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Joan beats them at their own game

New Tweed shire mayor Joan van Lieshout reveals to *The Echo* how she survived the recent election campaign and came out trumps.

Madeleine Doherty

Newcomer Joan van Lieshout outwitted and outplayed the political veterans of the Tweed, taking the mayoral crown and the all-important casting vote on the Tweed Shire Council.

Liberal Party candidate Cr van Lieshout said she did not run for council to play party politics or to become mayor.

'I married a millionaire - I don't need the job,' Cr van Lieshout said.

As a woman, she has done it tough, raising four children alone after escaping an abusive marriage.

'I was out on the street with my children and had to get a Centrelink loan to pay the bond on a house,' she said. But she turned her life around working and raising her children with Jesus the only man in her life until she met and married Peter van Lieshout, a millionaire.

Being described as a woman who married a millionaire and a developer doesn't bother her because 'it's a fact'.

'But they define me by my husband, ignoring the previous 58 years of my life,' she said.

Her life experience has been invaluable for her survival and success.

'It absolutely brought me to where I am today. I think my conservative colleagues (Warren Polglase and Phil Youngblutt) thought I was just another woman.

'They underestimated me. Having been through an abusive marriage your antennas go up around people you don't trust. You learn to keep one step ahead,' she said.

As a very recent member of the Liberal Party she was whisked off to Sydney to be vetted by the party heavies before nominating as Liberal Party council candidate.

She was surprised when her conservative National Party colleagues did not offer the help and support she expected.

The baptism by fire came quickly when, on the first day of the campaign, Mr Polglase made it clear to her that he would be mayor and make her his deputy.

'It was then that I realised that if they think I'm that good I'll go it alone,' Cr van Lieshout said.

She distanced herself from Mr Polglase and Mr Youngblutt not wanting to be tarnished by their past.

'It was not my place to vindicate Warren (Polglase) because he'd been

Bless all creatures great and small



Seven-year-old Pirie Outridge, of Murwillumbah, with her blessed little guinea pig Ella at Sunday's ceremonial blessing of the pets at All Saints Anglican Church in Murwillumbah. Photo Jeff 'Dolittle' Dawson

Saint Francis of Assisi would have been touched to see his work being carried out in Murwillumbah's Anglican church last Sunday.

St Francis, whose feast day is October 4, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, al-

lowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Keeping in custom with St Francis's love of all creatures, a procession of animals was led into All Saints Anglican Church in Murwillumbah last Sunday for a special ceremony called the Blessing of the Pets.

Reverend Colin Tett blessed more than 50 animals including dogs, cats, chickens and guinea pigs for the third annual blessing of the animals.

The well behaved congregation were reportedly crowing about their day out with no reports of any being barking mad.

sacked. I didn't know him and I didn't want to be labelled by the past.'

She was soon to learn the rules of the Tweed's political playground, saying one of her fundraisers was sabotaged by the National Party dominated Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce.

Going alone meant she was on her own. On polling day Mr Polglase had 105 booth workers while 'I had 23 people'. There were some National Party friends who did help, but she fears they have paid a price for their support.

'I did no deals with anyone and gave no preferences,' she said.

However, she did pull preferences from independent candidate Harry Segal who is keen to build a shopping complex at Chinderah.

'I've always said I support the concept but I have to see the details before I decide.'

Making it through the campaign without any major hiccups paved the way to the more difficult negotiations.

With the dust settled, Cr van

Lieshout invited her conservative colleagues, Mr Polglase, Mr Youngblutt and Kevin Skinner into her den (with her husband Peter) for a chat the Sunday before the mayoral vote. Stuart Cahill, who ran on Youngblutt's team, also attended.

'They gave very little away but it had been very clear at the start of the campaign Warren wanted to be mayor. I just didn't trust them and it wasn't clear what they wanted.'

Once she made her intentions clear

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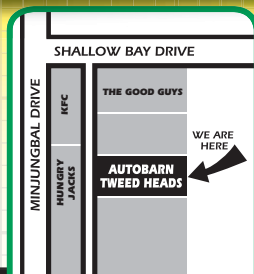
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Dummy spit after deal rejected

Ken Sapwell

Veteran councillor Phil Youngblutt agrees that he lost his cool when mayor-to-be, Joan van Lieshout, rejected all overtures for an alliance with his fellow conservatives.

'It was a dummy spit alright,' recalled Cr Youngblutt, who stormed out of the meeting between Ms van Lieshout and others including himself, Warren Polglase and Kevin Skinner at Ms van Lieshout's house on Sunday night prior to the mayoral elections.

He said he walked out after Ms van Lieshout first turned down a suggestion that she serve as deputy under Warren Polglase for 12 months before swapping positions, but then rejected a reverse back-up plan where she would serve as mayor with Cr Polglase as her deputy.

'She wouldn't have a bar of it. I said wait a minute, what the hell is going on here,' Cr Youngblutt recalled this week.

'Here she is with no experience and no knowledge of local government turning down an idea that would have allowed her to become mayor with the help and support of someone who knew the ropes.

'She told us that she would only agree to Kevin Skinner being her deputy, but when the vote came in the council, she voted for Barry Longland instead.

'To my mind she has a huge ego and is very arrogant,' said Cr Youngblutt, who disclosed that he was so incensed with Ms van Lieshout's attitude he approached community councillor Barry Longland to pledge his side's support for him as mayor.

'Barry nearly fell off his chair when I told him that she wanted Kevin as deputy. Barry seemed keen to be the mayor but there must have been something going on for him to give up the \$45,000 and a car,' said Cr Youngblutt, who readily admits his side had been outsmarted.

Former Tweed mayor Warren Polglase confirmed he put his hopes for re-election to the top job aside when he offered to serve as deputy under Ms van Lieshout.

'It just goes to show that I wasn't hellbent on taking the mayor's job - I was thinking of the organisation rather



Cr Warren Polglase and Phil Youngblutt in a lighthearted mood moments before the mayoral vote last week.

than the individual,' he said.

But she had made it clear that she wanted the job herself despite her inexperience and lack of skills at a council level, and would only entertain Kevin Skinner or one of the Greens being her deputy, he said.

'I suggested at first that she serve a term as deputy first to get some experience before taking over as mayor and then that I serve as deputy but she wouldn't have a bar of it,' he said.

'She had already met with the Greens and it was clear that she was determined to be mayor and she was prepared to do a deal with them to achieve her ambitions.

'But in this game you need the support of both sides of council and I think she may have gone out on a limb in supporting Cr Longland for the deputy's job in return for the Greens' support for her as mayor.'

Cr Polglase denied he had discussed his mayoral ambitions with Cr van Lieshout during the campaign, saying it wasn't until she had summoned him three days before the mayoral vote that the issue had been talked about.

Cr Polglase, who is the Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce vice president, also denied Cr Lieshout's suggestions that the chamber had sabotaged her campaign while supporting his, saying the chamber was apolitical.

Council meeting dates change

Tweed Shire Council's meeting dates have changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

At last week's extraordinary meeting, councillors resolved to change the meeting dates for the period October to December.

The new dates are: October 9, October 30, November 13, December 4 and December 18.

The meetings will still be held at the council chambers in Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah, starting at 4.30pm.

Members of the public are able to address council on issues of concern at community access (scheduled for 5.30pm). To make a booking to speak at any of the above sessions call 6670 2540.

Cr Polglase said the Liberal Party councillor may well develop the skills and knowledge needed to run a council but some big issues were looming in which she would

require the allegiance of both sides.

'At the moment she's immature, unsure of herself and doesn't know how to handle it,' he said.

How Joan beat them...



Mayor Joan van Lieshout met with Bill Lovering this week at Coolangatta to see first hand the work being done with the Tweed and Coolangatta homeless and those doing it hard.

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and that she favoured Barry Longland as her deputy it was on.

Mr Youngblutt stormed out of the meeting.

'Yes, you could call it a dummy spit,' she said after searching for words to describe the dramatic exit leaving an impression that it was more an academy-award winning performance than a gruff departure.

'The meeting ended and the men left. They were not happy.

'The old ways of (Mr) Polglase and (Mr) Youngblutt are over. Their thinking has to go. When change comes we all have to get on the train and go with it,' she said.

Mr Skinner gave her his support as did Dot Holdom. The

following day Cr van Lieshout stitched up a deal with the Greens and Mr Longland.

However, if a 'green' mayor had been on the cards, 'I would have had to support my conservative colleagues,' she added.

'I saw myself as the only one in a position to extend the olive branch to both sides.

'It's been a journey and a learning curve through the campaign. Leadership is very lonely but toughness made me push through.'

Cr van Lieshout is excited and hopeful that all parties will come on board.

But she is not so sure Mr Polglase and Mr Youngblutt will be willing travellers.

'Oh well I'm going to enjoy it and I'm committed,' she said laughing.

Late night brawlers slog it out in Coolangatta street

Ken Sapwell

Tweed police joined their Queensland counterparts in Coolangatta on Sunday morning to help quell dozens of brawls and random acts of violence among a crowd of 500 people in the town's main street involving about 400 people.

They were among 50 police – including Brisbane-based mounted police and riot squad officers – who had their hands full controlling dozens of running melees which erupted in Griffith Street after pubs closed at 3am.

Eyewitnesses told *The Echo*

that the street resembled a warzone as groups of mainly young people brawled among themselves and even attacked innocent pedestrians trying to make their way home.

'It was pretty scary and the worst I've ever seen in Coolangatta,' said one Tweed Heads regular to the town's night scene who did not want to be named.

'I couldn't get out of there fast enough – I saw two men and a woman lying on the footpath after apparently being knocked out in the few minutes I was there.'

Police using shields and

batons lined up 20 abreast to sweep the crowd down the street, finally dispersing them across the border into Tweed Heads where no further incidents were reported to Tweed police.

The street resembled a war-zone as groups of young people brawled among themselves.

The event was unreported in the local media after Queensland police said they did not consider it a major incident which needed to be reported to its media unit.

A spokesman said it was

similar to other disturbances which occurred in the town after pubs closed and they did not want the media needlessly sensationalising it.

He said the number of intoxicated drinkers spilling out into

licity about the disturbance coincides with a decision by their political masters to reject a call from Tweed police for better co-operation between forces to control youth gangs who use the border to escape detection.

The call was made at a public forum by senior Tweed officers who believe that more information sharing and even joint patrols would help combat a sharp increase in crimes of violence, thefts and property damage in recent years.

But the call was rejected out of hand by Queensland Police

Minister Judy Spence, who told ABC radio last week she believed that the Tweed command was understaffed and simply wanted her police to help them out.

'I don't think we should be doing their job for them,' said Ms Spence, who is maintaining a four-year ban on her officers crossing the border in pursuit of suspects.

A senior Tweed Heads policeman said a similar ban did not exist in NSW and his police were constantly and consistently going over the border to assist their colleagues in emergencies.

Wildlife injured in fire lit by kids

Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers (TVWC) volunteers had their hands full after a deliberately lit bushfire at Pottsville last Saturday.

Carers scoured for native animals burnt or injured in the fire and rescued a burnt possum.

An *Echo* source was told by locals at the South Pottsville Caravan Park that the fire was lit on Saturday afternoon by two teenage girls.

The fire burnt out bush all along the estuary, north of the caravan park.

TVWC spokesperson Helen Joakim said carers checked out the scene of the fire for injured animals.

The volunteers took a young ringtail possum that has severely burnt feet, tail and abdomen into their care.

'Unfortunately, the possum was only found today (Monday) and is very dehydrated and in great pain,' Ms Joakim said.

'We couldn't find anything else when we scoured the area, but given it is two days later, it is to be expected.'

'Lizards and snakes would have perished and tree-dwelling animals would have suffered smoke inhalation and burns, such as those suffered by the ringtail.'

Ms Joakim urged anyone who comes across an injured



Tweed Valley Wildlife carers volunteer Sue Johnson tends to a young ringtail possum which was burnt in a bushfire at Pottsville earlier this week.

or stray native animal to call the TVWC 24-hour hotline on 6672 4789.

Meanwhile, young arsonists also struck at Fingal Head on Monday.

A tent and belongings of

two women camping as well as nearby bushland was burnt out after several youngsters were seen setting the tent on fire.

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Tweed tops solar rebate program

Luis Feliu

Tweed Shire residents appear to be some of the state's more environmentally-conscious when it comes to installing energy-saving solar hot-water systems or rainwater tanks.

Recent figures show the Tweed has the fourth highest uptake of government rebates for solar hot water systems in the state, behind Wollongong, Port Macquarie and Shoalhaven.

The figures by the Department of Environment and Climate Change show that regional areas such as the Tweed are well ahead of Sydney with the number of units being installed.

The figures shows that very few households in inner Sydney had applied for the \$1,200 solar electric hot water rebate from the state government by the end of June, nine months after the program began.

The lack of applicants for the rebate in the inner suburbs is a bit of a mystery but the Clean Energy Council says wealthier residents may not be bothering to apply for the rebate.

The state government has four rebates to help NSW households respond to climate change: for solar hot water, rainwater tanks, ceiling insulation and washing machines. The rebates – some worth



Gasfitter Peter Thompson adjusts plumbing on a new 400-litre hot-water tank at Nunderi heated by a solar heat pump. Rebates are available to residents installing solar hot-water systems, rainwater tanks, insulation or even washing machines.

hundreds of dollars – vary according to the type, capacity and energy rating of the system used.

Installation of solar hot-water systems is seen as one of the most obvious ways of reducing your carbon footprint.

Tweed Shire Council's sustainability program leader Dan Walton said the total number of state government rebates for residents installing hot-water systems in the Tweed, as at June 30 this year, was 259.

Mr Walton said that figure was made up of 175 solar-panel powered units, 74 heat pumps and 10 gas-fired units and represented a greenhouse gas savings of 647 tonnes (with an average of 2.5 tonnes per system per year)

That compared with the state's total of 3,743 rebates for solar-electric hot water systems and 2,666 rebates for gas, heat pump and gas-assisted solar units.

Mr Walton said there were 82 rebates for insulation which equated to greenhouse gas savings of 82 tonnes per year at an average one tonne per installation per year.

The Tweed also scored well with rebates for rainwater tanks with the highest uptake in the state outside metropolitan Sydney with a total of 260 water tanks installed in the Tweed under the rebate program.

Mr Walton said a total of \$383,202 in rebate funds was distributed to Tweed shire residents in the 2007-08 year.

'With all the rebates that are available, there has never been a better time to reduce the environmental footprint of your home,' he said.

Tweed gasfitter Peter Thompson said he had been kept busy lately installing solar-powered hot water systems throughout the shire.

He said hot-water units powered by roof-mounted solar panels were popular but not necessarily more efficient as systems using a solar heat pump (similar to a reverse-cycle air conditioner).

Mr Thompson suggested householders should compare all the systems available and what best suited their home.

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Pool complex to open next month with free entry

Tweed Shire's new mayor, Cr Joan van Lieshout, splashed out last week announcing the new Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah will open to the public from 3pm on Friday, November 28.

Admission to the facility will be free for the first weekend (including the Friday afternoon and evening until 9pm). This will allow everyone the opportunity to explore the facility and discover the broader range of membership options now available, Cr van Lieshout said.

The \$17 million complex is a state-of-the-art facility featuring a year-round, indoor building with heated 25-metre lap pool incorporating diving pool, a learn to swim pool and hydrotherapy pool.

Outside, the 50-metre pool has been refurbished and upgraded to eight lanes. A new children's leisure pool with interactive features should prove to be a real drawcard for families, while the existing water slide will be even more popular as it will now be free.

There is also a new café – the Starting Block Café – to serve both pool and outside patrons.



Tweed Shire Council general manager Mike Rayner, left, new mayor Cr Joan van Lieshout and council's aquatic facilities supervisor Glenn Nott at the pool complex this week to announce the opening date next month, with free entry.

Cr van Lieshout will officially open the pool complex on November 28 while Richmond MP Justine Elliot and a representative from Rotary Club of Murwillumbah AM, will officially open the hydrotherapy pool on Friday, December 5.

Federal govt gives global push to Tweed's tourism

Luis Feliu

The Tweed and its scenic natural wonders are set to feature on the world stage with the launch of a national and global tourism promotion campaign at Mt Warning earlier this week.

Federal Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson and Environment Minister Peter Garrett jointly announced the inclusion of Australia's Green Cauldron in the National Landscapes program at a function at Mavis's Kitchen on Mt Warning Road on Monday morning, attended by around 100 people, including tourism operators and representatives from three tiers of government.

