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Andy from the Men's Shed Photo Murray Hand

Good skills at the Shed

The purpose of the Bangalow Men's Shed is to provide a safe, supportive, inclusive and friendly environment for people of all ages to gather and seek friendship with like-minded others.

Training in wood working skills is an ongoing activity with woodworking workshops every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am-midday. Bob in particular is always willing to share his wealth of knowledge and experience.

In late 2019 Andy and David from the Bangalow Men's Shed went to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) conference in Adelaide and joined a conversation that has evolved into the Shed Mates program.

AMSA has produced a booklet all about this initiative, being aware of our own mental health and those of our mates in the Shed. The booklet is full of real stories about real blokes dealing with real life, physically and emotionally as we age, giving lots of examples to stay connected with the Shed and each other.

David is now working with AMSA rolling out his important initiative across the country. Mental wellbeing is deemed to be so important that the Federal Government is providing funding to support this work.

Copies of the Shed Mates booklet are available in the Shed. You may also be interested in attending the Older Person Mental Health First Aid course, an important step in awareness and care of ourselves and those around us.

Other upcoming courses include the use of the defibrillator. Hopefully you don't need to use one, and while the actual machine talks you through its use, it is important to know how it works before a life-saving event occurs.

First aid courses need to be refreshed every three years so this will be a re-run for those who have done it before and for first timers.

Bangalow Men's Shed

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Byron Street was a blaze of glory for the return of the 2022 Billy Cart Derby. Races were run, trophies were won, and there were celebrities galore gallivanting in the September sun. Our cover stars, cheeky Danny Beus from the Dune Rats, the unstoppable extravaganza that is Mandy Nolan, and rugged rock legend Tex Perkins all turned out for their chance on the podium. As was only fitting, the Queen took this year's crown. "Thank you, Billy Cart Derby," said Mandy after the race. "I needed a win. Nice not to come a close second!"

Coming out of our COVID caves, events like the Billy Cart Derby, Pit Stop, live theatre, festivals, community sport, and just getting out of the house are a breath of fresh, mask-free air are such a delight. We are fortunate to have all this freedom, stimulation, and creative expression on our paradisaical doorsteps—so much choice! But we must tread lightly.

Many of us have found the place we call home has taken on unfamiliar contours (and I'm not talking about the potholes in Station Street). Our town is sedimentary, rich with stories from the original custodians through to front bar folklore, sideline banter, or main street tattle tales. These layers create the bedrock of the community that we rely on, and while we may not always agree with each other, or the changes happening around us, there's still comfort in belonging.

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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Business News



The Bangalow Witches, a potent brew

Bangalow is gaining a reputation as a centre for practitioners in a vast variety of health-related services. Recently two new businesses have opened, enhancing that reputation.

The Bangalow Witches specialise in acupuncture and Chinese medicine, focusing on women's health. Best mates Olivia Whan and Lexi Newman met when studying for their Bachelor of Health Science in Melbourne. They moved to this area some time ago and now have set up their new practice in the old NAB building in the main street.

Olivia has a special interest in fertility, IVF support, chronic fatigue syndrome and headaches. Lexi's main focus is on kinesiology, and is a transpersonal counsellor. The full nature of their extensive practice is best viewed on their website.bangalowitzches.com.au



Holistic wellbeing for little ones at Little Souls

Little Souls Wellness Centre is another new practice offering help with health matters. The Centre has recently opened in the beautiful old Readings Building on Lismore Road, having an already established practice in Tweed Heads.

Little Souls has a large team of health professionals comprising psychologists, occupational therapists, a dietician, a physiotherapist and a clinic therapy dog to assist young people and families.

Their services cover a vast range of issues such as learning difficulties, depression, anxiety, autism, grief and loss, developmental delay and many other matters which can be fully explored on their website.littlesoulswellness.com.au.



Family mediation and counselling with Kate Pearce

KP Family Matters is a new business opened by Kate Pearce behind the old NAB Bank. Kate is a mediator who has been living and working in the Bangalow area for 21 years. She specialises as a family law mediator and works in relationship counselling and family law resolution.

It is not only parents who can seek her assistance, but, as a qualified child consultant, she is able to bring the voice of children to mediation.

Kate's office has a private access from Deacon Street. kpfamilymatters.com.au

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Lord Angus Thurgate with handsome hound Arlo
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Where there's smoko, there's fire

Get your creative juices flowing and dust off your biggest hat. One of the most anticipated events at the Bangalow Show this year is the Bush Poet's Smoko, a chance to flex your storytelling skills, yarning prowess, and captivate the crowd with your eloquence. This could be your chance to shine! If you think you can write and deliver a three-minute poem containing the word 'horse', then have a crack at this year's Bush Poet Smoko spoken word event. *The Bangalow Herald* is sponsoring a \$100 first prize and a magnificent silky winner's sash to wear for the duration of the show (which may then be sold on eBay for a fortune when you become famous). Local poet, Lord Angus Thurgate, is once again the host with the most, and is joined again by a formidable and incorruptible judging panel. The event is held Saturday afternoon at the Village Green, just past the Moller Pavilion. There are very few rules other than your verse must contain the word 'horse', and the three-minute time limit will be strictly observed. Giddy up and send your poems and any questions to athurgate@hotmail.com

Angus Thurgate and Murray Hand



Funds available to rebuild art and culture Photo Victoria Quirk

Arts and culture funding available

Applications are open for a \$30 million recovery package which supports the repair works for arts and culture, sports, and Aboriginal-owned community infrastructure damaged in the February-March flood event. The eligible Local Government Areas under this program are Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Hawkesbury, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed. Minister for Emergency Management, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, said "Community arts and cultural facilities and Aboriginal Keeping Places across New South Wales are a vital part of our cultural fabric. They are also an important part of our economy, supporting thousands of jobs across New South Wales." The Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Package – Arts and Culture Priority Needs Program is designed to complement existing support measures in place and longer-term community infrastructure recovery programs. The funding is designed to help the arts and cultural sector rebuild and recover and while at the same time provide arts and cultural experiences that are crucial to community wellbeing.

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Engaging on the airwaves, Mick O'Regan Photo Lyn McCarthy

Local Talent at ABC Radio North Coast

The many listeners to the Radio ABC North Coast based in Lismore appreciate having a very professional team of presenters bringing them the news that is relevant to the local community. With many interviews it showcases rural news and events going on in and around the Northern Rivers shires. By encouraging talkback, it welcomes individuals to express their views. The recent floods with many life and death situations have emphasised how important it is to have a local radio station to alert people to changing weather conditions. Three very experienced members of the station reside in Bangalow. Renata Combac produces the very popular Angela Catterns' Saturday morning program. Hannah Ross has been a reporter since 2018. Well known journalist Mick O'Regan has had decades of broadcasting experience. He is called upon to MC many local events and chairs author interviews at the Byron Bay Writers Festival. Mick says he is semi-retired but has small forays into media activities that interest him including a current stint at ABC Radio North Coast.

