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Throwing a line out for friendship



Young Jimmy Barnard gets a few fishing pointers from dad Anthony during a sunset bonding session on the Tweed during their holiday from Brisbane. Photo by Jeff 'To Kill A Sunset' Dawson.

Chillingham
market kicks off

Markets on the Tweed are booming, with the picturesque village of Chillingham launching their monthly produce and craft market this Sunday.

Local marketgoers can now add the second Sunday of each month to their calendar for the new market, to be held in the spacious garden-like grounds of the Chillingham Community Centre at 1469 Numbinah Road from 8am-2pm.

The new market is part of long term planning for a sustainable local economy, providing an outlet for local produce, crafts people, artists and businesses. Locals want the market to promote the distinct character of Chillingham as 'a Natural Village'.

As well as bush tucker plants, threatened native plants such as the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly vine will be on sale and organisers are encouraging people to plant this vine to increase the habitat of this colourful butterfly.

A greenhouse in the form of a giant caterpillar at the community centre provides habitat for the butterfly and marketgoers are invited to walk through and have a look.

Organiser Barend De Klerk, an admirer of painter Salvador Dali and former operator of a popular café in Murwillumbah called Dali's, said the new market would add to the vibrant

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Appeal lost: Tweed residents face 9.5% rates hike

Ken Sapwell

Tweed residents face a 9.5 per cent rate rise this year unless councillors intervene after a court dismissed an appeal against increases contained in the council's controversial seven-year plan. A Land and Environment Court judge found the council had misled ratepayers about the true impact the plan would have on their hip-pockets

by not making it clear the increases would compound each year.

But Justice Peter Biscoe found that allegations of fraud, corruption and criminality levelled against the council in letters to the Local Government Minister were not maintained during the proceedings.

Retired Tweed Heads accountant Terry Sharples asked the court to rule rate rises contained in the plan were null and void because the council's application to the Minister was flawed and misleading. He said apart from concealing the financial impacts of the plan, the council had doctored the results of residents' surveys to indicate to the Minister that there was wide support for the rate rise.

Justice Biscoe said the survey results were open to subjective interpretation but the council's public representations about the costs of the rate hike were capable of misleading and in fact had misled some people.

But even though the judge found the council's community consultation process was significantly flawed because of this, it didn't matter because the council was not under a statutory obligation to follow departmental guidelines when seeking Ministerial approval for special rate increases.

He also found that the guidelines only required councils to provide evidence of community support, and not necessarily of majority community support, and that anyway Mr Sharples had appraised the Minister of the flaws in letters.

Mr Sharples lodged his appeal after the government agreed to an application from council's administrators for

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Chill out at Chillingham market



From front page

North Coast market scene which attracts locals and tourists in their droves.

He expects people to come from all over the shire as well as across the border from Queensland, as the village is only 45 minutes from Nerang along a scenic tourist drive, to buy fresh country food, arts and crafts, bric-a-brac or just to have a browse around.

'This will be a natural, com-

Chillingham Village Market organiser Barend De Klerk and his son Daniel highlight some of the colour and fresh produce available at the inaugural market this Sunday. Barend expects a big crowd and sunny weather for the very first market in the community centre grounds.

munity based market ideal for people wanting a taste of the country,' Barend said.

The market will help raise money for local community groups who will take turns in providing brunch each month. This Sunday, money

raised will help Chillingham Community Association carry on its important role as a focal point for locals and tourists to the area.

Interested stallholders can contact Barend on 02 6679 1284.

Tess rises to the challenge

Former Mt St Patrick College student Tess Graves-Browne has just completed a volunteering program in north-eastern India, teaching young children, and young monks, English at a school in Ghoom, Darjeeling, where she has also been staying. Here Tess gives *The Echo* an account of her experiences.

Imagine yourself gazing out across the snowy mountain tops of the Himalayas, glowing with an angelic presence as the first rays of sunlight breaks across the jagged horizon.

The small village yawns to life, soft chanting of monks echo throughout the hills as children stretch in their beds, preparing for a fresh day at school.

Nestled on the top of a hill in the quaint little village called Ghoom, sits Clifton Hall Boarding School, the school I have lived and taught in for the past four months.

Staying there I not only learnt about teaching children, but became immersed in the Indian culture and lifestyle, enjoying Indian festivals known as 'Diwali' and 'Dushera' and discovering the exotic taste sensations of the East.

I completed my Year 12 HSC in 2007 at Mt St Patrick Col-



Tess Graves-Browne with some of her young students at the boarding school in Ghoom.

lege Murwillumbah but craved to experience other cultures, to step outside my comfort zone and challenge myself in different ways.

I said goodbye to many of my friends as they left for university and contacted an organisation called Lattitude Global Volunteering, that specialises in gap-year volunteering programs for 17-25 year-olds (take a look at their web site www.lattitude.org.au/ for more info). They offer volunteer programs in teaching English, teaching, outdoor activities, assisting

people with disabilities and the elderly as well as environmental management.

