

# Something to talk about.



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*From the Mayor's desk*

Welcome to the first edition of **Something to Talk About** – a new community magazine designed to share stories and news from around the Byron Shire.

The idea for this magazine came about because of all the great work going on out there in our community. There are many achievements and stories that fly under the radar and are difficult to explain in a quick facebook post or a newspaper article. We invite you to learn more about the people, the projects and ideas that make the Byron Shire such a unique and enjoyable place to live.

Yes, we are working on fixing the potholes (see page 4 for all the details) and we will continue to increase our investment in roads and maintenance. But you may be surprised to hear about the other initiatives and projects of all shapes and sizes that have been achieved (or are underway) at the same time, many thanks to our success in attracting unprecedented grant funding over the last 18 months. None of this success could have been achieved without the support of our community. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to get involved in community life and to our tireless volunteers – big respect to you all.

In recent months the Shire's creativity has been proudly on show at special local events, including the Sample Food Festival in Bangalow, the Brunswick Heads Sculpture Nature Walk, the Byron Guitar Festival and the Mullum Music Festival.

The busy season is upon us with many unique and special events happening around our villages. I hope you're able to take time out to enjoy what's on offer. I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy festive season.

**Mayor, Simon Richardson**

*Our Byron. Our Future.*

OUR PRIORITIES

We have infrastructure, transport and services that meet our expectations

We cultivate and celebrate our diverse cultures, lifestyle and sense of community

We protect and enhance our natural environment

We manage growth and change responsibly

We have community-led decision making that is open and inclusive

## New compost facility opened at Myocum

Council has opened a new, state-of-the-art compost facility at the Byron Resource Recovery Centre (our tip) in Myocum which will bring a range of benefits for the environment, farmers and residents.

The new Mobile Aerated Floor (MAF) system uses an innovative composting technology that takes garden waste and turns it into beautiful, rich, compost in six to eight weeks which is half the amount of time it would normally take.

The compost is available for purchase for \$30/cubic metre to members of the public, farmers or businesses. The MAF system was funded by a \$118,000 grant from the NSW Government.



Above: Council's Team Leader Resource Recovery and Quarry, Lloyd Isaacson with Ben Franklin MLC and Mayor Simon Richardson at the launch.

## New bridges opened

Oh what a feeling it was to celebrate the official opening of the Booyong Bridge (pictured) - the first of five bridges to be replaced under the Bangalow Bridges Replacement project. Parkers Bridge also opened on 6 November and O'Meara's Bridge opened in late November.



## Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk a winner



Featuring beautiful and thought-provoking sculptures from 50 artists, the triannual Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk was, once again, an event not to be missed. Hundreds of people of all ages took to the parkland and foreshores of Brunswick and were treated to the unique journey of discovery that this festival has become famous for. The Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk was one of four community events that Council supported through its Events & Sponsorship Fund. *Read more on page 5.*



## Work experience with a difference



Our Bush Regeneration guru Dave introduces Isabella Wood from Mullumbimby High to some of the local wildlife. *#excitingworkexperience*

## Love Byron Halls launch celebrated



Hula hooping, yoga, a seniors card game and drama rehearsals were on show when Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Byron Shire Councillor Cate Coorey and Ben Franklin MLC launched the #LoveByronHalls initiative at Marvell Hall in Byron Bay recently.

The #LoveByronHalls initiative was made possible thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions fund and is designed to support the hall committees with vital information and skills so that the halls can be active and viable spaces into the future.

### The #LoveByronHalls project includes:

- Bangalow A&I Hall
- Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall
- Brunswick Valley Community Centre
- Durrumbul Hall
- Marvell Hall
- Moller Pavilion at Bangalow Showgrounds
- Mullumbimby Civic Hall
- Ocean Shores Community Centre
- South Golden Beach Hall
- Suffolk Park Community Hall



# Local faces, local places



Saxon & James getting ready to join the rest of the crew for the Bay swim.



Angela in Mullumbimby's main street.



Sophie and Elton from Upper Main Arm.



Geoff making the most of the sunshine.



Ian & Andy off to meet the rest of the 'early' swimming group for a cuppa after the weekly swim across the Bay.



Jenny & Jim celebrating the #LoveByronHalls launch at Byron.



Gracie enjoying an icecream in Bangalow.



Nemo & Jessie checking out the library at Santos at Mullum.



Long-time friends Beryl & Margaret catching up in Byron Bay.



Willow with mum, Natasha.



Second annual Bruns Bakery Donut Float.



John & Celia - Happy 93rd birthday Celia.



Another days work done and Rommel is all smiles.



Checking out the Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk.



Xarvia, Isaac and Moss enjoying the Mullum Markets.

# Community Services

## COUNCIL'S EVENTS & SPONSORSHIP FUND

**Council's Events & Sponsorship Fund supports 'emerging' and 'significant homegrown' events and encourages funding for sustainability initiatives.**

This year the Fund supported event costs for the Byron Bay Japan Festival, Sample Food Festival, Byron Bay Guitar Festival, Mullumbimby Music Festival and the Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk. If you are interested in applying for sponsorship email [events@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@byron.nsw.gov.au).



*Mayor Simon Richardson takes a lesson from guitar guru Andy Jans Brown prior to this year's guitar festival*

## Vacation and After-School Care

Council runs vacation and after-school care programs at Brunswick Heads Public School, Mullumbimby Public School and Byron Bay Public School. Call Council for more details: 02 6626 7000.



## Citizenship

Byron Shire Council is proud to welcome new citizens. We hold five ceremonies a year and this year we've welcomed 54 new citizens from 15 countries.

## Community engagement – the Byron Model

In early 2019 we will be building on the success of our Community Solutions Panel and working with randomly selected citizens, stakeholders and councillors to build a better Byron model of representative, deliberative and trusted democracy.

We are looking to 'co-design' the Byron Model in partnership with our community members and stakeholders and once designed, the model will provide a framework for how Council makes public decisions and how community is engaged in the process. From mid-January we will be asking people to nominate to be part of the process.

## Libraries in Byron Shire

The three libraries in the Byron Shire are managed by the Richmond Tweed Regional Library which is funded by Byron Shire Council, as well as the Lismore, Ballina and Tweed Councils.



Our libraries are well above the State average when it comes to use. Last year there were 339,929 people through the doors of the Mullumbimby, Brunswick and Byron libraries. 34,929 people used the public computers, there were 22,528 borrowers, 64,105 stock items, and the wireless internet was used 63,023 times.