Helen Johnston



Get the girls together for BoobFest Photo Annie Spratt

Breast night out at the Bowlo

Mandy Nolan hosts BoobFest, a stand up comedy Breast Cancer fundraiser like no other! Direct from her smash hit performance for Just for Laughs at the Sydney Opera House Bev Killick was once the star of Busting Out, and is regaled as one of the most outrageously funny person you will ever meet. Bev is joined by Ellen Briggs, the hysterical half of touring wonder duo Women Like Us and the joint winners of the National RAW comp this year – Alexandra Hudson and Bron Lewis, just back from their stint at Edinburgh Festival. 'Every year I raise money for breast cancer research but this year I want the money to stay in our community. So we are donating proceeds to the Cancer Compassionate fund for supporting women in our region undergoing treatment.'

This is a night to bust out the pink, get the girls together, because sisters aren't just doing it for themselves. They're laughing as they go!

Wednesday 19 October 8pm at the Bangalow Bowlo. Tix \$25 at trybooking.com/CCVZF



Bangalow Community Children's Centre *Presents* Our Children's Art Exhibition @ A&I Hall, Bangalow



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Horsing around at the Bangalow Show



Photo Claudia Schick

121st Bangalow Show – from the Show Secretary

After a forced two-year hiatus due to COVID, the Bangalow A&I Society is excited to bring a return to their annual show on the 18-19 November. The Pavilion Schedule (which lists all competition categories and events) is out now and available online, and printed copies can be found around town or at the Show office. With school holidays approaching, it's the perfect time to get the kids, and yourself, preparing your entries.

Maybe make some jam or a sauce for the preserves section? Practice some baking to get your recipe just right. Take up your needles or machine and get started on a project for the Needlework section, there's a huge range of options to choose from. There's even time to do some gardening, to show your best flowers or edible produce. Each year, the Pavilion has a theme, and this year it is 'Horses' so there are a lot of opportunities to make, paint and photograph for submission into one of the creative sections of the Schedule. bangalowshow.com.au/pavilion-schedules

The committee is working very hard to prepare for a fabulous show, with all the usual events and fun. Contact show secretary Anne bangalowshow@outlook.com for more information.

Anne McClelland

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Photo Maralyn Hannigan

Giddy up! It's Guy McLean!

Saturday night show ring entertainment is always highly anticipated and very entertaining, and this year is no different. The Bangalow Show welcomes internationally renowned, Australian horseman and entertainer Guy McLean, a rare combination of 'Young Horse Educator' and 'Finished Horse Master' with accomplishments such as 2x World Champion of Road to the Horse 2012 & 2013 and also an Australian Champion at Equitana Australia 2005. Guy has been named the first Official Australian Stock Horse Ambassador. Since 1999, Guy and his amazing equine team have been featured at many Australian events such as Royal shows, Equitana Asia Pacific, numerous major Equestrian Festivals, International Rodeos, the Australia's famous Man from Snowy River Festival, and also performed live with his four Australian Stock Horses on *Australia's Got Talent*.

He now has three amazing liberty performance teams on two continents, demonstrating his complete and utter dedication to everything that is 'Horse', whilst

always showcasing what it is to be a Lifetime Horseman and being a proud Australian Stockman.

What is the Bangalow Show?

Since 1897 when the first Bangalow Show was held, the Bangalow Agricultural and Industrial Society has strived to bring to the community a collection of rural exhibits and a reason for socialising and friendship. The Bangalow Show takes place in the Showgrounds and A&I Hall each November. It is one of the oldest agricultural shows in Northern NSW and a highlight of the Bangalow social calendar. Produce shines at the Show, and local entrants showcase their best fruits, including luscious stone fruit, herbs, vegetables, nuts and coffee. Cookery is a major drawcard with sweet and savoury preserves all vying for ribbons and rosettes. But perhaps the most hotly contested event in the Cookery section is the Tart of the Show (2022 theme is Stone Fruit!), the winner taking bragging rights and a gorgeous rosette. Don't miss the wacky Ride-on Lawn Mower races and the coveted Iron Man event, in which competitors complete a series of challenges such as lighting a fire without matches and eating a cold meat pie. Of course, no Show would be complete without fairy floss, show bags full of sugary treats and a sideshow alley with laughing clowns, jumping castles, rides and the much-anticipated fireworks finale.

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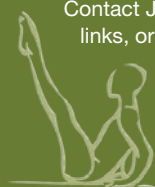
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Top Deck: Brother Boards

Camphor laurel, as we know, is a bit of a pain in the arse in the area but is a great timber to use as the grains are unique. The timber is light weight yet still has strong structural properties. It's great to create something that people consider waste into a product that's beautiful.

The process begins by visiting local timber yards. I mainly work with a crew in Mullum called Wood and Anchor, as they source heaps of local camphor. Many of the pieces are fallen trees or trees that have been removed for native regeneration purposes. I then sort through the C grade timber (also known as the 'character' grade), and handpick all the slabs for the next part of the process. Each slab has their own character and personality, making each board a one off, unique piece.

Sometimes I'll discover little golden nuggets like acacia, silky oak, or hardwoods like red or spotted gums lying around the yards or in amongst a waste pile. There's no need to cut down old growth timbers just to make a skateboard, that's not Brother Board's vibe.

The next process is docking, which is cutting the boards to their desired lengths. Then off too Mullywood Studio in Mullum for thickening and drum sanding. Then back to the workshop to start the design process.

I currently have two board designs, The Pinger and The Porter. These shapes are then marked out of the chosen slabs, holes drilled and rough cut with a jig saw.

Now the boards are starting to take shape, I flush cut them with my router table, using my templates on top. Then round the edges using a radius tool. The shaping process ends with sanding the tops and bottoms, then hand sand the edges to complete.

All my boards are sealed with a hard wax oil called Rubio Monocoat. I love this product as it's naturally made (mainly linseed oil) and has a low VOC and produces a satisfying finish.

Their flat shapes are inspired by the Dogtown era, in the 1970s when skateboarding began in California. When there were no waves to surf, they would make these boards with roller skate clay wheels and a piece of timber, and then skate the banks in drainage ditches.

I like keeping the boards flat as it has similar characteristics to a

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surfboard under your feet. The Pinger is a board that will definitely wake you up in the morning with a smile on your face. Fast and responsive feel, perfect for tight turns and skating in bowls. Inspired by the 90's vert skateboards, wide outline for maximum control when ripping transitions and slashing copings.

