

**Brunswick Heads Progress Association  
Submission to the PAC meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012  
Regarding the proposed Yelgun Festival site.**

**Please find**

- 1. a copy of the submission,**
- 2. a copy of 2007 submission,**
- 3. photos of illegal campers from yesterday,**
- 4. photo of mullumbimbi St yesterday,**
- 5. Info on Byron Shire Rangers duties,**
- 6. Rates newsletter from Byron Shire Council**
- 7. Local Bus time tables**

## **Presentation on North Parklands Yelgun site and its impact on the local community of Brunswick Heads by Jill Ball**

My name is Jill Ball and I am President of Brunswick Heads Progress Association. I am a resident of, and a small retail business owner in Brunswick Heads, as well as a member of the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce.

North Byron Parklands gave a presentation to Brunswick Heads Progress Association in 2007. Association members were then surveyed for their responses to the project.

Referring to the report, our main objection is with the section entitled “Justification for the Development Site”. We would ask: *“What criteria was used to identify the need for another event site and one that could potentially more than double the residential population of the shire.”*

The Shire already has a festival site at Tyagarah and also the (about-to-be-opened) Sports and Cultural centre in Byron Bay – which is Government and ratepayer-funded, to the tune of 15 million dollars. As a Council-owned facility, using the Sports Centre instead would actually return money to the ratepayers of Byron Shire.

Brunswick Heads is a small, coastal village of 1,600 residents, with little scope for sudden influxes several times a year, if the large numbers anticipated by the festival organisers eventuate.

We would like to point out that we already have many long-standing community festivals in our village. To name a few:

- § the iconic and international Woodchop festival, held during the Christmas holidays;
- § the Old & Gold festival, held on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend – an annual fixture for many years, whereby the entire community benefits socially and financially;
- § Kites and Bikes – a bi-annual event for children; and
- § the family-orientated annual Mullum to Bruns Paddle, is another community fun day, benefiting the Brunswick commercial sector.

The village's permanent population has a high percentage of elderly residents and retirees. The residents who actually live here wish to maintain their "Simple Pleasures" - which is our village brand and also way of life - and they have a right to expect that they can continue to do so.

The residents are very angry that they are having this unwelcome development foisted upon them. They feel threatened, afraid and helpless.

We already have many cultural and musical events in Brunswick Heads: The Byron Music Society's frequent classical concerts, Musica Viva groups and visiting overseas artists and musicians, also monthly simulcast screenings of operas from the New York Met.

The report states that the camping capacity at the North Byron Parklands is 25,000. This means that for a 50,000 person-event there will be 25,000 people needing somewhere to stay. For many years, the Brunswick Heads Progress Association has been asking Council to address the illegal camping problem, with little success. Please see photos enclosed.

Brunswick Heads is the nearest visitor accommodation centre to Yelgun, with three camping grounds, which are already full during public holidays, causing overflow visitors to park and camp illegally, along the streets, the beach and on our sporting fields. The effect of 25,000 people looking for somewhere to camp in Brunswick Heads will inevitably mean more illegal camping. Also, there is no extra garbage collection to deal with the empty bottles and rubbish left in the streets by campers.

At present, parking is in short supply in the main streets, thus inconveniencing the elderly and disabled. There are few police or rangers patrolling Brunswick Heads to control traffic or illegal parking. There are no advantages to us having an increase of visitors to our village - only disadvantages.

Also, concerning the "Justification for the Development Site", it states that it is within convenient distance of transportation services, including airports and the railway network.

The residents of Brunswick Heads would be surprised and delighted to hear that they are, indeed, within a convenient distance of transportation services, for example, airports - Ballina 35 kms; Gold Coast 60 kms, rail link - Robina and Casino, both over 80 kms away and a bus services that only holds 60 passengers per bus, twice a day. It is therefore logical to assume that most patrons will arrive at the festival site by car, which will further exacerbate the existing congested conditions, creating traffic jams and other road safety issues.

Our village, and its infrastructure, cannot cope with the inevitable overflow which will impact so negatively on our village's social well-being.

There is a widely-held misconception that the Yelgun site will resolve much of the Shire's employment problems. In fact, the projected employment of locals appears surprisingly limited for such a large development. Thus, it is possible that any skilled labour is planned to be sourced from outside our area. At Brunswick Heads, we expect to soon have large numbers employed when the new development at Brunswick Bayside goes ahead, hopefully later this year.