Australia's Green Cauldron (the Mt Warning Wollumbin Caldera) stretches from Byron Bay to the Gold Coast and west towards the Great Dividing Range. Other iconic natural landscapes in the program are the Blue Mountains, the Red Centre, Kakadu, the Australian Alps, the Flinders Ranges, Great Ocean Road and Australia's Coastal Wilderness.

Its selection means the area will now be marketed as one of Australia's top ecotourism destinations, putting a huge focus on the region in Australia's international marketing efforts.

The Green Cauldron was included in the Landscapes program, a collaboration between Tourism Australia and Parks Australia, because of its unique natural and cultural experienc-



Bundjalung member Kyle Slabb played didgeridoo as part of the ceremonial welcome to country for the launch of the Green Cauldron (Mt Warning/Wollumbin Caldera National Landscape). Photo Luis Feliu

travel with a 'soft footprint'.

Mr Ferguson said attaining National Landscapes status meant the special region would benefit from increased exposure in Tourism Australia's major global marketing initiatives.

He said the program was about 'badging' the iconic area and giving it local accreditation for the government's \$90 million annual international tourism campaign.

'It will bring high-yield long-stay tourists to local communities to this area which is fast

warned that the global economic crisis could impact on Australia's tourism industry and there were 'tough' times ahead.

He also urged people to take their holidays 'at home, in Australia', and said businesspeople should encourage workers to take their long service leave when it fell due for a holiday around Australia.

Mr Garrett said the Landscapes program was 'a natural partnership between tourism and conservation' in a time of 'growing appreciation of our natural assets'.

He said he enjoyed a walk through the old-growth rainforest at the base of Mt Warning earlier that morning which had 'priceless value' and was a direct connection with evolutionary patterns of the past 100 million years.

'The Green Cauldron is an amazing natural wonder... with an extraordinary geological history... and magnificent scenery including waterfalls, rivers and beaches.

'It's a perfect destination for travellers to get off the beaten track'.

Mr Garrett said the Landscapes program formed the basis of multi-million-dollar tourism industry and its new status provided 'a better understanding for managing it and sharing it'.

Ms Rae said the Green Cauldron was a worldclass icon of sustainable tourism and a great example of cooperation between all levels of government across two states.

She said the joint launch by the ministers underlined the integral link between tourism and conservation which was the cornerstone of the Landscapes program.

The program was not about mass tourism but targeting a specific type of traveller who prefers to travel with a 'soft footprint'.

es, including the world's largest shield volcano crater, rich biodiversity and the World Heritage-listed Mt Warning which has special significance for indigenous communities.

But any large influx of tourists as a result of the campaign is not expected to have a significant environmental impact on the area's fragile ecosystems, with the environment minister saying he was confident the accreditation process would ensure this.

'The only way to qualify for the National Landscapes program is by showing you have the capacity to think strategically and manage the numbers and ensure tourism is sustainable over the long term', he told reporters.

Mt Warning Wollumbin Caldera steering committee chair Robyn Rae said the program was not about mass tourism but targeting a specific type of traveller who prefers to

becoming one of Australia's premier natural attractions... and we want to share it with the world.

'Nature-based tourism is very important to the Australian industry with 3.4 million international tourists participating in nature-based activities and spending around \$1.8 billion during 2007. Domestically, visits to national and state parks are growing 7 per cent annually and these visitors spent \$6.6 billion during 2007'.

Mr Ferguson said the Landscapes program was very important because it was an opportunity to attract a lucrative type of tourist - 'the experience seeker', enabling them to 'get off the beaten track'.

'These people tend to spend more and stay longer... they experience the surf at Byron Bay or watch the migratory humpback whales along the coastline'.

However, Mr Ferguson



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Historic store gets a new 'old' look for its centenary

Madeleine Doherty

Tyalgum Store has just had a 'makeover' that has given it a new lease of life.

Owners Steve Berndt and Karen Nixon, who bought the store four years ago, believed that in its 100th year of operation the quaint almost 'untouched' building deserved to

come to life for the important milestone of 100 years continuous operation of both the general store and post office.

"The groceries have been returned to the original shelves, the fluoros from the 70s have been replaced and the new paint job has revealed the shop's crowning glory - its pressed metal ceiling," Karen said.

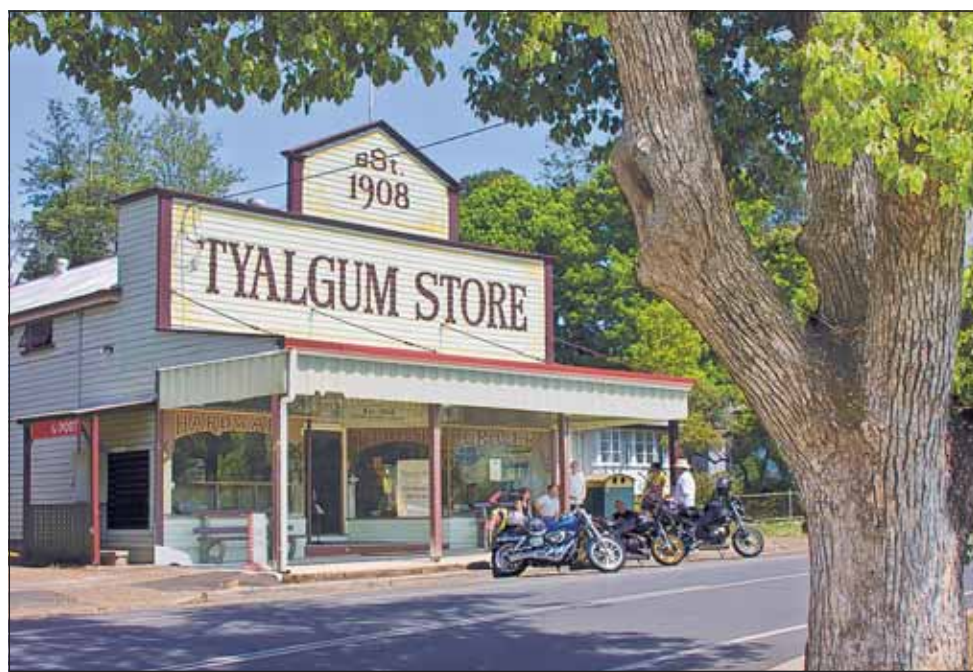
You can wander through the store and see Karen's acquired collection of old wooden crates for Coca Cola, Persil, Golden Circle, Kraft cheese and tins from yesteryear such as CSR golden syrup, and Arnott's biscuits. The old scales, washing boards, rotary beaters and cream cans certainly take you back a few years. The original scales from the store are also on permanent display.

In the post office, you can also see a growing collection of old telephones dating back to 1914. Remember telegrams? You can show the younger generation what one looked like and there is even an old telegram boy's leather pouch.

The local community has been exceptionally supportive of the display. Under lock and key, you can view old store calendars dating back to 1929, items bought from the store in 1949 and other local historical pieces.

Tyalgum Store is marking this special occasion with an official ceremony next Thursday (October 16) at 2pm, when Lismore MP Thomas George will unveil memorial plaques at the store to honour all the past store owners and postmasters of the village of the last 100 years.

Locals will have the opportunity to catch up with previous owners who have been



The historic Tyalgum Store after its makeover. Photo by Jeff 'Greengrocer' Dawson

invited back to Tyalgum for the occasion.

Steve and Karen will launch their Centenary Cash Draw competition on the day, which will run for a month and see one lucky person win \$500.

This competition is Steve and Karen's way of saying 'thank you' to the community for their ongoing support of their local business. The competition with the theme of '100' requires \$100 spent

in the store to be eligible for the draw with 10 purchases of \$10 each admissible and no limit to the number of entries. The draw will take place on Sunday, November 16, at the close of business.

School house to make way for car park

Madeleine Doherty

Stokers Siding is about to lose one of its 'historic' buildings when the Department of Education (DET) removes the village school teacher's residence to make way for a car park.

But the move has not been welcomed by some of the Stokers Siding residents who say the house (pictured), which is part of the historic village landscape, could be saved as a much needed rental, a privately owned home, or as a vital resource for the school and the community.

Eleven teachers' residences throughout regional NSW will be sold off and DET said there would be 'no negative impact on any schools, their staff and operation'.

A DET spokesperson said the Stokers Siding residence was targeted because 'it has not been occupied by teaching staff since February'.

It also cited a road safety issue with parents unable to stop on the school side of the road to pick up their children. The problem could be alleviated by a car park located on the site of the teacher's residence, a DET spokesperson said.

But Stokers Siding resident Eva Rainow is fighting, with others, to keep the house, saying DET was not being completely truthful about the occupancy of the house.

"There were teachers living in the house but when the new school principal was given priority they were told to vacate in January. But the new principal changed her mind and found alternative accommodation. Consequently

the department leased the house to a non-teacher family," Ms Rainow said.

The family, who has a child with special needs, has been given three weeks notice to quit the house.

proving the historic value of the building with its original open fireplaces, French doors and hoop pine lining dating back to 1919.

He also received support from the Murwillumbah



Ms Rainow said that if the family goes, the school was at risk of losing a demountable classroom and a staff member plus the child with special needs will be uprooted after only three months.

"The cost of removing demountables every time the school population drops is huge and I just can't see the justification for this move on any level," Ms Rainow said.

"As far as the safety for the children I am surprised because I worked with the council's safety officer on road safety which included the road outside the school," she said.

A residents' request for a pedestrian crossing for school children was refused as was traffic calming. Council said it was not a priority.

The last teacher in the house, Peter Hulme, said this week that DET tried to remove the house in 1995 to make way for a car park and 'trotted out the safety issue as the reason'.

But Mr Hulme fought back

Historical Society which wrote to the DET about the historical significance of the house.

Mr Hulme said DET also argued 13 years ago that there was no shortage of teacher housing 'but there is a shortage now'.

"And as for the safety issue, there is always a safety issue around schools but Stokers school has space for cars to pull up along side the school including the new bus bay," he said.

"There has been no maintenance on the house since 1995 because the department has had its eye on the place for years. It's a financial decision and always has been," he said.

Other communities, including Chillingham, have won the battle to save its teacher's residence with the house being used as a school and community facility, Mr Hulme said.

Ms Rainow said concerned residents would be meeting and hoped to liaise with DET for a better outcome.

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New and old council faces meet

Madeleine Doherty

It was the meeting of the old and the new at the Murwillumbah Business Chamber breakfast this week as newly elected and failed council candidates came together for the first time since the mayoral election.

Mayor Joan van Lieshout was welcomed by the chamber as were Crs Warren Polglase and Phil Youngblutt along with unsuccessful council candidates Phil Taylor and James McKenzie.

Former councillor Bob Brimsmead joined Idwall Richards and Allan McIntosh from Kingscliff Business Chamber for the breakfast.

Cr van Lieshout, accompanied by her husband Peter, spoke on her background and aspirations for the future for the shire with all councillors working as a team and overcoming their differences to benefit the residents.

Mr McIntosh was first cab off the rank to question her on what she thought of the vocal minorities in the Tweed that 'don't really represent the community'.

Cr van Lieshout said the community was made up of many voices and all had a right to be heard. 'Decisions have to be made on merit for the whole community. I know I'm going to upset a lot of people but I want to hear every voice,' she said.

The Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce was represented by former councillor John Murray who outlined the upcoming climate change conference to be held at the



New mayor Joan van Lieshout addresses the Murwillumbah Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast meeting on Tuesday as its president, Cr Phil Youngblutt (with his back towards her), tucks into his bacon and eggs.

Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club today (Thursday).

'Climate Change Hysteria' and the real cost of carbon trading will be the topic of the conference with guest speakers Professor Bob Carter and Dr Alan Moran.

Mr Murray said that with the current thinking on climate change 'we must be careful of majority opinions' and that listening to a majority of scientists might not be wise.

He preferred to take notice of one scientist with the facts.

Guest speaker Aveline Clarke from Adaptive HR Solution, spoke about the benefits for business in understanding and implementing emotion-

al intelligence while James McKenzie briefed the group on his eco-tourism plans for the valley.

Phil Youngblutt said there had been a hitch with the installation of Murwillumbah's CCTV cameras with the successful tenderer having now returned the deposit of \$49,000, unable to do the job.

Mr Youngblutt said the Tweed Shire council had called for a new batch of tenders and had received a healthy response.

The Murwillumbah Business Chamber meets on the first Tuesday of the month and all are welcome. For more information phone Murray Lees 6672 2185 or 0417 406 338.

Crown reserve plan 'a charade'

Ken Sapwell

The Caldera Environment Centre has joined a chorus of criticism from community groups in slamming the government's draft plan of management for the Tweed's crown land reserves.

The centre, in a submission to the Lands Department, says the plan appears to be a response to Treasury's demands to exploit 'lazy assets' rather than to better manage the 29,000 hectares of reserves under its control.

'Coastal reserves have been set aside for a host of environmental, ecological and passive recreational reasons, rather than to serve as assets to be exploited in the cynical way that the plan implies and tries to stimulate,' it says.

The submission says many of the crown lands serve a vital habitat function for a vast array of special plants and animals – a role which should be enhanced rather than seeking ways to increase human incursion and exploitation.

'Over the past two decades our beaches and foreshore camping grounds have been converted into resorts and villas for mostly foreign and interstate tourists,' it says.

'Huge developments south of Kingscliff have and will transform natural dunes and riparian-riverine low-lands into towns and suburbs.

'It is essential that these natural and wild attributes are not totally swamped by development and that the visual and recreational values be preserved for future generations.

'Crown reserves, a scarce and diminishing resource, cannot be manufactured in the future.

'The plan is really a strategic framework which seeks to identify a number of major sites suitable for development.

'The fact that major sites at Cobaki, Tweed Heads, Boyds Bay, Fingal, Bogangar, Hastings Point and Pottsville have already been identified, and in some cases actively advertised for commercial exploitation, makes a mockery of this public exhibition process.

'The crucial decisions appear to have already been made in secret and what remains is largely a charade.'

It singles out several development proposals outlined in the draft plan for strong criticism, including the Tweed Heads pony club land which it says should be retained to compensate for loss of habitat caused by construction of the Tugun bypass and airport runway extension.

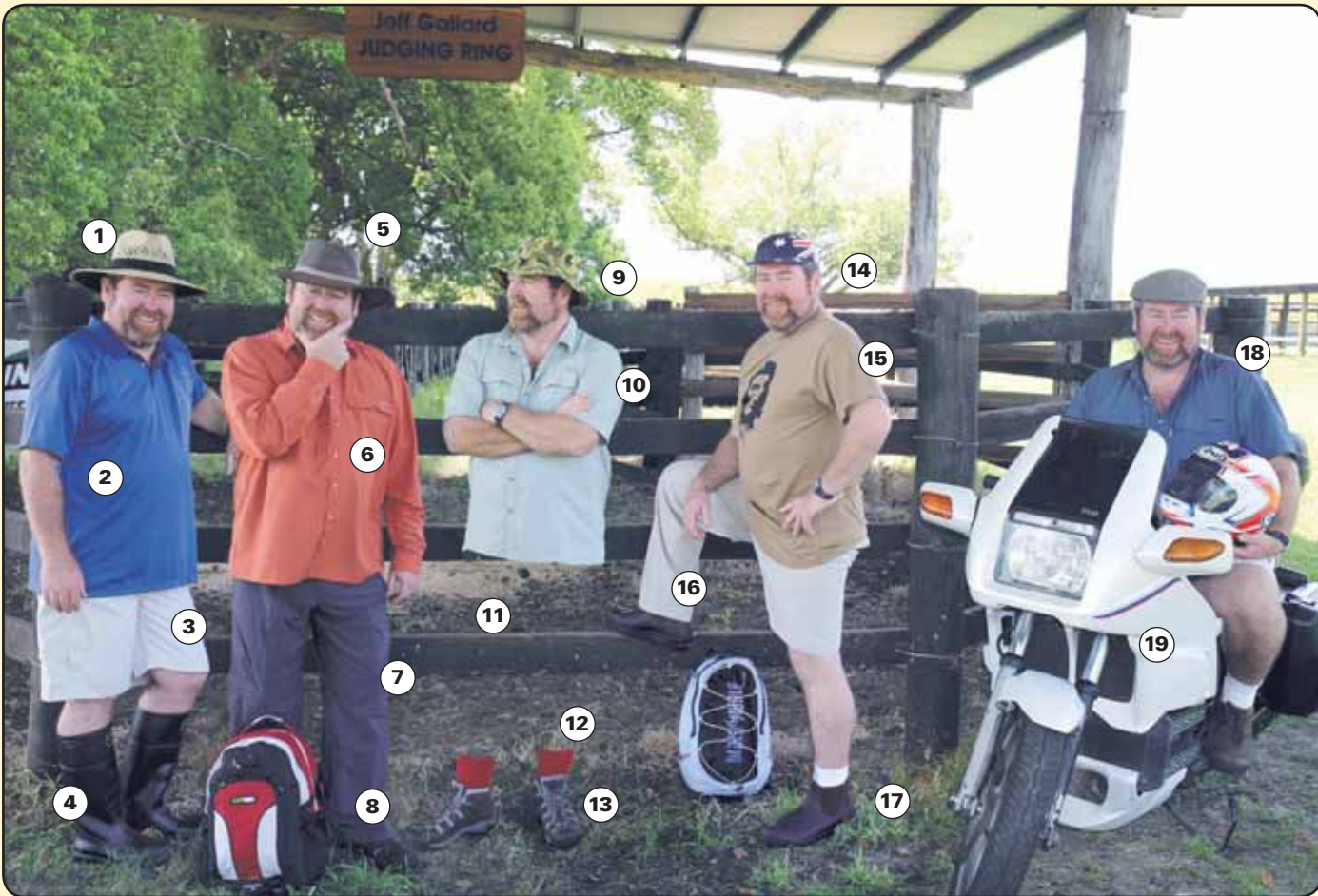
Others include proposals for marinas at Boyds Bay and Fingal which it says have environmental constraints and plans for a camp site at South Kingscliff which it believes would be better located on Lot 490.