Comes in two sizes, 9" and 8.5". Truck spacing is much tighter, making the board feel similar to a twin fin fish surfboard.

The other shape is The Porter, a board with a mellow, yet majestic feel that glides across the concrete with ease, getting you to the places you need to be fast, but smooth. It also comes in two sizes, 9" and 8.5". Truck spacing is slightly larger, giving a more stable feel when at high speeds and drawn out turns, similar feeling to a mid-length single fin surfboard. The Porter is actually named in memory of my best friend, Luke Benjamin Porter, who sadly passed a few years ago.

James Ioannou
As told to Sally Schofield



Lone Goat Gallery presents Laith McGregor and James Ioannou 'Rhythm & Motion' until 22 October featuring custom skateboard design, a series of intimate works on paper, large-scale wall drawing, and a joint interactive installation.

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Keep an eye out for our late trade afternoons with wine & platters, coming soon!!

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70 years of Women Bowling in Bangalow

On 7 September 2022, an enthusiastic group of lady bowlers celebrated 70 years of bowling. On a beautiful sunny morning, games were played with energy and glee which was followed by a delicious lunch.

Many memories were shared of the past years with lots of laughter. Minutes from the inaugural meeting were read to give insight to the foundation members. Of course, the Ladies Bowling Club is always looking for new members. If you want to come and join the fun and games it is every Wednesday morning at 9am, no experience necessary. Cheeky humour and plenty of laughs guaranteed!

A poem to the foundation members:
 Give them a thought sometimes,
 These leaders of the early days.
 The workers who blazed the track we tread,
 The toilers who paved the way.
 Each member has her part to play,
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Blow by blow from the Bowlo

Club Financials & Amalgamation Proposals

Firstly, a big thank you to all our members for your continuing support and engagement. We've been navigating some tricky short term financial waters, while remaining committed to our ongoing investigations into longer term options to secure the financial future of our club.

About the BAS – dust off your favourite fundraising hat!

As some of you may have heard, we have a big BAS payment fast approaching in November. It's a significant amount and a poignant moment for our club, so please watch out for a major fundraising campaign we'll be announcing very soon.

Details are still being finalised, but let's just say October is going to be a LOT of fun.

A huge thank you to departing President, Rowan Keast

As most of you know, the delightful Rowan Keast has been a Bowlo devotee for decades, a Board member for five and a half years, and our dedicated President for three and a half years. Rowan has decided to step down from the Board to focus on a new career and give more time to his family – we wish him well.

At a recent board meeting Atosha Clancy was unanimously voted new President, Justin Coombs as Vice President, and Ian Holden remains our treasurer. Nominations for new board member positions are now open and we are appealing to all current financial members, particularly those with governance / legislative / legal or administrative services background to step up!

Norths Collective Amalgamation Proposal – Important MOU update

We're pleased to confirm that we moved to an important stage with the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this week, by opening consultation with our independent lawyer, a specialist in club legislation.



This experienced professional will guide us through the final stages of negotiation before our respective boards, and then, most importantly, Bangalow Bowlo members have the opportunity to vote on the MOU and amalgamation proposal.

The details being finalised include millions of dollars in capital investment being committed by Norths in building and facility upgrades, significant financial support and sponsorship of all our sports clubs, strict limits on pokies, and an exciting 10 year forecast for an incredible club.

We hope to have a member vote within the next month or two. If you'd like any further information about the proposed amalgamation, please email us at future@bangalowbowlo.com.au

Alternative amalgamation proposal – 'Keep The Bowlo Local'

Some of you may have heard of the group 'Keep The Bowlo Local' (see page 14), which is opposed to the Norths amalgamation prospect and has submitted its own proposal to the Board. We invite our members to visit the website and check out the proposal for yourself keepthebowlolocal.com You can also email the organisers here keepthebowlolocal@gmail.com

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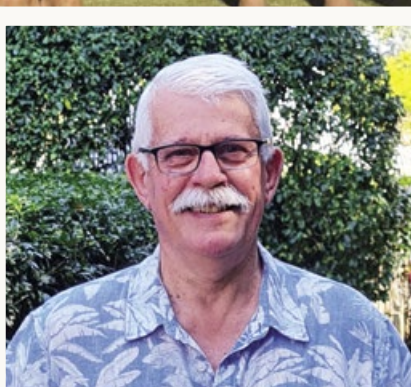
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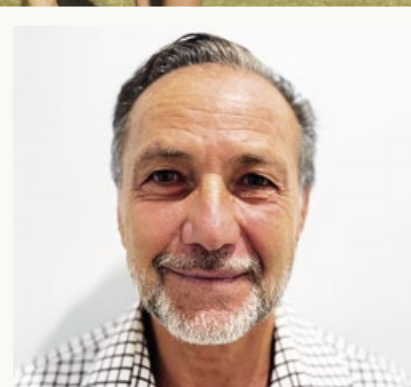
Keep the Bowlo Local is a group of committed locals with diverse business skills and expertise who have drafted a detailed proposal as an alternative option to proposed amalgamation.



"We are presently a group of 15 members, with many more still coming forward to offer their help and expertise," says long-term Byron Shire local and Byron Councillor, **Asren Pugh**. Asren attended Byron High, while his own young children attend the local primary school. "I coach my sons soccer team with the Blue Dogs and have lived just a short stroll from the Bowlo for eight years with my family." He also runs local business Byron Bay Muesli out of the Byron Industrial Estate, and is completing his MBA.



Volunteer community groups naturally attract civic minded, passionate advocates who work well in teams and aren't afraid to get their hands dirty. **Richard Millyard** is one such team player. "I am a strong believer in community volunteering, and I am a member of the Bangalow Lions Club, Bangalow Parks Trust, Bangalow Progress Association and Bangalow Men's Shed," he says. Richard has lived in the Byron Shire since 1999, and is a qualified agricultural auditor who also has experience in commercial hospitality design and fit-out.



A Bangalow resident for 24 years, **Sol Ibrahim** has a lifetime of executive management and board experience. "I have experience in all aspects of financial management, funding applications, property management, compliance, insurance and HR." Locally, he was Byron Shire Councillor (2012-2016) and a former treasurer of the Bangalow A&I Hall Committee. Sol is a qualified lawyer and JP. "I want to see the Bowlo kept in local ownership and control, and remain the heart and soul of our community."

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Adam Susz has a keen interest in just about every sport, and enjoys supporting his daughter who plays for the Bangalow Netball Club. "My professional experience is mostly in the aviation industry, and I currently hold a senior position at a major international airline. I have 15 years' governance and financial management experience having served on the board and executive at two non-profit, member-based associations. I hold a Masters degree and am a qualified JP."