Responsibility for all aspects of risk management concerned with the proposed festival site will inevitably be borne by the State Government and the Byron Shire. Ambulance and police services, as well as the limited number – only four – of Byron Shire rangers, who are supposed to be on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We object most strongly to this proposed development as we do not see the need for yet another event site, which will squeeze Brunswick Heads between two major festivals, inevitably destroying the quality of life for the residents of the village of Brunswick Heads.

The people of Brunswick Heads have every right to maintain their peaceful way of life.

*Dill Ball*  
PRESIDENT

**SUBMISSION FOR DA 10.2007.462.1 FROM THE  
BRUNSWICK HEADS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

*Summary*

Billinudgel Property Trust have submitted a D.A. 10.2007.462.1 to Byron Shire Council to hold a trial, 3 day music festival "Splendour in the Grass" in a site named North Byron Parklands at Wooyong / North Ocean Shores, in August 2008. The trust also proposes to hold this event annually, as well as other entertainment events totaling 20 concert days a year.

The size and proximity of this event to Brunswick Heads has raised concerns by members of the town community. As a result the Brunswick Heads Progress Association has conducted a survey among its members and is submitting a response to the DA based on the results of this survey.

This survey indicated that 50% of respondents disapproved of the development of the "Splendour in the Grass" music festival at the Byron North Parklands site. 31% of members are in favor but 19% are in favor of the 2008 trial only, as proposed in the DA10.2007.462.1, at this stage.

Main reasons for disapproval are flow on effects and changes to the infrastructure and security of Brunswick Heads. There was a major concern (62%) on the effects of the lifestyle of the community caused by the proposed multiple concerts at North Byron Parklands in the future and the possibility of the Blues and Roots Festival being held at Tyagarah.

### ***Background***

Billinudgel Property Trust have proposed to hold a 3 day music festival “Splendour in the Grass” in a site named North Byron Parklands at Wooyong / North Ocean shores, commonly called Yelgun. The trust has submitted a D.A. 10.2007.462.1 to Byron Shire Council to hold a trial concert in August 2008. The trust also proposes to hold this event annually, as well as other entertainment events totaling 20 concert days a year.

The developers anticipate 22,000 concert patrons for “Splendor in the Grass” and an unknown number for future events. The size and proximity of this event to Brunswick Heads has raised concerns by members of the community. As a result the BHPA has conducted a survey among its own members and is submitting a response to the DA based on the results of this survey.

### ***Survey***

Members of BHPA were given a survey form (Appendix A) asking respondents to indicate whether they:

- approved, disapproved or did not care of the event
- whether respondents felt they had been adequately informed by the developers or had visited the site
- had major concerns about the proposal plus other comments.

### ***Results of Survey***

BHPA responses.

Table 1 shows the approval / disapproval rating to the proposed festival site and “Splendour in the Grass”.

**Table 1: Survey results for Approval / Disapproval of the proposal**

<b>Strongly Approve</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>
0.0%	31.25%	18.75%	6.25%	43.75%

69% respondents indicated that they had been well informed by the developers who gave a presentation to the BHPA several months ago. 44% had inspected the Yelgun site.

Table 2 shows the major concerns expressed by members in the survey.

**Table 2: Survey results of major concerns about the effects of the proposal**

<b>Concerns</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Overflow effect on Brunswick Heads	69%
Security of Brunswick Heads	44%
Infrastructure of Brunswick Heads	50%
Environment	44%
Jobs	
Roads	25%
Sewerage	31%
Unknown future events	62%
B. Hds. squeezed between two events	62%

Other concerns / comments raised by BHPA members were:

Traffic congestion, both around the site and in the township of Brunswick Heads, crowd size, parking and illegal campers.

A major concern was the threat to the lifestyle in B. Heads. with the possibility of bored, intoxicated people roaming the streets in the early hours of the morning, raising security problems.

### ***Discussion***

The results from the survey indicate that 50% of respondents do not approve of the music festival "Splendour in the Grass" being staged at the Yelgun site. Of the 50% that do, 25% indicated that they approve of the **trial** festival, as proposed in the DA and only at this stage. Some did not care either way.

If these results were extrapolated to the Brunswick Heads community, 50% of residents do not want the festival in any form at Yelgun to get approval to go ahead. 31% of residents would be in favor of the festival and 19% neither disapprove or approve.