<b>BRUNSWICK FIREWORKS &amp; TWILIGHT MARKET</b>	Wednesday, 19 December 2018	Memorial Park, Brunswick
<b>BYRON CAROLS BY THE SEA</b>	Friday, 14 December 2018	Apex Park, Byron
<b>BANGALOW CHRISTMAS EVE EVENT</b>	Monday, 24 December 2018	Bangalow
<b>SAFE SUMMER IN THE BAY - SOUL STREET NYE &amp; FIRST SUN</b>	Monday, 31 December 2018 - 1 January 2019	Byron, various (Jonson St and surrounds – road closures)
<b>FALLS FESTIVAL</b>	Monday 31 December 2018 – 2 January 2019	North Byron Parklands

# Potholes

**Q Why do you keep patching potholes – why don't you rebuild the roads?**

**A.** Whilst we would love to rebuild all the damaged roads in the Byron Shire, we don't have the money. It's as simple as that! The poor condition of our roads is partly because elected Councils over many years did not see funding for roads as a priority so there was not enough spent on road maintenance. In 2016, when the current Council was elected, Councillors decided to change that and each year since the budget for road maintenance has been increased.

This year \$41.3 million will be spent on roadworks and construction. It's the biggest expenditure area in the budget and the biggest capital road works budget this Council has ever had. The special rate variation (SRV) raised an extra \$1.18 million in 2017/18 and that will grow to \$2.27 million in this year. This extra money is being spent on renewing and improving our roads, bridges and other community infrastructure. Examples of how this extra money has been used include rebuilding The Terrace at Brunswick Heads, upgrading a section of Pine Avenue at Mullumbimby, increasing drainage works across the shire, re-gravelling some of our unsealed roads and heavy patching. These works would not have occurred without the money raised from the SRV.

**Q. Why does Council spend money on things like art, bus shelters, playgrounds and parks. Why can't you just fix the potholes?**

**A.** We know the state of the roads are of major importance to the community but residents also ask for the many other services council provides like libraries, swimming pools, sports fields, patrolled beaches, halls, club houses, community services, emergency services, support for vulnerable members of our community, parks and gardens, environmental projects, waste, water and sewer management and everything else our community expects.

**Q. How do I find out where Council is filling potholes?**

**A.** Our maintenance schedule for potholes is on our website and is updated every week. To report a pothole go to the 'Report It' tab on our home page. [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au)

# Major projects



## → UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### → Bayshore Drive Roundabout



This new roundabout at the intersection of Bayshore Drive and Ewingsdale Rd is scheduled to be open by Christmas 2018. The \$5.7 million project is funded by the Australian Government and Council.

### → Scarrabelottis Bridge

Expected to open in December 2018.

### → O'Meara's Bridge



The new O'Meara's Bridge is due to open in late November.

### → James Bridge

The new James Bridge is due to open before Christmas.

## → RESEALS

*Scheduled for November / December*

Left Bank Rd - \$28,000

Main Arm Rd - \$21,500

Myokum St - \$12,100

Stewart St - \$7,400

The Manse Rd - \$51,600

Elizabeth Av - \$15,300

Tweed Valley Way - \$37,200

Booyun St - \$12,800

Cudgen St - \$4,900

Kipling Street - \$4,900

Cowper Street - \$39,100

Paterson Lane (north) - \$4,500

Kingsley Street - \$31,000

Ruskin Lane - \$4,000

Ruskin Street - \$19,300

Cooper Street - \$35,400

Patterson Street - \$100,000

Binna Burra Road South - \$157,760

Goonengerry Rd - \$223,000

## → HEAVY PATCHING PROGRAM

*Heavy patching in Byron Bay scheduled for January - \$77,000*

## → PROJECTS COMING IN 2019

→ Tweed Valley Way major culvert upgrade at Yelgun \$500,000

→ Settlement Road and Johnstons Lane causeways replacement with bridges at Main Arm \$546,000

→ Eureka Bridge embankment repair at Eureka \$573,000

→ 18/19 Bridge Renewal and Maintenance Program: \$329,000

- Byron Creek Bridge

- Belongil Creek Bridge walkway

- Tallow Creek Bridge

- Englishes Bridge

- Upper Main Arm Bridge

- Various other bridge maintenance and guardrail repairs

→ Rifle Range Road intersection improvements \$1.3 million

→ 3 causeways for replacement in upper Main Arm starting in June 2019 \$1.15 million

→ Design of major timber refurbishment of South Arm Bridge at Brunswick Heads \$30,000

For more information about our roads and bridges program: [www.byron.gov.au/services/roads-parking](http://www.byron.gov.au/services/roads-parking)



**COMPLETED**

**Booyong Bridge**



The new Booyong Bridge opened in August 2018 (the official ribbon cutting ceremony was held in October – see page 3).

**Broken Head Road reconstruction**



640m south of Midgen Flat Road – reconstructed and upgraded.

**Parkers Bridge**



Opened in November 2018.

**Clifford St Intersection**



Improvements have been made to the intersection of Clifford Street and Broken Head Road to improve safety.

**Left Bank Rd Causeway**

Council replaced this causeway at a cost of \$140,000 because the old one was in such poor condition. Thanks to the locals who threw a BBQ for the construction team when it was finished.

**Blindmouth Creek crossing**



The new \$1.283 million causeway over Blindmouth Creek is finished although we will have to do a final bitumen spray in about four months. The causeway is approximately two metres higher than the old causeway.

**Durrumbul Causeway**

There's a new \$460,000 causeway on Durrumbul Road. The new causeway gives improved access to residents. Road approaches and kerb barriers have also been upgraded.

**RESEALS - COMPLETED**

Broken Head Rd - \$52,400
Repentance Creek Rd - \$81,300
Mafeking Rd - \$5,500
Federal Drive - \$11,100
Binna Burra Rd Nth - \$67,500
Rose Apple Pl - \$4,000
Childe St - \$35,000
Giaour St - \$10,000
Fern Place, Byron Bay - \$3,800
Woodford Ln - \$7,300
Parkway Dr - \$33,000

**HEAVY PATCHING PROGRAM- COMPLETED**

Completed (approx. \$370,000)

Mullumbimby Road
Hinterland Way
Tweed Valley Way
Myokum St
Jubilee Street
Cooper Street
Bangalow Rd
The Manse Road
Banksia Drive
Shirley Street
Byron Street
Pocket Road



**Council's Mullum SES facility upgrade complete**



The Coolamon Scenic Drive headquarters, which is owned and maintained by Council houses 40 local SES volunteers who use the facility for training purposes and as a general base for local emergency responses. The facility upgrades included a garage extension and driveway works to ensure the unit is accessible and can store appropriate equipment all year round.

Mayor Simon Richardson, SES volunteer Andrea Danvers and Council's General Manager Mark Arnold were all smiles at the recent re-opening of Mullumbimby's SES headquarters following \$150,000 worth of renovations funded by the NSW Government.

We have 605km of roads

We patch an average of 5,331 potholes a month

We have 510km of sealed roads and 95km of unsealed roads

Council maintains 6km of bridges

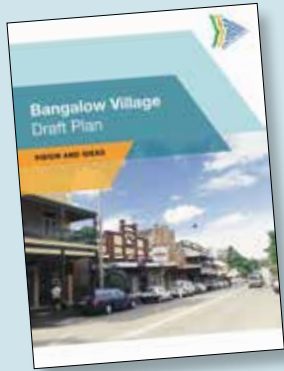
In 2017/18 we completed 16km of road reseals



# Planning matters



## Have your say on the Bangalow Village Plan



**It's time to get involved and take a look at the draft Bangalow Village Plan. It's on public exhibition until 17 December.**

The plan sets out aspirations for the village and is intended to guide its improvements and development over the next 15 years.

