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Jumping for joy

We are very excited about both the **Show** and our new publication, the **Bangalow Herald**. There's lots to celebrate around these two moments of magic in November. And there's a lot that they have in common. Both rely on community support for their viability – the hard work behind the scenes and the fancy work out in the public spotlight – and both are a cause for great celebration.

The **Show** is the annual focus of activity for most aspects of rural life in the 2479 region. It provides an outlet for us all, competitors and observers alike, contributing to the enjoyment and enlightenment of all who live here. It's a demonstration of the quality of our agricultural endeavours and creative crafts.

The same essentially applies to the **Bangalow Herald**, though it's monthly. It is

here to provide a way to inform each other of our passions, interests and skills.

We've been overwhelmed by the fantastic contributions from many individuals and groups. Once the word went out that **Bangalow Herald** was in the works, we were swamped. Alas space didn't allow us to use everything this issue, but it certainly gives an insight to Bangalow 2016 life.

Check out the latest happenings in town. Who did what and where the action is.

Scouts

This is a special invitation to all former 1st Bangalow Scouts and supporters. Please come and help us celebrate the centenary of our group. On **Saturday, November 19**, Bangalow Show day, join us for an open day and display at the Scout Hall. On **Sunday, December 11**, join us for a family picnic day and sausage sizzle. RSVP Jenny on 6687 2047. *Cyndi Harris*

Red Cross

This year has been a little quiet, yet busy on the other



hand. With street stalls, a Zone conference at Brunswick Valley, market day, Red Cross calling, drought appeal, Anzac Day, two elections, and our Wills Day, we hope our fundraising will continue to help make a difference. We would like to thank the following for their continued support: the community, Cubs & Scouts,

the Markets, Quilters, Vickers Lawyers and the RSL. We had a beautiful Anzac quilt (see left) made by member Helen Gluyas (also a member of the Quilters) This quilt is displayed at the RSL Hall for all to admire. Our last street stall will be for Christmas on **Saturday, 26 November** in the main street. Be early to get your morning tea; we sell out quickly! *Liz Parks*

CWA

It was AGM time at the CWA and our branch was fortunate to have Ruth Shanks, the World President of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) address our meeting, and the CWA Far North Coast Group President, Anne Kotz, preside over the elections.

Di Campbell was elected for a second term as President. Di said she was very pleased the members had expressed confidence in her leadership and the direction the Bangalow CWA had taken in the previous 12 months. Di confirmed that she is committed to the goals of the 2016-2018 State CWA Strategic Plan which encourages



School Captains

Congratulations to Luca Bisogni, Neve Kelly and Louis Spiteri, past students of Bangalow Public School, who were elected as 2017 school captains for Byron Bay High. Neve and Luca (left with principal Peter King) and Louis are long-time locals and started together at the BCCC. In 2005, they began at Bangalow Public and have been great friends ever since. They loved their schooling in Bangalow and were supported and encouraged by their caring teachers.

This is a great honour for them as they were voted in by students and teachers. Very proud. *Mary Nelson*

Branches to "do things differently" and to "promote CWA as a progressive, strong, relevant organisation" – goals she strongly believes in.

While CWA is not just tea and scones, Sybil and Di were at the ready (pic above) to give comfort to store owners like Carolyn Mortimer after the Mighty Car Incident in Byron Street.

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\$300 to the Bangalow Show to be used towards prizes in the various classifications for the horticultural exhibits. The AGM was on **November 2** with minimal committee changes. Kath Amor retired after ten dedicated years as treasurer.

Another successful year will be celebrated at Christmas lunch, **December 7**, at Elements Resort. *Helen Johnston*

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare meets **every Saturday at 8.30am** for about two hours. We are a friendly few and always happy for more help.

Work sites are advised each week by email. Please contact us for more details or to be included on the email list. Contact: Liz 6687 1309 or bangalowlandcare@gmail.com

Heritage House Museum & Café

A lot has happened at the Museum over the past months. We have had a name change to Heritage House Museum & Café. This came about with fantastic input from a new team of volunteers who are working on our website, newsletter, Facebook and Instagram. We have lacked some expertise in

Spotlight: The Garden Club

Next year the Bangalow and District Garden Club will celebrate its 40th year. To mark this moment Steven Wedd has bred and named a dahlia 'Bangalow Ruby' (see below). The Club was begun by Mr Percy Hart in 1977 with the aim of sharing gardening knowledge in our sub-tropical climate. Some of our much-valued and long-standing members warmly remember the early days of the club. For years there were local and regional garden competitions in which members participated.

Garden Club is active and vibrant today and the secret seems to be that, while upholding the objectives of the founding members, it has the ability to change to suit contemporary needs. Meetings are inclusive and welcoming, and organised in a positive way to enable members to share plants, ideas, experiences and to solve gardening problems. Interesting, relevant guest speakers are invited and the skills of our own 170 members utilised. *Helen Johnston*



Recently there has been a change in the committee with the resignations of treasures Trisha Bleakley, Sandra Pogson and Mary Webb, though Mary continues to work. Also leaving is volunteer Stephanie King. The Committee is very grateful for all their efforts and sharing their expertise. *Wendy Grissell*

Dangerously Poetic

We are holding another of our popular poetry and music afternoons at Heritage House on **Sunday, 20 November** from **3-5pm**. The theme will be poems that surprise us. Jessie Morris will regale us with his conscious blues, roots and reggae music. And much, much more. The House will provide members with delicious treats for only \$15/\$13. *Laura Shore*

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social media and we are now fortunate to have Anita, Mark, Mary and Christina helping us achieve one of our long-standing goals.

A quick summary of the last months includes two chocolate

exhibitions and entertainments, one including whisky, where Fletcher Potanin cooked and Wendy assisted (pic top right), and a Cubs and Scouts 100th anniversary exhibition. Thank you to all involved.



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Jingi Walla!

These are the words used to welcome people to country in the language of Byron's Arakwal people.

In our words – the words of pop-up editors Stephanie King and me – we'd like to welcome you to our new look publication, the **Bangalow Herald**. The regular **Herald** editor will be Allie Leo, who's currently pre-occupied with moving house and all that involves.

