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Retired animal trainer Charles Knie braves the parrot enclosure at the Crystal Creek Parrot Garden Cafe and Animal Park.

Shire's retail strategy challenged

Ken Sapwell

A court battle whose outcome will decide the shopping habits of people living on the southern Tweed coast and parts of Byron Shire began in a tent on an open paddock at Pottsville this week.

The makeshift courtroom was erected on a grassed four-hectare site on the fast-growing Seabreeze estate where developer Metricon, in a joint venture with Peninsula Developments, wants to build a major shopping centre to rival the two retail centres in Tweed Heads.

Amid loud blasts from nearby heavy machinery clearing soil for more housing blocks on the estate, the Land and Environment Court's chief commissioner, John Roseth, sat in a plastic chair at a trestle table to hear what some of the residents had to say.

The dozen-odd witnesses to give unsworn evidence opened a mixed-bag of strong emotions, either arguing passionately for or against the proposed development which the Council says will amount to a regional shopping centre.

The high-stakes showdown involving barristers on both sides will decide whether the Council's adopted retail strategy, which seeks to retain Tweed Heads as the shire's only regional shopping destination, stands or falls.

The Council is arguing that the centre, comprising a 3250sqm supermarket, 1500sqm of speciality shops, a day-care centre and service station with room to expand to a town centre double the size, is over-the-top and threatens to wreck the viability of the existing village's commercial centre.

The Melbourne-based developer, which originally planned to build a small neighbourhood-style centre on its site, believes a much bigger complex is now needed to service the population growth in Pottsville and surrounding areas.

Retired radio personality Bob Small was the first to step forward to express his views, saying he hoped it would go ahead because it would create local jobs for himself and his son-in-law who now works on the Gold Coast.

Estate resident Irene Lewis told the commissioner that she was forced to make the 60-minute round trip to Tweed Heads each week to do her shopping and socialise with friends but would much prefer to have the choice of a major centre on her doorstep.

Several other residents, who admitted being contacted by Metricon's marketing team, also spoke of the hope that a major centre would result in more competition leading to lower prices and more job prospects.

But other residents, who confirmed they had been contacted by Council

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Family swaps circus life for cafe

Luis Feliu

The old framed photos and art posters around the Crystal Creek's Parrot Garden Cafe and Animal Park say it all - life for the Knie family running the small tourist attraction was, at one stage, one big circus.

But the exciting life travelling around Europe with a family circus was traded in two years ago when Charles Knie, his wife Doriana and their two children Clinton, 25, and Deborah, 15, packed up and migrated to Australia where they bought a fruit and vegetable store at Crystal Creek and converted into the animal park.

'I was born into circus life - I was the sixth generation of my family involved in the circus and my wife was the seventh-generation of her family running a circus in Italy but her cousin has children so there are eight generations of Knies still involved in the circus,' Charles said.

Charles, 61, grew up with the Swiss National Circus Knie where he worked from an early age caring for animals and soon became one of the most renowned animal trainers of his time.

His ancestor Friedrich Knie started the famous and successful circus in 1784 which is still pulling huge crowds.

Before starting their new life, Charles and his family ran their own circus called Zirkus Charles Knie in Europe with the performing animal attractions including rhinos, hippos, buffalos, zebras, ostriches, even the odd big red or grey kangaroo. Doriana used to perform with range of exotic parrots.

'We used to come to Byron Bay for family holidays during winter time in Europe when our circus had a few weeks off, and on one holiday two years ago we hired a car and drove around this area seeing Uki, Murwill-

umbah and the valley, and fell in love with it,' he said.

'We returned home and browsed through the internet looking for a business we could buy and saw the fruit and vegetable store which we thought maybe we could make something out of it so we bought it. But we still had to run our circus before the new season and so we returned to Switzerland and sold it. Now we're in Crystal Creek.

'Because we were always around animals and grew up with them we thought it would be nice to have a little animal park here and now we're growing and hope to have more exotic animals in future.'

The park has a large aviary for exotic and native parrots as well as enclosures with llamas, alpacas, rabbits, goats and ponies.

Charles learnt the art of animal training and performing from his

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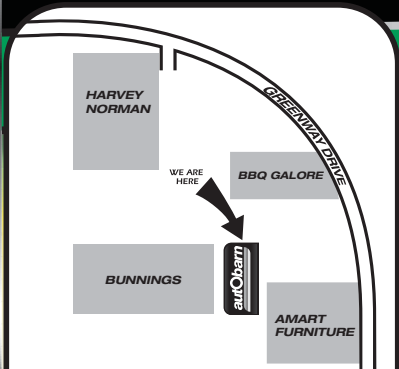
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Shire retail strategy challenged

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to appear after lodging objections to the proposed development, said they were concerned about the impact it would have on the environment and the viability of Pottsville's existing commercial centre.

Seabreeze resident Scott Newman said he bought into the estate four years ago after studying Metricon's master plan which showed they planned to build a relatively small shopping centre of around 2000sqm.

'We came here for the sleepy lifestyle and I was impressed with their master plan but what they're planning to do now is too big for the site,' he said after the hearing was re-located to the town's less noisy community hall.

'I think it would be a terrible shame if it went ahead because I think it will put a lot of small businesses in the village out of action and will have to draw people from Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores and Kingscliff to be viable.'

Some of the strongest critics came from residents of the neighbouring Koala Beach estate who feared the big centre would generate unacceptable volumes of traffic through their



The Land and Environment Court's chief commissioner, John Roseth, at work in the temporary tent court at Pottsville this week.

estate via a proposed connecting road.

Koala Beach Residents forum member Alan Johnston predicted the traffic would play havoc with the estate's 23 threatened species, including koalas which were partly protected by caveats on residents preventing them from keeping cats and dogs.

In a surprise concession to growing concerns over Metricon's plans for a 24-hour service station, its legal team told

the court that it would seek to amend its development application to limit operating hours to 7am to 10pm.

Among the crowd of about 80 people who attended the first day of the hearing in Pottsville before the case was adjourned to Ballina for the remaining four days were representatives from Casuarina who believe the centre will impact

on the viability of their new Coles shopping centre.

They were forced to watch from the sidelines after a court had earlier refused the developer of the seaside residential community, Kings Beach No 2 Pty Ltd, leave to join the council in defending the appeal on the grounds they would be affected by the outcome of the case.

Former councillor Tom Hogan dies

The Tweed this week will farewell one of its most colourful and controversial former Tweed Shire councillors - Tom Hogan.

Mr Hogan, known by many as the 'the battlers' mate', passed away peacefully at Tweed Hospital last Saturday aged 72.

As an old-style Labor man he was larger than life. During his time as deputy shire president he became a feature of the 1990 Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Inquiry into North Coast Land Deals.

Much of the inquiry centered around a proposed resort at Wooyung with its 15-hectare man-made lake, nine-hole golf course and 300 units, as well as other developments tainted by covert cash payments.

The project's founding developer and Mr Hogan, the council's former deputy president (immortalised by Bill Hunter's character in *Muriel's Wedding*) were named by the commission as having engaged in corrupt conduct.

In 1992 Hogan was convicted and sentenced for giving false evidence to the commission; he was subsequently cleared of wrongdoing.

His popularity among his friends remained undiminished despite his travails.



During the boom period for Tweed clubs Tom famously suggested that the Tweed should erect a giant poker machine on Razorback Mountain at Tweed Heads. His suggestion was not taken up. Unfazed by the outcome of the ICAC Inquiry, Mr Hogan ran for Council again in 1999 but the support had fallen away and he failed to be re-elected.

His friends remember him as a good mate with a sense of humour.

Mr Hogan's funeral service will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Frances Street, Tweed Heads, tomorrow (Friday, October 31) at noon. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Trainer runs away from circus

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late mother Eliane Knie and late uncle Freddie Knie who he said was 'the best animal trainer there ever was'.

'I was always around mum as a young child so it was natural I wanted to be an animal trainer when I grew up... I was eventually apprenticed to the Swiss National Circus as an animal trainer and Uncle Freddie was my boss.'

Charles, who recently visited the Great Moscow Circus at Byron Bay where he knew several of the performers, said circuses in Australia did not compare with those in Europe.

(In Australia the use of exotic animals for performances in circuses is limited due to concerns from animal welfare groups about their treatment and lobbying from animal rights activists.)

'They're different kinds of circuses in Europe... our animals are looked after really good because it's like a partnership with the animal and you feel obliged to treat them nicely as you have dedicated your life to work with them, you often go for a swim with them,' he said.

Training is an art

'As my Uncle Freddie used to say, training and performing with animals is art... in Europe circuses are a tradition, more for adults and seen as high-class entertainment with music, stage performances and ballet, whereas here it's more for the kids.'

'When we sold the circus my wife felt sad because she had to leave her parrots, which she got very close to, behind... she loved those birds but Australian quarantine authorities did not allow them in so we had to get some new ones here.'

'It's really strange because all my life I've worked with ani-

mals and never got hurt, unlike others who have worked with rhinos or hippos, which are very dangerous and kill hundreds of people in Africa every year as well as in circus accidents.'

'Zebras are wild and were seen as untrainable but they're very much trainable if you know how to communicate with them, I've also worked with sea lions which can bite.'

Rhino challenge

'You have to communicate with them and know how to treat them. Like everything with life if you know what you're doing you should be fine, if I tried flying a plane I wouldn't get very far and I'm sure my pilot trainer would not make a go of training a rhino.'

'Look at that picture with me on the rhino... before you do that you have to know each other - he has to know you'll not do anything and that he's a friend and I know he won't do anything when I sit down on him because if it charges me, that would be it.'

'As a young man I looked for a challenge and a rhino was a big challenge to bring in to the ring.'

So does he miss circus life? 'Sometimes yes, a little... the ambience and all the people around you, knowing what you're all about,' he said.

'Also, circuses are a totally different life and a small world, it's like a big family because you are so confined when you travel. So I can go to any circus in the US or Europe and I'm sure to know someone - even here, I know them all from their visits to Europe, whether they're from Ashtons, Bullens or Sole Brothers.'

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Residents fear Wooyung sale heralds development

Ken Sapwell

Residents in Wooyung are seeking an urgent meeting with NSW Planning Minister Kristina Keneally as they prepare for yet another battle to stop a controversial resort development on their doorstep.

A Melbourne-based syndicate, Wooyung Property Group, bought the 80ha oceanfront property between Wooyung and South Golden Beach last June for \$17 million but has so far declined to reveal its intentions for the troubled site.

Tweed Shire Council's chief planner, Vince Connell, said his staff had met with the new owners around the time of the sale to discuss options for the long-dormant resort development but had not heard back from them.

The syndicate of six includes colourful Melbourne personalities, hotel baron Bruce Mathieson who made his fortune from poker machines and recently relocated to the Gold Coast and racing identity Jonathon Muntz who is one of the biggest thoroughbred owners in Victoria.

Wooyung Action Group



Wooyung Action Group president Chris Cherry pictured yesterday in front of the site of the proposed controversial resort which was approved 20 years ago but is still valid.

president Chris Cherry said letters sent to the syndicate in an attempt to elicit information about its plans and to warn of the severe environmental constraints on the site had so far gone unanswered.

'We've seen surveyors on the site and it looks as though it's a new attempt to reactivate an old development consent for a resort development granted 20 years ago,' said Ms Cherry, whose group was formed in the

wake of a dodgy development approval by Tweed Council in 1988.

The Council then gave consent for an upmarket Club Med-style resort amid corruption allegations, but three years

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later the Council moved to kill off the project by declaring the consents had lapsed and environmental controls inadequate.

But two years ago the resort unexpectedly became a reality again when the latest in a long line of owners, Samtay Pty Ltd, seemingly hit the jackpot after winning a landmark court case allowing it to reactivate the 18-year-old development consent for what was described as a destination resort.

The original approval gave the green light for 300 tourist units on islands created on a 15ha man-made lake and a nine-hole golf course on the flood-prone site contaminated by high levels of acid-sulphate soils.

But when Samtay tried to push ahead with the project it was slammed by then Planning Minister Frank Sartor, describing it and other marginally less grandiose projects as 'greedy' and a 'dog of a development.'

Ms Cherry says Mr Sartor shared community concerns

about creating an artificial lake between two nature reserves which contained class two and three acid sulphate soils and State significant wetlands.

'Any lake development would prove an environmental disaster and create flood and contamination problems along the whole Mooball Creek-Billinudgel catchment area,' she said.

'Byron Shire Council is also strongly opposed to any development because it is concerned that it will aggravate flooding problems at South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores.'

Ms Cherry says after the ministerial knockbacks Samtay seemed to go quiet until she discovered that the company had sold the land for a \$12m profit to the Melbourne-based company which was now proving hard to contact.

Ms Cherry said her group was pinning its hopes on either ministerial intervention or a new shire-wide LEP soon to go on public exhibition which reduces the area of the site which can be developed from 70 per cent to 30 per cent.

New chapter opens for troubled property

Ken Sapwell

The 80ha property at Wooyung comes with a colourful history and a cast of colourful owners who've either made small fortunes or done their dash chasing a so-far unrealised dream.

Back in 1988 Tweed Council gave approval to a Gold Coast-based company Elm-N-Ash Pty Ltd to develop a resort in the sleepy corner of the shire which would rival any on the Gold Coast.

It was massive project involving hundreds of luxury resort units built on islands in a man-made lake that was never advertised publicly or put out for public comment, sparking alarm bells amid the close-knit farming community at Wooyung.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) shone a spotlight on the approval in its landmark investigation into North Coast land deals, finding evidence to

suggest the original developer and a former Tweed councillor were involved in corrupt conduct.

In 1992 the councillor was convicted and sentenced for giving false evidence to the ICAC but he was subsequently cleared of wrongdoing and the project faded when Tweed Council ruled that the two-year old approval had lapsed and knocked it back on environmental grounds.

The developer died bitterly resenting the council's actions and the property passed through at least three different owners until it was acquired by controversial motivational guru Robert Norman Dale in 2004 with the help of vendor finance.

Dale was this month committed to stand trial in a Queensland District Court on eight counts of dishonestly gaining a \$2 million benefit from the failed Water at Wooyung project.

Industry regulator ASIC al-

leged in the Southport Court that between July and November 2004 Dale dishonestly gained a benefit for Water at Wooyung Pty Ltd by enticing investors to pay \$2 million to acquire units in the Water at Wooyung Property Trust.

ASIC says however that Dale did not own the property at the time but acquired the land in October 2004 with the help of vendor finance, but later sold it for \$5.5 million - \$800,000 less than he paid for it.

The new purchaser, Samtay Pty Ltd, then turned everything on its head when it challenged the Council's earlier determination that the approvals had expired in the Land and Environment Court and won.

In a landmark finding now known as the peg-in-the-ground case, surveyors' pegs driven into the ground over two days in 1989 were found to constitute a 'physical commencement' which kept alive

the original approval for a resort.

But despite its victory, Samtay was unable to impress the former Planning Minister Frank Sartor about its plans to create the man-made lake and build some 300 resort units on three artificial islands surrounded by a golf course on an acid sulphate-contaminated flood plain.

Even a scaled-down development featuring 20 beachfront mansions which locals say were to be marketed to the likes of Nicole Kidman and Russell Crowe failed to win the Minister's thumbs up.

Apparently disheartened by the knockbacks, Samtay on-sold it to the Wooyung Property Group which now appears set to open a new chapter on the chequered history of the site which planners say would be lucky to get a development guernsey in this day and age.

For further information on the saga, google Wooyung Defenders.

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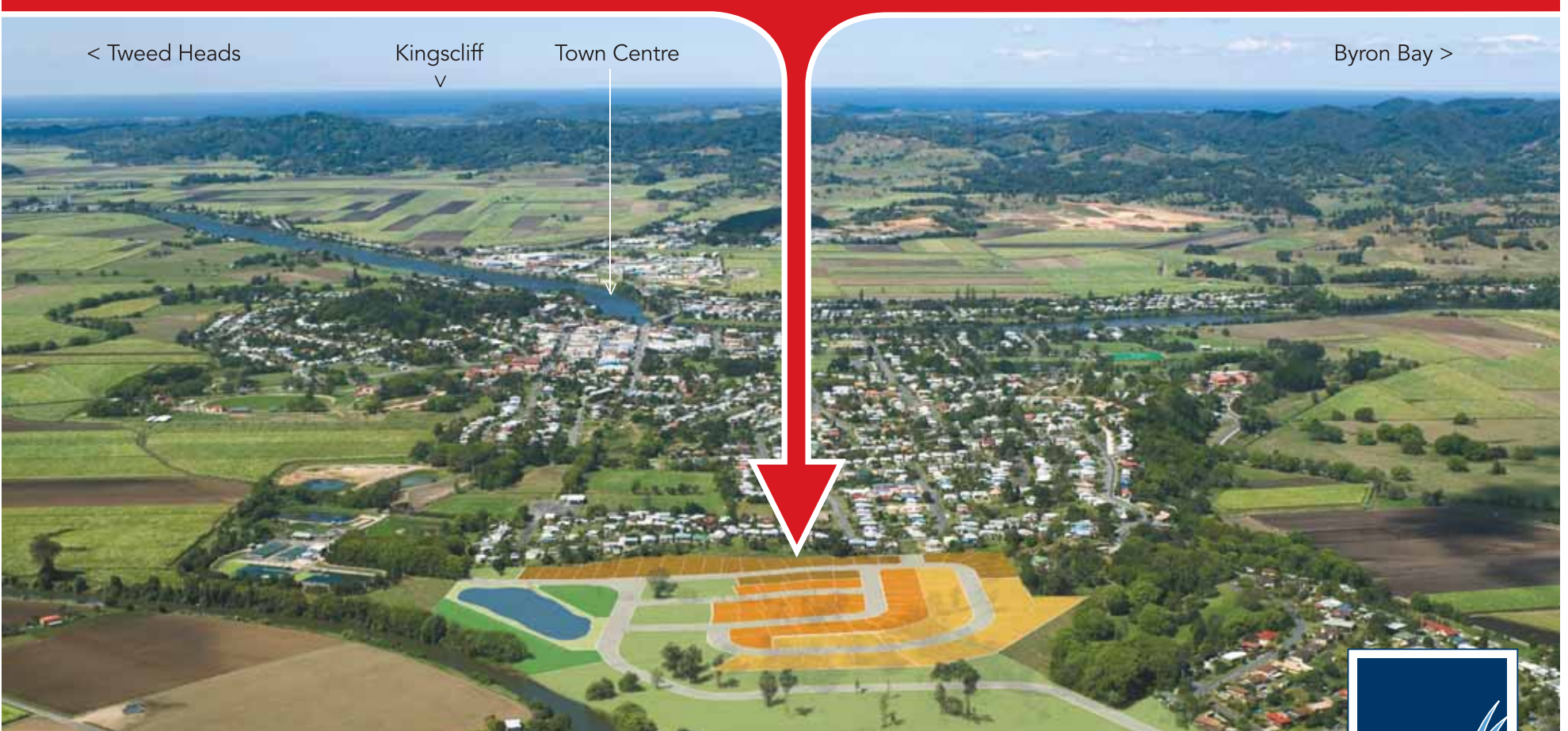
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Committee chairman queries 'missing' hospital funds

Madeleine Doherty

Money apparently missing from Murwillumbah Hospital's account has set the chairman of the Hospital Support Committee on the war path.

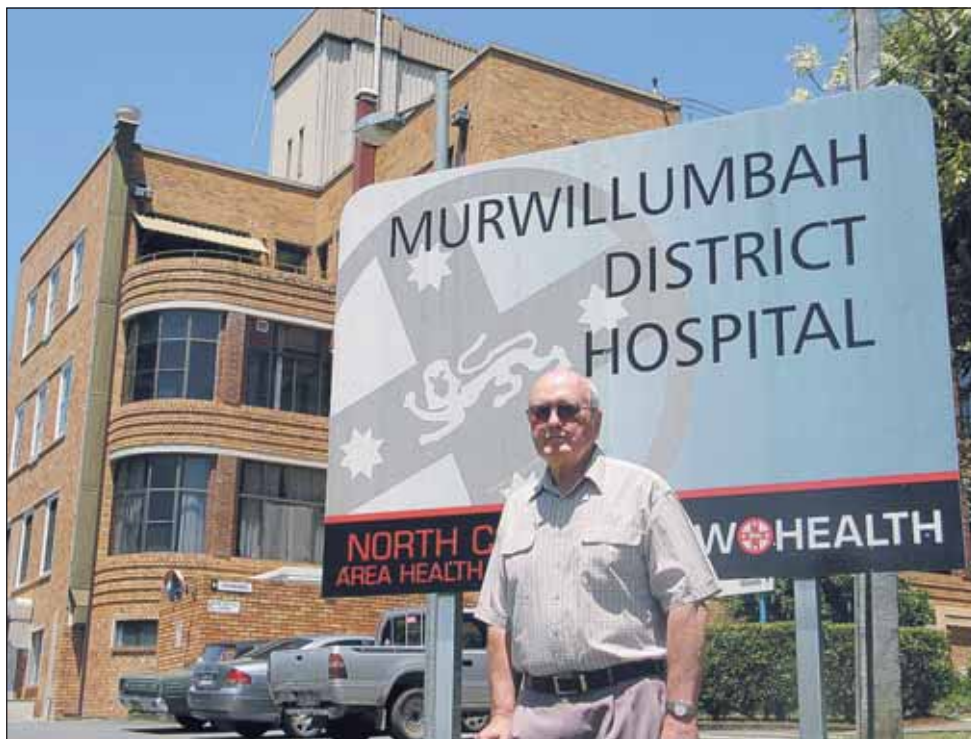
Committee chairman Ian Ross (pictured outside the hospital) wants to know why \$231,000 - which included money raised by the community for the hospital - was taken from the hospital's account without its approval.