It aims to ensure the things people love about Bangalow - its heritage buildings, green, leafy character, village feel, sense of community and natural environment - are preserved and enhanced into the future.



*Nadine, Rebecca and Ian from the Bangalow Village Guidance Group.*

Get involved, see what's happening and tell us what you think.  
[www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/bangalow-village-plan](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/bangalow-village-plan)

## Rural events and weddings LEP amendment exhibition on until 21 December

**Have your say on how the Local Environmental Plan should be amended to better manage weddings and events in the rural area.**

The beauty of the Byron Shire hinterland has seen an increase in the popularity of rural weddings and this has, in some cases, resulted in noise, traffic and other problems in areas that are traditionally quiet and peaceful.

Council acknowledges there are differing views on the wedding and event industry depending on whether you are a neighbour and/or an operator.

It is nonetheless an important part of the Byron Shire's economy and we need to get the balance right.

Earlier this year Council held a number of workshops to get feedback, information and opinions from the community about Council's plan to amend its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to allow a limited number of properties to operate as function

centres in rural parts of the Shire.

Staff have now taken all the information into account and drafted a clause to be inserted into the LEP that is designed to find a balance between residents, amenity and lifestyle and the rural weddings and events industry.

Any change to the Byron LEP has to be made by the NSW Government and before we do this, Council wants to make sure that the controls drafted will efficiently and realistically lead to the desired outcomes.

Four workshops have already been held.

The closing date for submissions is 21 December 2018. Go to [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/functioncentres](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/functioncentres) for information.



### Lot 22 Mullumbimby. We want to hear from you.

**Council is proposing to rezone and reclassify part of Lot 22 Stuart Street Mullumbimby for future housing.**

The proposal includes changes that reclassify 22ha of the 29ha block from 'community' to 'operational' (meaning the land could in future be used for housing).

Council is also seeking to introduce a new zone (R1 - General Residential) focussed on housing diversity, to the site.

The land has been identified as a site that has the potential to address the growing need for smaller one-two bedroom dwellings in our community.

Have your say on the proposal to rezone and reclassify Lot 22!

Go to [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/lot-22-mullumbimby-future-housing-proposal](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/lot-22-mullumbimby-future-housing-proposal) for more information.

Attend a community drop-in session in the Council Chambers:

- Wednesday 28 November 12noon - 6pm
- Thursday 29 November 8am - 1pm





## Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan

Council is working with the Byron Masterplan Guidance Group to implement some of the actions of the plan including:

- Railway Park upgrade
- Sandhills Recreation Hub
- Main Beach upgrade
- Planning control review: various
- Access and Movement Strategy
- Place activation: for example, International Parking Day

## Residential Strategy

We are preparing a Draft Residential Strategy to set a clear vision and policy framework for Byron Shire's urban areas.

It will set out how we plan to deliver a more sustainable and appropriate housing supply and a range of housing types and infrastructure to meet the needs of our community.

Councillors and key stakeholders recently participated in a Housing Charrette to confirm the policy directions of the Draft Strategy.

It is expected to be reported to Council in December 2018.

## E Zones

Last year Council started the process to apply environmental zones by amending the Byron LEP 2014 in accordance with the State government's Northern Councils E Zone Review recommendations.

It's a complex project and we have been working with affected landowners to try to arrive at agreed outcomes.

The project is progressing well with 65 percent of submissions reviewed and agreed outcomes reached on more than 500 properties.

This has resulted in approximately 2310 hectares being proposed for an environmental zoning.

The first planning proposal was submitted to the Department of Planning at the end of June 2018 and a gateway determination has now been received.

The planning proposal will be put on exhibition in early 2019.

## Employment Lands Strategy

Our Employment Lands Strategy identifies possible locations for new industrial and commercial land to meet future demands.

The public exhibition period has finished and a report will go to Council in early 2019.

## Our Mullumbimby Masterplan

Work on the Mullumbimby Masterplan has recommenced and the Guidance Group will meet in early December.

We pushed the pause button on this plan while we finalised the draft Bangalow Village Plan but now it's full steam ahead.

## Coastal Management Program (Scoping Study) for Cape Byron to South Golden Beach

Planning for our coastline has started under the new coastal legislation. The planning will include the preparation of a new Coastal Management Program (CMP). A CMP is a plan of action for Council to:

- Address coastal hazard risks
- Preserve habitats
- Maintain or improve recreational amenity and resilience.

The first stage of developing a CMP is the preparation of a scoping study. We need your help to inform this study about how you use and enjoy the foreshore and beaches of the Byron Shire coastline. Take our survey at [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/planning-for-our-coastline](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/planning-for-our-coastline).

## Car Sharing Policy and trial

In an exciting move towards a more sustainable future, car sharing is coming to Byron Shire!

Council recently adopted the Car Share Policy and staff are now working on a pilot project that will see the introduction of an external car share company operating in the Shire. Stay tuned for updates!

## Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Bike Plan

Thanks to everyone who completed our survey and attended workshops for the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and the Bike Plan.

Consultants have all the information you gave them and are now developing the two plans which will include a list of priority infrastructure projects (think footpaths, bike paths, cycling and accessibility infrastructure) as well as strategies and projects that will guide Council in its provision of pedestrian, mobility and cycling services over the next 10 years.

The two draft plans will be on public exhibition in 2019.

## North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Work is well underway on the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. The aim of the project is to give Council information to allow for the development of strategies and options to better manage the risk of floods in the future.

The focus is on the Brunswick River, Marshalls Creek and Simpsons Creek catchments and includes Mullumbimby, Billinudgel, Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores, New Brighton and South Golden Beach.

We received more than 300 responses to our survey and consultants are now collating the data. Workshops will be held in early 2019. All information will be used to inform the plan which will then be put on public exhibition.

## Recreation Needs Assessment

The Draft Open Space and Recreation Needs Assessment and Action Plan outlines how open space and recreation areas will be managed now and into the future, what level of facilities should be located at them and where funding can be prioritised over the short, medium and long term.

Staff are now collating information from public submissions.

# WAR DECLARED ON WASTE

## Butt Free Byron Shire

Have you noticed the new Enviropole cigarette butt bins attached to more than 100 bins across the Byron Shire? The Butt Free Byron Shire campaign is an alliance of local groups dedicated to protecting our environment from cigarette butt pollution that ends up in our streets and foreshore areas, and unfortunately often in the ocean where they are known to harm to our turtles, fish and other marine life.

Did you know that more than 80% of the litter in the Byron Shire is smoking related? Cigarette butts are the most commonly littered item in Australia with 7.2 billion butts littered annually. Volunteers picked up 4,765 cigarette butts from Apex Park and the Byron Bay foreshore area over a six month period in 2016.