A group of us has decided to resurrect the **Herald** to meet the changing needs of our community. (See opposite for the life history of the original publication.) But for you, dear first-time reader, we'd like to spell out upfront our intentions.

We'll focus on the area's ever-changing nature. Where 100 years ago farmers raised dairy cows, today they grow macadamia nuts and sub-tropical coffee. Where once every tree had to be cleared before early settlers could build houses, now people building homes on rural land plant hundreds of native trees.

Our interest is in the people in this evolving world of ours – placing paramount importance on the events of all our highly valued community organisations and groups. Our articles will cover the social, cultural, commercial, sporting and environmental activities of Bangalow residents. We're keen, too, to cover the innovative ideas that arise and potential developments that affect how we live in 2479. Our aim is to produce a long-lasting and widely read publication that's valued as Bangalow's 'document of record'.

Thanks to all who have supported the rise again of the **Bangalow Herald**, starting with the Show Society. Advertisers, of course, allow us to exist, and we welcome back many 'old' advertisers as well as relishing the new.

So here is the **Bangalow Herald** – redux. Now brought to you by the stalwart team who provided you, for decades, with the news that's fit to print. Reconfigured to suit the changing local climate. (Speaking of which, where's our Spring rain – gone with the October winds?) *Christobel Munson*

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THE BACK STORY



Get the press rolling, we're going to print!

Welcome to a new magazine for a new time: the **Bangalow Herald** is here to inform and entertain

You may wonder what on earth is going on when you look at these pictures above, and check our new masthead. No. We are not going back to (the 1907) beginning of the original newspaper for Bangalow. Rather we are doing something so very typical of this town – combining elements of our past and our future. Creating something new and informative that blends the best of both worlds: an old tradition with a modern twist.

This new version rises, phoenix-like from the ashes of the past, both literally and figuratively. Like many Bangalow businesses in the early part of the 20th century, *The Herald* had a chequered career – most notably in terms of its brushes with arson.

The first edition was published in early April 1907 by Mr F. W. Vincent with the stated policy that it "is in the best interests of the community,

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when he was preparing his remarkable history of Bangalow: Out of the Big Scrub.

"Since the learned judge, as the boy 'Bert' Furnell, had delivered the paper around town in the early years after it was founded in 1907 (his wage was a sherbet "Fizzo"), he knew better."

Fire was a constant in Bangalow's business street in the 20s, essentially because most of the buildings were timber – and proprietors' declining finances. By the mid 30s the insurance companies had stepped in and demanded that bricks and mortar were to be the construction material of choice. This following description of the 1931 fire helps explain why: "About four o'clock in the morning of January 9, 1931, flames roared through the small block of shops owned by Mr Shepperson in Bangalow.

"Although this was the fourth fire in 15 months, a call to the Lismore fire brigade brought no response, and by the time the Mullumbimby team arrived, it was too late. Once more the *Bangalow Herald* had succumbed to the furnace."

entirely and exclusively progressive." Pretty similar to its aims now.

According to the Lismore *Northern Star* records they had received, on Saturday 6 April, 1907, "the first number of *The Bangalow Herald and Newrybar Advertiser*, the latest addition to the district's Press". Tracing the *Herald* trajectory has an element of pass the parcel. Soon after Vincent started it, it was sold to G. J. Nicklin, then D. Miller and, in 1912 to F. Kenna. Then J. E. Munroe was at the printing presses until the disastrous fire of 1920, when the building was reduced to ashes. Munroe resumed publishing the *Herald* in May, printing in Lismore until he could obtain another plant (as reported in the *Northern Star* on Saturday 8 May, 1920.) After only a few issues this also ceased publication.

In 1921 it was started up again by Queenslander J. Belbin and, in 1925, was taken over by Thomas Laidlee who had been with the publication since its inception. The final demise came in 1931 when it was again consumed by flames. As Hamilton Du Lieu wrote in his printed homage to the Herald, produced 50 years after the old paper went out of existence – "And then it disappeared into legend".

He continues: "Fifty years later few had even heard of it. The girl at the Mitchell Library denied all knowledge of it to Judge Furnell

Over the years, various businesses occupied the old newspaper office in the main street. In 1937 a Mr Akers built a shop for his butcher's store. In the canny, recycling way of the old residents this was made using materials from the cheese factory that was down on the corner of Ballina and Byron Roads. It is now Abracadabra. Then in 1977 there was the Book Barn, in 1978 a hairdresser was added on to the front of the shop and, in 1979, a residence was built at the back. In 1980, a large store connected the new buildings with the old.

Many thanks: Our huge appreciation goes to Hamilton Du Lieu, the keeper of the flame – so to speak – for providing most of this information. Hamilton, owner of Bangalow institution Abracadabra and passionate history buff, even went to the trouble to combine with locals – old and new – to write and print a Bangalow Centenary Souvenir Edition on Friday 2 October, 1981. This was produced from his shop, which is the modern replacement for the original newspaper building, exactly 50 years after the old *Bangalow Herald* went out of existence.

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Spring has sprung, magpies are swooping, and the very last community working bee to polish off major work on the restored Bangalow Weir is happening. **Christobel Munson** invites you to a **'Finishing Touches' Planting** at the weir from **8.30am on 4 November**.

Locals are invited to join Bangalow Parklands team, Land and Rivercare and Council's Regen team to plant the last 800 creekside natives to complete the project.

The Bangalow Parklands team say that the completion of the project has been long awaited by the local community. "We're putting the icing on the cake at this working bee, and if any residents would like to help that would be great. BYO gardening tools, closed-in shoes, water, hat and sun protection," said team member Lynn Smith.

"Over the last few years, we have had amazing community support for this project from both local groups and individuals.

Now, everyone's eager for the fences to finally come down so we can all come and enjoy this revitalised public green space in the heart of Bangalow," she added.