The centre also slammed the lack of financial and geographic detail, saying there's no cost-benefit analysis and inadequate maps accompanying the document.

'Unfortunately the process so far has been so opaque that the centre is pessimistic about a fair and just... outcome,' it concludes.

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Protecting 'lazy assets'

The draft plan of management for the Tweed Coast crown reserves, which was on public exhibition till last month, has drawn a fair bit of criticism to date and on the surface most of it is warranted.

The contentious plan has spurred resident groups to unite in their opposition to it, even bringing opposing political groups together.

The Tweed's environmental watchdog, Caldera Environment Centre (CEC), in its submission says the plan seems to be a response to NSW Treasury's demand to exploit 'lazy assets' rather than better manage the 29,000 hectares of reserves under the government's control via the Lands Department.

The document, labelled a draft, clearly lacks detail on many of these reserves spread along the 37 kilometres of coastline and options to develop some of these reserves, located in much sought after waterfront areas, should be ruled out on the basis of their passive recreational and habitat value.

CDC has observed that over the past two decades the shire's camping grounds along beaches and foreshores have been converted into resorts and villas mostly for tourists.

The crown reserve known as Lot 490 just south of Kingscliff is a case study of how the Lands Department develops and manages such a public asset from scratch but it leaves much to be desired. Community groups have been upset that plans for what was expected to be an affordable, low-key family-oriented holiday park have gradually evolved into a more upmarket style of holiday resort which could rule out the average family.

Several years ago the Lands Department took control of three popular family holiday caravan parks at Brunswick Heads in neighbouring Byron Shire and the local cash-strapped council was not happy, especially as a steady source of income to maintain those areas had been taken away. The government argued they could better manage these parks but that's debatable and yet to be tested.

We need to preserve crown reserves for passive recreational use, especially with proposed mega-developments south of Kingscliff such as the Kings Forest residential subdivision which the CDC says will transform natural dunes and riparian-riverine low-lands into towns and suburbs.

Ironically, Gold Coast City Council, which is the fastest developing local government area in Australia, saw fit some years ago to buy up private blocks of land worth millions in the CBD area to turn them into recreational/open space so treasured by residents in such an intense urban landscape. They could see that overcrowding was unsightly and unhealthy. It seems as if NSW is going the other way now. Where faraway bureaucrats see waterfront open space on a two-dimensional map as lazy assets to be turned into money spinners, residents see it as valuable, passive recreational space for relaxing or simply taking a much needed fresh-air walk or a break from their busy lives.

We have already seen how too much development in one catchment area can affect waterways. *The Echo* reported recently on concerns over pollution of Cudgera Creek along the coast and how that waterway was fast becoming overstressed from the impacts of too much human activity, with the finger pointed squarely at residential development. Could that be a living – or dying – reminder of how we have yet to learn how to manage our fragile coastal ecosystems?

The Echo will closely monitor the progress of the management plan. After all it's public land and public money and the local community should be major driver shaping and managing these reserves.

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Public spending upside of downturn

As usual, Monty Python got it right: always look on the bright side of life.

The global credit crisis has its upside, and it isn't only the schadenfreude of being able to smile smugly at the economic rationalists over our lattes and chardonnays, and say to them: 'We always told you so.'

Of course, overall the American-triggered meltdown is bad news for all of us, and it's silly to pretend otherwise. Most Australians will experience a drop in their standard of living (or at least a slowdown in the rate of improvement) and governments will not escape unscathed either: the feds are already predicting a \$3 billion fall in revenue due to a decline in capital gains tax alone, and there will be plenty more (or less) where that came from.

But hard times mean hard remedies, and quite suddenly the Treasury gnomes have gone all Keynesian. The bonuses from the boom years, those not squandered on election bribes and pork barrelling during the Howard years, have previously been locked away in budget surpluses and other untouchable nest eggs like the futures fund. Now, to stimulate the economy and help maintain business and consumer confidence, they are to be released in a welter of public spending in the long-neglected area of infrastructure.

The Rudd government has always had big ambitions for infrastructure, but has felt itself constrained by economic rectitude and the need to fight inflation. Suddenly the rules have changed: public spending is good, and we shall all benefit as a result. There are problems, of course: big projects by definition need time to get moving, and we are starting more or less from scratch. True, when Rudd

called the Premiers together in Perth last week to discuss possibilities he was knocked down in the rush; there is no shortage of ideas for spending a lazy billion or two. But there must be just the hint of a suspicion that not all the states' ideas are good ones.

The opposition Treasury spokesperson Julie Bishop has already warned solemnly that the influx of funds must only

substantially reduce our dependence on gas-guzzling private transport, especially for freight. The truckies argue that they are the cheaper option, because they don't depend on the massive capital investment of rail; they just use the existing roads, so require no public subsidy. But this is not true. It's the trucks that make the existing roads so expensive. Heavy vehicles do some 96 per cent of

the term 'intellectual conservative' yet another Australian oxymoron? After reading the verdicts of our local experts on the American vice-presidential debate you'd have to wonder.

In ideological terms, of course, they are staunch Republicans, which is their democratic right. But to make the jump that simply because Sarah Palin is conservative, she is entirely suited to become heir-apparent to the most powerful job in the world needs some justification.

Our pundits, of course, agree that Palin did not lose last week's debate. The excitable Janet Albrechtsen even maintains that she won. But their grounds for the judgment are entirely negative. Palin didn't make any major screw-ups. She didn't confuse Australia with Austria or, still worse, Alaska with Nebraska. She stuck to the script and did not fall off the stage. What a triumph.

But she did nothing at all to dispel the idea that she is utterly ignorant of science, history, geography, government, almost everything else outside Alaskan primary school level. She may be or may not be inherently bright; she certainly shows signs of political rat cunning. But she happily admits to knowing nothing much about anything and in some important matters – evolution and climate change – is determined to keep it that way. She openly despises knowledge and has very little of it.

Is this really the quality such luminaries as Albrechtsen, Gerard Henderson, Greg Sheridan and their admirers want in the President of the United States of America? Well, maybe; after all they have all backed George Bush. Conservatives they certainly are. Intellectuals? Well, d'oh.

The onset of climate change cries out for big ideas. It is time for massive solar arrays in the deserts, for wind farms and geo-thermal installations.

by Mungo MacCallum



be used for economically viable projects: it should not be diverted to solving political problems. Well yes, and she should know; Bishop was after all a member of the Howard government which among other things built the monumentally unprofitable Alice Springs to Darwin railway to win a few swinging seats and spent uncounted billions over the years in propping up its marginals.

But we can be sure Rudd is not talking about building race tracks for country towns or sports ovals in suburbia. His vision will be wider than that, and in one sense the times will suit him: the onset of climate change cries out for big ideas. It is time for massive solar arrays in the deserts, for wind farms and geo-thermal installations. It is time for massive works to save the Murray-Darling and investment in recycling to avert water crises in the cities.

And it is time, above all, to restore the rail networks and

the damage. If the roads were just for cars, the construction cost would be far less and the maintenance cost minimal.

The taxpayers subsidise the trucking industry to at least the same extent they would rail, and receive none of the benefits. The dominance of road transport has much more to do with the political clout of the trucking industry than with any kind of efficiency. What a country like Australia needs is something like the Canadian model: an integrated system where trains do all the long hauls and containers can be moved directly from bogies to prime movers for local delivery. If Rudd is serious about real infrastructure reform, there's a beauty to start on.

The political and economic circumstances have suddenly emerged: the collapse of 2008 could be the start of the real public boom we have needed for so long. All it takes is will and imagination. Go Kevin.

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Australia's richest man has a colourful tax record

It's official. The global shopping centre supremo, Frank Lowy, has grabbed the title of Australia's richest man. He's been in the top three or four in the past, but this is the first time he's been No 1 Mr Moneybags.

Cruelly, his elevation to the top of rich list coincided with Liz Jackson's *Four Corners* report, 'Tax Me If You Can', last Monday (October 6) which gave some intriguing details of Lowy's tax troubles over the years.

In March 1992, the Australian Taxation Office successfully persuaded Lowy's Westfield Holdings to pay \$18 million in back taxes and in May 1994 he settled another dispute with the ATO by agreeing to hand over \$25 million.

Now he's in the ATO's sights again after whistleblower

Heinrich Kieber stole data records from Liechtenstein's LGT Bank and sold it to regulators for a handsome profit.

Kieber's treasure trove of information has fallen into the hands of a US Senate committee investigating tax havens and one of its target cases involves Lowy and his three sons, Peter, David and Stephen.

I wrote about Lowy's tax troubles in the 1990s and made a brief appearance in Monday night's *Four Corners* program. What didn't make the final cut were the extraordinary events which preceded publication of my article in *The Sun-Herald* 'Shopping king faces \$20 million tax bill' on March 20, 1994.

On the eve of publication, a senior Fairfax executive telephoned me in the UK office where I was then working to ask

whether I was absolutely confident of my sources. I was.

He pointed out that Westfield was a major advertiser and then speculated that my article might trigger a major slump in Westfield's share price when

State of Affairs

Labor Treasurer Ralph Willis rewarded Lowy by placing him on the board of the RBA.

with Alex Mitchell

the market opened on Monday morning.

He broadly hinted that a share collapse could lead to a damages action against Fairfax which was then under the proprietorship of Conrad Black, owner of the London *Daily*

Telegraph and the *Jerusalem Post*. Black is now in jail in the US on corporate larceny charges.

He also argued that Lowy and the ATO were negotiating a settlement and wondered



A slightly truncated version of my article duly appeared. Three months after he settled his tax bill in 1995, Labor Treasurer Ralph Willis rewarded Lowy by placing him on the board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, the nation's most prestigious economic institution.

When the Howard government was elected in 1996 the new Treasurer Peter Costello re-appointed him not once but twice. 'His far-reaching experience and knowledge have proven to be a great asset to the Board,' said the jelly-backed Costello giving Lowy his third term.

If the Kieber documents are verified – the Lowy family vigorously contests their accuracy – then Lowy was engaged in a complex plan to shift millions of dollars to Liechtenstein

while serving on the RBA.

Lowy maintains the money transferred through a chain of companies and trusts was to benefit charities in Israel, while the Kieber documents suggest the ultimate beneficiaries were Lowy's three sons.

No doubt the former Westfield board member and tax lawyer David Gonski, now the chancellor of the University of NSW, will be able to throw some light on the transactions. Or perhaps Westfield deputy chairman, Fred Hilmer, the former Fairfax CEO who is now Vice Chancellor of the University of NSW, could give us his opinion.

In the meantime, spare me the media hype about Lowy backing Australia's fantasy bid for the World Soccer Cup in 2018. It's Lowy's PR machine working overtime.

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Council guidance

Thank you for a wonderful and very newsy weekly.

I write re our newly elected council. With the vote completed, and the mayor and deputy mayor declared, whom do the ratepayers approach to seek guidance on council matters?

The voting system was atrocious. With seven councillors to be elected there should have been seven wards declared and this would then give better representation. Hopefully our new mayor, a declared Liberal, may allocate each councillor an area of responsibility.

Of all the groups seeking election there were Liberal and the Greens so I wonder which group were the Labor Party?

Robert Hutchison
Banora Point

Election result

Congratulations on your new paper, we have needed a new viewpoint for some time. I would like to comment on the election result and also on a letter by Mr Cornford.

Very much missing in his summary was the fact Dr Harry Segal polled the most primary votes after Dot and in a first past the post (which a lot of people believe in) he would be on the council.

But apart from that, the Tweed Coast has been neglected by the rest of the shire and most of the voters wouldn't give a damn about Segal's project.

His 850 votes would be a good percentage of the local people who do not care to be forced to pass through the traffic chaos of South Tweed to do

Explaining a complicated system

While I will not get into a debate about the merits or otherwise of the local government election system, I will throw some light on the procedure for the benefit of Don Macdonald (Letters, October 2).

I am not or have not been an employee of the Electoral Commission or council except at election time, as are other citizens.

Over my long association with the three tiers of government at election time, I do have some memories of the system and maybe can help Don.

To be elected, a candidate must reach a quota established by dividing the number of votes cast by the number of candidates to be elected plus one. In our case, divided by eight. If a candidate reaches a quota then you start eliminating candidates from the bottom (least number of votes) until that happens.

business or travel the long haul to Murwillumbah. His centre is badly needed to service the Tweed Coast area.

I am an elderly gent and will not live long enough to see its fulfilment, but can see the need for this sort of development.

Felix Jenkins
Kingscliff

Electro smog

After becoming sensitive to electromagnetic radiation (EMR) I have been travelling around in a motorhome seeking a safe haven. Having travelled extensively for four years I have failed to find such a place; in fact the environment is becoming more hostile with much more electro-smog.

Alas, the telcos have become very clever at hiding their towers or masts with the use of foliage or colour and design in signage so people are not even aware they are there.

Driving into Murwillumbah

Now it becomes tricky. Do you continue to eliminate candidates or distribute the surplus from the elected candidate? To do one without considering the other would be unfair as you could eliminate one who could have benefited from the distribution of the surplus.

Remember, distribution of surplus votes are at a reduced value, while eliminated candidates votes are carried to the next preference at face value. If the total surplus exceeds the difference between the lowest two candidates you distribute the surplus. If the difference between the lowest two candidates is greater than the surplus the lowest gets eliminated with his/her votes being distributed at face value.

Over many years the elections were carried out by council staff with the help of local citizens who work on state and federal elections. Counts

was not a pleasant experience either. Disturbingly, I am finding more and more people with this sensitivity. Sweden was the first country to get mobile phones and there are about 250,000 people there with EMR sensitivity. Still their government allows more towers/masts to be erected – a big money earner for governments!

However, recently in contrast the official German radiation protection body has advised its citizens to use landlines instead of mobile phones and warned of electro-smog from many other everyday products. They also say to avoid using the wireless internet wherever possible.

Thus, we are all the victims of an unprecedented, uncontrolled microwave and electro-smog roller-coaster. I would like to hear from other EMR sensitives or people who just want to get back to nature and who are interested in multiple

were done manually – 30, 40, 50 counts before a result was known. When the electoral commission became involved of course a speedy result can be achieved by use of computers in Sydney. Expectations have risen over the years and while we don't expect a result by one minute past six, at least by 6.30 is acceptable (just joking), and you can imagine how long it took when distributions were done manually.

Of course the system needs review. There is no need to have, as we did in September, four candidates in a group, as two would be sufficient, the surplus is unlikely to go beyond two. This is another quirk of the system which is related to the number of councillors to be elected. I hope my memory is reasonably accurate. Does this help?

Bob Watson
Murwillumbah

occupancy on a large, remote acreage with just a landline – no mobile phones, no towers.

If interested please leave your phone number on 0404 876 076 and I will return your call via landline.

Nola Dawson
Blacktown

Pensioners penalised

May I use your paper to explain to my fellow Old Aged Pensioners some facts they don't seemed to have noticed, before every young person comes to feel that all pensioners are just whingers.