For more than two years Mr Ross has been relentlessly seeking answers from the previous NSW Health Minister Reba Meagher and the CEO at North Coast Area Health Service (NCAHS) Chris Crawford.

The committee, an advocacy group made up of 20 volunteers which was formed last year after a public meeting of 200 people, expressed concern that the hospital might lose its children's ward.

The so-called missing money came from the sale of a hospital-owned house (10 Ewing Street, Murwillumbah) and fundraising by Murwillumbah Rotary and by the hospital auxiliary, Mr Ross said.

'The funds were earmarked for six palliative-care beds, air-



conditioning and the roofing on the deck of hospital coffee shop and we are still waiting for the work to be done,' Mr Ross said this week.

The money raised by the community goes into special trust funds with the money allocated to specific work or equipment at Murwillumbah Hospital.

'By law that money cannot be distributed or used for any

purpose other than that designated,' he said

A spokesperson for NCAHS said this week that the Ewing Street house was owned by the area health service and consequently the money from the sale went into the general area health funds.

However, a letter from Ms Meagher in July this year to Mr Ross said the money from the sale of the house was des-

ignated for air conditioning (which she believed, under advice from Chris Crawford, had been completed) and for the six palliative care beds.

Despite the internal arguments over the removal of the money, the work has still not been carried out, Mr Ross said.

In applying for the balance of funds (\$20,000) to finish off the coffee shop roof, it appeared

that Mr Crawford would not release the funds as they were now under capital works, Mr Ross said.

He blames Mr Crawford for the state of affairs and believes the money, once absorbed into the general health funds, might have been allocated for other work at another hospital on the North Coast.

Not only is Mr Ross fighting for the money to get the work done at the hospital he is also fighting against what he believes is the downgrading of the hospital by stealth.

'We are sick of hearing from Mr Crawford and the Minister for Health that there is no downgrading nor has there been a contrivance by Mr Crawford and NCAHS or the Minister to downgrade the hospital in the past, when the present condition and position of Murwillumbah Hospital is proof of those allegations. They insult our intelligence and that of our community,' Mr Ross said.

'Thousands of people didn't

protest in Murwillumbah in July for nothing,' he added.

'What bit of the protest didn't Mr Crawford understand?' an exasperated Mr Ross said this week.

Adding fuel to his frustration is the failure by NCHAS to seek or renew funding for specialist psychiatric services at the hospital - 'a position fully funded for well over 20 years,' Mr Ross said.

'For more than 75 years the local community has raised funds to support and equip Murwillumbah Hospital and that money is, by law, to be spent on Murwillumbah Hospital,' he said.

Approximately \$20,000 raised by the community in the early 1990s for the hydrotherapy pool was also in question.

'But any documentation on that is gone. When the last hospital board was sacked in 1994 a truck arrived at the hospital and loaded up with all the documents and files - it was all destroyed,' Mr Ross said.

Mayor says she 'won't be intimidated'

Ken Sapwell

Tweed's new Mayor Joan van Lieshout (pictured) has emerged defiant following a storm of criticism over her role in an aborted meeting between councillors and developers last week only days before a crucial court case.



The 59-year-old former charity worker says she won't be intimidated by attacks from some of her colleagues and will continue to exercise her right as mayor to hear submissions from everyone in the community, including developers.

'The personal attacks will do nothing to diminish my resolve,' said Ms van Lieshout, who copped a blast from some colleagues for trying to arrange the meeting with developers Metricon and Peninsula Developments ahead of their court clash with the Council over a shopping centre.

The successful Liberal Party candidate, who defeated former mayor Warren Polglase for the top job after forming a surprise alliance with community councillors, strongly defended her role in calling the controversial meeting.

'One of the biggest bugbears I've found in this job is that we don't have sufficient information before we decide on matters and I am adamant that we should,' she said.

'As mayor I'm seeing a lot of people and I have to inform the councillors but at times I'm a

little reluctant because of all the back-stabbing that goes on.

'It's coming from a particular direction and I don't need to say from where in order to see me fail - and I'm determined that's not going to happen - I'm not going to fail. If I do fail it will only be after I have done my best for the shire.'

Ms van Lieshout confirmed Echo sources that the meeting had been brokered by ex-Tweed schoolboy and former Brisbane mayor Jim Soorley in an email he sent on behalf of the joint venture partners who are appealing against a deemed refusal for a large retail centre at Pottsville.

She said the email advised that the developers wanted to make a without prejudice presentation of their controversial shopping centre plan to councillors.

The mayor said the developers insisted that they had a right to make a submission to councillors and she had agreed on the condition that council-

lors wouldn't ask questions.

'I made it clear that there was nothing we could do because there was a resolution about the strategy and that resolution won't be changed unless we change the retail strategy at a later date,' she said.

'There was no meeting as such and certainly no prospect of any deal. They knew we were not going to pull the plug on the court case.'

She says the meeting was derailed when Pottsville businesswoman and fierce critic of the shopping centre joint venture, Tania Murdock, got wind of the meeting and turned up with a supporter, insisting on joining and reserving the right to ask questions.

She said the developers, who had travelled up from Melbourne to make the presentation, then decided not to take part.

Fellow councillors Dot Holdom, Katie Milne, Barry Longland, Phil Youngblutt and Kevin Skinner initially turned up but Holdom and Youngblutt walked out after querying the appropriateness of the process.

Cr Warren Polglase did not attend but she said he had not been spotted at any meetings except the normal Council meetings.

'Warren has not been to any briefing meeting since election day - I have not put my eyes on him nor heard his voice since the day of the mayoral election

except at council meetings.'

Cr Polglase, along with fellow conservative Phil Youngblutt, have strongly condemned the proposed meeting, saying it flies in the face of warnings from an earlier council inquiry against councillors and developers meeting without council officers present.

The long-serving councillor said he believed the mayor was 'impetuous' in holding the meeting given that the court case was looming.

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Bulls, snakes and jam – it's showtime in Murwillumbah!

Organisers of the 108th Murwillumbah Show starting tomorrow (Friday) are expecting bigger than usual crowds with the return of horses to the ring after last year's equine flu scare which forced a ban on movement of horses.

Free entry this year will also entice many to attend a show that has it all – rodeo, snakes, fairy floss and more.

High expectations

Agricultural society secretary Liz Chauvier said she expected more than 6,000 people to attend this year.

'With free entry and entertainment like showjumping, wrestling, a dog show, an alpaca display and woodchopping, there's bound to be many people turn up,' she said.

'There's also rides for the kids... so you can work out what you want to spend your money on.'



Tweed River Agricultural Society secretary Liz Chauvier, in charge of organising this year's show, at the showground's bushman's galley. Photo Annelie Ivarsson

A grand parade takes place on Saturday with the Murwillumbah Pony Club, which celebrates 50 years this year, in the lead.

It will be followed by the official opening by Tweed Shire Citizen of the Year, Jenny Glasby.

It is a great meeting place for people. It gives the people of this valley a chance to showcase their wares, like animals, jams, cooking and photography,' Ms Chauvier said.

'When the show started it was basically about the local farmers displaying their pride and hard work in the shape of a cow, a pig or other livestock. The event has grown and the activities have changed slightly through the decades.'

'Some things that would not have been on the program a hundred years ago are the vintage historical racing cars, or at least they would have been called neither vintage nor historical.'

The festivities start tomorrow morning and last until Saturday night.

Ms Glasby said her experience of the show in previous years was an 'electric atmosphere' with many 'happy people'.

Highlights of the program

Friday: 7.30am Showjumping, 9am Dog Show, 10am Reptile display, 10.30am Commercial beef cattle judging, 6.30pm Bull and Bronc Ride Spectacular.

Saturday: 9.30am Animal Nursery, 2pm Grand Parade and official opening, 2.30pm Woodchop final, 3pm Pro Wrestling Bout, 9pm Show finale fireworks.

Toddlers enjoy a taste of Indian culture

The aromas of Indian food, sounds of 'Namaste' and Indian decorations filled Joey's Pouch daycare centre in Murwillumbah on Tuesday as the staff and the children took part in the Indian Festival of Lights, or Diwali.

The festival has been given the traditional name of 'festival of lights' because of the hundreds and thousands of small oil lamps or diyas lit by many households.

Early childhood educator at Joey's Pouch, Jan O'Regan, said the centre often enjoyed different cultural festivals including a Swedish Easter as well as Australian celebrations.

'The significance of Diwali is to forgive and forget, clear the mind of evil and reflect over the past year's event,' Ms O'Regan said. 'The children have all been busy making paper flower garlands to wear as we celebrate.'

The idea for the celebration came from the family of one of the children who attends the centre. The family donated the Indian pastries but unfortunately their son was ill and unable to join in the fun on Tuesday, Ms O'Regan said.



Nicholas Georgopoulos, Halle McClymont, Mishka Lees and Madison McClymont joined the celebrations for the Indian Festival of Lights at Joey's Pouch daycare centre on Tuesday.

Girls Night In scores big



Front row (L-R) Miranda Mellor, Tanya Millin, Katrina Bethel, back row Donna Ryan, Leticia Gillard and Tania Morosini. They made it a girls' night with a difference, raising almost \$600 for research into women's cancers.

It had all the makings of trouble as a group of Murwillumbah girls donned their pyjamas, downed a few drinks and grabbed the karaoke microphone.

But in the name of the NSW Cancer Council someone had to party and Leticia Gillard of Murwillumbah and her trusty band of girlfriends were just the ones for the job.

Girls Night In, a NSW Cancer Council fundraiser, was about having a great night in with your girlfriends while knowing that you are playing an important role in the quest to defeat women's cancer.

Results of a survey by Cancer Council reveal Australian women are putting their lives at risk by not taking the necessary precautions against women's cancers. The results show that almost a third of women between the ages of 28 and 44

have gone longer than three years between pap smears and one in ten between 28 and 34 years admit to never having had one.

Leticia and her friends, with the help of raffle prizes from Con Varella Pharmacy, Murwillumbah Cellars and Bethel Flooring, Brisbane, raised \$562 by spending a night at home rather than going out.

It was the second Girls Night In that Leticia organised and probably not the last.

'Everyone had a great night. There were a few sore heads the next day and we learnt that we are not 18 years old anymore,' Leticia said.

Last year more than 120,000 Australian women joined together at more than 6,000 Girls Night In events to raise \$3.8 million for the cause, and even more is hoped to be raised this year.

Women urged to reclaim the night



Left: Tweed women are being called on to reclaim the night tomorrow (Friday, October 31).

Organisers of the event, the staff at the Tweed Shire Women's Service, said the Reclaim the Park Lantern March in Murwillumbah was an opportunity for communities to work together to tackle sexual violence against women and children.

The lantern march will start at 5pm from 16 Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

'The night represents a claim for women's and children's basic human rights to live in freedom from discrimination, fear and violence,' a spokeswoman said.



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Ken's Cudgen farming dream draws to a close

Alex Mitchell

An iconic farming property on the Cudgen plateau overlooking the Tweed Coast goes under the auctioneer's hammer at the end of next month, bringing to an end Ken Hodgkinson's dream project.

As a teenager from Roma in western Queensland, Hodgkinson visited the Tweed 30 years ago and, like many before and after, fell in love with the place.

He returned in 2003 to purchase 125 acres belonging to two of the oldest farming families in the Tweed basin – the Lowes and the Prichards.

His dream was to turn the red soils on the rolling property between Cudgen Road, Tweed Coast Road and Plantation Road into a viable sweet potato and avocado farm and make the area his home.

But he suffered a succession of personal, commercial and natural disasters which led to the banks stepping in to order



Ken Hodgkinson in his shed at his Cudgen property. A series of setbacks has forced his hand with the farm on the market.

the sale of the five blocks which make up the farm.

The auction, organised by Ray White in Brisbane for November 28, has already attracted fierce local, interstate and

even overseas interest because properties of this size and quality rarely hit the market.

Hodgkinson is devastated but manages to conceal his inner feelings with a laconic self-

mockery which is typical of the wheat farming stock from which he comes.

Since European settlers arrived in the Cudgen district more than 150 years ago, the

land has produced cedar timber, milk, cream and butter from dairies, lady finger bananas, sugar cane, avocados and sweet potatoes.

In the first months of ownership, Hodgkinson unexpectedly lost a contract to supply sweet potatoes to a chip-making company. A severe drought struck two properties he still owned out west. Then he suffered traumatic injuries from a violent unprovoked assault while visiting a town in rural Queensland.

Other calamities followed. The area had some of the highest rainfall in decades followed by some of the longest dry spells, creating huge problems for his crops. Meanwhile, the mass expansion of sweet potato production at Bundaberg brought intense market competition.

He also found that the red-soil farmlands concealed hundreds of tonnes of rocks and that casual labour, easily available in the past, was bypassing Tweed because of a lack of affordable accommodation.

As the business unravelled

and the economy tightened, Hodgkinson's bank creditors moved in and the Ray White sales pitch carries this grim message: 'Vendor broke – Bank demands action.'

Five 25-acre (10ha) blocks will be sold in a single parcel or separately. Hodgkinson believes the new owners won't be farmers but life-style purchasers. With council permission they will be able to have a main residence and a manager's residence on each block and turn them into luxury acreage with swimming pools, stables, tennis courts and playground areas.

He would prefer to see the area used for market gardening but says he has no control over future use.

Will he still call Tweed home in the future? 'I love this part of the world,' he said. 'When I bought the property five years ago I vowed to go water skiing because that's something I was fanatical about as a kid. But I haven't been once.'

'Maybe I'll buy a smaller property and grow stuff and get around to doing some water-skiing.'

The most fun you can have with a pencil

Penelope Forsyth

It's not often that a pencil has been seen as an object of fun. However, next year Tweed Coast U3A will be running a course on exactly that, called 'Fun with a Pencil'.

The course will be run in February 2009 by local artist Peter Hobbes (pictured) and will cover the history of cartooning and how to draw caricatures and cartoons.

Peter started work as an illustrator in 1966. After his first pay packet of \$52 he very quickly decided to give drawing away for more lucrative fields, only staging a brief return to the drawing board in 1972 as the part-time press artist at *The Canberra Times* to augment savings for a twelve-month trip overseas with his young family.

It was not until 1998, now on the North Coast, in need of a relaxing pastime and under wife's orders that he went on



a painting course and so returned to art. Now retired and with not a few paintings and several portraits and cartoons under his belt he wants to pass on his knowledge to others.

'I was lost and now I've found U3A,' Peter said.

U3A stands for University of the Third Age, the time of life when full time employment is no longer necessary. It was set up originally in France in 1972

to provide educational opportunities for older adults.

Around the world there are now millions of members. Not all call themselves U3As. In China they are known as Seniors' Universities and in the USA as Institutes of Learning in Retirement.

In Australia no qualifications are required for membership except having a minimum age of 40. No awards are given, just

the love of learning and the encouragement to improve skills of all kinds for pleasure and leisure. There is no payment for tutors.

There are now over 330 members of U3A Tweed Coast who meet in the Kingscliff or Pottsville area but come from all over the Tweed Valley. Courses cover many areas including languages, art, writing, movement, history, singing, walking and a Picnic in the Park once a term.

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Young whale dies after boat collision

A three-month-old humpback whale which stranded on the beach at The Pass in Byron Bay last Sunday died later in the day from horrific wounds after being struck by the propeller of a large cruise-boat.

Rescuers from Australian Seabird Rescue and National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) were unable to save the whale.

The whale suffered serious lacerations and broken bones near its tail from the propeller blades and it appears the whale was unable to swim properly as a result.

Australian Seabird Rescue spokesperson Keith Williams said the death should be a reminder to all boaters to exercise caution during the whale migration season.

'A large number of whales, including many calves, are moving along our coastline at the moment. Boaters need to be alert for whales in the area and ensure they do not cross the path of the whales as they continue their southwards migration. Calves in particular are inexperienced with boat traffic and may act unpredictably.'

National guidelines require boats to stay at least 300m away from a whale in its direction of travel and approach no closer than 100m from the side.

NPWS Byron Coast Area Manager Sue Walker said the deep wounds which appeared to have been inflicted some days earlier had cut through the lower spine of the seven metre male calf making it unable to swim.

'The cooperation of the surfers and the local community on the beach together with the Marine Parks Authority, Southern Cross University, Australian Seabird Rescue, Byron Bay police, local vets, Byron Shire Council and NPWS staff all helped to make the diffi-



cult situation of retrieving the baby whale from between the rocks as smooth as possible,' Ms Walker said.

Dan Burns, a PhD researcher with Southern Cross University's Whale Research Centre, has urged boat owners to be extra vigilant for humpback whales during the southern migration.

'Humpback mums and calves tend to travel closer to the shore on the southern migration.

People need to be particularly vigilant at this time of the year from late September through to early November,' Dan said.

'This is going to become a bigger issue as the whale population increases. At the moment we have around 1,000 mothers and calves heading south each year. It's great for people to see them in close, but it means people have to be careful when they are out on the water.

'People need to keep an extra

lookout for whales and keep the speed down. Studies in the northern hemisphere have shown that if a whale is hit by a boat travelling above 15 knots there is a nearly 100 per cent fatality rate.'

A study by SCU Honours student, Kathryn Brown, is looking at the behaviour of whales in Byron Bay and has found there are up to 80 whales a day passing Cape Byron during the southern migration.

Whale ahoy!



This picture of a juvenile humpback whale was taken by 17-year-old Burringbar teenager Jarah Bowman at dusk on October 19 just off Hastings Point. *The Echo* is unsure if it is the same young humpback which stranded on the beach in Byron Bay last Sunday after being struck by a boat's propeller blades and died later. Jarah said the young whale was 'so close to the shore and was looking straight at us, we were really lucky to see it.'

Repeal of planning law sought

A new Coalition planning policy seeks to return powers from the state planning minister back to the elected Tweed Shire Council.

Tweed MP Geoff Provest (pictured) said the coalition had committed to abolishing Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which was introduced in 2005 by State Labor and allows development applications to be considered by the Planning Minister rather than the local council.

'There is a high level of concern that influence and dollars have too much sway in decision making by State Labor,' Mr Provest said.

'A message has to be sent from our local community that we are well and truly over State Labor's lousy planning laws which are more about 'dollars for deals' than good planning outcomes.

'This fits in with my 100 per cent for Tweed agenda: our



local community knows a lot better than the Planning Minister the kind of future we want for our area.

'The Planning Minister has approved over 900 projects across NSW since Part 3A was introduced and this is an abuse of democracy.

'Only people power from communities like ours can make State Labor sit up and take notice and hopefully if the Planning Minister hears the message, then she may repeal Part 3A earlier than the next election.'

Dogs for the dogs



Local Murwillumbah identity and tireless community worker Phil Taylor was at it again last Sunday. This time he was selling hot dogs for Friends of the Pound at the Murwillumbah show-ground markets and making a real meal of it with Uki mate Laurie Waldron!

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Bali comes to Burringbar

Left: Traditional Balinese dancer Jala Adolphus, 23, of Suffolk Park, struck a classic pose during a performance for the opening of the Gianyar Gallery upstairs in the Burringbar General Store last Wednesday. Celebrations were appropriately based around a Balinese theme to fit the Balinese name of the new gallery, run by the store owners, couples Doug and Meredith Clarke and Jim Davidson and Vicki Edwards. Jala, who has studied the dance form since a young child, has performed at gallery openings around Australia and New York. Photo Leanne Bowman.

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Old approvals, old hat

The spectre of a reactivated consent for a controversial beach-front development at Wooyung has once again raised its head since the 80-hectare block was resold recently.

The prime but environmentally-sensitive site, which has a 20-year-old approval for a tourist resort of up to 300 units around a man-made lake, was sold for \$17 million, a hefty price tag for the block which only two years before had been bought for \$5 million.

It appears the only 'improvement' to the land in that time was banging some pegs in the ground for the required survey work which kept the long-dormant development alive, but the real 'value-adding' in terms of a development point of view, was a court ruling which in itself was also controversial and has led to calls for the planning laws to be changed.

The NSW Land and Environment Court ruled in 2006 that survey work carried out on the block in 1989 constituted a start of construction, thereby allowing the development and setting a legal precedent which town planners throughout the state have to abide by. Our town planners believed consent for the original proposal had lapsed.

So never mind any new knowledge that throws light on the impact of acid-sulphate soils on the environmental or other new or emerging issues which increase understanding on how such large developments can affect fragile ecosystems, or the big gorillas in the room, global warming and climate change.

It's time we put an end to this charade, otherwise we can expect many more developers and land bankers to sit on a block of land, which has a paper approval for a major development, for years and years, to reap the big profits by on-selling at a later date without having done much more than shuffling paper, mowing a few weeds or building a nice white paling fence around it.

Such vacant blocks in built up areas are an eyesore, a minor irritation, but when it's a such a large rural block and such a massive-scale development, then current information on the environment and impacts on other surrounding development has to be taken into account and consent allowed only on merit.

