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Markets licence gets reworked

Chris Dobney & Hans Lovejoy

A second draft of the Expression of Interest for Market Licences will soon be up for public comment – alongside the current one – after Byron Shire councillors passed a motion by Crs Simon Richardson and Tom Tabart at its Thursday meeting.

The new draft, unlike the previous one, will weigh criteria for the tender process in favour of localism and will be less reliant on monetary gains.

Crs Ross Tucker and Diane Woods voted against, while both Crs Tony Heeson and Basil Cameron were absent from the chamber when the vote was taken.

The decision comes after a packed-out Byron Community Centre public meeting on Monday December 5, which unanimously rejected the

current draft. The unanimous resolution of Monday's meeting reads: 'We call on Council to reject draft policy as it stands and to convene a working group of stakeholders (including market managers, stallholders group and Council) to explore assessment criteria, a cost benefit analysis, a local procurement policy and alternative legal and Crown Lands advice.'

ABCs 4 Corners anchor Kerry O'Brien ably held together Monday's meeting, which included panelists mayor Jan Barham, deputy mayor Cr Basil Cameron, CEO of Byron Community Centre – which runs the current Byron markets – Paul Spooner and Farmers Market (stallholder) Association representative Anthony Hotson.

Cr Cameron said he had spent 18 months crafting the original policy with full community consultation,

only to have it knocked back by the state government due to some of the markets being held on Crown land.

Both Cr Cameron and mayor Barham said there was a very real possibility that if Council failed to put the markets out to tender its control of the Crown land would be taken away by the state. They used the example of the state resumption of council-run caravan parks to make their point.

From the floor, Cr Richardson condemned the council voting process, saying it was 'not good leadership to put a poor document on public exhibition and then watch the community turn cartwheels trying to redraft it.'

A working group of market managers, stallholders group and Council is scheduled to meet by the end of February.

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Perrow claims Pipeline victory

Eve Jeffery

Byron Bay's Kieren Perrow has made a lot of his family's and friends' dreams come true – not the least his own – when he conquered Banzai Pipeline in Oahu, Hawaii, on the weekend.

He took out the 30th crown in the world-renowned Pipeline Masters, joining a list of esteemed Aussie surfers who have held the title, including Mark Richards, Simon Anderson, Mark Occhilupo and Tom Carroll and, more recently, Bede Durbidge and Taj Burrow.

Perrow rose from the ashes of a devastating eleventh-hour loss last year to Frenchman Jeremy Flores to win this year's event over compatriot Joel Parkinson.

The Echo spoke to Kieren's mum Susan Perrow, who was ecstatic with her son's win.

'He had a lot of interviews yesterday but we managed to speak for a few minutes on Skype', she said.

'We have watched for 16 years as he came fourth or second or third and to not get it last year in the last minute was terrible.

'When the hooter went on the weekend and he had won, I actually started sobbing. He is so deserving.'

Susan says that even as a child she knew what an important event the Pipeline Masters was.

'It's iconic. Everyone knows about it. You never imagine you son could win it. I was so excited I couldn't sleep last night, but it was so delicious to just lie

awake and bathe in the joy of it.'

Perrow's win, which was celebrated in Hawaii with his brother Simon and his wife Danielle and their two children, will carry him onto next year's ASP World Tour.

Before that, he will come home and spend Christmas with his family.

'I can tell you that will be one very big celebration', says Susan.



A proud moment for the Perrow family. Photo courtesy Shea Lopez

Caring for Mother Earth



Pictured from left, Ocean Shores Public School's Courtney, Lachlan, Jemma, Ellie Edan and Ruby (sitting), were among the 58 students who were placed third in the national Wakakirri competition.

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Ocean Shores Public School has won third place in a national story-dance competition with their DVD entry entitled *Mother Earth*.

Fifty-eight students from years three to six were part of the production that was entered into Wakakirri, a story-sharing arts festival that challenges schools to make a positive impact on the world.

Established in 1992, Wakakirri is Australia's largest arts festival for schools involving more than 30,000 students across the country.

The Ocean Shores piece focused on looking after the planet, in particular the oceans and beaches. It conveyed the idea that Mother Earth had en-

trusted her inhabitants with her care but the result of pollution, rubbish and construction might make her angry to the point of retaliation.

One of the criteria for the entry is that students use as many reusable and recyclable items as possible, and as costumes and props were sourced from the school community, the actual cost of the production was very little.

The school came first at the state level a few months ago and was recently told of their third place at the national level.

'The production of *Mother Earth* was not about making an elaborate story,' says assistant principal Melinda Lengyel. 'We wanted to raise awareness about how and why we need to look after the Earth.'



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Schoolies landlord hits back at Council, media

Hans Lovejoy

The alleged 'schoolie slumlord' has hit back at both Council and media over his recent Council compliance bust.

The raid on his leased property on Bangalow Road last week allegedly found 19 people in the house, including eight schoolies. Council staff told the media the accommodation was unsafe and unsanitary.

Shai Major, former editor and owner of the now defunct *Byron Times Magazine*, is critical of media reports, including in *The Echo*, for publishing the property address. He claims that since it went to press, negative comments by locals towards tenants of the property have been both unfair and stressful.

Mr Major told *The Echo*, 'With the great difficulties that local young 20-something years old people are faced when trying to find a place to call home in Byron Bay, it is really sad that the local Council, under the pretense of caring for their "safety", is making it so hard for

them to enjoy their life in peace.

'Hospitality, to remind all concerned, is not only the name of an "industry". It is also the name of a way of life.

'I shall continue to offer my hospitality, with pride, to those I can help, and will fight any attempts of the local council to portray it as an "evil" or "unsafe" act.'

Intimidation

'The tactics of intimidation, misinformation, propaganda and blunt lies that our local council is employing resemble the manners employed by communist Russia more than our so-called democratic Australia.

'I was extremely surprised that the media, including your newspaper, published such comments as "an illegal backpackers hostel" etc. I am still under the impression that until a court will prove a man guilty he is to be considered innocent.'

Mr Major also defended claims he avoided his court appearance. 'I had to be in

Brisbane to board a flight, due to work commitments I had scheduled months in advance, and so I got a solicitor to plead for me.

'I did meet the Council ranger coming to my property (that is at Jonson St and not Bangalow Rd) while I was entering my car to drive to Brisbane, at exactly 11am.

'If I was to stay, I might have lost my flight and this is the only reason I sent someone else on my behalf.'

Property 'clean'

Claims by council staff that the property was found unhygienic are strenuously denied.

'Our house is not a slum,' he says. 'It is a normal house and quite clean. I understand that the Council sent private photos of our home - and the people in it - to all the newspapers. I was relieved at least that *The Echo* was the only paper not to print such private photos.'

'Regardless of the pending court case, the property I am leasing is currently enjoying

the presence of seven long-term, friendly, pleasant, locally working tenants. I am leasing the (four bedrooms plus a studio/garage) property under a contract that allows me to accommodate up to eight people.

'The tenants who live there only pay their fair share of the rent that I am, as the leaseholder, charged by the owner.

'Each person pays \$100 per week for their share of the rent, plus each person pays \$15 p/w to cover their share of the bills, and an extra \$10 to share/buy everything the household requires.

'Therefore, there is no commercial activity taking place at that property.'

Mr Major is yet to enter a plea for 'Carry out development without consent.'

Magistrate Michael Dakin specified that a plea must be entered at the next court date, March 22, 2012.

The property in question is advertised for \$588 at www.schoolies.biz/listing-stay.php?id=1541.

Empowering women to check under the bonnet



Photo & story Eve Jeffery

The love of her red Valiant Charger has prompted Ang McDermott to help women become more independent in their car care and she is about

to launch a course 'Under Your Bonnet - Car Basics For Women.'

'I came up with the idea because I know that being able to do the basics with my car has saved me money and time not

having to rely on other people - she is an old girl and needs extra special love,' says Ang.

'Over the years girlfriends have been stuck with flat tyres, overheating engines and a myriad of other minor problems that have left them stranded.

'I hope the women doing the course will leave with more knowledge about their car. I hope they feel empowered with a sense of achievement at changing a tyre on their own.'

During the two and a half hour course, ladies can expect to learn not only how to change a flat but also add coolant to the radiator; check the battery is clean and healthy; learn how to jump start a car; check tyre pres-

sure; know when to buy new tyres; change windscreen wiper blades and a myriad of other car maintenance tips.

Too shy to ask

'The workshop has a limit of six women, so it will be a really personal experience,' says Ang. 'A lot of women are too shy to ask about how to maintain their cars and they wait for things to break down or they just get their partners to do it, but mostly women haven't been shown and they are so hungry for this practical knowledge.'

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Lilly Pilly preps up for Christmas



Lilly Pilly Preschool students Sasha, Jakob, Pearl and Ivy get into the spirit of Christmas. Photo Eve Jeffery

The children and parents from Lilly Pilly Preschool have been busy, busy bees creating gifts for their annual fundraiser at the Brunswick twilight markets.

Families, friends and local artists have been donating treasures and making and creating children's crafts out of natural and recycled materials to sell. Nothing will be over \$20.

The market will be held this Wednesday in Banner park in Brunswick Heads from 3pm.

The Ocean Shores Public School choir will sing at 6pm and the fellow in the red suit will appear at around 6.30pm.

The traditional lighting of the tree will be at 8pm followed by the fireworks at 9pm.

Nationals party chairman charged with illegal construction in Myocum

Simeon Michaels

Byron Shire Council has commenced proceedings against Alan Hunter, former candidate for Richmond, and current National Party chairman of the Richmond electorate.

Mr Hunter is charged with illegal construction at his property on Pinegrove Rd, Myocum. Council alleges that Mr Hunter illegally conducted earthworks in excess of those permitted by his approval for a farm shed.

According to Ralph James, head of compliance at BSC, the allegations include placing 18

shipping containers on the site, joined together to form a storage facility.

Mr Hunter appeared in the Byron Local Court on Wednesday to enter a plea of not guilty. The matter is scheduled for a full day hearing on February 10, 2012.

In the 2010 election, Mr Hunter secured 19 per cent of the primary vote and 43 per cent of the two-candidate preferred vote for the Nationals.

This represented a swing of 1.88 per cent towards the coalition, a middling result given a national swing of 5.4 per cent against Labor.

Ewingsdale complex opens soon

A tentative date of February 3 or 4, 2012, has been touted as the official opening of the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex (BRSCC) on Ewingsdale Road.

Council voted on the date as

a matter of extreme urgency at last Thursday's meeting.

Approval for the date will also be sought from the state government's Department of Infrastructure, who helped to finance the project.

Splendour's Yelgun site edges closer

Hans Lovejoy

Splendour In The Grass organisers have passed the first hurdle to operate from the North Byron Parklands in Yelgun; however, concerns have again been expressed from neighbours and Council after a recommendation to eventually accommodate up to 50,000 patrons.

The announcement by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure this week says it advocates increasing the size of events of no more than 5,000 patrons per event, per calendar year [that] will ensure that any intensification of site usage is gradual, with sufficient time for monitoring and reporting of any residual impacts...

The application has now been handed to the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission who will make the final decision regarding whether or not the application will be approved.

'Excessive,' is how Byron Shire Council's executive manager of planning, Ray Darney,

described the recommendation with regard to the possible maximum number of people at the site.

He told *The Echo*, 'It is well in excess of what Council approved at the Tyagarah site for the Bluesfest, and well in excess of what Splendour originally put in the application to Council which was for 22,500 patrons per day.'

He said Council originally approved a one-year trial event at the Splendour site to gauge the impact of 15,000 day patrons and 5,240 campers.

'This was done to gauge the traffic, noise and ecological impacts. An appeal from the Environmental Defenders Office to the Land and Environment Court overturned that Council trial approval. Council will make a submission regarding the impact of such large numbers, and hopefully will be able to make a case to reduce the number to something similar to the original approval granted by Council.'

'If the numbers that are now proposed are achieved, the impact on the area will be much greater than the original trial approval granted by Council.'

Outright assault

The Coalition For Festival Sanity's Mac Nicolson told *The Echo* the proposed approval of four large festivals a year 'is an outright assault on our community and its social cohesion.'

'I love festivals, but I love those such as Mullum and Bellingen that hold them inclusive of the local community, within the town area and immediate surrounds, with community needs taken into the utmost consideration. What the Department of Planning have demonstrated by their recommendation is that they have a clear bias in favour of the myth of jobs over the integrity of ecosystems and community.'

Mr Nicolson was also scathing over the environmental proposals to offset the development.

'The trees they are going to plant along the wildlife corridor is just greenwash, nothing more. I personally have planted over 20,000 trees in this area while restoring riparian areas on farms, all out of my own pocket. Watching these people gain large government grants to plant trees and then seeing them dying and neglected makes you very cynical about their true motives.'

Great news

Splendour's Jessica Ducrou said in a statement, 'It's great news regarding the recommendation from the Department of Planning. Once there is a determination on the proposal we will be able to work out where Splendour will be held in 2012.'

■ A public meeting will be held by the Planning Assessment Commission on Wednesday February 1, 2012, at the Byron Community Centre. An advertisement with full details is on page 15.

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Mullum's new chamber of commerce

Mandy Nolan

A few years back if you went to a Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce meeting you'd be lucky to find three people, but thanks to Janelle Stanford of the Mullumbimby Newsagency, that is no longer the case.

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce is a vital and inclusive organisation that now boasts over 20 members.

Dean Stanford, Janelle's husband, is the Chamber president. He remarked that the group really got going when Janelle got involved in branding Mullumbimby for TV advertising.

'We realised we needed something to handle the participants in that campaign, so back on October 20 we had our AGM and voted in the executive.'

The executive include Margaret Hatch of Mooyabil Farm Holidays as treasurer, Paul Medeiros of Eden's Landing as secretary and Janelle Stanford as publicity officer.

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce say they are committed to representing the interests of Mullumbimby business, in the style they believe best suits the town.

'We're not trying to be formal in our meetings, we want it to be laid back,' said Janelle.

In their first two meetings



The new Mullum chamber of commerce team: from left Margaret Hatch, Dean Stanford and Janelle Stanford. Photo Jeff 'Three Chambers' Dawson

the group discussed numerous initiatives to invigorate the township.

'We want to do jazz on the river by the park' says Janelle, who was inspired by the success of the recent Mullum Music Festival. 'It's such a great atmosphere.'

Nostalgic events

Dean believes that the strategies are about 'advertising Mullum as a town again to bring the visitors back.'

Margaret Hatch was keen to see some nostalgic events reinstated on the Mullumbimby calendar, such as the Chincogan Fiesta, but with a whole new format.

According to Dean, the key

vision for the Mullum Chamber of Commerce is about 'the village theme'.

'I have a bit of a nostalgic angle; I've just finished bringing my kids up here but I want to keep the spirit of the town going that makes it such a great place for people to bring up their families here in the future.'

'People like Trent Morris of Rock N Roll Cafe (also a chamber member), who is new in town - we want to keep the place vital well into the future.'

Non-political

Dean is adamant that the vision of the Mullum chamber is apolitical. 'We don't want to be political, we're not behind any elections. In an ideal

world we'd call ourselves something like the business owners' groups, but the format was all there for the chamber, so we went with that.'

Initiatives launched

The Mullum chamber have already launched initiatives to stimulate trade in downtown Mullumbimby.

This Thursday and Thursday December 22 are late-night shopping in Mullumbimby, with the later date also featuring a small Christmas carnival that features carols, performances by local kids and of course a visit by Santa Claus.

It seems the whole town will be getting involved with Mullumbimby's first ever Christmas lights competition, with \$200 prize money fronted by Ray Towers for the best fairy lights on a residential home.

Echo writer, local personality and lover of all things sparkly (yours truly, Mandy Nolan), will be judging the entrants on the December 18 with the winner to be announced in the next issue of *The Echo*.

The Mullumbimby chamber of commerce meet on the second Tuesday of every month in roving locations.

Business membership is just \$100. Pop into the Mullum newsagency to pick up a membership form.

Mystery of missing swimmer

Tweed/Byron police have a called off a search for a woman who may not have returned from a late-night swim at Byron Bay on Saturday night.

Melissa Hargreaves told *The Echo* her friend saw a woman on Main Beach undress and walk into the surf sometime between 10.30pm and 11.30pm. Shortly after midnight they returned and found the woman's clothing still on the beach.

They alerted police and patrols of Main Beach and Belongil Beach began without success.

This search continued on Sunday morning, with helicopter and surf life savers as well as foot patrols of local beaches.

Police say at this time there have been no reports of anyone missing. Anyone with information should contact Byron Bay police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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International day of solidarity for Bradley Manning, December 17

Byron Bay will be participating in an international day of solidarity with Bradley Manning for his 24th birthday.

The US Army intelligence analyst is facing life imprisonment for having allegedly transmitted classified US military information to WikiLeaks.

Supporters insist that the information rightfully belongs in the public domain and that whistle-blowers must be protected because 'Exposing War Crimes is Not a Crime'.

He purportedly wrote, 'I want people to see the truth...'

regardless of who they are... because without information, you cannot make informed decisions as a public.'

Organiser of Byron's solidarity action, Katharine Dawn, says, 'Given the infamous reputation of the United States for its military detention practices, a new bill has just passed in the US senate - *The National Defense Authorization Act*.

'It could allow the military to detain American citizens indefinitely without a trial and has provoked public outcry. Let's stand as a culture of peace, truth

and justice with an icon of these most precious ideals.'

Ms Dawn says that after 18 months of severe incarceration at the hands of the US military, Manning's pre-trial finally begins the day before his birthday, December 16.

Everyone is welcome on Saturday, December 17 to a birthday ceremony at the Byron Peace Pole from 12 noon; a public forum at Railway Park from 2pm to 3.30pm and then a birthday candle lighting at the Byron Artisans Market (bring a candle) from 8pm.





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Local cop sacked after drug test

Detective inspector Shane Diehm, formerly crime manager at Tweed-Byron Local Area Command, will be sacked after allegedly testing positive to cocaine, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Sunday.

Mr Diehm, who was well known and grew up in the area, was suspended on full pay in August, as previously reported in *The Echo*.

At that time police media confirmed his suspension but would not explain why.

Yesterday's report says that Diehm, together with another serving police officer, Inspector Matthew Dennis and an AFP Sky Marshall, Darren Kolosque, were all facing the sack after allegedly taking cocaine at a farewell party for retiring detective superintendent John Alt.

There is no suggestion the detective superintendent knew anything about the alleged incident.

The newspaper said that Mr Diehm will not face criminal charges but will be dealt with via a 'loss of confidence' motion by Commissioner Andrew Scipione and stood down.

Police media declined to comment.

NEFA slams federal logging report

The North-East Forest Alliance (NEFA) says it is 'outraged at the bias' of the federal House of Representatives report 'Inquiry into the future of the Australian Forestry Industry' and its refusal to consider the timber supply crisis and the over-logging of north-east NSW's public forests.

Pugh said that most of the evidence presented in NEFA's 111-page submission was ignored by the inquiry on the grounds that it 'criticised the industry'.

'What they didn't ignore they misrepresented. This pretend inquiry was a sham,' he said.

'The Commonwealth is party to the North East Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) and

claims that it satisfies its national and international obligations for the protection of world heritage, national estate and threatened species.

'While national heritage values were meant to be addressed as part of the RFA, they were not...'

'A decade later and there has still been no assessment.'

Council plans more public meetings

Hans Lovejoy

A motion to hold quarterly informal meetings between councillors, staff and business and community members got the green light this week at Thursday's Council meeting.

The Byron Shire Business Roundtable was put forward by Cr Simon Richardson and Mayor Jan Barham and was passed with all in favour except Cr Tom Tabart.

Cr Richardson told the chamber it would be an informal meeting that would provide an opportunity for business and community members to mingle with Council staff and councillors.

'It was a request from the Byron chamber of commerce (Byron United) and Council's general manager. It's to build bridges and would not be an impost.' During discussion, Cr

Ross Tucker said he was cautious, saying such a roundtable had been tried before but didn't last. 'People would come with a bee in their bonnet.'

He claimed staff would be accused of inactions and then eventually the GM would be blamed.

Cr Tucker regaled his fellow councillors with a story of a former business owner who used the platform to air his grievances and then became a councillor and endured the same treatment.

Cr Diane Woods sought to find the humour in such an encounter. 'I think it would be funny,' she said. 'The numbers that would turn up would be dependent on the issues at hand... It's good to have a go.'

Cr Tom Tabart kept his response short and to the point: 'I am against it. It is the triumph of hope over experience.'

The Mayor, however, was more positive and pointed to recent public meetings. 'It's not about being liked, it's about listening to our community. We're in this together and it would serve us well.'

Chamber supportive

Byron's chamber of commerce president Paul Waters told *The Echo*, 'This is a welcome development and in line with my effort to communicate and work better with councillors and staff.'

'I would hope that this doesn't turn into another talk fest and we can actually see some positive action taking place with some of the key concerns of the chamber of commerce that have already been outlined and discussed.'

'This includes traffic, parking, cleanliness and presentation of the town, graffiti re-

National yoga festival in town

After the success of last year's Melbourne and Sydney events, The Evolve Yoga and Wellness Festival is coming to Byron Shire.

'The burgeoning of yoga festivals is testament to the growth of the yoga and wellness industry,' says festival director Miranda Burne.

'Evolve Yoga and Wellness Festival will be a haven away from Byron's busy mid-summer streets, and will offer an enlightening line-up of yoga, breathing and meditation classes with high-profile teachers, voice and dance workshops, discussion groups, kirtan and more.'

The Evolve Yoga and Wellness Festival will be held on January 21 at the Byron Bay Public School. For more visit www.evolveyogafestival.com.au. Volunteers welcome.

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Fishbone Fern: An Aggressive Invader of the Ground Layer

Escaped garden plants account for over 65% of Australia's noxious and environmental weed species. Fishbone Fern, a popular pot and rockery plant, aggressively colonises bushland and roadsides displacing native groundcovers especially in coastal areas of Byron Shire.



Scientific Name: *Nephrolepis cordifolia*

Family: Davalliaceae

Origin: Native to Australia, possibly pan-tropical, now widespread out of its natural range.

Habit: Terrestrial fern forming dense clumps of upright, arching fronds to 1m tall with shallow, fibrous roots and bulbous, hairy tubers.

Leaves: Compound with opposite or alternate leaflets 6 cm wide resembling a fishbone.

Impacts: Invades and dominates the ground layer reducing the diversity of local native species.



Fishbone fern colonising Byron Bay Dwarf Graminoid Clay Heath, an Endangered Ecological Community.

Similar natives: Sickie Fern *Pellaea falcata* has leaves that are dark green above and lighter green below and hairy, scaly stems. Prickly Rasp Fern *Doodia aspera* has a black scaly stem, pink flushes of new growth, and roughly textured leaves.

What you can do to help: Don't plant it! If it is in your garden, remove it and replace with local natives such as Prickly Rasp Fern, Sickie Fern, or Maidenhair Ferns *Adiantum hispidulum* or *Adiantum aethiopicum*.

How to remove: Hand remove by crowning out, ensuring that all underground rhizomes and tubers are extracted. Can also be spot sprayed with glyphosate at 1:50 (200 ml in 10l H₂O) plus metsulfuron methyl (1.5g in 10l H₂O) plus non-ionic surfactant. Fishbone Fern often forms a dense monoculture that is most suitable for spray treatment followed by hand weeding or spot spraying of regrowth.

For more info see www.byron.nsw.gov.au/weed-profiles or contact the Bush Futures Project Officer on 6626-7219.

Do not dump garden waste. It is illegal and contributes to the spread of weeds.

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Awarding those helping young adults



From left: Angelene Danieles and Shea O'Toole; then in the back row: Ngurungaeta Brown, Belle Arnold, Karin Kauffman, Zoey Hopkins and Amy Loh. Front row seated: Cara Maku, Justin Fenwick and Tim Tam. Photo Jeff 'Staying Young By Hanging Out With Younger People' Dawson

It was all smiles on Thursday as the Byron Shire Youth Council held its end-of-year event and award ceremony.

Youth Council member Justin Fenwick thanked all those involved. 'There are some wonderful community people who have supported and assisted young people in getting youth events and initiatives up and running,' he said.

Awards were presented to musician Greg Sheehan, skater Jai Lewan, the Brunswick Heads Community Drug Action Team, BYS's Project Uturn, mental health worker Karen Hodder, The Chrysalis Girls Program, youth worker Richard Hazelwood Ross and mayor Jan Barham.

A new Local Youth Mental Health Directory and Resource

kit was also launched at the event.

The new resource kit aims to de-stigmatise mental health issues amongst young people and the wider community whilst providing information on the types of support available to young people.

The kit was funded by Beyond Blue and Byron Shire Council.