**Positive Change For Marine Life says it's collected a total estimated 400,000 pieces of debris from the beaches of Byron Bay since 2012, mostly consisting of cigarette butts.**

Join our Butt Free Byron Shire campaign, which was boosted by a \$100,000 litter grant from the NSW EPA, to put an end to cigarette butt litter in the Byron Shire. We encourage everyone to be responsible for their own litter by using the new Enviropoles.

The plastic component of the cigarette butts collected in the Enviropole Butt Bins will be sent to a special recycling plant to be transformed into park benches, office equipment and building materials.



KEEP ME SMOKE  
FREE BY USING THE  
BINS PROVIDED.



## Waste Free for the Sea

**This year we had the privilege of working with a number of project partners on the launch of Waste Free for the Sea, which was a joint launch initiative held on the Byron Bay foreshore.**

The event was an official launch for four different waste initiatives:

- Butt Free Byron Bay
- Make the Switch campaign
- Pick it Up and Bin It litter campaign
- Don't Be a Sucker campaign

Thank you to our project partners including Boomerang Alliance, North East Waste, Plastic Free Byron, Positive Change for Marine Life, Byron Bay Life guards, Cape Byron Marine Park, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Reflections Holiday Park.

# Waste reduction



## Local schools declare their war on waste

Did you know Council runs its own year-long Waste Wise Challenge education program to help our Shire's primary and secondary kids understand more about important waste issues? The program aligns with the school curriculum, so it is relevant to classroom learning. Mullumbimby Public School took out last year's year-long Waste Wise Challenge and won \$1000.

*"This program has been a great success because it empowers students to take positive action for good waste management through experiential learning," Council's Resource Recovery Education Officer, Lucy Wilson, said.*

"I do school visits and teach the kids about good waste management practices at home and at school. Then we do an excursion to the Lismore recycling facility to learn first-hand what happens to our organic, recyclable and landfill waste.

"This excursion is something everyone should do.

"It's a real eye opener and forces you to think about what happens every time you throw something in the bin," Lucy said.

Over the course of the year-long Waste Wise Challenge, Mullumbimby Public School increased its recycling rate from 45 to 80 per cent and reduced landfill waste in classrooms to zero.

For more information, or to get your school involved in the program for next year, phone Lucy Wilson on 02 6626 7077.



Brunswick Heads Public School students, River and Alankar, declare their own War on Waste while auditing bin rubbish during lunchtimes.

## Get rid of your unwanted household waste the right way

There are a number of ways you can dispose of your unwanted household items responsibly:

- 1 Use your Annual Free Drop Off Service** which is provided to all rate payers. If you are a tenant talk to your real estate agent.
- 2 Take your items to the Byron Resource Recovery Centre** where many items are accepted for free including e-waste, mobile phones, bulk recyclables, oils, paints, light globes, batteries and scrap metal items including white goods. Find out more on the Byron Resource Recovery Centre page.
- 3 Try selling or giving away unwanted items via an online platform** such as Gumtree, eBay or the local Facebook group Byron Bay Buy Swap Sell.
- 4 Host a garage sale.**





# Never miss another bin collection day!



**You get:**

- A personalised collection schedule
- Custom pick-up reminders
- An A-Z Recycling Guide
- And more!

Download the **Recycle Coach™** app

or visit the Byron Shire Council website: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/recycle-coach](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/recycle-coach)

## What's in the pipeline?

DESCRIPTION	SCOPE	BUDGET \$	START DATE
<b>Milton Street SPS3004 - rising main upgrade - Byron Bay</b>	Redirection of a pump station and installation of new sewer pressure.	330,000	November 2018
<b>Install link main through Railway Park precinct - Byron Bay</b>	New water main cross-connection through Railway Park. This will also that will increase the level of service in terms of flow and pressure in the Butler Street area.	240,000	November 2018
<b>Lighthouse Rd water main replacement - Byron Bay</b>	New water main that will increase the level of service in terms of flow and pressure.	380,000	December 2018
<b>Bangalow Rd renewal rising sewer main - Byron Bay</b>	Replacement of an existing sewer pressure main.	700,000	January 2019
<b>SPS4001 rising main upgrade - Mullumbimby</b>	Improvement of the existing pump station and the replacement of the existing rising main.	920,000	February 2019
<b>Azalea St &amp; Left Bank Rd - Mullumbimby</b>	Redirection of a pump station and installation of new sewer pressure mains through Mullumbimby.	370,000	February 2019

## Wastewater data now online

**Council is now regularly posting detailed information about the amount of wastewater being treated at the Ocean Shores, Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Byron Bay sewage treatment plants (STP) on our website.**

The information specifically relates to the inflow and quality of water coming out of the treatment plants, as well as water quality data from areas in the Belongil and Tallow catchments.

Having this information about inflow and water quality on our website gives community members a chance to see exactly how our plants are performing as well as how we are complying with NSW Environment Protection Authority licence conditions and relevant regulations.

We are the first council in the Northern Rivers to be providing this depth of information to our community and we're hoping it will be an educational tool as well with people able to see the impact forces such as the weather or large events have on our wastewater treatment plants.

To access the information go to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) and put wastewater data into the search bar or call our Water and Sewer team on 02 6685 9300.

**If you notice a sewer problem on the weekend or after hours call 02 6622 7022**

## Rainwater tanks



**Did you know there are some rebates available if you install a rainwater tank at your house?**

Council has been encouraging people to put in rainwater tanks since 1995. They save water that would otherwise flow into the drain and are good for the environment and will save you money as well.

Rebates are available to people living in the Bangalow, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads and Ocean Shores areas where the water is supplied by Rous County Council, the regional water supply authority.

Go to our website for more information or call Rous Water on 02 6623 3800.



If you notice a sewer problem on the weekend or after hours call 02 6622 7022



## Recycling our water



### Have you spotted the purple taps around the Byron Bay town centre?

The purple pipes and taps are for recycled water which is used to flush public toilets and irrigate parks and gardens. While it is safe for this purpose it's not for drinking.

Our recycled water is highly treated wastewater (effluent) from the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). It has passed through a number of stages of treatment to remove all harmful micro-organisms and potential pollutants.

## Bike path upgrade for Ocean Shores

### Have you noticed we've upgraded the bike path between Billinudgel and North Ocean Shores?

The 1.7km path goes through the Marshalls Creek Nature Reserve via the New Brighton Road reserve.

The bike path was built as part of the installation of a new major water supply main in the area.

"We have constructed a new trunk water main in Ocean Shores along a Rural Fire Service access route which was in quite poor condition," Jason Stanley, Systems Planning Officer in the Water and Sewer team, said.

"As this access was being used by cyclists during the design phase of the project Council thought it would be a great opportunity to create a new dedicated bike path at the same time," he said.

The new 3.9km water main is a significant water supply upgrade project to Ocean Shores with the contract valued at \$2 million.