The main reasons for the high rate of disapproval and also from some of those that approve or do not care are:

### ***Conclusion***

The survey conducted by the Brunswick Heads Progress Association indicated that 50% of respondents disapproved of the development of the "Splendour in the Grass" music festival at the Byron North Parklands site. 31% of members are in favor but 19% are in favor of the 2008 trial **only**, as proposed in the DA10.2007.462.1. - at this stage.

Main reasons for disapproval are flow on effects and changes to the infrastructure and security of Brunswick Heads. There was a major concern (62%) on the effects of the lifestyle of the community caused by the proposed multiple concerts at North Byron Parklands in the future and the possibility of the Blues and Roots Festival being held at Tyagarah.

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Vice President

Brunswick Heads Progress Association

October 30 2007



*Appendix A*

**Splendour in the Grass Questionnaire for BHPA Submission to BSC**

Member Name .....

1. Regarding the Splendour in the Grass Festival Site I (please circle one)

- Strongly Approve
- Approve
- Don't Care
- Disapprove
- Strongly Disapprove

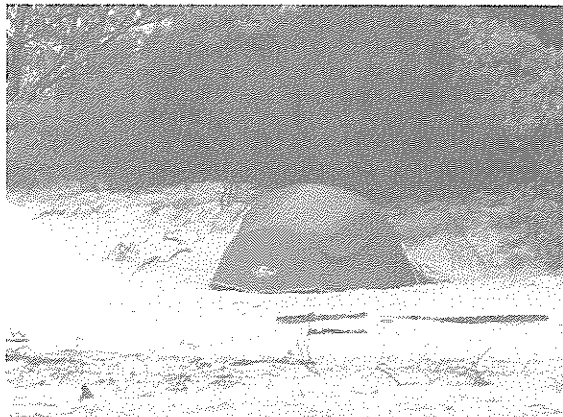
2. I have been to an information session with the owners YES / NO (please circle one)

3. I have visited the Yelgun Festival site YES / NO (please circle one)

4. My Concerns are: (please circle as many as you wish)

- Overflow effect on B Hds
- Environmental
- Security for B Hds
- Infrastructure in B Hds
- Jobs
- Roads
- Sewerage
- Unknown Future Events
- B Hds squeezed in between 2 Events sites
- Other Comments

# February 1 2012 Brunswick Heads



On the beach,  
100mtrs from surf club



Mullumbimbi St  
Brunswick Heads  
Noon  
February 1  
2012



# Byron Shire Council

## Rangers

For information regarding busking, footpath dining, events and animals see Life in Public Spaces

There are currently ~~five~~ Rangers employed by Byron Shire Council. They provide 24 hours coverage to the whole of Byron Shire, 365 days per year.

The Rangers have a wide range of duties, including:

- Regular patrols of parks, reserves and beaches in relation to illegal camping and compliance with Council policy and relevant laws
- Animal control
- Daily operation and maintenance of the Dog Pound
- Microchipping of Animals
- Operation of stock pound
- Response to emergency calls after hours
- Issuing of Licenses for Buskers and Beach Permits
- Inspect overgrown land and arrange clearing
- Abandoned vehicles
- Issuing infringement notices
- General reporting of dangerous or unsafe situations. Rangers are aware of Council liability in relation to many situations and report any situations where it is felt Council may have some degree of liability.
- Assist Police in joint operations within the Shire.
- Ongoing security to Council property and plant
- Patrolling areas where regular rubbish dumping occurs.
- Investigating incidents.

*\* ONLY if at present*

## Be prepared for summer storms

Storms can happen at anytime, anywhere, and there are a number of things you can do to help prepare your home and family.

The State Emergency Service website [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au) is a great place to find information on how to prepare for a storm and what to do during a storm event.

### Do you have a Home Emergency Kit?

It should contain items that will assist you to respond better in an emergency.

Your Home Emergency Kit should contain:

- Portable radio with spare batteries
- Torch with spare batteries
- First aid kit (with supplies necessary for your household)
- Candles and waterproof matches
- Important papers including emergency contact numbers
- Copy of any home emergency plans
- Waterproof bag for valuables.

If you are required to leave your property, place the following additional items in your Home Emergency Kit:

- A good supply of required medications
- Any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm and/or elderly
- Appropriate clothing and shoes
- Food and water.

Keep your Home Emergency Kit in a waterproof storage container. On a regular basis, check use-by dates on batteries and gloves and re-stock items if you need to. Also, keep a list of emergency numbers on your fridge.