BYS Snap winners announced

Thirty-four talented young people from the Northern Rivers showcased their photos at this year's SNAP! Photographic Exhibition. This year's theme was 'Daydreams & Nightmares'.

Amber Rain and Kayla Moon scooped the People's Choice. The competition is sponsored by Byron Youth Service and Byron Hire.

Gov action to save pipis applauded

Greens MP and environment spokesperson Cate Faehrmann says the announcement from the NSW primary industries regarding a seasonal closure of commercial pipi harvesting will be welcomed by conservationists and fishers alike.

'...We need better protection for the species before it is completely wiped out,' said Ms Faehrmann. 'When visiting the North Coast recently I met with recreational fishers who told me about the rapid decline of pipis due to over-harvesting in recent years.'

DPI minister Katrina Hodgkinson said the six-month closure until June 1 next year is a recommendation of the cross-sector Pipi Resource Planning Group.

Metgasco boasts 300 signatories at Lismore meeting

Chris Dobney

The boss of coal-seam gas mining company Metgasco, Peter Henderson, told an invitation-only meeting in Lismore last week that 'about 300' farmers had signed agreements to allow the proposed Lions Way pipeline to pass through their land.

The pipeline is critical to Metgasco's plans to develop a gas-mining hub centred on Casino exporting gas over the border for power generation in Queensland.

The meeting was organised by Lismore Nationals MP Thomas George, whose son Stewart George works for Metgasco as a land manager.

The Echo understands the

role involves visiting farmers with the company's documents and persuading them to sign with Metgasco. Stewart George is also a Casino councillor and a board member of Rous Water.

The meeting was for representatives of councils, coal-seam gas companies and community organisations to meet the NSW Trade and Investment executive director of mineral resources, Brad Mullard.

But an attendee at the meeting told *The Echo* that 'he just listened and smiled and talked scientific jargon.'

'He said they haven't got one bit of evidence that cross-contamination of aquifers has occurred in Australia,' said

Lesley McQueen, the invited representative of Kyogle GAG.

'Mr George didn't voice how he felt personally.'

'He kept on asking everyone else, saying we need to take everybody's comments into account,' she said.

Manipulated

Ms McQueen was critical of the way the meeting was held and said she felt the group was manipulated into excluding demonstrators from being able to listen at the back of the room.

She said when the group entered the room Mr George initially left the door open, saying something to the effect of 'do you think we can have a discussion with all these people around?'

A woman from NSW Farmers Federation stood up and said she'd prefer if it could be kept to the existing group as it was hard to have a discussion with even 30 people.

'He said "let's have a vote". Ef-

fectively it was just a few nods of heads.'

Ms McQueen said one invitee left the room in protest.

Mr George went out to confront the crowd but when he saw that one of them was videoing the proceedings he refused to talk with them.

George refuses anti-CSG participation

The videographer, Dean Draper, told *The Echo* he felt personally excluded from the meeting.

'I spoke at the Alstonville Senate Inquiry meeting as a landholder. [Mr George] had invited a number of other speakers from that meeting so I contacted his office and asked to be invited.'

'He refused, saying it's for representatives of groups. I said I was representative of Casino Group Against Gas and he said it was out of his area.'


'Yet the Casino mayor was invited and so was Metgasco.'

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LOCAL banking team David Thomson and Matthew Irwin have taken a brave step and have purchased their own bank branch.

The pair have worked together locally in banking for four years and have now bought the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) Byron Bay branch. David and Matthew are now operating the branch as owner-managers.

Matthew, a Byron Bay local, said it was the service and community focus which attracted him to the Bank's Owner Managed Branch model.

'Having grown up in the local area, I have seen first hand how Byron and the surrounding townships have grown and developed in to a really unique community,' he said. 'I think we offer the best of both worlds, because we have a laid-back approach to life that is very attractive to tourists, but we've also retained our community values. It's a fine line and I think most local tourism operators are to be commended for their balanced approach.'

Matthew said it was not just tourism that kept Byron Bay alive. He said it was the small business operators, across a wide range of industries, that give Byron the character and spirit that made the town so popular.

'David and I can offer local business operators a really unique service, because not only can we offer them finance, but as business owners ourselves we really appreciate the challenges and opportunities specific to running a small business,' he said.

'It gives us a really unique perspective in terms of working with small business operators to help them grow their business.'

David agreed, saying the Byron Bay business community had come a long way since he first moved to the area six years ago.

'I've seen real changes in the local area and believe that Matt and I can offer Byron business operators a combination of personal service, support and business finance that our competitors can't match,' he said. And of course it's not just businesses we can help. We will offer personal customers BOQ's competitive product range, but with the personal service that comes from owning our own branch and running our own business.

'At the end of the day, if our customers aren't happy, they'll take their business elsewhere and, as every small business operator knows, no business can survive without customers.'

'So we will go above and beyond to make sure our customers are not just happy, but are actually referral sources for our branch.'

Matthew and David are both active in the local community, with rugby and cricket being two of their passions. 'We both believe that the Byron community offers something unique in terms of community spirit and a sense of working together,' David said.

'We have something great to offer the local community and we know the community gets behind locals to get in and give it their best shot, so we're confident that our BOQ branch will continue to grow and succeed. So drop in and see us at the branch.'

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Celebrating human rights, Byron style

Story & photo Harsha Prabhu

The rain did not prevent the faithful from gathering in Railway Park in Byron Bay to celebrate Human Rights Day on Saturday December 10.

A highlight of the day was the completion of the dolphin dreaming painting on the door of the Byron Environment Centre by Arakwal-Bundjalung artist Annette Harding.

The dolphin is the totem of the Arakwal women.

Organisers set up stalls with info on human rights issues and collected signatures for petitions, including against coal-seam gas mining and against the building of the Belo Monte dam in Brazil.

Local activist Liliana Coreodor explained how human rights went hand in hand with environmental rights and the rights of indigenous people.

The Belo Monte dam was going to inundate an area the size of Tasmania and destroy the lives of over 50,000 indigenous people and put at risk their culture.

'The Amazon belongs to all people and we should protect it from destruction' was her message.



Other speakers on the day included Gabriel Bohnet on housing in Byron Bay, Margeaux Marshall on human rights and the work of Amnesty International, Michael Balderstone from the Nimbin HEMP Embassy on Nimbin's drug war experience, James Moylan from Southern Cross Uni's student union on civil rights, and John Lazarus from the Byron Environment Centre.

Many speakers suggested that the corporate forces that were busy destroying the environment were the very ones that the global 'Occupy' movement was fighting: the big banks and mining companies.

Maggi Luke, long-time Byron resident, spoke on Byron's recent experience of being

'occupied' by the police, with sniffer dogs, riot squad and mounted police inundating the town for schoolies week. Several speakers opined that with a 73 per cent error rate the use of sniffer dogs by the police seemed at best a publicity stunt, at worst simple harassment of people, rather than a serious crime prevention strategy. As one speaker noted, 'The police are here to serve the public and not the other way around.'

A huge line-up of talented local artists kept the crowds entertained and ended with a jam session that featured Simon 'Fyah Walk' Jerems, Shai Shriki and the lads from Allensworth visiting from LA.

New Writers' Festival director appointed

Jonathan Parsons has been announced as the new Byron Bay Writers' Festival (BBWF) director for 2012.

If you are looking for some interesting reading between now and the festival, Jonathan's CV is a good place to start.

He started out as artistic director of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival from 1996 to 2000 and was recently artistic advisor for the AWESOME Festival (Perth's leading youth contemporary arts festival).

Between these two gigs Jonathan has been director of public programs at the Queensland State Library (2007-2009), during which time he managed more than 110 events and oversaw the



doubling of participation numbers.

He was one of seven international associates who developed the 2008 London International Festival of Theatre program, and from 2002 to 2007 he was the festival director for Bris-

bane's Riverfestival - the city's major annual community cultural and environment festival.

Jonathan was quick to acknowledge the importance of the Byron community, and especially the members of the Northern Rivers Writers' Centre, as being crucial to the success of the BBWF.

'Having worked on a range of festivals and events I know that the core support of members and the community is vital to the success of any major event, so I'm very much looking forward to developing and delivering a festival that our members can be proud of and the local community would be happy to stand behind.'

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Recycling at the triple bottom line

Kate Pye

There was a buzz in the air at the Waste and Recycling Expo in Sydney last month as some really exciting developments in recycling are finally taking place because of legislation changes.

Not many people have heard about the *Product Stewardship Act 2011*, which was passed in August this year. It's legislation that encourages manufacturers and importers to be responsible for the impacts their products have on the environment once they're disposed of.

This is going to be absolutely necessary to tackle our problem with e-waste, which is set to rise if the government's unsettling predictions are anything to go by.

By 2030 we will apparently keep our televisions and com-

puters for half the time we do now, down to an average of three years for TVs and one and a half years for PCs.

These figures ring alarm bells for our current recycling infrastructure and the fact that many computers are still going to landfill.

The first project to be launched is the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme. It will mean all importers and manufacturers of more than 5000 TVs or PCs per annum will pay a levy that will help fund permanent collection sites, take-back events or mail-back options for us consumers to dispose of our unwanted products free of charge.

Recycling targets will start at 30 per cent by June 2012 and rise every year to 80 per cent by 2021.



Finally the government is realising that the recycling industry needs a helping hand with infrastructure and manufacturers need a little push to take some responsibility for the waste they're producing.

E-waste is full of precious metals which can be used again and are becoming increasingly expensive to buy. It sim-

ply makes sense to put proper channels in place to make it easier for consumers to recycle.

Considering that there will be twice the number of electronic goods produced, it is exciting legislation that I'm hoping through its implementation will encourage manufacturers to start thinking about their product designs.

If they become responsible for disposing of the waste they are producing, will they ease up on the consumerist-driven product upgrades?

How manufacturers and importers react to the legislation is yet to be seen. What is certain is recycling is no longer being seen as a luxury, but as an absolute necessity.

Kate Pye is education officer for Solo Resource Recovery, based in Bangalow.

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Byron Arts Classic displays community mosaic

An artists-in-residence program and a large community mosaic wall mural will add an exciting new dimension to the Byron Arts Classic.

In line with the Arts Classic theme to 'bring the community to art and art to the community' two artists-in-residence plan to build on the cultural fabric of Byron by holding hands-on workshops for the creation of a mosaic installation to reflect

the spirit of Byron

The artists, Turiya Bruce and Pyari Cau, have consulted widely with community members and organisations including Arakwal Aboriginal corporation, and the Byron Community Centre.

'We found people wanted the mosaic to capture the spirit of Byron "Cavanbah", the Bundjalung word for "meeting place" and a place where the moun-

tains meet the sea. The work will be designed like flowing wave,' Turiya and Pyari explained.

The 6m by one metre glass and tile mosaic will be a community creation, a public work-in-progress, over the six days of the 2012 Arts Classic from January 6 to 11 held at the Byron Community Centre.

A three-hour daily workshop with up to 15 participants join

with the artists-in-residence to develop the skills needed to work as a mosaic artist.

On the final day it will be mounted on a wall at the Byron Community Centre by a professional tiler to become a major cultural feature of the town.

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Tenderising a community market

Democracy triumphed over appalling policy last Monday week.

Perhaps the most inspiring thing about the draft market policy meeting held at the community centre is that everyone, from business owners, stallholders and the public, had a go. Good questions were asked and a lot of ground was covered.

And as to be expected Kerry O'Brien did an excellent job as chair; he was on topic, asked pertinent questions and kept it tight and light. Best of all he aimed for a resolution at the end of the meeting which gave councillors the clear message that the draft policy did not reflect community wishes.

Some critics claim that breaking the Byron market monopoly held by the Community Centre could potentially uncover a racket, and/or free it up to be administered more democratically.

It appears like sour grapes. Everyone – ie the stallholders – at that meeting was in total support of current management. As Community Centre manager Paul Spooner said at the time, no-one else is better placed to administer local markets than a community centre.

But our state government overlords have spoken (have they?) and it must be open to tender. Councillors fear that now the state is grabbing at caravan parks previously managed by councils they could turn to public lands such as sportsfields and parks. To prevent that, they say, policies like this need to be properly enshrined to protect community assets from state takeovers.

Council's problem is that it still has no constitutional recognition as part of the third tier of government and remains in thrall to the state government.

The only thing that appears to give any state government reason to act (under either party) is the legislation they are bound by, or perhaps bad press.

However, as with anything legal, the winner is the one with the best advice, and as elections are held every four years, there's a lot of ignoring that can happen in between when it comes to bad PR.

A lot is at stake. Many livelihoods. I know stallholders who are paying off property and feeding families (partly) from market income. It's a cornerstone of our identity, it's a major tourist attraction and a regular local hang.

The best speech all night was from a quietly spoken farmer who simply said to the audience, 'You allow us to do what we love. It's not a huge income, but without this, we wouldn't be here.'

Let's hope the second draft of the market policy will allow localisation to thrive instead of whatever it is the state government wants.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Aunty triumphs in network stuffup

The result, when it was finally announced, was the right one: the ABC has been granted the right to run the Australia Network in perpetuity.

Any decision to hand the channel by which our country communicates with other countries to commercial interests would have been absurd, and to give it to Sky News – partly owned by BSKyB, which is in turn controlled by Rupert Murdoch – would have been frankly unthinkable.

No other country on earth, or at least none of those which have a national, publicly owned broadcaster, even puts its overseas service out to tender; can you imagine the Poms bypassing the Beeb to hand their window to the world over to the Dirty Digger, for him to harness it to his own business interests, not to mention his own partisan political prejudices.

Even in the United States, with no equivalent public service, the licence is given to the middle-of-the-road commercial CNN rather than to Rupert's rabid Fox News. It really is a no-brainer.

But while the outcome was both correct and inevitable, the process by which the government delivered it was a total stuffup.

And it arose from the fact that the government, as is so often the case, took the soft option and decided to follow the practice of its lamentable predecessor, rather than cutting loose and doing its own thing.

Until the Howard years, there had been no thought of putting the network out to tender at all; it was simply assumed that the job would go to the ABC. After all, this had always been the case with the other overseas broadcast network, Radio Australia; why should television be any different?

Well, because Howard and his ministers did not like the ABC:

they regarded it as politically suspect, and definitely on the wrong side in the culture war which the government was running against political correctness, elitism, the black armband view of history, the nanny state – oh, all right, against anything to the left of Genghis Khan.

They therefore saw the chance to give Aunty a good corrective kick in the cods by allowing its only possible rival, Sky News, to put in a bid, in the enthusiastic

The bids went to an independent assessment panel, and a strategic leak informed the public that Sky had won. So the government, in the guise of Gillard and Conroy, who had emerged as rearward defenders of the ABC (or at least zealous opponents of Sky) amended the process on the somewhat specious grounds that events in the Middle East meant the ground rules had changed. It didn't work; Sky, as the leaks again assured us, won again.

were pretty much apeshit already so from that narrow perspective not much political harm has been done. But the shemozzle has undoubtedly reinforced the impression that the government couldn't raffle a duck in a pub without losing the bird in the process.

This leads to the obvious question: why on earth go to tender in the first place? And the answer appears to be a blind faith in a misguided ideology, specifically the virtues of competition above all else. The theory is that competition delivers lower prices and hence better value for the consumer.

Well, it may lower prices, at least temporarily, but there is no evidence at all that it provides better value if you take into account things like quality, public interest, or customer satisfaction.

There are times when inviting competition for institutions which are already working quite satisfactorily is not only unnecessary but positively counter-productive.

Believe me, I speak from bitter and recent personal experience: the state government insists that we open our local markets, much loved and respected community enterprises, to outside bidders, a demand which has split the council, infuriated the population and achieved – well, what? A tick from some wild-eyed free-marketeer in an office in Macquarie Street.

Okay, the Byron markets are not quite on the scale of the Australia Network, but surely the same sound conservative principle applies to both: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

And don't, whatever you do, let the politicians and the bureaucrats near it.

It will only end in tears. Yours.

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by Mungo MacCallum



hope that it would be a successful one. In the event it wasn't; indeed, it was so clearly inferior that even with the worst will in the world it could not be awarded the prize and the ABC ran the service for the next five years.

But Sky learned from the experience, and was eager for a second chance, in which it was prepared to pull out all possible stops to beat its more impoverished public rival. And to the surprise of many of his colleagues, Kevin Rudd, the newly created foreign minister in Julia Gillard's government, offered it the opportunity.

The matter was in his purview rather than that of communications minister Stephen Conroy because Rudd's DFAT was the one that picked up the bills; this was itself a matter of some rancour.

And it was intensified when Rudd announced sonorously: 'The government has decided that the next Australia Network contract will be put to a competitive open tender process to ensure the best possible service in return for its investment.'

But in the meantime Conroy had also won; Cabinet had given Rudd the flick and placed Conroy, whose antipathy to all things Murdoch rather more closely reflected the majority view than Rudd's ambivalence, in sole charge of the tender.

He promptly aborted it altogether, claiming that the leaks had irrevocably compromised the process, although it was not entirely clear how or why.

He asked for a police investigation and, for good measure, an Auditor General's inquiry into the whole tendering procedure. But then, before getting the reports of either, Conroy said what the heck, he was giving the bloody thing to the ABC anyway, and not just for the next five years, but forever.

Oh, and sometime next year Cabinet would start worrying about just what it was it actually wanted the ABC to do, and just how, if at all, it would enforce its requests. In the meantime, the cheque was in the mail.

Unsurprisingly, Murdoch's local mouthpieces have been apeshit ever since, but then, they

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Council is in working order

In regard to the *Echo* editorial of the December 6, we would like to reply to matters raised by the editor.

Council's compliance policy is not selective. The compliance priorities are set each year and adopted by Council. In addition they can be amended at any time by Council. Therefore, the administration is bound by the adopted list of compliance priorities. At the same time, the compliance team has dealt with 565 customer action requests in 2010/11; a full report on compliance and the 2012 priorities will be reported to Council on December 15.

Council is not in denial about workplace bullying. Independent investigations conducted to date do not support allegations published in your paper that bullying exists at Byron Shire Council.

The workers compensation scheme in NSW is a no-fault scheme. Workers do not have to prove any wrongdoing by any employer.

Workers merely have to show that the injury arises out of employment (ie it is related to employment) or it occurs in the course of employment (ie it happened at work) and that employment made a contribution, which was not an insignificant contribution, to the development of the injury.

Bullying and harassment prevention forms part of all new employee inductions and training and education on the issue has been held on a regular basis. The best interests of any staff member who puts in a workers compensation claim is always considered, and Council does its very best to enable the employee to recover and return to

work as soon as they can.

Finally, Council has taken on the state government on numerous occasions; the recommendations for reform to coastal legislation, the inflexibility of the LEP planning template, land acquisition at Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay, and the highway upgrade of the Ewingsdale and Bangalow interchanges are a few examples.

At all times, Council and the administration aim to ensure that the ratepayers' assets and amenity are protected. Like all councils, this can prove challenging in an environment where the needs and wants of the community are growing at a disproportionate rate to available funding.

Graeme Faulkner
General Manager
Byron Shire Council

Happily employed

In reply to *Backlash* in the December 6 issue and his snide remarks regarding older residents who will not retire to make way for the 'young people desperate for work' I make the following comments.

1. Many people in the age bracket of 50 to 65 mentioned did not necessarily have the benefit of today's superannuation schemes and need to continue working to sustain themselves.

2. Retiring at 65 years is a very early 20th century construct when the average life span was in the late sixties.

3. Idleness is not a natural state and many people in their sixties and seventies enjoy an active life which involves working.

4. Many employers are keen to employ people in the older age ranges as they have experience, enthusiasm and the will to get things done.

5. Many of the older age group own businesses and provide employment.

6. How many of these 'desperate young people' are getting an education or training or willing to move elsewhere for the occupations that are needed?

Katie Clarke
Ocean Shores

■ *Backlash* was merely sympathising with youth. He himself is 60 and intends to keep working for a few years yet. - Ed

Horse welfare

Just reading Dawn Blackwell's article (*Echo*, December 6) and the mention of horses somewhere between 40,000 and 100,000 killed every year.

If we stopped this slaughter, how long would it be before we would be overrun by these suffering beasts?

They are unwanted, often injured or deformed and sometimes outright dangerous and I feel it more humane to send them to the factory than save them, for what? Twenty some odd years of slowly starving to death while suffering from whatever made them unwanted in the first place?

In 65 years of being around horses I've never seen one tethered on the roadside. Maybe in England?

W B Crompton
Mullumbimby

Market correction

I would like to apologise for implying that the Byron Farmers Market management didn't pay me (Letters, December 6); they did, 31 days after I played at the Bangalow market, which is their terms for payment.

There was confusion over payment time as my invoice to them was seven days. However I have now been paid.

I hope the Byron Farmers Market will consider remunerating local musicians sooner than 31 days.

Paol Serret
Mullumbimby

Screening returns

I just want to express my pleasure that the Breast Screen NSW mobile breast screening van will again be in Byron Bay very early in January. We nearly lost this vital service but thanks to thousands of signatures, strenuous lobbying, and representation by our local politicians, the service continues, however only for two weeks of the year. Women can make an appoint-

ment to have a mammogram in the van or at Lismore or Tweed Heads by phoning 132 050. For women not due to have their mammogram at this time, and who would have difficulty travelling to the Lismore Breast Screening facility for their two-yearly mammogram, the Ballina Breast Cancer Support Group/Drop in Centre offers free transport for women in the Ballina and Byron Bay shires. Phone me on 0413 027 446 for a lift.

Robyn Sparks
Ballina

Occupy yourself

We need a few more Occupy movements like Occupy your Body, Occupy Earth, and Occupy Mines. The carbon economy has become a massive corporate-sponsored death insurance policy: claimed while alive and paid for after our death by those who live on.

Mark Byrne's take on climate inaction (*Echo*, December 6), as satisfying a deep human urge to teeter on the edge of existence, is fascinating. It reminds me of that famous paperback *The Suicide Pact* by Hugo First.

We could say climate catastrophe is simply another rite of passage longed for by Earthlings sickened by the pampering of nanny states.

Perhaps the personal growth aficionados could find better ways to teeter on the edge of existence that won't take half the planet out. Teeter Workshops, featuring lighthouse Cliff Strolls, Fire Crawling, and Inversion Burials; not to mention Binge Drinking 101 for schoolies... or how about rooftop-teetering solar installation workshops?

Must we really accept the limitations that the fullness of life is best felt in the midst of death, that escape from suffering and attachment is through attachment to suffering, and

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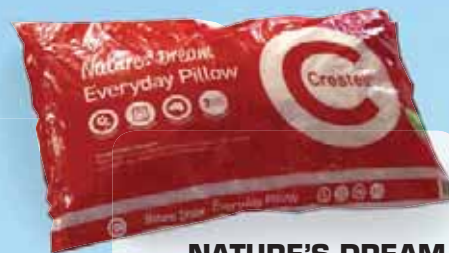
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Dwelling compliance and the potential existence of God

■ Sat down to read *The Echo* this morning. Pleasant surprise. A rare week without a self-serving letter from Fast Bucks. There is a God.

Love Byron. Moved here five years ago. Love it. Not all of it but nowhere else I would rather be. Don't understand the constant moaning and bitching in letters to *The Echo*, given the many gifts of living here.

Don't understand Fast Bucks at all. He isn't funny or eccentric, he's just a negative pest. Loves playing the crowd with populist inanities. Rarely even a hint of a better idea. What's with the nom de plume, Mr Bucks? Makes you look furtive and silly to me, not even remotely intriguing.

Anyway, back to hypocrisy. *The Echo* seems to be promoting a code of selective compliance when it comes to building approvals and non-compliant structures. 59 Shirley Street holiday letting by stealth. Shame, shame, plus, they're from Melbourne! Shame, shame! (I actually agree this is unacceptable.)

'Hinterland' properties just a few kilometres away, initially developed as single residences

– open slather. Please just don't kill anyone with faulty wiring or dodgy plumbing! After all, these are long-standing, noisy locals offering praiseworthy 'affordable' accommodation (even if they make money from rent, just like any other landlord) so they are 'special' and why should their unapproved buildings be forced to comply with Council requirements? Who knows, some might even commit the mortal sin of attracting and renting to awful 'holiday makers'. Quelle horreur! What a load of self-serving cobbler!

Come on, guys – I just built here – the building codes are not especially unreasonable and are trying to work for the greater good. We surely can't condone two sets of rules, simply to suit a few noisy hypocrites.

Ian Gow
New Brighton

■ Contrary to what was printed in last week's *Echo* on page 1, the Council at its meeting on December 1 did not quite vote to 'ease off on unauthorised dwellings in the hinterland and concentrate instead on unap-

proved holiday letting', nor was the vote 7-1. What actually happened was that Cr Tabart had a motion in the agenda ordering staff to desist from enforcing rural unauthorised rural dwellings until the state government solves the affordable housing problem. However the minutes of the meeting show that he never formally moved it, ie it never came up for debate.