The court ruling left a gaping grey area open to all sorts of interpretation and costly legal mumbo jumbo and it's now time to change the planning laws to reflect current practices and new knowledge.

The new state planning minister would do well to look at the Wooyung development closely with all this in mind if and when she considers it, given that Tweed Shire Council is not the consent authority for major development proposal along our coastline.

Tweed's Caldera Environment Centre has joined calls for the planning laws to include a sunset clause of five years for any development consents so if no meaningful work has been carried out then the consent lapses.

Our Council town planners are bound by legal precedent and have to interpret whether any construction, digging or physical activity constitutes a start to construction on the block in question.

Council's director of planning Vince Connell told *The Echo* that the Wooyung court decision was 'tricky' for planners as it allowed interpretation 'to the nth degree' of what constituted the start-of-construction and was seen as the 'most liberal' interpretation of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act requirements.

He agreed this law required changes, given new issues were always emerging which questioned whether the original proposal could be approved under current planning law.

What was seen as okay development in the sixties is now not so sensible and the law has to reflect that.

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Let's face it, we are not all fit parents

Recent media reports about the horrific death of two-year-old Dean Shillingsworth highlight the extreme end of the wedge of child abuse. Forensic details of the case reveal a tragic and traumatic end to a brief and probably harrowing little life.

Stories like Dean's can't fail to arouse our compassion and outrage, however, as a society, we appear to be doing little to combat what Child Protection Australia cites as the now annual increase in abuse statistics.

According to Child Protection's February 2007 report there were almost 10,000 more substantiated cases of child abuse than in 2004-05, with a 40 per cent increase in the number of Australian children cared for out of the home.

The *Childhood Abused* study, released in 2005, revealed that a child was abused every 13 minutes in Australia and abuse of a child was reported every two minutes. In the foreword to the report, former Family Court chief justice Alastair Nicholson QC said the study demonstrated 'the enormity of the problem' of child abuse and domestic violence.

'The figures collected in this paper are truly frightening,' said Mr Nicholson. 'They point to the fact that in 2003-04 there were 219,384 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect made to state authorities.'

'More than five per cent of the population younger than 18 live with and witness domestic violence, the study found, of which between 30 and 60 per cent also suffer some form of abuse.'

Both reports refer to emotional abuse as the most common, followed by neglect and physical abuse. Sexual abuse accounted for 10 per cent of claims.

Apart from the human tragedy of the situation what these figures point to is a critical

lack of parenting skills in the general population. While the statistics in the reports highlight the more extreme cases of abuse (and only those reported), recent studies on the overall health, wellbeing and education of the nation's children reveal an undercurrent of endemic abuse and neglect of children's welfare and interests that appears to go generally unnoticed.

Much of the problem lies with the inability to question the ad-

and dignity of a child, even if their consequences are not visible right away.'

Repression of a child's normal needs for respect, understanding, sympathy and mirroring has severe consequences for the person's ability to consciously experience certain feelings, either in childhood or in adulthood.

Victims of childhood abuse are at greater risk of anxiety, depression, dissociative disorders,

unfortunately seem to substantiate it. Not to mention the rates of substance abuse, depression, suicide and other causes of death or injury by misadventure among Australia's youth.

Questioning parenting might be dangerous territory but if children are our most precious resource then we owe it to every unborn soul to question the competency of those who raise the next generation, not after, but before the fact.

If we are really serious about protecting children and ensuring that parents are up to the task of fulfilling a child's emotional and physical needs then it makes perfect sense to have some sort of mechanism to prevent random pregnancies and measure the competency of potential parents.

A simple solution would be the temporary mass sterilisation of fertile males until the age of somewhere between 28 and 30. This would eliminate all 'accidental' or 'unwanted' pregnancies and curly 'moral' questions regarding their termination. Women would be enabled to reach their potential as people rather than biological entities and, no doubt, there would be a lot less work for the Family Court and a lot more happier men.

Personally, I can't hear the story of Dean Shillingsworth or the myriad of daily abuses I see and hear (such as screeching at or trying to reason with children, dietary standards that have fuelled obesity epidemics, and an overall disrespect for the dependence and vulnerability of childhood) and not consider something that may seem radical. And I can't help thinking that anyone who had confidence in their ability to work at becoming a good parent would object either. After all, it's the rights of the child, not the parent, that are paramount.

■ Mungo is on holiday.

Jann Gilbert wants a radical solution.

Rather than defending the rights of children, as a society we seem intent on defending the rights of parents.

equacy of parents or parenting skills, often, until it is too late for the child.

Baby bonuses might increase the birth rate but they don't necessarily encourage an optimum standard of parenting. The advent of the bonus and the corresponding rise in plasma TV sales would appear to indicate that, along with the high-tech stroller and other modern accoutrements, a plasma TV is an absolute must for the 21st century newborn. After all, it's much easier to distract a child with a bright, loud bauble than to develop an emotional connection that can withstand the rigours of childhood, and the long and intricate process of separation.

Astoundingly, most parents aren't even aware of the needs of their children. As Alice Miller, a well-respected researcher and writer on childhood, a long-time defender of children's rights and educator on mistreatment and abuse says, 'Humiliations, spankings and beatings, slaps in the face, betrayal, sexual exploitation, derision, neglect, etc are all forms of mistreatment, because they injure the integrity

post traumatic stress disorder, drug and alcohol abuse as well as homelessness and juvenile delinquency. Indeed, the prevalence of these health issues in our society (not to mention violence) points to a much more insidious level of abuse than just the extreme end.

However, rather than defending the rights of children, as a society we seem intent on defending the rights of parents; constantly bowing to the romanticised notion of marriage and parenting that (still) seems to be swallowed wholesale.

The only realistic prevention strategy for child abuse is to ensure that those who would be parents have adequate knowledge and skills rather than allow them to experiment on another human being without so much as a tick-the-box questionnaire regarding their competency.

As Keanu Reeve's character says so poignantly in *Parent-hood* when reflecting on his own childhood, 'You need a licence to drive a car, own a gun, catch a fish, fly a plane, but any asshole can become a parent.'

While this may seem a harsh view the statistics on child abuse

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NSW's dire finances need more than a mini budget

The premiership of Nathan Rees will reach its make-or-break moment on November 11 – Remembrance Day – when he unveils his much-vaunted mini-budget to rescue the NSW economy and restore its public services.

In reality, the State's financial meltdown is so critical he should probably be releasing a mega-budget, not a mini one.

Rees announced the emergency budget on the day he took over from Morris 'Mr Dilemma' Iemma early last month and it was largely in response to Treasurer Michael Costa's treacherous departing hand grenade – there was a \$1 billion black hole in the budget.

But Rees had another reasons for seizing on the dramatic image of the mini-budget: it

will give him the opportunity to make a clean break from the previous Iemma and Carr administrations and map out a course of action up to the next state election in March 2011.

He's hoping that the electorate will put aside its anger and feelings of betrayal and give his 'red hot go' a chance to succeed.

But taking into account the record anti-Labor swings of up to 22 per cent in recent Sydney byelections, Rees would seem to have Buckley's chance of turning Labor around. After thirteen and a half years of hard Labor, voters seem ready to give the other mob a go, no matter how bad they look.

Rees has been thrust into office at one of the most cataclysmic moments in the State's history: Australia is being overwhelmed by an economic

tsunami which is wrecking banks, corporations, currencies and whole nation states around the globe.

My concern is that the NSW economy is in much worse shape than Costa ever admitted...

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The NSW economy is in much worse shape than Costa ever admitted...

with Alex Mitchell

soared to \$320 million. In the first quarter of this financial year, another \$50 to \$100 million has been added to the debt.

This news coincided with reports that regional hospitals



ted and that it is falling into deeper crisis with every passing day.

Take the budget of the NSW Health Department. Treasurer Eric Roozendaal admitted last week that in the last financial year, 2007-08, cost overruns

can't pay their bills, that creditors are waiting months to be paid, that a doctor at Dubbo Base Hospital paid \$770 from his own pocket for blood test material and that nurses were forced to borrow bandages from a local vet.

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Tweed hospital

The State Member for Tweed, Geoff Provest, has made a number of allegations under parliamentary privilege in relation to the Tweed Hospital, namely that it could not pay its bills for the supplies it needs for day-to-day operations and could close its doors in just two weeks.

To say the least, this is an outrageous claim on Mr Provest's part, made without any base in fact, and categorically denied by the Minister for Health, as well as the CEO of the North Coast Area Health Service.

It is obvious that Mr Provest made things up with a view to scoring a cheap political point.

Mr Provest has been caught out, yet again, showing a total disregard for the truth and, in the process, he has deliberately misled the people of the Tweed.

It is also relevant to point out that, prior to the last state election, Mr Provest promised the world to the residents of the Tweed. And, what has he achieved? Sweet nothing.

By the way, Mr Provest, we are all anxiously waiting to see what happens to the Tweed Hospital in two weeks.

Gerry Ambroisine
Banora Point

Bay Street concerns

Our Association agrees with the many community comments that related the decision on Bay Street at the Council's October 9, 2008 closed meeting to two findings in the second report of the Daly Inquiry

Draft plan confusion in Sydney

On Wednesday, October 22 I attended meetings organised by Geoff Provest with the Dept of Planning and Dept of Lands in Sydney.

Our meeting with Mr Chris Wilson, the Executive Director of Planning, and three of his senior staff revealed they had no knowledge whatsoever of the Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management document.

Mr Provest left a copy of the draft with them, which they promised they would read through. Mr Wilson stated he

on governance about community consultation and closed meetings.

Discussions with councillors advised that they were led to believe that the proposal presented to them on the Bay Street had been in the community for some time without any negative comment.

Our Association has been aware of the Walker Corporation's proposal to build a 10 storey tower above the Centro car park for some time, however we know nothing of any proposal to encroach such construction over the southern roadway and on to the centre nature strip. It is possible that Council staff had seen such plans years ago as the proposal has been surveyed and given a lot number on a DP.

Further, the community has not been provided with an opportunity to consider and 'add to' or 'object to' the 'potential development options' of the eastern end of Bay Street mentioned in the closed meeting decision. We believe the Council's Communication Policy directs it to consult with the community on such matters.

We accept that a sale of one lane of Bay Street north of the Centro property may provide

would be having discussions with Lands on this issue.

At a meeting with Mr Warwick Watkins, Director General of Lands, and a senior staff member Mr Watkins informed us that Australia was all crown reserves before white man started building on it.

He did recognise that the way the document read it would create concern within the community. He stated that the crown reserves would be dealt with on a layered basis, which means each individual area of crown reserve that they

the Council with a one-time cash windfall.

We are asking our newly elected council to at least consult with the community on these unknown 'proposed options' by restricting the General Manager's delegation to enter into direct negotiations with the Walker Corporation and Tweed Centro to a time after the community has commented on the 'proposed options'.

We have no objection to the other three decisions especially the one that authorises obtaining a valuation of the identified lot at this time. We need this advice when all options are considered.

We believe such action would be in line with the Council's own Communication Policy which states that 'a harmonious future for the Tweed Council area depended upon honesty, mutual trust, cooperation and a willingness to respect other points of view'.

Laurie Ganter
Tweed District Resident and
Ratepayers Association

Such is progress

I am an 81 year old lady, moving here 15 years ago for peace and tranquillity.

We chose this cul-de-sac

target for development would have an individual development document drawn up and the public would have input. He pointed out it would be much the same process as Lot 490.

When Mr Provest pointed out the Dept of Planning had no knowledge of the document, Mr Watkins replied that they were in constant contact with Planning, and that he wasn't here to discuss who talks to who with us.

Stephanie Deane
Tweed Heads

with mountain views and opposite a cane field, beautiful trees, wonderful birds, cows walking every afternoon after milking.

Now as I write a housing development is in progress, Metricon's Riva Vue, a 23 million dollar, 96 lot subdivision. Incidentally, the by-pass for all traffic will be directly in front of my home.

Sad and shame. But that is progress. PS. I will miss the cane toads too!

Helen Garland
Murwillumbah

Pyramid scheme

Could your canny correspondent Mungo MacCallum inform readers why the Hawke/Keating administration saw fit to deregulate the financial system while Rudd appears ready to do the opposite. Did somebody get it wrong?

I'd like Mungo's opinion regarding growth economics. Major political parties support this principle; as the spokesperson for one of them, will he explain the concept?

Also, can the past provide an answer to present economic problems? Here I refer to the activities of the ancient pharaohs. It may sound silly, but

continued overleaf

When a Murwillumbah Hospital staff member took the mail to the Post Office over the counter because the hospital hadn't paid its postage bill.

And Tweed MP Geoff Provest has warned in state parliament, 'Tweed hospital is broke because the State Labor Government is not providing necessary funds. Indeed, the hospital would be put into administration if it were a private company. Local small businesses have approached me complaining that they have not been paid for three months, and sometimes up to four or five months.'

If the aforementioned is an accurate snapshot of the Health Department, what's the state of the Education Department? How is it managing to

pay its bills and its teaching staff?

And what about the Department of Community Services – what is the size of the budget over-runs at DOCS?

I have the uneasy feeling it is not just the Health Department that has slumped into the red: this is the plight of the government as a whole.

Rumours are swirling around that government pooled investments have lost billions in the global meltdown. Surely it's time to open the books so taxpayers can see what they've done with our money.

I'm starting to wonder whether NSW is broke.

Otherwise, why would they be hiring not one but two former Reserve Bank governors – Bernie Fraser and Ian Macfarlane – to take charge?

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The majority of the clients that I have seen during the last 20 years of practising naturopathy and energetic healing have been affected by stress, emotional issues and suffer from fatigue. In other words they lack vitality.

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why not rechannel our efforts into peacefully building pyramids? If commercial activities in such noxious things as tobacco, alcohol and armaments are acceptable, why not something like pyramids? After all America has Mt Rushmore! We could name our pyramids after our leaders beginning with the Rudd Pyramid. It would be a big'un and built in his home state. Pyramid building would revitalise federalism through a boost to competition policy and renewed interest in election outcomes!

The pharaohs thought pyramids a good idea and who am I to disagree? The world would marvel and at last give us our due. Instead of its arse end we could be the pivotal centre. I'm cautiously optimistic and solicit opinion. Especially MacCallum's.

Eddy Kemp
Fingal Head

Righteousness

Secularism is not serving Australia well. A great country, but unhealthy. To rejuvenate it is not the responsibility (or within the capability) of govt/teachers, but ourselves.

Devaluing marriage, delinquent parents (mainly fathers) not supporting children, babies born to single teenagers (with government encouragement), irresponsibility.

Escalating alcohol/substance abuse aggravated by indulgent

Support for shopping centre

■ May I offer the warmest of welcomes to your thoughtful, well-written newspaper! If a multiplicity of newspapers is a sign of a healthy community, we should be everlasting...

Your editorial (October 23) made no attempt at even-handedness. There are several key reasons in favour of a southern shopping centre:

1. It costs a minimum of \$10 and often \$20 for a return trip from Pottsville to the Tweed shops. Fighting climate change we should encourage local shopping centres, not block them. Frankly, your 10 minute drive from Pottsville to South Tweed can only be done by speeding.
2. Employment, so conspicuously lacking in Pottsville, would increase substantially.
3. Business opportunity, likewise.

I dislike and avoid shopping centres, but the fact is that many (most?) people seem to love them. Why should people be denied their wishes?

Bill Norman
Farrants Hill

■ I suggest that you check your watch is working. Living at Pottsville north and travelling to Tweed City weekly the quickest time I have recorded is 25 minutes to the Tweed City lights and that is if there are no delays on Sexton's Hill.

Elizabeth Baker
Pottsville

■ The Master Plan for the Seabreeze Estate has always had a shopping centre shown near the west entrance.

The council knew this when it was approved. I purchased a property within the estate

knowing this. The suggested 24 hour opening times is something I do not agree with, but this is a minor issue compared with the lack of competitive shopping this side of Sexton Hill.

It is interesting to gauge the level of discontent from the local business groups within Pottsville who now seem dead against the shopping centre but were presumably very pro this housing estate development when it was first proposed.

Happy with the additional customers, not happy about additional competition.

Business 101: provide a level of service and pricing that meets or exceeds expectations, and you have customers returning to your door.

P M Robson
Seabreeze Estate, Pottsville

liquor laws and liberal opening hours, resulting in alcohol-fuelled violence regularly seen on CCTV.

Weak sentencing by courts sends the wrong message. Our drink-driving reputation is an example. Without strong judicial support, police have lost control.

'Woe to you rulers who create mischief by statute.'

There's an undeniable link between what people believe/don't believe, and how they

behave. Our atheistic public education system has much to answer for here. So has excessive violence/promiscuity on TV, and limp censorship.

'Be very careful how you live... Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.... Do to others what you would have them do to you.'

There is much emphasis in scripture on self control. Too many people don't exercise it. Sporting/TV celebs set mis-

erable examples. If we do not believe in anything, then it's pretty much OK to do anything, the result being 'I can do whatever I like if I don't break the law or hurt someone.'

But 'by their actions they deny God', whereas 'righteousness exalts a nation.'

Australia needs to abandon failed secularism and connect with the enrichment of Christian spirituality. Believers (including church leaders) need to speak up about our country, rather than comfortably remain silent.

G Lawrie
Murwillumbah

Unfair to Warren

I am an employee of Noble Lakeside Park and I would like to respond to the unfair criticism that the manager Warren Polglase has received lately in *The Echo*.

It was stated that the office at Noble Lakeside was not always open and therefore Warren was not doing his job properly. The office hours are 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday. The only time it is shut within this period is when Warren is showing prospective new buyers around, in which case a sign is put up saying he will be back shortly.

In a small village this size you always have one or two whingers who like to cause trouble. However, I have found the majority of residents are decent people who support Warren. I personally find Warren an excellent employer.

Ian McFarland
Chinderah

Thanks to the Lions

Members of the Tweed Hospital Auxiliary are extremely grateful to members of the Coolangatta Tweed Lions Club, who for many years now have conducted the sausage sizzle at their annual fete.

The smell of cooking sausages and onions is very seduc-

ive, and certainly attracts customers, as witnessed by the fact that this year the Lions Club donated \$1,281.10 to the Auxiliary, as a result of their efforts.

As a community based organisation, the Lions Club is aware that all their money will be appreciated by the staff and patients alike.

Muriel Reed
Banora Point

did at the 'meet the candidates meeting' at Banora Point. His mind is stuck in his wallet and can't think past marina and mega shopping centres, all based on lots of cheap oil. Maybe his ilk is ready to take the money and run before the (proverbial) hits the fan. But to the conscious people out there, 'We can do it.'

Peter Rae
Condong

Greed and all that

Re the story in *The Echo* last week 'Planning chief sees the environmental challenges ahead'. The story was about the job of Director of Planning at Tweed Shire Council. Quote: 'The crux of this job is being able to balance the demands of accommodating large population inflows by facilitating appropriate levels of social, economic and physical infrastructure, while protecting the more sensitive elements of the natural environment.' Eloquent words.

I suspect it's seen to be doing the right thing, pretend job, to do what no one's succeeding in doing anywhere on this planet.

Rampant overpopulation is what got us into this mess. Add a bit of greed and shake vigorously and bingo the banking system just fell over. Maybe we could change the job description from Director of Planning to Director of Oxymorons. I don't accept that it's inevitable we have to accept accelerating population growth, because governments say so.

We are not anywhere near sustainable at our present population level. That's why we have got 'global warming and runaway global pollution.' I know we need to get it right at our present population level.

Council has already a sustainability officer, a good one at that. I suspect he is frustrated out of his brain by the lack of real progress. The world's falling down all around us and so far a minority of our shower roses and light bulbs have been replaced. That's not going to save our bacon (vegetarians joke). Where are the sensible new houses with solar hot water, shady eaves. Why aren't the houses orientated to the north?

Why all the dark red, green to black roofs, Mr Rayner? It's insane. Doesn't anybody get it out there? Council has a duty of care, Mr Rayner. We in the Tweed have the potential to quickly become totally sustainable in food production (forget about meat, that's for greedy people who want to eat at the expense of the hungry).

We need a TAFE course in growing food crops, and crops for clothing (hemp maybe). We need proper farmers' markets - the new car park would be perfect, Mr Rayner. I can still hear Cr Kevin Skinner bleating we can't put gates across the highways to keep out the newcomers, as he

Great theatre

'A Roomful Of Magic'. Yes, indeed, Murwillumbah Theatre Company's latest show is just that.

You and your children will love this pantomime. What talented young people we have here in the Tweed.

Thank you to the cast, the crew and the director for such an enjoyable night.

Please don't miss this high quality entertainment.

Julie Rainow
Stokers Siding

Release the funds!

It would seem that the CEO of the North Coast Area Health Service (NCAHS) Mr Chris Crawford is up to his tricks again.

What is it about Special Purpose Trust Funds that he doesn't understand?

It would appear that monies raised by the public and placed in a SPT Fund especially for the finishing off of the construction of a deck and coffee shop which is to include a roof over the decking have disappeared.

The work to date has been completed by the Murwillumbah Central Rotary Club and the coffee shop is open and has been for some time.

In applying for the balance of funds, some \$20,000, to finish off with the roof it would appear that Mr Crawford will not release the funds as they are now under capital works.

The SPT fund was set up specifically for the job mentioned and by law can not be distributed or used for any purpose other than that designated.