The project to remediate the failed Bangalow Weir has been funded with a NSW Environmental Trust grant and Byron Shire Council. Council engineer James Flockton said the Weir now features a new rock ramp fishway built with expert guidance from the NSW Soil Conservation Service. "It's been a great success with NSW DPI Fisheries officers being very supportive and happy with the outcome of the rock works," he said.

"The design provides for establishment of

supportive fish habitats and allows them to travel back and forth for breeding.

"To complete the works, approximately 800 tonnes of rock was donated from local farms and 200 tonnes donated from the recent highway works," he added. "We've used them to shape stepped rock pools in the creek. Each pool provides a resting pool to allow fish to make their way up through the riffles and onwards into the creek system above the old weir pool."

Plants have been donated for the morning by Rous County Council, many grown at the Ragged Blossom Nursery, the nursery of choice of many regenerators in Bangalow.

Bangalow watch

Bangalow Progress Association member, **Tony Hart**, reports

What do most of us like about Bangalow? The sense of community, village atmosphere, the village's heritage architecture and its picturesque rural setting were the most frequent descriptions in the community survey phase of Bangalow's master plan. The survey provides a great base for the next phase of the master plan development which gets underway again soon.

Despite these findings, our town is experiencing unprecedented development pressures. Prompt community alertness and action stopped a large seniors' residential development near Rifle Range Road. Now, on our western edge, 500 metres from the

closest suburban housing, is a proposal for what is described as a Rural Industries Food Precinct. This is possibly the largest development ever -- valued at \$24 million. The Progress Association has submitted a detailed argument against it and almost half of the Chamber of Commerce also voted against. An on-line petition (change.org) has 350 signatures and over 900 locals have signed another petition against this development. Due to its size and cost the development is out of Council's hands and will go before the Northern Region Joint Planning Panel later this year.

In the middle of town, an application for

a conversion of the historic Drapers house into a motel with underground parking, is another threat, in this case to our heritage charm and character that makes Bangalow so special. Council is assessing that DA.

Council has recently published a draft residential strategy for the Shire. Over and above those areas already approved for development, this envisages Bangalow growing by 385 residences, or a 60 per cent increase, by 2036, a faster growth rate than elsewhere in the Shire. It seems to have gone overboard proposing areas for more dense residential development, such as between the western side of Ballina Rd

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Please note the December Market this year is on Boxing Day, Monday the 26th

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Byron Shire aims for zero emissions

The aim of the Zero Emissions Byron project is to protect the Shire's economy and mitigate against the effects of climate change, says **Christobel Munson**.

(including the Sikh temple) right up to the Hinterland Way and westwards to Byron Creek, as well as a smaller area between St Kevins and Byron Creek. It seems every piece of green land is threatened.

These proposals could do with more rigorous strategic planning and oversight. BPA will be making a submission on the strategy. Even without this possible growth we hear Bangalow may require a new child care centre. We'll shortly ask families for views and consider possible locations.

BPA meets at **5.30pm, first Thursday** of the month, in Heritage House – watch local press for notices. All residents welcome.

After months of in-depth research, five teams from the Zero Emissions Byron (ZEB) project have completed the first phase of the 10-year project and released their baseline emissions data. "The first phase of the ZEB project was to identify the primary sources and current levels of greenhouse gas emissions within the Byron Shire – that is, the baseline," said ZEB Project Coordinator, Tiffany Harrison.

Within days of the findings being released, Byron Shire Council awarded the project \$40,000 which will support the next step: developing action plans to reduce current emissions to zero. Byron Shire mayor, Cr Simon Richardson, is enthusiastic about the project. "It's imperative that we take serious action on climate change on a local, state, federal and international level. Our Byron Shire community can start to take action immediately through the ZEB project, which can show others what can be implemented at a community level," he said.

The five detailed reports cover the areas of Energy, Buildings, Land Use, Waste and Transport. With a 2015 population of 32,723 in the Shire, a land area of 567 km² and a population density of 0.58 per hectare, it was found that the emissions per person in the Shire came to 8 tonnes CO₂e, compared with the global average of 4.9 tonnes CO₂e, or the Australian average of 16 tonnes CO₂e. The total annual greenhouse gas emissions for the Shire are 263,199 tonnes CO₂e.

The sector with the highest emissions is

Energy with 134,967 tonnes CO₂e, followed by Buildings with 100,694 tonnes and Transport 95,004 tonnes. Lowest scores were from the Land Use (agricultural) sector with 27,637 tonnes with Waste calculated at

5,591 tonnes. Each report identified specific sources of emissions, and offered preliminary mitigation targets.

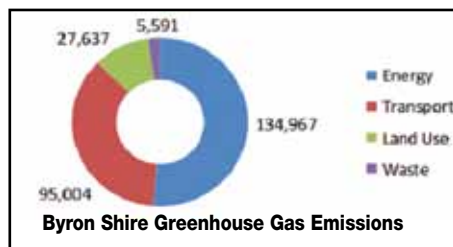
Buildings account for the majority of the Shire's energy use,

with no major local energy-intensive industry. Buildings use energy – from either electricity or liquefied natural gas – for heating, cooling, lighting, hot water, cooking, appliances and equipment. A typical Shire home was estimated to consume 90MJ/electricity a day. Mitigation targets include reducing consumption through reverse-cycle air conditioning, LED lights, and solar PV.

Though the ZEB teams are all volunteers, they include many highly qualified professionals with considerable experience in their sectors, devoted to finding a way to develop a carbon-free future for Byron Shire.

The current stage of the project involves consultation and collaboration with key decision makers and community sectors "to make sure that the emissions reduction plan ZEB develops is realistic and will maximise benefits across the Shire," Ms Harrison said. Three stakeholder forums were held in Council chambers in October, with two more for November. The wider community will be approached in the New Year.

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Whether it is on horseback, pushing a ute, making fruitcake and jam, displaying flowers or fruit, writing a story or limerick, painting a picture or making a movie – and much, much more – there is something for everyone looking to win that elusive blue ribbon. Or if you prefer to sit and watch from the tree-shaded ringside seats, there's amusements and entertainment waiting to delight.