### What can you do to help reduce the potential damage to your property caused by severe storms?

- Maintain your yard and balcony by securing, or putting away, items that could blow around in strong winds

- Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
- Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- Fix any damage to your roof including broken or missing tiles
- Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
- Make a plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
- Put together an emergency kit
- Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings.

**For emergency help in floods and storms call the State Emergency Service on 132 500.**



## The Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex is due to open in February

The floors are down, the basketball hoops are hung, the kitchen has been fitted out, and the fields have been aerated and top dressed; it's all on track for a February 2012 Official Opening at the new Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex on Ewingsdale Road in Byron Bay.

**Like to attend the opening?** All details are posted on Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) or phone 02 6626 7320.

## Don't park there unless you have a permit

Unless you have a mobility parking permit, please do not use the accessible (disabled) parking bays; they are not for everyone.

The summer months in Byron Shire are very busy and parking spaces can be difficult to find, but using an accessible parking bay is not permitted. 'A quick dash into a venue' is not a valid excuse and the fine for parking in an accessible parking bay without a permit is \$431.

As part of last year's change to nose-in parking in Byron Bay town centre, nine additional accessible parking bays were created.





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 Mullumbimby- Montecollum- Goonengerry- Federal-  
 Eureka- Clunes- Eltham- Bexhill to Lismore

**Route: 610**

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY SERVICE

No Service Weekends or Public Holidays

Effective: Monday 21 December 2009

No	DESCRIPTION	AM	PM
	<b>Lismore Transit Centre</b> Molesworth Street	7:05	3:15
	<b>Bexhill</b> opposite School	7:15	3:25
	<b>Eltham</b> opp Eltham Hotel	-	3:30
	<b>Clunes</b> Clunes Service Station	7:20	3:35
	<b>Bangalow</b> Bus Zone- Station Street	7:35	3:50
	<b>Byron Bay</b> Bus Zone- Jonson St	7:55	4:10
	<b>Ewingsdale</b> cnr McGettigan's Lane	8:00	4:15
	<b>Brunswick Heads</b> Park Street Bus Zone	8:15	4:20
	<b>Mullumbimby</b> Newsagency Bus Stop	8:25	4:30
	<b>Montecollum</b> Coolamon Scenic/Goonengerry Rd	8:40	4:45
	<b>Goonengerry</b> outside School	8:50	4:55
	<b>Federal</b> opposite Shop	8:55	5:00
	<b>Eureka</b> Eureka Hall	9:00	5:05
	<b>Clunes</b> opposite Clunes Shop	9:15	5:20
	<b>Eltham</b> Eltham Hotel	9:20	-
	<b>Bexhill</b> Bexhill School	9:25	5:25
	<b>Lismore Transit Centre</b> Molesworth Street	9:35	5:35

<b>Mullumbimby / Brunswick Heads Byron Bay to Lismore</b>			
		<b>Route 610</b>	
		<b>Monday to Friday</b>	
		School Days Only	School Days Only
<b>To Lismore</b>		<i>am</i> 610	<i>am</i> 610
<b>Mullumbimby Bus Zone - Stuart Street</b>		7.20	-
Brunswick Heads Visitors Centre - Park St		7.30	-
<b>Byron Bay Bus Zone - Johnson St</b>		-	7.35
Bangalow Bus Stop		8.00	8.00
Binnaburra - Opposite Buttery		8.05	-
Nashua - Lismore Road		8.10	-
Clunes - Opposite Shop		8.15	-
Bex Hill - Lismore Road		8.20	-
<b>Lismore Spinks Park - Transit Centre</b>		8.45	8.40

<b>Lismore to Mullumbimby Brunswick Heads / Byron Bay</b>			
		<b>Route 610</b>	
		<b>Monday to Friday</b>	
		School Days Only	School Days Only
<b>From Lismore</b>		<i>pm</i> 610	<i>pm</i> 610
<b>Lismore Spinks Park - Transit Centre</b>		3.30	3.30
Bex Hill - Lismore Road		3.45	-
Clunes - Lismore Road		3.55	-
Nashua - Lismore Road		4.02	-
Binnaburra - Lismore Road		4.08	-
Bangalow Bus Stop		4.15	4.15
<b>Byron Bay Bus Zone - Johnson St</b>		-	4.40
<b>Mullumbimby Bus Zone - Stuart Street</b>		4.45	-
<b>Brunswick Heads Visitors Centre - Park St</b>		4.55	-

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