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Council rangers go to school

Byron Shire Council operates a Rangers School Education Program. The aim of the program is to teach children from preschool to Year 6 about care and responsibilities of looking after their pets, how to avoid possible dog bite situations and the role of rangers in the Shire.

Each school session lasts for about 30 minutes and is interactive with participation of the children encouraged. Schools participating in the program are provided with a DVD titled *Caring Responsibly for Your Dog & Cat* and pet care books for their library.

Recently, Council held a pet awareness day at Mullumbimby that was supported by the RSPCA with

its Education Mobile Unit (EMU) and local animal welfare groups.

In the leadup to the pet awareness day, Council rangers and RSPCA staff with the mobile unit spoke to approximately 700 children from Mullumbimby, Bangalow, Goonengerry and The Pocket public schools and the Mullumbimby Christian School.

These visits were very popular with the children, judging by their reactions and feedback.

If you would like to participate in the school education program, or if you would like a further visit by Councils Rangers, please contact the Ranger Services on 6626 7107.

CD launch helps children's centre

Story and photo Lisa Sharpe

The 'Future of Bangalow' DVD was launched recently at the Bangalow Hotel by local mum Tamsin Wolfe. Tamsin wanted to help out the Bangalow Children's Community Centre so she wrote a song and recorded it with children from Bangalow at The Big Toe Studio in Mullumbimby.

The result is an uplifting and heartwarming tribute to our children, the future of Bangalow. Many individuals and businesses helped out by providing finances or their expertise free of charge such as local filmmaker Terry Bleakley, who recorded, produced and



edited the DVD and local proceeds from the DVDs Centre. They are for sale at the Bangalow Post Office for \$12.

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‘I sold it from The Echo and had more calls afterwards. The Echo does work. I never got a single call from the other papers’

Katherine C. (Rosebank)



Thanks Katherine!

Fun with needles is so addictive

Stitch n Bitch is made up of people who knit, crochet, sew, do tapestry or any kind of portable craft. The group members are predominately young professional women who come because 'we have a lot of fun stitching and setting the world to rights over a glass of wine.'

'The group is very supportive of each other and it's a great place to exchange tips and get ideas.'

Stitch n Bitch Byron Bay has been going for the past year with ten regular members. Anybody interested in attending should either contact Dionne on 0405 980 908 or pop down to the back room of Why Not! on Wednesdays (except the last Wednesday of the month) from 6pm.



Beanie model and Why Knot! chef Che Devlin with the Stich'n'Bitch knitters, Karin Lindguard, Dionne Payn, Kylie Fung, Michelle Cowan and Joanna Wiese, who meet to chat and knit at Byron's Why Not! restaurant on Thursdays. Photo Jeff 'Legend Of The Black Purl' Dawson

Salad days ahead for Mullumbimby Magic

Simple ingredients combined to produce a natural, delicious salad dressing using local produce and businesses wherever possible. That was the intention of Amanda Bannatyne, pictured below,

when she created Mullumbimby Magic Salad Dressing in April this year. Since its debut it has been disappearing off shelves in the shire and beyond.

'Fewer food miles make more sense,' Amanda told *The Echo*. 'Shops have been very positive in supporting a locally-

made product; they see the value in not only helping create a self-sustaining local economy, but also in stocking an all natural product.'

'Neighbours, friends, family and local businesses have helped out enormously as I have been getting this off the ground. We are lucky to

live in such a supportive community.'

There are none of the additives of some commercial dressings. The range includes Classic and new Luscious Lime. Bottles are also available as a twin gift-pack, and can be found at local food distributors.



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