All of the mob calling for an increase of pension payment has failed to notice that the pension isn't only the money component; every recipient has the right to earn reasonable money before it effects the pension payment. Sorry to say I don't remember just what the sums involved are. I don't get

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Effective invective: the curse of our times

If rude words can offend you, read no further: Margo Sutton is going to explore the use of impolite language.

What's the most used swear word/insult/curse in Australia? We all know it, but I listened hard for a few days just to prove the point. There's a primary school round the corner, so I sat on the front verandah and listened to the kids coming past after the 3pm release. Yep. The good old F word rang out loud and clear and often, out of the mouths of those freshfaced juniors. Sometimes in annoyance as in get fucked or fuck off, sometimes in wonder – what the fuck? Sometimes in admiration – that's fuckin' filth, man!

I sat near some teenagers and eavesdropped. Just the same. Still fresh faced and young, still the same old misused verb, often followed by the C word, punctuating almost every sentence. Workplace? When the printer won't print and the computer goes down, the F is it. And it's an unwise person who consoles the worker who forgot to save before the computer collapsed with the words 'shit happens'. He or she should

just piss off and stop behaving like a fuckwit. Or a pissant.

As in most countries Aussies use insults and swearing as part of social ritual with their peer group. Most kids spruce up their language when adults are talking to them. But it is rather dreary to hear everyone misusing the word that describes the act that brought us into the world in the first place, and using it with such boring frequency, whether it is to curse or express amazement, disbelief, awe, or excitement.

Abuse words do wear out over time. Sex-related words are still offensive to some, but racial and ethnic swearwords are now the true obscenities. But there is an interesting sexist slant to our most used swearwords. Call a male a sissy, or an old woman, and you are being nasty. Saying a woman has 'got balls' is praising her strength of character. However, females can, and frequently do, describe males as dickheads.

Other words of insult, favoured by our schoolboys in particular, are 'girl' and 'gay'. As in accusing each other of acting like one. It seems our swear words and insults are just as homophobic and sexually oriented as they are all around the world.

For instance, the most over-used word in Finnish is *vittu*,



Illustration by Matt Holloran

the equivalent of our *fuck*, and it's used as often and in the same way. *Hemmetti*, however, is a mild Finnish curse, safe to use in front of one's grandmother. It means darn or hell. The Finns are hardworking and well educated so they have plenty of insults for the lazy or less able, such as 'useless as a nun's nipples'. If you are called a *serpentini* in Finnish, it means you are like a party streamer which pops out, streams and falls in a heap – you are full of impractical ideas.

There is a difference between insults and ritual banter. In the pub, 'How are you going you

old bastard/bugger,' is now quite affectionate, and comes from the basic Latin *Senex nequissime!* (You old bastard!)

Of course, the attitude and intention of the insulter is crucial as to how the swearing is received. Common to all nations are insults about appearance, cuckolded men, dimwittedness and curses involving instructions to go off and perform various sexual acts.

In Italy there are poetic duels called *contrasti*, in which poets compete to outdo one another in clever and witty insults. Rather like rap contests. In China and Japan it's not done

for women to insult or curse. South Africa is a rich melting pot of insults across its many languages, appreciated by both sexes. *Rooinek* (pronounced roy-nek) is Afrikaans for redneck, as in white English-speaking people – exposure to the sun turns their pasty white skin blistering red.

The most likely insult in Turkey is son of a donkey, and in Arabic a father might call his son little donkey if he is doing something silly. The ultimate insult in Arabic is *kalb* (dog), because in Islamic culture dogs are unclean animals. *Kalb* is OK to yell in a road rage event, or to pay back really bad behaviour.

Aussie-english insults include *drongo* and *dag*, Canadian *hoser* means idiot, *munter* in NZ is someone aggressive and dumb, and a NZ *boho* is like an Aussie feral. A Glaswegian might say 'stop hingin about the house like a fart in a trance,' and in America, Dr Dre's rap song 'Fuck Tha Police, has the immortal line 'the jury has found you guilty of being a red-neck, white-bread, chicken-shit motherfucker.'

African-American Rap is a rich source of invective and invention, but perhaps America now holds the record for some of the most obscene words in current use – *rendering* and *collateral damage* – true excrement of the mouth.

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as much paid work as I need to keep an eye on my earnings reaching the limit. But I know there are many pensioners still able to get the odd job. Not a lot of money but enough to keep the bills down and take away the worry that makes complaining seem like the only way to go.

But it's not only paid work that gives a lifestyle without complaint, ask anyone giving their time in voluntary work and they'd tell you, 'it's themselves that are better off'.

It doesn't matter what they serve, people who share their time come to share whatever excess anyone of them produce, lowering the money cost of living for all concerned and building a friendship base that does away with a reliance on mere money.

May I say to anyone reading this at home, you do know we are living in the best part of the best country in the world with only new worries because if they were old you'd have already done something about them. And if you didn't, whose fault is that?

Joan Daniels
Murwillumbah

■ Letters also received from M G Bryde, no address, and G Lawrie, Terranora. Writers, please observe the groundrules set out on page 9.

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Problems? It must be the artist's fault

The treatment of Bill Henson prompts Josie Flett to reflect on the fight for artistic freedom

Artists have always been the subject of controversy, their artworks banned, burned or given courtroom scrutiny in times both long gone and recent. Artists, owing to their passionate devotion to creative expression, and the necessary defiance of traditional viewpoints, have sometimes aroused deep suspicion in the breasts of those not so blessed.

My father, an Australian artist whose earliest works were bought by the Victorian National Gallery, was once arrested while prancing down Collins Street, Melbourne, in an outfit in which he had been posing for a portrait by Cybil Craig, another notable Australian artist.

My father's behaviour was not the subject of the policeman's interest. He was accused of being a homosexual. Thankfully, my father's gift for words, accompanied by earnest representations on his behalf, persuaded those in authority of his innocence in the matter. The painting of my father wearing a velvet Edwardian jacket and flounced shirt hangs beside the staircase of my sister's home, having recently been gifted to our family by the person who purchased it.



Bill Henson was attacked by those who cannot distinguish nakedness from sexuality. Now he has offended some people by following the NSW Education Department rules for talent-spotting in schools...

Were those policemen influenced by the misfortunes of Oscar Wilde, who was jailed for his natural, but then illegal, impulses? If so, are those currently hounding photographer Bill Henson of the same ilk, with no more than a fear of art and artists and perhaps even of men on their minds?

When I attended the *Oz Magazine* trial in London back in 1971, and later observed the

overturning of the jail sentences by wiser minds, I thought that such prudery and mindless condemnation of *risqué*, but scarcely contaminating, literature were behind us.

But then Patricia Cornwell, presumably in the quest for even greater notoriety and its associated royalties, and ignoring the time-honoured tradition of artists to seek out and to promote scandal through their works, decided

to target a dead but famous British artist named Walter Sickert, whom she named as Jack the Ripper, simply because he chose murders as a subject for a series of paintings and sketches.

One wonders whether this author will now target all those other greats of art history whose paintings of teenage girls created some of the most exquisitely beautiful paintings

hanging in art galleries today. Will she choose Toulouse-Lautrec who spent many weeks in brothels, obtaining subject matter for paintings now considered some of the best modernist works? Or will she target Cezanne because of his dedication during one morbid, depressing and poverty-stricken era, of likewise selecting murder and other squalid themes for his artwork?

In defence of photographer Bill Henson, and likewise of the Melbourne schoolteacher who has now been targeted for her unwitting role in what has become a creative fiasco, not to mention a potentially explosive farce of injustice, let me say that personally I cannot see any difference between a Murwillumbah school, which in 1993 selected my 13-year-old child to play a role in a Warner Brothers movie, and a Melbourne school which provides an established and clearly talented professional photographer with young models for his hardly furtive or corrupting projects.

I'm sure if Bill Henson had any ulterior or untoward motive he would not have sought permission from the school concerned.

The A to Z of Collective Nouns

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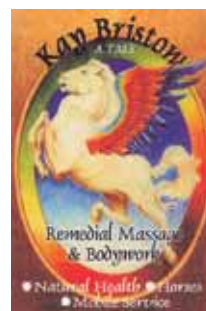
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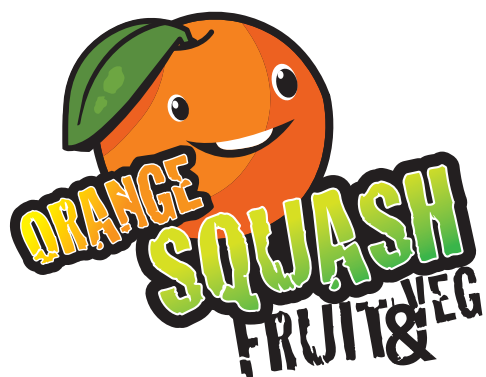
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Television Guide

1. This is Tina Fey. On *Saturday Night Live* she performs devastating satires of the gormless Sarah Palin. She also created and stars in **30Rock**, a sitcom about a TV station which won a swag of Emmies this year. You would think that Channel Seven would be glad to have the rights to this top American show, but no, they relegate it to 11.30pm on Mondays. Last week they shifted it to 11.30pm on Tuesday, and then at the last minute replaced it with boilerplate coverage of the US financial crisis, mostly cribbed from CNN. Now *30Rock* cannot be found anywhere on the channel. Such contempt for the viewer encourages us to watch pirated copies from the internet, although we couldn't possibly recommend this.

2. Matt Damon catches his breath after the Moscow car chase in **The Bourne Supremacy** (Ten, Friday 8.30pm), one of the few franchise thrillers that maintains its quality and even improves as it goes on.

3. Perhaps it was a good idea to create an Australian **Top Gear** (SBS, Monday 7.30pm), but simply mimicking the sets and the set pieces (there's even a 'Stig' test driver) emphasises how much more entertaining the English presenters are. And the Australian version has eliminated the original from SBS's schedule.