This year the Theme is **Butterflies**, featuring the endangered Richmond River Birdwing, *Ornithoptera Richmondia*, a luminous fluoro green native flutterer about 13-16cm across, with a startling red patch. It

was once found abundantly in this area but is now threatened by extinction. To make us all more aware of how endangered it is, the Show creative team have chosen to shine a caring and informative spotlight on it.

Whatever your area of interest, whatever your age, there is definitely something for everyone. Grown-ups are well catered for, and there's so much for kids to test their skills on, from cooking to creative writing. Gotta be in it to win it!

Depending on your age and/or interest, the Pavilion will be housing a cornucopia of exhibits. There are illustrations and artworks to create, dioramas to make, graphic

artwork to apply to skateboards or tablet covers, needlework to do, mobiles to design and stories to invent, floral wreaths to weave and plants to pot. In the horticulture section alone there are 40 categories, far too much to detail here – check out the Schedule, available nearly everywhere in town.

Fresh fruit, veggies and herbs and baked goodies are, as ever, an important part of competition, and the pinnacle of Show success is 'Tart of the Show'. This is the tenth year since it was introduced and it is keenly fought over. And, what's more, this is definitely an equal-opportunity moment to be a tart. You don't have to be female





to enter – male cooks are encouraged to show us their pastry! This year the magic ingredient is macadamias, that delicious nut that is our regional produce.

Out in the arena, Raj Singh is promoting the Ute, Pull and Pack which he describes as a townies souped-up version of the Stockman Ironman race. Teams of four pack into their 4-wheel drive utes and perform all kinds of amazing feats. Then there is the Rodeo version of Musical Chairs – a rough and tumble, guaranteed, way to get a fine case of gravel rash. And it's a big horse year with Stockhorses being the featured breed, and the beauty

of Baroque and Paint horses sure to leave horseflesh appreciators gasping. And don't forget the Saturday afternoon Trotting races. There are plans afoot to hold the final under lights.

On the more demure side, and in keeping with the Show butterfly theme, fashions will focus on the Social Butterfly of the Show. So frock up in your finest and style your hair like Frida Kahlo – a lady for whom Over the Top was a byword. Let dazzling colour and butterflies be your best friend. Second prize winner will be the Bogan Moth. Go girls. Last year's Showgirl of the Year, Meg Mitchell, will be on hand to add style to

the day and also to pass on her sash, so gorgeous girls of Bangalow – now's your chance.

And, while everything you'll see at the Show will be a seamless program of activities and entertainments, there has been a year of work going on in the background. Show President, Michael O'Meara, and secretary, Karen Ryan, have worked hard to ensure that yet again it is the Best Show Ever. As usual they are helped by their committee of 25, including new members: Sharon O'Meara, Bernadette Winter, Rhianna Rudgely, Ruth Ryan and Tom Jarrett. We thank them for all the fun. *Stephanie King*



Jan Hulbert

There are very few around with a longer and more dedicated association with Bangalow Show than well-known local identity Jan Hulbert. Jan started baking for the show more than 60 years ago while still a teenager. She joined the Show Committee in 1988 and has been the Catering Co-ordinator for the last 20 years and President of the Park Trust for the last 33 years. Jan takes care of the gardens around the Moller Pavilion and has planted them to ensure a good display of flowers in November. Jan says "I love looking after the garden. I think presentation is the big thing in anything you do. People often comment on the lovely old style of Bangalow Show with the heritage colour scheme and the old timber railing around the show ring".

Jan does an enormous amount of work and preparation before the show. While others contribute as well, she says she still does a large portion of the cooking. For weeks before the show she fills her freezer with cakes and slices. Sandwiches, sweets and tea or coffee are available all day. Lunch each day provides people with a smorgasbord of chicken, meat and a choice of six salads. This is followed by homemade plum pudding, fruit salad and tea or coffee. All this for \$15! About 20 volunteers help to make large quantities of salads from fresh ingredients. Jan co-ordinates all the activity. She has great energy and enthusiasm. She comments "I love work. I can't help myself. I've always worked, the same as my mother before me. I was born in Bangalow Hospital and I'll be buried in Bangalow Cemetery, and in between I'll do what I can for Bangalow. I like to live by the old saying 'We only pass through here once'."

Great work Jan. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a two hour shift in the Moller Pavilion please email Karen Ryan at bangalowshow@bigpond.com.au *Lyn Plummer*

Big Scrub Rainforest Day

Rainforest restoration was the focus of a fulfilling day at Rocky Creek Dam, reports **Liz Gander**.

The 18th Big Scrub Rainforest Day has come and gone and with the inspirational Bob Brown as guest speaker it seemed like the best one yet. An estimated 5000 people attended and hopefully all came away inspired to protect and restore our rainforests.

Bob struck a chord when he began by speaking about the idea of just getting things done. A sentiment that many there agreed with. "I want to talk today on the line of: don't get depressed, get active," he said.

'It's a pretty simple dictum, but as I have said on many occasions, I take my leaf from the philosopher of the last century, Bertrand Russell. He said, 'the trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure, but the intelligent are full of self doubt'.

"My answer to that is: 'Well, get over it'.

"We are in a world, in which whoever designed life on this little planet, had a ladder of power in human affairs, in which the stupid and cocksure more readily climbed that ladder and, with no trouble at all, trod on the fingers and heads of the sensitive, intelligent, more-caring people, who drop off as a result.

"Now I am not sure what category I come



Bob Brown, Nolene Plummer, Dr Tony Parkes. Dr Parkes and Big Scrub Landcare were recently announced as finalists in the 2016 Banksia Awards

in to, but what I do know is that I had 30 years in politics and it was a very privileged time, but I never became minister for anything. Not even minister for the westerly wind, because I had this bonding with our planet that I couldn't set aside.

"And that's why it's such a terrific pleasure to be here today with some thousands of people who are committed to restoration rather than destruction."

Another who had this attitude, and worked tirelessly to create the beautiful surrounds in

which the day was set, was Ralph Woodford. Ralph pioneered what is known as 'The Woodford Method' of rainforest restoration, a method that has been widely adopted by bush regenerators. He worked for over 30 years restoring degraded farmland to rainforest, and converting camphor forests, and happily shared his knowledge with all who cared to know. Ralph passed away last year but his huge legacy is there for all to enjoy.