Professor in Public Policy, leading academic **Linda Hancock** has been connected to the region since 2016. For over 20 years, she has worked on community impact of gambling including Chair of the Victorian independent Gambling Research Panel, Head of Research for the Responsibility in Gambling Trust in the UK, Canada, and served two years on the international gambling Advisory Panel for the Singapore government. "I've served many boards, and I am vitally interested in keeping communities safe from big corporate interests and harmful commodities."



Jo Millar has lived in Bangalow for 40 years. "I know from experience what a community can achieve with determination and collective thinking," says Jo, who has raised three children in Bangalow, and established the much-loved fashion destination Millar and More in the main street.



Co-owner of Byron Bay Taxis & Limousines, **Jason Erickson** is similarly passionate about keeping the Bowlo local, and brings with him "over 20 years experience leading diverse teams through transformations, developing enterprise level strategies, and negotiating supply and service agreements." He arrived in Bangalow with his wife and young family in 2021, and is a volunteer board member of Destination Byron. "I love the Bangalow Bowlo and I'm committed to doing whatever it takes to keep it owned and run by locals."



A frequent visitor to the Byron shire for over 20 years, **Ian Holmes** made a career as a communications engineer. He moved to Bangalow in 2015. "I joined the Bangalow Progress Association in 2016 and became president in 2017. The BPA committee are committed to achieving great outcomes for the community. Ian knows that active collaboration with stakeholders can protect the heritage, environmental, cultural, and ethical values of Bangalow."



Retail neighbour and fellow Keep the Bowlo local stalwart **Lisa Fisher** moved to Bangalow in 2010 where she established Pantry 29 in the main street. Her children attend Bangalow Public School and are active in many community sports and activities. Lisa has over 30 years experience in hospitality, and is a Bowlo regular who is passionate about its function as a locally owned and run hub for providing quality entertainment and family-friendly hospitality to our community.

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Lyn McCarthy from Niche Pictures captured all the thrill of racing downhill as 2479 united under a clear blue sky for a day of old-fashioned fun.





Byron Film Festival returns, celebrating locals

A magnificent hinterland property featuring 145 hectares of restored rainforest and a set of unique architect-designed buildings provide the setting for a film by a long-term Bangalow resident that will screen at the Byron Bay Film Festival this month.

Sophie Hexter is the writer, co-producer and director of *Design Story: Byron Bay*, a series of six short films commissioned by Alstonville creative team Dustin and Camille Clare for their architecture and design streaming platform Shelter.

One of the series screening at the Byron festival is *Lune De Sang*, (Blood Moon), the name Andy and Deirdre Plummer gave their Federal property before they had even moved in and begun their vast re-forestation project, and within it the design adventure that developed buildings to complement that glorious green space.

The reforestation was fuelled by a desire to “put something back” into a landscape ravaged by tree-fellers, something that could last forever, says Andy – alongside a wish to build something that would meld perfectly with its environment.

Three deceptively simple concrete and stone structures lie amidst the greenery like ancient structures that have been rediscovered and made habitable, and Sophie’s film provides a gentle unfolding of that discovery, telling the story with style and sensitivity.

Brett Stephens tells quite a different story in *See Mandy Run*, a record of the electoral campaign of well-known Byron comedian,

journalist and social activist Mandy Nolan for a seat in the Federal Parliament in March this year.

The film is a hybrid of stand-up comedy and political documentary at a time of crisis in the region.

It’s primarily a profile of the woman herself, from her working-class childhood in the conservative Queensland town of Kingaroy to her successful career on the stage as a ribald and rambunctious provocateur, challenging puritanism, the patriarchy, and the powers that be.

Offering herself as a breath of fresh Green air in the stale and largely male milieu of parliament, Mandy stirred the pot and brought a certain frisson to what has been a safe seat for Labor for 17 years.

Brett, an experienced writer, director, cinematographer and editor, was working on a short comedy film about Bangalow’s Courtesy Bus when he met Mandy.

Alongside her humour, it was her authenticity that appealed to him, a quality Brett believes is badly needed in Australian politics.

Mandy was willing from the start to go beyond the norm, he says – to nurture the kind of relationships that are where the solutions to some of the country’s wicked problems lie.

The two films embody some of the best qualities of the population in our region, says Festival Director J’aimee Skippon-Volke.

“Over the past three years our community has been affected by a series of devastating events. There have been shining examples of humanity and hope within those disasters and we are calling upon our audience to join with us to continue to shine light into darkness through the creative and unifying power of cinema.

“We have compiled an outstanding selection of films for our 16th edition, from locally made stories to world-class cinema, a selection we feel provides a strong cross-section of entertainment, enlightenment and reflection.”

The opening night film, *Triangle of Sadness*, won the Palme d’Or for its darkly funny satirical take on the super-rich.

“There will also be the sparkling events we haven’t enjoyed since before COVID – red carpet galas, community engagements, Q&As with the filmmakers and chances to explore cutting-edge creative technologies,” J’aimee says.

The 16th Byron Bay Film Festival runs from October 21-30, at Palace Cinemas Byron Bay and other venues. bbff.com.au

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Bloodletting: the healing power of music

A new locally created musical theatre production plays with the harmony and discord of life in a tight-knit regional community forever changed by 'the new normal', writes *Sally Schofield*.

Five local performers have gone deep within to make sense of our collective experience of life in a small town using the universal language of music to give form to our feelings and the thoughts that have been swirling without shape over the past three years.

"An original Australian musical is quite rare," says BTC's Artistic Director Anouska Gammon. "New Blood is a full-length musical work that tells local stories through song. The piece was conceived at the height of COVID and explores the tensions of old and new blood and what it means to belong somewhere," says Anouska, who is also a sought-after choreographer.

"We wanted to write a piece of musical theatre that was powerful, funny, anecdotal, based on truths that we as locals feel keenly. Our small town has changed irrevocably, and there are layers to the change," says Melia Naughton, singer/songwriter, musician, actor and leader of the popular Shire Choir who performed a pop-up show at Byron TEDx2021. "Friendships made, hearts broken, work-life balance altered, life values highlighted."

"I think a lot of these stories or themes that we are presenting and exploring, potentially or historically have been told in other forms, but it is so unique and quite thrilling to be presenting them musically," says Joel Cooper. "And for all of us, that is our strength and our passion, and we are so deeply moved by music and we feel it's our best avenue to explore these themes

New Blood is a full-length musical work that tells local stories through song.



Anouska Gammon, Melia Naughton, Joel Cooper and Mikey Bryant in the studio

in a really personal way." Joel, a musician, actor and dancer, played Mark in BTC's *RENT*, and captivated audiences in BTC's *TakeOver*, performing exquisitely intimate pieces with fellow castmate Melia Naughton.