The \$213,000 for the sale of 10 Ewing Street property has been withdrawn from Murwillumbah hospital without approval and now another \$20,000 has gone.

Enough is enough, Mr Crawford, give the hospital back its money and allow the Rotary Club to finish off the wonderful coffee shop and decking area.

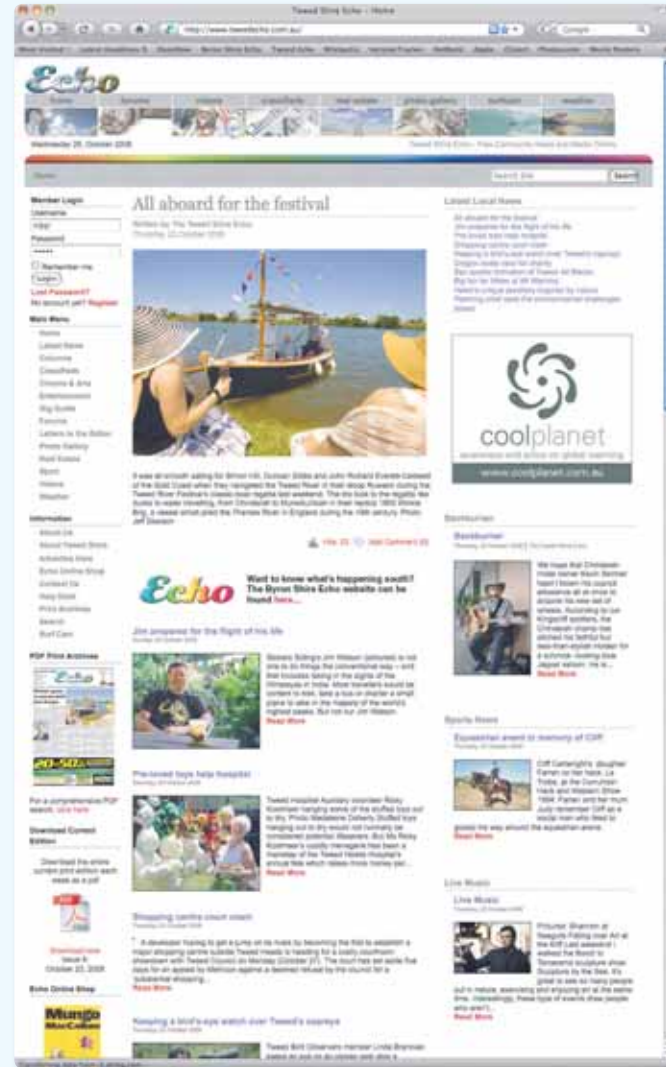
Ian J Ross
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The Murwillumbah Show has many wonderful sponsors from around the Tweed Valley and beyond. There are only 3 free entry Shows in NSW and we are one of them. Our sponsors want you to have a great experience and we appreciate their generosity.

The Grand Parade will be opened this year by our Murwillumbah Show Society President Mrs Jenny Glasby. Jenny has been honoured by being named as Tweed Shire Citizen of the year. We are indeed privileged to have such a worthy lady open the 108th Murwillumbah Show.



Horse events are making a welcome return to the Murwillumbah Show after the devastating E1 horse flu necessitated cancelling most equine activities in NSW. There will be plenty to watch centre ring as we have the biggest showjumping program on the North Coast. There will be lots of hack and led events to

show off the beautiful horses that we attract to the Show. The Pony Club will lead the Grand Parade. Last year was their 50th Anniversary and they had to parade on a decorated float without their horses. It will be great to see them back in the saddle.

We are fortunate to have a big sound system and announcers programme for this year. This has been kindly sponsored by GREENVIEW DEVELOPMENTS.

The local country radio station FM 88 will be broadcasting for the full 2 days from the Showgrounds and interviewing as many of our sponsors as possible.

A new event being showcased at the Show this year is IWA wrestling. Sponsored by INDUSTRY CENTRAL there will be two wrestling shows late Friday afternoon and four shows Saturday afternoon and evening. Come along and see The Sarge, Dementor, ZZ Hook and Buckwild do their stuff.

The Trade Beef will be judged on Friday with Poultry, Sheep, Stud Cattle and Dairy Cattle being judged on Saturday. The animal nursery will be a great exhibit to delight the children.

The Southern Cross Credit Union Rodeo will be an exciting feature on Friday night. Plenty of thrill and spills in the bull, steer and saddle bronc riding.

The Showmen's Guild will again sponsor the Fireworks display for Saturday night.

There are a large number of Pavilion Entries with displays of cooking, needlework, craft, horticulture, beer and photography. The school display section has been moved to the ground floor of the main pavilion this year to make access easier for parents with prams. The interschool relay on Friday morning will be a feature with plenty of school children invited to attend and exhibit at the Show.

There will be plenty of Trade Exhibits to showcase the wide variety of dealerships and displays we have on the Tweed. VICTORY FORD has generously rebuilt a display shed in Heritage style to show off their great cars. Security will be on site especially around the Branding Rail bar in order to keep alcohol in the licensed area only and not on the alcohol free Showgrounds.

The Murwillumbah Show Society Board of Directors and members who volunteer their time to prepare and present the Show each year are confidently looking forward to a fantastic show in 2008. Members and their guests are of course welcome to use the Function Room. See you at the Show.

Liz Chauvier
Secretary

Tweed River Agricultural Show Society

What a great Spring we have had, which means the grounds are looking in wonderful condition in preparation for a bumper 108th Show.

Once again, through the generosity of Solo Waste



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On behalf of the public we say a big "thank you".

Also, may we thank all sponsors who give so generously to make our Show such a huge success.

The Southern Cross Rodeo will take centre stage on Friday evening at 6.30 p.m.

Commercial and stud beef, dairy cattle, sheep, cane, dogs, poultry, animal nursery, birds and heritage areas are all looking forward to crowds viewing their entries.

The pavilion will be packed with entries of flowers, horticulture, farm produce, floral art, photography, needlework, cakes, jams and produce, fine arts, brewing, fruit and vegetables, also displays of schoolwork, woodcraft, spinning, quilting and pottery.

All the fun of the fair is in Sideshow Alley for the young and young at heart.

The Grand Parade will be led in by Murwillumbah Pony Club celebrating 50 years.

The Official Opening at 2pm on Saturday will be by myself, followed by the final of the Woodchops.

Special Guests will be Justine Elliot, M.P., Federal Member for Richmond, Thomas George, State Member for Lismore, our newly elected Mayor, Joan Van Lieshout and current Showgirl, Carli Scott with 2008 entrant Teagan Jones.

Janice Glasby
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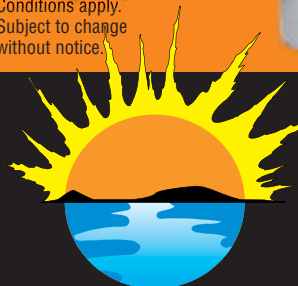
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Murwillumbah Show Program

Friday 31st Oct

Branding Rail BBQ

6.00am Breakfast for the campers. Tasty Bacon & Egg burgers, steak burgers, hamburgers with tea and coffee.

Pavilion

9.00am Open to public, with local arts & craft, produce & banana displays upstairs, trade exhibits & Horticulture downstairs. Open all day.

11.00am Pickles, jams, cakes, sewing, craft, fruit & vegies, photographic & home brewing classes in annexe. (contact Robyn Ross – 6672 4781)

Heritage Displays

9.00am Continuous displays all day including, cow milking, sheep shearing, horse shoeing, damper making, vintage machinery (contact Les Gallard – 6676 4562)

Dog Show

9.00am Judging in dog arena. Best in show award approx **4.00pm** (contact Alby & Sandra Webster – 6677 9542)

Trade Displays

9.30am Includes motor vehicles, tractors & farm machinery, tools & appliances (contact Wally Budd – 6672 2663)

Reptile World

- sponsored by Westlawn Finance

10.00am Interesting and informative interactive display (Both Days).

Cane Exhibit

10.00am Open to public. Top award - Noel Graham sponsored Best 9 stalks of show (contact John Harbison - 0419 663 778) Open both days.

Sideshow Alley

10.00am Thrilling rides for all ages - courtesy Showmans Guild of Australia. Operating all day till close at night.

Live Broadcasting

10.00am Live broadcasting with FM 88 Big Country Radio.

Commercial Beef Cattle Judging

10.30am Competing for Beck family supreme champion beast of show. (contact Geoff Crosthwaite – 6672 4163)

Campbells Animal Nursery

10.30am Near main pavilion, next to poultry exhibit (animals generously supplied by the Campbell family, Dungay) Operates all day.

Lunch

11.30am Enjoy a smorgasbord lunch at the Banner Hall. Relax & be waited on by the ladies of the Tweed River Agricultural Society.

Bar

12.00 noon Bar opens. Meet up with your friends & enjoy a refreshing beer in the garden setting of the Branding Rail.

Branding Rail BBQ

Tasty food served day & night both days of show.

5.00pm & 6.00 pm Pro Wrestling- sponsored by Industry Central

6.30pm BULL & BRONC RIDE SPECTACULAR

CENTRE RING Programme

Friday 31st Oct

(Times may vary depending on entries)

Showjumping

7.30am Showjumping commences with the under 12year olds event. (contact Grant Glasby 66760333)

Rings 1, 2 & 3

9.00am Judging commences with the junior rider classes for children under 6years – 17years.

10.30pm - Schools Relay. Come watch & support your local school.

1.00pm District Hacks.

Pony Club Sporting Events: Commence on conclusion of hacks. Includes flag races, barrel, bends & relay races.

6.30pm BULL & BRONC RIDE SPECTACULAR

- sponsored by Southern Cross Credit Union.

Saturday 1st November

8.00am Championship Showjumping.

8.00am Allbreeds yearling & 2year old classics.

8.30am Led breed classes. Judging commences in 6 rings - featuring Riding Pony & Australian Saddle Pony.

10.30am Ridden Hack Classes for horses over 15H.

1.00 pm Ridden Galloway Hack classes for horses over 14H & not exceeding 15H.

1.30pm Judging of Supreme Led Stallion, Mare & Gelding of the show.

2.00pm Grand Parade & Official Opening

2.30pm Woodchop Final – Sponsored by Reedy Creek Quarries

2.45pm A & B Grade Grand Prix Showjumping

3.00pm Judging recommences in 4 rings for Ridden Horses.

5.00pm Supreme Hack of Show

6.00pm Start of the Six Bar Showjumping featuring top class riders.

8.30pm Show Finale – Spectacular fireworks presented by the Showmen's Guild of Australasia.

Saturday 1st Nov

Branding Rail BBQ

6.00am Tasty breakfasts a tradition with the campers on the grounds.

Stud Beef

8.30pm Commencing with the Junior Heifer Classic & Junior Bull Spectacular. (contact Geoff Crosthwaite 6672 4163)

Sheep

8.30am Keen competition assured from the enthusiastic Queensland schools. (contact Phil Keevers 6689 7434 or 6689 7335).

Pavilion

9.00am Open to the public all day till 8.00pm.

Heritage Displays

9.00am A continuation of the popular cow milking, horse shoeing, sheep shearing, damper making. (contact Les Gallard 6676 4562).

Fruit, Vegies, Jams, Chutneys, Paintings, Photographs & Needlework

9.00am onwards till 8.00pm. Check out the efforts of many months hard work by these exhibitors. In the right side annexe of the main pavilion.

Dairy Cattle

9.30am Exhibits competing for Wesfarmers Federation Insurance supreme champion cow of all breeds. (contact Allan Brown 0416 142 777).

Campbells Animal Nursery

9.30am Children can pat & feed the animals. (Provided by Campbell Family)

Woodchops

10.00am till 2.00pm. Axemen compete for prizes & trophies in the Reedy Creek Quarries Woodchop. (contact Secretary. 6672 5507).

Live Radio – Courtesy FM 88 Big Country Radio

Lunch

11.30am Enjoy a smorgasbord lunch in the Banner Hall. Be waited on by the ladies of the Tweed River Agricultural Society.

Bar

12.00 noon Bar opens at the branding rail and operates well into the night. Enjoy a cold beer in the friendly surrounds of the branding rail.

Branding Rail BBQ

12.00 noon Enjoy a tasty steak sandwich, bacon & egg burger or hamburger or a selection of cold drinks, tea or coffee.

Cane Exhibit

2.30pm Presentation of prize winners - (contact John Harbison)

Trade Displays –

Plenty to see or buy – all day long.

Reptile World –

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Sideshows, Rides & Amusements – operate well into the night.

3.00pm & 4.30pm Pro Wrestling – sponsored by Industry Central.

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Television Guide

1. **The Late Show with David Letterman** (Ten, weekdays 11.15pm) would be a feather in Ten's cap if the channel didn't keep switching episodes. One night they are recent, on another they're months old, and sometimes they're repeats from a few weeks ago. Letterman is fine but which station will step up and carry Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert?

2. Marlon Brando stars in **The Night of the Following Day** (ABC2, Saturday 8.30pm), a creepy old thriller with a surprise ending.

3. Brando must be flavour of the week as the director's cut known as **Apocalypse Now Redux** screens on Ten (Sunday, 10.50pm) – all three and half hours of it. The horror, the horror...



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	TEN	NBN
FRIDAY 31	4.30 GP (PG) Repeat. 5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat. 6.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 The Lion Man (G) Repeat. 11.25 Aussie Animal Rescue (G) Repeat. 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Rewind (PG*) Repeat. 1.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat. 2.00 Sinatra: Dark Star (M*,v) Final. 3.00 Kids' Programs 4.50 RollerCoaster 6.00 Message Stick (G*) Repeat. 6.30 Can We Help? (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Stateline 8.00 Collectors (G) 3.00 Taggart (M*,v) 9.40 Murphy's Law (M*,cl,v,du) 10.35 Lateline 11.15 Review With Myles Barlow (M*,a,cl) Repeat. 11.45 triple j tv Repeat. 12.15 Good Game Repeat. 12.40 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.	7.00 Lateline Repeat. 7.35 Lateline Business Repeat. 8.00 ABC Fora 9.00 Asia Pacific News 9.30 The 7.30 Report Repeat. 10.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 The New Inventors (G) Repeat. 5.00 7.30 Select 5.35 Catalyst: Losing The Plots (G) Repeat. 6.00 Compass: A Christian Education (G) Repeat. 6.35 The People Watchers (G) 7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat. 8.00 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09 Live Logan vs Townsville. 10.00 Soundtrack To My Life (G) Music. 10.25 Classic Albums: Deep Purple – Machine Head (G) Repeat. 11.20 Close	5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat. 1.30 Insight Repeat. 2.30 Being Claudia Cardinale (PG) Repeat. 3.30 Living Black Repeat. 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Eco House Challenge (G) Repeat. 6.00 Global Village: Hotel Bela Vista (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Mister President (G) doco on 'stars' in the Oval Office. 8.30 As It Happened: The SS (M,a,v) Part 3 of 6. Repeat. 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Matrioshki: Thai Sex Trade (MA,cl) drama series. 10.55 Movie: From Subway With Love (M,s,cl,n, 2005) Comedy from the Czech Republic. 12.40 Movie: Midsummer Night Dance (M,s,a, 1999) Romantic comedy from Italy. 2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG) 11.00 Raggs pre-schoolers program. 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: K-Pax (M,a,cl, 2002) Stars Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges. 2.30 Discover Tasmania (G) 3.00 Masterchef Goes Large (PG) Final. 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H (G) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) 6.00 Seven and Prime News 7.00 Home And Away (PG) 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens (G) 9.00 Movie: Sweet Home Alabama (PG,cl, 2002) Stars Reese Witherspoon, Patrick Dempsey. 10.50 Air Crash Investigations (PG) 11.50 International Rules Series – Test 2: Australia vs Ireland. 3.00 Danoz and Expo 5.00 Guthy Renker <small>Seven QLD program same as above except: 6.30 Today Tonight</small> <small>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Kevin Hill 12.50 Fast Ed's Fast Food 1.00 Movie: The Last Chance (PG,a, 2003) 2.45 Harry's Practice 3.15 Get Ed 3.35 The Great Outdoors 10.50 B52S Performance 11.05 Big Bite 11.30 Sports Special 2.00 Air Crash Investigations</small>	6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Kids' Programs 8.30 Puzzle Play 9.00 9am With David & Kim (PG) 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil (PG) 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) 3.00 Infomercial (PG) 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G) 4.00 Animalia 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G) 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat. 6.30 Neighbours (G) 7.00 Will And Grace (PG) Repeat. 7.30 Ice Road Truckers (PG) series return. 8.30 Movie: Terminator 2 – Judgement Day (M,cl,s 1997) Stars Tom Cruise, Renee Zellweger. 10.40 Late News With Sports Tonight 12.40 Late Show With David Letterman 1.30 Infomercials 4.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy (PG) 5.00 Religion	5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG) 11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker 12.00 The View (PG) 1.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 3.00 Fresh Cooking (G) 3.30 Here's Humphrey Repeat. 4.00 The Shak 4.30 National News 5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G) all new. 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Movie: Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets (PG, 2002) Stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson 10.55 Movie: Austin Powers – Goldmember (M,s,cl,v 2002) Stars Mike Myers, Beyonce Knowles. 12.50 Movie: Valentine (AV15+, 2001) Stars David Boreanaz, Marley Shelton. 2.40 Spyforce (PG) Repeat. 3.40 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 4.30 Good Morning America
SATURDAY 1	5.00 rage (PG) 8.00 rage: Guest Programmers Muph And Plutonic (G) 9.00 triple j tv With The Doctor 10.00 Songbook: David Gray (G) Repeat 11.00 Black Books (PG) Repeat. 11.30 The Cook And The Chef (G) Repeat. 12.00 Stateline Repeat. 12.30 Australian Story Repeat. 1.00 Foreign Correspondent Repeat. 1.30 Bowls: NSW Open 2008 – Men's Pairs Semifinal 2 2.30 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09 4.00 Soccer: W-League Queensland Roar vs Canberra United Live 6.00 Totally Frank (PG) Repeat. 6.30 Gardening Australia (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Rough Diamond (PG) drama series 8.25 ABC News 8.30 The Bill (PG) 10.05 ABC News 10.10 The Ghost Squad (M*,cl,v) Repeat. 11.00 The Last Detective (M*,at) Repeat. 12.35 rage (M)	7.00 Kids' Programs 3.00 rage (G) Repeat. 5.00 rage: Guest Programmers Muph And Plutonic (G) Repeat. 6.05 The New Inventors (G) Repeat. 6.35 Robin Hood (PG*,v) Repeat. 7.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat. 8.00 At The Movies (G) Repeat. 8.30 Movie: The Night Of The Following Day (M*,v,du, 1969) Stars Marlon Brando, Rita Moreno. 10.00 Movie: Sinbad The Sailor (G, 1947) Stars Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Maureen O'Hara, Anthony Quinn. 11.55 Close	5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 Cosi Fan Tutte (G) Masterpiece in Italian. 4.05 Le Jeune Homme et La Mort (G) Masterpiece from France – no dialogue. 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Alain Ducasse at the Plaza Athenee: The Star Chef (G) new food series from France. 6.00 Classical Destinations: Salzburg 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Mythbusters (PG) doco series. 8.30 Iron Chef (G) Repeat. 9.20 RockWiz (PG) entertainment. 10.00 Classic Albums: The Doors (M) 11.00 Nynne (PG) drama series from Denmark. 11.45 SOS (MA) 12.45 NEWStopia With Shaun Micallef (M) Comedy series. Repeat. 1.15 Life Support (M,du,s) Repeat. 1.45 Drawn Together (MA,s,v) Animated comedy series. 2.10 Vh1 Illustrated (M,d,a,s) Animated comedy series. 2.35 WeatherWatch Overnight	6.00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse (G) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.30 It's Academic 10.00 Melbourne Cup Carnival 2008 Live 5.30 Sydney Weekender (G) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG) 7.30 Rugby Live: Bledisloe Cup Australia vs New Zealand. 9.30 Movie: Metro (AV,cl,1996) Stars Eddy Murphy, Michael Wincott 11.45 Movie: The Transporter (M,v,cl, 2002) Stars Jason Statham, Matt Schulze, Qi Shu, Ric Young. 1.35 Auction Squad (G) 2.35 Siberia To The Silk Road (G) Repeat. 3.30 Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker <small>Seven QLD program same as above except: 9am Melbourne Cup Carnival - Live 4.30 American Dragon 5.00 It's Academic 6.30 Rugby: Bledisloe Cup 8.30 Air Crash Investigations 10.00 Movie: The Transporter (M,v,cl, 2002) 11.45 Movie: The Way Of The Gun (AV,cl, 2000) 2.05 Siberia To The Silk Road 3.05 Hot Auctions</small> <small>Prime HD program same as above except: 11.45 Movie: Halloween – Resurrection (AV,h, 2002) 12.35 Ultimate Access 1.45 Break It Down 2.15 Big Bite</small>	6.00 Kids' Programs 8.30 Video Hits First (G) 10.00 Video Hits (PG) 12.00 Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures (G) 12.30 In God's Name (PG,a) 2.05 Animal Lifeline: Elephant Alert (G) 3.00 Super X - Australasian Supercross Championship 4.00 Escape With ET (G) 5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat. 6.30 Movie: Ice Age – The Meltdown (G, 2006) Stars Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary. 8.30 Movie: The Interpreter (M,v,a, 2005) Stars Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener. 11.05 Movie: Slap Shot 2 – Breaking The Ice (MA15+, 2002) Stars Stephen Baldwin, David Hemmings. 1.00 Infomercials 3.00 Formula One Grand Prix: Round 18 – Brazil 4.10 Video Hits Up Late (PG) Repeat. 4.30 Religion	6.00 Infomercials 7.30 Kids' Programs 11.00 The Music Jungle (PG) 12.00 Malcolm In The Middle (PG) Repeat 12.30 Movie: Aloha Scooby Doo (PG,v, 2005) Stars Frank Welker, Mindy Cohn 2.00 Movie: The Guns Of Navarone (PG,v,cl, 1961) Stars Gregory Peck, David Niven, Anthony Quayle. 5.00 The Garden Gurus (G) Final. 5.30 Antique Roadshow (G) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Funniest Home Video Show (G) 7.30 Movie: The Wedding Planner (PG,cl, 2001) Stars Jennifer Lopez, Kevin Pollak, Matthew McConaughey 8.40 Saturday Lotto 9.40 Rugby League World Cup NZ vs PNG 11.55 Movie: 3000 Miles To Graceland (MV,s,cl, 2001) Stars Kevin Costner, Kurt Russell, Courtney Cox Arquette 2.20 Seinfeld (PG) 2.50 Lena Lewis (PG) 4.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker <small>NBN Qld program same as above except: 11.00 TBA 12.00 WWE Afterburn 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Red Bull Air Race 4.00 Speed Machine 4.30 Boarding Pass 5.00 The Good Life 5.30 Garden Gurus (final)</small>
SUNDAY 2	5.00 rage 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Insiders And Inside Business 10.30 Offsiders 11.00 Asia Pacific Focus 11.30 Hymns Of Glory (G) Repeat. 12.00 Landline 1.00 Gardening Australia (G) Repeat. 1.30 Message Stick (G) 2.00 The Guardians Of Rome (PG) Rpt. 3.00 Scott Walker: 30 Century Man 4.30 Art Museums Of The World: Chateau De Chantilly (G) 5.00 Sunday Arts (G) 6.00 At The Movies Repeat. 6.30 The Einstein Factor (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Trek: Spy On The Wildebeest (PG) 8.25 ABC News Update 8.30 Gideon's Daughter (M*s) drama. 10.15 Fora Special: 2008 Boyer Lecture by Rupert Murdoch (G) 11.10 Dickens In America (G) Repeat. 11.40 Movie: Anne Of Windy Poplars (G,1940) Stars Anne Shirley, James Ellison, Henry Travers. 1.10 Movie: Stage Door (G, 1937) Stars Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers. 2.45 Movie: Smashing The Rackets (PG, 1938) Stars Chester Morris. 3.55 Psychic Investigators (PG) Repeat.	7.00 Moloko: Eleven Thousand Clicks Repeat. 8.00 Madness: Live At Finsbury Park (G) Repeat. 9.00 The Guitar Show with Eric Johnson, Bob Brozman, Tony Joe White. 9.30 Montreux Jazz Festival 2003: World Music (G) Repeat. 10.30 triple j tv With The Doctor 11.30 triple j tv presents Kaiser Chiefs (G) 12.00 London Live (G) Music. Repeat. 12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) Repeat. 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Snow Patrol 1.55 The New Orleans Concert (G) 2.50 James Brown Live In Montreux '81 4.00 Jewel: At Humphreys By The Bay 5.00 Classic Albums: Bob Marley – Catch A Fire (G) Repeat. 5.45 A Little Later: Portishead (G) 6.00 London Live (PG) Final. 6.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Scissor Sisters (PG) Final. 7.00 Artscape (G) Final. 7.30 Sunday Arts (G) Repeat. 8.30 War Oratorio (M*) 9.45 Emma And The Barista (G) Repeat. 10.00 Artists At Work: Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro (M*,cl) Repeat. 10.25 Moulin Rouge Girls (PG) Repeat. 10.50 Close	6.25 World News in various languages. 10.00 Dateline 11.00 Sunday Brunch Sessions: Paul Kelly – Live Apples (G) Masterpiece. 12.00 Cadel on Tour Cycling. 1.00 Speedweek 3.00 Football Asia 3.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine Sport. 4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature 5.00 The World Game Football. 6.00 Thalassa: Island of Saint-Pierre (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? – Meera Syal (PG) doco series. 8.35 First Australians (G) Final. 9.35 Movie: Kurt Wallander – The Container Lorry (M,v,cl) Drama from Sweden 11.05 Movie: The House By The Canal (M,a,n,s, 2003) Drama from France. 12.55 Swordsman Of The Passes (M,v) 2.30 Weatherwatch Overnight	6.00 Religion 6.30 Creflo A Dollar 7.00 Staines Down Drains 7.30 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Kochie's Business Builders (G) 10.30 Sea Change, Tree Change (G) Geelong. 11.00 Melbourne Cup Carnival 2008 Live 12.00 Surf Livesaving – Coolangatta (G) 2.00 May Day: Head On Collision (PG) 3.00 Movie: Nancy Drew (PG, 2002) Stars Maggie Lawson, Lauren Birkell, Charlie Finn, James Avery. 5.00 What Not To Wear (PG) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie (G) France. 7.00 Kath & Kim (PG) 7.30 Dancing With The Stars (G) 9.15 A Touch Of Frost (M,v,a) movie length thriller. 11.15 Air Crash Investigations (PG) 12.15 Movie: Chain Of Command (M,v,cl,s, 2000) Stars Patrick Muldoon, Roy Scheider. 2.00 Undercover Angels (G) Repeat. 2.30 Danoz, Expo, Guthy Renker	6.00 Religion 7.00 Wormwood 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Meet The Press 9.00 State Focus 9.00 Video Hits First (G) 10.00 Video Hits (PG) 11.30 Video Hits Presents: The Veronicas 12.00 Australian Rally Championship – Round 5 1.00 RPM (PG) motorsport. 2.00 Jayco, Herald Sun Cycling Tour Highlights 2008 3.00 Netball Test Series: Test 6 Australia vs New Zealand. 5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat. 6.15 Thank God You're Here (PG) Repeat 7.30 Australian Idol (PG) 8.30 Rouge (M) 9.40 NCIS (M) Repeat. 10.40 Californication (MA15+) 11.20 The Office (PG) 10.50 Movie: Apocalypse Now Redux (M,v, 2001) Star Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen. 3.30 Formula One Grand Prix: Round 18 – Brazil	6.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker 7.00 TVP Direct 7.30 Biomagnetics (G) 8.00 Sunday News 9.00 Wide World Of Sports (G) 11.00 Senior British Open Golf Championships 2008 12.00 Speed Machine (G) 12.30 Boarding Pass travel show. 1.00 WWE Afterburn wrestling. 2.30 Red Bull Air Race – Perth Live. 5.00 The Gurus Explore South Africa (G) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 20 to 1 (PG) 7.30 60 Minutes 8.30 Rugby League World Cup Australia vs England. 10.45 Movie: Outbreak (M,v,1995) Stars Dustin Hoffman, Kevin Spacey, Morgan Freeman, Dene Russo. 1.10 The Avengers (PG) Repeat. 2.05 Guthy Renker and Danoz 4.00 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News <small>NBN Qld program same as above except: 11.00 TBA 12.00 WWE Afterburn 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Red Bull Air Race 4.00 Speed Machine 4.30 Boarding Pass</small>