What happened instead was that Cr Richardson, seconded by Cr Cameron, moved to change Council's compliance priorities, by taking unapproved dwelling out of the 'very high priority' category. Where it was to be put was not specified. Picture then if you will our beloved compliance officer David Murray arriving at your front door with a search warrant. Indignantly you splutter that according to *The Echo* he shouldn't be doing this. At which point he breaks into a silly grin and says, 'Oh we're not doing this out of any kind of high priority type motive, only out of, you know, a medium kind of priority', upon which he barges onto your property, with knowing smirks from his henchmen. In

other words, business as usual, sorry to say.

The other part of Cr Richardson's ill-conceived notion was that action against holiday lets 'be continued' and be put in the 'very high priority' category for 2012. What the twats forgot is that the 2011 priorities program already gave holiday letting a special urgent mention – and the staff did absolutely nothing.

To complete this schemozzle we had the inevitable contribution from the mayor that Council solve one aspect of the problem by writing a letter to the government. Some landlords can't afford safety and environmental upgrades on their accommodation, so Jan's brilliant idea was that the state government offer them interest-free loans. Mmm, I can just see it now: a conservative government gives money to hippies in the hills so that they might undertake their illegal activities more responsibly. Bewdy Jan.

The vote for this camel of a resolution was in fact 8-3. Cr Tucker, faithful exponent of unfettered holiday letting, voted against, as did (surprise, surprise) Cr Diane Woods and

good ole shit-on-the-liver Patrick Morrisey, who daily reveals his resemblance to one Ian Kingston.

PS: The dog Mitchell died last week of cancer, a few days

after Council unanimously voted to revoke the original order declaring him dangerous. At least they got that right.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

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that love is best expressed through abuse? Join Suicide Club Earth: no rush, one at a time please, starting at the equator.

Alternatively, you can help make gas-fired power less attractive to investors by reducing daytime peak electricity demand by investing in solar power. In doing so you help reduce the price of solar power too!

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Circus fun

I had a marvellous time at Spaghetti Circus's show last weekend. The talents, abilities and 'have a go' attitude of the performers made for a brilliant show.

In these 'plug me in' times, it is a great treat to see kids having fun, using their bodies and channelling their energies.

Congratulations to Leonie and the team for nearly 20 years of providing the opportunity to learn and perform circus skills to our very fortunate children.

Of course, kids being kids, there's always the chance some of them will run away to join a troupe of travelling accountants. We'd better watch out for that.

Jen Jacobs
Mullumbimby

In his likeness

I'm an atheist but I needed to write this to the churches and to the politicians who make the laws that we're expected to live

by because I think they should wake up to themselves.

If god made the earth and all of its creatures surely god can't discriminate against the marriage of gay people. Aren't we all made in his likeness, his children, his creation?

Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

Hoppers not copters

Inadvertently the Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare Group which has been working on the dunes south of the Brunswick Heads SLS Club for the past one and half years failed to get a mention in the Dunecare Week credits. These volunteers came about in response to aerial spraying and the use of chemicals which precluded many from taking an

active role in dunecare work.

We now have a working base of over 30 members who take part in fortnightly working bees. This regular participation has been augmented by secondary school classes and land management trainees.

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For this proposal the Commission comprises Emeritus Professor Kevin Sproats (chair) and Ms Gabrielle Kibble AO.

The applications and associated documents, including the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's assessment report and recommendation, are publicly available on the Department's website and via the Commission website www.pac.nsw.gov.au

Due to the level of public interest in the project, the Commission will be meeting to hear submitter's views on the Department's assessment report and recommendation, prior to determining the project.

The Commission meeting will be open to the public and scheduled to commence at **9:00am, Wednesday, 1 February 2012** at the Byron Bay Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay, and continue if required.

Those who wish to comment on the Department's recommendation can register to speak at the Commission Meeting by contacting Mrs Paula Poon before **4:00pm Friday, 20 January 2012**.

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Ways ahead for community markets

■ I am a recent blow-in to your beautiful Byron Bay and loving being here (after 15 years sitting in traffic in Sydney!) I recently attended a community meeting regarding your (now our) very popular Byron Bay Markets which was chaired by the very professional Kerry O'Brien. I just want to make the following three comments/observations.

1. I would suggest that Council have not been pro-active enough to prevent getting to this stage of having to issue public tenders. In other words cost benefit analysis should have been completed a long time ago. I prepare such analysis at work regularly except these may be in the millions of dollars. But then again how can you put a price on an autistic child or special-needs person whose only goal all week is to help set up a stall at the markets. I suggest this is priceless. Or the elderly lady/man who has not spoken to anyone for a week and knows she can have a chat with certain stallholders. I suggest this again is priceless.

2. Political members attending the meeting seemed unable to think outside the box. Having said that I believe Kerry O'Brien has that ability. What do I mean? Because markets are on Crown land this means tendering process must occur. Having come from Northern Ireland we also have had problems with Crown land. Apart from handing each stallholder an Armalite and having a revolution or coercing the government into an Australian republic, which both are remedies to the problem, I would suggest the local Indigenous landowners would be glad to hold the markets as long as their beautiful culture is recognised artistically/musically.

3. Finally after gaining an insight into local politics I would

suggest this is a cause well worth fighting for but I feel more can be done to protect such an iconic entity as the Byron Bay Markets. Let me know if you need any help.

Malachy (Mal) Owens
 Byron Bay

■ I am alarmed by the myths and propaganda concerning the draft council market policy. It resembles less a debate than a micro-managed propaganda/scare campaign to maintain the status quo. The 'policy crisis' is a direct result of the greed of the Community Centre in requesting an extra Byron market that contravened the market policy.

It was this request (that needed approval from Crown lands department) that brought legal scrutiny of the policy, thus forcing the removal of anti-competitive conditions. Advice from Brad Crispin (acting senior manager Crown Lands North Coast) indicates that the profits from the market may be voluntarily given to charity but such a provision cannot be mandated in a tender. The scope for philanthropy is thus great.

The question we must ask is whether the status quo is providing our community and the stallholders with the best deal? I propose that an alternative and financially efficient management model would provide a better outcome for both. Fifty per cent of gross profit from the market (\$75,000) is absorbed by wages yet the market manager claims in an email the proceeds 'go to the services we provide for needy and vulnerable people' when the emergency relief program is 100 per cent funded by government grant. 'The market revenue does not pay the mortgage' is another questionable claim that does not yield to analysis.

The community needs to ask whether the money gener-

ated from stall fees is actually being spent in our community in the most efficient and beneficial way. Maintaining the status quo will guarantee stall fee increases with no perceivable added benefit to stallholders. Study the facts and make an informed choice; it's your market and your future: www.byronbaycommunitymarket.com.

Duncan Shipley-Smith
 Byron Bay

■ I went to the recent market meeting. I heard many opinions and ideas about the market. I heard serious questions around the advice and interpretations of that advice. I heard the whole thing could be unnecessary as it is unclear whether the state has demands for change and what they are. I left feeling that serious changes are going to happen, and not really knowing why or what to expect.

My basic fear is that the Byron Bay Community Centre would be severely damaged if they lose the income from running the market. At best, BBCC will have to bid up the money paid to Council. Increases may be absorbed by stallholders. The BBCC may have a reduced income. A reduced income that goes back to our community: helping people in trouble (battered women, the homeless, mentally challenged and just plain folks that are doing it tough).

Why? So, now there has to be a competition. Who sets the rules?

Here's a quote from the Draft Market Plan No. 5.51, 'All Market rental income, generated by Markets operated on Council managed Crown Reserves, will be used to fund long-term major maintenance and upgrade costs of assets associated with the respective Crown Reserve

on which the Markets are conducted, in accordance with any adopted Plans of Management, the Crown Lands Act 1989 and Regulations.'

So, this isn't money for the general fund. It won't build roads, maintain the beaches, or be used to pay for lawsuits. Money raised goes directly toward maintenance and improvements to the market grounds. What are the 'Plans of Management'? How much money is needed to improve market grounds and what is the cost of maintenance? Work backwards from those figures and you can quickly determine the minimum required tender.

No-one mentioned any plans to change the market grounds. If no change, then set a fixed tender that covers maintenance. We've seen 20 years of markets with fees collected. When I look at the market grounds I don't see much improvement.

My proposal is to scrap a highest bidder scheme that destabilises everyone. Instead, I suggest Council set a fixed-price bid based on reasonable estimates and expectations for a the limited time markets use the space.

A Fixed Price Tender would radically change the notion of a 'competitive' bid in a way that matches the spirit of our community. Organisations would still compete. 'Competitive' factors would be weighted in a way that is more compassionate to our needs. Why not build a competitive tender on factors such as community benefit through profits returned to local charitable programs, being a local organisation, experience running markets, standing in the local community? That would be a competition where we all win.

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The bits about Byron that suck

Having spent the last two years travelling first Australia then the world, I look back whimsically at Byron Bay and reflect on the beautiful place and admit, I miss it. Most of it anyway. The beaches, the markets, the community, most of the weather...

I don't miss the shitty parks. There is not a tourist town in Australia that does not have a better main park. Not one. Seriously. In a year travelling Australia, Byron Bay beach-front park came last in terms of amenities. Plenty of non-tourist towns do as well. And they all have skate parks.

I don't miss the high rents. A three-bedroom furnished inner city apartment here in Berlin city centre, with a view, costs \$AU250 a week.

I don't miss the lack of public transport. OK, not fair to compare BB to a large city, but Berlin compared to Sydney? It has five times as many suburban stations with an underground that crisscrosses the city with a train every three minutes. And above-ground trains, trams and buses. Sydney has one line, choked roads.

I don't miss the paid parking. OK, you do have to pay sometimes; the most we have paid is \$2 an hour in central Berlin (same as Byron Car Park) and once we got a parking fine - \$15. I am tempted not to even bother paying for parking any more since that's the fine amount.

I don't miss the grocery prices. 500ml bottle of beer from the supermarket? - 45 euro cents. Broccoli 59 euro cents a kilo, lamb chops 6.99 euros

a kilo, milk 60 euro cents a litre, nice large loaves of bread 79 cents. Even mangoes here in winter are cheaper than in Byron Bay in summer. Within 1km of our home are six competing supermarkets of varying prices and quality so instead of being held hostage by a duopoly, there is real competition. I can fill a shopping trolley for 70 euros. Seriously. Fill it. Would have cost me over \$300 in Byron Bay.

I don't miss the high movie prices. Friday night, one adult, two kids 15 euros. Even the junk at the counter is not overpriced.

I don't miss the clothes and shoes prices. New stylish winter boots, wool inside, leather exterior, good quality soles 69 euros. I don't miss the high prices for electronics. I am looking at my new 24 inch, LED backlit screen which has

a TV tuner and speakers which cost 155 euros.

Monthly gym membership that allows me to go to any one of 134 gyms in Germany, 20 euros a month. My unlimited download internet is \$30 a month. And I get download speed of 3gigps, about 8 times faster than I got in Byron Bay.

Oh, there are some downsides. It's cold for one, though it's kind of novel. There seems to be an ice skating rink on every city corner. Fuel is slightly more but the cars are more fuel-efficient and the upside is I can legally drive 300km/h on the freeway if I want.

Yes, I miss Australia, Byron Bay especially, but gee whiz, I had not expected Berlin of all places to be about three times cheaper to live in.

Richard McLachlan
Berlin

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In its wake sandmining has degraded hundred of miles of coastal dunes in Australia and continues unabated world wide. It now remains this generation's duty to give nature a chance and continue this process of sustainable regeneration. Our kids are worth it.

The next working bee will be Saturday January 7. Come along for a day in the bush down by the seaside.

Terry Hamill
Brunswick Heads

Satellite city?

To all in the north of the Shire, please for your own understanding of the North Byron Parklands recommendation from the Dept of Planning go http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3210 and have a look at the Satellite City that the developers may be given permission for.

If you think West Byron is an overkill for traffic, etc, then here is this in their own words. The Department's recommendation for 'the site to carry out three major events of 30,000; 25,000; and 15,000 patrons respectively over a single calendar year for

the first year of operation (over a maximum of ten event days). This is only for one year.

Then how about this as a statement? 'A single event of 30,000 patrons may be carried out in perpetuity should the proponent meet all KPIs (key performance indicators) after the first year of operation.'

'Should the proponent seek to increase the size of events, this will be at the discretion of the Director-General following consideration of a KPI Report, and any other matters the Director-General considers relevant.'

'The recommendation to increase the size of events of no more than 5,000 patrons per event, per calendar year will ensure that any intensification of site usage is gradual, with sufficient time for monitoring and reporting of any residual impacts; and for the implementation of further management measures.'

Council has no say over this horrendous situation. And the final blow of the sword to cut off our heads is 'The maximum site usage will comprise four major events, with the maximum sized event capped at 50,000 patrons.'

After the first year, then look out, folks: every day when they aren't having major events they can have a gig for 300 people.

I hope you get as angry as I am as this is an invasion. If you do nothing else before you set out for your Christmas holidays you must have a look at this recommendation and keep an eye out for the PAC (Planning and Assessment Panel) notification of a public consultation meeting where you will have to book to speak so you can have a say. This is Byron Bay twice over in the north of the Shire.


Kathy Norley
South Golden Beach

Terrace developments

In response to tree lopper Ben Finlayson's response about the fallen gum in Brunswick (Letters, December 6). Ben, you obviously can't see the wood for the trees. The real point that was being made in Luis Feliu's article is the ongoing destruction of the sensitive foreshore environment in the beautiful Terrace Reserve due to inappropriate and unlawful development.

The Terrace Nature Reserve was set aside for the protection of native flora and fauna and

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for the enjoyment and use of all over 100 years ago. Today, North Coast Holiday Parks intends to develop 95 per cent of it into high-density tourist accommodation, block residents' access and in the process destroy what is left of its natural attributes.

The Terrace Reserve is home to what remains of an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) of Coastal Cypress Pines. These Coastal Cypress Pine communities are very rare and are protected under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. To clear the way for more tourists and to allow large caravans and boat trailers into what was once recreational parkland, many of these magnificent and endangered pines have been illegally cut down and all have been virtually stripped bare by cutting off all branches lower than four metres.

Claims that the trees should be cleared for the safety of tourists are ludicrous. The trees were there way before any campers were allowed into the reserve and this is precisely why this end of the reserve has never been used as a designated tourist area.

Please, all concerned readers, visit www.savebrunswickfore-shore.com and go to the Environmental section and see for yourself a documented record of the ruthless environmental destruction done to the historic parkland and river bank. Better

still go for a walk through the reserve and see the destruction for yourself.

As a government appointee North Coast Holiday Parks thinks they can do as they please, so while you're on the site sign the online petition to let the minister know that this Crown land is *our land* and we won't put up with its commercialisation and destruction. Crown Land has strict legislation about environmental protection but again North Coast holiday Parks totally ignores it.

Sean O'Meara
Brunswick Terrace
Action Group

Offended

The article in a recent edition of *The Echo* proclaiming 'a chilled-out time for schoolies' in the Bay was deeply offensive to many of the residents of Byron Bay. The reporter did not bother to interview any local residents, and was obviously unaware of the other articles and letters in *The Echo* about lack of affordable housing, the increased police presence, and the disturbance caused to many residents by unruly schoolies. It may have been a chilled-out time for schoolies, but it certainly hasn't been for many locals.

Where were the Red Frogs when residents were evicted from their accommodation so it could be rented at outrageous prices to schoolies? Where were the Red Frogs

when locals had to clean up their streets after rubbish bins had been upended, when the streets and properties were being vandalised; and where were the Red Frogs when locals and tourists alike were kept awake by schoolies partying and walking the streets intoxicated? Mothering the schoolies?

It is apparent the intent is to build 'Schoolies' in Byron Bay into an event like that on the Gold Coast. The article proclaims Byron Bay to be Australia's second largest destination. The invading Red Frogs (or is that cane toads?) pumped up by their 'success' with schoolies on the Gold Coast, have this year brought DJs with them. What are we to expect next year?

It seems The Hub is yet another cynical and anti-community initiative backed by the Holiday Letting Organisation.

At least the police have remained responsive to the complaints from locals.

Yvonne Jessup
for Enough is Enough

The police's lot

The police have a difficult and important job in our society. They are required to deal with unpleasant situations that the rest of us prefer to avoid. Very often, police work needs the cooperation and support of the public in order to be effective.

For these reasons, police officers can make their job easier by cultivating friendly relations

with the community and treating members of the public with courtesy and respect. A friendly approach usually inspires a friendly response.

Conversely, police officers make their job harder when they abuse their power and treat the public with contempt. Such an approach will create tension and resentment in the community, resulting in distrust and fear of police.

The behaviour of individual officers is representative of the practices and standards of the police force in general. The philosophy and attitude of the leadership will guide the screening of police practices and set the standard for police behaviour.

The conduct of police in general can be positively influenced by the involvement of the community, through giving voice to the standards the community expects from its police, as well as through friendly and sincere dialogue with police officers on a personal level.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

No guarantee

Australian workers are currently being sold the idea that compulsory superannuation contributions paid by employers into an employees superannuation fund of choice are guaranteed by the government.

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that the government will match a certain amount of these extra contributions.

Superannuation funds advertise their wares day and night via television, radio and print media. The warm and fuzzy message is that workers can look forward to a blissful self-funded retirement with the wonderful assurance of a government guarantee.

Just the words 'Government Guarantee' should have triggered alarm bells in my brain - 'warning, warning, Will Robinson' - as it appears that our superannuation entitlements may end up 'lost in space'.

Although there are substantial fines for breaches of superannuation laws, the government's own mechanism for recouping unpaid superannuation contributions, the ATO (Australian Taxation Office), states on its website that 'the ATO will rarely (if ever) sue' for the moneys to be repaid. Legal websites I have researched all imply that civil or criminal prosecution is fraught, indicating that such action will be expensive and success unlikely.

If an offending company declares bankruptcy and goes into receivership, directors of the company may become personally liable for unpaid contributions and their assets can be taken to repay employees. I suspect this applies only if the assets are in the directors' names and they actually own those assets.

So it appears that government-guaranteed superannuation is not guaranteed at all. In fact it appears that it's only real benefit is a tax-break for the wealthy. Surprise, surprise.

Russell Thomas
Mullumbimby

Mysterious pay rise

What I don't understand is how the prime minister can give herself and her cronies such a massive pay rise when I sit here, half way through my pension fortnight, working out how to turn vegetable broth into a meal - ah, I might have some rice left.

I didn't choose to go on a pension and I didn't choose to be disabled. When I worked, I worked long and hard. I paid lots of taxes, I donated to charities and I supported the P&C at my children's school.

Later, I was a full time volunteer for 15 years, putting in up to 80 hours per week. I was, and am, a good citizen.

Life changed, and I retrained to re-enter the workforce. I was looking forward to continuing a comfortable, middle-class existence, but my health failed and I ended up on a pension, for which I am very grateful, pitance though it is.

What I would like Ms Gillard to explain is why she thinks she is worth more money than the 'leader of the free world'. After all, Obama's still calling the shots.

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Biodiversity through the proliferation of life

Geoff Dawe

There is a saying about not being able to see the forest for the trees. The attempt at biodiversity as it is currently practised is something like that. The 'trees' that block the view are an endemic violence in the consciousness of the whole of humanity that has 'civilised', and that can clearly be seen in Arnold Toynbee's monumental 1973 swan song, *Mankind and Mother Earth*. It is subjugation of the other that is humankind's primary learning of the responses of civilisation. Subjugation has been the foremost attitude toward introduced species. As a society, there is not the noticing that so-called noxious plants and animals are nature diversifying.

Land is degraded from what it was at first settlement. So is air with climate change. It is silly to expect plants and animals who are part of dynamic rather than static ecosystems to remain in the usual areas as though the environment has not changed. Life does not stand still. Lebanese philosopher Kahlil Gibran would say it does not tarry. It attempts to take up positions wherever environmental conditions are right for it. Our job is not to act as gatekeepers because we have psyches of national boundaries and passports, but to ensure life is able to move to every niche suitable for it.

Species thrive

The possums know this. Some of them are in New Zealand. Eucalypts are not shy either. Some of their species thrive in Israel. The deliberate movement of all species to where they will thrive puts the pro-life back into proliferation (pro-life-ration). The sufficient return of carbon to the soil where nature exhilarates in rampancy depends on it. But in order for this to happen human society needs to reorganise itself so that the effects of rampancy reduce labour rather than increase it and so that the balance returns more to the natives.

Biodiversity was radically reduced in Australia because landclearing took place primarily for grain fields and grazing. The CSIRO and the University of Sydney have both concluded that 92 per cent of environmental degradation in Australia is caused by 'animal industries'. Evidence also appears to be accumulating corresponding to that that excessive use of animal products also causes human body degradation. Nutritionist Rozalind Gruben-Graham says 'the cooking of food results in the formation of numerous carcinogens, especially in the case of fats'. She says that when proteins are heated, 'the overall effect is a reduction in



the oxygenation of ... cells and a consequent environment for cancer development'. Professor Gruben-Graham has also said that 'there is a direct correlation between the consumption of animal products and the leaching of calcium from the body'. In case there is wondering whether that does not just include meat, but also dairy, David Wolfe in his book, *Eating for Beauty*, reports that 'a 12-year Harvard study of 78,000 women demonstrated that those who drink cow's milk are more likely to have osteoporosis and brittle bones'.

As far as wheat fields go, the eating of grains as cooked food, as well as all food cooked 'above a certain temperature (slightly above 200F)' according to Wolfe, 'causes a pathogenic response in the body called leucocytosis whereby white blood cells (leukocytes) are actually used to digest much as they would attack a foreign substance. This statement has been confirmed in hundreds of experiments and is based on the research of the Swiss scientist Paul Kouchakoff'.

Effects of diet

People are generally uninformed of what science has lately found about diet. At a delicatessen the other day the girl behind the counter was glad to hear for example that olives are one of the most alkaline of fruits and therefore something of an antidote to the unhealthy, mostly acidifying effects of animal products and grains which are a lot of the Australian diet. Of the people who read this, there will be hardly anyone who will already have known that about olives and yet we are daily surrounded by a health crisis, and act as though a closer inspection of what we are eating is irrelevant to it! Furthermore, olives are a dry-climate plant, this is a dry country and in relation to the country's size and aridity, bugger-all have been planted.

A further travesty in diet education is that it is little known that the diet pyramid where grains have been allocated the largest section on the bottom is no longer correct. Vegetables

and fruit are now the largest section yet there is no attempt to change the orthodoxy of grain predominance on the basis of what science has found. Humankind's greatest use of science in the 21st century is toward knowledge that increases the possibility of our merging with other life rather than in the invention of another technology that sets us apart. Diet-science provides knowledge that enables merging but is largely being ignored.

Procrastination

The many books on diet and the apparent confusion is not a record of the absence of diet knowledge, but a record of procrastination among people about food. Laurens Van Der Post in Russia in 1963 saw that at Russian mealtimes, because even in the modern period they had known times of food scarcity, 'No matter how tempting, varied and abundant the dish on the table, the hands of the Russians present would all first reach for bread.'

Food, like nurturing from a mother, is a fundamental emotional as well as physical tie to survival. Most people of our own culture suffer an emotional hollow. Nineteenth century American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson recognised this when he wrote, 'the ruin or blank that we see when we look at nature is our own eye'. There is a vain attempt to fill the ruin or blank within with excessive sensory pleasure, especially that provided by food. Since processed grains and animal products are generally not suited to human diet in the excessive quantities they are now consumed, it is reasonable to presume they are largely comfort foods, bringing comfort to humans at the cost of the comfort of other species. The full cost of the emotional hollow has been the destruction of human bodies and the accompanying destruction of habitat. The phrase 'everything is connected' loses its triteness.

Inattention and inappropriateness of diet has reflected as inattention to the fact that landclearing was the major cause of the reduced biodiversity of native species. Because

soil organic matter is depleting in Western culture in urban, rural and forested areas through human activity, species living upon it naturally readjust. There is no evidence that when soil organic matter levels and atmospheric conditions return to 1788 levels, and humans make appropriate adjustments to their own lifestyle rather than directly to the lives of the other species, that there will not be a predominance of native vegetation over that introduced.

The case for weeds

Weed advocate Peter Andrews, whose story was one of the most popular presented on the ABC's *Australian Story*, was described by former deputy prime minister John Anderson: 'Like so many prophets, Peter Andrews was not initially welcomed in his own land - but it seems that many people are now asking why we didn't listen to him earlier.' Peter's view of the societal concern for the overrunning of native vegetation by introduced, is that, 'my own experience... has been exactly the opposite. Because native plants are better adapted to natural Australian conditions, they will always win out over introduced plants in the end - as the casuarinas and river oaks did over the willows at (my farm) Tarwyn Park.'