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
FRIDAY 10	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Strictly Dancing (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 The Lion Man (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.25 Aussie Animal Rescue (G) Repeat</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Rewind (PG*)</p> <p>1.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Peking To Paris (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.00 RollerCoaster</p> <p>6.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Can We Help? (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Stateline</p> <p>8.00 Collectors (G)</p> <p>9.30 Taggart (M*,v)</p> <p>9.40 Murphy's Law (M*,c,l,v,sr)</p> <p>10.30 Lateline</p> <p>11.15 Double The Fist (M*,v) Final.</p> <p>11.45 triple j tv Repeat.</p> <p>12.10 Good Game Shocks The 80s Repeat.</p> <p>12.40 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</p>	<p>7.00 Lateline Repeat.</p> <p>7.35 Lateline Business Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 ABC Fora</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 The 7.30 Report Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 The New Inventors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 7.30 Select</p> <p>5.35 Catalyst (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Compass: More Than The 3R's (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Something In the Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09 - Live Canberra vs Sydney Uni</p> <p>10.00 Soundtrack To My Life (PG) Music.</p> <p>10.30 Classic Albums: Elvis Presley (G)</p> <p>11.20 Close</p>	<p>5.00 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Insight In America Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 The Body Hunters (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Living Black Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Eco House Challenge (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.35 As Seen On TV: The K-Tel Story (G) Documentary from Canada.</p> <p>8.30 As It Happened: Between Gandhi And Hitler (PG)</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.05 Matrioshki: Thai Sex Trade (MA,v,c,l) drama series.</p> <p>10.55 Movie: Simon (MA,c,l,s, 2004) Comedy/drama from the Netherlands</p> <p>12.50 Movie: The Demon Stirs (M,c,l,s, 2005) Comedy from France.</p> <p>2.25 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.00 Playhouse Disney 11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Megastructures: German Autobahn (PG)</p> <p>1.00 V8 Supercars 2008 Live Bathurst 1000</p> <p>4.00 It's Academic</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Better Homes And Gardens (G)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Eight Below (PG, 2006) Stars Paul Walker, Bruce Greenwood</p> <p>11.00 Movie: From Hell - Jack The Ripper Story (M,v,a,c,l,du, 2001) Stars Johnny Depp, Heather Graham</p> <p>1.30 Destination New Zealand (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Dragons' Den (G) games show.</p> <p>3.00 Danoz and Expo</p> <p>5.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 12.00 Masterchef Goes Large 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Beach Girls (final) 12.50 Fast Ed's Fast Food 11.00 Movie: Cabin Fever (AV,c,l, 2002) 1.00 Ultimate Access</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>8.30 Puzzle Play</p> <p>9.00 9am With David & Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Animalia</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 America's Next Top Model (PG) Final</p> <p>8.30 Movie: The Bourne Supremacy (M,c,l,v, 2004) Stars Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Julia Stiles.</p> <p>10.40 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.40 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>12.40 Science Of Babies (G)</p> <p>1.40 Video Hits Up Late (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy (PG,sr)</p> <p>5.00 Religion</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker</p> <p>12.00 The View (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Fresh Cooking (G)</p> <p>3.30 Here's Humphrey Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Shak</p> <p>4.30 National News</p> <p>5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Wipeout (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Hole In The Wall (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: The Shawshank Redemption (M,v,c,l, 1994) Stars Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman.</p> <p>11.20 Movie: Saw (AV, 2004) Stars Leigh Whannell, Danny Glover.</p> <p>1.30 Movie: Happy Campers (MA15+, 2001) Stars Brad Renfro, Peter Stormare, James King.</p> <p>2.30 Mad TV (M)</p> <p>3.15 Rogue Traders (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>
SATURDAY 11	<p>5.00 rage (PG)</p> <p>8.00 rage: Guest Programmers; The Kooks (G)</p> <p>9.00 triple j tv With The Doctor</p> <p>10.00 Songbook: Mick Hucknall (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.00 Black Books (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 The Cook And The Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Stateline Repeat.</p> <p>12.30 Australian Story Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Foreign Correspondent Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Can We Help? (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Hell On Ice (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09</p> <p>4.00 Lion Out Of Africa (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Bowls: Indoor Championships</p> <p>6.00 My Family (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Gardening Australia (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Rough Diamond (PG) new drama series.</p> <p>8.25 ABC News</p> <p>8.30 The Bill (PG)</p> <p>10.05 ABC News</p> <p>10.10 The Ghost Squad (M*,c,l,v) Repeat.</p> <p>11.00 The Brief (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>12.10 rage (M)</p>	<p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>2.30 Blue Water High (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.55 Ace Day Jobs (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 rage (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 rage: Guest Programmer; The Kooks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.05 The New Inventors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 The Einstein Factor Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 At The Movies (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.35 Movie: Alfred Hitchcock Season - Vertigo (PG, 1941) Stars James Stewart, Kim Novak.</p> <p>10.40 Anne Of Windy Poplars (G) Repeat</p> <p>12.05 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>12.55 La Traviata (G) Masterpiece from Italy. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Stuart Sutcliffe: The Lost Beatle (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.35 Lonely Planet Six Degrees - Bangkok (PG) Repeat doco series.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Mythbusters (PG) doco series.</p> <p>8.30 Iron Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.20 Rockwiz (PG) entertainment.</p> <p>10.00 No Way, Get F*#ked, F*#k Off (MA) Doco on rock band The Angels</p> <p>11.00 Nynne (M,c,l) drama series from Denmark.</p> <p>11.45 SOS (PG)</p> <p>12.50 NEUWSTopia (M) Comedy series.</p> <p>1.20 Life Support (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.50 Drawn Together (MA) Repeat.</p> <p>2.15 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse (G)</p> <p>6.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 V8 Supercars 2008 Live Bathurst 1000.</p> <p>5.00 Border Patrol (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Sydney Weekender (G)</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 Movie: Holes (PG,v,a, 2003) Stars Signourey Weaver, Shia Labeouf.</p> <p>9.00 Movie: Alien vs Predator (M, 2004) Stars Raoul Bova, Lance Henriksen.</p> <p>11.00 Movie: Eurotrip (MA,s,n,c,l, 2004) Stars Scott Mechlowicz, Jacob Pitts, Matt Damon, Lucy Lawless.</p> <p>12.45 Movie: Rocky Marciano (M,v,c,l 1999) Stars Jon Favreau, Penelope Ann Miller, Judd Hirsch.</p> <p>2.40 Dragons' Den (G) games show</p> <p>3.35 Danoz , Expo and Guthy Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 11.00 Movie: Cabin Fever (AV,c,l, 2002) 1.00 Ultimate Access</p>	<p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>8.30 Video Hits First (G)</p> <p>10.00 Video Hits (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures (G) series premier.</p> <p>12.30 Movie: The Hunt For Red October (PG, 1990) Stars Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Sam Neill, Scott Glenn.</p> <p>3.00 Super X - Australasian Supercross Championships</p> <p>4.00 Escape With ET (G) series return.</p> <p>5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Movie: Evolution (PG,sr,n, 2001) Stars David Duchovny, Julianne Moore, Orlando Jones, Dan Aykroyd</p> <p>8.35 Movie: Aeon Flux (M, 2005) Stars Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand</p> <p>10.35 Movie: Total Recall (M,c,l,v, 1990) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone, Michael Ironside.</p> <p>12.35 Crime Files (M)</p> <p>1.35 Formula One Grand Prix : Round 16 - Japan (Qualifying)</p> <p>2.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion</p>	<p>6.00 Infomercials</p> <p>7.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 The Music Jungle (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Boarding Pass (G)</p> <p>12.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Horse Racing Caulfield Guinness - live.</p> <p>4.30 Holidays For Sale (G) Final.</p> <p>5.00 The Garden Gurus (G)</p> <p>5.30 Antique Roadshow (G) Claverton</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 Funnist Home Video Show (G)</p> <p>7.30 Movie: Oliver Twist (PG, 2005) Stars Barney Clark, Ben Kingsley.</p> <p>8.40 Saturday Lotto</p> <p>10.10 Movie: Welcome To The Jungle (M,v, 2003) Stars The Rock, Sean William Scott, Ewen Bremner.</p> <p>12.10 Movie: Femme Fatale (AV15+, 2002) Stars Rebecca Romijn, Antonio Banderas, Peter Coyote.</p> <p>2.20 Movie: Mutiny On The Buses (PG, 1972) Stars Reg Varney, Doris Hare.</p> <p>3.45 Neil Diamond (PG) music</p> <p>4.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker</p> <p>NBN Qld program same as above except: 12.00 Horse Racing: Caulfield Guinness 3.30 Boarding Pass 4.00 Malcolm In The Middle</p>
SUNDAY 12	<p>5.00 rage</p> <p>6.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 Insiders And Inside Business</p> <p>10.30 Offsiders</p> <p>11.00 Asia Pacific Focus</p> <p>11.30 Songs Of Praise (G)</p> <p>12.00 Landline</p> <p>1.00 Gardening Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Message Stick (G*)</p> <p>2.00 Air Australia (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Breaking The Rules: Across American Counterculture (PG*,n)</p> <p>4.30 First Tuesday Book Club With Jennifer Byrne (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Sunday Arts (G)</p> <p>6.00 At The Movies Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 The Einstein Factor (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Galapagos: Born Of Fire (G) Part 1 of 3 series.</p> <p>8.25 ABC News Update</p> <p>8.30 Midsomer Murders (M*,v) Final.</p> <p>10.05 Compass: The Sleeping Book (G)</p> <p>10.35 The Mystery Of The Stradivarius (G)</p> <p>11.30 The Great Waldo Pepper (PG)</p> <p>1.15 Movie: Joan Of Paris (G, 1942) Stars Paul Henried, Michele Morgan.</p> <p>3.00 Movie: Bride by Mistake (G, 1944) Stars Alan Marshall, Marsha Hunt.</p>	<p>6.50 James Brown: Live In Montreux</p> <p>8.00 Freddie Mercury: The Tribute Concert (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.00 The Guitar Show with Ben Harper, Eric Johnson, Steve Jackson, Rod McCormack (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 Montreux Jazz Festival 2003: Women of Song (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.30 triple j tv With The Doctor</p> <p>11.30 triple j tv presents Arcade Fire (PG)</p> <p>12.00 London Live (G) Music. Repeat.</p> <p>12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: The Offspring</p> <p>2.00 Stereo MCs: Live In Manchester</p> <p>2.45 A Little Later: Radiohead (G)</p> <p>3.00 Lou Reed: Live At Montreux 2000</p> <p>4.00 Snow Patrol: Live At Somerset House (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Falcon Beach (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.45 A Little Later: Moby (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 London Live (PG) Music. Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Blu Cantrell</p> <p>7.00 First Tuesday Book Club With Jennifer Byrne (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Sunday Arts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Absolute Wilson (PG)</p> <p>10.10 Love's Labour (M*,c,l)</p> <p>10.30 Art House (G) Final.</p> <p>10.55 Close</p>	<p>6.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>10.00 Dateline</p> <p>11.00 Equestrian: RIDE International '08</p> <p>11.30 Cycling: UCI Road World Championships 2008</p> <p>12.30 World Superbike Championships</p> <p>1.00 Speedweek</p> <p>2.00 FIA World Rally Championship '08</p> <p>3.00 Football Asia</p> <p>3.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine Sport.</p> <p>4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature</p> <p>5.00 The World Game Football.</p> <p>6.00 Australian Biography: Donald Metcalf (PG) doco series.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? David Tennant (PG) doco series.</p> <p>8.30 First Australians: They Have Come To Stay (PG) part 1 of 7 doco.</p> <p>9.45 The Deadlys 2008 award show.</p> <p>11.20 Movie: Delivery (MA,c,l,du, 2004) Drama from Greece.</p> <p>1.05 Swordsmen Of The Passes (M,c,l,v)</p> <p>2.35 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>6.30 Creflo A Dollar</p> <p>7.00 V8 Supercars 2008 Live Bathurst 1000.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie (G) Japan.</p> <p>7.00 Kath & Kim: the American Series (PG) series premiere.</p> <p>7.30 Dancing With The Stars (G)</p> <p>9.00 Movie: Shall We Dance (PG,s,c,l, 2004) Stars Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez, Susan Sarandon.</p> <p>11.05 Movie: Adventures Of Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert (M,c,l,s, 1994) Stars Guy Pearce, Hugo Weaving, Terence Stamp, Sarah Chadwick.</p> <p>1.05 Auction Squad (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.05 Destination New Zealand (G) Auckland 1. Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 Danoz Direct</p> <p>3.30 Expo</p> <p>5.00 Creflo A Dollar</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 5.00 Dragons' Den</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>7.00 Wormwood</p> <p>7.30 Totally Wild</p> <p>8.00 Meet The Press</p> <p>8.30 State Focus</p> <p>9.00 Video Hits First (G)</p> <p>10.00 Video Hits (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Video Hits Presents: Good Vibrations 2009</p> <p>12.00 Goin' Ballistyx (PG) snowboarding</p> <p>1.00 RPM (PG) motorsport.</p> <p>2.00 Totally Australia: Athletes Of The Wild (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Jayco Herald Sun Cycling Tour</p> <p>5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Thank God You're Here (PG) Repeat</p> <p>7.30 Australian Idol (PG)</p> <p>9.00 Rove (M)</p> <p>10.10 Californication (MA15+)</p> <p>10.50 Formula One Grand Prix: Round 16 - Japan (replay).</p> <p>12.50 Video Hits Up Late (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion</p>	<p>6.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker</p> <p>7.00 TVP Direct</p> <p>7.30 Biomagnetics (G)</p> <p>8.00 Sunday News</p> <p>9.00 Wide World Of Sports (G)</p> <p>11.00 Sydney Marathon (G)</p> <p>12.00 The Car Show (G)</p> <p>12.30 Speed Machine Drift Australia 5.</p> <p>1.00 WWE Afterburn wrestling.</p> <p>2.00 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Movie: The Train Robbers (PG, 1973) Stars John Wayne, Ann Margaret, Rod Taylor.</p> <p>4.30 Travel Wild (G) Queensland.</p> <p>5.00 The Gurus Explore Taiwan (G)</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 Battlefronts (PG) garden makeovers</p> <p>7.30 60 Minutes</p> <p>8.30 The Mentalist (M) crime series.</p> <p>9.30 CSI: Miami (M) all new.</p> <p>10.30 CSI: NY (M,v) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 The Strip (M)</p> <p>12.30 A1GP - World Cup Of Motorsport Netherlands.</p> <p>1.30 The Avengers (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 Guthy Renker and Danoz</p> <p>4.00 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>

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Helping volunteers pay for petrol

Community organisations in Richmond can now apply for a share in the Australian Government's \$21 million Volunteer Grants Program 2008.

Local Federal MP Justine Elliot welcomed the opening of the funding round, announced by Jenny Macklin, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

The Government will expand items eligible for funding under the program to include petrol for volunteers who use their vehicles for volunteering purposes.

"By subsidising fuel costs, the Government is delivering on its election commitment and acknowledges the pressure of rising fuel costs on not-for-profit organisations and volunteers," Justine said.

"We recognise the enormous contribution made by the more than five million volunteers who work tirelessly to help the elderly, disadvantaged children and those who've hit hard times.

"For the first time, organisations will be able to apply for a contribution to reimburse volunteers for fuel costs incurred during their volunteering work.

"This new measure will assist volunteers who use their vehicles to support people in the community, including delivering food to the homeless, taking disadvantaged children to Saturday sports and visiting the elderly."

The Australian Government has also expanded the eligibility rules for the Volunteer Grants Program to include school Parents and Citizenship Associations for the first time.



Justine Elliot MP and Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs welcome the Rudd Government's expansion of eligible items for funding under the Volunteer Grants program to include petrol.

Organisations can apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to purchase equipment – including computers, air conditioners, mowers and sporting items used by volunteers.

"These new funding arrangements are one of the ways the Australian Government can assist community groups and volunteers

for their contribution," Justine said.

For more information or to obtain an application form and the guidelines please visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or call the toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374.

Applications close Friday 17 October 2008.

Volunteer Grants Program - **Apply NOW**

Tyalgum Diggers celebrates 100yrs



Above: Children had great fun in the Little Miss Cowgirl and Cowboy dance off.

Left: Justine with local Elder Aunty Kath Lena and Committee Chairman Bruce Bartrim. Aunty Kath gave a traditional welcome to country at the Tyalgum Diggers Opening Ceremony.

Nominate an older local hero

Federal Minister for Ageing and local MP Justine Elliot is encouraging local residents to celebrate the contribution that older people make to our community.

“Our seniors make a huge contribution to their families, friends and the broader community” Justine said.

“Take this opportunity to thank them for their energy and continued commitment to our area by nominating an outstanding Older Australian to receive a certificate of recognition.”

“Please contact my office on 1300 720 675 to nominate an outstanding local Older Australian to receive a certificate of recognition” Justine said.



Justine Elliot MP presents Howard ‘Speed’ Maher with a certificate of recognition. A member of the 53rd Australian Composite Anti-Aircraft Association, Speed produces a Veteran’s newsletter and is very active within the local Veteran community.



Picture Perfect: The 2008 Welcoming the Babies Ceremony saw an array of beautiful babies and families come together at Salt Park, South Kingscliff. Thank you to all the families that made the day so enjoyable.

Welcoming the babies



Local MP Justine Elliot proudly held Richmond's annual Welcoming the Babies Ceremony recently at Salt Park, South Kingscliff.

The event this year saw local babies welcomed into our community with children receiving a welcoming certificate and a native tree.

Blue skies along with a free jumping castle and face painting greeted families at the magnificent Salt Park facility.

A big thanks for all the wonderful support from The Daily News, Salt and special thanks to our MC - Barry Coleman, Radio 97 breakfast announcer.

"I am so proud of this community event" Justine said. "Children are the future of our nation and it's great to have a local celebration specifically designed to recognise the importance of raising children."



affordable rental housing

Local MP Justine Elliot has welcomed the introduction to Parliament of new laws to establish a National Rental Affordability Scheme.

This new program, which delivers one of Labor's 2007 election commitments, is a \$623 million investment that will create 50,000 affordable rental properties for low and moderate income earners in its first four years.

"Increasing the supply of affordable rental housing is a priority for the Rudd Government" said Justine.

"Vacancy rates across Australia – including in the electorate of Richmond – are at critically low levels, and rents are increasing faster than other everyday living costs."

"This has an enormous impact on families, key workers, young people and pensioners."

"This is why increasing the supply of affordable rental homes is a major priority for the Rudd Government."

The Scheme provides incentives to participants to build new dwellings for renting to low and moderate income households at a 20 per cent below market rents.

The Scheme will benefit key workers like entry level police officers and teachers, carers, cleaners, retail and hospitality staff and child care workers.

For further information, visit: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/housing/nras.htm>.

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Mullumbimby's Refurbished Civic Hall Opens

The Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall has opened its doors once again after refurbishments were recently completed.

The hall was closed due to safety concerns in 2003. Since then the Australian Government has provided \$335,400 in funding to assist Byron Shire Council to repair this treasured landmark.

All up around \$1 million has been invested in the building that provides a focal point for the Mullumbimby community and a place for individuals and groups, to be involved in social, educational, cultural, artistic and commercial activities.

The hall was initially built as a memorial to commemorate the soldiers who fought in World War I, and opened its doors in 1929.



Byron Shire Mayor, Cr Jan Barham and Justine Elliot MP at the opening of the refurbished Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall



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Mullum Music Festival

To celebrate the launch of the Mullum Music Festival scheduled for 20-23 November in beautiful downtown Mullumbimby I have double passes to give away to shows over the weekend. Email mandypow@echo.net.au with subject header 'mullums got the moves.'

Today I remembered when I first met Sara Tindley. We'd both gone out with the same awful man for about 10 minutes, a striking viking dropkick. It's Byron Bay's own version of 6 degrees of separation, but when it comes to relationships around here, we're all backstroking in a pretty murky gene pool! It was great to be 15 years older laughing a vengeful witchy laugh with a fellow sister.

But that was then. And this is now. These days Sara Tindley is a successful singer songwriter of the alt country variety who has to her own surprise found herself on the bills of festivals like Splendour in the Grass and Bluesfest.

Sara has been busy playing live gigs and is in that special time for artists we refer to as 'between albums.'

'I was going to do an album this year but felt I hadn't broken enough new ground with Lucky the Sun, it was 2006 when I recorded that and it seems a couple of years is good, to wait and put out an album, but when you are self financing and self managing a couple of years is too quick! I went "nah I'm not ready to do a new album!"'

'Right now I want to push into new territory - like Victoria, I want to try and make Victoria a regular touring thing. I find Sydney quite hard but I



Sara Tindley at the Mullum Music Festival and Currumbin SoundLounge

am doing - I still get nervous but I don't feel like I shouldn't be there.'

Lucky the Sun was produced with country music icon, Bill Chambers, dad to the much loved Kasey Chambers. I wondered what the Chambers family were like close up. I've seen them on stage and marvelled at their on stage story - how their 10 year stint fox hunting created campfire singing which led to, well, we all know where it led to!

'As a family I find them endlessly fascinating, they don't play by any rules and the country scene is so conservative, it's so straight laced and stitched up but they love her, they adore her, even people

Bill Chambers has been something of a mentor to Sara. 'He's very instinctive and he doesn't give a lot of direction in the studio. He just kind of educates me further in song writing and song writers that I wouldn't have found my way to unless he's shown me.'

At the Mullum Music Festival Sara Tindley will be conducting a workshop in Lyric Writing.

'I have never actually run a workshop before, but my strength is lyric writing and it will be based around that. It's about finding the poetry and beauty in the ordinary things in life. I think the ordinary is endlessly fascinating. I live an ordinary life, I'm not like Mick Jagger. I live an ordinary life and so do most people and there is a lot of poetry in that. Sometimes I think I am so uninspired because my life is so boring but I'll be walking down the street in Lismore and I'll see something and that will get me going.'

Sara Tindley is a featured performer and workshop presenter at the Mullum Music Festival, November 20 - 23. Tickets are now on sale: www.mullummusicfestival or phone 02 82501102.

Sara will also be playing at the Currumbin SoundLounge with Karma Country on Friday 24 October.

What Miss Tindley Did Next

want to keep tackling it.'

I asked Sara how her stage time has affected her performance - does she notice the new strengths that experience gives her on stage?

'Every gig is so different,

sometimes you just bomb and there's nothing you can do about it, it doesn't matter how much you practise it just won't gel. Right across the board when I go out to do a gig I am a lot more confident in what I

that hate her voice love her - undeniably the story of them living this unique and strange existence created a mythology, Aussies love that stuff and that opened doors and Kasey had the talent to back it up.'

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All Actors Must Die

I hate actors. It's nothing personal. I hate all of them. I think I'd enjoy movies a lot more if they didn't contain actors. Just scenery and nature. Lets admit it, actors are just such posers. It's like watching someone watching themselves in the reflection of a shop window. I watch films and am always aware of the beauty auditors who make sure boogers don't fly out of noses in crying scenes and women don't fart during sex. There's just too much big lip, perfect boobs and smooth skin action for any of it to be believable. These pristine and polished little piggies just wreck storyline for me. All I'm aware of is how incredibly beautiful Angelina Jolie is and how Nicole Kidman's skin looks like porcelain, and how I'd like to abduct Johnny Depp and lock him in my basement. It's narcissistic voyeurism – a kind of erotic indulgence in the aesthete – but it's got nothing to do with telling a story.