Those lucky enough to have seen BTC's 2020 *TakeOver* will no doubt recall the dramatic refrains and codas querying the chaos around us, the feeling of a community fraying around the edges, and relationships unravelling before our eyes. These keenly observed insights into human nature, desire and desperation were a salve; proof that we were not alone in our fear and frustration.

"Music is the language that moves us and affects us, so to use music as the vehicle to provoke and to access people's emotions, I think is really powerful," says Melia. "I'm personally very thrilled to bring this provocative, stimulating, entertaining new Australian work to the stage, sharing it with our local audiences.

It's grassroots and raw and will be an intimate experience at the Newrybar Hall."

"Our region has attracted so many people from afar who call this place home, which makes for a wonderful melting pot of personality and cultural influences - definitely worth writing a musical about!" says Anouska.

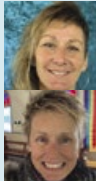
New Blood also showcases the versatility of Mikey Bryant, a singer-songwriter who played Roger in BTC's *RENT* in 2021, and who is also known to many as the man behind M.T Warning. The show's creative quintet is rounded out by singer-songwriter Elodie Crowe of M.T Warning (ex-indie pop band Tigertown); a stellar line-up of creative talent.

Created with seed development support from NORPA, *New Blood* runs from 20-25 October at Newrybar Hall. events.humanitix.com/new-blood-the-musical



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Council Matters



Have your say on short-term rental accommodation

Council is proposing to reduce non-hosted short-term rental accommodation (STRA) from 180 days to 90 days per year across most of the Shire. But for some areas (Byron Bay East and West, Suffolk Park and Brunswick Heads) Council is proposing to increase STRA to all year. Hosted STRA, where the host (usually the owner) lives on the premises, will remain available for short-term rental 365-days per year. This includes the rental of secondary dwellings like granny flats when the host resides in another dwelling on the site.

If the changes are approved there will be a 12-month transition period. Changes will not come into effect until 2024. Council cannot amend the proposal to reduce non-hosted STRA period on any land to less than 90 days.

The Proposal is open for consultation until Monday 31 October 2022 at byron.nsw.gov.au/Your-Say-Byron-Shire/Short-term-rental-accommodation-Planning-Proposal.

New Bangalow representative for the Place Planning Collective

Council has chosen nine new members for the next two-year term of the Place Planning Collective. Bangalow will now have four instead of three representatives. The Bangalow representatives are Jo Millar, Jenny Bird, Lauren Julian and a fourth person who, due to changed circumstances, had to decline the offer. Council will reconsider this position. New rep Jo is a highly skilled professional woman well known to Bangalow. Welcome aboard!

Heritage Streetscape Materials Guidelines Project

We are thrilled to announce that local Landscape Architect Dan Plummer won the tender to lead this important project. Dan grew up in Newrybar and knows Bangalow very well. He designed the award-winning timber adventure playground in Bangalow Parklands and then the award-winning playground in Railway Park in Byron Bay. The streetscape project will see a community working party work with Dan to develop a guide for future projects in the Heritage Conservation Area - things like footpath surface treatments, public seating, retaining walls, trees, lighting, bike racks, bollards and so on. The project will also develop design guidelines for three new entry signs to Bangalow. It is important to note that the project does not involve any actual works but will produce a guide booklet for future projects.

Have your Say – Dogs in Public Spaces

Did you know that there are more than 10,000 dogs living in Byron Shire? Council have released a new draft strategy that covers how to manage dogs in public spaces – issues like conditions for off-lead dog areas and new dog prohibited areas. Review the draft Strategy and have your say at byron.nsw.gov.au/Your-Say-Byron-Shire/Dogs-in-Public-Spaces-Strategy by Tuesday 11 October 2022.

Colour in heritage areas

After a very long, very controversial story involving a lilac house in the Mullumbimby Heritage Conservation Area, Council resolved at its last meeting to review the colour restrictions applying to houses in heritage areas with a view to liberalising the range of colours that people can use. If you want to change a building in the Bangalow HCA check out Chapter C1 Non-Indigenous Heritage at byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Building-development/Plans-maps-and-guidelines/Byron-DCP-2014-and-2010/Development-Control-Plan-2014

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Get on the right track

Around the world planners are looking afresh at transport infrastructure systems that will support the inevitable electric micromobility revolution that will help reduce carbon emissions. In some countries e-bikes are outselling traditional bikes, and even EV cars. In Australia e-bike sales have skyrocketed 800% in the last five years.

In Australia state and local governments are looking at ways to re-purpose disused rail corridors and quiet back roads and trails for walking and cycling, both e- and old fashioned pedal power. As reported in last month's *Herald*, changes of use to railway corridors across NSW no longer need to go through the two houses of NSW parliament. To speed things up the NSW Minister for Planning can now make decisions about rail corridors independent of parliament.

And there is a lot happening locally.

We in Bangalow are awaiting news regarding a grant application from Byron Shire Council for \$97,900 to design a walk/cycle path between Rifle Range Rd and the town centre. Back in March 2021 a community-based working party submitted to Council a concept plan for the path and is hopeful that this plan will form the basis of the design. The aim here is to get residents around the village safely off road. The community support is overwhelming.

Meanwhile the new Byron Shire Council is looking afresh at the rail corridor after decades of stalemate between trains vs rail trail proponents, and in light of the current construction of the bike path in Tweed Shire. With the removal of tracks in the Tweed the argument for restitution of a train service between Casino and Murwillumbah is lost. Both Richmond River Council and Lismore Council have also committed to the construction of a shared path in the rail corridor in their shires. Byron Shire is still investigating an intra-shire light rail/dual use corridor in some sections.

At the August 2022 Council meeting Councillor Asren Pugh moved two Notices of Motion (NoM) relating to the rail corridor. The first NoM related to the rail corridor from Mullumbimby to the northern shire border. The



Riding into the sunset
Photo Sally Schofield

second NoM relates to Bangalow. It asks Council staff to report back to Council on matters relating to a path on the corridor from Bangalow to a) Rifle Range Rd b) to the Bangalow Industrial Estate and c) to Binna Burra.

And to the south of us Ballina Council is, in partnership with Byron Shire Council, developing a proposal for a cycleway project that would link existing walk/cycle paths in Ballina and Lennox Head to a new on-road cycleway on the Hinterland Way. Cyclists would ride through Tintenbar and Newrybar to Bangalow. This project is in its very early days.