Moreover, Toynbee has perceptively noted that with our present game of pejoratively labelling unwanted plants and animals as weeds and vermin, this human selection process in place of natural selection has actually 'reduced the number of surviving species'. His view was a 1973 prescience of Ahmed Djoghla's findings, who as executive-secretary of the UN's convention of biological diversity said in 2010, 'The news is not good. We continue to lose biodiversity at a rate never before seen in history - extinction rates may be up to 1,000 times higher than the historical background rate.'

If there is eating of healthy human food, which is basically leafy greens in far greater quantity than we are used to, vegetables, fruits, nuts and

seeds, agriculture will make the appropriate adjustments. We will find then that most of it is devoted to orchards or food forests with accompanying horticultural areas. Because they provide tonnages of food from comparatively smaller areas, land area required to feed the population reduces. The rest returns to habitat. Human food choices is the main driver of biodiversity. Feed oneself with *human* food and one goes a long way in ensuring wild nature is fed.

Biodiversity is not an issue for focusing on the death of some species, but on the *life* of all species. It involves greater noticing of the connectedness of ecology such as soil, atmosphere, human diet and even human emotional wellbeing. In short, it requires a more holistic view.

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Piggy Banks



With their noses firmly in the trough at present, the largest banks in the country are yet to pass on the recent Reserve Bank 0.25% interest rate cut (at time of writing), 2 days after the RBA announcement. My guess is that they may cut rates before Santa arrives by about 0.15%. I hope they prove me wrong and pass on the entire 0.25% before you read this! Once one bank cuts rates, the others usually follow the first little piggy to market, like a funny 'follow the leader' game. Not so funny to those of us with mortgages. The big four Australian banks are some of the most profitable in the world and while their ratings were recently downgraded from AA to AA- by Standard & Poors, they remain in a group of very few banks globally in the AA category. It is the first time in 20 years that their ratings have been downgraded, but this was not as a result of changes to banking practices. The downgrade reflects changes to S&P's ratings criteria in light of criticism of some of their past favourable ratings of... well, not so favourable products. Similar to products sold to Byron Shire and many other local councils (by non-local financial advisers) with a AA rating that in one instance, according to the Byron council, produced a total return of -81.80%. A loss of \$1,634,000 on a \$2 million dollar outlay. Now that is a spectacular investment!

Back to the banks: some of the big four have openly stated that the ratings downgrade will have no impact on funding costs. On top of this, as a nation we are saving more because we are all (generally speaking) freaked out by doom and gloom media reporting which in turn has helped reduce bank funding requirements from approx \$150bn in 2010 to an estimated \$50bn. This has helped push the banks' profits even higher. Westpac for instance, recorded a net profit of almost \$7 billion, an increase of 10% on last year! Not bad during tough times, hey! Those facts don't sit too well when bank reps moan about increased funding costs and credit becoming scarce. Our 'BS' radars have improved since the 80s!

Having said that, it is very easy to jump on the bank-bashing wagon when times are tough, so I should also congratulate them as a whole for their proactive environmental steps, sustainable initiatives and community donations. Westpac, whom I picked on earlier, tends to be a leader in this department (correlated to profits perhaps?). I recommend

some specific bank products for the benefit of my clients, and yes, it is wonderful that our banks are well regulated and compensate shareholders with nice dividends and capital growth forecasts. However, if they don't pass on interest rate cuts in light of their astonishing economic performance while many businesses and families are facing financial heartache, it will be seen as profit gouging and arrogance in my opinion – very out of touch with community consensus. Just like the recent 30% salary increase for our 'working families' minded politicians!

PS. If you are not getting 4.3% pa interest on your transaction account or 6.11% on your cash savings, you should: 1) Not complain about bank profits; 2) Give me a call.

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Money matters – it's yours!

At time of writing it's the day before data releases out of Europe and China and the market is wondering, as always, which way it is going to go.

Australia is heavily exposed to China and tomorrow's meeting of European leaders has been described as the 'make or break' for the Euro.

What does this mean for the Aussie dollar?

I get asked daily: 'What do you think it is going to do?' and invariably answer, 'I couldn't say. I wish I knew, because I would be a billionaire by now if I could read the market. Like everyone else, we only have hindsight when it comes to currency movement.'

FX providers, brokers and retailers are legally prevented from offering financial advice. Unlike other financial product, FX is a live and wildly fluctuating market where the enormous amount of variables makes it a 'horse race' with umpteen starters.

Any retail provider who says 'buy now' or 'wait' is not being honest with you, as they truly do not know what the market is likely to do and should not represent as if they do.

The best advice you can hope for is the two options I provide to my customers:

1. If you need to travel now, the rate is largely irrelevant. You need it now, exchange it now. But get same-day quotes from providers so at least you are getting the best retail deal on that given day. For example, you specifically ask 'What will US\$2,000 cash cost me in total if I buy it today?' The answer you get should be inclusive of fees and charges, if any, and in this way you very clearly see the best deal, whoever charges you the least.

2. If you aren't travelling for a while start 'stockpiling' regularly. In this way you can spread your rate risk so no matter what the dollar 'does' you have been in the market at the time. Over the next six months until your trip if you buy \$1,000 dollars a month you have received both the up and the down in the market and also managed your exchange

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If you're up, up and away at Christmas time we wish you safe travels, happy holidays and an adventurous New Year.

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Earlier this month federal minister for employment participation, Kate Ellis, released results of a new Australian study claiming employers continue to operate under the misconception that people with disability will be less productive.

Northern Rivers and Gold Coast businesses are bucking the trend in droves as they increase their demand for a talent pool that has traditionally been overlooked.

Despite a tough economic climate, vacancies exist throughout the region and local employers are more than willing to cast aside prejudice to embrace a valuable sector of the labour market that is willing and able to meet their needs.

We have canvassed a large number of businesses in the last three months, of which a staggering proportion had immediate vacancies; but more importantly the majority were open to employing as part of their team a person with an injury, illness or disability.

What we now know is that we are in a region full of savvy business operators who have readily identified the value of tapping into a non-traditional talent pool as a means to sustaining their business into the future.

As a result, we have a number of vacancies available and we are calling for expressions of interest from people with disability who are professional, tertiary and/or trade qualified and who are ready to embrace local employment opportunities.

Recognition is due the local business community for their vision and for becoming part of a local solution to the skills shortage by partnering with us. Hopefully more employers will follow the trend and reap the rewards.

Expressions of interest may be registered with Karen Daley at ON-Q Human Resources on 1800 761 561.

Alec Morgan, Managing Director.



Christmas Shopping

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FOLLOW THE LABEL TRAIL

THE ART PARK Five of Byron's leading clothing brands – Goddess of Babylon, Thrills, Tallow, Spell and Art Park – are collectively opening their doors this Saturday for some serious Xmas bargains! There's a whole new world of independent labels in the industrial estate operating in the area known as The Indy Circle. They have joined forces this summer and are taking on town! Take a trip out and pick up some cool women's and men's fashion plus books, bikes, bikinis and much more.

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The boutique also boasts an eclectic collection of vintage and pre-loved fashion. The sisters are having their End Of Year Sale so it's the perfect opportunity find some beautiful adornments in leather, feathers and tassels for yourself and grab a couple of Christmas gifts as well. There's gift-wrapping on offer as well as beautiful Spell gift boxes as a special gift-wrapping option!

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CIRCUS ARTS AND SPAGHETTI CIRCUS PRESENTS 'JUST KIDS' - A COLLECTIVE CIRCUS CABARET

Not everything in life has to be a competition and that is exactly what Spaghetti Circus and Circus Arts wanted to celebrate when they decided to create 'Just Kids'.

'Just Kids' is a collective circus cabaret showcasing the best of the Northern Rivers youth circus talent. This lively combined cast of 30 kids, aged 10-16 years, have been working hard all year to perfect their impressive tricks and they can't wait to show them off as well as to create some group acts with their newfound circus friends.

'Circus Arts and Spaghetti have existed side by side in the community over the past five years and have always had a great relationship. We decided it was time to join forces and show the community that circus is an inclusive and supportive activity and that kids can achieve things beyond their wildest dreams at both schools' said Circus Arts head trainer and co-director Tanya Bilaniwskyj.

The show will be a fabulous feast of energetic circus entertainment including cloudswing, triple trapeze, Spanish web, swinging trapeze, contortion, acrobatics, teeterboard, trampoline, chair handstand, duo silks, hula hoops and pitching. A line-up sure to keep the audience on the edge of their seats!

Just Kids is playing at the Byron Entertainment Centre Friday 16 December at 7pm and Saturday 17 December at 2pm and 7pm. Bookings on 6685 6566 / 6684 3038.

UNDER YOUR BONNET

Ladies of the Northern Rivers: Would you know how to change your flat tyre if you were out on one of our roads, alone, with no phone reception? Would you know how to change your windscreen wiper blades when they get so blunt that they leave streaks across your windscreen? Do you know what to do if your oil light comes on? If you answered 'no' to these questions, then an Under Your Bonnet workshop is for you. Learn these skills and much more and become empowered around your car. The cost is \$80 for a 2½ hour workshop. Vouchers available for a practical Christmas gift.

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The Lounge has been re-stocked this week just in time for Christmas: two containers full of funky new furniture and decor.

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THE 'SKALLIONS HAVE ENTERTAINED AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE OVER HALF A DECADE, WITH THEIR UNIQUE CONCOCTION OF VAUDEVILLEAN, CABARET, JUNKYARD GYPSY BLUES.

Reminiscent of 20s Paris Bohemia transported to a Romanian tavern and then set adrift on the high seas. Their original blend of music is strongly influenced by the music of eastern Europe, Greece, France and Spain as well as hip hop and hobo jazz.

Their new EP *The Cat 'n' Fiddle* is a collection of musical vignettes from a realm inhabited by back-alley gangster felines, femmes fatales, and silver moon maidens, with a soundtrack somewhere between a Chicago speakeasy, a Hungarian hoedown, and a Halloween party at a south seas pirate haven.

How does a seven-piece vaudeville/cabaret/pirate/rock band come into being? It's been a long and organic process, involving an egg on a mountaintop, several thousand gallons of coffee, and a burning desire

to stay true to our ethic of being the instigators of piratical riffing, sweaty good times!

Pirates have really come into their own lately. What appeals to the band about such a rascally lot? There's something about the lawlessness, mixed with the egalitarian democracy that existed in the golden age of buccaneers, that has influenced the band. All decisions aboard ship had to be made unanimously, except in battle, when the Captain called the shots. Only thing is we're a band of Captains!

What brings you to our northern climes? This will be our third trip up this year, touring at the beginning of the year, recording in Byron over winter, and this tour, as well two years previously doing the east coast tour, so we like returning to our favourite venues and catching up with people. This time we're coming up flogging our new EP *The Cat 'n' Fiddle*, and getting that out there, as well as surfing, and eating mangoes!

Complete this sentence: The cat and the fiddle went... On tour in a beautiful old silver Volvo, he had plenty of fun, with nine gallons o' rum, and eight other nefarious hobos...

In the Mick of Time

BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE IN THE REMAINS, MICK DALEY IS PLAYING SUNDAY AT GREENHILLS ON TWEED.

Mick, what to you is the most important aspect of good songwriting? Good songwriting comes from solid imagination wed to an eye for detail and a sense of humour. The popular misconception of Nick Cave is the gloomy gothic doomsayer, but if you listen to his stuff, much of it is actually hilarious. Crazy, literate and highly worked, but the spark is a salacious wit. Dylan, Cohen, Waits, PJ Harvey... there's this common theme of large ideas and drama, but at the core is a wry humour and a scornful disregard of convention. Fearlessness and wit are some of the key ingredients.

What are the songs that move you most? For those reasons it's smart, considered songs written by witty, erudite people. The best writers really know their stuff; they've read everything from the Bible to Kafka, and they bring this worldly knowledge and wit to their stuff. If I hear a big brawling dirge by Dylan or Cave that has one line that makes me chortle, that moves me. That and a dab hand at alchemy - putting words to tunes, managing to play it.

What is the song that you have heard and thought, damn I wish I'd written that? Probably *Papa Wont Leave Ya Henry*, by Cave. A great rollicking narrative with razor-sharp phrases and an enthralling, intense soundtrack.

Where do you find the stories and narratives for songwriting... do they just happen to you or do you eavesdrop? I go out of my way to find stories that move me - I'm part of a mob called the Lonely Horse Band. We travel to one-horse towns, set up camp and settle down to finding the unique stories that made that town. We've written three albums based around these weird, eclectic towns with a history you'd never know about unless you took the time to go there. Good songs can spill out of the void and be finished in five minutes. Otherwise they can take years to be done right - but working hard at them always pays off.

Tell me a little about the outfit that you will be playing with at the Greenhills on Tweed gig. That'll be just me and Nigel Ison, a great fingerpicker from Lismore. Some local types from Mur'bah will no doubt join us though, hunting for free beer.

1pm-4pm, \$10 entry; kids are free.

As musicians, do you consider yourselves well travelled when tasked with the job of taking us on a journey through 'Chicago speakeasies, Hungarian hoedowns, and south-seas Halloween parties'? We'll definitely try our utmost, I swear this by the boiling blood that runs through our black hearts, wot say ye!

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Sunday Safari

IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE WEEKS BUT SUNDAY SAFARI IS BACK AGAIN WITH A BRAND NEW CAST OF MUSICAL TALENTS. PRESENTED BY HARVEST PROMOTIONS, BYRON BAY BUDDHA BAR WILL AGAIN PLAY HOST TO THE EVER-SO-POPULAR MIAMI HORROR DJs, AS WELL AS CLASSIC ALL-ROUNDER SAMPOLGY AND ALSO QUEENSLAND NATIVES DUNE RATS.

With their debut album *Illumination* well and truly setting the bar for like-minded performers, Miami Horror will be showcasing their mixing talents as part of an exclusive DJ set through the likes of producer Ben Plant.

Hailing from Melbourne, Plant is the cornerstone of Miami Horror. The electronic young gun kick-started Miami Horror out of a love of Roland keyboards and French house, landing himself on Pitchfork's hot list overnight and copping a barrage of high-profile remix requests from the likes of Datarock, PNAU and The Presets.

Next, as part of his 'Hell on Wheels' tour (and to promote his latest single of the same name), Byron favourite Sampology will be gracing the outdoor garden setting with his Audio Visual DJ performance. His Super Visual performances have garnered much attention from around the world from esteemed colleagues and excited punters alike. The technical aspect to his Super Visual shows is impressive, as he madly manipulates video via two turntables using his special Rane mixer and Serato, as well as live-triggering custom animations via his drum machine. But it's Sampology's cheeky sense of humour, seasoning excerpts from film and TV shows, filmclips, YouTube clips and vintage VHS finds that takes your ordinary club night and turns it into a stupidly exciting and crazy fun visual mash-up. As a DJ, a VDJ and Producer, the one-man show will be touring throughout Australia and New Zealand providing fans with the ultimate collaborative experience. Finishing the night are the Dune Rats, who were kind enough to answer a few questions.

Your second EP *Social Atoms* has been out for a couple of months now. What has the response been like from your fans (from what I've read, it's quite a success)? The response has been pretty amazing so far; pretty much exceeded all expectations we ever had for this band so I suppose anything else is a bonus. We've received a couple of harsh comments from some shit-dicks but it's all good!

As an unsigned band, how difficult has it been for you guys to make your way through the music industry? We've found it much easier being unsigned and controlling everything ourselves. We've received a bit of interest from labels/ managers etc... just nothing that we're 100 per cent set on.

How has the past year tracked for you guys; do you feel you're developing as a local band? The past year has track well for us. It's been the only year we've existed so comparing now since when we started I think it's all coming along.

The people of Byron Bay I know are ecstatic about your forthcoming performance at the Buddha Bar. Have you guys done many local shows there before, and what's the response been like? Pretty pumped some people in Byron are getting keen! We've only played there twice: one was a house party and the other was an EP launch. The crowds have been small but loud, which is always good!

Sunday from 3pm until 10pm - save the date. Drink specials from 4pm until 6pm: \$10 jugs of beer and sangria, \$8 mojitos and piña coladas. Tickets for Sunday Safari are \$20 and are on sale now from www.moshtix.com or at the Byron Brewery.

Bluesfest gets The Chisel!

One of Australia's most iconic bands, **Cold Chisel**, are the latest headline to be announced for the **Bluesfest 2012** program. Booked to close the show on **Thursday 5 April**, the band is sure to draw some big numbers with their current tour drawing 300,000 bands over just 36 shows. Kathy McCabe of Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* said, 'Cold Chisel restore your musical soul on their Light The Nitro tour and reaffirm the power of music to not only define a culture but unify a nation's identity'. Cameron Adams of Melbourne's *Herald Sun* agreed: 'Cold Chisel remind you of the life-affirming power of a truly great live band. Last night, Rod Laver Arena was wall-to-wall smiling faces, beaming with sheer joy'. Meanwhile, Graham Reid of the *New Zealand Herald* wrote: 'Cold Chisel make raucous bar-room rock'n'roll translate into an arena with thrilling emotional impact'. In addition to performing classics like *Forever Now*, *Khe Sanh* and *When The War Is Over*, this special Bluesfest appearance will also see Cold Chisel premiere new songs from their forthcoming album. The as-yet-untitled collection of new tunes was recorded over the last two years - partly with original drummer Steve Prestwich and partly with new drummer Charley Drayton. Thursday single-day Earlybird ticket: \$119

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Double Dipping

This **Friday** night **Cafe Dip** in Byron Bay's Fletcher Street host a special underground event for those who love their disco funky! This is the fourth instalment of Café Dips super popular **Double Dipped Disco** where everyone is welcome to come and shake their rump on an unpretentious dancefloor. **DJs Dan Jupiter** and **Al Royale** are disco peddlars pushing the latest disco, disco-house and a few old-school classics. From 7pm.



For Folk Sake

The inaugural 'For Folk Sake' evening kicks off at the **Rails** on **Wednesday**, featuring a stripped-back and intimate insight into the folk songwriting of three musical artists. The first will present the emotional sensibility of **Luke Yeaman**, the honest punch of **Tim Stokes** and the dynamic touch of **Greg Kew** - all respected local artists who have performed collectively over a thousand gigs - will come together for this showcase. It's a busy time of year; this is a good chance to take a break from the chaos and bask in the simple brilliance of acoustic music. 7pm.

Phil Emmanuel at the Mullum Bowlo

After performing to an audience of two billion people at the closing of the Sydney Olympics in 2000 **Phil Emmanuel** has toured Asia, Europe and the US several times with rave reviews.

Phil has now emerged from his self-imposed semi-retirement of recent years and has had huge success touring nationally with the Brothers in Arms tour 2010 (Phil playing the music of Dire Straits Mark Knopfler) and the Emmanuel Brothers 50 Anniversary Tour 2010/2011 with brother Tommy, all shows on both tours being sold out. Phil has combined his deep respect of the Shadows with the incredible popularity and guitar virtuosity of the Dire Straits into one show played as only Phil can.

The show is split into two parts: the first mainly medleys of the most popular Shadows songs such as *Fingle Bunt*, *Atlantis*, *Apache*, *Wonderful Land...* the list goes on.

The second, the most popular music of the Dire Straits with all the classics such as *Sultans of Swing*, *Lady Writer*, *Down to the Waterline*, *Money for Nothing*, *Romeo and Juliet* to name a few. Catch this very special show at the **Mullumbimby Bowlo** on **Friday**.

Evenings with Kerriane

Award-winning independent Original Sovereign performing Australian Artist **Kerriane Cox** brings a powerful gathering and soul-filled night of music to **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Sunday**. Kerriane has been instrumental in motivating and inspiring women throughout the region and beyond to come together in healing circles and cultural exchange gatherings, supporting women to develop leadership in self-governance and sharing the wisdom of the world's oldest living culture, in an initiative called Women For Change. For this night she has activated a rare, all-women line-up, featuring some of the shire's best women

musicians, including **Vasudha Harte**, keys, **Sheila Finke**, percussion, **Laura Targett**, violin, and **Tracey Stephens**, bass.

Kerriane is deeply passionate about music and the healing that takes place through music. Through her music, knowledge and strong connection to land and culture she builds a bridge and encourages all to walk forward in peace and harmony together. Doors at 5pm with

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SAYING I DO TO GAY MARRIAGE

Why is there such a hullabaloo about gay marriage? Surely straight people aren't that bigoted that they can't see the obvious boon to the institution of marriage that the gay community will give it? Pardon the pun, but the whole marriage thing needs a shot in the bum. Weddings and marriage have become tired. No wonder they never last. Look what the gay community did for Kylie Minogue – they made some average and embarrassing *Neighbours* dwarf a national icon. If the gay community manage to do for weddings what they have done for street parades then weddings are about to become dynamic, exciting, incredible events. Not these tedious formulaic function-centre wedding sausages that get pumped out at \$50,000 a pop. My god, straight people will be desperate to have gay friends just for the privilege of the invitation! If *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* is anything to go by, that wedding dress is going to get a serious

makeover. Perhaps the more boganesque bride will come down the aisle in a frock made entirely from white thongs, or the party girl may have a tight-fitting sheath of white-dotted ecstasy tabs, or perhaps the white frock will be the living screen where the couples' joyous powerpoint moments can be projected for the world to see. Straight people are essentially boring. It's our default position. The gay community know how to party. They have to. Any group that's had to suffer oppression and social ridicule knows that it takes more than a few streamers and a box of fairy lights to celebrate the triumph of resilience. I just wish they'd take over Christmas. Weddings are dull. They're all the same. It's like watching the same show with a different cast. There comes a point where you want to stand up and say 'for crying out loud give us a new script!' The gay community could do this for us. They could help us re-make marriage. Straight people are so scared of breaking with tradition that we've been fronting up to declare our intentions of forever in fluffy white meringues or penguin suits without ever questioning why we are wearing something that's not only expensive and impractical, it's also unattractive. Few people ever bother to break with the wedding ritual. The bride's arrival in a flashy car. The dress. The walk up the aisle. The vows. The *I do*. The exchanging of rings. The signing of the register. The photos. The unfortunate seating plan. The set dinner. The speeches. The Bridal Waltz. The dancing. The bouquet toss. The Exit. Once we approve gay marriages I have a feeling that it won't be long before the whole program is given a much needed facelift! I mean why walk down the

aisle when you can be delivered on a giant cloud-like chariot that's held aloft by six gold men in tiny g-strings? Fundamentalist stalwarts declare that people who love other people of the same gender and want to have their commitment recognised by the institution of marriage can't do it because the Bible says that marriage is the union of a man and a woman. The Bible also says that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to get into heaven, but that hasn't caused society to declare wealthy people as depraved soulless ghouls. Leviticus tells us we can't eat shellfish; in Deuteronomy the focus is on men without dicks: 'A man whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off may never join the assembly of the Lord'. I never realised that you needed a penis to pray! And according to another verse in Leviticus, some clothing choices can see you ushered out of the house of the lord. 'You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.' Great, no polyester, that means basically no Christians can go to church ever again. It seems that some people choose to follow the bits from the bible that suit them and their narrow-minded view of the world. Next time they're eating prawns in a pair of polyester trousers they should consider the fact that were they to trip and fall ball first into the insinkerator they're just one scrotum-crushing moment away from marginalisation. For God's sake, and for all of ours, would you all just say YES to gay marriage so we can all move on?

music starting at 6.30pm. Food available with Vanessa and Hunwi. Tix \$20. \$15 conc. \$8 youth. Under 10 free. All proceeds to be donated to Women for Change.

Women Who Rock

This **Thursday** at the **Mullum Bowlo** enjoy a fantastic night of music from two lovely acts from the northern Rivers... First up will be **Lil' Fi and The Candy Apples**... the sweetest harmonies around, melodies to make you laugh and sing along. Come on down if you haven't seen these girls yet. Then **Andrea Soler** and her five-piece band will be playing a special show, performing new songs, and a new line-up before they tour the summer festivals! Show starts at 7.30pm. Tix at the door or the Mullum bookshop. Bookings on 0419 237 932.

Twice Shybaby at the Billi – Fri & NY!

Get ready to rumble **Billinudgel** as **Shybaby** bring their sexy rock thing to town. In a prelude to what's in store, the 'Babys warm it up this **Friday** from 8pm in the front bar. Then once more at the New Year's Eve we've all been waiting for – Shybaby combines with **Shake Appeal** featuring **Jason Matheson** for hour after hour of party tunes and fun for all out the back – it'll be huuuuuge! All at the greatest little country town pub in Australia, **The Billinudgel Hotel**. If you like to party, it's the place to be on NYE and this Friday as well.

Blu Paper

Tasmania act **Dali and the Paper Band** are finishing their December tour at the **Byron Brewery** on **Saturday**.