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Making music back at the

NOISEWORKS



Noiseworks at Coolangatta Hotel on Saturday November 8 and Sunday November 9

You probably thought it would never happen, and knowing Steve Balbi, I would have sworn that it certainly never would. Lots of water has passed under the proverbial bridge since Noiseworks shot to mainstream fame in 1986 with their debut single 'No Lies', which instantly became an ARIA top 20 hit. After a decade or more of separation, the boys are back together, playing again and even contemplating putting down an album. Those edgy young boys are now chilled out blokes united by a passion for playing.

'It did surprise us,' Balbi remarked. 'When you sit back and think about it, people have been working hard for the last decade, we were kids, but we are grown up - on the whole, these are the people that we grew up with...it's kind of weird but it seems like exactly the same crowds at the same gigs, they are all there!'

For Balbi, finding his way back to 'the band' was something of a personal homecoming.

'We got together and I wasn't quite 20 - so getting back together, well, it was like if you haven't seen your brother or sister for years, there was lots of water under the bridge but life's too short... although under all the water under the bridge there is a lot of amazing experiences!'

Steve was reminded of what an extraordinary career his band had when he was moving house recently.

'I wanted to cull back all the Noiseworks memorabilia and it's really precious, we did well, having said that it was what it was, and I think it's a better band now than it was then, if we were to make another record then it would be better, we have some really beautiful material, life's been on our side, if we'd made a record now, it would have been more of a rock thing.'

Steve Balbi and fellow band member Justin Stanley left Noiseworks to set up Electric Hippies. The diversity of musical interest meant the guys in the band were always setting up side projects.

'That's why Noiseworks broke up - I was dying in that band just being a bass player and Justin and I were allowed to do an album here and there, although when you're in a band you're not allowed to look at another band!'

Justin is the only original Noiseworks member who won't be joining the band for their tour.

'Justin is great, he's living in the States, last time we got together and we wrote a bunch of songs - I love Justin, he's one of my best mates. Sometimes when he's here, we get into a studio and it's just so fluent.'

Noiseworks hit Coolangatta Hotel on Saturday November 8 and Sunday November 9 for two intimate shows.

Tickets are on sale now from the venue, OzTix - www.oztix.com.au or phone 1300 762 545.

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It's that time of year again – Early Bird Tix to **The Blues and Roots Festival** go on sale from Thursday for this much loved event held over Easter 2009 – April 9-13. Early Bird ticket prices are a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor, make your travel plans earlier this year, book accommodation, and secure what you need for a great Easter weekend in 2009. New features this year are Family Festival Tickets and a Blues Buddy Package which offer further savings, also discounted with Early Bird pricing. Visit www.bluesfest.com.au for more ticket details. Artist announcements are due mid November, so stay tuned. Bluesfest will also celebrate its 20th birthday with an indigenous showcase stage featuring the best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists following an investment initiative from Events NSW. Festival Director Peter Noble is no stranger to highlighting the indigenous arts. Near the start of his career in 1972, Peter set up the Aboriginal Artists Agency at the National Black Theatre in Sydney's indigenous community of Redfern. Peter Noble said, 'I have long supported indigenous Australian arts, music and land rights, so I am extremely proud to see this wonderful fruition of all our efforts to date, especially in the very year of the nation's official apology to our indigenous peoples.' The festival will spend one more year at Belongil Fields, before working towards holding the festival at its new home at Tyagarah Tee Tree Farm, 10 minutes outside Byron Bay, when the event turns 21 in 2010.

Cup Day at Saltbar

The New Tweed Coast social crowd will be racing in to **Saltbar Beachbar and Bistro** to celebrate Melbourne Cup in style this Tuesday. It's time to break out those gorgeous frocks and dry-clean the wedding suit. Guests are going to feel like they are trackside at Flemington when they get to enjoy 13 plasma screens throughout the restaurant. To add to the Melbourne Cup fever, there will be an exclusive fashion parade by Kingscliff boutique C'est la Vie, sweepstakes, live music, lucky door prizes, prizes for best dressed and best hat, and a TAB for those who fancy a flutter on www.tweedecho.com.au

the big races. Warning: Melbourne Cup day can be dangerous. Expect pissed women in scary hats. I don't know what happens on Cup Day but the ladies turn into chickens. Phone **Saltbar** to book your table **1300 725 822**.

All about Candy – by Chloe Ryan

Last time singer songwriter **Candice Casagrande** played Saltbar, one punter was so impressed she penned this review. In lieu of Ms Casagrande playing Saltbar on Sunday I thought it timely to give the story a run. Here's what young Chloe had to say:

'There are not many things that can silence a busy bar and bistro on a Sunday lunch, but solo artist Candice Casagrande did just that. With a cherished guitar, 10 months of singing lessons and her heartfelt voice the 22 year old Lismore girl mesmerised patrons at Salt Sandbar & Grill. Being married, completing two years of a business degree while working full time in accounting and beating an eating disorder all before the age of 19, can give a girl that sort of wisdom and appeal.

'Her love of music sprang from her interest in poetry. "In year 10 I was coming out of hopelessness and depression. I wasn't as good a singer as all the other girls in my class, I thought I'd never be able to live and seriously play and record my songs, so I wrote

down a little poem, made up a tune to it and got it stuck in my head." Each one of Candice's songs is written with purpose and performed with passion.

"I would choke if I ever lied in my music. It all comes from my heart.

"I would be honoured to bring hope through my music with true stories and examples, see people let go of fear and take hold of their talents, no

matter how small or uneducated." There is one person in particular that needs to be thanked for bringing Candice Casagrande to our ears. "I met Tim my husband when I was 16, when I was recovering from my eating disorder and we were married at 19. He built up my self esteem. I wouldn't be able to do any of this without him."

She plays from 1pm.



KISSstroyer at Seagulls on Saturday



Smart Artists at Calypso Tavern on Friday



Cassie Casagrande at SaltBar in Kingscliff on Sunday



Tijuana Cartel at the Beach Hotel on Friday



Bondi – A Voyeur's Dream

Last week I had the pleasure of spending the morning on Bondi Beach. It's unbelievable. In the dictionary next to 'wanker' they have a snap of an old bloke in dick togs oiled up and stretching his calves. Bondi is a poser magnet. If you crave attention, then it's definitely the beach for you. I am walking with the kids when I encounter one of the many morning exercisers. Good to see people working out, but really, does this sinewy middle-aged man, who's seen so much sun he's starting to look like a BBQ spare rib, have to do his post-jog leg-stretches in public? We're talking flappy shorts. You know the ones. With one leg thrust on a metal bar for maximum glute release the kids and I get an eyeful of his hairy scrotum. You couldn't miss it, it was almost hitting his knee. Suddenly I am surrounded. There's at least 20 blokes stretching in flappy shorts all freely displaying their happy sacs. I laugh with the kids 'that's enough to put you off your sausage sandwich.' We try and find a position with slightly less ball bag action. A bit further down the beach we are amazed by the blokes who are so buff they can't put their arms by their side. One fellow is so built

in the thigh department I notice he can't really walk down stairs. Instead he gives up and just parades on the promenade in his tight white lycra budgie smugglers. Although with him, I'd swear he'd tried to sneak in a pigeon. That's just the men. The women are worse. These are the people the skin cancer council will never reach. Better to be manifesting a melanoma than be caught in a hat with a daggy tshirt and sunscreen. I'm surprised they're not all having unprotected sex and smoking at the same time. There's a woman whose decided that yoga is best performed with an audience of at least 1000 spectators. She's on all fours in a Brazilian bikini performing down face dog. Bondi Beach is a pubic hair free zone. In fact every bit of body hair is gone. I'm surprised there's not a towel to towel waxing service to polish genitals and smooth those European backs. After about half an hour of people watching I made my final observation. This is the Bondi Pilates crowd. You know the types. Drop a pill, drink a latte and go fuck I'm fabulous!

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Juzzie Smith plays Currumbin SoundLounge

The music of **Juzzie Smith** is a bit like the dude himself. It's irresistible feel good. He's got this energy that makes your foot tap and reminds you of how good it is to be alive. I was just watching him push the trolley at the local supermarket the other day with his two little kids (no I wasn't stalking, just observing) and even then he had that bouncing glee that is just so dam infectious on stage. Juzzie Smith's music draws from blues, folk and country and then steps into a world of its own. Employing slide guitar, yidaki (didgeridoo), and his very own customised suitcase stompbox, and combining these with awesome harmonica-playing talent and strong vocals, Juzzie displays a musical dexterity that has been blowing audiences away all over the country and overseas. Juzzie's

music is influenced from his many journeys and samples from many genres and cultures – a drop of Tamworth, a sprig of Delhi, a dash of Arnhem Land and a hefty splash of New Orleans. Born part-man, part-harmonica, his good vibing music will get your toes tapping and leave you feeling fine! He is joined by Simon Asquith as support. Both play the **Currumbin Soundlounge on Friday**.

Triple Bill for a Soundlounge Sunday

It's an impressive triple birth at the **Soundlounge on Sunday** when **Youth Group** take to the stage. Winners of the 2006 ARIA Award for Breakthrough Single for their epic hit, *Forever Young*, Youth Group are a Sydney-based outfit with their roots sunk deeply in the Canberra indie rock scene of the late-Nineties. With the sup-

port of a US label and a tonnes of touring, Youth Group got the attention they sought, and today have a solid profile across the nation. They are joined by **Theredsunband** a trio based in Sydney who play pretty loud, dark, heavy, sad dream-pop. All three people in the band sing to marvelous effect. They have just released *The Shiralee*, their second album which has taken a very long time and the new single is called *The Eagle*. *The Shiralee* was produced by Dean Dirt (Magic Dirt) and recorded in 10 days at hothouse studio in St Kilda, Melbourne mixed by Tim Whitten (The Clouds, Art of Fighting, Powderfinger, Gersey, Gaslight Radio). To add a little girlie energy, the younger and just as talented Imbruglia sister, Laura (sister of Natalie) will also be performing on the night. In October 2003 she released her first EP *It Makes a Crunchy Noise* followed by the single *My Dream of a Magical Washing Machine* in November 2005. **Sunday 3pm.**

Show us ya Dukes

Due to popular demand, Melbourne electro-rockers **Dukes of Windsor** have added more dates to their already extensive M I N U S album tour! National broadcaster, Triple J, has jumped on board and the guys have increased their road load by about 10 new gigs, taking the number of tour dates to a grand total of 26. The first single, *It's A War* was added to high rotation on Triple J and reached the status of Number 1 most played song on the station. The second song serviced to Triple J, *No Disguise*, also went to Number 1 Most Played song on the station and the fact that *Get It*, the current single from M I N U S, remains on high rotation with the national broadcaster is a testament to the Duke's musical integrity and popularity. *Get It* is also enjoying airplay around the country on both community and commercial stations, and the clip was named *Ripe Clip* on Channel V last week with 10 plays per day

for the entire week! They play **The Coolangatta Hotel on Saturday**. Pre Sale \$15.00 + BF, Door Sale: \$20.00 Oztix: www.dukesofwindsor.com.au / www.newworldartists.net 1300 762 545.

Racking it up at the Grill

Head to **Casuarina Beach** on Sunday from 2.30pm (NSW time) to witness **Mason Rack**. They will be busting out the tunes at **Sandbar + Grill's** regular free live music Sunday session. Likened to Ben Harper and Xavier Rudd, Mason Rack and his band erupt onto the stage with explosive vocals, drums and lap slide guitar melodies. 'It becomes addictive...the energy, the people, the smiling faces, the love, the dancing...The whole thing is my life, it is my soul,' says Gold Coaster Mason Rack. With major festivals including Byron Bay Bluesfest, Blues on Broadbeach and Woodford Folk Festival behind them, the award winning Mason Rack Band are said to be the hardest working blues and roots band in Australia, and are gaining airplay across the country with their third album *Join Hands*. For further information please call Sandbar + Grill on 02 6674 9961.

KISSstroyer

Remember **KISS**, girls? What a bizarre time in life, that teenage girls, mostly underage would find themselves in mild pubescent arousal over a bunch of hairy blokes wearing jumpsuits and makeup. Oh the thrill of the secret identity. These were really bad boys. And as for the guy with the tongue – it was the stuff fantasies were made of. And judging from Gene Simmons' accounts, there sure were a lot of them. He needs a medal for active service. If you missed out on KISS the first time round, check out KISSstroyer, the Aussie tribute band. It's bound to be a pretty wild retro ride back to big hair and shoulder pads. Featuring authentic KISS costumes, 15 KISS guitars, a giant lit-up KISS logo and stairs, and onstage antics including guitar-smashing, blood-spitting and smoking mayhem, KISSstroyer is the largest touring tribute band in the country. They've even received praise from original KISS rocker Paul Stanley for the show's musical and theatrical accuracy after KISSstroyer performed live for him and his Rock Star Band on his Australia tour. For a wild night of rock and roll at a great price and in a safe and secure environment, you can't miss KISSstroyer, live in the **Stardust Room at Seagulls on Saturday at 9pm dst**. Tickets: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Over 18 years only.

Book online at www.seagullsclub.com.au or call 07 5587 9033.



King Farook at the Chinderah Jam Shed on Friday



Standup comedian Kitty Flanagan at the Byron RSL on Monday



Halloween party at Durrumbul Hall on Friday



Mason Rack at the Casurina Sandbar and Grill on Sunday



Dukes of Windsor at the Coolangatta Hotel on Saturday

The very grassy Noll

Who would have thought that some bloke from Whoop Whoop who couldn't even crack it as a farmer would end up touring the country pulling a buck as a singer. I am sure **Shannon Noll** didn't believe in fairies until the very large Channel Ten Idol Fairy gave him the dream I guess he always harboured. The Nollster plays **Seagulls on Friday** midway through a tour to promote the release of his latest album *No Turning Back: The Story So Far*. Reserved seating. All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. **Stardust Room at 8.30pm**. Tickets \$40.