The installation of this main provides a dedicated water supply to customers in Billinudgel and North Ocean Shores which will improve water quality and fire protection capability in these areas.

## How do we use recycled water in Byron Bay?



### Main Arm Recycled Water Scheme

Recycled water from the Brunswick Valley STP is irrigated on private farms for dairy and beef cattle.



### Bangalow Recycled Water Scheme

Onsite irrigation at the Bangalow STP irrigates a bamboo plantation which is currently harvested for fibre production. The long-term plan is to use the bamboo as feedstock for the bioenergy plant.



### Byron Bay Urban Recycled Water Scheme

Recycled water is used for:

- **Flushing public toilets in the town centre**
- **Irrigation of sporting fields parks and gardens including:**
  - Cavanbah Centre
  - Byron Bay Golf Club
  - Byron Bay Bowling Club
  - Byron Bay High School
  - Red Devils sports ground
  - Byron Bay Rec Ground
  - Railway Park
  - Apex Park to Clarkes Beach
- **Nurseries** - Byron Bay Herb Nursery, Envite Nursery, Eden at Byron Garden Centre
- **Construction and dust suppression**
- We're also connecting the Beach Hotel, the Rails and the First Sun Holiday Park shortly so every flush of the toilet will be using recycled water.

# Weeds!

When it comes to weeds, Council is on the look out for innovative and effective ways to reduce chemical use as a first line of defence.

## Salvinia is a weevil problem at Waterlily Park, Ocean Shores



**Byron Shire Council and Rous County Council have released thousands of weevils in the lake at Waterlily Park at Ocean Shores as a way of controlling the invasive water weed *Salvinia molesta*.**

Earlier this year the *Salvinia* weed had completely covered the lake and in July Council used mechanical harvesters to remove as much of the weed as possible.

Council's Open Spaces Team Leader, Malcolm Robertson, said removing the weed was the first stage and now the focus is on controlling it so that it does not take over the lake again.

"*Salvinia molesta* is an extremely difficult plant to control because it has a very fast growth rate and can double in mass every couple of days," Mr Robertson said.

"Plants can also grow from a very small fragment so control has to be a multi-pronged approach and this is why we have decided to use a biological control agent, the weevils, to see if they will be able to keep the growth and spread of the *Salvinia* to manageable levels," he said.

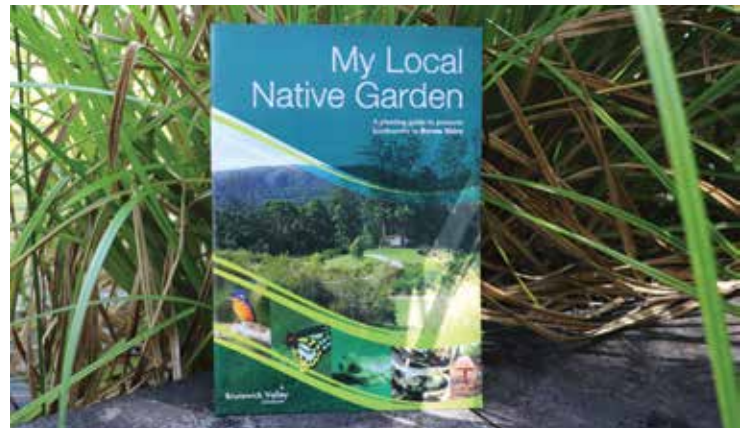
"There are really only two options for the ongoing control of this weed, chemicals or the *Salvinia* weevil, and we know many of our residents are concerned about the use of chemicals in the environment and this is why we have decided to test the effectiveness of the weevil," Mr Robertson said.



## Steam weeding

Where we can, a steam weeder is used as an alternative to herbicides when it comes to killing weeds in our Shire. Our 'steam team' uses the steamer on and around all children's playgrounds, in popular gathering spots such as parks, and in retail areas.

## Save water – plant a native garden



**One of the best things you can do for the environment is to plant a native garden. Not only will it save water but it will be an important haven for local wildlife.**

Check out the *My Local Native Garden* booklet published by Brunswick Valley Landcare.

You can buy a copy of the booklet from the Council office at Mullumbimby for a gold coin donation, or download it from the Brunswick Valley Landcare website: [www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au](http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au).

It's packed with information to help you design, plant and maintain your own native garden.

## NEW FREE ONLINE NATIVE PLANT GUIDE

**There is now a new FREE online resource available that shows people what local native plants to put in their gardens.**

The Tweed Byron Native Species Planting Guide has been developed by the Byron and Tweed Shire Councils and Brunswick Valley Landcare and Tweed Landcare.

Landcare Support Officer, Alison Ratcliffe, said the guide is a database of what native plants are available in this area and what plants are good for a particular purpose.

[www.byron.nsw.gov.au/native-plant-guide](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/native-plant-guide)



The new playground at the Bangalow Parklands.

## Better parks = healthier communities

Whether it's improved play equipment, safety features, landscaping upgrades, seating, lighting or toilets, Council is working hard to continually improve facilities and grounds in our Shire's parks. It's a massive job! Here are some of the projects and programs currently underway.

### Bangalow Parklands

The fantastic new playground at the Bangalow Parklands has opened and kids of all ages are having a great time on the new equipment.

The playground is part of the upgrade of the Bangalow Parklands which, when complete, will include a new carpark and access road, a shelter shed with barbeques and landscaping including picnic tables, benches and lighting.

This project is funded by a \$250,000 NSW Government grant and Council is investing another \$164,000 in the upgrade.

### Waterlily Park, Ocean Shores

With assistance from the Waterlily Playscape Committee, Council successfully secured over \$400,000 of grant funding towards new play equipment (a flying fox and treehouse), new cycling and pedestrian pathway, shade sails and car park improvements.

The grant was made possible thanks to the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund with a \$77,000 contribution from Council.

In addition, Council has funding for improvements to the current exercise equipment in the park.

### Railway Park, Byron Bay

This year, Council has been designing an upgrade of Railway Park and the entire 'rail' precinct – bringing the area to life so it can become a space the community is proud of and an attraction in its own right.

The designs feature beautiful landscaping, improved seating, additional lighting, connective pathways and a bespoke nature-based playground that reflects the informal, inquisitive nature of Byron's community.

Construction for this project will begin in early 2019 and is anticipated to last approximately six months.

## Long term strategy for Belongil Creek estuary

**Did you know that since the 1900s, Belongil Creek's estuary mouth has been opened periodically to enable drainage of the creek and agricultural production in the catchment?**

Belongil Creek is known as an intermittently closed and open lagoon or ICOLL with the sandbar at the mouth of the creek periodically opening to the ocean.

Council sometimes opens the mouth of the creek when water levels reach a certain height to reduce the risk of flooding in the catchment.

As part of the ongoing management of the Belongil Creek estuary and catchment, Council is developing a long-term strategy for the estuary opening process.

A draft strategy is currently being developed and input from the community and stakeholders will be welcome when it goes on public exhibition in 2019.