The danger in all of this is that planning will focus just on the paths and not on essential support facilities like carparks. Most users of the rail corridor are expected to come from SE Queensland, and many of them will be day trippers who will only ride a section or two. Most of our towns and villages will become 'hubs'. They are already congested with no capacity in their centres to absorb more visitors and their cars. Planning for carparks and other facilities on the edge of towns needs to start now.

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Soils ain't soils

Carole Gamble dishes all the dirt on Judy Baker and Costa Georgiadis at the Byron Bay Writers Festival.

Byron Writers Festival went ahead in August at the wonderful Elements' site in near perfect weather. It was a joyous occasion with much brain food and hilarity too.

Fellow Herald team member Judy Baker and I found ourselves near the front of a session with Costa Georgiadis and Matthew Evans talking about their new books on soil health and their lives as gardeners and food producers.

Hilariously, at one point (and I can't remember what triggered it), Costa leapt from the stage on to Judy's lap!

Afterwards I asked him if he would repeat the feat and for permission to feature the photo and talk generally about soils for *The Bangalow Herald* and he graciously gave it his blessing.

So, those of you who attend the Bangalow Garden Club will be familiar with my mantra: "feed the soil, not the plant" and of course it isn't only mine.

Our continent was always short of topsoil for many complex reasons. The European settlers noticed the shortage of topsoil in comparison to where they had come from, and this precious and necessary asset has been much compromised. Now we must protect, preserve and enhance if we are to feed ourselves. Costa and Matthew, who has come to food production relatively recently, have had different backgrounds but both are passionate about producing good, nutritious, *real* food, year in year out.

Costa's Greek family grew food as they always had and when I lived in inner city Melbourne, I was a bit bemused and very impressed by our Greek neighbours and their vegetable gardens IN THE FRONT where surely there should only have been roses! With help and advice and seedlings all generously given, I started growing vegetables but they were in the back. (Now they would be proudly in the front but this was the 70s!)



Costa Georgiadis swaps gardening tips with Judy Baker Photo Carole Gamble

I know that many of us know already that we must put back. Every plant removed from the soil takes the 'energy' it has absorbed in growing and others are slowly realising that our soils are depleted. Many of you have fantastic gardens and all will have sometimes struggled with our difficult conditions but like our own health, good food makes us stronger.

My own very large garden is mostly heavy clay and for the past sixteen years I have put tons of cow poo from the paddocks, rotted down straw impregnated with my chickens' contribution from their pen, compost and mulch onto all garden beds.

Having over three metres of rain in six months not only caused a massive amount of plant loss from root rot but pushed the available nutrient layer deep down where most

of the roots couldn't access it. So, apart from replanting on a large scale, before I am doing this I am preparing the garden from scratch.

It's somewhat ironic that during our drought of 2019 I didn't water and hardly lost anything although others were using precious and scarce water supplies trying to sustain sometimes, inappropriate plantings. Our plants went into a hibernation of sorts (lockdown!) and recovered rapidly and vigorously as soon as the rains came. Of course, they were healthy and very well mulched!

Celebrate Spring and feed those soils! The rewards are immense.

Incidentally, Costa and Matthew were both at the Festival promoting their new and excellent books which will be available at good book shops.

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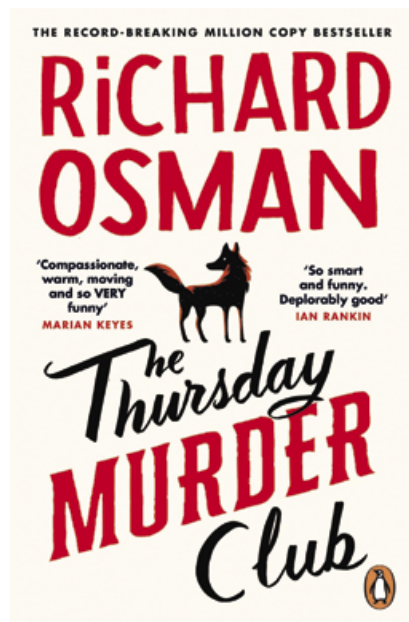
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The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman



Set in an exclusive retirement village, four unlikely friends are members of a club which, with the benefit of some cold cases provided by one of the members, investigates unsolved police murder cases. Being newly retired myself I understand the need to fill one's day!

Resplendent with all the petty, first-world problems one encounters in a retirement village; visitors not adhering to the parking zones, function room double bookings not to mention the senior struggles with Smart

Phones and ending Skype calls. There's a lot in this book to have you laughing out loud.

Joyce hasn't been in the retirement village for very long before she is invited to fill a vacancy provided by Penny who has moved into the Nursing Home wing (the book doesn't ignore the more challenging issues of retirement home living when dementia or the grim reaper takes your friends and loved ones away from you). It's a risky business finding a replacement because trust and reliability are necessary, and it helps if you let Elizabeth be the leader.

The owner of the village is developer Ian Ventham and he has plans to expand further into the idyllic countryside. However, he has a couple of challenges ahead. He needs to purchase more land from a neighbouring farmer who doesn't want to sell, he has Council approval to 'relocate' an ancient graveyard of nuns who were the original inhabitants of the land and buildings but the villagers don't approve and he needs to rid himself of his development partner, Tony Curran.

Just as Joyce is settling into the Club, the four find themselves slap bang in the middle of a real murder case when Tony Curran gets bumped off with a blow to the head. Within a week there has been another death and the start of diggings at the old cemetery reveals some old human bones which look to be about fifty years old.

What's not to like about the Thursday Murder Club? It's a smart, witty, light read, and it successfully acknowledges that the skills and wisdom our elders had prior to retirement don't just disappear the day they leave paid employment.

Good Reads rating 3.94 stars. Published by Penguin Books

Carolyn Adams



This month is all class and queens when it comes to small screen viewing.

Indian Matchmaking (Netflix) is a reality series about the traditional art of matchmaking in modern day India. It's been very popular and very divisive. One argument is that it is an accurate representation of the business of making marriages in the sub-continent, on the other it normalises the repression of women and continuation, in an opaque manner, of the caste system. It follows Sima Tapaia, Mumbai's top match maker, who works with the affluent upper classes to ensure successful marriages. These marriages are arranged using criteria such as religion, class, physical attractiveness. It depicts an expensive reality and to some critics perpetuates myths of colour and class. Caste is not mentioned, instead the phrase 'coming from a good family' is used. It is visually sumptuous. Gorgeous viewing as it offers a look into a practice that is very much embedded in culture. The criticism has been fierce – and it is up to its third season

Talking of sumptuousness, **The Serpent Queen** (Stan) has just been released to great reviews. This period drama follows the life of the 16th century French queen, Catherine de' Medici, portrayed by Samantha Morton. She is well cast, cruel and arch and oh so clever. Another fascinating drama about women in power – about Catherine the Great (Stan) a marvellous take on the Russian court for when you have had enough depictions of Elizabeth I, the Tudors and their lusty, murderous carryings on.