The addictive tunes of Tijuana Cartel

If Carlos Santana had been hanging out in Iraq for the

last 10 years then he would have to sound something like the Gold Coast's own **Tijuana Cartel**. Tijuana Cartel express phenomenal diversity and introduce a somewhat intelligent and original sound to the ear, bringing flamenco guitar, slide guitar, MCs, trumpet, live and electronic percussion, and scratch DJs to the live forum. Their musical energy and unrestrained delivery is thrilling audiences wherever they perform. Their tunes meander their way across the bumpiest musical terrain, a rhythmic body moved with stately deliberation creating inspiring and infectious rhythms that you just cannot help but dance to. Their performances are a concoction of multi-layered grooves, splashes of Middle Eastern vocals, lilting Moby-esque soundscapes, flamenco and slide guitar, trumpet,

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electronic world beats and percussion all randomly supported by poetic social commentary and song courtesy of MC Regan Hoskins. I have a CD in the car which I put on repeat play – they're the kind of band that will just blow you away. All the talent, diversity and flavour of the Cat Empire but with even better music. They play the **Beach Hotel at Byron on Friday.**

Making light music

Spring is a time for renewal, things tend to die off in winter and then come back with a vengeance once the warmer months hit. For **Light Activation**, this is exactly what happened when the band streamlined to a three piece over the winter, with guitarist Richard Bell taking on the lead vocals and writing a whole bunch of new songs. Richard, Tig (drums/vocals) and Dave Innes (bass/vocals) bring their seductive blend of poppy ambient uphill to **Sphinx Rock Cafe on Sunday from 1pm.**

Where the Farook have you been?

King Farook is a critically acclaimed, award-winning Funk/Rock/Hip-hop band based in Sydney that has been selling

out shows and blowing away festival stages and awards ceremonies across the nation. Reviewed by Drum Media as 'the tightest band in Sydney', and featured on the cover of the Sydney Morning Herald Metro Magazine as the 'Next Big Things', they're set to become the next in a long line of musical exports that Australia has proudly given the world. **Chinderah Jam Shed on Friday. 9pm-12 and DJ 12-2am.**



Miss Kitty gets shitty

If you ask anyone in the comedy industry to name the top three Australian women comedians, **Kitty Flanagan's** name would rate right near the top. Kitty is one of the most accomplished comics around – starting out in Full Frontal over a decade ago, Kitty is a pretty girl that has the most curious talent for characterisation. It's the source of her hilarious charm. A successful standup comedian and TV writer/performer in Australia, Kitty Flanagan moved to the UK in

2001 to further her comedy career. Most recently she supported Seinfeld's Jason Alexander on his tour around the country. Since returning from London where she became a regular on the top UK comedy circuit including the prestigious London Comedy Store, she also managed to travel the world performing in festivals and comedy clubs everywhere from Paris to Berlin, Dubai to Tokyo and Canada to Cannes. She has also appeared on The Micallef Show (AUS) and The Sketch Show (UK). There have also been numerous TV stand-up appearances, including The World Stands Up on Comedy Central (US). Not content to be constantly directed by others, Kitty recently decided she needed to be the boss of everyone and set out to direct her own work. The result is the short film *Dating Ray Fenwick*. Kitty appears with support act **Nick Penn**, an impressive headline comic who has moved from Sydney to the Nimbin region to enjoy the country life. It's become the perfect base for Nick who works all over the country, headlining comedy clubs and performing as a corporate act. Incorporating didge and a very loud jacket, Nick's repertoire is rapid fire.

Kitty Flanagan appears at the **Byron Pandanus Lounge** with Nick Penn and Mandy Nolan as support act on **Monday November 3 at 8pm.** Tix are \$20/25 and can be purchased at the club or booked on 6684 3443.



Raising the Bell Tower

The **Bush Poets** band together to raise money for St Martin's Anglican Church for the Bell Tower Restoration. Scheduled for **Sunday November 9** at the **Mullumbimby Ex Services Club**, poets featured are the lovable fast talking talents of The Mullumbimby Bloke, Ray

Essery, and bush poet John Major. Singers are also lending their tonsils with international recording artist Clelia Adams appearing and local entertainer Tracy Divine. Tix are \$12 for adults or \$5 for students and are available at the club.

Bush Poetry raising the bucks

The **Bush Poets** are back in town. Ray Essery, better known as I mentioned before as The Mullumbimby Bloke, Shirley Friend, the hilarious bush poet from Tamworth Naked Poets, team up to perform at the **Condong Bowling Club on Saturday November 8.** This is a fundraiser for the Smith Family's 'Learning for Life' education program and Murwillumbah East Primary School. The evening gets underway at 7pm with Michael and Gail from

River Stone, then Ray will regale one and all with his larrikin tales, followed by Shirley and mime master, Brenda Armfield. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Condong Bowling Club, or from the office of the Murwillumbah East Primary School.

Halloween Ball at Durrumbul Hall

The **Dollz House** presents this **Friday at Durrumbul Hall.** The ball is a fund raiser for Sea Shepherd who is embarking on a journey in December to go to the arctic region to help stop the slaughter of the whales. They need money for equipment and fuel. Your \$15 (\$25 for a family) will go a long way! Dressed to scare will be DJs Slinky, JD and Dr. Brian. There is a kids space with puppetry, theatre and circus. Starts **6pm** and ends midnight.



Raz Bin Sam and the Lion I Band at the Beach Hotel on Saturday



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FRIDAY 31

- RADISON RESORT, GC 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- COOMERA WATERS TAVERN 7.30PM **JOHN J BRADLEY**
- CURRUMBIN RSL SOUND LOUNGE 7.30PM **JUZZIE SMITH & SIMON ASQUITH**
- MERRIMAC TAVERN 7.30PM **KULAZ**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 8PM **COMEDY IN THE BASEMENT CLINT PATTERSON, MC MIKE BENNETT**
- SEAWORLD NARA RESORT 7PM **ALEX FIETZ**
- ROYAL PINES RESORT, KALINDA 8PM **BOUNCE**
- EVERGREEN CTRE, BUNDALL 7PM **DJ JAYE**
- CALYPSO NIGHT CLUB, COOLANGATTA 8.30PM **SMART ARTISTS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS**
- SEAGULLS – PIANO BAR 6PM **KEN ALEXANDER STARDUST 8.30PM SHANNON NOLL CONNECTIONS 10.30PM TRAVIS COLLINS**
- KIRRA BEACH HOTEL 7.30PM **JOYISM**
- SANDBAR CASUARINA 5.30PM **THE GENES**
- CHINDERAH JAM SHED 9PM **KING FAROOK + DJS**
- BEACH BAR, CABARITA 8.30PM **AKASA**
- GREENHILLS ON TWEED, M'BAH 8PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB – JOHN HOFFMAN & BAND**
- UKI CAFE **KARAOKE NIGHT**
- LUFFLEY CAFE, M'BAH 7PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **SPOD**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **DUB SHAC**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER + RYAN RUSHTON**
- BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CTRE 7PM **HALLOWEEN MASKED BALL – THE FERAMONES & SOUL'D**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 6PM **HALLOWEEN BALL – DJS SLINKY, JD, DR BRIAN**

SATURDAY 1

- RADISON RESORT, GC 6.30PM **BRIAN SUTTON**

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **DUKES OF WINDSOR**
- MERRIMAC TAVERN 7.30PM **DIVA DIVO**
- SEAWORLD NARA RESORT 7PM **JOHN MCALPINE**
- ROYAL PINES RESORT, KALINDA 6PM **DAMON RILEY 8PM SUMMER DAZE**
- GOLD COAST ARTS THEATRE 8PM **EXPRESSION DANCE CO: ON THIN ICE**
- TOOLEYS BAR & RESTAURANT 8.30PM **KULAZ**
- TWIN TOWNS, BREEZES ROOM **TAXI RIDE 8PM TEX PERKINS & HIS LADYBOYZ**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **THE REAL DEAL**
- PALAZZO VERSACE 6PM **PIANO, SIMON HEART, NIKKI COLOMBO**
- SEAGULLS – STARDUST 9PM **KISSTROYER CONNECTIONS 4PM ALEXANDER 7PM BEATLEGS SHOW**
- BALI PAVILION 5PM **TANGERINE JAM**
- TYALGUM HOTEL 8PM **MUSO'S JAM NIGHT**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **KING LOUIE**
- UKI CAFE **LOREN**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **MARTIN WAY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RAZ BIN SAM / WHIPLASH**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **BYRON LATIN FIESTA**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **LISA MITCHELL**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **NADI**

SUNDAY 2

- SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB 4PM **RED CHERRIES**
- TOOLEYS BAR & RESTAURANT 5PM **ROSS RIVER FEVER**
- CURRUMBIN RSL, SOUNDLOUNGE 3PM **YOUTH GROUP, THE RED SUN BAND & NATALIE IMBRUGLIA**
- CANUNGRA VALLEY VINEYARDS 12PM **JOE PHILIPS**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 1PM **CANDICE CASSAGRANDE**
- SANDBAR, CASUARINA 2.30PM **MASON RACK**
- CHINDERAH JAM SHED 3PM **BULLAMAKANKA**

- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 1PM-5PM **LIGHT ACTIVATION**
- MOO MOO CAFE, MOOBALL 12PM **BARNEY & THE RUBBLE**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB 1PM **THE HAVE A GO SHOW – JAM SESSION**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT 8PM DJ CAPTAIN KANE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **ROGER THAT + CASUAL PROJECTS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **WAITING FOR BRIAN & DAVE ADES**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **CAPTAIN KATIE**

MONDAY 3

- SEAGULLS – STARDUST ROOM 11AM **MICHAEL KING**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OKA**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB, PANDANUS LOUNGE 8PM **KITTY FLANAGAN, MC MANDY NOLAN, NICK PENN**

TUESDAY 4

- LEISURE CENTRE, HALCYON 2PM **DIVA DIVO**
- ROYAL PINES, KALINDA 12PM **TONY KRUGER**
- MOO MOOS RESTAURANT 11.30PM **DARREN MCLEAN**
- GOLD COAST ANCHORAGE 11AM **CAFFE REGGIO**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, PARADISE ROOM 10.30AM **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 11AM **MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION / 7PM TRIVIA**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 11AM **ISSI DYE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 11AM **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **ALL DAY MELBOURNE CUP**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **MINI MARIO**

WEDNESDAY 5

- SEAGULLS – LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 1.15PM **ISSI DYE**



movie Reviews with John Campbell

How To Lose Friends And Alienate People

We often look forward to a film for the simple reason that we like the actors involved. Few of us are immune to the magnetism of stardom, whether it's Kylie or the Dalai Lama, so I happily anticipated the screen company in this of three favourites – pure of heart Kirsten Dunst, craggy cynic Jeff Bridges and dorky comic Simon Pegg. Which is more than a little ironic, given that its aim is to tear strips off the PR machine that creates the blinding façades of such luminaries.

Indie publisher Sidney (Pegg) is a philandering, self-deluding tosser who seems destined to have a career dodging lawsuits in his cramped offices above a London kebab shop. He jumps at the opportunity when Clayton Harding (Bridges), a once-was cutting edge journo now cosy in the top floor editor's suite, offers him a job at Sharps, a glossy NYC periodical. Sidney meets Alison (Dunst) on the shift that reports on the comings and goings of the A-list, and he longs to 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable'. In particular, he wants to get stuck into a hip young director, a prodigy in black who believes that cinema history begins with Quentin Tarantino (know the type?). But Sidney soon learns that his iconoclasm will not get him very far in the Big Apple and that status is won through galling compromise.

Pegg is more hard-edged than his American counterpart Steve Carrell, but he has a similar talent for getting you to squirm with embarrassment – a scene at a high-glam Manhattan nightclub where he clears the floor of the gorgeous babes he is trying to impress with his gyrations is priceless. 'My glory is in my doom,' he quotes knowingly from the movie Troy, making it hard for Alison, and the viewer, to hold a grudge against the bloke.

The sight gags are hit and miss, but the dialogue is crisp and loaded with beaut



one-liners – Sidney's scholarly father thought Brad Pitt was a cave in Yorkshire – and the theme of recognising what matters most in life and not wishing too hard for the glittering prizes is unambiguously promoted. The last shot – with an outdoor screening of La Dolce Vita, dancing lovers and the Brooklyn Bridge at night – is as sweetly reverential an image as Woody Allen might have come up with in his more romantic period, and it ensured that I left the theatre as elated as I banked on being when I entered. Highly recommended.

Lemon Tree

Deconstructing a story as big and nasty as that of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict might have resulted in the fruitless pettiness of over-simplification, but writer/director Eran Riklis has skillfully avoided that pitfall in this poignant representation of the seemingly intractable problems faced by the people of that troubled area.

Widowed Salma owns a lemon grove that is situated in the border zone between Israel and the West Bank. Its trees were planted by her father and, with her absent son working as a busboy in America, they are now all she has. When the Israeli Defence Minister, Navon, moves into a house adjoining her property, the Secret Service deems Salma's leafy grove a security threat to Navon because of its potential to conceal

snipers and bomb throwers. The trees must go, but Salma challenges the order, taking her case to the supreme court.

A flashpoint comes when, preparing a banquet, Navon learns that the caterers have no lemons – the only 'as if' contrivance in a script that combines earthiness with moments of graceful symbolism. 'We only wanted a few lemons,' says Mira, Navon's wife, to which Salma, tying a scarf around her head, stands her ground in a gesture of quiet resistance. Nor is it without touches of levity – a tower guard's taped English lessons are comprised of absurd sentences which typify the sort of convoluted logic that political leaders are incapable of dropping when prognosticating on major issues (such as the Middle East), and Salma's lawyer, Daud, absently smells his fingers for the sardines that he has been unable to stop eating since living in Moscow.

Putting aside the mentality that it attacks, it stands on its own as a striking film with compelling performances across the board, but notably from Hiam Abbass, whose Salma is a woman of tremendous dignity, and Doron Tavori, who is sickeningly good as the unctuous politician.

Praised elsewhere for its even-handedness, I found it unequivocally pro Palestinian, but understandably so, for Salma's plight, and her people's, warrant our sympathy.

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Befriend a library

'Booklovers', Barry Humphries wrote recently, form a 'marvellous fellowship of addicts pursuing its harmless and comparatively inexpensive drug - the printed word'.

Members of this particular fellowship are to be found throughout the Tweed shire, and among their favourite gathering places are the area's three public libraries, Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah.

Both Tweed Heads and Kingscliff have Friends of the Library groups. 'They provide a wonderful service,' says Larry Price, librarian at Kingscliff where the group has been going for 18 years. 'They're a real voice for the people within the community.'

The group, which goes by the name of **FOLK (Friends of the Library at Kingscliff)**, hold regular meetings. They advocate the interests of public libraries at both state and local level, and recently raised \$1,500 to buy audio reading equipment for people with macular degeneration and other vision difficulties.

Tweed Heads librarian Colette Stapleton says their Friends are 'great money raisers'. They run a regular book sale table and occasional author events, and have a book discussion group that meets

every fourth Wednesday of the month.

Murwillumbah does not have an organised Friends group but has a book club which meets on the first Thursday of each month. Jo Carmody, chief librarian of the Tweed area based in Murwillumbah, also welcomes volunteers to deliver books and audio reading equipment to housebound residents.

The branch has just announced a new program for parents and babies. **Baby Bounce**, starting this **Friday, October 31, at 10am**, encourages the sharing of nursery rhymes, poems, songs and finger games.

To find out more about library Friends, volunteers and book groups, call 6674 1607 for Kingscliff, 07 5569 3150 for Tweed Heads and 6670 2427 for Murwillumbah. You'll find fellow book addicts at all three locations.

Learn to tell stories

Throughout human history, the art of storytelling has fired people's imagination and connected them with a shared past. But under the stresses of modern life, it's an art that is all too often neglected.

Now **Adult Community Education (ACE)** is reviving the practice with two special day-long workshops coming to **Tweed Community College** at the end of November. *Storytelling from the Heart* will be taught by Jenni Cargill-Strong from Mullumbimby, an award-winning performer and storyteller who is well known on the arts festival circuit.

'The job of a storyteller,' she says, 'is to enter into deep relationship with the stories, and adapt them for the needs of the times. The characters in these stories are all us,' she says. 'We get to learn that there are many aspects to us, and that each one's OK.'

She trains participants in skills like vocal sound effects, character voices, pauses and more. 'It can be a way to re-imagine yourself, your relation-

ships, and gain confidence. You can be silly, bossy, you can have fun.' And most of all, you can enjoy the story and learn to pass on its magic.

Tweed Community College, Machinery Drive, South Tweed. Saturday November 29 and Sunday November 30, 9.30-4.30 pm. For information and bookings call Tweed ACE (07) 5524 8884

Befriend a painting

The **Tweed River Art Gallery** is working hard to acquire as many works as possible from its current 20th anniversary exhibition *Wish you were here*. Until two weeks ago works by Bill Robinson, Rodney Pople, local artist James Guppy, Angus McDonald and John Wolseley had been secured, largely through the generosity of the artists.

Then the gallery's fundraising body, the Foundation, held a viewing and dinner to celebrate the anniversary. Those attending included benefactors Doug and Margot Anthony, Pat and Barbara Corrigan, the building's architect Bud Branigan, former director Gary Corbett, new mayor Joan van Lieshout and deputy mayor Barry Longland, together with some 80 supporters from the gallery community including Friends president Josephine Nugent.

Former shire president Max Boyd, who was instrumental in founding the gallery, spoke eloquently about its importance to the community.

Since then donations have flooded in. The Foundation itself has purchased the exhibits by Michael Zavros, Euan Macleod, Godwin Bradbeer and Jacqueline Mitelman. The gallery's Friends organisation has contributed *Transubstantiation* by local artist Hobie Porter, Anne Zahalka's iconic *The bathers* and *The collector* by Graeme Peebles.

Individual donations have secured works by Bob Connery from Stokers Siding pottery, and by Barbie Kjar, Deborah Williams, Petrina Hicks, Jan Davis and Sherrie Knipe.

The show runs until **November 16**. If you're visiting the gallery, watch out for the 20th anniversary plates beside some works - they signify an acquisition. Take the opportunity to consider which others you'd like to see join the shire's collection. After all, that means that they belong to all of us.

Calling all life forms

Are there fairies at the bottom of your garden? If you live in Cabarita, there may well be. Cath Grant's gallery, with the unusual name of **How Great Thou Art**, is reopening on November 1 with a new group exhibition, *All's Fairy in Love and War*.

Exhibiting artists include Teila Bradbury, Chris Degenhardt, Carlene Fuchs, Tobias Fuchs, Cath Grant, Alan Guthrie, Johanna Hardigan, Brenda-Lee Heathcote, Mandy Nolan and Michael Tysoe. All have been invited to respond to the themes of 'colour and soul comfort', and to Grant's philosophy that there is much to learn from other life forms.

40 Tamarind Avenue, Cabarita, 6676 2009. November 1 to December 20, Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm

All at the show

There's more to the **Murwillumbah Show** this weekend than prize farm animals and giant veggies. Four of the ten categories are arts-related. They are Fine Arts, Craftwork, Needlework and Photography, with many categories in each section, including some for school students. It's a good opportunity to check out local talent.

The 108th show is open all day **Friday and Saturday**. In addition to the competitions, there will be stalls to visit and demonstrations to watch. Don't forget to look out for those skilled Murwillumbah Potters at the wheel.

Warlpiri art at uni

If you're heading over to Lismore any time soon, call in at **Southern Cross University** where the Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples has a major new art acquisition by leading Warlpiri artist, Janet Long Nakamarra. *Damper Seed Dreaming* tells the Spinifex pigeon creation story. It will be unveiled at a *Stories and Songs of the People* event this **Friday, October 31**, before a celebratory concert in the **Whitebrook Theatre**. For more information phone 6620 3955 or visit www.storiesandsongs.org

Year of the frog

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is hosting a special art and photography exhibition next weekend to celebrate the International Year of the Frog and to assist in the conservation of their habitat.

About 20 artists from both sides of the border are submitting works with the aim of selling them at the opening event from **6pm to 8pm on Friday November 7**. Supper will be provided and drinks can be purchased. *Echo* readers are welcome to attend, but need

to RSVP to vjickerman@cws.org.au by November 3.

A percentage of the funds raised will be directed to ARK (a global amphibian research network). Throughout the

weekend the exhibition will be on show to the public, and some of the artists will be conducting workshops and painting demonstrations at the sanctuary.



Clockwise from left:


Anne Zahalka *The Bathers*. Courtesy Tweed River Art Gallery.

The Welcome by Murwillumbah artist Alan Guthrie, from the exhibition *All's Fairy in Love and War* at Cabarita.

