australian works; and Smart Works: Design and the Handmade (2007) which considered the work of about 40 Australian and New Zealand designers.

Country and Western Night

When Saturday 23 July 6pm-11pm

Where Newrybar Hall

Tickets \$75 including BBQ dinner

Information eventbrite.com/e/annual-country-and-western-night-tickets-273701577787

Dust off your boots and book the babysitter! Prizes for best dressed. Licensed bar, Backwater Brethren Country Rock Band, Red Hot Live and Silent Auctions! All funds raised to support a local family through their cancer journey.

Bangalow Business Networking Lunch

When Fri 29 July, 12– 2 pm

Where Woods at Bangalow

Information
byronandbeyondnetworking.com.au

CWA Cake & Produce Stall

When Sat 30 July, 8am-12 noon

Where CWA Rooms, Byron St, Bangalow

Contact Rebecca 0438 871 908

The monthly cake stall is attracting quite a following for those wanting homemade goodies to have with a cuppa or to pop in the freezer. Call in and pick up your weekend treats.

CWA Tea Cosy Competition

When Entries close 5 August

Where CWA rooms, Byron St, Bangalow

Contact Ruth Kirby 0409 786 640

The CWA annual Tea Cosy Competition is on again to celebrate the creativity of the region and the comfort of a simple cup of tea. Be as creative as you like but make sure your tea cosy is functional. Whether it's a floral theme, weird and whacky, vintage design, embroidered or patchwork, get started on your entry now.

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The Festival of Small Halls

The Festival of Small Halls returned to Eureka in May, and it was fabulous to see the community getting together again to enjoy and celebrate the return of live music in the hall.

The allure of wood-fired pizza (thanks to Il Carretto pizza), a bar and our lovely little hall to escape from the rain made for a perfect escape for everyone who has been enduring the long months of rain-induced cabin fever.

Local musicians Zai and Casuarina kicked off the night with a beautiful guitar and vocals set of originals and covers. These two year 12 students from Federal were so at home on the stage and the audience loved them.

Melanie Horsnell took the stage, and I can understand why Bernard Zuel from the SMH described seeing her live as *"A promise of a softly lit afternoon in the company of Melanie Horsnell... with a voice of the utmost delicateness..."*. Hailing from southern NSW, having recorded 11 albums and EPs and

toured with musicians such as Glen Hansard, Bernard Fanning and Sarah Blasko, her solo set was exquisite. With just her and her guitar (and banjo), Melanie captivated the crowd. I even bought the t-shirt!

Then the main event. Renowned local musicians Ash Bell (ex-Starboard Cannons) and Sara Tindley (celebrated singer songwriter, four albums and a festival favourite) took to the stage to perform the collection of folk/roots tracks from their debut EP 'Going Out Clothes'. This duo is really a match made in folk heaven and with Ash's witty interludes on stage it made for a great night all round.

This time around the festival was a little different just because it was a mid-week gig and the numbers were a little more



Melanie, Ash and Sara pics by Seamus McCarthy

restricted, but we still filled the Eureka Hall to capacity, everyone got a seat, a drink, some pizza and it was all smiles.

Much thanks must go to the Eureka Hall Committee volunteers for always doing an amazing job at organising this incredible event. Thanks must also go to Woodfordia and the Festival of Small Halls for involving us in this magical touring festival. We can't wait for the next one... watch this space!

**Marin Simpson
on behalf of Eureka Hall**