It's beauty porn. Real people just aren't that attractive. I see people all the time – they're everywhere, and none of them look like those actors. Actors should only ever be cast to play other actors. If I was a director I'd never use actors. I'd just grab people off the street. And they'd only get one shot, one movie, and then they'd be back to their normal life, unrecognised and unidentifiable. They'd also be paid a regular wage. They wouldn't be made up or well lit. They'd actually look like people. There would even be stories about ugly people falling in love. Even ugly people having sex. Then, quite possibly, generations of young people receiving their visual cues from popular culture about how they should look and conduct themselves in the world may get a realistic yardstick and realise that it's OK to have a spotty arse or small boobs and a bald patch (just not so hot on the one person).

I've never understood why we buy magazines that contain nothing but pictures of actors dressed up going out. I wonder why we've chosen that particular profession to obsess over. We could have just as easily chosen butchers. Imagine opening Who Weekly to find pictures of your butcher pissed, getting out of a limo flashing his g-string! I also don't understand what the big hooah is around the Oscars. The speeches are always so vacuous – I mean what real accolade is there in pretending to be someone who is actually interesting? I'd rather meet the interesting person the story was based on. There are real stories about interesting people making important contributions. Of course they rarely hit the big screens, are underfunded and usually go unnoticed. They're called documentaries. I was worried my actor friends would read this. But then I remembered, they don't read.



The Whitlams – at the Mullum Civic Centre on October 18



Getaway with a Galvatron

There are some bands who just know how to make an entrance. Hailing from BrisVegas, our very own Seattle, **The Getaway Plan's** debut album *Other Voices, Other Rooms* (released in February of this year) was greeted with an overwhelming response from the fans and industry alike. Triple J made it their feature album of the week and the album debuted at an incredible #14 on the National ARIA Charts and #1 on the AIR Independent Charts, surprising many by remaining in both months after its release. Seemingly on the road touring for most of 2008 already, The Galvatrons have been tearing up the stages of your local towns, and also made a trip in mid 2008 off to Europe and the UK for the festival and club circuit. The band has also recently been added as opening support act to the massive Australian co-headlining tour with Def Leppard and Cheap Trick. They appear with **Galvatron at The Coolangatta Hotel on Friday**. Tix are \$15, doors open at 8pm. www.oztix.com.au 1300 762 545.

Unplugged for love

Acoustic outfit **Taylor** returns to **Unplugged in the Basement** with fellow local folk/jazz musician Cleo as support on **Thursday October 9**. Originally a duo, Taylor recently combined forces with vocalist Johanne Fossheim and mandolin player Scott French, resulting in a string of successful live shows and rapidly growing fan base. With influences from Nick Drake to the Beatles, Taylor brings together a fingerstyle groove base with a strong melodic sense and rich organic tones. Supporting Taylor for the evening will be Cleo, showcasing tunes from her recently released debut jazz album *Smooth touch of Swing*. If you miss this unplugged gem at the **Gold Coast Arts Centre's** funky little downstairs room, then pop in the following **Thursday 16 October** from 7.30pm for independent artist Paul Greene who headlines with singer/songwriter John Olzard. Over the past few years Paul has pursued a staunchly independent path, performing at countless festivals, bar rooms and concert halls across Australia. Supporting Paul for the evening will be John Olzard, a musician whose style can best be described as rock, healing and easy-listening. Tix to Unplugged shows are \$10 before 8pm, \$13 after. Doors,

food & bar open at 7.30pm with DVDs screening. Bands commence at 8.15pm.

Ms Hunt at the Jam Shed

The divine Queen of Soul, the irrepressible **Ms Lisa Hunt** will be appearing at Chinderah's outdoor venue, **The Jam Shed**. The venue offers a unique outdoor setting so that punters and musos alike can enjoy the coastal Sunday arvo ambience. Lisa Hunt is hailed as one of the best soul singers in the country, her honey tonsils propelling you to dance in a way that you won't believe possible. **Sunday from 5pm**. This is a family friendly all ages show.

Feeling French

Croissant, entrepreneur, voyeur, baguette, camembert...see, I can speak French. It is the language of love. If you are a connoisseur of all things French then the **Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra** have a concert especially for you. Led by conductor Barry Singh enjoy a program that will stimulate your senses the way that only the French can. Heading the musical cuisine will be the ever popular Bolero by Maurice Ravel. To make the evening truly cordon bleu the Orchestra has engaged four renowned opera singers including Andrew Pryor (tenor) and Shaun Brown (baritone) who will sing the great Pearl Fishers Duet by Bizet and Liza Beamish and Kathleen Proctor-Moore who will sing the famous Barcarolle and the much loved Flower Duet from Lakme. Completing the evening will be a dessert of ballet music including Les Sylphides by Chopin and Coppelia by Delibes. **Seagulls Club West Tweed Heads, Sunday 26th October 3pm (NSW time)** Adults \$40 concession \$35 and Students \$22. Bookings (07)5587 9033.

Dolphin nominations

Don't get caught in a shark net. This year potential Dolphin nominees – NCEIA is pleased to announce that entries for the **2009 Dolphin Awards** are now open. There are 23 categories with the usual culprits such as Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Youth, Male and Female Vocal are still open. This year there are also a few new categories, including Music Video and Lyrics/Printed Word. The NCEIA Dolphin Awards are open to all original recording artists, songwriters and composers, graphic artists and video producers, both amateur and professional, living in the (02) 66 code area. Application forms will be available from all good music venues and shops in the area, from their office at 97 Keen Street, Lismore and from their website www.nceia.org.au

Drummer at Sphinx Cafe

Sayon Souare is a recent arrival to these shores. Only 24 years old, this African singer, musician, dancer and choreographer is not only prodigiously talented, but accomplished beyond his years. Sayon dedicated his passion and talent to the traditional African arts of music and dance from a very young age. Both his parents are accomplished performers themselves. Sayon's gift for dance and choreography as well as music and song led to years spent with several ballet companies including Ballet Bougarabou (Senegal), playing djembe and dancing, and Circus Baobab (Guinea), where he played drum, danced and performed acrobatics. He was then sought by Ballet African (Gambia) for his skills to arrange the drumming

and choreograph. Sayon now resides in country Victoria where he is performing and teaching and adapting to his new life. His talents will no doubt set an unprecedented high standard and infuse excitement in the burgeoning African dance and music scene in Australia. This handsome young Mandinka man is a self contained power house of the best African tradition has to offer. **He appears at Sphinx Rock Cafe on Sunday at 1pm.**

Back to the Roaring 20s

Take a little trip back in time to an era of bathtub



Kate Miller Heidke at the Mullum Civic Hall on Friday October 17



Paul Greene headlines Unplugged in the Basement at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Thursday October 16



The Getaway Plan (above) and The Galvatrons (below) at the Coolangatta Hotel on Friday





Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra at Seagulls Club West Tweed Heads, Sunday October 26



Taylor at Unplugged in the Basement at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Thursday October 9

gin, speakeasies, hot jazz, the Charleston, Al Capone, gangsters and flappers! In an evening of beaux dancing, drinking, laughing and flirting, **The Gold Coast Jazz and Blues Club** will celebrate the roaring '20s with traditional jazz band, **Jo's Boys**, playing the music of Bix Beiderbecke, Kid Ory, Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Bessie Smith and more! Dress up in your best '20s gear to win great prizes! **Friday in the Paradise Room**. Members \$15, visitors \$20. Bookings: 0405 143 720 or online at www.goldcoastjazzclub.com

Sherlock becomes Mr Mum

While most people don't associate rock and roll, or even jazz and blues, with a settled family lifestyle for many musos, including guitarist **James Sherlock**, the life of a musician can mean they get to spend more time with their kids than most working dads. 'We moved to Brisbane from Melbourne because we thought if I taught more music I could be at home more during the day, so I'm more a home dad now and my wife has now gone back to work,' says Sherlock. These days Sherlock balances his dad duties with teaching at the Conservatorium in Brisbane and performing with his award winning duo, the Kristin Beradi and James Sherlock Duo.

'We started playing together two years ago and since then the duo has become my main project. We did a recording and that came out really well and even though we now we live in two different states, she's in Sydney, we still keep that project on the go.' With both members of the duo having won prestigious awards in their own right, the jazz duo is rightfully in demand. Berardi www.tweedecho.com.au



Steve Allison at the Currumbin RSL on Saturday

won the 2006 Shure Mortreux Jazz voice competition at the 40th Montreux Jazz Festival and Sherlock notably won the Ike Isaacs International Guitar Award. Like most working musicians, Sherlock has had to play a diverse range of gigs but he says his passion remains jazz and he continues to be influenced by the jazz greats.

'Guitar is very diverse as an instrument but I really just concentrated on jazz playing.' With a new album soon to be released, the duo is looking forward to playing songs from the CD at their upcoming performance as part of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre's Concert Series. 'The Kristin Beradi and James Sherlock duo performs at the **Byron Community Cultural Centre on Thursday at 8pm**. Tickets cost \$22 and \$17 concession. For bookings 6685 6807.

Whitlams in Mullum

Ku Promotions present **Tim Freedman**, a fella who has a lot to live for. One of the most interesting men in music continues to ensure that the legacy of The Whitlams lives

on. He has been described as 'a poet of contemporary urban Sydney, a leftwing, street-level egalitarian with firm artistic roots'. With lyrics described as having a 'charming cynicism' and enhanced by an instinct for poignant melody, The Whitlams have won Best Group at the 1998 Aria Awards, as well as Song of the Year and Best Independent Release for their third album *'Eternal Nightcap'*. **Saturday 18 October at Mullum Civic Hall**. Tix \$32 Adults / \$20 under 18s. Available from Barebones Bangalow, Mullum Books, Murwillumbah Music, All Music & Vision Ballina, Byron and Lismore.

Meeting Miss Kate

Nearly a year has passed since the release of her debut album, 'Little Eve', and **Kate Miller-Heidke** is now one of the most talked about performers in Australian music! Heralded as one of the ultimate acts to catch live, rarely has an artist left fans and reviewers alike so consistently awestruck. Traversing a wide landscape of styles, Kate has truly found her feet as a performer. The combination of her virtuosic voice, theatrical artistry and the chemistry of her band are devastating! **Friday 17 October at the Mullum Civic Hall**. Tix \$20 presold / \$25 door. Available from Barebones, Bangalow; Mullum Books, Murwillumbah Music, All Music & Vision Ballina, Byron & Lismore.



Laugh yourself silly

Standup comedy comes to **Currumbin on Saturday** when I am joined by two fellow comics to present **Side Splitting Saturday**. After our first full house a few months ago to test the water and see if the people in the region were up for a giggle we are all geared up to give it another go. This time the headline is local Currumbin boy **Steve Allison**, one of the most in demand comics on the circuit. Steve kick-started his comedy career at EXPO 88 as their youngest comedy juggler. In the many years and thousands of performances since, Steve has performed for all manner of people in all kinds of places – and he knows how to make any audience laugh. As a regular headline act in comedy clubs and countless corporate functions Steve has built a reputation as one of the most respected comedians working the Australian comedy circuit. Steve's comedy stems from his natural sense of humour and quick wit, and is a mix of snappy oneliners, funny home truths and hilarious

stories with crazy impressions and comedy juggling. Steve has worked alongside some of the biggest names in comedy, including Eric Bana, Jimoen, Steady Eddie, Vince Sorrenti, Dave Hughes, Wil Anderson, Col Elliott, Shane Bourne and John Garfield plus international stars Lenny Henry, Alexi Sales and Stevie Star plus music legends Kate Cerebrano, Tommy Emmanuel, Kamahl and The Supremes. Steve's international experience includes tours of South Africa, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the P&O cruise ship Pacific Sky.

All this experience gives Steve the ability to perform a hilarious original show of fun, laughter and the unexpected! He is joined by support act Robert Grayson and me as MC. 7.30pm.

Tix are available at the Club. Strictly limited seating.

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The Bitch of the Pitch

If you want to get a project up in the film world you have to know how to pitch. It's basically the ability to sell sell sell. **The Pitch** is a hilarious satire about the trials and tribulations of trying to crack the big time in Hollywood. It's a contemporary reframing of *Death of a Salesman* – except this time it's about trying to move ideas. Peter Houghton's brilliant show was critically acclaimed and a huge hit in Melbourne in 2006 and 2007 and was awarded two prestigious Green Room Awards for performance and for best new play. The Pitch is set in the very humble apartment of aspiring screenwriter Walter Weinerman just before he is about to sell his screenplay to an all powerful

Hollywood film industry panel. Walter desperately practises pitching his film concept. It's his one shot at the big time and there's a lot at stake. His script is an action, mystery, revenge, loser makes good, romance film set in way too many exotic locations. It's a classic tale of love, war, sniping, plane crashes, exotic accents and plenty of meaningful close ups. The film pitch is a hilarious panic stricken effort, that involves him demonstrating all the roles that he hopes will be played by Hollywood's A-list actors, including a clenched teeth Clint Eastwood, a debonair Sir Anthony Hopkins and a scintillating Catherine Zeta Jones. Peter Houghton's *The Pitch* is one hilarious antidote for the many clichéd and over done Hollywood blockbusters that we are all familiar with. **Saturday at 8pm at the Byron Bay Community Centre**. Tix: A\$37, C\$32, J\$20

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Local artist shows in Sydney

Murwillumbah artist **Craig Parnaby** next week heads for Art Sydney, one of the nation's biggest-selling art fairs, to show his work.

He'll be taking a selection of his characteristic figurative paintings of beach scenes and people on bicycles, themes he has developed over many years. His work has been described as 'a unique visual iconography of coastal living'.

It's just two years since Parnaby returned to the region, and already you can begin to see its influence slowly working its way into his paintings. There's a certain clarity of light, a feel of space around the sculpted forms, a warmer tinge to the late afternoon sun on golden skin. He thinks, though, that it will take a couple more years to absorb the effects of his native landscape.

Parnaby grew up locally, attending Murwillumbah High School before heading for Sydney's College of Fine Art. After art school he kept painting, supporting himself by working in hospitality for 17 years. Eight years ago he took the big plunge to become a

full-time artist, working and exhibiting in Sydney's eastern suburbs. He's had a dozen solo exhibitions.

'But this is such a beautiful area, and I'd always wanted to come back,' he said. So he did, two years ago, together with his wife, actor Rachael Gorham, and their two small daughters.

'Abstraction was the norm when I was at art school in the 1980s,' he said, 'but I always wanted to paint figuratively. I love the humanity of the figure, and I want to paint scenes you can recognise.'

Parnaby is making sure he keeps a presence on the national art scene. Art Sydney, at Moore Park for three days from October 26, is the first stop. The show, originally called the Affordable Art Fair, has grown in the past couple of years and now attracts artists of the calibre of John Olsen and Tim Storrier, dealers from all over the country and some 15,000 visitors. A little later there's Queenscliff in Victoria, where he's had a show every December for the past few years.

The artist recently set up his studio above the shops at 34 Main Street and intends to have regular public viewings there, starting next year. They'll be worth watching out for. Meanwhile some of his previous work can be seen at www.craigparaby.com



Ephemeral art for the earth

You may have been lucky enough to see an ephemeral earth sculpture of yellow flowers at the park in Murwillumbah last week. It was the work of **Tania Summerell**, a local artist driven by a passion for nature.

'I was creating an environmental statement,' she told *the Echo*. 'The flowers are from an endangered Amazonian tree called the tabebuia. Its common name in Brazil is the ipe, and it's been logged almost to extinction. The logging is illegal, and the timber is mainly exported to France and the US. I looked up the statistics and they inspired me to play with the flowers. In New York alone there's 40,000 square feet of boardwalk covered in ipe timber. That's the equivalent of 83,000 acres of rainforest. If people must use timber, they should do so sustainably.'

Summerell used the petals laid in parallel lines to represent the boardwalk. 'It represents the origins of the timber. The petals should be reabsorbed into the earth to feed the tree.'

Some of her site-specific transient artworks have been very big indeed, particularly her huge earth mandalas of leaves and petals. Pieces she has produced locally include the shanti mandala for the 2005 International Day of Peace, the desert mandala for World Environment Day, the Wollumbin Festival mandala in 2006 and the goddess mandala made in the park from red eliocarpus or quandong leaves.

Something of this exceptional artist's work can be glimpsed at www.taniasart.com

Prize pastels

Trish Callaghan is the local artist who draws those lovely pastel landscapes – you may

remember her win in the Border Art Prize three years ago, and earlier she was artist in residence at the Tweed River Art Gallery.