## DOG-FRIENDLY BEACHES AND PARKS

There are eight dog-friendly beaches and parks in the Byron Shire where you can walk your dog off-lead. Remember though – your dog will meet other dogs so make sure they are not aggressive towards other animals. If you aren't sure then keep them on a lead. See our website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) for specific locations.

- Tallow Beach
- Main Beach – Belongil
- Suffolk Park Public Reserve
- South Beach Rd – Brunswick Heads
- New Brighton
- South Golden Beach
- Heritage Park – Mullumbimby
- Community land - Bangalow



## Koala Plan of Management

**We are currently involved in four koala projects as part of the implementation of our Koala Plan of Management.**



### Byron Habitat Corridors

Under the three-year Byron Habitat Corridors (funded by the NSW Government's Environmental Trust) we are rebuilding koala corridor connections by replanting food trees and undertaking bush regeneration in Bangalow, Myocum, Tyagarah, west Mullumbimby and Skinners Shoot.

*Left: Little Anna planting koala food trees on Left Bank Rd*

### North East Hinterland Koala Project

Byron, Tweed, Ballina and Lismore councils, together with Friends of the Koala, have a long history of successful collaboration in koala conservation. Recently this team was successful in gaining funding under the NSW Government's Saving our Species Program.

The North East Hinterland Koala Project addresses threats to koalas, especially habitat loss, and plan and implement koala habitat restoration works on private land in locations of regional priority.

### North Coast Koala Linkage Project

The North Coast Koala Linkage Project is a collaborative research project between Northern Rivers Councils and the University of Queensland and looks at ways to achieve recovery of koala populations. The research focusses on developing ecologically-effective and socially-feasible strategies.



### The Dogs' Breakfast

A highlight of the Saving our Species Iconic Koala (threat abatement) Project was the Dogs' Breakfast event held in Suffolk Park recently. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Twenty-four dogs and 45 of their humans gathered at the Suffolk Park dog exercise area on a sunny October Sunday morning where owners were given veterinary advice regarding dog care, a giveaway dog show bag and

some simple tips on how to manage dogs in areas of known koalas.

People learnt about threats to koalas and how to be a responsible pet owner. The event was hosted by Byron Shire Council, in partnership with MyVet Byron Bay, Friends of the Koala, Bangalow, Koala and The Larder.



## BYRON BAY DWARF GRAMINOID CLAY HEATH

Did you know that Byron Bay is home to the Byron Bay Graminoid Clay Heath, the only example of this ecological community of its type in the world. Only five hectares of this community remains.



### What does it look like?

Byron Bay Clay Heath consists of low-growing (to 50 cm tall) woody shrubs, grasses and grass-like plants with patches of taller shrubs and occasional larger trees.

Fern-leaved Banksia (*Banksia oblongifolia*), Hairy Bushpea (*Pultenaea villosa*), Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*) and Broad Sword Sedge (*Lepidosperma laterale*) are among the most common of its many plant species. The heath also provides habitat for a range of native animal species.

### How is it being protected?

Over recent years Council and the State Government have funded restoration work.





## Pest animals

Council's Pest Animal Management Plan has been exhibited and the submissions report is being prepared for Council.

The Plan looks at the problem of pest animals and ways to address and manage their impacts primarily on Council-managed land and particularly in the areas of prevention, eradication, containment and asset protection.

Council has also engaged a professional trapper to target wild dogs, foxes and feral cats on Council-managed land.

## All pests including weeds

Council adopted the Integrated Pest Management Policy (IPM) in August this year. The Policy will guide the development of an Integrated Pest Management Strategy which will provide a framework that aligns with both Council's legal obligations and community needs. Work on the draft strategy has started.

The strategy will look at all available pest control techniques and how they can be used to control pests of all types (animals, birds and plants).

We know people are concerned about chemical use and our priority is to look at innovative alternatives to reduce or minimise risks to human health and the environment. At the same time though, there will be instances where chemical use will need to occur and the strategy will provide information about when and how this will happen.

The strategy will establish local priorities for pest species and areas to be managed and will include an action plan outlining timeframes and responsibility for implementation. It is intended to inform, consult and involve the community in this process. The draft strategy is expected to be on exhibition in the first half of 2019.



## Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

We are reviewing our Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. Council wants to hear from the community about what its priorities are when it comes to biodiversity conservation.

An informal world café-style public workshop is being held at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Wednesday 5 December 2018 from 5.15pm to 7.30m. Bookings are essential. Go to: [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/biodiversity-conservation-strategy](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/biodiversity-conservation-strategy).

A draft Strategy is expected to be exhibited in the first half of 2019.

## Flying Fox Camp Management



We've started implementing the Byron Shire Flying Fox Camp Management Plan. We have just appointed a Project Support Officer and have established a Project Reference Group. The group includes representation from Council staff, community, Aboriginal Land Councils, wildlife carers, and relevant government agencies, to seek funds, prioritise actions, identify new and emerging issues and increase awareness about living with flying-foxes.

In addition, we undertake quarterly surveys of flying foxes as part of the National Flying Fox Monitoring Program.

Council has also been awarded a grant of \$79,050 under the 2018 round of the NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation program.

This project will:

- Improve and enhance four hectares of high environmental value vegetation with secure conservation tenure for grey headed flying foxes in Byron Shire through implementation of site vegetation management plans, weed control, revegetation and erosion control.
- Increase community awareness and knowledge of threatened species including grey headed flying fox by engaging at least 50 residences and 20 students to participate in flying fox roosting habitat restoration in Byron Shire over three years.

*Protecting our environment and biodiversity is a priority for our community.*



## Bringing back the Bruns



**Bringing back the Bruns is described as one of the most significant environmental projects ever undertaken in the Byron Shire, with Council receiving grant funding from the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to reinstate fish flows (also known as fish passage) in the Brunswick River.**

The \$274,600 grant under the NSW DPI Flagship Fish Habitat Grants Program, will be matched with funding (\$274,600) from Byron Shire Council to upgrade two causeways in the mid-reaches of the Brunswick River.

It complements another grant from the DPI Habitat Action program which will see the removal of three other low-level fish barriers in the river.

Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson, said the project is a huge win for the environment because opening the upper reaches of the Brunswick River is something that will have long-term positive

impacts on native fish populations.

The grants will fund restoration works that will open up seven kilometres of upstream habitat and allow 27.4km of fish passage to the estuary mouth. Local residents will also benefit from safer vehicle access.

“The restoration works will benefit fish species including the iconic Australian Bass, which live in the upper freshwater reaches of the river and migrate to the lower Brunswick Estuary for breeding,” Mayor Richardson said.

“Currently, fish including bass and mullet can only migrate to the upper reaches of the Brunswick River for around ten days every year when high rainfall drowns out the crossings allowing fish to swim up and over them,” Scott Nichols, NSW DPI Fisheries Manager, said.