The boys will be playing with local artist Alice Blu who have just released their debut EP *Still Tortoise Nothing*.

Not only is this the last show for Dali and the Paper Band but it will also be the last show that Alice Blu play in the Byron Shire before they move to Melbourne.

The show kicks off at 8pm in the beer garden so don't miss out on this opportunity to see both these bands in Byron.

Mr Willing's Beer Garden of Eden

After a year of packed houses and sweaty dance floors **Jimmy Willing** intends to take out his last show for 2011 with a bang! Returning to the beer garden is the alluring **Bertie Page** as Eve. Rumour has it she will once again cover herself in butter as Black Train implore her to keep her skillet good and greasy!

Accompanying Bertie Page will be a brand-new bevy of seductive talent including **Rosie Peaches, Julz Divine, Miss Cello and Miss Panda Bare**. These burlesque beauties will strut their stuff and shake their



BERTIE PAGE, PANDA BARE, ROSIE PEACHES AND JULZ DIVINE ARE SOME OF THE BURLESQUE BEAUTIES PERFORMING AT JIMMY WILLING'S BEER GARDEN OF EDEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE NORTHERN RIVERS HOTEL IN LISMORE



DIANA ANAID SINGS GRACE SLICK IN THE STAGE SHOW OF THE SONGS OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY AT THE BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR ON SUNDAY

mojo to the sounds of **Black Train, The Real Gone Hick-Ups** and **The Ragtag Band**.

Willing's four-legged friend, **Circus The Singing Dog**, will also be making an appearance, so lock up your poodles (unless you want Jack-A-Doodles... which are really quite nice)! This gig will be a saucy sexy show set in a garden of temptation and earthly delight, so mums and dads please get a babysitter and leave the kids at home this time! 8pm **Friday** night at the **Northern Rivers Hotel** in **North Lismore**.



THE ANGELS AT TWIN TOWNS ON SATURDAY

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WHAT'S ON

Mandy Nolan's Kids Comedy
Tuesday 13 Dec 6pm
\$10 adults / \$5 kids tickets on the door

This Is It Presented by Vision Dance
Sat 17 Dec 6.30pm
\$20 / \$15 student & conc

South of God Surf Adventure Film
Thursday 22 Dec 7.30pm
\$15 / \$10 conc

ABC TV's Kids Hosts: Justine Clarke + Alex Papps
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 Dec 11am + 2pm
\$23 single admission / \$61.50 for 3 tickets / \$78 for 4 tickets

Community Table Cafe & Bar
now open an hour before all events

Byron Theatre
Byron Community Centre
69 Jonson Street Byron Bay
Box Office hrs: 10am-4pm
Phone 6685 6807
for tickets & more info www.byroncentre.com.au

Fyah in my belly

Fyah Walk blaze up another big roots reggae session at the **Rails** in **Byron Bay** on **Friday** with two big sets starting at 7pm. The last few shows at the Rails have been huge so get there early for the full show and avoid the rush!

Uke It Up

The regular uke-addicts that come to Stukele's little Courthouse gathering, or should we say, **uke cult**, are planning a giant **uke fest** at the Courthouse with Christmas Carols and even a Santa on a uke. (I hope that's playing and not sitting on one!)

BYO uke and strum along with the fabulously wicked **Mae Wilde, Kathryn Jones**, uke royalty **Renee** and **Ben** from **Blackbirds** and of course **Miss Amber** and **Stukulele**. Only \$10 at the door or \$16 for families of 2 adults and 2 kids.

Xmas songbook is available from www.ukemullum.com. See Santa perform dirty blues uke like no-one else. **Wednesday December 21**.

Red Eyes

The Red Eyes firmly established their position as one of Australia's leading original dub/reggae acts. They have received critical acclaim for *Red Army* (2010), including a nomination for Best Blues & Roots Album at the 2010 Australian Independent Record Label Awards. The Red Eyes' brand-new single *Circles* is out now on iTunes and the Melbourne launch at Northcote Social Club on 15 October saw the start of their national *Circles* launch tour. The single reflects on the winding road that is the music industry and the crazy endless touring for live musicians. **Sunday** at the **Beach Hotel** from 4.30pm. Free entry.

Bay FM 99.9 program guide

THURSDAY
6am Planet Luv Glitter
9am Arts Canvass Karenna
11am Bohemian Beat Riddhi
12pm Juice Joint Tony Parker
2pm Audio Chocolate Rich
4pm Future Classics Matt Meir
6pm Crossroads Paul Martin
8pm Cruisin' for a Bluesin' The Honeydripper
10pm Booty Call Lainie
12am Gimme Shelter Rockstar Fee

FRIDAY
6am That Friday Feeling Nicky
9am The Spin Cycle Karin Kolbe
11am Page Turners/ Pip Morrissey Social Savvy Networking Russell & Maxim
12pm Mystery Train Mary Cannon
1pm Whirled Music Phil Hirst
2pm Grooveyard Teesha & Nilesh
4pm The Village Manie
6pm Chopsuey Rachy
8pm Submerged/Down & Out Si Clone/Slinky
10pm Rotation/B-BoyMixers POB/Elixza

SATURDAY
6am Bay Rock Tark
8am Musical Kaleidoscope Jill
10am Cowboy's Sweetheart Carrie D
12pm Blues from the Bay Anthony & Ken
2pm Paris Cat Alley Lou
4pm The Festival Express Tegs
5pm Radio Re-Generation Mother & Child
6pm Random Rhythms Ashgiri
8pm Diggin in the Archives Undertaker & Joan of Arc
10pm In the Vaults/ Matt Wardle/ The Hypnagogic State Ice Creme Kid

SUNDAY
7am Astro Alchemy Iris & Michael
8am Sounds of the 60's Alan E.
10am Jazz Moods Jean Brown
12pm Omnibus RG Pedicini & Les Schmidt
2pm Radio Latina Yolanda, Salvador & David
4pm The Bay Lounge aqua
6pm Roots & Culture DJ Selector
8pm Ice Cream Truck Fulton Hobbs
10pm The Space Between Mr Hugs

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SOUL REFERENCE AT BY THE RIVER RESTAURANT IN BALLINA ON SUNDAY

The Music that changed the world

Last July crowds at **Stokers Siding Hall** were wowed by *The Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show*. It was the biggest house the hall had ever seen. Those unable to fit into the hall created a mini-festival outside as the hymns of a generation were celebrated by the best

musicians in the Rainbow Region. Ecstatic crowds roared for more, and so with great enthusiasm Rainbow Region Gigs presents *The Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show*, a celebration of the timeless music of **Canned Heat, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Country Joe and the Fish, Arlo Guthrie, Jefferson Airplane, Joni Mitchell** and more. **S Sorrensen**, renowned author and comedian, is the Ringmaster, interspersing the songs with hilarious anecdotes and stories from the era. **James T**, who spent 10 years in Canned Heat, will play the songs he knows so well. Blues Mama **Lil'Fi** sings Janis Joplin with a unique authority that can only come from paying her dues and living the blues. **Jonathan Harvey** is only 19 years old but his soulful voice has a timeless appeal and is a perfect tribute to Hendrix. New to the show to play Hendrix's guitar is **Connor Cleary**. Hailed as one of the region's most impressive young guitarists, Connor breathes Hendrix from every cell. **Bill Jacobi's** groovy tramp-roots style will conjure Country Joe, Arlo Guthrie and Dylan. Worldfolk songbird **Andrea Soler** will channel the sweet purity of Joni Mitchell and mystical punk Diva **Diana Anaid** will sing Grace Slick as only one who has been down the rabbit hole can. They are all joined by the **All-Star-Full-Tilt-Band** who rock like it's 1967.

Friday at 8pm at the **Nimbin Bush Theatre** and 2pm at the **Byron Brewery on Sunday**.

In Your Stride

Following the release of their debut self-titled CD, **The Strides** are performing several shows in Sydney, Wollongong and the north coast, including an appearance with Afro Moses at the Darling Harbour Jazz and Blues Festival and a massive double bill at the Basement with Public Opinion Afrobeat Orchestra. They are joined by **Raz Bin Sam** at the **Beach Hotel** on **Friday** from 9.30pm. Free.

Carols

As has been happening in Lismore for 30+ years, and in the best tradition of King's College, Cambridge, **St Andrew's Choir** will join

with **St Carthage's Choir** in performances of Nine Lessons and Carols. Locally the music is selected and the choirs prepared by organist and musical director of both Lismore churches, **Warren Whitney**. The service commences with solo soprano singing *Once in Royal David's City* before being joined by the choir and then the congregation. Hymn singing, familiar and unfamiliar Christmas music are all presented between the nine short Bible readings celebrating the birth of Jesus. **Sunday** 7.30pm, **St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore** and **Tuesday**, 7.30pm, **St Martin's Anglican Church, Mullumbimby**.

Krash on Thursday

Multi-award-winning Australian artists **Ash Grunwald** and **Kram** have joined forces, and there's nothing they like better than making psychedelic improvised awesome rock blues together. Together they are **Krash**. Kram is mainly known as the drummer/ lead singer of Australian festival rock icons Spiderbait. **Thursday Beach Hotel** from 9.30pm. Free entry.

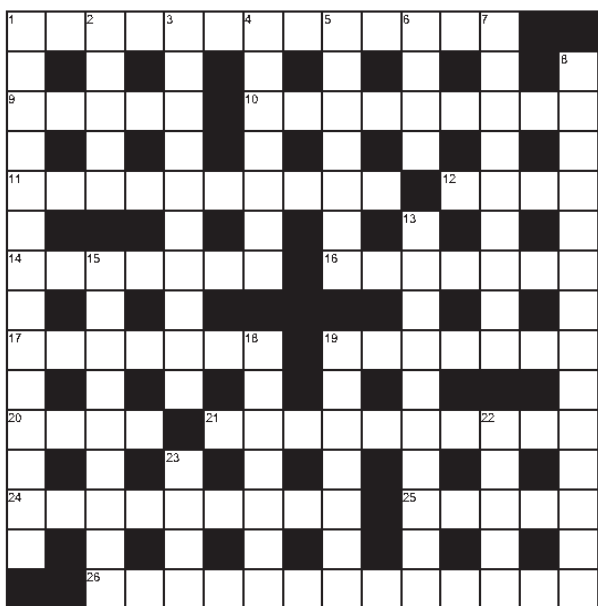
Angels at Twin Towns

With the recognised **Rick Brewster's Angels** combined with **Dave Gleeson** from the **Screaming Jets** they bring together a new wave of enthusiasm, as these stars join forces to create a new exciting chapter for the Angels band. Showcasing the band's new single as well as rocking the stage with all the classics as the new revitalised Angels leave you screaming for more. **Twin Towns** on **Saturday** at 8pm.

Their Province

It's been a productive year for local band **A Little Province**, as they toured the country playing festivals, headlining shows and performing alongside up-and-coming talent like **Eagle and the Worm, Kim Churchill** and **The Deckchairs**. Early 2011 the boys were selected to play at Byron Bluesfest after a competition with more than 70 competing artists. Catch them at the **Lennox Point Hotel** on **Friday** night.

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
 1. The only two certain things, according to Benjamin Franklin (5,3,5)
 9. Wheat or rice for instance (5)
 10. Type of nut used to flavour ice cream (9)
 11. Idiots, fools (10)
 12. Fire, dismiss (4)
 14. Compound containing water, usually in crystal form (7)
 16. Resident, inhabitant (7)
 17. Bullfighter (7)
 19. Pantomime hero, lover of Columbine (7)
 20. Negative votes (4)
 21. Declare, affirm (10)
 24. Output, often as radiation (9)
 25. Melbourne underworld figure Mick (5)
 26. Aesop's fable involving mice proposing an unworkable defence against the enemy (7,3,3)
- DOWN
 1. Aesop's fable involving one who begrudges others what he cannot enjoy himself (3,2,3,6)
 2. Warning, fright (5)
 3. Upside-down acrobatic positions (10)
 4. Roman god of the sea (7)
 5. Fought, struggled (7)
 6. Photography used by doctors (1-3)
 7. Rough coated terrier breed (German) (9)
 8. Proverbially causing a disturbance, risking trouble (7,3,4)
 13. Description of long shorts, like Bermudas (4-6)
 15. Wildly enthusiastic writing or music, originally hymn to Dionysus (9)
 18. Composer of "The Barber of Seville" (7)
 19. Old German penny (7)
 22. Absurd trick or stance (5)
 23. Child's plaything (4)

Cryptic Clues

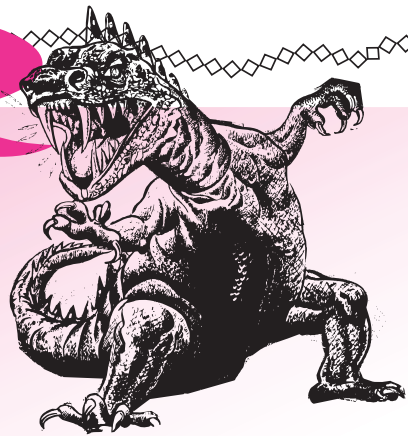
- ACROSS
 1. Texan had dates worked out – two certainties! (5,3,5)
 9. Corn? Broad smile hides a ... (5)
 10. ... wild hip coati's nut! (9)
 11. Deadens and selects proclaimed imbeciles (10)
 12. Container for fire (4)
 14. "Arid odium" said Spooner, requesting a water-based compound (7)
 16. Resident study: singular branch of Buddhism (7)
 17. Spanish idol turns around staff at morning (7)
 19. Pantomime character? Wharf rubbish! (7)
 20. Negative utterances from Arab, perhaps (4)
 21. Declare donkey – woman to assess (10)
 24. Measure a country's output (9)
 25. Get Yank's gun to gangster Mick! (5)
 26. Let giant belch unrestrained – it's a task none of the mice wanted! (7,3,3)
- DOWN
 1. One might, unfortunately, be in peril – but he's just begrudging others what he doesn't want himself! (3,2,3,6)
 2. Warning: Capone with gun! (5)
 3. Worker gets rises for acrobatics! (10)
 4. Write up melody – divine to the Romans (7)
 5. Fought – time America (South) went ahead (7)
 6. Take a picture of unknown Charles (1-3)
 7. Shun craze – wild for this dog (9)
 8. Weird chattering book – well, its stirring up trouble (7,3,4)
 13. Ken Glen – the maker of Bermuda shorts, perhaps (4-6)
 15. Myth – rabid, mad hymn to Dionysus! (9)
 18. Garnaut – popular with one composer! (7)
 19. Pig iron, two atoms of nitrogen inside, used to make old German coin (7)
 22. A new twitch – absurd posture (5)
 23. Round dance (4)

Last week's solution



Mungo's Crossword first published in *The Week*.

Culture



Feast of Art

If one thing holds true about Christmas, it is the permission to (over)indulge in food and drink.

Even the most parsimonious abandon themselves to the pleasures of the table and, with only nine days to go, **Art Piece Gallery** intends to put you in a festive mood. To thank our artists and clients, we are having a party and we'll get your juices flowing with a cornucopia of paintings depicting food, glorious food.

Local favourite **Hilary Herrmann** unveils a completely new body of work with luscious bowls of fruit in festive and jewelled hues.

Rene Bolten is as sumptuous as ever in paintings that carry the gravitas of history in their deep meditations on the pleasures of food. And **Robyn Sweaney** in *Strange Fruit* turns her quietly ironic eye to the dark dangers lurking behind the slick sheen of

perfection. **Oksana Waterfall's** drawings are all meticulously observed, reverential detail. So, come feast your eyes and soul on art, food and good company at Art Piece Gallery, 6pm till late, 70 Burringbar Street, **Mullumbimby, Friday**.

Christmas Comedy Virgins!

They're back. The next crop of **Mandy Nolan's** standup **Comedy Virgins**. Bigger, bolder and brasher than ever. For the past six weeks standup comedian, mother, writer and mentor Mandy Nolan has been teaching the gentle art of standup to 10 brand-new initiates. We have a real estate agent, a customer service consultant, a chef, a war veteran, an information technology wizard/visual artist, a mother of boys and reiki healer, a community sector

worker, a visionary, a town planner, a builder and a carer. These students have been wowing Mandy with their enthusiasm and their newfound ability. Mandy has been teaching standup comedy through Byron Shire ACE for well over a decade. She teaches them to get in touch with their struggles, their problems, what irritates them and rise above it. 'Comedy is the ultimate tool for revenge. It's the place where the oppressed can take out the oppressor. Comedy heroes are all Davids. Nobody likes Goliath.' Standup comedy is the ultimate way to improve your public speaking, to increase your confidence and overcome your fear of failure! Graduates all take to the stage after their short training to present their five-minute comedy routine in a real live comedy setting. With Mandy Nolan as MC, the comedy graduates fly in the face of fear at the **Byron Services Club's Pandanus Lounge** on **Monday** at 8pm.

Tix are \$10/15 and can be purchased at the door or booked on 6684 3443.

Byron Film Festival dates...

The ultra-dynamic and always-satisfying ten-day **Byron Bay International Film Festival** (BBFF) is shaping another exciting program. Each year a whole world of new ideas, perspectives and technologies light up the big screen at the **Byron Bay Community Centre**. Highlight **March 2-11** on your calendars.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to mix with locals, visitors from around the world and luminaries. Rub shoulders, share creative thinking, and immerse yourselves in the cutting edge of independent filmmaking. A number of workshops and panels will run throughout the

festival. These give interested participants access to an intimate understanding of the tools and trade of filmmaking. Visiting and local experts share their insights and passion for this significant creative medium. BBFF puts a strong focus on supporting and profiling local filmmakers and the north coast's extensive population of film professionals. Featuring a number of awards, including the Young Australian Filmmaker, this festival has become a powerful platform for exposure of promising film careers.

Learn to Sing

If you've ever wanted to sing, or sing more freely, or sing with more people, having more fun, **22 Jan** could be become a day you remember forever. Composer, vocal arranger and singer **Tony Backhouse** is one of the leaders in the Australasian *a cappella* movement. For 21 years he directed the famous gospel choir Café at the Gate of Salvation. Tony now lives in New Zealand and will be in **Byron Bay** for a **one-day workshop**. In his workshops Tony works with the passionate and exciting African-American repertoire, focusing on spirituals, gospel songs old and new, and choral and quartet styles, and embracing South African church songs, doo-wop, R&B and pop. The emphasis is on harmony, collective improvisation and freedom of expression. No music-reading skills are required, and you may tape the sessions. **22 Jan 10am-3pm Ewingsdale Hall**. Earlybird bookings before 22 Dec: \$75, bookings after 22 Dec: \$90. Contact Jessie Vintila contact@theluckywonders.com 0417 277 211.

**WHAT'S ON @ THE YAC...
 SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Friday nights @ the YAC
 Closed for 2011 – See you in 2012 with a new music program!

Barista Course
 Tuesday December 13th – 4 to 7pm \$50

Thank you to the awesome young crew from **Permaculture Challenge** for their amazing creativity in the gardens @ the YAC. Come on down and have a look!

BYS & the YAC is closing for Xmas
 Last day to pop in is Friday 16th Dec
 Re-opening 9th January

ph 6685 7777 Byron YAC
 Byron Youth Activity Centre (YAC) is managed by Byron Youth Service (BYS)
 1 Gilmore Crescent Byron Bay www.bys.org.au

Opera on screen

The repertoire for the **New York Metropolitan Opera Met Live** series has been incredibly diverse, with productions ranging from the Wagnerian grandeur of the recent *Siegfried*, through the tragedy of Puccini's *Madam Butterfly*, to the sensual passion of Bizet's *Carmen*. The latest opera extends that diversity even further with composer **Philip Glass's** inspirational opera of social change, *Satyagraha*. This spectacular production, a 20th century masterpiece, is an inspirational retelling of Gandhi's formative philosophical experiences as a young man in South Africa. *Satyagraha* screens at **Dendy Byron Bay Cinemas** on **Sunday** at 1pm and **Thursday 22** December at 10.30am. Tickets are on sale now for \$23-\$27, children \$15. Phone bookings 6680 8555.

Sharks, Whales + Sea Shepherd

Whale activists **Howie Cooke, Madi Pip** and **Dean Jefferys** will come together this week in Mullumbimby and Byron to share stories, videos and information with music from **Kevin James** and **Howie Cooke** to support and celebrate the wonders of the ocean and its creatures. Highlights of the recent inspiring Byron presentation by the founder of Sea Shepherd, **Paul Watson**, will also be screened. The events will be held at **Byron Community Centre, Wednesday**, at 5.30 pm and in **Mullumbimby** out the back of **Santos, Thursday**, 7.30. \$10 entry. The Wednesday night event will be live streamed free on the internet at 5.30 pm on <http://mialooz.com/>.



JUST KIDS COLLECTIVE CABARET AT CIRCUS ARTS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Collective Kids' Circus

In a long-overdue collaboration, **Circus Arts Byron Bay** and **Spaghetti Circus** join forces to bring you the ultimate kids' circus extravaganza. This collective circus cabaret features the best of the Northern Rivers youth circus performers, showcasing their remarkable skills both on the ground and in the air.

Get ready for a fabulous feast of energetic circus entertainment including cloudswing, triple trapeze, Spanish web, swinging trapeze, contortion, acrobatics, teeterboard, trampoline, chair handstand, duo silks, hula hoops and pitching. Don't miss this incredible team effort by the circus stars of tomorrow! Directed by **Tanya Bilaniwskyj / Sainttina De Moleay** (Circus Arts) and **Simon Adams** (Spaghetti Circus).

Friday and Saturday at the **Byron Entertainment Centre** at 7pm with a **Saturday matinee** at 2pm. Tix are Adults \$14 / Children \$10. Tix Circus Arts 6685 6566 or Spaghetti Circus 6684 3038.

Film a Waste Land

Filmed over nearly three years, *Waste Land* follows renowned artist **Vik Muniz** as he journeys to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of 'catadores' - self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. His collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate images of themselves with garbage reveals both the dignity and despair of the catadores. A heartwarming film, *Waste Land* shows the transformative power of art, the alchemy of the human spirit, and the importance of recycling. **Mullum Flicks** presents this Sundance Film Festival Award-winning film on **Saturday** at 8pm with dinner at 6.30pm. Tix are \$12 at Mullum Bookshop.

Sketchy Ladies

Get your pencils out for one last time this year with **Dr Sketchy's Xmas Striptacular**. Guests in the theme of Victorian elegance meets HG Wells meets Tim Burton

will likely receive much praise and gifts from the glorious and seductive **Miss Mae Wilde**.

For a special Christmas treat we have a spectacular line-up! Brisbane's buxom burlesque beauty, **La Viola Vixen**, will be igniting a few Christmas lights in the pantsall region of the wildly whooping crowd, and providing ample curves for bohemians to be inspired to great feats of artistic excess. Accompanying Viola will be the sultry headmistress of Dr Sketchy Brisbane, **The Diamond Dahlia**. **Miss DD** is a dark and mischievous minx with killer curves and porcelain skin, so our howling crowd of postmodernists will be well pleased. It's also expected that the gypsy accordion siren **Ivy Lucille** will also find her way to the stage and into your heart. **Byron Brewery and Buddha Bar** on **Tuesday** from 6.30pm. This is an 18-plus event.

NY with Fiona O'Loughlin!

Finish 2011 with a laugh and book yourself a seat for the wildest ride on the north coast when the **Ballina RSL's Big Gig** hosts their annual **2011 New Year's Eve Comedy Festival**. House MC **Mandy Nolan** welcomes one of her favourite comedians to the stage, a woman the media have declared as 'arguably one of Australia's finest comedians': Alice Springs mother of five, **Fiona O'Loughlin**. The 2011 NYE Comedy Festival at the Big Gig starts at 7.30pm with doors open from 6.45pm. **Gerri Loong** will be playing during the dinner with comedy to follow. Tix are \$59.90 and include a two-course meal. Bookings - 6686 2544.

SUNDAY SAFARI

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@ Railway Park

Byron Summer Market
Mon 2 Jan, 2012
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Stars

WITH LILITH

After the weekend full moon's total eclipse with its tidal dips and swells in human moods, Mercury finally moves out of retrograde and this week surrenders to serious festive frenzy...