Finally, if you are weary of life then look no further than **Ru Paul's' Drag Race Down Under** (Stan). I love this show. I love watching the queens make up and frock up and compete for prizes and acclaim before the famous fabulous American drag queen RuPaul, alongside American singer and DJ Michelle Visage and Australian comedian Rhys Nicholson as judges. The queens have to do mini and maxi challenges, a runway walk and lip sync battles. The costumes are astonishing, outrageous and clever. Props to the performers for their skills with sewing and makeup. The contestants come from the Australian and New Zealand drag scene and they bring a fabulous Down Under sensibility and humorous tone to the show. If you have had enough of funerals and ponderous solemnity, then this is the show for you.

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Much research and experimentation has gone into raising the healthiest bees possible including observing which plants they go to during the day. Gabrielle's knowledge of bees is extraordinary. She has researched what is needed to make a balanced diet for her bees. The use of healing plants includes Anise Hyssop (known for its calming properties), Mexican Heather for its bronchial properties and purple Salvia. The combination of the pollen from the palms and the healthful nectar makes for a very special product.

She has been meticulous in all aspects of honey production, choosing the best bees and scrupulous harvesting conditions to produce her exclusive pure cold pressed honey. No pesticides or sugar syrups here!



Illustration
by Lyn Hand

Gabrielle's methods produce huge amounts of honey. Her bees don't have to forage, for everything they need is at their doorstep. Closed borders and the pandemic have affected overseas sales. We are very privileged to be able to buy this honey. You can support by purchasing at the Honey Shack on Bangalow Road, local shops in Bangalow and online. Check out lifeofhoney.com, Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you, Gabrielle, an amazing beekeeper, and also for the delicious recipe below.

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(all measurements are approximate)

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1 cup nuts of your choice, for example, whole macadamias or almonds, and 1/4 cup olive oil or enough to bring the ingredients together. Place spoonfuls of the mixture on baking trays lined with baking paper, and bake at 180c until cookies are cooked through.

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Koalas on the move

Bangalow's most well-known koala, Ty, has been sighted in and around town over the years, including the school, showgrounds and main street.

Recently he made himself an unlikely (and highly unsuitable) home in a Leopard Wood tree in the main street. Nicole Hargrave, Linda Sparrow, and Dale Viola were all involved in capturing Ty, and he was sent off to the Friends of the Koala Hospital after his misadventure. This is not his first time at the hospital. He was also removed from a palm tree at the back of the Bangalow Bread Co in September 2021.

These stories highlight the plight of koalas searching for new territory: there is next to no habitat where he was found. The koalas come to ground in search for new territory and a colony they can call their own. This is when they are most vulnerable to car hits and dog attack. It also showcases the positive effect landowners can have in the environment. Please report all sightings, healthy or sick, to Friends of the Koala 24hr hotline on 6622 1233.

Ty was eventually released into a property west of Bangalow. The landowner has planted over 8,000 koala food trees over the last four years. The property also has existing aged koala habitat. Another young male, Judd (Judas), had also been removed from behind the Catholic Church. He was admitted to Friends of the Koala hospital, received a clean bill of health, and was released earlier this month on a property west of Bangalow closer to Binna Burra.

Friends of the Koala, Lismore



Ty the koala at the Bangalow Showgrounds Photo Georgia Fox

Below: Ty moving into his new home in West Bangalow Photo supplied

Below Left: Ty's most recent rescue in progress, Byron Street, Bangalow



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Net results

A cracking season for Bangalow's dedicated netball players, their inspiring team coaches, and present and out-going committee members.

It's been another exciting season for Bangalow Netball's five teams; The Border Collie's, The Bull Sharks, The Balls, The Beetles and The Senior's team, The Beamers. A lot of new committee members have joined the club this year; Morgan Petersen, Lisa Mae Riley and Jared Rose, to replace outgoing committee members that have done such amazing work for our club.

Our brilliant new coach Kate Jones has done an outstanding job nurturing and teaching our NetSetGo team The Border Collies, many of them playing their first season of netball! We had 12 children registered in this team which is an excellent level of interest! We are so proud of our Border Collies team, and we hope to see you next season!

We have four teams that play competitive netball and three of these teams made it into the grand final and both of our under 17's teams, The Beetles & The Balls won their grand finals! Our under 12's Bull Sharks who were undefeated all year played their little hearts out through torrential rain and lost by one goal. We are super proud of all of you and believe that, although it's not all about winning, these results are very respectable for our small club.

We want to make a special mention to our coaches Kate Jones, Alicia Burton, Rebecca Wadsworth and Rebecca Sargeant for all their hard work, commitment and encouragement that they show for their teams.

All of this would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors. Because of COVID-19 the last few years we have not been able to fundraise at the level we would normally. So, we would like to thank Built by Brad a local craftsperson who builds custom furniture, who sponsored and funded our netball bibs, Via Financial Group and North Coast Financial Solutions for purchasing and installing top of the range netball posts for our teams to use at netball training. Bangalow Podiatry, Solwicks Australia and The Bangalow Bowlo for our new senior teams uniforms and our major sponsor, The Bangalow Bowlo, for



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providing us with a place to train every Wednesday and a venue for our Netball presentation.

So, what does the future hold for our club? As a lot of you know we are trying hard to get netball courts in Bangalow and this has been on the agenda for several years by the current and outgoing committee having submitted numerous council grant applications, but yet to be successful. A contributing reason to why we haven't been successful is because the Plan of Management for the sports fields is outdated and as a lot of you now know, is currently being updated. Our netball club have been heavily involved in collaborating with fellow Bangalow sports clubs, the Council and our members about coming to an agreement about what should be included in the plan of management and of course we want netball courts there!

Our goals for next year include:

- Netball courts and developing a subcommittee of members that can work on submitting council grants for netball courts.
- Fundraising so we can start a co contribution fund to support our council grant applications and improve our competitiveness.
- And a gender-neutral netball uniform to encourage inclusiveness for all players including male or non-binary team members.