The ideas for protecting and restoring native forests seem to only be limited by the imagination. For example, beardson.org is a non-profit Sydney group that's raising funds for planting works by encouraging men to grow beards and have them sponsored. To date they have raised enough to plant 15,000 trees, the target for next year is one million! If you can grow a beard then get in touch with Jimmy at www.beardson.org and see how much you can raise.

Rainforest Trust was there and we also met some kids from Intrepid Landcare, and it was good to catch up with Cheryl and the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers too.

The Big Scrub Day is co-hosted by Rous Water and Big Scrub Rainforest Group.

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In other exciting news, we've become an agent for PLANET ARK which means we can recycle, for the Bangalow community, anything that comes from the inside of your copier or inkjet printer.



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We've always sold copy paper made from sustainable forestry, but we have added to our range 100 per cent recycled copy paper. We have student notebooks from

recycled paper and ball point pens made from recycled water bottles.

Unsold newspapers are available to our customers and friends for FREE and make great garden mulch.

We've self-audited our garbage output, we're now emailing paperless accounts to 95 per cent of our newspaper home delivery customers and we're a Gold Patron of Bangalow Land and Rivercare.

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Robert and Dawn Lotty with their batteries in the constant temperature of the garage. Photo by Judy Baker

Solar power options

Homes, farms and businesses in 2479 have significant solar electricity generating capacity. Most can sell excess back to the grid at variable, but for some rewarding, rates. This will change at the end of this year, as **Brian Sundstrom** discovered.

Robert and Dawn Lotty are a retired couple living in a typical, modern, Bangalow home. Along with a 'pioneering' group of 50 others in the area, they put in a 1kW solar system in 2007. While only generating a small amount, it has worked well. They have enjoyed the 60c/kWh tariff and feel they have helped the environment. With the 60c tariff ending on December 31, they decided early this year to upgrade. They kept the old system and added 16 panels with 4.16kW capacity and 6.7kWh of battery storage.

They now have a hybrid system, a mix of old and new. The old unit and its inverter direct output to the grid. The new panels, and their inverter, charge the batteries and send power to the house, with excess to the grid (at current rate of 10c). After nine month's operation, they are very impressed

with the new panel efficiency – even in dull weather and with their quite variable roof orientations. They are producing from 7 to 27kW per day, averaging 21.7 for the first half of this year. This is 80 per cent of their average usage. In that six months they saved 1tonne of CO2 emissions, the equivalent of growing 46 mature trees!

The system was installed by Vincent Selleck, 888 Solar Tek, based in Federal. Robert was very happy with their work and stressed how important it is to have local back up. "We had several teething problems and would have been in trouble without the good follow-up service we had."

"There are other local companies, such as Blitz and Enron offering good local service and I feel selection of providers such as this is the most important first step."

The Lottys have also recently changed their supplier to Enova for the better feed-in tariff and to support a local initiative. "We are pleased that they use 13 per cent of our feed-in for community purposes," Dawn adds. "We're also pleased that 888 Solar Tek donates a share of profits to projects in Africa replacing kerosene lamps with solar."

The Lotty's system, through a WiFi link, can be monitored on their home computer e.g. Battery levels and how much power appliances use. 888 Solar Tek can monitor the performance of clients' systems and provides free tune-ups and after-sales service for 12 months.

The batteries they chose are the Gel-acid type. Robert feels these are very safe to have in the house or garage. "We didn't want to have Lithium batteries because of the small, but real, danger of fires from overheating," he said. "We were also concerned to read of the damage Lithium mining is causing to flamingo habitat in South America. Helping the environment is one of our major reasons for putting the system in!"

Cost is of course also important and electricity output needs to be below the grid purchase price. Robert's research found that Motoma Gel-acid batteries did this. "The latest models have an Australian invented de-sulphation device which increases their lifespan by years, and deliver a storage cost well below the grid price," he concluded. "They can also be configured in different sizes to match each home's existing systems and energy use."

The new system cost around \$14,000 which Robert feels will be returned in five years or so. The batteries, about a third of this, suit the Lottys, but are a debateable option for others, depending on electricity usage, particularly at night time.

Taizé Service for Refugees

Sunday 20 November at 5:00pm

All Souls' Anglican Church, Bangalow



All Souls' Anglican Church, Bangalow

Taizé worship is a prayer service consisting of meditative singing and periods of silence interspersed with short readings from the Scriptures in order to reach a contemplative state.



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Join the Bowling revival!

The Bowlo is experiencing a revival thanks to the patronage of 2479 locals. It's your "not for profit" community club, which is the hub for the town's sporting codes and the meeting place for a variety of interest groups.

The Bangalow Bowling and Sports Club is home to the oldest lawn bowls club in the Tweed-Byron district. Its roots go back to 1910. Lawn bowls has been in decline over the last couple of decades. Many clubs have closed, unable to adapt to the loss of older members. Our own club had a near-death experience in the last five years.

The viability of lawn bowling clubs is at risk because of the decrease in the number of "registered" bowlers, the cost of maintaining a bowls green, and the competition for patronage.

But there is renewed interest where young patrons are enjoying mufti and barefoot social bowls. Worth noting

that the current lawn bowls champions are under 30.

The attraction is the low cost and the capacity for everyone with a moderate fitness level to play the game. The Bangalow green, maintained by volunteers, is regarded as one of the best playing surfaces in the area.

If you are interested in participating in regular social and competition bowls, contact Gerry Swain 6687 1142 or Ian Dall 6687 1575. *Ian Dall*

All in a good cause... Bangalow Men's Shed

Our first AGM elected a Board of Management – Pres: Brian Mackney; Sec: Andrew Taylor; Treas: Matt Williamson; Vice Pres: Chris Hayward; Membership: John Morrison. Now, apart from ticking the final boxes to gain our Occupation Certificate, the priority is getting members involved and in the Shed for the initial induction. Workplace health and safety standards will be observed and

we have qualified tradespeople assisting with equipment training.