- ♈ ARIES:** In a holding pattern since July, Uranus moving forward in Aries ignites enough tonic optimism and psychic adrenalin to fuel you through the seasonal hit list. Regarding zigzagging plans and arrangement alterations: in the same way rolling stones gather no moss, closed lips gather no feet.
- ♉ TAURUS:** They tease you for being cautious, but who's laughing this week because they have backup contingency plan B in place? But you still need Tauran self-improvement guru Wayne Dyer's motivational mantra: *When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change...*
- ♊ GEMINI:** Sure, your planetary ruler Mercury in Sagittarius wants to have fun, but the backwash from Gemini full moon total eclipse's emotional king tide is still rippling through personal - and particularly partnership - interactions. It's a sobering thought that one person's fun can be another's nightmare. Tread gently.
- ♋ CANCER:** Right now the joker's wild and anything can happen: good, bad or right off the Richter. But no matter how bizarre or downright mean-spirited people are, be guided by that wise, ever-quotable Cancerian, the Dalai Lama: *Choose to be optimistic, it feels better.*
- ♌ LEO:** Note to self: losing it and making a wrong move this week could be financially and emotionally expensive. Meanwhile, midweek Leo moon teamed with Mercury's giant leap forward sees you in fine furry form party planning, charming the crowd, working the room, ruling the roost...
- ♍ VIRGO:** So this week's people are inconsistent and unreliable. Aren't you, variable Virgo, always busy improving things and making changes for the better? Especially with red hot chilli pepper Mars activating you to clean up your act on so many different levels? That's

- yours, not someone else's.
- ♎ LIBRA:** With money too tight to mention and even shopping sports getting tense and edgy, it's time to call in your resources, get those art skills pumping and summon up the wow factor for your seasonal festivities without it costing a wad. Because if Librans can't, who can?
- ♏ SCORPIO:** Following the full moon total eclipse in your house of personal transformation, this week offers a dazzling chance for one of your phoenix-like growth spurts if you're up to the challenge. Keep it real even if you have to proceed by feel. And most importantly, drive carefully.
- ♐ SAGITTARIUS:** With Mercury jetting out of retrograde in Sagittarius with all the clarity and speed you need to power through the festive agenda, this week you're moving fast, thinking big and talking up a storm. Just don't make the mistake of believing people really want your honest opinion.
- ♑ CAPRICORN:** Pluto's button-pressing and Mercury's introspection haven't been much fun lately, but Venus in Capricorn brings this week some sweet heat. Take the occasional breather for inspiration that arrives when your mind's not flat chat - they say if you don't go within, you might go without.
- ♒ AQUARIUS:** With communicator Mercury moving forward in your house of friends, family and community, and planetary boss Uranus exploding out of its half-year hibernation in action sign Aries watch out, because you won't be able to hide. But you will be able to finally make those overdue changes.
- ♓ PISCES:** Piscean Einstein believed our most important decision is whether our world is hostile or friendly. Choose friendly and you could rack up karmic flybys playing fence-mender in this week's family frictions, office factions and social politics, using words of praise and appreciation as super glue.

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Byron Bay Photographer Heath Missen laid the foundations of his career holding staff positions for *The Melbourne Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. Heath departed the world of

photojournalism to pursue his own commercial and editorial brand. Now travelling with 15 years of experience across the creative industries Heath Missen Photographer and Gallery is located at 10, 18 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay.

Heath regularly contributes portraiture, lifestyle, food, wine and travel images to national magazines, design agencies, commercial, individual and a growing stable of local clients.

In 2009, Heath's work was shortlisted for the TPOTY international travel photographer of the year award. In the same year Heath was nominated by Capture Australia for the top ten photographer awards. Through his years in photojournalism, Heath twice received the Melbourne Press Club Quill Award for Excellence in Feature and News Photography and was a Walkley finalist.

Heath's personal works have been exhibited in New York, London, Melbourne and Sydney.

Locally, Heath is delighted to announce a relationship with The Channon Gallery who now exclusively represents his most recent body of personal analogue and digital



works that explore dusk and forms relationship with landscape.

Photographer Heath Missen also regularly contributes to Common Ground, Byron Bay and has recently launched 248one.com.au, a photographic blog and weekly newsletter showcasing personal observations of the landscape, community and daily life that is Byron Bay.

For further details and to view more of Heath's work, please visit his personal websites or visit Heath Missen Photographer and Gallery in The Arts and Industry Estate.

www.heathmissen.com.au

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CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

'One Again' is an exhibition of colour, vibrancy and high-quality works by artists from throughout the region, many local to Kyogle. Each year at this time the Roxy Gallery conducts an exhibition with gift-giving in mind. The works on display and for sale in this exhibition can be purchased and removed from the gallery prior to the closure of the exhibition, allowing people to organise their Christmas gifts in time. 'Once Again' will be on display until 28 January 2012, allowing plenty of time for people to stop into the gallery and admire the creative talents residing in our local area. A variety of works from photography, prints, drawings, ceramics, and fabric have been arranged to produce a very spectacular exhibition.

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The latest exhibition to be opened is 'Bessie Gibson: An Artistic Life'. This exhibition showcases Gibson's exquisite miniatures alongside accomplished larger portraits in oil, and watercolours that exemplify her flair for colour and fluidity of line.

The Gallery Gift Shop stocks many unique handcrafted gifts, including jewellery, silk scarves, ceramics, glass, felt, woodwork, small artworks and gifts for children. A small selection of good-quality art books, including works on Robert Hannaford and Euan Macleod, and the beautifully illustrated *Seven Little Australians*, also make excellent gifts.

To finish your visit enjoy the glorious views from the Gallery Café while having a light lunch or coffee. Gallery and café open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-5pm (closed on Christmas Day).

2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah. Phone 6670 2790, www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweedart



Rouge, blanc et bleu (previously known as *Debutante in red shawl*) – late 1920s. Oil on canvas.

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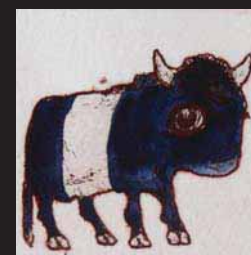
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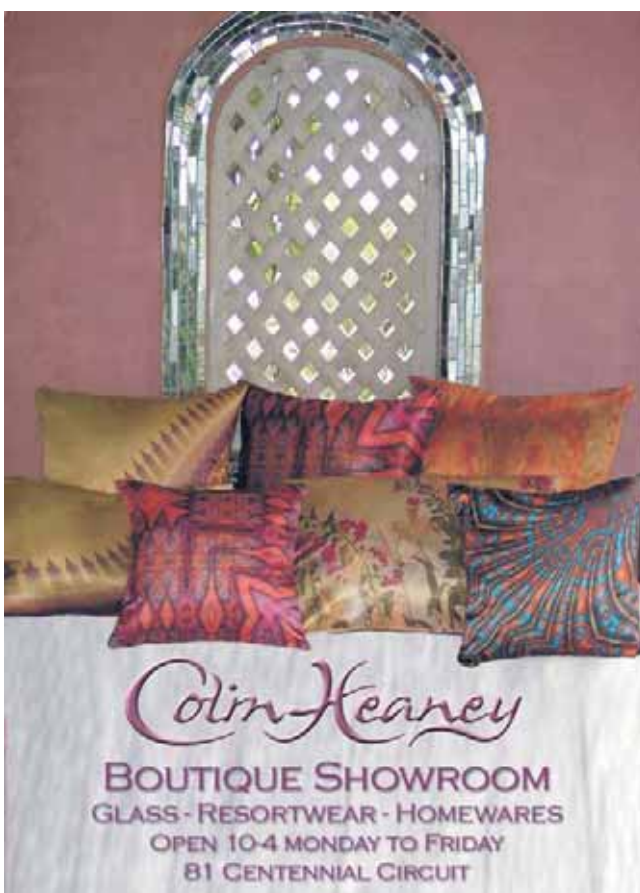
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Fri 16 Dec 6.30pm Official Opening: *Bessie Gibson: an artistic life* All are welcome to join us for the opening of this beautiful exhibition. Gibson family members will be present

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Television Guide

1. That handy boxer and dishevelled actor Micky Rourke got a Golden Globe but should have picked up an Oscar as well for his role as a has-been pro wrestler who stages a tragic comeback in **The Wrestler** (TEN, Saturday, 9pm), definitely one of the best films of 2008. A test of a work of art is that it can take a dangerously kitschy area such as 'championship' wrestling and imbue it with pathos and humour, evoking a real empathy for the characters who inhabit this seedy but heartfelt half-world.



2. Julie Gayet and Michael Cohen star in the French romantic comedy **Shall We Kiss?** (SBS1, Sunday, 10.10pm). When Gabriel and Emilie meet by chance, they spend the evening enjoying each other's company. Emilie declines Gabriel's offer of a kiss without consequences and in flashbacks we see her reasons for doing so, how indulging your desires can affect someone else's life.



WEDNESDAY 14

ABC 1
4.00 rage (G) 5.00 Strictly Speaking 5.30 Spicks And Specks 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 How Earth Made Us 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Henry VIII 1.30 Bush Slam 2.00 Bed Of Roses 3.00 Kids' Programs 3.00 Country House Rescue 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Outnumbered 8.30 QI (M) 9.00 The Thick Of It (M) 9.35 Absolutely Fabulous 10.05 The Trip (M) 10.35 Late Edition News 10.45 Comedy Roadshow (M) 11.30 The Neanderthal Code 12.20 Ten Minute Tales 12.30 Absolutely Fabulous 1.00 The Trip (M) 1.30 Chaser's War On Repeats (M) 2.00 W-League Football: Brisbane v Adelaide

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Mega Builders 8.30 Undercover Princesses 9.30 The 27 Inch Man 10.20 5&M: Short And Male (M) 11.20 Across The Andes (M) 12.20 Animal Cops 1.10 Scrapheap Challenge 1.55 Close

ABC NEWS 24
4.00 7.30 4.30 State To State 5.00 Newshour 6.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 2.30 Australia Network News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 5.45 Arts Quarter 6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45 Culture Quarter 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Dispatches 9.00 The World 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 10.45 Culture Quarter 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Asia Focus 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Dispatches

SBS 1
5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Movie: Mataharis (PG 2007) Spanish drama 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Global Village 6.00 Letters And Numbers 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Explore Patagonia to the Pampas 8.30 One Born Every Minute (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: Heading South (M 2005) French drama

11.50 112 Emergency (PG/M) 1.20 Weatherwatch

SBS 2
5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Chef At Home South America 7.00 Taste Takes Off 7.30 Inspector Rex 8.30 The Killing (M) 9.35 Movie: Eastern Plays (M 2008) Bulgarian drama 11.10 Movie: The Murrumbidgee Coast (M 2004) Portuguese drama 1.15 Weatherwatch

TEN
6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Huey's Kitchen 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News

7TWO
6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Sons & Daughters 9.00 Home & Away 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Designing Women 11.30 Beautiful Homes And Great Estates 12.00 Ghost Whisperer (M) 1.00 Hart To Hart 2.00 Five Mile Creek 3.00 Murphy Brown 3.30 Growing Pains 4.00 Mad About You 4.30 Who's The Boss 5.00 Doctor At Large 5.30 Are You Being Served?

ELEVEN
6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Neighbours 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 The King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Futurama 9.30 The Cleveland Show (M) 10.30 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cash Call (M) 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

ONE HD
6.00 Liverpool Football 9.00 Pro Bull Riding 10.00 NBL Basketball - Cairns v Melbourne 12.00 Rok Adventure 1.00 World Rally Championship 2.00 NFL Total Access 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 Jeopardy! 4.00 Beach Patrol 4.30 Airline 5.00 I Fish 6.00 Jeopardy! 6.30 Beach Patrol 7.00 Cops 7.30 Ice Road Truckers 8.30 Cops (M)

9.30 The Killing (M)
10.30 NFL Total Access
11.30 National Football League 2.00 Omnisport 2.30 Bundesliga Football 5.30 FA Cup Classic

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: Love's Unfolding Dream (PG 2007) US drama. Erin Cottrell, Scout Taylor-Compton 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue 7.30 World's Strictest Parents 8.40 Criminal Minds (M) 9.40 The Pacific (M) 11.35 30 Rock 12.10 Sons And Daughters 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News

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6.00 Bargain Hunt
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances
7.40 Heartbeat
9.45 The Bill (M)
10.50 Six Feet Under (M) 12.00 McCallum (M) 1.40 Shortland Street 2.00 Home Shopping 3.30 Room For Improvement 4.00 Coronation Street 4.30 Emmerdale 5.00 Home Shopping

7MATE
6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena 5.00 The Drew Carey Show
6.00 My Wife And Kids
6.30 Garry Unmarried
7.00 That '70s Show
7.30 Pimp My Ride
8.30 Hardcore Pawn (M)
9.30 American Pickers
10.30 Banged Up Abroad (M)
11.30 The Sexy Ads Show (MA) 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Home Shopping 3.30 Room For Improvement 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping

NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Entertainment Tonight 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 RBT 8.25 Lotto 8.30 Sherlock (M) 10.30 True CSI (AV) 11.30 Weeds (MA) 12.00 Eclipse Music TV 12.30 Take 40 Stars Of Summer 1.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.30 Home Shopping 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News

GO!
6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Seinfeld

GEM
6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.05 Friends 1.30 The Golden Girls 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Today

THURSDAY 15

ABC 1
4.00 rage (G) 5.00 National Press Club Address 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Country House Rescue 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Tess Of The D'Urbervilles 1.30 Mother And Son 2.00 Bed Of Roses 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 River Cottage 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Jimmy's Food Factory 8.30 Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas 9.25 Greatest Cities Of The World New York 10.15 Late Edition News 10.25 Bastard Boys (M) 11.25 Live From Abbey Road: The Enemy, Antony And The Johnsons 12.15 Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas 1.05 Elephant Nomads Of The Namib Desert 2.00 WNBL Basketball: Canberra v Sydney Uni

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Bega Builders 8.30 Arrested Development 9.00 Warehouse Comedy Festival (M) 9.30 Graham Norton Show 10.15 Ideal (M) 10.45 Peep Show (M) 11.15 Psychoville (M) 11.45 Beautiful Noise: Kathleen Edwards 12.45 What Would Happen If... 1.10 Scrapheap Challenge 2.00 Close

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SBS 1
5.00 World News 6.45 UEFA Champions League - LIVE 9.10 World News 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Global Village 6.00 Letters And Numbers 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 My Sri Lanka 8.00 Luke Nguyen's Vietnam

8.30 The Family (M)
9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: Dirty Pretty Things (MAV 2002) UK drama 11.45 Movie: The Colonel (M 2006) French drama 1.45 Weatherwatch

SBS 2
5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Chef At Home South America 7.00 Taste Takes Off 7.30 Trails From The East The Balkans 8.30 UEFA Champions League 10.00 Movie: Volver (M 2006) Spanish drama 12.05 Movie: Carnage (M 2002) French drama 2.25 Weatherwatch

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ONE HD
6.00 Serie A Football 8.00 Bundesliga Football 10.00 NBL Basketball - Sydney v Adelaide 12.00 MotoGP Classic 1.00 Save Point 2.00 Jaguar Adventure 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 Jeopardy! 4.00 Beach Patrol 4.30 Airline 5.00 I Fish 6.00 Jeopardy! 6.30 Beach Patrol

7.00 Cops
7.30 Extreme Fishing
8.30 Movie: The Skeleton Key (M 2005) US drama. Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands 10.45 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 11.45 UFC 140 Prelims 12.45 National Football League 3.15 Omnisport 3.30 Serie A Football

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: The Colour Of Magic (PG 2008) Part 1 of UK adventure. Sir David Jason, Sean Astin 2.30 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue 7.30 The Amazing Race 9.00 Movie: The Waterboy (M 1999) US comedy. Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates 11.00 Outsourced 11.30 30 Rock 12.00 Trauma (M) 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News

7TWO
6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Sons & Daughters 9.00 Home & Away 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Designing Women 11.30 Beautiful Homes And Great Estates 12.00 Ghost Whisperer (M) 1.00 Hart To Hart 2.00 Five Mile Creek 3.00 Murphy Brown 3.30 Growing Pains 4.00 Mad About You 4.30 Who's The Boss 5.00 Doctor At Large 5.30 Rising Damp 6.00 Bargain Hunt 7.00 On The Buses 7.30 The Royal 8.30 Stonehenge Decoded 9.40 The Bill (M) 10.40 Six Feet Under (M) 11.45 America's Court 12.10 The Mole 1.10 Australian Open Tennis Classic: 2006 Baghdadis v Nalbandian 3.30 Shortland Street 4.00 Coronation Street 4.30 Emmerdale 5.00 Home Shopping

7MATE
6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 6.00 My Wife And Kids 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 Swamp People 8.30 The Blasters 9.30 Operation Repo (M) 10.30 Jail (M) 11.30 Campus PD (M) 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Quantum Leap 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Xena 5.00

Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping

NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Entertainment Tonight 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Getaway 8.30 Unforgettable (M) 9.30 CSI: NY (M) 10.30 Nothing Trivial (M) 11.30 Rubicon (M) 12.30 The Baron 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 Infomercials 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News

GO!
6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Seinfeld 6.30 Wipeout USA 7.30 I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here 8.30 Two And A Half Men (M) 9.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.30 Movie: Into The Blue (M 2005) US adventure. Paul Walker, Jessica Alba 11.40 South Park (MA) 12.30 Wipeout USA 1.30 Reno 911 (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones

GEM
6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.05 Friends 1.30 The Golden Girls 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Today 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Friends 8.30 Movie: Brokeback Mountain (M 2005) US drama. Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal 11.15 Conan (M) 12.10 Murder, She Wrote 1.05 Friends 1.30 The Golden Girls 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Today

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FRIDAY 16

ABC 1
4.00 rage (G) 5.00 Can We Help? 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Invasion Of The Crocodiles 11.00 Chopper Rescue 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Land Girls 2.10 William And Kate: A Royal Love Story 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.25 World Café Asia Yunnan 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 My Family 8.30 Midsomer Murders (M) 10.05 The Old Guys 10.35 Late Edition News 10.50 Adam Hills In Gordon St Tonight (M) 11.50 Tracey Ullman's State Of The Union (M) 12.15 rage (MA)

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 River Monsters 8.30 Friday Night Lights 9.30 Wake In Fright (M) 11.15 Spellbound 12.50 Blade Of The Immortal (M) 1.15 Root Of All Evil (M) 1.40 Close

ABC NEWS 24
4.00 7.30 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45 Rural Quarter 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.30 One Plus One 9.00 The World 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 10.45 Rural Quarter 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Asia Focus 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 One Plus One

SBS 1
5.00 World News 6.45 UEFA Champions League - LIVE 9.10 World News 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Global Village 6.00 Letters And Numbers 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Coast 8.30 As It Happened War for the Atlantic 9.30 World News Australia 10.05 My Penis And Everyone Else's (MA) 11.10 Movie: The Manual Of Love (M 2005) Italian romantic comedy 1.10 Movie: Everything (MA 2004) UK drama. Ray Winstone, Jan Graveson 3.00 Weatherwatch

6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch
6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond
7.30 So You Think You Can Dance
10.00 Sex And The City (MA)
11.00 Hit Rater.com 11.30 Cash Call (M) 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

ONE HD
6.00 Serie A Football 8.00 Pro Bull Riding 9.00 Fiberglass & Megapixels 10.00 Bundesliga Football 11.00 NFL America's Game 12.00 Omnisport 12.30 National Football League - LIVE 3.30 Jeopardy! 4.00 Beach Patrol 4.30 Airline 5.00 4x4 Adventures 6.00 Jeopardy! 6.30 Beach Patrol 7.00 Cops 7.30 Master Of Disaster 8.30 An Idiot Abroad (M) 9.30 Miami Swat (M)

10.30 NBL Basketball Adelaide v Wollongong
12.30 NBL Basketball - Wollongong v Perth 2.30 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 3.30 Omnisport 4.00 Australian Rally Championship 5.00 Goodwood Revival

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: The Colour Of Magic (PG 2008) Part 2 of UK adventure. Sir David Jason, Sean Astin 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue 7.30 Better Homes & Gardens 8.30 Lewis (M) 10.30 Natural Mysteries 11.45 Perfect Couples 12.15 The Gibb River Road And Beyond 2.00 Home Shopping

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6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 6.00 Red Bull X-Fighters International Series 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 Gene Simmons Family Jewels 8.30 My Name Is Earl 9.30 Reaper (M) 10.30 Jersey Shore (M) 12.30 Malcolm And Eddie 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Quantum Leap 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Xena 5.00

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NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Entertainment Tonight 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 Evening News 6.30 A Current Affair 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 Movie: Ocean's Thirteen (PG 2007) US crime. George Clooney, Brad Pitt 11.00 Movie: On Deadly Ground (AV 1994) US action. Steven Seagal, Michael Caine 1.00 Movie: West (AV 2007) Australian drama. Khan Chittenden, Nathan Phillips 3.00 Skippy 3.30 Entertainment Tonight 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America

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6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Movie: Another Cinderella Story (G 2008) US comedy. Selena Gomez, Jane Lynch 7.50 Movie: Shrek 2 (PG 2004) Animation 9.50 Movie: The Girl Next Door (MA 2003) US comedy. Emile Hirsch, Elisha Cuthbert 12.00 South Park (MA) 12.30 Undercovers (AV) 1.30 Rubicon (M) 2.30 Reno 911 (M) 5.00 Bratz 5.30 Tamagotchi!

GEM
6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.05 Friends 1.30 The Golden Girls 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Today 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Richard Hammond's Invisible Worlds 8.30 Law & Order (M) 9.30 Movie: The Libertine (MA 2004) UK drama. Johnny Depp, Richard Coyle 11.50 Conan (M) 12.45 Psychic TV 2.15 Movie: His Majesty O'Keefe (G 1953) UK action. Burt Lancaster, Joan Rice 4.00 Movie: The Dancing Years (G 1948) UK musical drama. Dennis Price, Patricia Dainton

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SATURDAY 17

ABC 1 5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Choccywoody... 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 Finance Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 The World This Week 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Catalyst 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Message Stick 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Foreign Correspondent 4.00 ABC News 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 5.30 One Plus One 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 Culture Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 Tonic 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Message Stick

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7.30 Fear Factor 8.30 Forensics Under Fire (M) 9.30 48 Hours (M) 10.30 NBL Basketball Gold Coast v Perth 12.30 NBL Basketball: Adelaide v Wollongong 2.30 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 3.30 Bundesliga Football 4.30 Omnisport 5.00 Lost Prophets PRIME 6.30 Kids' Programs 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 2.00 That '70s Show 2.30 Movie: Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG2004) US comedy. Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia 4.30 A Man And His Dogs 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 No Leave No Life 7.00 Michael Buble TV Special 8.00 The Smurfs' A Christmas Carol 8.30 Carols In The Domain LIVE 11.00 A Lion Called Christian 12.00 Movie: 48 Shades (M 2006) US comedy. Richard Wilson, Robin McLeavy 2.00 Home Shopping

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MONDAY 19

ABC 1 4.00 rage (G) 5.00 Stuff 5.30 Collectors 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Best Of Landline 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Monarch Of The Glen 1.30 The Free Range Cook 2.00 Bed Of Roses 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 Grand Designs 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Who's Been Sleeping In My House? 8.30 The Hour 9.30 Kevin McCloud's Grand Tour Greece 10.35 Lateline (M) 11.30 Darling Buds Of May 12.20 The Hour 1.20 Poirot (M) 3.00 Bowls: Australia v RSA

ABC NEWS 24 4.00 ABC News 4.05 The World This Week 4.30 One Plus One 5.00 Newshour 6.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 2.30 Australia Network News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 5.45 Technology Quarter 6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45 Health Quarter 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Dispatches 9.00 The World 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 10.45 Health Quarter 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Asia Focus 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Dispatches

8.30 Burn Notice (M) 9.30 Blue Bloods (M) 10.30 Movie: Streets Of Blood (AV 2009) US drama. Val Kilmer, Sharon Stone 12.35 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 2.35 Omnisport 3.00 Arsenal Football PRIME 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: All I Want For Christmas (G 2007) US romance. Jimmy Pinchak, Gail O'Grady 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Megastructures 8.10 Highway Patrol 8.40 Criminal Minds (M) 9.40 Air Crash Investigations 10.40 Royal Pains (M) 11.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians (M) 12.00 Auction Squad 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News

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SUNDAY 18

ABC 1 5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 ABC News 9.30 The World This Week 10.00 ABC News 10.40 Christianity: A History 11.30 Songs Of Praise 12.00 Beachcomber Cottage 1.00 7.30 Select 1.30 Message Stick (M) 2.00 The Story Of India 3.00 Opera: La Boheme 5.00 Dance Academy 5.30 Sergei Prokofiev's Peter And The Wolf 6.00 Yellowstone 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Schools Spectacular 2011 8.30 Upstairs Downstairs 9.35 When Teenage Meets Old Age

ABC NEWS 24 4.00 Big Ideas 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Australian Story 6.30 Message Stick 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Select 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Big Ideas 8.45 Food Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 The World This Week 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Dispatches 12.00 ABC News 12.30 Tonic 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Message Stick 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Australian Story 4.00 ABC News 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 5.30 Catalyst 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Foreign Correspondent 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Tonic 10.00 ABC News 10.30 The World This Week 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Australian Story 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 7.30 Select 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Message Stick