Born at Dalby in Queensland, where she grew up on the family farm, she returned there earlier this year for a solo show, *Long way from home: memories of other places*. Works from that collection have now made pre-selection – in other words, they go on show as finalists – in three different competitions in three states.

The Grid, Toowoomba Road is in the Heysen prize at the Hahndorf Academy in South Australia and also in the Outback art prize at Broken Hill in NSW, while *Faded Rainbow* is in the Tattersalls landscape prize in Brisbane.

Callaghan, who in the course of her artistic career has raised five children, has the distinction of being accorded the status of Master Pastellist by the Australian Pastel Society.

Freshly mentored

The indefatigable team at **Community Printmakers Murwillumbah (CPM)** on the Kyogle Road have another exhibition starting **this Saturday**, to remain on show for the next two months.

Freshly Pressed is a show of prints from four local artists who have been mentored by longstanding CPM member Peter Schardin. The four are Tamsin Ainslie, Heather Matthew, Doug McNeill and Edith Streiner. The artists were able to explore a wide variety of printmaking processes and techniques, including dry point etching, aquatint, screen printing and woodcuts.

All four say they found the mentorship invaluable. Tamsin Ainslie, a professional illustrator, found it extended her artistic practice. Heather Matthew, who is interested in the matrices of homes, learned 'to



let the ideas take their flight'. Doug McNeill was exhilarated by finding he could develop images of the human form, and Edith Streiner found that printing on a large scale helped to loosen up her drawing skills.

The mentorship program is funded through a NSW government initiative, the Community Development Support Expenditure Grant, where funds from sports and social clubs in the local area assist community organisations. The Tweed Shire Council administers the grant assessment process.

Freshly Pressed **October 11 to December 7. Opening this Saturday 3pm, then open to the public 11am to 3pm Friday to Sunday. Telephone workshop gallery: 6672 8276**

Also this weekend

It's the start of the week-long **Tweed River Festival** and as

part of the program Dr Mark Kingston, Council's biodiversity program leader, will join entrants in the *Tweed Naturally Art Awards* to give a floor talk at the **Tweed River Art Gallery at 11am on Sunday October 12.**

On Chinderah Drive, this was to have been the last weekend to see the exhibition *Expose Imagination* at the **Curious Art Gallery**. But the show has proved so popular that it will continue to the end of **October, open every day during daylight saving hours of 11am to 6pm.**

Clockwise from bottom left:

Tania Summerell creating earth art with petals of the endangered ipe tree. Photo: Rod Harvey.

Trish Callaghan, *The Grid, Toowoomba Road 2008*.

Artist Craig Parnaby in his Murwillumbah studio.

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Eating Out with Victoria Cosford

THE ITALIAN COLLECTIVE

I was taken to Sardinia one weekend by a much older man I barely knew. He had somehow managed to persuade my employers – owners of the inn outside Bologna where I worked as waitress and kitchen-hand – that this anorexic Australian in her early twenties would make an ideal clothes-horse for the line of garments his factory was manufacturing. In my absurd and extreme naivety I accepted this – which was how I came to end up at Porto Cervo, a millionaire's playground on the coast, where yachts bobbed in the harbour on an improbably blue ocean. To do this man justice, he treated me with utmost respect– my naivety had not, fortunately, prevented me from insisting we stay in separate hotel rooms – and after I had removed his arm from around my shoulder at the post-prandial discotheque he never attempted further physical contact. This strange episode returned to me recently, when I met Massimo Scalas. Massimo is the head chef at the restaurant of the Hotel Great Northern in

Byron Bay, and Massimo comes from Sardinia – from a small seaside place called Riola. We met because he was keen to tell me about changes to the restaurant: the fact that for some time now he has been attempting to effect a compromise between pub food and a more upmarket dining experience.



Massimo was 'discovered', if you like, by the owners of the establishment, the unerringly shrewd Mooneys, on a golf course in the Mauritius where he was working as a chef; after a stint running his own restaurant on the Gold Coast, they offered him the opportunity of manning the stoves of the Byron Bay pub. The wood-fired oven has been there for fifteen years, the last six of which have been in the capable hands of

Peppe Abruzzese who turns out what are arguably some of the best pizzas in the Shire from an enormous blackboard menu. Only recently, however, has Massimo been allowed the freedom to serve up his own particular style of Italian food rather than just wheel out burgers and schnitzels. Moreover, he heads a purely

Italian team: apart from himself and Peppe, there are five Italians in the kitchen and two outside. Annie and I are served by an especially cute young one the night we dine: two women of a certain age dimpling at his Latin charm. The room is almost unrecognisable. Dim lighting, tables set with white cloths, tiny candles on each. The pool tables, covered and transformed into elegant centrepieces upon which repose more fat candles, glassware and an arrangement of copper pots. The room is almost full: families, young couples, more groups of women, youths pulling apart pizza wedges at the low tables in the corner. My mozzarella is

the real thing – buffalo mozzarella from a cheese-maker up in Cairns – and arrives in thick milky slices tumbled amongst tomatoes, good pesto, lashings of pinenuts and a balsamic dressing. Annie, on a detox, slurps Fish Soup bobbing with seafood in an intensely flavoured stock and leaves the unadorned pizza segments for me to crunch on alone. We both want the same main course and work our way happily through barramundi perched on a tangle of roast vegetables and olives. The servings are so big that when Massimo pops out to recommend the tiramisu we decline emphatically. He insists; we submit. And it is possibly the best tiramisu I have eaten, ever! Served in a cocktail glass, it is lush and firm and creamy; Annie's detox flies right out the window. When I open my eyes I remember that I am not, after all, in Italy. The restaurant at the Hotel Great Northern is open for dinner from Wednesday to Sunday night, and you would do well to book first, on 6685 8278.

Fabulous on your Christmas turkey or ham
10-15 minutes preparation time
Makes 1 cup

Ingredients

1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons cranberry sauce
1 tablespoon gherkin, finely chopped
1 tablespoon fresh chives, finely chopped
1 teaspoon lime rind, grated
2 teaspoons lime juice
Combine all ingredients in bowl and mix well.
Serve on top of turkey or ham.



Get ready cos here come the Kings

At the close of the 2007 season, the Murwillumbah Services Soccer Club, now Murwillumbah Football Club, was relegated to First Division when they finished at the bottom of the Gold Coast Premier League table.

While the team had performed extremely well in the Gold Coast Premier League the previous season, the loss of a few key players left the team struggling to field a competitive side in 2007.

This issue is nothing new to many Tweed Valley football clubs who have made the long journey to the Premier League, only to be relegated a year or two later. History has proven that individually, Tweed Valley clubs do not have the quality player base required to sustain a long-term presence in a Premier League competition.

Clubs have struggled financially to field Premier League teams that drain valuable resources that could be better directed to developing their junior players. However, these clubs have a responsibility to ensure that their players have the opportunity to play at the highest level available in the region.

At the end of the 2007 season, former Murwillumbah Premier League coach and player, John Bruggy prepared a proposal to the Tweed Valley Football clubs with the aim of gaining support to form a feeder club model for the Tweed Valley Region.



Kingscliff grinning winners – Undefeated: Premier’s captain Luke Craig, coach Craig Madden and Premier Reserve’s captain Ashley Tickner at their recent awards night at the Coolangatta Hotel. All three hope to see themselves as part of the new Tweed Valley Kings who will launch their assault on the Gold Coast Premier League in 2009. Photo Tree Faerie

John believes that the current fragmented approach to football governance, player development and competition environments where the Tweed Valley supports twelve football clubs, some competing in the Gold Coast Football League and other competing in the Football Far North Coast League, is inhibiting the collective potential of football development in the Tweed Valley region.

‘The idea of a feeder club model is nothing new,’ says John. ‘Put simply, the best players from each feeder member club are combined to form a strong Tweed Valley Team.’

The club feeder model is a bidirectional support model that provides bottom-up, as well as top-down, support for member clubs. For example, senior players and coaches assist with player development programs preparing young players for competitive football, while senior players in the later years of their football careers step back down through the ranks of the game to impart their knowledge to the younger players.

The outcome of the discussion with clubs resulted in the three largest football clubs in the Tweed Valley – Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Banora

Point agreeing to become feeder clubs. Because there wasn’t enough time to establish a new club for the 2008 season, Kingscliff District Soccer Club agreed to host a team in the Gold Coast First Division competition that would represent the best players in the Tweed Valley.

The team’s aim was to win the First Division senior men’s premiership title to secure promotion to Gold Coast Premier League competition which would pave the way to launch the new Tweed Valley Club, Tweed Valley Kings Inc in 2009.

‘The success of the Kingscliff

team has been nothing short of amazing,’ said John. The team finished the 2008 season as Gold Coast First Division competition minor and major winners.

They were the FA cup grand finalists and defeated the Premier League grand final winners Burleigh Heads and Premier League Premiership winners Gold Coast Knights on their way to the FA cup grand final, which was played against Premier League team, Palm Beach.

‘Amazingly, the Kingscliff A grade and Reserve grade teams remained undefeated for the 2008 season and amassed an astounding 281 goals between the teams, the first time this has been achieved in Gold Coast competition history.’

The Tweed Valley Kings (TVK) will launch their assault on the 2009 Gold Coast Premier League competition with senior Men’s and Women’s teams, and a Youth team, U16-U18.

The club proposes playing the Premier League games on a Sunday afternoon to allow member club players who compete on a Saturday to be free to support their Premier League teams on the Sunday.

The plan is to share the home games between the member clubs. This way we take the Premier League game to the supporters and it gives the member clubs the opportunity to generate revenue for their club. The Tweed Valley Kings will aspire to build and

secure their place in the Gold Coast Premier League in 2009. It’s all about being there for the long-term, not the short term.

The TVK new team colours will be white, royal blue, orange and grey. The team mascot is the lion as in the ‘King’ of the jungle.

The first annual general meeting of the club will be held at 7pm on Tuesday October 14 at Twin Towns Juniors Club to elect a president and committee members.

The club is currently seeking applications for coaches for the Premier League Men’s, Women’s and Premier Youth Teams. Applications close October 24 and should be addressed to the President Tweed Valley Kings, PO Box 1023, Kingscliff NSW 2487. As soon as the coaching staff members have been appointed, selection trial dates will be announced.

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Kingscliff Ladies

Social play last week resulted in wins for Norma Craven, Jenny Greenbank, Robin Evans, Fay Lean and Pauline Freeman. Runners-up Grace Grogan, Maureen Hendry and Laurel Willoughby. Championships have been completed and we now look forward to Trophy Day, Wednesday October 29. Nominations are now open for Mixed Fours and Mixed Pairs, nomination sheets are on the Men’s board in Bowlers Lounge.

Pennant results last week Division 2 and 5 defeated by Tweed Heads and scored 1 point each for away games. Division 7 were defeated by Musgrave Hill at home. The last Pennant game for 2008 will be played this Friday and the next Ladies meeting is Wednesday October 15. A reminder the Australia Zoo bus trip is October 23, tickets \$65 includes bus and entry, departs clubhouse at 8am.

A visit is from Gold Coast RSL is due Sunday October 19

Pottsville Men

Week Ending 5/10/2008
Wednesday October 1.
Winners with Highest Winning Margin were R. Appleton, B. Dickson and T Fuller. Winning Rink went to j Richards and T Whitney. Consolation Prize went to A Meighan and A Thorpe
Friday October 3.
Winners were R Booth and A Margan
Saturday October 4.
Winners with Highest Winning

Score were K Boynton and H Milne. Winning Rink went to M Jackson and B Jackson.

Consolation Prize went to W Gruggen and G Crawley

REMINDERS.

‘Barefoot Bowls’ every Sunday at 2.00pm, beginners welcome. For enquires and bookings for bowls call the Pottsville Beach Sports on 6676 1077 and follow the prompts. If you are a visitor, a contact phone number would be appreciated, we would hate for anyone to be disappointed.

Pottsville Women

Thursday October 2:

Numbers were somewhat less than usual as a number of our members are representing the Tweed Byron District at Maclean. We wish them well.
Lucky Bowler: A Mackay Raffle: P Thorburn, J Fletcher. Money Board: A Mackay, J Brammer. Winning Rink: K Freeman, D Donges and M Guthrie. Updates: Oct 13: Delegates Meeting at Pottsville. Oct 14: Pelican Fours. Oct 21: Friendship afternoon. Oct 27: District Shield. If some of our ladies would like to enter a team in for the Condong Gala Day on Oct 20, it would be appreciated.

Visitor Info: Fri 1pm mixed pairs with jackpot. Thurs Women’s Social Bowls 9 am. Order lunch and enjoy our warm and friendly club. For new bowlers, should coaching be required, please contact the club on 6676 1077.

Tweed Byron District Women
Tweed Byron District President, Secretary and Treasurer Day:
President Glenys presided at a won-

derful, if windy, day at Ocean Shores on Monday, September 29. Everyone enjoyed the day. Rink Winner, selected randomly from the rink numbers in a container, were M Caldwell, E Mark, B Rose and L McCormick from Brunswick Heads. Congratulations ladies. Runners Up were D Edwards, J Lawson, C Caine and R Morris from Murwillumbah. Money Board: S Iversen and M Huddy. The neatest card was awarded to C Caine. So ladies, it does pay to be neat as you may be handsomely rewarded.

Raffle Winners: D Donges, K Keevers, M Hay, D Edwards, C Reid, J Kent, B Reglin and B Wainwright. Lucky ladies to win these beautiful prizes.

GOLF

Chinderah Veterans Social Golf

Thursday 2/10/08 - Stroke

Winner ‘A’ grade: Rus Pitchers - net 53 - new h/cap 7. R/up: Bill Whittaker - net 55 (c/back) - new h/cap 8. Winner ‘B’ grade: Arthur Curtis - net 53 - new h/cap 16. R/up: Frank Aaron - net 54 - new h/cap 15.

Winner ‘C’ grade: Marg McLennan - net 47 - new h/cap 24. R/up - Neville Parker - net 50 - new h/cap 21. Ball rundown to net 58 (c/back)

Monday 6/10/08 - Stableford

Winner ‘A’ grade: Bill Herbison - 40 points - new h/cap 11. R/up: Richard Player - 39 points - new h/cap 11. Winner ‘B’ grade: Katie Shipp - 44 points - new h/cap 17. R/up: Jack Waterfield - 41 points (c/back) - new h/cap 16. Winner ‘C’ grade: Yvonne Hawkins - 43 points - new h/cap 23. R/up: Jan Kennedy - 37 points - new h/cap 20. Ball rundown to 37 points. Championships start 20/1/08.

Tweed Valley Tourism Race Day approaches



They are off and racing as the Tweed River Jockey Club presents the Tweed Tourism Race Day on Monday October 20 at the Murwillumbah racecourse.

Activities on the day include a fashion parade and lots of great raffles and prizes with proceeds to the Murwillumbah Hospital.

The course gates open at 11.30am and the event promises to be a great family day with trackside dining and picnic areas available.

The full TAB meeting will feature the running of the in-

augural Tweed Toursim Cup with \$100,000 in prizemoney and BOBS breeding bonuses will be on offer over seven races as well as an interstate bookmakers’ ring and live mounting yard mail from Gary Kliese for each race.

The Tweed River Jockey Club officials are reminding the local owners, trainers and connections that nominations for the event will close with Racing NSW at 11am on October 14.

For more info call Steve at the racecourse on 6672 2671.