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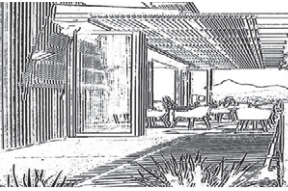
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Book review with Victoria Cosford GOING BY THE BOARD

Ah, the language of menus! Menus make fascinating reading matter, telling you much about the establishment and often offering insights possibly not even intended. It surprises me that, even in highly reputable places, more care and attention have not been lavished on the compilation of a menu; it is, after all, what determines the patrons' choices and is in effect what promotes the dishes available. The words are incredibly important and not only their phrasing but also – and this is an ongoing source of personal offence – their spelling (with 'prosciutto' probably topping the list of most-repeated offenders). In an unfamiliar city or a foreign country it is the menu, mostly, which will either lure me in by its content and its presentation or equally repel me – and one which is riddled with grammatical and spelling errors will only suggest to me that the food is every bit as sloppy. The word 'menu' is French in origin, deriving from the Latin 'minutus' which means 'something made small'. It is, the Oxford Dictionary tells us, the 'bill of fare', a printed brochure

or public display showing the list of options for a diner to select. The original menus were prepared on a small chalkboard – 'carte' in French – giving rise to the expression 'a la carte' for those dishes selected 'according to the board'. The earliest known menu was discovered by an archaeologist in 1922: excavating the pyramid containing the tomb of a then-unknown Egyptian prince, he came across the various courses of a celebratory meal carved in hieroglyphics on stone tablets. (It was garlic in sour cream; barley soup; salmon; roast pig; goats cheese; honeycakes; fresh dates and pomegranates – a heavenly menu even by today's standards – and it was in honour of the birth of twins, one of whom was later to become Ramses III.) This was, however, more a working list, instructions as to preparation and order of the various dishes which was how menus were up until the 15th century, when the Florentine humanist and philosopher Sacchi wrote a classic treatise showing how menus should be constructed. He suggested that meals be

introduced with light delicate dishes and end with sweets or cheeses. It wasn't until the end of the 18th century that menus as we know them today came into being. Up until then, most public eating places were inns where all diners were served the same thing, determined by the proprietor or by kitchen staff. It is amusing that these days the most exclusive and avant garde restaurants are those where the diner will be served what is dictated by the kitchen – and of course the ongoing mania for degustation menus is another version of this. It was eventually decided that diners had the right to choose the dishes that most pleased them. This radical notion originated in France and caught on quickly elsewhere – as, subsequently, did the practice in the 1920s of offering clients individual menus. It's not only spelling and grammatical gaffes which can undo a menu – it's often the actual prose. Those full-blown descriptions of dishes which list every ingredient and every cooking technique leave me



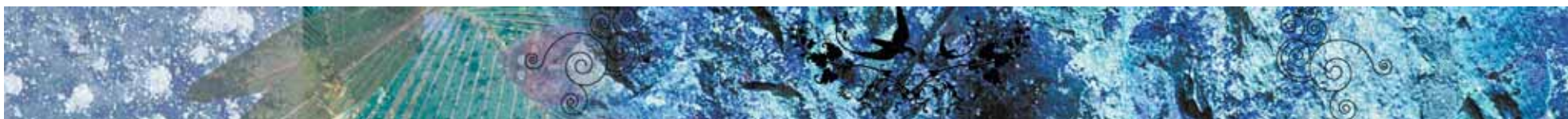
utterly cold; by the time I have waded through the verbosity there is no mystery left and I feel as if I have already consumed the dish. I recently made lists of menu words which trigger my hunger and those which turn me right off. The former included the following: seared; sticky; falling-off-the-bone; crumble; crisp-skinned; glazed; crusty; shredded; buttered; slow-roasted; soft-centred – while the latter included blood orange; sorbet; battered; soil; emulsion; crispy; stack; foam; breaded; shaved; dust; baked milk skin – and, strangely, organic! Fernand Point (1897-1955), considered the father of modern French cuisine, should have the final word on a menu's function. According to him it should be 'pleasing (to) the eye and the other senses... for if the menu is not appealing, the people will lose their appetites and their desire to part with their money...'

CHAR KOAY TEOW

Flat rice noodles with prawns and Chinese sausage

- | Ingredients | Method |
|--|--|
| 120g koay teow (flat rice noodles) | To make koay teow sauce, mix light soy sauce, thick soy sauce, oyster sauce, fish sauce, sugar and pepper in a jug. Prepare noodles as per instructions. Heat wok, add oil. Stir-fry prawns with chopped garlic until fragrant. Add noodles and stir quickly. Add chilli paste, 30ml koay teow sauce, egg and Chinese sausage. Stir-fry well. Toss in chives and bean sprouts just before serving. |
| 70ml cooking oil | |
| 100g raw smallish prawns, shelled and de-veined but tail left on (should be about 6) | |
| 10g chopped garlic | |
| 20g chilli paste* | |
| 1 egg | |
| 30g Chinese sausage, sliced thinly on diagonal | |
| 10g chopped chives | |
| 30g bean sprouts | |
| Koay Teow Sauce | |
| 120ml light soy sauce | |
| 15ml thick soy sauce | |
| 15ml oyster sauce | |
| 15ml fish sauce | |
| 30g sugar | |
| 5g pepper | |
| (This makes more than is required for a single serve.) | |





WITH LILITH

WHILE RETRO MERCURY REMAINS THE FLY IN THIS WEEK'S CELESTIAL SOUP, THE SUN IN THE SIGN OF TOGETHERNESS PLACES THIS WEEK'S MAGIC MOMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH OTHERS: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, IN GROUP ACTIVITIES, MAKING NEW FRIENDS...

ARIES: Be as artistic and imaginative as you dare, this week will lap it up. You're totally at home in its creative flow and frisky social currents, where you look like making an important connection with someone who'll play a significant part in your future.

TAURUS: Despite squabbles, glitches and irritating communication breakdowns

which call for Tauran calm, this is still your sort of week because its parallel reality is celebratory, feel good, indulgent, easy going and pleasure seeking – and isn't that just your cup of vino?

GEMINI: You'll have to stay on the ball to avoid misunderstandings this week, when saying nothing could prove your smartest move. But it's still a top week for interactive networking, scene-surfing, meeting and greeting, lunching, party planning, schmoozing and cruising to swap goss, ideas and info.

CANCER: Health initiatives are essential this week if you want to look good, and why wouldn't you at this time of year when appearance counts. You know what suits you – what's comfortable, right? Puhlease. This week wants a revamp, an upgrade, a spiffy new look.

LEO: Cooperation and teamwork are the keys to making this week successful. Ideas thrive, opportunities come alive, your energy's in overdrive and the part of you that loves drama considers stirring things up. But is it really worth it? Right now your fortune cookie says not.

VIRGO: While Mercury

retrograde may bring its quota of indecision, uncertainty and (to your practical mindset) airy fairy notions, present astral qualities of grace, taste, light hearted charm and willingness to please will tip the balance in favour of a pleasantly Virg-friendly week...

LIBRA: If you could see your way to relaxing the zero tolerance policy on style crimes, aesthetic ineptitude and minor artistic lapses, this week could be relatively smooth and trouble free. Busy though, with you glamour spunks the darlings at Happening Central – no rest for the popular, eh?

SCORPIO: Pluto's on the move concerning an obstacle – perhaps an attachment that's blocking your progress. So if something's just not working no matter how hard you try, stop trying. Back off. What you consider a loss could be one of those tricky blessings in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS: If confronting changes to finances, job, health or family relationships are in your face, Pluto's last stand in Sagittarius brings the final chapter in a long period of personal growth. Uncomfortable though it

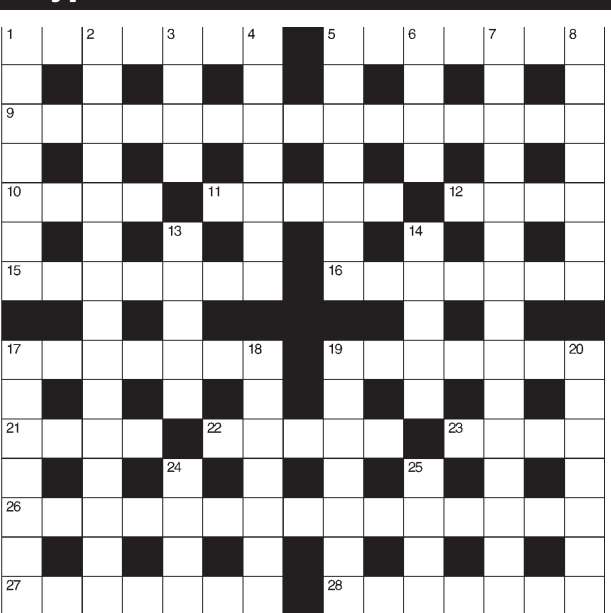
might be, stay calm and keep re-examining your own part in whatever's happening.

CAPRICORN: You've been unreasonably busy recently even for Capricorns, now it's time to lighten up – as in delegating, because if you don't guess who'll be doing everything till they drop? Despite the odd unavoidable design fault, this week's excellent medicine for you goaty folk.

AQUARIUS: Even though this could be the week everyone's got an opinion but noone really knows what's going on – when emails go astray, your laptop crashes, partner throws a wobbly and the money doesn't come through – retro Mercury chaos still affords plenty of antic fun...

PISCES: This week's Mars/Venus axis responds to loving understanding rather than fighting, so forget forceful and channel charming. Don't jump to conclusions, because misunderstandings are rife. Pause before ticking someone off or you'll end up wondering where everyone went.

Cryptic Crossword 010



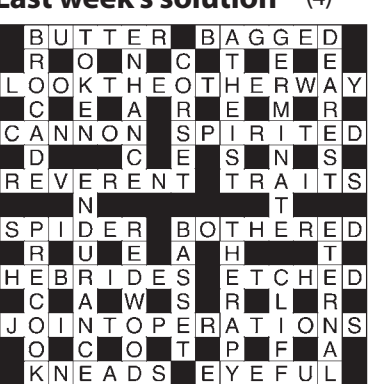
ACROSS

- 1. Be left in it without her (7)
- 5. After chewing candy I'm full of beans (7)
- 9. Good date for Americans to be given the key to the door (12,3)
- 10. Got back a Roman garment (4)
- 11. Sped around East with velocity (5)
- 12. Even this type of battery won't get you started (4)
- 15. Boasting about little Councillor in debt (7)
- 16. Spinners lubricate ground cover (7)
- 17. Confidential soldier (7)
- 19. 100 Romans join milliner in foolish talk (7)
- 21. Buccaneer holding walking stick (4)
- 22. Ravage peaks, say (5)
- 23. Side has tea on the first of March (4)
- 26. Place for learning social graces doing away with group of fish (9,6)
- 27. Whipped up car dust for dessert (7)
- 28. Lives with residents abandoning Northern Territory (7)

DOWN

- 1. Idi to turn up, I see. How utterly foolish! (7)
- 2. Enjoyed a long life at the crease (3,1,4,7)
- 3. Part-crazy and spellbound (4)
- 4. Little Margaret under canvas shelter helps keep it secured (7)
- 5. Scottish river pest is furthest underwater (7)
- 6. Pleasant city on French Riviera (4)
- 7. Not a safe place to drive when having moderate tastes in music (6,2,3,4)
- 8. Comedian Billy to cry over Saint Al (7)
- 13. Very important to all life, initially (5)
- 14. Horrify a quiet musical mate (5)
- 17. Ocean free of conflict (7)
- 18. Completely drained inside, temp tied knot (7)
- 19. Battle horse with a credit card (7)
- 20. Bee leaves brambles and wanders around (7)
- 24. Odd Aussie at continent (4)
- 25. Wildcats' performances (4)

Last week's solution



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Barring a dramatic collapse, early next week Viswanathan Anand will be crowned the 15th World Chess Champion. The 38-year-old Indian Grandmaster has been completely dominant in his 12 game World Championship match in Bonn, Germany, against Vladimir Kramnik, the player who took the world title from the legendary Garry Kasparov in 2000. Anand has been touted as a future World Champion since he finished third in a tournament in Frunze (now Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) in the old Soviet

CHESS by Ian Rogers
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Union as a 17-year-old. Not only was Anand's an almost unheard-of result by a visiting player in the USSR – where foreigners had to battle with powerful over-the-board and off-board opposition – but the Indian's speed of thought astounded players and onlookers alike. Four years later, Anand was narrowly losing a World Championship Candidates match against world number two Anatoly Karpov and winning his first super-tournament ahead of Karpov and Kasparov, whom he beat. It seemed that the world was at the feet of the young man from Chennai. In 1995 Anand challenged Kasparov for the world match title and after a solid start, was wiped out. The psychological damage was enormous; he never beat Kasparov in a serious game again.

In 1998 Anand tried for the FIDE world title and lost a tense final against Karpov, who took advantage of decidedly unequal conditions. Over the next ten years, Anand developed into a consistent but conservative tournament player and he won FIDE world titles under various conditions – a KO event in 2000 and a tournament in 2007. The latter event earned Anand the right to challenge for the one world title that really mattered, Kramnik's match title. Anand prepared meticulously for most of 2008, hired a large team of seconds and arrived hungry for the title. Yet not even Anand expected the ensuing demolition of Kramnik, who had caused Anand so much trouble in the past and who usually loses only a handful of games in a year.

Bonn 2008, Game 6
White: V Anand
Black: V Kramnik
Opening: Nimzo-Indian Defence
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Qf5 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.h3! A strange idea, but perfect against a demoralised Kramnik. 9.e3 was standard. 9...b6! 10.g4 Qa5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 Kramnik thought the endgame easy for Black but matters are not so simple. On 14...exd5 15.Bd2! and 16.Bf4 is strong. 15.Bd2 Nf6 16.Rg1 Rac8 17.Bg2 Ne7? Looking for activity, but Kramnik later preferred the humble 17...Nb8. 18.Bb4! c5?! 18...Rfe8 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Rxg2 c5 was not fun but hardly disastrous. 19.dxc5 Rfd8 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Rxg2 bxc5 22.Rxc5 Ne4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nd3! Nd5 25.Bd2 Rc2 26.Bc1 f5 Desperation, but without activity Black will be a pawn down for nothing. 27.Kd1 Rc8 28.f3 Nd6 29.Ke1! a5 30.e3 e5! gxf5 e4! 32.fxe4 Nxe4 33.Bd2 a4! Only 33...Re8 sets up some tricks, hoping for 34.Bxa5? Nxe3! when Black has survived the worst. 34.Nf2! Nd6 35.Rg4 Nc4 36.e4! Nf6 37.Rg3 Nxb2 38.e5 38.Bc3 Nh5! is not so clear. 38...Nd5 39.f6 Kf7 39...g6 40.Ne4! Re8 41.f7+! is also winning for White. 40.Ne4! Nc4 41.fxg7 Kg8 42.Rd3! Avoiding 42.Nf6+ Nxf6 43.exf6 Re8+! 44.Kd1 Rd8 after which Kramnik would be back in the game. 42... Ndb6 43.Bh6 Nxe5 44.Nf6+ Kf7 45.Rc3! Rxc3! 46.g8Q+ Kxf6 47.Bg7+ 1-0

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North coast girls go for bowls



Terry Lee from the Condong Bowls Club has a giggle with Nicole Copeland, Karen Copeland and Brenda Mobsby while watching Chris Lonie, president of the Mt Warning Dragons as she learns to bowl. Terry and girls will be on hand for more jocularly at the club as they raise funds for the Dragons to buy a new paddle boat. Photo Louise Devine.

Dragons raise funds and awareness

With the support of the local Vietnam Veterans Social Club and Condong Bowling Club, a Barefoot Bowls Day has been organised for Sunday November 9 to help raise funds to purchase a boat for the Mt Warning Dragons, a sporting and support group for women living with breast cancer.

The Dragons have been very active recently attending Dragon Boat regattas including the Kids In Need event at Jack Evans Boat Harbor. This event was a celebration for the group as it marked the first anniversary of the club.

Club members have been working hard to raise funds and are very appreciative of the help and support of local businesses that has enabled the group to purchase life jackets, paddles and a trailer.

The Dragons currently use leased boats to paddle in but as these boats are old and very heavy, the club is desperately saving to buy their own lighter dragon boat.

The Barefoot Bowls day at the Condong club will be a great family activity that will give novice and experienced bowlers a chance to roll on the green while at the same time raising funds for a very worthy cause.

Guests for the day will be invited to challenge family, friends and workmates to join in the fun of social bowls and Veterans members and other bowlers are most welcome to be part of the event.

A BBQ lunch is inclusive in the event as well as a Monster Raffle with many great prizes.

The Condong Bowls Club is situated on McLeod Street off Tweed Valley Way just north of Murwillumbah.

Anyone interested in playing is asked to RSVP to the club on 02 6672 2238 by November 6 to allow for catering.

For more information about the Dragons visit: www.dragonsabreast.com.au.

Getting the girls out at Kingscliff

The Australian Sports Commission in conjunction with Kingscliff Ladies Bowls Club has launched a program to encourage more participation by women in sporting activities particularly lawn bowls.

The aim of the program is to create a healthier lifestyle for women of all ages and to kick start the campaign, the Kingscliff Ladies Bowls Club has organised a free morning tea and introduction to the game of lawn bowls on Sunday November 9.

Kingscliff Ladies Bowls spokesperson Anne Wonka is excited about the the push to include more players into the bowling fraternity. 'Lawn bowls is well known as the game for all ages,' she said. 'Currently one of the best players in Australia is high school student Kelsey Cottrell while the Australian Women's Open was recently won by a 60+ bowler.'

A relative newcomer to the sport of Lawn Bowls, Anne said the game is intriguing and offers plenty of social attractions. 'I started playing seriously after attending a few barefoot bowls days at Kingscliff. Now I wish I had started playing years ago. Apart from the regular playing days, we have bus trips to other clubs and host visits from other clubs.'

'It's a great way to get involved socially with lots of women from the area, as well as meeting many new friends.'

'I had never played a game until two years ago but now play several times a week and enjoy it tremendously.'

'The game is a lot different now with players able to wear coloured clothes and this change has brought a lot of new players who didn't like the "white leghorn" tag of old, where players had their hems measured and had to wear white stockings. Lawn bowls is a lot friendlier these days.'

The Kingscliff Ladies Bowls Club extends an invitation to women of all ages to attend the free morning tea and introduction to lawn bowls.

Bowls is a sports for people of all fitness levels. All you need is a pair of flat sole shoes or barefoot is fine. The club will supply the bowls as well as a playing partner and give

everatheryone a rundown on the basics of the game.

It's a great opportunity for women of all ages to have a go and we encourage women to invite some of their friends to join them and share the experience and enjoy some of the club's hospitality. As well as lawn bowls the ladies will be providing a morning tea with all the trimmings like hot scones, jam and cream, tea and coffee.

The event will be held this Sunday starting at 9am. Bookings are essential.

The Kingscliff Bowling Club is situated at Marine Pde, Kingscliff. For more information phone Anne Wonka on 6676 6486 by Wednesday November 5.

For more info about bowls visit: www.bowls-aust.com.au.



Throwing away the strict uniform of old, Kingscliff Ladies Bowls Club members Anne Wonka, Angela Curry and Jenny Blyth enjoy a relaxed casual look with the current push to promote bowls as being more about staying healthy and participating rather than the 'white leghorn' look.

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Burringbar Men's Bowls

Saturday October 25. T Al-lard R.Howard and R Grob def K Sharpley R Donnelly and M Cox B Andrew (Swinging lead) T Standfield and E Roberts def R Stevens and D Proudlock the jackpot did not go off and our member's draw was won by R Donnelly.

Members are reminded we have an invitation from the bush ticks to play this Sunday November 2. Play commences at 3pm and suggest you stay for dinner in the evening sheet on the notice board, also we will have a visit from the Paradise Point Club the following Sunday November 9. Play commences at 9am and we need 21-25 bowlers to complete a side.

Our visitors will remain for lunch prior to their departure. Members are welcome to join them, the sheet is on the notice board. Don't forget Mick Dignan Day is Saturday November 22, only 16 teams to nominate, 7 teams are already confirmed. The sheet is on the notice board

Cabarita Beach Womens Bowls.

Tues. 28th Oct. Social bowls winners were L. Morris, P. Pilch-

er, D. Paterson. Cons: P. Rannie, M. Hunter, M. Overall. Raffle winners: M. Andrews, A. Payne, J. Lake. Monthly winner was F. Boshier.

Pottsville Women

Thursday, October 23: Raffle Winners: D Connolly and C Shaw.

Lucky Bowler: D Donges. Winning Rink: B Jordan, G Moore, E Macdonald with the highest winning score.

Friday, October 24: Pottsville ladies won the Bowls NSW Club Challenge by defeating Condong and head off for the state final on December 13 and 14. Venue TBA.

Singles: Jan Blake d Wendy Fielding 25 to 24. Pairs: Julie Kent, Doreen Buckley d Pat Flack, Maryann Sweetnam 18 to 10.

Fours: Jan Richards, Georgie Moore, Judy Baxter and Aileen Swift d Pearl Wainwright, Isabel Dunne, Eileen Hunt and Heather Ross 18 to 14.

Congratulations ladies and we wish you well.

Updates: Tuesday, Nov 4 - Bowls 9am. Stay for Melbourne Cup lunch with all meals under \$10. Visitor Info: Fri 1.30 pm 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 and follow the prompts.

GOLF

Chinderah Veterans Social Golf

Results for Thursday 23/10/08 - Stableford

Winner "A" grade - Russell Gardiner - 38 points - new h/cap 12 R/up - Harry Eustace - 36 points - new h/cap 10

Winner "B" grade - Pam Andrews - 40 points - new h/cap 18

R/up - June G Holmes - 39 points (c/back) - new h/cap 19

Winner "C" grade - Jack Jefferson - 39 points (c/back) - new h/cap 19

R/up - Arlie Warbrooke - 39 points - new h/cap 35

Ball rundown to 36 points. Monday 27/10/08 - Stroke and Monthly Medal

2nd round championships in conjunction Winner Monthly Medal - Harry Wain

Winner "A" grade - Bruce Thompson - net 55 - new h/cap 5

R/up - Peter Cole - net 56 (c/back) - new h/cap 9

Winner "B" grade - Harry Wain - net 54 - new h/cap 17

R/up - John Kokoschko - net 55 - new h/cap 19

Winner "C" grade - Paula Fearnley

- net 56 - new h/cap 36 R/up - Graham Jackson - net 57 - new h/cap 20

Winner Putting - Mel Brodie - 24 putts (c/back)

Ball rundown to net 59 (c/back) Next event - 3rd November 2008

- Stroke and 3rd round championships

Murwillumbah Golf Club

Sunday October 19.