“These grants will ensure that native fish will have access to 90 per cent of the river for 100 per cent of the year,” Mr Nichols said.

Byron Shire Council will work with residents living near the causeways to ensure they are aware of the Bringing Back the Brunswick project and possible short-term disruptions when causeways are being upgraded.

The Flagship Fish Habitat Grants Program is financed from funds generated through collection of the recreational fishing licence fee and is managed by DPI Fisheries on behalf of the Recreational Fishing Trust.



Scott Nichols from DPI fisheries with Council staff.



# Byron Bay Wetlands

*World class wetlands and the birds love it*

***Forgive us for sounding biased but the West Byron Wetlands are magnificent. Have you been there? It's a world-class wetland and bird watching haven with more than 227 species of birds sighted.***

The wetlands are in fact a part of the Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve which includes a Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP).

The Byron Bay Wetlands are man-made wetland cells or ponds that complement the surrounding natural wetland.

Treated effluent from the STP is 'polished' through the wetlands using natural processes including native plants which remove pollutants. The treated wastewater becomes a part of the wetland which supports hundreds of species including endangered birds and frogs.

It's famous for its birds and twitchers love it. We've built some bird hides and walking trails for visitors. We also manipulate the water levels in the ponds to coincide with breeding seasons.

Entry is free – just fill out an application form on our website (on the Byron Bay Wetlands page).

Bring along a hat, sunscreen, binoculars and a field guide of Australian birds so you can find out more about the birds you are seeing.

Call the Water and Sewer team on 02 6685 9304 for more information.

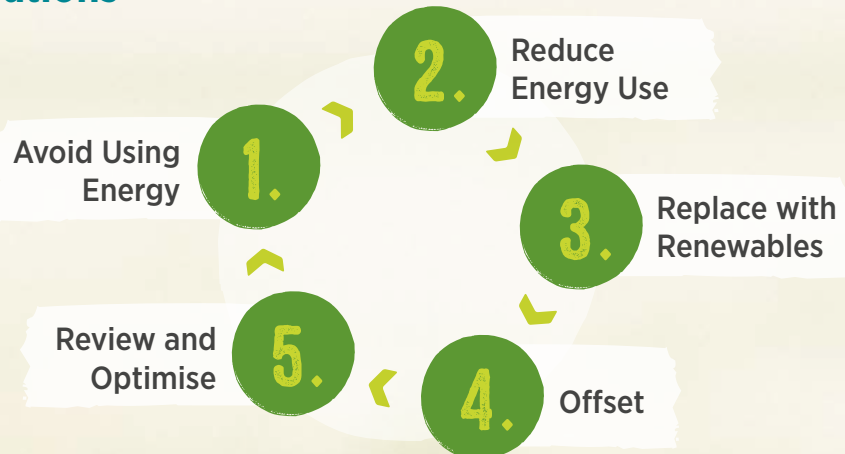


# Reducing our Carbon Footprint

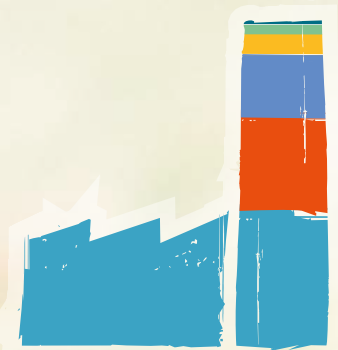
## TO ZERO TOGETHER

Council has developed a five-step hierarchy to guide our decision-making around achieving net zero emissions and 100% renewable energy for all operations

### OUR APPROACH TO EMISSIONS REDUCTION



### COUNCIL'S BASELINE



- 0.1%** Bottled Gas (39 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)
- 2.0%** Streetlights (635 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)
- 4.0%** Fleet (1,128 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)
- 19.0%** Electricity (4,865 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)
- 34.0%** Sewage Treatment Plants (8,955 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)
- 41.0%** Landfill (10,744 t CO<sub>2</sub> e)

2016/2017 Total **26,300 T CO<sub>2</sub> E**

### FUTURE ENERGY PROJECTS

- Dingo Lane, Myocum solar farm: **5 MW**
- Sewerage Treatment Plants bioenergy & solar farms: **690 KW TO 1.5 MW**
- Council Administration Mullumbimby solar car park: **99 KW**
- Brunswick Valley Sustainability Centre: **188 KW**

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Solar installations totalling 122 KW:
  - Byron Bay Library
  - Sandhills Childcare Centre
  - Cavanbah Centre
  - Byron Shire Resource and Recovery Centre

**Did you know?**

*Bioenergy is renewable energy made from organic waste material*

## ▶▶▶ ZERO EMISSIONS

### WHAT'S COUNCIL DOING?

We have been actively implementing emissions reduction strategies and reporting on emissions since 2004. The net Zero Emissions Strategy for Council Operations 2025 will map a path for action and provide a framework for emissions reduction in the Byron Shire. The strategy will be out in February 2019 for public comment. For more information email [sustainability@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@byron.nsw.gov.au)



## CREATING ORGANIC ENERGY — BY 2020

**Bioenergy is renewable energy made from organic waste material such as green waste, food waste or crop residue from farming activities. This organic waste material is called biomass. Renewable energy is created by feeding the biomass (organic matter) into a bioenergy plant.**

We recently ran an Expressions of Interest process to find a company that could design and potentially operate a new 1.6GW bioenergy plant for the Byron Shire.

Having our own bioenergy plant will allow Council to:

- Responsibly manage waste that is already generated
- Reduce Council's use of grid electricity
- Maximise the use of recycled water on feed crops
- Reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions.

It's electrifying stuff!



## ROOFTOP SOLAR ▶

**WE'VE INSTALLED 216KW OF ROOFTOP SOLAR ACROSS A RANGE OF FACILITIES.**

**COUNCIL IS ALSO INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS ON THE CARPARK AT OUR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN MULLUMBIMBY (99KW) AND AT OUR SWIMMING POOL FACILITIES.**

## LARGE SCALE SOLAR ON THE HORIZON ▶▶▶

**To reach our next zero emissions targets, we are currently investigating the potential for a large scale ground-mounted solar farm of up to five megawatts on Council-owned, operational land at the Resource Recovery Centre at Myocum.**

The area needed for a solar array of this size is approximately five hectares (12 acres) and would allow Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 6,750 tonnes, equating to enough energy to power 1000 average homes. Stay tuned to our website for updates on this project.



## BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL HELPS LOCAL STARTUPS PERFECT THEIR PITCH

Sixty local businesses attended the popular 'Perfecting Your Pitch' workshop, with the winner of the pitch competition, Zerina Millard from Flo Gardens in Billinudgel, given the chance to spruik her idea at the Regional Pitchfest in Sydney as part of the Spark Festival. The competition was hosted by Byron Shire Council and facilitated by Kylee Ingram from Founders Northern Rivers, as part of the Small Business Week grant funding from the NSW Government.