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Community Children's Centre	Kerry	6687 1552
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Market (4th Sun)	Jeff	6687 1911
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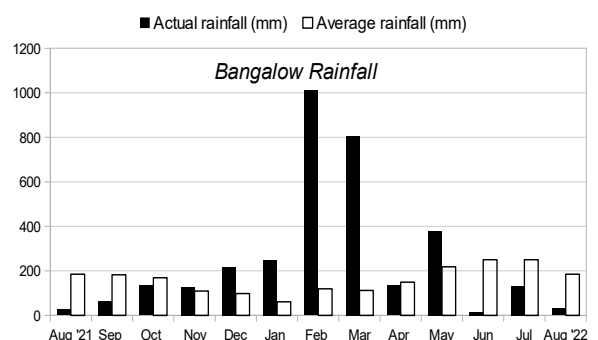
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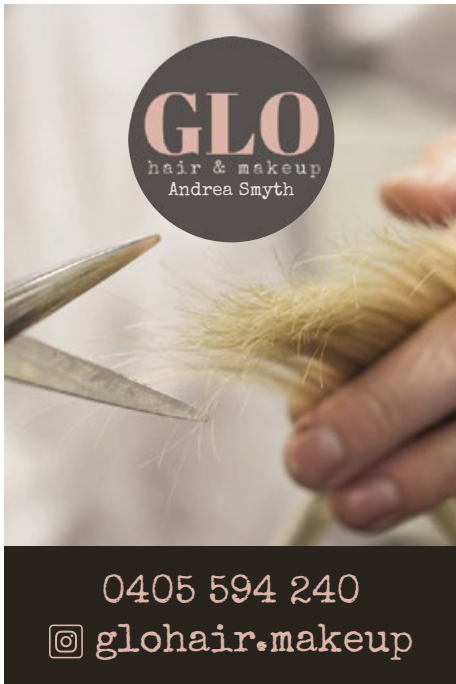
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WHAT'S ON

This month, there is a host of community events to get you out and about and connected in 2479.

BANG! Presents: Fantastic Mr Fox

When Saturday 1 October, 3pm & 6pm
Where The Byron Theatre
Tickets byroncentre.com.au or
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Blessing of the Animals.
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Blessing of the Animals

When Sunday 2 October, 9am
Where All Souls Anglican Church,
1 Ashton Street
Contact Rev. Rosie Wynter 0419 209 201
Come and celebrate Saint Francis with a Blessing of the Animals. All creatures great and small most welcome. In the Church grounds if the weather is fine or the Hall if not.

The Wildlife Twins

When Sunday 2 October, 11am
Where Pearces Creek Hall
Contact Simon 0458 801 941 or
pearcescreekhall@gmail.com
Love snakes and other cold blooded creatures? Free reptile show suitable for all ages.

Friends of Libraries Byron, book event, author Chris Hammer

When Monday 3 October 6pm
Where Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell Street
Byron Bay

Contact byronbayfol.com
Tickets \$20 Bookings are essential
Chris Hammer, the international bestselling author of *Treasure* and *Dirt*, is in conversation with author Ken Sealey. Chris will discuss his book *The Tilt*, how the darkest secrets can lie close to home. Refreshments are provided plus a lucky door prize. An event not to be missed.



ADFAS Astronomy: a star map of the night sky in the southern hemisphere, with names of the constellations. Photo: Wellcome Collection

Bangalow Garden Club

When Wednesday 5 October, 1.30pm
Where Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showground
Contact Diana Harden 0418 288428 or bangalowgardenclub@outlook.com

This month three of our clever, arty and crafty minded members will be making decorative things for the home using items from the garden.

ADFAS Art of the Infinite Sky

When Monday 10 October, 6pm drinks, 6.30pm lecture
Where A&I Hall, Station St. Bangalow
Tickets Non-members purchase tickets at trybooking.com/BYGPG or at the door.

Dr Sam Bowker is Senior Lecturer in Art History and Visual Culture at Charles Sturt University. Artists, architects and cartographers have worked with scientists to describe and predict the movements of celestial objects. Through their pursuit of knowledge, they have created extraordinary artworks. Dr Bowker will survey astronomical artefacts from the early modern period, including Indigenous Australian, Indian, Islamic and Renaissance astrological charts, astrolabes, armillary spheres and orreries, as exquisite relics from the history of art and science.

CWA AGM

When Wednesday 12 October, 9.30am sharp
Where CWA Rooms, 31 Byron St
Contact Lorraine 0417 705 439

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of Bangalow CWA. Guest speaker is Kerry Harvey, President, Lismore Evening CWA Branch. Kerry will speak about the CWA's work in the recent floods. The meeting will be followed by morning tea.

Bangalow Business Networking Breakfast

When Thursday 13 October, 7- 9am
Where Woods Café, Bangalow
Contact byronandbeyondnetworking.com.au

Christina Gerakiteys will speak about leadership. Who are the leaders we most admire and why? What are the traits that we want to adopt? What are the roles and responsibilities of leaders who can navigate an uncertain future? How do you go about defining the roles and responsibilities of your teams?

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire AGM

When 19 October, 10am start
Where Marvell Hall
 37 Marvell Street Byron Bay
Contact byronbayfol.com

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their annual general meeting in October with Sally Warriner as guest speaker. Sally has recently written a book, 'Not Just the Wife of the General Manager' which is a rollicking memoir of one woman's life on outback cattle stations, a homage to the many unsung women like her.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to hear Sally's stories, you are welcome.

New Blood the musical

When 20-23 October, pop-up bar 6.45pm, show 7.30pm
Where Newrybar Hall, Newrybar
Tickets events.humanitix.com/new-blood-the-musical/tickets

Written by local creatives, New Blood the musical is inspired by Bangalow. The tree-change exodus from the city over the last two COVID years raises lots of questions – how do the newbies fit in and belong, how long does it take to earn the title of 'local'? Funds generated will help support the future of New Blood – hopefully a national tour in 2023.

CWA Cake & Produce Stall

When Saturday 29 October, 8am -12
Where CWA Rooms, 31 Byron St
Contact Lorraine 0417 705 439
 Lots of treats to be found at the monthly CWA cake stall. Come early to avoid disappointment.

Big Scrub Rainforest Day

When Sunday 30 October, 8.30am-3pm
Where Rocky Creek Dam
Information bigscrubrainforest.org
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Led by the theme "The Magic is our Community" we purposefully side stepped a focus on financial gain and were more conscious of our environmental footprint and our connection within the school's beautiful natural habitat. We dreamed to create the time and space for our community to be drawn together in a positive and vibrant way. With all the recent separation and social challenges, this was the opportunity for new families to feel connected into our school community and existing relationships to strengthen.

I was humbled by the extraordinary efforts that everyone made to create such a memorable day. I took a moment in the late afternoon sun to breathe in the atmosphere on the Quidditch Pitch as our community gathered to celebrate our wizards and fairy folk, and enjoy incredible entertainment from travelling magicians. The joy and togetherness



shone brightly, the day surpassed expectations and the result priceless. The values and spirit which we feel makes Coorabell a magical school everyday will hopefully inspire others to ensure the Coorabell spirit flourishes for years to come.

Thank you magical Coorabellians, you are all legends.

Simon Field