Photo Stephen Senise

TIDE TIMES

PHASES OF THE MOON			
New Moon	29th Oct	10.15 am	
First Quarter	6th Nov	3.04 pm	
Scorpio Full Moon	13th Nov	5.18 pm	
Last Quarter	20th Nov	8.32 am	

FRI 10th	High	5.38 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.14 am
	Low	5.39 pm 1.4	Sunset	6.51 pm
SAT 11th	High	11.12 am 0.6	Moonrise	2.18 am
	Low		Moonset	3.10 pm
SUN 12th	High	6.24 am 1.2	Sunrise	6.13 am
	Low	6.28 pm 1.5	Sunset	6.52 pm
MON 13th	High	12.20 am 0.4	Moonrise	3.16 pm
	Low	12.09 pm 0.5	Moonset	3.43 am
TUE 14th	High	7.04 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.12 am
	Low	7.12 pm 1.5	Sunset	6.52 pm
WED 15th	High	12.58 am 0.4	Moonrise	4.16 pm
	Low	12.59 pm 0.4	Moonset	4.15 am
THU 16th	High	7.43 am 1.5	Sunrise	6.11 am
	Low	7.56 pm 1.5	Sunset	6.53 pm
FRI 17th	High	1.34 am 0.3	Moonrise	5.17 pm
	Low	1.47 pm 0.4	Moonset	4.46 am
SAT 18th	High	8.21 am 1.6	Sunrise	6.10 am
	Low	8.39 pm 1.5	Sunset	6.53 pm
SUN 19th	High	2.09 am 0.3	Moonrise	6.20 pm
	Low	2.34 pm 0.3	Moonset	5.18 am
MON 20th	High	9.01 am 1.7	Sunrise	6.08 am
	Low	9.25 pm 1.5	Sunset	6.54 pm
TUE 21st	High	3.22 pm 0.2	Moonrise	5.53 am
	Low	9.44 am 1.7	Sunrise	6.07 am
WED 22nd	High	10.14 pm 1.4	Sunset	6.55 pm
	Low	3.22 am 0.2	Moonrise	8.36 pm
THU 23rd	High	4.12 pm 0.2	Moonset	6.33 am
	Low			

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MONTHLY MARKETS

1st Sat	Brunswick Heads (02) 6684 4437
1st Sun	Murwillumbah Cottage Markets 0417 759 777
1st Sun	Banora Point Farmers’ Market 0417 759 777
1st Sun	Byron Bay (02) 6680 9703
1st Sun	Pottsville (02) 6676 4555
2nd Sat	Kingscliff (02) 6674 0827
2nd Sun	The Channon (02) 6688 6433
2nd Sun	Lennox Head (02) 6672 2874
2nd Sun	Coolangatta (07) 5533 8202
2nd Sun	Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714
3rd Sat	Mullumbimby (02) 6684 3370
3rd Sun	Murwillumbah Cottage Markets 0417 759 777
3rd Sun	Ballina 6687 4328
3rd Sun	Banora Point Farmers’ Market 0417 759 777
3rd Sun	Nimbin (02) 6689 0000
3rd Sun	Uki (02) 6679 9026
4th Sat	Kingscliff (02) 6674 0827
4th Sun	Bangalow (02) 6687 1911
4th Sun (in 5 Sun month)	Coolangatta (07) 5533 8202
4th Sun	Murwillumbah 0422 565 168
4th Sun	Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714
5th Sun	Nimbin (02) 6689 0000

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Each Thu	8-11am	Byron Bay (02) 6687 1137
Each Tue		New Brighton (02) 6684 5390
Each Sat	8am-1pm	Uki (02) 6679 5530

Sheridan's competitors are on the green with envy

Eve Jeffery

When I was a kid my mum used to play golf and she was really good at it. She was always arriving home with trophies she had won, but the sensible thing about her golf club was the type of trophies they had. None of these little gold painted plastic statuettes of women with anatomically impossible waistlines holding little drivers poised for eternity in mid air, no, no, no! The Cheltenham and Sandringham club ladies were the queens of practicality and mum found herself the winner of a plethora of kitchenalia. Bread boards and pate knives, would be deposited on the kitchen bench most Wednesday and Friday afternoon. (Yes scandalous! Sometimes she played twice a week). Coffee mug sets would appear along with sugar canisters and serviette rings, bottle openers and designer coasters, cheese boards and cheese platters and cheese knives and of course, golf balls. My mum was so good at golf that she didn't need to buy a wedding, birthday or engagement present or a golf ball for almost 20 years. One of the cupboards in our lounge room was fairly groaning with kitchenware and one daren't open the door in case one couldn't stuff everything back in with out breaking crystal or pottery. My mum was really good at golf. Most of the time. There were those few rare occasions when she wasn't good at golf, and we could tell. We could tell by the smell of burnt cow when entering the kitchen on bad play days. It always seemed to be steak



Sheridan was the winner of the recent Pro Am at The Murwillumbah Golf Club and is on her way to becoming one of Australia's golfing greats. Photo Tree Faerie.

on the days when mum lost at golf. Now my mum can cook just about anything and she's pretty good at cooking too but she sucks at making steak. I think she learned from the cook-it-'til-it's-dead school of culinary art, how to get it just right, and she always seemed to present us with the charcoal offering after a day when she didn't play so well. It's as if the wisdom of the universe knew beforehand that she would lose and would whisper in her ear 'must - cook - steaaaaaaak'. Porterhouse: the portent of peril. One might have thought that when planning the menu for the evening after a golf tournament, she might have reached into the freezer for the sirloin and thought better of it. 'Hmmm. I'm playing a big one tomorrow. Better not

jinx it by thawing out steak'. On the days she went well we had superb spag bol, fantastic frittata and spectacular stuffed capsicum but the smell of charred cattle always assaulted the senses on the ground score days. The sensible golfer would have never purchased the offending meat in the first place ensuring a free run of effortless and victorious eagle rounds, but one must suspect that tempting fate is the flaw in your average golfer's personality or, maybe it is simply the revenge of the 'Bogey Man'. The chances that Sheridan Gorton will ever be burning the rib eye are very minimal. At just 13 years old, Sheridan is a girl of few words but she lets her sport do the talking - already a veteran golfer, she has a handicap that would make most players on the

green, um, green with envy. Sheridan started playing when she was 3, she used to hang out with dad Les who is one of the green keepers at Murwillumbah Golf Course. Les and Sheridan are both lefties who play right handed. Sheridan began competing when she was 9 years old and she hasn't looked back. She won the NSW North, Junior Championship in 2005, 06 and 07 and has also been the North West Junior Champion as well. She has played representative golf for New South Wales and she has a scholarship from the NSW Ladies Golf Association which pays for entry fees into tournaments and fuel when she has to travel to compete. Sheridan has played on many courses around the country and recently travelled to Bateman's Bay for the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation State

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: **Sheridan Gorton**
Age: **13**
Eyes: **hazel**
Hair: **light brown**
Fav colour: **hot pink**
Birthsign: **Aries**
Eats: **tacos**
Drinks: **Coke**
Last read: **Horse Deals**
Last saw: **Camp Rock**
Claim to fame: **runner up in the 2008 Murwillumbah Ladies Championship**
Person I would most love to have dinner with: **Karrie Webb**

Championships. Sheridan loved the experience and said that Mr Newton was great. 'He was very nice,' she said. 'He was really good with all the kids.' Sheridan says her favourite course is Murwillumbah, (something about the best greens), but she also enjoyed playing at Batemans Bay and Monash. It will be a little while before Sheridan hits professional school but that is certainly the direction she is heading in. 'I would love to go on the pro tour. I feel really good when I play golf, unless I'm tired and then it takes me a while to get into it, but once I am warmed up I am right.' Even though cash winnings are still in the distance, Sheridan has won a bunch of vouchers with which she has bought herself new golf shoes and both herself and her dad new buggies. Sheridan says that the students and teachers at Wollumbin High where she is

in year 7, have been very supportive of her sporting career. As well as rep golf Sheridan has played rep hockey and is on the cricket team. She also plays touch with the 'All Big Kids' in Murwillumbah and last year she won the Ross Elder Memorial Trophy from Murwillumbah Primary School for the best all round athlete. Sheridan's best ever round was an 82 at Murwillumbah and she plays off a respectable 11 handicap. When all is right with the world, Sheridan plays at least twice a week. Unarguably, Sheridan's biggest and bestest fan is her grandmother Edna. Edna says that Sheridan has been on the one track since she started playing with her dad all those years ago. 'She used to go out on the course with him when he finished work,' says Edna. 'She'd go and play a round and that's where it all started.' Edna says that Sheridan's golf has developed well since she was a toddler. 'She can beat her dad now. He doesn't like it.' Edna is very pleased with Sheridan's progress and loves travelling around to all the courses with her. 'I love that she plays golf. I think she has a good future and so does everyone else. I think she will go a long way. I am very proud of her achievements.' Yes well that's easy for you to say Edna, you will probably always get to eat your steak medium rare. Sheridan is making big plans for her future and is presently accepting expressions of interest for sponsorship and all enquiries can be made to the Murwillumbah Golf Club on 6672 1799.

Snapshots from the 38th Aboriginal Knockout



Rugby teams and fans from all over the country came together at Cudgen Leagues Club on the weekend for the 38th annual Aboriginal Knockout. Both men's and women's teams took part in the event which is a showcase for talented athletes nationwide.



Matches began on Friday morning and continued on until Monday afternoon when the eventual winners of the tournament Narwan, beat La Perouse (pictured left in black and white), in the grand final match 22-18. Photos Tree Faerie



Kempsey and Darwin battled it out (left), while local women's team the Tweed Stingrays (above in grey), were cheered on by their kids (below) in their match against Waterloo Storm.



Tradie of the week

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Most embarrassing moment: Give me a go I am not old enough to have had such a moment.
Favourite food: Chips and fish (not fish and chips)
Best feature: Pride in my work
I'd love to: See Australian High Country and visit Canada
Favourite saying: Work together in harmony
Hobbies: Surf Club, Soccer Club, Target Shooting.
Fantasy: Take my wife to Ireland.
Like to have dinner with: Wayne Bennett or Nelson Mandela
Like most about job: Seeing a job well done, rewards for effort.
Favourite pastime: Gardening
A good night out: Sitting on the balcony of Greenmount Surf Club, having a few beers and dinner with my wife.

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Echo scribe brought pot plant into Murwillumbah office last week after partner said it would not only beautify the working environment but make it safer as well. Apparently plants such as the peace lily has the ability to absorb electro-magnetic radiation so common around electrical wires or appliances. Staff at the office are happy to go along with it.

Attention: Anyone attending the Andre Rieu concert at the Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on Wednesday December 3 may want to read on. Brian Lack is looking at organising a bus if he can get 12 to 14 people to cover the costs. Any Andre Rieu groupies interested in sharing a bus should contact Brian on 02 6672 2578 asap.

Wollumbin Dreaming Festival... what happened? It's in the diary for last weekend. But no one was there. Where was everyone? Was it something we said? Jeff 'Shutterbug' Dawson trekked out to



King Street Vets are at it again dressing the dogs up in fancy dress! But it's all for a good cause – a Friends of the Pound fundraiser. It's that time of the year when veterinary nurse Cynthia McGrath organises the Pet Show to be held at Murwillumbah Showground's market day on Sunday, October 26, starting at 10am. Entry forms are available at the King Street Vets and all furry pets including rabbits, ferrets, rats and guinea pigs are welcome to get into their finery and strut their stuff. All pets must be on a leash at all times and while we know cat owners love their cats it might be better to keep them at home to avoid over excitement. For more info phone Cynthia 02 6672 4322.

Tyalgum expecting to get a feast of photos, but alas it was all a dream! Jeff is still scratching his head wondering...

It has come to our attention that dogs are getting seriously injured from fetching sticks! Apparently stick injuries to dogs are not a common injury but when they occur, can be devastating. The injuries occur when one end of the stick lodges into the ground and becomes fixed at one end, the dog runs onto the stick with its mouth open and impales itself. We assume there are plenty of non-dangerous things to throw for dogs during exercise time, what about a good old-fashioned bone?

We know that the *Tweed Shire Echo* is popular but taking 100 copies in one go is a bit over the top! It seems that someone mysteriously purloins the newspaper when it gets delivered to one of its dropoff points in the north of the shire! But then, on second thoughts, perhaps someone doesn't want you to read what's in *The Echo*... we wonder why that is? Anyone else having problems with disappearing *Echos* please let us know 02 6672 2280.

And just remember – we have eyes and ears everywhere... we're watching you!

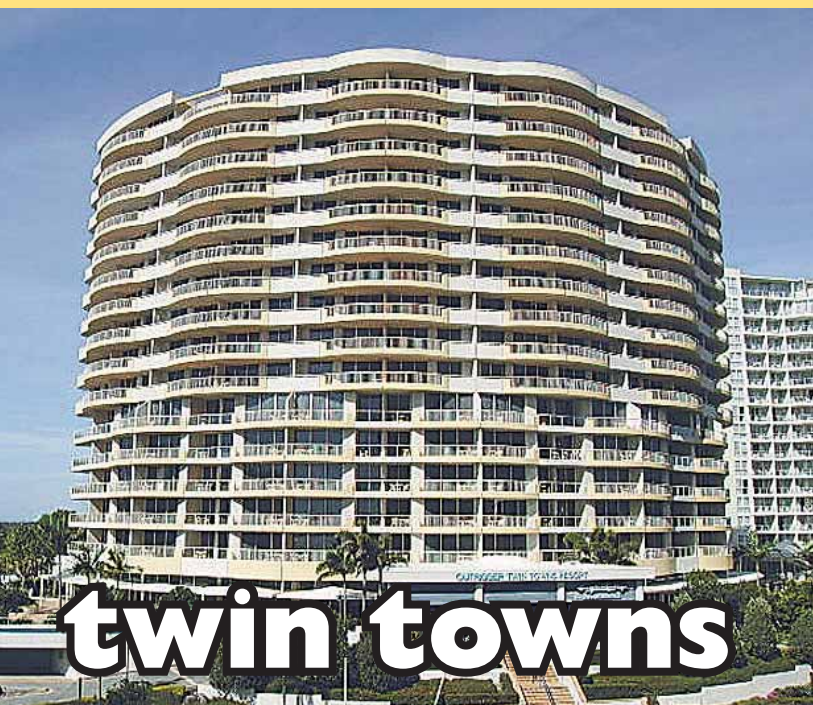
She is simply known as 'Omni' and is a self-styled shaman and metaphysics teacher. She also believes that 'we have been indelibly imprinted with coded information from previous generations'. If you believe that, then check her out at Murwillumbah Services Club next Monday, October 13 talking about 'The Codes to 2012 and explaining the Mayan Metaphysics' – but you have to book on 6677 9455.

There's an office in the Tweed Shire that accommodates some select and eloquent wordsmiths. Their wish was to plan ahead with the aid of that modern contrivance, the whiteboard. You know the sort – use the felt tip marker, wipe it off and do it again. Well, our eloquent wordsmiths spent the best part of three days wondering why they couldn't erase their marks! It eventually dawned on them that a certain polymer protection was in place. It seems when you peel the plastic coating off a new whiteboard, it works perfectly...

What does the early bird get on Tuesday?



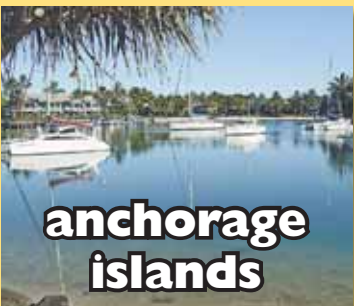
We're demonstrating and explaining all you need to know about worm farming and composting plus giving away two compost bins. 7.30am to 9am 14 Oct. So get a wiggle on to the New Brighton Farmer's Market, New Brighton Oval (next to the New Brighton Store). Telephone: 6684 5390.



twin towns

1404/2 Stuart St (cnr Griffith St), Tweed Heads
I have several superb units for sale here but this one is truly exceptional both in terms of presentation and also pricing. My owner wants to get on her way to be closer to her family, hence the very keen price range. There are 2 spacious bedrooms with ensuite bathroom and this is one of the very few units here with its own huge lock up storage locker in the security carpark. The apartment is very tastefully furnished with quality inclusions and the owner is prepared to negotiate on some of these items. You will be constantly fascinated by the stunning views from the mountains to the sea and will love the all day winter sunshine. And you will appreciate the very reasonable strata levies, especially given the plethora of facilities on offer here... pools, spas, tennis courts, gym etc. I simply cannot show you a more complete and better value unit in this entire area. Just call me to inspect, I live in the building.

\$650 - \$700k



anchorage islands

21 Quayside Court AND 39 Navigators Way, TWEED HEADS
The handful of freehold titled homes on the waterfront in this premium location are very tightly held, so it is amazing to be able to offer you two superb examples.
Both homes have 3 bedrooms plus study/4th and double garaging. The relatively compact grounds mean you certainly won't be losing your weekends mowing lawns, there is so much else to do here! Quiet and peaceful yet ultra convenient and many berthing opportunities for boaties too. Lifestyle!

\$1.425 - \$1.6M

★★ **Cash buyer** ★★
Immediate cash decision for the right property and very fast settlement.
My buyers are looking to buy in the low \$500s to upper \$600,000s and their 'must haves' are:

- Pet friendly for their small 13 year old dog
- Not too many steps
- Some garden or courtyard or terrace
- Close to shops

2 or 3 bedrooms is fine, car accommodation and low maintenance are also desirable. If you are selling a property that meets these requirements please call me today!