From left to right: Mahdi (Muval); Maria (NSW Business Chamber); Tony (Atrium Homes); Kylee (Founders Northern Rivers); Tracey (Locally Grown); Zerina (Flo Gardens); Chris (Dream Dome) and Jan (Svarovsky).



### Meet Andrew – our new Farm Liaison Officer

Andrew Cameron is our new Farm Liaison Officer. His job is to focus on supporting our rural land owners whilst ensuring that agriculture is highly-represented as an important economic driver in the Byron Shire.

Andrew is the first port-of-call for new and existing rural and farm residents and the first point of contact for all enquiries about agriculture, the environment and rural development. Andrew can also assist with agricultural mentoring contacts and can help with a wide range of questions about what existing and rural farm residents are permitted to do on their land and who they need to speak to in Council.

Andrew is establishing an experienced Agricultural Cluster Group to ensure Council has access to farmers and potential farmers and the issues affecting the sector.

For more information and a copy of the *2018 investigation into Agriculture in Byron Shire*, go to:

[www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Business/Business-in-Byron/Agriculture](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Business/Business-in-Byron/Agriculture).

To contact Andrew, email [acameron@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:acameron@byron.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 6626 7223

## The Byron Shire Sustainable Visitation Strategy 2019-2029

Over the coming months, you'll be invited to get involved and have your say on the future of tourism in the Byron Shire.



This engagement will take the form of online surveys and in-depth kitchen table discussions, all culminating with a community solutions panel. In 2019, the 'kitchen table' discussions are opportunities for people to discuss and explore important issues with friends, relatives, colleagues and peers. This feedback will help us to develop a road map – the *Byron Shire Sustainable Visitation Strategy 2019-2029*.

Keep an eye on our website and Your Say pages for more information on this project and how to get involved.

### Byron Shire – the positive place to do business

Seventy percent of the 1,020 businesses recently surveyed across the Byron Shire this year rated their business outlook as good to very good over the next 12 months, with those in the Arts and Industry Estate in Byron being the most positive.

*Fifty-seven percent of all businesses surveyed expected an increase in sales, with 42% increasing the number of new people they will be employing in their business.*

To see all the results of the 2017/18 Business in Byron Survey go to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Business/Research-reports-and-news/Business-Survey](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Business/Research-reports-and-news/Business-Survey).

## Staff profile



*Kerry Cameron*

Introducing Kerry Cameron who's one of the friendly voices you hear at the end of the phone when you call our office.

**Time with Council** – 19 years.

**Hobbies** – Hats, walking and socialising.

**Favourite thing to do after work** – Relaxing with my husband and having a glass of bubbles with friends.

**Born in Byron Shire?** Originally from Tenterfield and moved to Byron Bay when I was nine. My parents had a taxi truck business delivering parcels between Byron Bay and Lismore.

## New trailer for Bush Regeneration team



Celebrating the arrival of a new Bush Regeneration Trailer are Council's Dave Filipczyk, with Mayor Simon Richardson and Bush Regenerator Silas Telford.

The new trailer is making bush regeneration work more efficient, with easy access to every tool needed for the job.

## Well done Steve!



Well done to our own Steve Scott who gave up a weekend to take a truckload of hay, dog food, chook food and other bits and pieces out to drought-affected farmers at Bingara.

Scotty donated his time and Council donated the truck and fuel.

**Have you enjoyed reading this magazine? Send us some feedback to: [media@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:media@byron.nsw.gov.au)**



# Buy or renew your Pay Parking Permit today.

**For just \$55 per year, a Pay Parking Permit enables all Byron Shire Residents to park in metered spaces in Byron Bay.**

With a Pay Parking Permit, you can park and simply walk away. Time limits apply.

Pay Parking Permits are **FREE** for people applying with:

- A Centrelink Pensioner Blue Card
- A Mobility Parking Permit

Work or volunteer in the Byron Shire but live elsewhere? You can purchase a Pay Parking Permit for (\$110), conditions apply.

\*excluding NPWS carparks at The Pass, Captain Cook Lookout, Cosy Corner, Cape Byron Lighthouse



**PURCHASE ONLINE**

You can buy and renew your Pay Parking Permit online – it's easy  
[www.byron.nsw.gov.au/byron-shire-pay-parking](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/byron-shire-pay-parking)  
Or bring your current car registration certificate to Council's Customer Service Centre in Mullumbimby or our desk in the Byron Visitor Centre for assistance.

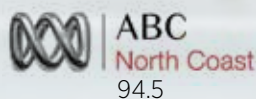
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## When you've finished reading cut out these useful Emergency contact details and put them on your fridge.

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<b>NSW SES</b>	13 25 00	<a href="http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au">www.ses.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>RURAL FIRE SERVICE</b>	1800 679 737 (bushfire info)	<a href="http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au">www.rfs.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>NSW POLICE</b>	13 14 44	<a href="http://www.police.nsw.gov.au">www.police.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>NSW FIRE AND RESCUE</b>	000 (emergencies)	<a href="http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au">www.fire.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>ESSENTIAL ENERGY</b>	13 20 80	<a href="http://www.essentialenergy.com.au">www.essentialenergy.com.au</a>
<b>BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY</b>	1300 659 210	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a>
<b>BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	02 6685 6807	<a href="http://www.byroncentre.com.au">www.byroncentre.com.au</a>
<b>MULLUMBIMBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE</b>	02 6684 1286	<a href="http://www.mdnc.org.au">www.mdnc.org.au</a>
<b>LIFELINE</b>	13 11 14	<a href="http://www.lifeline.org.au">www.lifeline.org.au</a>
<b>BYRON HOSPITAL</b>	02 6639 9400	<a href="https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/hospitals/byron-central-hospital/">https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/hospitals/byron-central-hospital/</a>
<b>BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES</b>	02 6622 7022	<a href="http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au">www.byron.nsw.gov.au</a>

### Local radio stations



For more information on smartphone apps and online resources that might be useful during a flood or other hazard, download the Red Cross Guide to Emergency Apps and Online Resources at [www.redcross.org.au/prepare](http://www.redcross.org.au/prepare).

## MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

### Visit Council

You can visit us at our offices in Mullumbimby and at the Byron Visitors Centre to renew permits, make payments and have your questions answered by our friendly team.

### Report It

Did you know you can report a problem or request a service via Report It? Find this useful contact tool on the home page of our website. To report an issue after hours, call 6622 7022.

### New and improved website

Visit our website: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

We're working hard to strengthen our communication and engagement and build on the quality of information available on our new website and via social media.



### Facebook and Instagram

You're invited to be part of the ongoing conversation on facebook where we have an active community of 4000 followers and check out our new Instagram page.

### ENews

Get a fortnightly summary of Council news from ENews. Email [media@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:media@byron.nsw.gov.au) to subscribe.



### Our community engagement platform

[www.yoursay.com.au/byron](http://www.yoursay.com.au/byron)

Check out Council's [yoursay.com.au/byron](http://yoursay.com.au/byron) platform where you can find current Council surveys and consultation and have a say.