

Bangalow A&I Hall becomes casino

For the first time in its 100-year history (it is thought), The Bangalow A&I Hall is set to become a gaming casino.

For the night of Saturday September 17 it will be transformed into gaming rooms complete with a casino-like atmosphere where elegantly dressed patrons will be able to play roulette, blackjack, poker and craps at the tables around the main hall.

'We believe this is the first time a gaming night like this has been held in Bangalow, and since the word of our plans got out, the response has been very enthusiastic,' said co-organiser Wendy Grissell.

She is from the team behind the overnight transformation, the Bangalow Historical Society, and is also the museum's exhibition curator. The primary aim of the event, she says, is to raise



The cars in these shots are a white 1956 XK140 Jaguar owned by Bryan White, and a 1929 Plymouth, owned by Noel Johnson of Clunes. The glamorous punters are: John Sourry (in evening suit), Javier Querat (the 'rich Arab'), Carmel Horner, Jasmine Bleakley and Carolyn McGirr.

money towards the 450 square metre extension to Heritage House, the Deacon Street location of the Historical Society's museum and tearooms.

Tickets can be purchased at Barebones Gallery in Bangalow, from Heritage House on 6687 2183, or from Wendy Grissell 0447 580 920.

Huonbrook offered ADSL2+ broadband

Telstra's fixed broadband network has been upgraded, say the telco, allowing higher speeds for upper Wilsons Creek residents in Huonbrook.

Telstra's general manager for the North Coast, Sue Passmore, said 'ADSL2+ is a high-speed broadband internet service which enables you to use your phone or fax line while you're

on the internet.'

Ms Passmore claims this will provide download speeds of up to 20Mbps, depending on your distance from the Telstra exchange. 'ADSL2+ technology is several times faster than original ADSL1 speeds and both technologies many tens of times faster than old dial-up technology,' she added.

Mullum Birthing Unit installs a new double bed



Dan McCabe, Natasha Heart and baby Ruby are the first family to enjoy the new double bed in the Mullumbimby Birth Centre. 'The bed was purchased through generous community donations,' says the centre's Suzanne Weir. 'Thank you to Josie Baker who also donated the beautiful bed linen.'

Farmers Market supports school

Mullum Farmers Market is giving \$1000 to the Mullum High Agricultural program in a project auspiced by MHS P&C. Students will be growing and then selling cut flowers at the market and also breeding heritage poultry.

CSG inquiry: submissions close soon

If you or a local group wish to make a submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Coal-Seam Gas, you have only days left to do so.

Although the Upper House Standing Committee has a reporting date of 6 April 2012, submissions from the public are only open until Wednesday September 7.

After that, the inquiry will travel to QLD and NSW conducting site inspections and holding public hearings.

The Greens mining spokesperson Jeremy Buckingham says, 'Submissions can range from a simple one-page letter from an individual, to multi-volume documents from groups.'

The Greens have prepared a guide to help people who may not be used to making submissions. It is available at www.jeremybuckingham.org/?page_id=694.

Local wins road safety award

Byron Shire writer and documentary producer Kerry Sunderland is one of three finalists in the inaugural 3M-ACRS Diamond Australian Road Safety Awards.

With Adelaide-based filmmaker Sandra Cook, Kerry founded Journey Beyond Road Trauma (JBRT), an online social network and storytelling platform that enable shared stories about recent losses and trauma as well as events that have had an impact on them many years ago. One of JBRT's members is Aslan Shand, who has created a tribute pin for her father, Echo founder Nicholas Shand. Join JBRT at www.journeybeyondroadtrauma.org.

Amped busking on Council agenda

Council staff are asking councillors at this Thursday's meeting to consider updating Council's policy on electrified busking in Byron's CBD.

Staff recommends that a series of fact sheets for buskers and shop owners be produced and distributed to clarify sound limits, and responsibilities and powers of authorised enforcement officers be established.

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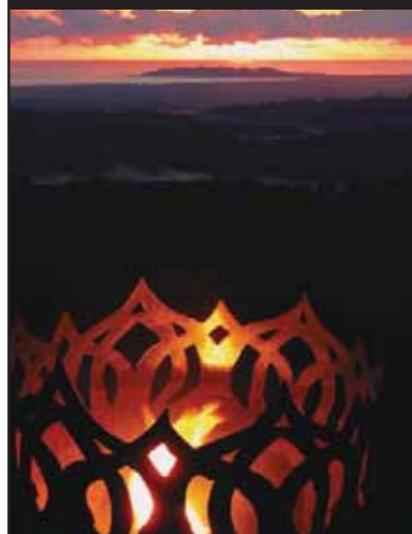


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Existing members whose terms are expiring, previous applicants and interested community members should submit a new expression of interest.

To encourage wide participation, the due date for Expressions of Interest has been extended. Submissions are encouraged by Friday 23 September 2011.



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