



Backlash

After repeated attempts to get a response from the Woolworths media spokesperson on plans for a Dan Murphy's liquor store in Byron Bay – we sent him our news item of last week – none has materialised. It's a bit like the Pentagon or the CIA really – a policy of neither confirm nor deny. In any case the DA for the liquor store under the Dendy Cinema is on public exhibition until February 15.

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And who can see the disconnect in Woolies press release 'Woolworths extends commitment to sustainable farming' when it foists an unwanted and unsustainable sewage system onto Mullum?

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A recent L&E Court order has

given some clarity as to what can be done and not done on the coastline – see article page 14. We suspect further excrement will hit the air conditioning in relation to other beachside developments before Byron Shire has a workable new LEP in place.

North Byron Parklands, future home of the annual Splendour in the Grass music festival, is inviting Aboriginal groups and/or individuals with cultural attachments to North Ocean Shores/Yelgun 'to participate in a consultation program as part of cultural heritage, archaeological and management studies to be undertaken in conjunction with the Part 3A Environmental Assessment'. Aboriginal parties can register in writing

by Thursday February 25 with Mat Morris, North Byron Parklands, PO Box 517, Bangalow NSW 2479, or email mat@northbyronshireparklands.com.

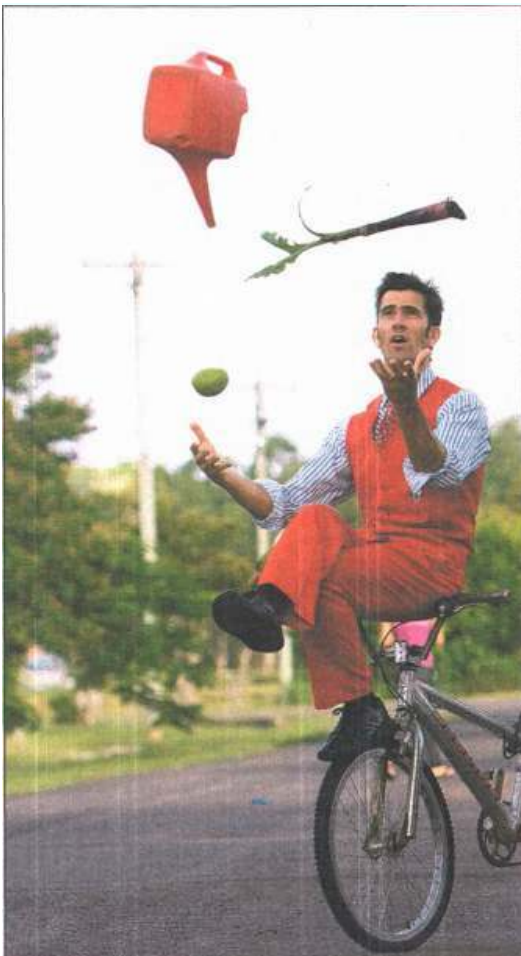
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The drug police have taken their chopper into the dangerous skies above Mullum in their annual eradication of the cannabis crop cultivated by various criminal entrepreneurs. If you just decriminalised the stuff it would save taxpayers a packet and wipe out the dealers immediately. We note the drug squad officers now have a nifty black T-shirt with a logo containing the distinctive marijuana leaf. Will the vice squad now be demanding Ts with a fetching

portrait of a hooker in a red split skirt?

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Speaking of vices, the financial comparison website Mozo.com.au offers you the opportunity to calculate the cost of your bad habits via its Vice Calculator at <http://mozo.com.au/vice-calculator>. According to the website the cost of Australian vices is over \$1 billion, with \$96m spent on booze and \$21m on cigarettes. Strangely enough one of the favourite deadly sins, Lust, doesn't get a category of its own. We recall the words of the late football star George Best: 'I spent 98 per cent of my money on booze and women – the rest I wasted.'



You can't keep a good juggler down. While posing for photos for the Sustainable Streets story – see page 3 – Joel Salom practised a few simple routines.

Photo Jeff 'All Balls In The Air' Dawson