Factor 8.30 Volvo Ocean Race 9.30 Pro Bull Riding 10.30 World Of Free Sports 11.00 NFL Total Access 12.00 National Football League - LIVE 3.15 Omnisport 3.30 Airline 4.00 4x4 Adventures 5.00 World Championship Sailing LIVE - Perth 8.00 Cops 8.30 Movie: 48 Hrs. (MA 1982) US action. Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy 10.35 NBL Basketball - Melbourne v Townsville 12.30 National Football League 3.00 Magic Of The FA Cup 4.00 Omnisport 4.30 World Of Free Sports 5.00 National Football League - LIVE PRIME 6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Business Builders 10.30 Kids' Programs 2.10 That '70s Show 2.40 Movie: Miracle (PG 2004) US drama. Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson 5.30 New Zealand On A Plate 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The Vicar Of Dibley 7.30 Dog Patrol 8.00 Coastwatch 8.30 Bones (M) 9.30 Castle (M) 10.30 Royal Pains (M) 11.30 Love Bites (M) 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 Seven News

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TUESDAY 20

ABC 1 4.00 rage (G) 5.00 Gardening Australia 5.30 First Tuesday Book Club 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Rivers 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Seven Ages Of Britain 1.30 Meerkat Manor 2.00 Bed Of Roses 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 Turn Back Time 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Nigella Kitchen 8.30 Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas 9.35 Grumpy Guide To Christmas 10.35 Late Edition News 10.45 Spooks (M) 11.40 The Pursuit Of Excellence 12.40 Carols From St Patrick's 1.40 Monarch Of The Glen 2.30 Movie: Holiday Affair (G 1949) US comedy. Robert Mitchum, Janet Leigh

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10.10 Hot Docs (M) 11.50 Movie: Casanegra (M 2008) Moroccan drama 2.10 Weatherwatch SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Chef At Home 7.00 Taste Takes Off 7.30 Lost Worlds Dragons of the sea 8.30 As It Happened The Last Christmas: December 1944 9.30 Movie: Orchestra Seats (M 2006) French drama 11.20 Movie: Goodbye Lenin! (M 2003) German drama 1.30 Weatherwatch

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MONDAY/TUESDAY
FREE POOL

THURSDAY 15
7:00pm

RAFFLES

FRIDAY 16
7:30pm

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7:30pm

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SUNDAY 18
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WEDNESDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM HOWLING BELLS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM LEIGH JAMES
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM FOR FOLKS SAKE
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON SURFBOARD GIVEAWAY W DJ SANCHEZ
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 7PM OPEN MIC W MARIO
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 5.30PM SHARKS, WHALES & SEA SHEPHERD: HOWIE COOKE, MADI PIP & DEAN JEFFERYS
- LALA LAND, BYRON DOUBLE TROUBLE
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON WICKED WEDNESDAY
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON BEACH PARTY
- EMPIRE CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM RICH LATIMER
- YAMI'S, BRUNSWICK HEADS 4PM LEWIS BUNJALUNG WALKER OPENING ART EXPO
- LENNOX PUB TRIVIA

THURSDAY 15

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM WAYNE EVANS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM KRASH W FINGERS MALONE ENSEMBLE
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM NATHAN KAYE SOLO 10PM PIANO BAR W MICK BUCKLEY
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM LIVE MUSIC W RAGGJUMP
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 6PM COCKATOO PAUL
- LALA LAND, BYRON BRETT SELLWOOD
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON PSYCHOLOGY PSYTRANCE NIGHT
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 8.30PM THE LUCKY WONDERS
- MULLUMBIMBY BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM ANDREA SOLVER & BAND, LIL FI & THE CANDY APPLES
- SANTOS, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM SHARKS, WHALES & SEA SHEPHERD: HOWIE COOKE, MADI PIP & DEAN JEFFERYS
- LENNOX PUB JAM NIGHT W BENNY
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM BRAINTEASER'S TRIVIA

FRIDAY 16

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM WOLF MOTHER + ENGINE THREE SEVEN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM BEACHY FRIDAYS CHEAP DRINKS + NIBBLIES W DEM 2 9.30PM THE STRIDES W RAZ BIN SAM
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM FYAHWALK
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 4.30PM DJ GOODIE 8PM ALAN BOYLE
- CAFE DIP, BYRON 7PM DOUBLE

DIPPED DISCO 4: DJS AL ROYALE + DAN JUPITER

- BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 7PM JUST KIDS: COLLECTIVE CIRCUS CABARET W SPAGHETTI CIRCUS & CIRCUS ARTS
- LALA LAND, BYRON AND OH! + NUBI
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ QC + DJ JIMMY D
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM DJ DALLAS & HAPPY HOUR
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 8.30PM ANDY
- COORABELL HALL 8PM RAPS KALLION W IVY LUCILLE
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM THE HOMBRES
- MULLUMBIMBY BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM PHIL EMMANUEL W DIRE STRAITS SHADOW SHOW
- MULLUM FARMERS MARKET 8.30AM MICK MCHUGH
- ART PIECE GALLERY, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM FEAST EXHIBITION OPENING
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM WITNESS PROTECTION
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM PHIL & GAZ DUO
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY HALL 7.30PM A CHOURED TASTE CONCERT 2
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM SHYBABY
- MURWILLUMBAH RSL CLUB 7.30PM THE CHRIS COOK BAND
- TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY 3PM AFTERNOON TEA & POETRY W HEATHER MATTHEW
- RIVERVIEW 8PM SWAMPHOUSE
- LENNOX PUB 70'S THEME NIGHT - LATE FOR WOODSTOCK
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM GLEN MASSEY
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM THE SONGS OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY
- KIRRA BEACH HOTEL KIRRA 6PM MUMBO JUMBO
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 8PM JON J BRADLEY
- NORTHERN RIVERS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM JIMMY WILLING PRESENTS THE BEER GARDEN OF EDEN W BURLESQUE SHOW & MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 17

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM SMASHED CRABS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM DR RHYTHM + CUTLOOSE W SURECUT KIDS
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM RAGGA JUMP
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM ALICE BLU EP LAUNCH + DALI & THE PAPER BAND
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE

THEATRE 6.30PM VISION DANCE PRESENTS THIS IS IT

- BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 2PM & 7PM JUST KIDS: COLLECTIVE CIRCUS CABARET W SPAGHETTI CIRCUS & CIRCUS ARTS
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM DJ GETKANE + HAPPY HOUR
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON LADIES NIGHT
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON HED KANDI SPECIAL EVENT
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 8.30PM KINDLING DUO
- LALA LAND, BYRON RHYS BYNON
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM THE RAIN
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM LOU BRADLEY
- MULLUM CIVIC HALL 8PM MULLUM FLICKS: WASTE LAND
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM ONE 2 MANY BAND
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8.30 MICK BUCKLEY
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM THE ANGELS
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- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF 2.30PM TWO RIVERS BLUES
- GREENHILLS ON TWEED 1PM MICK DALEY

MONDAY 19

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM DAN HANNAFORD
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM PHIL & GAZ DUO
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TUESDAY 20

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM HARRY HEALY
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- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM THE RAILS 30TH BIRTHDAY FEAT CHRIS ARONSTON
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ATTACK THE BLOCK

Aliens – monsters in general, really – need to have a 'look'. Everybody's got one that they trade on, from Kylie to the Dalai Lama, and the proprieties of sci-fi are no different. In cinema there has been, for some time now, a sameness about the creatures who lob here from outer space. The benign visitors look like shrivelled-up old men with over-sized heads (ET and Paul), while the meanies who only want to destroy us generally appear to have come out of the Transformers mould. The

best thing about this vigorous but disappointing movie is that the unidentifiable beings who crash to Earth Brixton (London), in a blaze of fireworks (much the same as they did in the superior *Cloverfield*), are refreshingly different in their design. They are black blobs, with no eyes and giant, Piranha-like teeth that glow in the dark (that's how you know that they're there – that and their fearsome banshee screaming), and they are susceptible to a Samurai sword being run through their guts. The gang whose fate it is to flee from and fight them are a bunch of West Indian

toughs who were doing a spot of mugging when contact was made. The group of teens, you are meant to understand, are not really bad, despite pulling a knife on a defenceless nurse late at night, just victims of society (sigh). Among them is a token white boy and, film-school crusading though it might be, it is encouraging to say that for a change. Coming from the stable that gave us *Shaun Of The Dead*, I expected a tongue-in-cheek tone, but the few attempts at humour are lame, with an emphasis instead being placed on the redemption of Moses, the handsome head hood. The edit is fast and the blood and gore well done, but there is too much action and not enough story, and visually, far too many tight shots. Why the camera can't be pulled back a bit more often these days beats me. **John Campbell**

Hayek) that, for all I know, may have prowled in from *To Catch A Thief*. The plot, requiring close scrutiny, is derailed somewhat by an over-long flashback to the orphanage where Puss met Humpty, but the animation is loaded with the sort of inventiveness that can't fail to stimulate fertile young minds (which is unarguably an excellent thing). There is also enough wit and irony in the dialogue to keep grown-ups entertained, but the approach feels helter skelter – as though the creators were trying to fit in every new idea that came into their heads. It's good fun and the kids around me seemed to enjoy it, but for mine it had neither the emotional gravity of *Rango* nor the varying and believable characterisations of *Cars 2*. The best is saved till last when the cats do a beaut dance routine at the Glitter Club. **John Campbell**

the page that can never be replicated in the cinema. Not quite there, either, despite Tilda Swinton's fantastic portrayal of the psychologically imploding Eva, is a closer understanding of the novel's sometimes unreliable narrator. The opening is an overhead, long-held shot of people jammed together, splattered with tomatoes at a festival in Italy. Rather than celebratory, it is a claustrophobic, unsettling image and it perfectly sets the tone of the domestic terror that follows. Apart from John C Reilly in the very back-seat role of the father, the casting of

Ezra Miller and Jasper Newell as Kevin (teenager and kid) is so spot on as to make your blood run cold – you'll never see anybody eat a lychee with the dripping malice that oozes from Newell. The house too – spacious but spare, hard-surfaced but full of light – is a clinically astute setting. In the nature-versus-nurture debate, the movie sides more heavily with the former than does the book, but suggests in its final scene that we might find some sympathy in our hearts for Kevin. I couldn't. **John Campbell**

PUSS IN BOOTS

As a general rule, it's fair to say that the split screen is no more than a gimmick. Used as a gentle prod to round up wavering attention, it is unusual to come across it in a cartoon feature – but yes, it was called for in this latest, over-worked outing of the *Puss in Boots* fairy tale. Dreamworks Studios, considered by experts to be running a close second to Pixar/Disney (I can't tell the difference), have produced a ravishingly beautiful movie that, in most sequences, fairly glows with golden light. Opening with an oddly risqué scene in which Puss (Antonio Banderas) is dressing and leaving a cute Persian, whose name he can't remember, after a night of love, the story then follows a long, circuitous route, set in Quixotic Spain, that has our hero in pursuit of a handful of legendary beans. During his adventure Puss teams up with a rather unctuous Humpty Dumpty (Zac Galifianakis) and, in a peculiar mish-mash of characters, encounters Little Boy Blue, Jack and Jill, a septuagenarian Jack of Beanstalk fame, the Goose that lays the golden egg and, among others, a sexy black cat (Salma

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN

Not since the ultimately disappointing *Memoirs Of A Geisha* have I looked forward so much to the adaptation of a favourite book. And with only a few niggling reservations would I say that Lynne Ramsay's film is wholly satisfying. The gripping, suffocating novel by Lionel Shriver, compiled as a series of letters written by the increasingly distraught mother of a manipulative and cruel son, is a classic slow burn that leads to a shattering, only-hinted-at climax. The movie, however, commencing with a clatter of flashbacks and then continuing through deliberately jarring time jumps, seemed to me to give away too much at the outset of what it is that Kevin ends up doing (in fairness, the second part of the two-pronged revelation is withheld to telling effect). So I was surprised when my companion, unfamiliar with the book, disagreed that the climax had been flagged. There is also an indefinable 'certain something' missing – that intimacy of

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The Restaurant at The Byron at Byron
Breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days
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Byron Bay
6639 2111

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The Balcony
 Breakfast, lunch & sunset balcony dining
 Cnr Jonson St & Lawson St, Byron Bay
6680 9666
 www.balcony.com.au

A sophisticated blend of flavours and textures with an ever changing menu. For breakfast, lunch or dinner and tapas all day, matched by an exciting wine list and arguably the best cocktails in town. Your taste buds will be tantalised and so will your eyes as you look over the streets of Byron and enjoy the eclectic vibe of The Balcony Bar & Restaurant.

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 Lunch & Dinner 7 days
 Wategos Beach, Byron Bay
6685 5366
 raes@wategos.com.au

Casual relaxed seaside dining overlooking the picturesque Wategos beach. Using the freshest produce and seafood from throughout the region. Rae's is an iconic restaurant with a reputation as the best in the area.

Muoi's Feast
 Lunch: Tues-Sat
 Dinner: Mon-Sat
 11 Fletcher St, Byron Bay
 Bookings Essential
6685 7557

Muoi's Feast has created a strong following since opening in 2003. Winning numerous awards for its international cuisine, the Asian section of the menu is the predominant favourite. Enjoy for lunch or dinner.

ITALIAN AT THE PACIFIC
 Open for Dinner & Cocktails 7 days from 4pm till late
 Next to the Beach Hotel Bay Street
6680 7055
 italianatthepacific.com.au

Italian at the Pacific provides a bustling atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine. We're introducing an exciting menu of taste plates, antipasti, fresh pastas and main dishes. With our new Ocean View Bar, we ensure all our guests have the opportunity to enjoy some of Byron's finest cocktails and wine.

BYRON BAY PIZZA CO.
 OPEN 7 DAYS
 B'fast & Lunch (8am-2pm)
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 THE KIOSK @ The Byron Bay Tourist Village (Sunrise Bvd)
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 Open Fri, Sat, Sun
 Lunch 12-3pm
 Dinner 5-10pm
 139 Newes Rd, Coorabell
6684 7348
 Bookings essential

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 dining@fins.com.au
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 Sundays 10.30am-3.30pm
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6688 2361
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How sweet was my corn

Victoria Cosford



Hurling towards Lismore I am perplexed by signs, black paint on small white boards, which shout out SCORN. Scorn? A protest? An underground movement? Political comment? Then suddenly my head clears at the sight of a blotch beside the S: it's sweet corn, of course, farm gate or roadside stall.

Sweet corn for my mother would be just another vehicle for butter. Jane Grigson describes the experience beautifully: '... one could not take to sweetcorn in the years of butter rationing. Butter it must have, plenty of it, to bathe the yellow grains and dribble down one's chin, as one chews away.' And yet I do not recall being served as much sweetcorn on the cob throughout my upbringing as the creamed corn that comes in tins, which my mother liked to offer her girls for breakfast, on toast.

Sweet corn is the one vegetable which absolutely should be eaten as soon after it has been picked as possible. ('... botanically green, but... gastronomically ripe', says Waverley Root). This is due to its highly efficient process of converting sugar into starch as it matures, rendering it essential to pick while still immature, at what is referred to as its milk stage. Mark Twain recommended placing a kettle of water in the middle of a cornfield, building a fire under it and, as soon as the water has begun to boil, picking those corn ears within reach and shucking them directly into the kettle. Jane Grigson herself suggests that 'in an ideal world, you should put a pan of water on the stove to heat up, then go out and cut the cobs.'

So how fresh is the corn you buy in a supermarket? It scarcely bears contemplation. Far better to buy the frozen product if you cannot source it from a farmers market or roadside stall or, best of all, your own garden so the water is simmering as you extricate it from the soil.

Sweet corn, a variety of maize with high sugar content, is a member of the grass family. Originally grown by the Native Americans, it now comes in more than 200 varieties thanks to its easy hybridisation. Its fruit is the corn kernel; its entirety is called an ear before submitting to consumption, at which point it becomes a cob. Those delicate filaments which wreath themselves around the ear are appropriately named the 'silk', and the tightly furled leaves enshrouding everything are called the husk.

It is the husk which is used for the wrapping of Mexican tamales, the little packages of food enclosed in dough, then husk, before being steamed. But it is the explosively sweet juicy little kernel with which, certainly on most tables, we are familiar. For a long time I was daunted by sweet corn, not terribly sure how to approach its preparation in a recipe that called for only the kernels. And then I found out how ludicrously straightforward it was: the simple scraping down with a knife to detach them, the inconsiderable amount of time bubbling away till tender in barely salted water. As it turns out it remains a vegetable whose form I prefer to be at its purest, the entire cob boiled for seven minutes, drained then enrobed in salted butter and, if I am not too impatient, a grinding of black peppercorns, then gnawed at in a primitive and undignified fashion.

You can of course do fancy things like flavouring your butter with chilli or fresh herbs - coriander is wonderful - or lemon rind, and instead of boiling the cobs you can barbecue them until they begin to excitingly char. Keep the husks on if you do it this way, first folding them back to strip away the silky threads. 'You are supposed to get messy when eating corn-on-the-cob, and enjoy it': there, we have Jane Grigson's permission.

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 72 & 72a Burringbar St, Mullumbimby
Cafe: 6684 2220
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 Breakfast & Lunch
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 www.yumyumtreecafe.com.au

The 'Yum Yum Tree' was a traditional meeting place for the first Australians of our area. A place to take sustenance, and catch up with old and new friends. Come notice the extra flair, enthusiasm and personal touch of the Yum Yum Tree Café team, a collection of professional, down to earth people, enjoying their day serving you the tastiest meals and drinks.

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Overlooking the sparkling blue waters of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Twin Towns is Horizons restaurant. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere with casual indoor or al fresco dining where you can take in our spectacular views. Bring a friend to Horizons for High Tea available Monday to Saturday in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm for an extra special afternoon delight!

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Most are aware of the two wonderful Santos healthy food stores on Jonson St, Byron Bay & Burringbar St, Mullumbimby, but did you know that you can also shop at the Santos Warehouse? Small enough for personal care, large enough for competitive prices, we have been supplying high quality biodynamic, organic & natural products to Byron Shire & beyond since 1975. We continue our commitment to sourcing as locally as possible. Encouraging community.

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6680 9779
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A uniquely Byron uniquely Asian Emporium with everything you need for cooking Asian food - from Korea and Japan through China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, India and even into the Middle East. Spices and rices, groceries, fine teas and teapots, Yum Cha dumplings ready to eat in the store or frozen to take home, fresh noodles and tofu PLUS gorgeous exotic gifts, homewares and furniture.

Pro-Am inaugural run a success



Veteran legend of the fairways Mike Ferguson shows what style is all about on Friday during the inaugural PGA Legends Pro-Am at Ocean Shores. Photo Jeff 'Well Below Par' Dawson

After three previous postponements, the inaugural Ocean Shores PGA Legends Pro-Am got underway in great conditions last Friday.

Even after 75mm of rain on the previous two days, superintendent Shane Heaney and his staff had the golf course in superb condition.

Over 120 amateurs battled it

out for over \$3,000 in prizes, with Damon Neale winning the afternoon competition shooting 42 points. Shannon Murnane was the best of the morning players with 39.

A stellar line-up of over 50 Legends from the PGA Seniors Tour took to the course with the amateurs in what turned out to be a fantastic day.

Jim Lapsley from New Zealand took top honours with a great score of 67, with Jeff Woodland, Ricki Mangan and John Martin tying for second with 69.

The positive feedback from both the professionals and amateurs has ensured this as an ongoing event and was a resounding success.

Crankin' what's happening surfside

Kyuss King

The Byron Bay junior added another trophy to the cabinet over the weekend at the Wahu Grom Comp held at Palm Beach Queensland.

Kyuss surfed his way through a strong field of competitors in the 13s division over the two-day event and score a 15.4 out of 20 in his semi to secure his place in the final. He finished third overall in the finals.

Bruns Boardriders

The BBC held their 2011 presentation in Brunswick Heads on Saturday.

Dan Johnston was the man of the year taking out the seniors, opens and club champion, and young Oli Sheridan the kid to

beat, winning both the groms and juniors.

Congratulations to: Fleas: first Jett Dickinson, second Casey Joe Sheridan and third Kaya Thackery - Most Improved Sam Chandler. Flea Girls: first Tiare Lee and second Paris Guyler. Groms: first Oli Sheridan, second Jacob Chandler and third Jett Dick-

inson - Most improved Jaden Thackery. Juniors first Oli Sheridan, second Zane Smith and third Bawoo Cockatoo. Seniors first Dan Johnston second Trent Foreman and third Corey Strickland. Masters first Steve Foreman, second Phil Sheridan and third Seppy. Opens first Dan Johnston and second Trent Fore.

CONGRATULATIONS

KIEREN PERROW

2011 Pipeline Masters Winner

from everyone at *The Echo*

Byron and FNC junior of the year



Byron Bay Junior Surf Life Saving Member Alex Barnes has been selected as the Byron Bay and the Far North Coast Jun-

ior Female Surf lifesaver of the year. Riley Buckley, pictured right with Alex, was Byron Bay's Male Contestant. Alex

and Harrison Murphy from Lennox Head SLSC have both been selected and will represent the FNC Branch together with Branch winners from all over NSW to contest the Male and Female NSW Junior Surf Lifesaver of the year for 2012.

The award is a way for clubs and branches to recognise their under 14-members' achievements in surf life saving and the contributions they have made to surf life saving at all levels and within the community. Both Alex and Harrison will now go to the state trial where they will be interviewed about their help and promotion of surf life saving whilst meeting and bonding with the other representatives.

The winners will be announced at the 2012 State Age Championships.

Photo Monica Falconer

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Byron Bay Men
Tuesdays Handicap Singles winner is Gavin McPhail.

Saturday social bowls winners are Bob Macaulay and Ray Henderson.

Christmas Mixed Pairs overall winners Kym Quinell and Syl Reid with Lorraine Earea and Dick Aldridge runners-up. The losers section was won by Michelle and Michael van Runt with runners-up Michelle Mantell and Laurie Freeman.

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Men

03 December Mixed Social
R Fenwick, M Thorne 22 def J Evans, R Gower 21. D Stevens, P Thompson, J Morgan 22 def I Pettendy, T Fenwick, J McKay 15. P Hanna, R Wainwright, J Towner 16 def T Henry, G Naoum, A Bartlett 10.
Mixed Fours Championship Final
Congratulations to S Thomas, K Wriggley, K Wriggley, D Blake in overcoming a very tight finish with C Thorne, J Canabou, G Henry, L Henry 20 to 17. Well played all participants in this Championship. Please consider nominations for the Mixed Pairs.

07 December Men's Social games were washed out so an intense theory session was undertaken

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Women

06 December Social
R Wainwright, J Kidman (Rink W) def R Mills, B Croft. J Ball, S Thomas, J Towner def E Walker, J Lee, B Reglin. S Brown, H Robb def R Wrigley, G Henry. Raffle S Thomas.
2011 Club Championships are:
Fours Winners, R Thompson, D Lobb, K Freeman, B Croft. Runners Up, I Pettendy, S Brown, B Reglin, J Towner.
Triples Winners, D Lobb, R Wrigley, K Freeman. Runners Up, I Pettendy, R Thompson, J Towner.
Pairs Winners, B Croft, J Towner. Runners Up, J Lee, H Robb.
Major Singles Winner, K Freeman. Runner Up B Croft. Minor Singles Winner, S Thomas. Runner Up, J Lee.
Consistency Winner, B Croft. Runner Up J Kidman.

Ocean Shores Men

Mon 5/12 Triples 1ST L Campbell, K Hosie & R Roberts. R/U P Davison, K Roberts & Chicho.

Tues 6/12 Twilight Mufti 1ST J Cornwell, G Johnston & T Baggio. R/U E Miller, D Gardner & L Johnston

Sat 10/12 Singles 1ST S Warren 2ND P Quirke 3RD R Roberts. Summer Cup 1ST K Roberts, 2ND B James 3RD P Quirke. Norfolk Rules A late charge by Billy Priest to be this weeks shirtboy.