On offer are excellent workshop amenities, and plenty of space for a variety of planned activities. Ideas include cooking classes, over-60s fitness, computer training, sculpting and more.

If you'd like to become a member, applications can be obtained from The Bangalow Men's Shed on Facebook or from GNF Real Estate. *John Morrison*

Lions at the Crossroads!

Bangalow Lions are actively recruiting now – numbers have dropped and so few active members means we are not meeting the community needs.

We provide help and assistance wherever it's needed, with monies raised from BBQs, raffles, Show Day BBQ and Bar, Billycart Derby, Xmas Eve, wine tastings and our annual curry night.

The Men's Shed has been our biggest project and we look forward to an ongoing

association. Unlike most other charitable organisations, every cent donated to the Lions goes to where it is promised.

However, we need new members, new ideas, and fresh enthusiasm. Lions are for everyone, regardless of age, gender, race or religion. We have monthly meetings over dinner and we ask you to volunteer for fund-raising projects of your choice. For further details, call me on 0416 005 700. *Chris Haywood*

Next month People's Messiah

Byron Music Society presents a performance of Handel's Messiah, with the Lismore Symphony Orchestra and a choir of 150, including several Bangalow choristers, directed by Richard Gill, the distinguished conductor. **December 4, 3pm** at Lismore City Hall. Tickets \$35, Members \$30, Students, children \$15. At door or book www.byronmusicsociety.com.

WHAT'S THAT NUMBER?

AA	Tues 5.30	Richard	0466 885 820	Poultry Club	Hec	6687 1322
ADFAS		Anni	6684 3249	Progress Association	Tony	6687 0607
Aussie Rules		Bill	6687 1485	Quilters	2nd,4th Thurs	Helen 6684 1161
Aussie Rules Junior		Greg	6687 1231	Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Clubs	Monica	0408 776 171
Bangalow Parklands Team		Terry	6685 4107	Red Cross	monthly - 1st Fri	Dell 6684 7405
Bangalow Markets	monthly 4th Sun	Jeff	6687 1911	Rugby Union		Richard 0415 773 064
Bangalow Bowlo		Shane	6687 2741	S355 C'mtee Heritage House	Don	6687 1897
Bridge	Fri 12pm	Eda	6685 1984	Scouts	Tues 6.30pm	Jenny 6687 2047
Cancer support	1st Wed 1-4pm	Chris	6687 0004	Show Society		Karen 6687 1033
Chamber of Commerce	1st Tues	admin@bangalow.biz		Soccer Club	2nd Mon 6pm	Nick 6687 1607
Childcare Centre	7.45am-6pm	Kerry	6687 1552	Social Golf	every 2nd Sun	Brian 6684 7444
Cricket Club		Anthony	0429 306 529	Sports Association	2nd Wed bi-monthly	Brian 6687 1024
Co-dependents Anonymous	Thurs 7pm/Sat 4pm	Guy	0421 583 321	Sporting Field	bookings	Nick 6687 1607
CWA	2nd Wed	Di	6685 4694	Tennis Court Hire		6687 1803
Garden Club	1st Wed	Margaret	0403 583 766	Writers Group	1st Thurs	June 6687 1004
George the Snake Man		George	0407 965 092	WIRES		6628 1898
Historical Society/Museum/Tea Room		Wendy	6687 2183	VENUES		
Land/RiverCare	1st Sat working bee	Liz	6687 1309	A&I Hall	Station St	Brian 0427 157 565
Lawn Bowls, Men	Wed & Sat 1pm	Gerry	6687 1142	Anglican Hall	Ashton St	Matthew 0488 561 539
Lawn Bowls, Women	Wed 9.30am	Dot	6687 1246	Bangalow Showgrd	Moller Pavilion	Karina 6687 1035
Lions Club	2nd/4th Tues 7pm	Brian	0408 899 555	Sports/Bowling Club	Byron St	Shane 6687 2741
Netball Club	train 4.15 Thurs	Rachel	6687 0402	Catholic Hall	Deacon St	Russell 0423 089 684
Op Shop	10-3pm Sat 10-12		6687 2228	Coorabell Hall	Coolamon Scenic	Ouida 6687 1307
Parks Committee	3rd Tues 7.30pm	Jan	6684 7214	Newrybar Hall	Newrybar Village	Tony 6687 2267
Playgroup	Tues 10am	Sue	0421 030 438	RSL Hall	Station St	Charlotte 6687 2828
Police		Peta	6687 1404	Scout Hall	Showgrounds	Jenny 6687 2047
Pony Club		Kim	6687 8007	Heritage House	Deacon St	Wendy 6687 2183
Pool Trust	3rd Wed	Dominic	6687 1425			



Vale Karen Jordan

10 August 1966 – 15 September 2016

Kim Goodrick and Marin Simpson are former 2479 locals who now live in the hills just outside of our beautiful town. In September this year their dear friend Karen Jordan passed away from the blood cancer Multiple Myeloma after a two and a half year battle, which she faced with incredible courage, strength and eternal optimism. Here is their story of friendship and sisterhood, and their reflection on the incredible woman that they knew and loved.

We think it's very fitting that the inaugural issue of the **Bangalow Herald** has an article about Karen Jordan, our beautiful friend. She would have been so proud to be part of this new voice. She loved editing and writing for the old *Heartbeat* and was still contributing right up until a few weeks before she died. We thought we would share a little of our time with Karen as a tribute to our friendship and the Bangalow community.

Her husband, Gareth, was Karen's rock right up until her final breath. We were all in awe of his love, support and consistent strength as a husband and carer for Karen in the best and worst of times. Karen and Gareth together truly created such a stable and loving home life with their two boys, Baxter and Harley.

We were there too, whenever we could. In fact the whole community around Karen, in Bangalow, Clunes, Eureka and Rosebank, have just been incredible. Karen's 50th birthday at Eureka Hall in August this year was a true testament to the love that everyone felt for her.