Ind Stableford Women's Winner M.Parker 36 pts and A.Walton 41 pts N/Pin 2nd J.Rockliff and B.Livermore B/R/Down to 35 pts.

Monday 20th.

Veterans Winners Mixed D and A Fraser 47 pts R/Up G.Someville and W. Bruce 42 pts Members A. Rowe and B. Wedlock 49 pts and A. Collings and K. Blyth 48 pts N/Pin 2nd K. Hall and A. Collings 5th K. Hall and A. Fraser 10th L. Reynolds 17th C. Waugh and L. Reynolds B.R. Down Mixed 41 pts Members 45 pts c.b Monday 20th Winner, R.Dickson 42 pts. Tuesday 21st.

Women's Individual Stableford in 3 Grades Winner Div 1 M. Reynolds 37 pts R/Up Div 1 J. Hamilton 34 pts c.b Winner Div 2 C. Fogo 37 pts c.b R/Up Div 2 B. Thompson 37 pts Winner Div 3 D. Colter 38 pts R/Up Div 3 G. Somerville 36 pts N/Pin 2nd B. O'Reilly 5th C. Fogo and D. Fra-

ser 10th R. Thompson 17th M. Reynolds and J. Davis B.R. Down to 33pts

Wednesday 22nd.

4.B.B.B.Stableford Winners J. Linderithal and C. Beard 49 pts c.b R/Up R. Suttie and R. Willemse 49 pts c.b Veteran J. Lindenital 49 pts c.b N/Pin 2nd T. Shields 17th I. Ausdley B.R. Down to 43 points c.b

Thursday 23rd.

Women's Individual Stableford Winners Div 1 J. Chapman 32 pts c.b R/Up J. Jenkins 32 pts Div 2 B. Thompson 35 pts R/Up C. Fogo Div 3 D. Fraser 31 pts c.b R/Up G. Brownlie 31 pts N/Pin 2nd R. Haw 5th C. Fogo and J. Cahill 10th B. Thompson 17th E. Crawshaw and M. Brown B/R/Down to 29 pts.

Friday 24th

Women's Winner A. Spillace 23 pts and Members Winner G. Spillace 40 pts B.R. Down to 34 pts

Saturday 25th.

individual Stableford in 4 Grades Winners A. Grade, W. Colefax 41 pts R/Up A. Harrison 40 pts B. Grade, M. Adams 40 pts and G. Rosenbaum 38 pts C. Grade, K. Forster 40 pts c.b and P. Faux 40 pts D. Grade, S. Turner 44 pts and G. Sevil 41 pts 2nd G. Nelson 5th S. Allen 10th P. Brown

Hole in ONE on the 17th M.S hields,

B/R/Down to 35 pts c.b

Murwillumbah Women

Stableford Competition. A Grade J moore 37 pts R/up J Giellis 36pts. B Grade RMclvor 34pts c/b R/up P Buckler 34pts. C Grade J Davis 34pts R/up B Collins. 33pts.

SHOOTING

Murwillumbah Pistol Club

Week ended 25th October , 2008: Air Pistol - Men - D Stebbing 587, Ladies - S Stebbing 389. Centre Fire - B Clinch 601 J Lumsden 557 G Andronicus 547. Sports Pistol - A Berry 627 C Shanahan 621 A Gazzard 608 D Dowling 599 D Stebbing 597 P Cusack 586 R Fleming 586 J Gove 584 S Nash 583 S Stebbing 576 T Clinch 575 G Callaghan 569 R Gospel 569 P Stupka 535 P Gospel 534 J Hoctor 531 J Lumsden 527 J Duckworth 524 M Fleming 521 D Gazzard 412.



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Sunday AM 'Whales'
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Pistol shooting is as safe as houses

Eve Jeffery

Safety, safety safety and more safety is the buzz at Australia's shooting clubs as the sport is becoming very popular and local pistol clubs are enjoying strong membership.

Target shooting as a sport is more about control than force and encourages fitness, technique and mental toughness.

At the 2008 Olympics there were 15 separate shooting events with 390 athletes competing for medals. Aussie Warren Potent won a bronze, competing in his third Olympics in the Men's 50m Rifle Prone.

Safety is the constant motto and anyone visiting might think that some of the measures are excessive, but it is important to the sport that members uphold the integrity of both the sport and the participants.

Murwillumbah has a pistol club which was established in 1969 and today members enjoy a comfortable, well equipped clubhouse at the range on Lundberg Drive, Murwillumbah. John Lumsden, who was the founder of the club, is also club captain and an authorised coach.

The Murwillumbah club has



Safety first: Murwillumbah Pistol Club members David and Sandra Stebbing would not lift their pistols until the photo was ready to be taken, or point the business end, even of the unloaded target shooter, directly at the camera's lens in a quest for absolute safety. Photo Tree Faerie

a 50 metre, 20 bay free pistol/rifle range, a 25metre 2 bay rapid fire range a 25metre 20 bay centre fire/standard pistol range and a 10 metre 18 bay carpeted and air conditioned air pistol/rifle range. The club

facilities also include wheelchair accessibility, so the club has plenty to offer all shooters from a wide range of styles, interest and abilities.

The range has recently been upgraded to comply with new

Firearms Safety Standards and the NSW Firearms regulations have been amended and the club is offering the opportunity to experience pistol and small bore rifle target shooting to the public.

Singles or groups including juniors over the age of 12 years are welcome to come along and try this exciting sport and in compliance with the safety regulations, each person participating will be supervised by an experienced licensed club member who will assist and instruct in the safe use of firearms

Club shoot days are all day Saturday for the pistol and air pistol shooters, the first and third Sunday mornings for rifles and Wednesday evening for air pistol.

A club joining fee allows probationary members to apply for a licence exemption permitting them to be coached and shoot for 3 months. During this time guns are supplied by the club. Once coaching is well underway application should be made to Firearms for a licence to shoot handguns and rifles.

As a requirement of the Firearms Registry, a member must hold a licence for handguns for six months before they can purchase their own pistol. During this time guns may be hired from the club.

It is not necessary for a member to purchase a pistol

because once the six months have expired pistols can still be hired from the club and ammunition is also available.

Club shoot days are all day Saturday for the pistol and air pistol shooters, the first and third Sunday mornings for rifles and Wednesday evening for air pistol.

It is planned that a Zone Shoot will be held this year when other Clubs in the Northern Region of New South Wales and Southern Queensland will be invited to participate in friendly competition.

Bookings are essential for anyone who would like to visit the club to try out the sport and a declaration form completed. Please ring Pat on (02) 6676 0278 for further information and times. It is a safety and legal requirement that no firearms or ammunition are stored at the Club.

For information about pistol club visit: www.pistol.org.au.

TIDE TIMES			
PHASES OF THE MOON			
Last Quarter	20th Nov	8.32 am	
New Moon	28th Nov	3.55 am	
First Quarter	6th Dec	8.27 am	
Sagittarius Full Moon	13th Dec	3.39 am	
FRI	High	10.08 am 1.6	Sunrise 5.53 am
31st		10.38 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.05 pm
	Low	3.40 am 0.4	Moonrise 6.51 am
		4.45 pm 0.3	Moonset 9.18 pm
SAT	High	10.42 am 1.6	Sunrise 5.53 am
1st		11.16 pm 1.1	Sunset 7.05 pm
	Low	4.11 am 0.4	Moonrise 7.35 am
		5.23 pm 0.3	Moonset 10.12 pm
SUN	High	11.18 am 1.6	Sunrise 5.52 am
2nd		11.58 pm 1.1	Sunset 7.06 pm
	Low	4.43 am 0.5	Moonrise 8.24 am
		6.05 pm 0.4	Moonset 11.02 pm
MON	High	11.57 am 1.5	Sunrise 5.51 am
3rd			Sunset 7.07 pm
	Low	5.20 am 0.5	Moonrise 9.17 am
		6.52 pm 0.4	Moonset 11.48 pm
TUE	High	12.45 am 1.1	Sunrise 5.50 am
4th		12.43 pm 1.5	Sunset 7.08 pm
	Low	6.04 am 0.6	Moonrise 10.12 am
		7.45 pm 0.5	Moonset 11.09 am
WED	High	1.41 am 1.0	Sunrise 5.50 am
5th		1.36 pm 1.4	Sunset 7.08 pm
	Low	6.59 am 0.7	Moonrise 11.09 am
		8.43 pm 0.5	Moonset 12.29 am
THU	High	2.45 am 1.1	Sunrise 5.49 am
6th		2.37 pm 1.4	Sunset 7.09 pm
	Low	8.07 am 0.7	Moonrise 12.05 pm
		9.41 pm 0.5	Moonset 1.06 am
Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.			
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beach buzz what's happening in the surf

Rip Curl GromSearch continues

Thomas 'Tiger' Woods from Coolangatta and Nikki Van Dijk from Phillip Island claimed big wins in the 16 year divisions of the Rip Curl GromSearch in Tasmania and both surfers have now established big leads on the series ratings for 2008 with just three events remaining on the seven event series.

After his win today Thomas was stoked. 'It's been a mission down here,' he said. 'It's been a cold mission, but now I've won I feel pretty good about it.'

Jake Fawcett from Dunsborough in WA placed 2nd in the boys final with Doug Chandler from Wollongong placing 3rd and Bells Beach surfer George Allan 4th.

In the Girls 16's, second place went to Georgia Fish from Flinders in Victoria with Laura MacCauley from WA 3rd and Sophie Bourke from Tasmania coming in 4th place for the event.

The locals found something to cheer about in the Boys 14 division with Tasmanian Hamish Renwick taking a deserved win ahead of Jamie Powel from Bells Beach and in third Jake Cumberland from Tweed Heads from Grant Williams in 4th from Gunnamatta.

Renwick was also awarded the SNICKERS wave of the day award with an outstanding 9.5 ride in his semifinal.

Other winners at the event

www.tweedecho.com.au



Tweed Heads surfer Jake Cumberland put on a great show at the Rip Curl GromSearch in Tasmania last weekend.

Photo Steve Robertson, Surfing Australia.

were Jake Morrison from the Gold Coast in the Boys 12 division, Matilda McLellan in the Girls 14 and Iona Renwick from Tasmania in the Girls 12. The ext event in Australia's only nationally rated Grommet series will be at South Australia's Middleton Beach on November 22-23.

The remaining 2008/2009 Rip Curl GromSearch Series dates are: The Gold Coast from December 15-19, Cronulla from Jan 17-20 then the National Final at Bells April 6. The International Final will also be held at Bells from April 9-14.

For more information including full result spreadsheets be sure to log onto www.rip-curl.com or www.surfingaustralia.com.

Cudgen Surf Notes

The senior and 15yr competitors had some excellent results at the carnival held at Byron Bay last Sunday.

Robby Miles, Jarrad Cain, Rohan Small and Bill Hamilton in the seniors won the surf teams, board and ski relays as well as the Taplin relay. The 15yr boys won their Cameron relay whilst Callum Smith had wins in the surf race and iron man.

On Sunday Lennox Head will host a 12-17 yr Branch selection carnival and Round 2 of the North Coast Surfboat series will be held at Minni Water on Saturday. At home the second round of the club point score commences at 10am.

A family that Shuffles together ...

President of the Australian Shuffleboard Association, Marj Govett is pleased to announce that the Association now has three generations of one family playing in its Saturday morning team at Elanora.

Shayla Mackey aged 13 has recently joined and is playing on the team with her mother Angela and grandmother Yvonne.

Shayla, who is a student at Lindesfarne Anglican Grammar School at Terranora enjoys Netball at school but finds the very competitive and intriguing game of Shuffleboard a wonderful relaxation on a Saturday morning.

Grandmother Yvonne Jones played in the Australian team during the recent International Tournament held on the Gold

Coast during September. Shuffleboard is a game which can be played on an equal footing both for male and female and for young and old. It is not a game of strength but of tactic and 'cunning'.

The Saturday morning team meets at Elanora at 8.30am each Saturday during the summer and 9.30am during the winter.

If you are interested just come along to the courts at Pines Lane, Elanora, you will be made very welcome or for further information contact the Saturday Captain Ron McCann on 07 5599 8445 or Marj Govett on 07 5536 3781. Shuffleboard is also played at Elanora on a Monday and Wednesday morning and at Coolangatta Courts.



Do the Shuffle. Three generations of the family, Shayla, Angela and Yvonne shuffle together on Saturday mornings.

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Students versed in another culture



French teacher Geraldine Beranger with pupils involved in the French Mini Club at Terranora Primary School who were dressed as monks to suit the occasion in singing traditional French song 'Frere Jacques'.

The world economy might be contracting, but an interest in language and cultural studies is rapidly expanding in the Tweed region, according to two French teachers.

A recently opened Tweed branch of Le Club Francais (LCF) is playing a significant role in the increasing number of students taking up these studies.

Geraldine Beranger, one of the Tweed LCF directors, has been teaching for three years at St James Primary School in Banora Point which offers French from kindergarten to year six as part of the curriculum.

Ms Beranger said that principal Vicky Whittaker's passion for the French language and culture, along with the enthusiasm of the students, showed language studies had beneficial

effects across the whole range of a student's other subjects

She said language education had resulted in many students at adjacent secondary school Saint Joseph's choosing French as an elective in their secondary courses.

Isabelle Pilonchery, the other Tweed LCF director and Alliance Francaise teacher said 'we offer students language training and insights into another culture in small groups where we can all have fun as we discover the joys of French.'

'The activities of our French Mini Clubs are built around enjoyable social settings, including music, crafts and plenty of lively and popular games. All children, especially younger ones, have an amazing ability to pick up languages while simply playing and enjoying life,' she said.

'In the Terranora area for instance, there is a growing expectation among parents that their children will continue to be offered language training throughout the years. Terranora Day Care Centre offers French to their young children and French clubs are well established at Terranora Primary School.

'The Tweed LCF also offers all levels of French to adults and has a "French for Travelers" course especially designed for those who plan to visit French speaking countries. We also have French clubs for secondary students keen to consolidate their language skills.'

For more info call Isabelle or Geraldine on 02 66 741 619 or 0403 075 674 or email at Isabelle.pilonchery@lcfclubs.com.au.

Noticeboard

Blue Care

Blue Care Elanora, Kirra and Banora Community Care Services are seeking volunteers to help support the elderly, people with disabilities and others in need in the community. Duties includes transporting clients, helping with activities, clerical assistance, home visits, centre maintenance and kitchen duties. Anyone interested in becoming a Blue Care volunteer at Elanora, Kirra, Banora or surrounding areas can call Kelly Adams on 0755 991 949 or 0414 471 270.

Historical society

Tweed Heads Historical Society will have a display of historic photographs and our publications in the Tweed Centro Shopping Centre from Monday, November 3, to Saturday, Nov 8. NB: the museum in Kennedy Drive will be closed to visitors on Tuesday Nov 4.

Tenants rights

Tweed people thinking of selling or buying a relocatable home in a residential park are urged to attend forum outlining their rights. Tweed Shire Council's ageing and disability officer, Maggie Groff, said Legal Aid NSW, together with the Northern Rivers Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service and www.tweedecho.com.au

the Tenants' Union, is holding the free information forum which also outlines financial and other risks of moving into a residential park. The forum will be held at Twin Towns Clubs and Resorts on Wednesday, November 5, from 10am-12pm. For info call Karen Triggs on (02) 9219 5657 or 1800 649 135.

Prostate awareness

Urologist Dr Alister Campbell is the guest speaker for Prostate Awareness Twin Towns and Tweed Coast's next meeting on Friday, November 7, at Tweed City (in the community hall down the hallway on the left of Woolies supermarket. For info phone Ross 0755 997576.

Behaviour workshop

A one-day protective behaviours education course for parents will be held on Monday, November 10, 10am-1.30pm. This workshop assists parents to identify potential risk issues for children and to develop strategies to increase safety and reduce risk to children. Child minding is available upon booking. For further details or bookings contact Tweed Shire Women's Service on 0266 724 188.

Aviaries wanted

Wildlife carer needs donation of bird aviaries and large cages for use in service to house wildlife being nursed for rehabilitation.

can pick up. phone: Dinah Morgan 0266 763136.

Family centre

We are taking bookings now for the following courses at The Family Centre 0755 248 711. Communication Skills for Healthy Relationships 4-week course - communication, resolving conflict, sharing tasks. Location: Murwillumbah. Starts 3 Nov Mondays 5pm-7pm. Living With Teenagers 3-week course - for parents of 12-16 year olds. Location: Tweed Heads South. Starts 6 Nov Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm. Walking the Blues Away one-day event, 2 hours of beach walking shared conversations and lunch. Self awareness skills. Friday, November 14, 9am-4pm.

Garden association

Tweed Coast Garden Association will hold a fancy dress meeting with a classical movies theme at the Cabarita community hall on November 14 at 1pm. Flower of the month is daylily-1 flower (no buds) and monthly theme is a Christmas centrepiece. Last meeting for the year. Phone Dennis or Kathy on 0266 764 402.

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Confusion reigned on the first day of the Land and Environment Court hearing into Metricon's contentious plans for a major shopping centre at Pottsville. The court's official website listed a 12 noon start for the proceedings, contradicting correct advice that they were due to kick-off at 9.30 am. But potential witnesses hurriedly rounded-up in buses by their legal teams were left cooling their heels for nearly two hours after the senior commissioner hearing the case got lost. A retrieval mission was launched after the hapless adjudicator used his mobile phone to alert waiting court officials of his plight. To add to his woes his flight from Sydney was late and he unknowingly ran into a deadend because of the bridge closure at Kingscliff.

The Echo is not one to brag but it couldn't help but agree with one resident who successfully submitted last week's editorial condemning Metricon's plans as evidence to the inquiry, saying it concisely summed up the feelings of many who opposed the scale of the proposed shopping centre. Supporters of the plan no doubt thought it was a load of baloney, but were too polite to say so.

For the past 18 years, local Caldera Environment Centre (CEC) volunteers have worked to protect our beautiful environment and raise awareness of local, national and global environmental issues. So why not give these eco-warriors a helping hand by dancing and grooving to the funky beats of Spankinhide at the CEC's Dance 4 Nature fundraiser event at Uki Hall on Friday, November 7, starting at 7pm. Entry is \$15/\$12 concession with vegetarian food, chai, tea and coffee available. Donations of cakes or vegetarian savouries would be greatly appreciated. For info call Christine on 6679 5363.



It was a dog of day at Murwillumbah showground markets last Sunday but Ashtyn, a six-month-old poodle, wasn't going to let it bring him down. As an entrant in the King Street Vet's fancy dress competition fundraiser for Friends of the Pound, Ashtyn certainly brought a bit of style to the day. But then he did get some help from mum, Cassey McIntosh, a stylist at Judy's Pet Grooming, Tugun. Furry friends of every persuasion joined in the fun of the day walking off with bags of goodies donated by Doggie Deli, Home of the Paws and of course King Street Vet.

Photo Madeleine Doherty

Apology: last week *Backburner* ran the phone numbers of Tweed Shire councillors. Dot Holdom's number was incorrect. Once Dot has her new mobile phone number we'll let you know.

So what's super about superannuation these days? Superfunds have been copping a lot of flak these days and rightfully so, with many industry funds losing big time as a result of the global financial crisis, or more accurately, their stupid decisions to invest heavily in the unsecured sharemarket. Hands up anyone whose industry superfund actually showed an increase in the past financial year? Many members receiving their statements for the 08-09 year were flabbergasted with their losses and, needless to say, some are considering establishing their own

superfunds. And, unlike banks and credit unions, superfunds are not backed by government guarantees.

Stop it or you'll go blind! Every day activities like swimming, doing a gym workout or playing a musical instrument could be making pressure-related eye diseases worse, according to some new Australian research. Rubbing the eyes has been proven to contribute to conditions like glaucoma and shortsightedness, but eye specialists have discovered many other basic behaviours also increase risk. 'Yoga head stands, weightlifting, sleeping face down, playing instruments like the trumpet and swimming laps are some of the many ways of causing eye pressure spikes,' said Professor Charles McMonnies, from the University of New South Wales School of Optometry and Vision Sci-

ence. 'Pressure spikes are fine if you have healthy eyes. But all the people out there with these conditions, and so many others at risk of them, can be negatively affected, and many don't know it.'

We predict a big turnout for the funeral of former councillor and deputy mayor Tom Hogan, who was one of the few people to end up facing charges following the 1990 ICAC probe into North Coast land deals. Despite the drubbing he received he remained a popular figure with the many battlers he helped out during his chequered career. Many believed he was chosen as the sacrificial lamb while others higher up the chain of command escaped prosecution. Tom, the self-styled battlers' mate and raconteur who bore few serious grudges, will be remembered fondly by most.

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