Daily surf reports with Rusty Miller!
- echonetdaily.net.au

☉ First quarter	December 2	20:52
☾ Full moon	December 11	01:36
☽ Third quarter	December 18	11:48
☀ New moon	December 25	05:06

DECEMBER 2011 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 T	0540	1929	1120	0018	0145, 1.27; 1340, 1.53	0722, 0.62; 2027, 0.44
2 F	0540	1929	1215	0018	0241, 1.27; 1432, 1.41	0821, 0.68; 2115, 0.49
3 S	0540	1930	1308	0051	0336, 1.30; 1530, 1.31	0927, 0.71; 2201, 0.52
4 S	0540	1931	1400	0122	0430, 1.34; 1630, 1.25	1034, 0.70; 2247, 0.53
5 M	0540	1932	1452	0153	0520, 1.41; 1730, 1.23	1141, 0.66; 2333, 0.52
6 T	0540	1932	1545	0226	0606, 1.48; 1824, 1.23	1238, 0.59
7 W	0540	1933	1638	0300	0649, 1.56; 1913, 1.25	0015, 0.51; 1326, 0.52
8 T	0540	1934	1731	0337	0729, 1.62; 1957, 1.26	0056, 0.51; 1408, 0.45
9 F	0540	1935	1825	0418	0808, 1.68; 2038, 1.28	0134, 0.50; 1447, 0.40
10 S	0540	1935	1918	0504	0845, 1.73; 2117, 1.29	0213, 0.49; 1525, 0.35
11 S	0541	1936	2009	0554	0922, 1.77; 2157, 1.29	0250, 0.48; 1601, 0.32
12 M	0541	1937	2056	0648	1000, 1.78; 2237, 1.30	0330, 0.48; 1640, 0.31
13 T	0541	1937	2141	0745	1041, 1.78; 2319, 1.30	0410, 0.48; 1720, 0.31
14 W	0541	1938	2222	0844	1122, 1.76	0454, 0.50; 1801, 0.31
15 T	0542	1939	2300	0944	0005, 1.31; 1205, 1.71	0542, 0.52; 1845, 0.32
16 F	0542	1939	2337	1043	0055, 1.32; 1252, 1.64	0634, 0.55; 1932, 0.34
17 S	0542	1940		1144	0148, 1.35; 1345, 1.55	0732, 0.57; 2022, 0.36
18 S	0543	1941	0013	1245	0245, 1.40; 1445, 1.46	0839, 0.59; 2115, 0.38
19 M	0543	1941	0050	1347	0345, 1.47; 1553, 1.39	0952, 0.57; 2211, 0.39
20 T	0544	1942	0129	1452	0445, 1.56; 1704, 1.35	1109, 0.51; 2308, 0.40
21 W	0544	1942	0213	1559	0545, 1.67; 1814, 1.34	1220, 0.42
22 T	0545	1943	0301	1706	0642, 1.78; 1917, 1.35	0005, 0.39; 1325, 0.31
23 F	0545	1943	0355	1811	0737, 1.88; 2015, 1.37	0100, 0.38; 1422, 0.22
24 S	0546	1944	0454	1912	0830, 1.94; 2110, 1.38	0153, 0.37; 1515, 0.17
25 S	0546	1944	0557	2007	0920, 1.97; 2200, 1.39	0245, 0.36; 1603, 0.15
26 M	0547	1944	0701	2055	1008, 1.94; 2248, 1.39	0335, 0.38; 1649, 0.17
27 T	0547	1945	0804	2137	1054, 1.88; 2334, 1.37	0425, 0.41; 1733, 0.22
28 W	0548	1945	0905	2215	1137, 1.77	0513, 0.46; 1815, 0.29
29 T	0549	1946	1003	2249	0020, 1.36; 1219, 1.64	0600, 0.52; 1855, 0.37
30 F	0549	1946	1058	2321	0105, 1.34; 1300, 1.51	0648, 0.59; 1934, 0.44
31 S	0550	1946	1151	2353	0151, 1.34; 1342, 1.38	0739, 0.66; 2014, 0.49

Times Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Time lags:
Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Highway Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 30 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Bruns Heads	6628 4495
1st SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
1st SAT Lismore Con Artists	0407 124 991
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6687 8618
2nd SUN Alstonville	6628 1568
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
3rd SUN Uki	6679 5921
3rd SUN Nimbin	6689 0000
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
5th SUN Lennox Head	6687 8618
5th SUN Nimbin	6689 0000

FARMERS MARKETS

Each TUE New Brighton	6684 5390
Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6684 5390
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530

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Ocean Shores Women

21/9/Mixed Social: - Cancelled due to rain. 9/12: Ladies Social: P Sullivan, R Wrigley, M Hosie (Winners on Highest Margin) d J Lofts, M Bertoli, F Crowder; J Busch, C Timewell, M James d L Wright, J Williams, G Johnston. Xmas. Parties next Wed. & Friday. Manymoon - Create a task or project from this email

BRIDGE

Ocean Shores
7/12: Xmas. Party. Instant Scoring: 9 Table Mitchell/N-S: 1st gross: J Smith/P Kiernan; 2nd gross: B Stephens/Partners. E-W: 1st gross: F Star/C Chidlow; 2nd gross: S Porter/N O'Brien. We meet @ Ocean Shores Country Club every Wed. evening. Seated by 6:30pm. Contact Pam 66803871. Bridge will be played all over the Xmas. season.

GOLF

Ocean Shores Ladies
Tuesday 6 December 2011. Stableford. Div 1 Winner J Maddock 39 R/Up J Hoffman 37 Div 2 Winner E Roe 39 R/Up M Byron 38 Div 3 Winner L Moir 43 (fantastic) R/Up M Kelly 33 c/b.
NTP Div 1 C Killion Div 2 M Byron Div 3 L Moir Vouchers to 33 c/b.
Saturday 10 December 2011 Stableford. Winner B Allan 41 R/Up C Killion 36. Vouchers to 33.
Ocean Shores Men
Monday 5 Dec - Medley Stableford
1st Bruce Cumming 37, 2nd John Starcic 37, 3rd James Sullivan 37
Wednesday 7 Dec - Single Stableford
PRD Real Estate
Div 1 - 1st Ron Moylan 42pts, 2nd Paul Montgomery 41pts, 3rd John Price 40pt
Div 2 - 1st Russell Handyside 42pts, 2nd Igor Blumenthal 41pts, 3rd Darren Jackson 41pts
Friday 9 Dec - Ocean Shores PRO-AM Legends Event
Professionals - Stroke
1st - Jim Lapsley 67, 2nd Rickie Mangan 69, 3rd John Martin 69, 4th Jeff Woodland 69
Amateurs - Single Stableford

Morning - Peter Moyle 39pts, 2nd Shannon Murnane 39pts, Mark Butler 39pts
Afternoon - 1st Damon Neale 42pts, 2nd C. Prull 40pts, 3rd Gavin O'Donnell 40pts
Saturday 10 Dec - Captains V President - 4BBBB Stableford
President side won 16-12
1st K.Cameron & A.Cahill 47pts, 2nd B.O'Donnell & M.McPherson 46pts, 3rd M.Chapman & D.Gibbs 45pts

TABLE TENNIS

Mullumbimby
Mark Smith was in great form to take out the singles final 4-1 from Chris Strybos. After going down 12-10 in the first set, Mark hit some spectacular shots and counter-attacked seemingly impossible to return smashes, to win convincingly.
All welcome, play is at the Mullumbimby Tennis Clubhouse, Byron Street Mullumbimby, thursday evening 6.30pm start. Also, build on your skills with our new table tennis robot. Enquiries phone Mark 04 09 47 35 17 or Chris 6684 1468.

SPORT DRAWS

SQUASH
Brunswick Heads
Wednesday 14/12/11
Round 1 - Perry Homes Comp
Cape Byron Medical Centre v. Inky Business - M.Stebbing v. J.Bristow, T.Dryden v. C.Walsh, J.Nicolson v. C.Booth, R.James v. C.Naughton
Occupational Health & Rehab Services v. Byron Bay Trophies - M.Underwood v. C.Ashworth, M.Virtue v. P.Hill, W.Knight v. P.Vanhorff, C.Johnston v. F.King
Brunswick Heads Pharmacy v. Ocean Shores Glass - B.Trivett v. T.Kropp, R.King v. Kijay, A.Li v. J.Gribble, B.Doran v. A.Cox
Coastal Voice & Data v. The Potato Works - G.Davis v. C.Littlewood, S.Moon v. G.King, R.Hughes v. R.Cameron, G.Carter v. S.McTeare
Monday 19/12 - Comps will go into recess

and re-commence on 16/1/12.

VOLLEYBALL

Brunswick Heads
Tuesday 13/12/11
Round 13 - J.V. Towing Comp
6.00 p.m. No Fly Zone v. Pure Blonde, Coolers v. Bounders, Squeakers v. Caged Lions.
Duty - Lounge Hogs
7.00 p.m. Lounge Hogs v. U.Q.s, Eagles v. Power Rangers, Bazinga v. Masala. Miagi's Fig Jam bye. Duty - Bounders
Thursday 15/12/11
Finals & Play-offs - Ocean Shores True Value Hardware Comp
6.00 p.m. Fill Ins v. Flukes, Volleys v. Mum's the Word. Duty - Exodia
7.00 p.m. Exodia v. Grogmonsters, Divas v. DMS, Kookaburras v. Chilli Twist. Duty - Mum's the Word
Comps will go into recess for the school holidays.

SLSC PATROLS

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Sat 17/12 10am-3pm Patrol 1
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The "proposed Byron Shire Identity" is on exhibition for a period of 40 days and is available at Council and community access points in the Shire or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition/.

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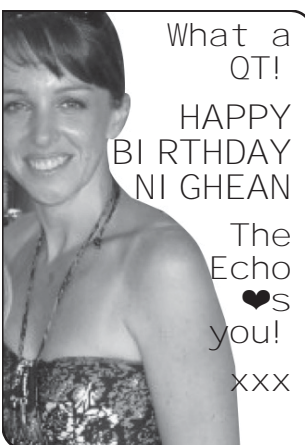
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Young talent shows benefits of mentoring

Talented young artists from across the region strutted their stuff at the recent ArtStart Northern Rivers Showcase at Byron Theatre, as part of a diverse and exciting program incorporating music, film, fashion, photography, sculpture, street art, writing and dance.

The event was the finale of Arts Northern Rivers Young Creatives Mentoring Project, a new initiative for 2011, which saw 12 young people aged 16 to 24 benefit from six months' mentoring with some of the region's most established and exciting creative professionals.

Among the achievements celebrated were the release of an EP comprising five original tracks written and recorded by 17-year-old Danika Smith from Alstonville with the help of mentor singer/songwriter Karen Hanna. One of the songs, *Oh Father*, brought Danika to the nation's attention as a finalist in Triple J's *Unearthed* High competition.

And the completion of a 60,000-word young adult novel by 21-year-old writer Clare Douglas from Nashua, under the guidance of mentor author/illustrator/graphic designer Martin Chatterton. During the mentoring period Clare also collaborated with Martin on a short story for a new anthology, soon to be published by Random House.

Arts Northern Rivers acting CEO and regional arts development officer Julie Clark says, 'All of the 12 participants in the project have made incredible progress, and should be extremely proud of their achievements. The standard of presentations we saw was exceptional,



Eliza McLeod, 16-year-old singer/songwriter from Lennox Head, with mentor Melia Naughton from *Scarlett Affection*. Photo Grant MacIntyre

from Ruby Teather's beautifully choreographed dance performance to Ria Tierney's stunning photographic study, Alex King's reflective short film, Jaz Who's stunning wearable art, to name just a few.

'Arts Northern Rivers has been thrilled to present this program for the first time in 2011, and are already making

plans to repeat it in two years' time, in 2013.

'I would like to say an enormous thank you to our mentors, who have so generously shared their specialist knowledge, their contacts and their enduring enthusiasm for their professions, in such a way as to set our young creatives on a path for success.'

The ArtStart Northern Rivers Young Creatives Mentoring Project is in an initiative of Arts Northern Rivers, supported by the Department of Education and Training NSW, through their ArtStart Youth Arts Skills Training Program. For more information go to www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au.

Play safe with Christmas lights

Essential Energy is encouraging householders to think about Christmas lights safety. Public safety spokesman David Harris said, 'LED lights tend to produce less heat than other lights making them a safer option while also reducing energy consumption.'

'Turning off your light display when you go to bed or out for the evening will not only make sure the lights are safe when you're not keeping an eye

on them but it can also make a difference to the amount of energy you consume.

'Avoid the dangers of overloading power points or boards with a maze of extension cords, plugs, and wires all coming from the same outlet and don't piggyback double adaptors.'

While most Christmas lights don't look that powerful, both indoors and out, the combined power of them can put undue stress on the home system.

To help householders in the lead up to decorating their homes for Christmas, Essential Energy has produced a handy checklist.

'Christmas light safety is about common sense,' David said, 'but to assist we've put together a few checkpoints to help people make safety a holiday tradition.'

See the checklist at www.essentialenergy.com.au/content/Safety-Community.

Page releases holiday emergency guide

Arming yourself with knowledge of how to deal with an emergency situation could be the difference between saving a life or losing one, according Member for Ballina Don Page.

Mr Page has produced a booklet titled 'Be Prepared In An Emergency' to be delivered to every household in the electorate.

It contains various information on preparations for flood and bush fire emergencies and also a resuscitation chart with the latest techniques and advice. There is also some timely

advice on keeping safe from snakes which are on the move in the region and what to do in the event of a bite.

Mr Page said, 'It is a great time of year to be outdoors with family and friends, in the water, camping, bushwalking or holidaying. Wherever you may be, the key is to be prepared.'

'It's a strong message which all the emergency services stand by - what you do today in preparation for an emergency could make all the difference.'

A creeking good time



From orienteering to creeking, the students of Goonengerry Public School embraced the wild and woolly weather on their recent school excursion to the Bornhoffen PCYC Camp near Murwillumbah. The camp is specially designed to develop confidence, communication and teamwork in young children (but it's actually just a lot of fun!). See more at www.goonengerry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/camp-bornhoffen.

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Mullumbimby CWA meeting Wed 14/12 9.30am followed by Xmas party. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries Andrea 6684 2222.

Ex-students meet

Mullumbimby High School ex-students and staff are invited to meet up on 28 December at the Byron Bay Bowling Club from 6.30pm with Deslie Daniels (Flick), on 29 December at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club from 6.30pm with Gillian Lomath (Archer) and on 30 December at the Hotel Brunswick with Carol Erskine (Gilmore) from 6.30pm.

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Manning's 24th

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Street stall

The Byron Lapidary Society Inc is having its last streetstall for the year in Mullumbimby on Fri 16 Dec at the corner of Burringbar and Stuart Sts at the taxi stand. Beautiful rocks, crystals, gems and jewellery are for sale. Come and buy for yourself and to get some great presents for Xmas. See you on the street. Look out for the flags.

Christmas fair

A Christmas Fair at Wilsons Creek Hall on Saturday 17 December from 8am. Seasonal certified organic produce from

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Country music social

Mullumbimby Country Music Christmas Social RSL, Sunday 18 December, Starts 11.30. Free entry. Saddle Tramp Band. Local and visiting artists with guest artist Tracey Devine. All Welcome.

Byron Bay market

The Byron Bay Xmas market is on this Sunday 18 December at the Butler St Reserve. Be entertained by the dynamic Wild Marmalade and be moved by Visions of a Nomad. Our charities, Homeless Breakfast and the Animal Welfare League, will be grateful for your support. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your dogs at home.

Dunecare day

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Qi gong

Qi gong classes in the pagoda at the lovely Mullumbimby Community Gardens on Wednesdays at 9.15am. Classes are free but we ask for a \$2 donation per person for the use of the gardens.

Harmony Day 2012

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for ladies at Uniting Church hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads, Wednesday 14 December from 10am. Gold coin donation. Enquiries Robin 6685 1097.

Christmas Day lunch

All invited to Uniting Church hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads, 25 December from noon. Alcohol-free; bring food

to share for main meal. Enquiries Robin 6685 1097.

Lions street stall

Thurs 15 Dec outside Mullum newsagency from 8.30am. Enquiries 6684 2491.

AGM

Byron Ballina Home Modification & Maintenance Service AGM at 11am on Tuesday 20th December at 1/65 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay.

Scrabble club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club meets Tuesdays 1.00 to 4pm in the Bowling Club, Old Pacific Highway, Brunswick Heads, just to the right as you enter the club. Cost \$4 (includes tea, coffee and biscuits). We will continue meeting every week over the festive season. Players of all levels of experience from beginners to those who've played forever are welcome, as are all lovers of words, word games, brain gym, anagramming and making new friends. Contacts: Barbara Nakkas 6685 0409, Trish Reynolds 6685 0208.

A Green Building Centre for Byron

Innovative and intelligent ways of building that are in harmony with our environment, and nourishing for people living and working in them – this is the inspiration behind a new Green Building Display Centre opening in the Arts & Industry Park in 2012.

Deb Preston, founder of Painted Earth, a retail shop in the Arts & Industry Estate, which sells a large range of eco-friendly paints & wood finishes, is the initiator of the new Green Building Centre. Via the customers who come into her shop Deb has had the privilege of seeing many example of green buildings and green building products. Eco-friendly paints

and finishes are one facet of the green building industry. Hence when Deb and business partner Dave Taylor were faced with the prospect of moving Painted Earth to larger premises, the idea of setting it up as a Green Building Display Centre seemed like a good idea whose time had come.

The Centre will showcase both natural building materials as well as the best of modern technologies that are environmentally responsible and energy- or resource-efficient. Displays will include clay render, hemp insulation, magnesium oxide wallboard, solar power, wind and hydro generators, eco

friendly flooring and furnishing options, bamboo, recycled materials and eco timber. There will also be weekly informational talks and workshops on green building products.

It will also be a resource for people wishing to employ green contractors – builders, architects, designers and tradespeople focused on building or renovating this way. 'Everything from siting and design, to construction, maintenance, renovation and demolition is important in green building,' says Deb.

Deb and Dave are interested to hear from anyone with green building products, or offering green building services, who would like to display them at the centre. They can be contacted at Painted Earth on 6685 7522 or info@house-paint.com.au.



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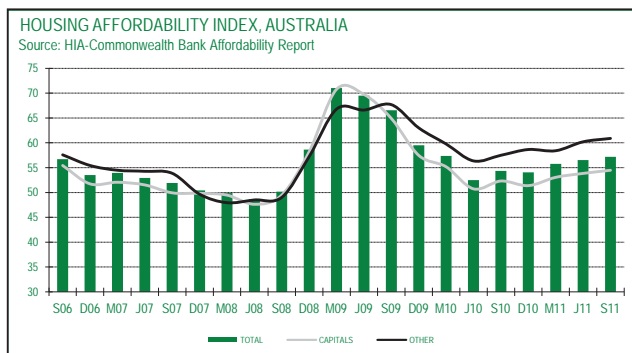
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Housing affordability improves for a third straight quarter

A lift in housing affordability in the September 2011 quarter marks the third consecutive quarter of improvement, meaning it is now just a little easier for those trying to enter the new-home market, says the Housing Industry Association. The HIA-Commonwealth Bank Housing Affordability Index improved by 1.2 per cent in the September 2011 quarter. The outcome took the Affordability Index to a level that is 5.2 per cent above the level registered in the September 2010 quarter.

'Continued earnings growth and a small decrease in mortgage lending rates worked to further improve housing affordability in the September 2011 quarter. These factors more than offset a modest increase in the median house price,' said HIA's senior economist Andrew Harvey. 'Affordability looks to now be trending in the right direction and with interest rate cuts in November and December we will hopefully see this trend continue.'



However, potential home buyers should be aware that these underlying factors could see housing return to sustained price growth at some stage in 2012.

'This possibility combined with an easing in the pressure for skilled trades means that now is shaping up as a good time to buy a new home for those financially able to do so.'

In the most recent quarter average weekly ordinary time earnings posted respectable growth of 1.2 per cent and mortgage lending rates were down by 0.03 percentage points. Meanwhile home prices rose by 0.3 per cent although they were down by 2.7 per cent over the year.

Housing affordability in the September 2011 quarter improved in Australia's capital cities with the exception of Hobart. Sydney improved by 1.9 per cent, Melbourne by 0.8 per cent, Brisbane by 0.7 per cent, Adelaide by 4.5 per cent, Perth by 0.4 per cent, and Canberra by 1.8 per cent. Hobart's affordability declined by 0.5 per cent over the quarter.

Outside of the capital cities, affordability improved in all non-metropolitan regions. New South Wales improved by 1.2 per cent, Victoria by 1.6 per cent, Queensland by 0.3 per cent, Western Australia by 1.3 per cent, South Australia by 6.6 per cent and Tasmania by 0.1 per cent.

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Property in Focus

The Beach House



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This Lady is going to auction on 21 January 2012 at 11.45am, if you would like to inspect call me, Peter on 0411 801 795.

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AUCTION PRICE GUIDE: INTEREST FROM \$545,000

9 CAMPBELL STREET, BANGALOW
To be auctioned on site 28th January
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AUCTION PRICE GUIDE: INTEREST FROM \$595,000

51 TRISTANIA STREET, BANGALOW
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Price Guide: Interest from \$595,000
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AUCTION 10AM ONSITE THIS SATURDAY INTEREST FROM \$645,000

14 SHELLEY DRIVE, BYRON BAY
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Property in Focus

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The options are endless for this property, from a perfect family home with plenty of room for the kids to play outside (maybe a pool can be in the future plans), to the ideal holiday home, just minutes' walk from the beach. There is also the opportunity for a dual occupancy, with full rear lane access, should you want to add another structure to the site.

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2 Silky Oak Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
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AUCTIONS

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

Auction 2pm onsite January 28th
328 Upper Coopers Creek Road, Rosebank. Sat 2-3pm

BYRON BAY PROPERTY SALES

Auction Saturday Jan 28th if not sold prior

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Auctions February 2012
297 Possum Creek Road, Possum Creek

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Auction 3pm Saturday Dec 17th
2/103 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
Auction 2pm Saturday Dec 17th
2/16 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Inspect Sat 1-1.30pm

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Auction January 28th
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Auction 10.30am onsite Saturday Dec 17th
74 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
Auction 12.30pm on site Saturday Dec 17th
1/22 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
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Auction 10am onsite Saturday Dec 17th
14 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Inspect Sat 9.30-10am

Auctions onsite January 28th

9 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12pm
51 Tristania Street, Bangalow. Inspect 12.30-1pm

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The passing of the hot potato continues as the approval of the North Byron Parklands concert venue near Yelgun, now with the potential for a festival up to 50,000 patrons and no day limit on 300-people events, goes from the planning minister's hands to the Planning Assessment Commission (www.pac.nsw.gov.au) for determination - see the ad on page 15. The decision may now be down to two people; one of them, Gabrielle Kibble, was an administrator at Wollongong City Council in the wake of an ICAC inquiry, and the other, Kevin Sproats, reported to the NSW government in 2001 on the possibility of amalgamating some of Sydney's councils. Both have had high-powered careers.

Local authors Louise Forster and Danielle de Valera will be talking writing with Pip Morrissey in Pip's Pageturners program at 11am this Friday on BayFM. Danielle has been a manuscript assessor since 1992 - see her Tips for Writers blog at <http://danielledevalera.wordpress.com>. Her most recent novel was shortlisted for the Byron Bay Writers' Festival Unpublished Manuscript Award 2011. Louise has just published her first novel *Finding Veronica*, a romantic comedy. Copies of this can be obtained from the Mullumbimby Bookshop or at www.louiseforster.com.

Belongil and Mt Warning both feature prominently in Byron filmmaker Dylan Wiehahn's video for New York band Young Magic's new single *Sparkly*. 'The whole crew for the video grew up around here,' said Dylan Wiehahn. 'Our main aim was to bring some of this area's magic to a global audience.' The video has been well received, featuring on indie music website giants Pitchfork.com and Stereogum.com. Take a look at dylanwiehahn.com.

Seen recently in the main street of Mullum: two men, otherwise apparently sane, armed with takeaway coffees. 'Are you up for it, Jonno?' says one. 'I'm up for it, Cokey.' 'But are you crazy enough?' At which point they raise their coffees as if to throw them, but then back away carefully from each other. Obviously the coffees were too expensive to use as duelling weapons.

There is a lot to be said for non-lethal duelling as a form of conflict resolution, perhaps with nerf guns (www.hasbro.com/nerf/en_AU/) or cream pies, and as public spectacle. It should be done with full formality, including the language of Jane Austen's era. It would brighten up public debate immensely. The loser would be required to give a reasonable donation to a local non-profit group. How Stuff Works has a good rundown of the process at <http://people.howstuffworks.com/duel.htm>. We're not sure what permits would be required from council and the police but it's worth a shot (sorry!).

Surprise, surprise, the outcome of the recent planning review launched by the state government is that most folks think the planning system is too complicated. Whoda thought?! You can comment further if you like after reading the issues paper at www.planningreview.nsw.gov.au.

Here's a possible upside to the dearth of affordable housing: According to a new survey conducted by house share website Easyroommate (au.easyroommate.com), flatsharers are increasingly expanding their cultural horizons and becoming fluent in foreign languages. The survey found that nearly three-quarters of people (72 per cent) who have experienced living with flatmates from foreign countries have a much better understanding of different cultures.

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