When we think about Karen it feels like we've known her forever, but in fact it's only been for eight years. In that time, though, she certainly became one of our best and closest friends. Even though Karen was dealing with the biggest challenge that she had ever had to face, she was always there for us.

This tribute is to Karen as a friend, a sister in bookclub, a wife, a mother and an amazing contributing part of the Bangalow community.

Karen and family moved from Sydney to Bangalow in 2008. For many of us, Karen was one of the first people that we met and we became firm friends pretty much straight

away. She was a woman not only beautiful on the outside, but with a true, luminescent, beauty within. There were so many facets to

Karen and the more time we spent with her, the more we grew to love her. We began to think of her not only as a friend, but also as a soul sister.

Karen was involved in all sorts of community and social groups. She was a member of the Bangalow P&C, the preschool committee, wrote for *Heartbeat*, and volunteered at the school.

When the family moved to Federal she continued her community involvement while studying to be a librarian, gaining her degree in

2011 and working at SCU. During that time we also set up our Bangalow bookclub which became a rock for us all. We have a great sense of privilege to have shared this time with Karen and, although her passing has left a huge void, the love and understanding that we gained has enriched us all.

My Friend

I think of you.
Each and every one of you.
But especially of you. Today.
My friend.
Collectively you are all one.
A strong current
Of love is in my life.
Never have I felt such love.
And if this love
can't keep me alive
Then God knows what can.
I feel such a strong love
For each and every one of you.
But especially for You,
today – my friend.

Karen Jordan



Milo with Phil Holt, at Coffs Harbour.

Dreams do come true... for three northern rivers boys

From an early age, Milo Bisogni always had a ball in his hands or at his feet, so it was no surprise he would be good at a ball sport. Now an exciting adventure awaits Milo and two other 'soccer-mad' boys from our area, Nick Koutsoubos and Zahi Addis. There are many kids who dream of being professional soccer players but for most the opportunity never arises. For these three 13 year-olds who live, breathe and sleep soccer, a first-class soccer opportunity is just around the corner. All are current members of the Northern NSW representative squad coached by Victor Stokes, and have attended many development opportunities and travelled internationally and interstate to play at the highest levels possible. Their dedication and passion has not gone unnoticed. Two months ago an email arrived, inviting the boys to trial with the Emerging Jets Development Squad. Their success does mean they have to leave home to live and school in Newcastle – but it's also an amazing opportunity to achieve their dream.

Janice Maple

Coming to the crunch

Local food hero, Belinda Jeffery, has a new book celebrating the fragrant ingredients of summer



Photo by Rodney Weidland

The 'salad days' are upon us; those days of cool, light and yummy foods along with the innocence of our youth and the golden years of our maturity. Mullumbimby local Belinda Jeffery has just published her seventh book 'The Salad Book' and it has all the deliciousness, colour and warmth of our summer ahead. As Belinda says, "Use the term salad loosely. In my mind the word encompasses so many type of dishes: vibrant side salads, breakfast salads and of course the plethora of main-course salads."

Belinda will be in conversation with other local long term foodie, Victoria Cosford. Together they will be talking salads; how our eating of them has changed; what it takes to put together a book like this and of course you will get to taste a couple of Belinda's favourite salads from the book.

As much-loved members of our northern rivers community we are thrilled to be able to host them at an event in Bangalow and even more thrilled to hold it at Heritage House. You will be greeted with a drink of your choice on arrival, and a small tasting plate of salads from the book. The Salad Book will be on sale on the night, courtesy of Bangalow Newsagency a.k.a. Bangalow Bookworms & Papermites, for \$40. Bookings are essential. Be sure to book early as this event will sell out quickly.

Mary Nelson

Salad Days Belinda Jeffery in conversation with Victoria Cosford. 5.30pm for 6pm start, **Friday 2 December**, at Heritage House Museum & Cafe. \$10. Includes salad tastings, arrival drink. Bookings: 66871396 or www.trybooking.com.au/239697

Sweetheart Cushions

Last year's Show: 1915 The Home Front, looked back at the effects on our local families of WWI. During that war soldiers, to distract themselves from the horrors around them, sewed small cushions for their loved ones at home. They were usually very intricate and carried various mementos of the lives they were living: bits of uniform, stitched messages, feathers found, scraps of letters.

Last year, a modern copy of one of these was entered in the needlework section, and someone overseas – trying to trace original pieces – googled the words 'Sweetheart Cushion' and the Bangalow



Show popped up first. And so began an inspiring recreation 'movement'.

Pictured left are Glenda McKenzie with hers commemorating her husband Hec's great uncle; Ruth Ryan with one for her great grandfather; and Donna Jenner with one she made for her grandfather. The details and handwork are amazing.

Karen Ryan points out that these exquisite mementos – which are so moving and touching to see – are also a signal of where your prized creations can end up. The new versions are in an exhibition in England – from Bangalow to Salisbury Cathedral!

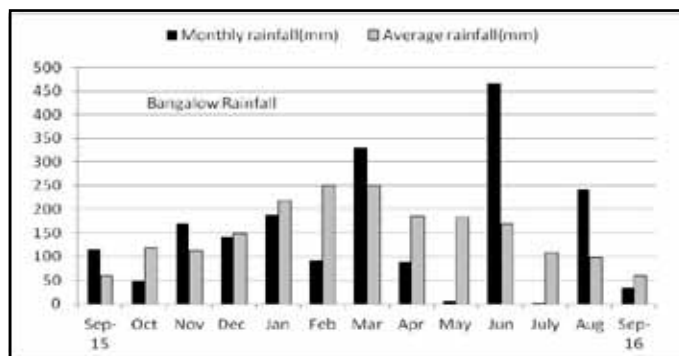
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Food Hub explained

There's been much conversation about the proposed food hub to be built in west Bangalow. What is the story and why are we worried?

Bangalow was founded on agriculture and the produce of our beautiful region. Today, thanks to our passionate food producers, farmers and restaurateurs, the Byron hinterland – including Bangalow – has the reputation as one of Australia's leading food regions. For current and future generations this is an exciting opportunity.

The proposed Bangalow Food Collective will support food businesses born and raised in our region. The proposal for the site is not for mega industry, it is for small and medium food producers that have a commitment to creating the highest quality

premium regional produce.

The Bangalow community has been told that the Food Collective will have five 'Bunning's Ballina size' warehouses, be occupied by mega-industry, have a 700-seat restaurant, roof size of 24 hectares, thousands of trucks on the road. This is not so.

What will it really look and feel like?

A beautiful site with architect-designed buildings. The site will be screened from the road by trees, the buildings surrounded by rainforest regeneration. The existing creek and farmland regenerated with planting of rainforest and native food species.

It will be a centre for collaboration combining small and medium size agricultural food industries that support local produce from local farmers, e.g. finger limes, macadamias, free-range pork, etc.

It will have a total commitment to sustainability in design and implementation, e.g. best practice in water usage, waste recycling, utilities and solar power. It will offer creation of jobs and careers in food technology, food production, engineering, IT, finance, sales, marketing, etc.

Best practice in traffic management is also important. Two peer-reviewed studies show traffic and trucks on Granuaille Rd will increase by less than one per cent. By contract, no trucks will enter Bangalow's main street (Byron Street) unless they are delivering to the businesses in Byron Street.

The Bangalow Food Collective will employ locally and has a strong commitment to supporting and giving back to community.

If you have any questions, would like to see the architect designs, etc, email pam@brookfarm.com.au or info@salumi.com.au and we'll be happy to meet, talk and answer your questions. *Pam & Martin Brook – Brookfarm. Rebecca McEwan and Massimo Scalas – Salumi Australia.*



A new art form?

Inventive and practical, one member of the industrious Bangalow Land and Rivercare group has taken to recycling animal feed bags. What was once your cast-off rat-proof chook- or horse-food bag, is meticulously re-worked into a sturdy, lightweight all-seasons shopping bag. These hand-made originals are a great Christmas or birthday gift for the environmentalist in your life, or a lovely surprise for

anyone who likes this sensible second-use (or deuxieme fois, as they say in Double Bay). Apparently a variety of Christmas stockings made from the same source is also in the works as we speak. The bags are being sold for \$10 as a fund raiser for Bangalow Landcare. Find them at the Bangalow Farmers Markets. If you can't wait, call Liz Gander on 0403 720 950.

Christobel Munson



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If my wheels could talk

Add up the people who use prams, strollers, walking sticks, frames, wheelchairs or electric bikes. **Jenny Bird** asks how safe and accessible is town for people on wheels or with limited mobility?

I asked two people about their experiences of safety and accessibility as they wheel around Bangalow. I found some bad news and some good news.

I took a guided tour from the Bowlo to the town centre beside Richie Allen in his electric wheelchair. He spoke on behalf of the residents of Feros Village and their families, children on bikes, and parents pushing strollers between town, the sports fields, Clover Hill and the Bowlo. Here are some of the issues Richie introduced me to – the hazards he and others encounter getting into town:

No formal pedestrian crossing at the Bowlo, making crossing the road dangerous for children, Feros and Clover Hill residents.

Non-compliant 'aprons' around town that are too steep and dangerous to negotiate in a wheelchair.

No continuous footpath from town centre to Bowling Club.

No footpaths in the new estates, forcing



pedestrians, strollers and wheelchairs onto the road.

No wheelchair access to the Showground at the Station Street gate

Old narrow footpaths in Byron and Station Streets with broken and uneven surfaces, some tilting to such a degree that Richie says he

'feels safer on the road'.

However Richie finds that our community is helpful, inclusive and supportive of our residents on wheels.

Pauline Burton, my second interviewee, rides a motorised trike around town to shop, access health services, have coffee with friends and exercise her dog. 'I can ride up to a shop and park on the edge of the curb outside, do my shopping and chat to people.'

Like Richie, Pauline makes special mention of the people of Bangalow. "I have been very appreciative of our community members who recognise me with smiles and positive greetings when they see me, or make way for me to have access and

belong to our street life."

For both Richie and Pauline every small improvement in the physical infrastructure of town is a big thing. Richie points to the fabulous concreting job on the apron out front of the Chinese restaurant. He saw the Council team on the job and was able to explain to them the small adjustments they could do that would make his journey into town so much easier at that point. The guys obliged and Richie loves that apron!

Pauline also expresses her gratitude for new and improved pathways and footpaths. "Every time we are given a 'gift', like a new path that routes us through a park/garden, our native rainforests, our creek-side parks or along a beautiful Bangalow street we can thank others for their consideration. Plus the fact that we are sharing a privilege with our fellow community members who live in this lovely township and part of 'paradise'!"

Some urban planners argue that if our towns were designed for people with limited mobility as a 'bottom line' it would benefit everyone – all ages, able bodied, on foot, all. Then they would not be gifts, they would just be there.

Summer vegetable growing guide

With many home gardeners planning summer vegetable plantings, I spoke with organic grower and seedling expert, Lyndel Weston, and asked her to pass on a few tips. Lyndel and husband Kieran run the One Organic seedling and vegetable growing business on Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. They have stalls at Bangalow Farmers Market and the Sunday monthly market.

* Before planting, dig in compost and spread mulch after softening up the ground. Rotate different types of mulch such as sugarcane, Rhodes grass and lucerne. Large amounts of cane each

year, for example, can leach nutrients. To really boost their soil, One Organic make a compost with added lime, rock minerals, biochar and biodynamic preparations.

* Some extra shade can help in exposed areas. Commercial veggie netting also protects from some insects.

* Summer pest control: Dipel is good for caterpillars. Neem oil can help control many fungi, mildews, rusts, root rot, black



spot, sooty mould, etc.

A favourite new variety of Lyndel's? 'Sweet Cherry' lettuce is doing well and proving popular. People sometimes steer off dark lettuce, fearing they will be bitter – this one is not.

Kieran and Lyndel are happy to advise customers at their stalls. They also have a blog on <http://www.oneorganic.com.au/blog/>

Practical, local, gardening questions are answered and debated.

Brian Sundstrom

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