I found a job in my local area and saved every last cent to raise funds for my trip. But my efforts were not without the generous help of the local Lions Club and Rotary, family and friends who assisted me in reaching my goal.

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Townships to house thousands more residents under \$7 billion plans

Ken Sapwell

Two satellite cities will be created to provide homes for an extra 20,000 Tweed residents under far-reaching concept plans lodged with the NSW government by billionaire property developer Bob Ell.

Mr Ell's Leda Developments wants to build the two towns worth an estimated \$7 billion at Cobaki Lakes near the Queensland border and Kings Forest inland of Casuarina Beach to soak up a 20 per cent population increase.

The government, which will be the consent authority, has imposed a February 16 deadline for public submissions.

The master-planned developments will add 10,000 homes to the shire and absorb 70 per cent of the land zoned for urban expansion.

The Cobaki project covers about 600ha and includes a town centre and shops, 5,500

homes, two schools and 267ha of open space, lakes and environmental protection areas.

The Kings Forest project covers 850ha and also includes a town centre and shops, a 7ha business park, 4,500 houses, three schools and 400ha of environment protection and open space areas as well as an 18-hole golf course.

Two stages

Leda Developments' regional manager Reg Van Rij said if the company gets the green light both projects would come on line as a staged development within two years and take up to 20 years to complete, depending on demand.

He said an ongoing legal dispute with Coomera Waters developer Austcorp over ownership of part of the Kings Forest site known as the Cudgen paddock would not impact on the company's plans.

'We expect a judgement later this year and we are confident of our prospects,' he said of the six-year-old case which involves a legal bill so far of around \$10 million.

Mr Van Rij said a world standard environmental management plan had been put forward by Leda for Kings Forest, but Cobaki Lakes was considered the 'gem' due to its proximity to the airport and a proposed rail link.

'The projects have particular relevance in light of the critical land shortage within the broader Gold Coast and Northern NSW region,' he said.

Dealing with waste

He said sewage from Kings Forest would be treated at the council's new sewage plant at Chinderah while waste from the Cobaki Lakes would be treated at an upgraded plant

at Banora Point after the company scrapped plans for an on-site plant because of technical problems.

Environmental groups have signalled they will be renewing their campaign for an ocean outfall, saying that plans to dispose of treated effluent from the new settlements into the Tweed River and Terranora Inlet would overload the waterways with nutrients.

Both projects would involve extensive road works, with access to Cobaki Lakes in the early stages limited to an upgraded four-lane Boyd Street on the Gold Coast with the possibility of a Kennedy Drive link in later years.

Mr Van Rij said projects the size of Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest were 'very complex' and subject to 'frustrating' development processes and required a very focused, cooperative approach.

Massive projects 'could burden council'

Leda Developments estimates that the two new towns it plans to build on greenfield sites in the Tweed will deliver about \$15 million a year into council coffers through developer contributions.

But according to veteran councillor and former mayor Warren Polglase, the projects could place an intolerable financial burden on ratepayers if the NSW government pushes ahead with plans to halve developer contribution fees.

Cr Polglase - who in the past has been accused of going soft on developers - says they should continue to pay their fair share towards infrastructure costs, particularly in fast-growing areas like the Tweed.

He said he was seeking urgent clarification about whether the proposal applied to big-ticket items like water and sewage.

'If this is the case Tweed residents will be crucified

because they will be the ones picking up the cost shortfalls for these new developments,' he said.

'Either the rates will have to go up or a whole range of services across the Tweed such as surf lifesaving and libraries will have to be cut.'

He said the government was also proposing to abolish its long-standing rating caps so councils could make up the shortfall in extra rates, making councillors, instead of the government, appearing to be the 'bad boys.'

He said he planned to raise the issue as a matter of urgency at a regional conference of the NSW Shires Association to be held at Salt in February.

'Land on the Tweed is in very high demand and unlike some western areas of Sydney there is no need to cut contributions to stimulate development - the Tweed and other

growth councils on the North Coast should be out leading the charge on this,' he said.

Cr Polglase said at present the council charged developers between \$25,000 and \$44,000 per block, including sewer and water charges, depending on the location.

Tweed MP Geoff Provest backed Cr Polglase, saying council faced a potential \$100 million black hole from developer contributions required for the 10,000 new lots to be released at Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest.

Mr Provest said the decision to slash \$10,000 per property in local government Section 94 levies to help the ailing housing industry would hurt Tweed Shire Council's budget more than any other in the state.

'Tweed Shire Council needs those contributions for essential services such as water,

sewerage, parks, playgrounds and community centres, and the only way it can make up the short fall will be through massive rate rises,' he said.



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Sugar industry aims for carbon trading

Luis Feliu

A push is on to make the Tweed's vast sugarcane plantations part of the fast-growing global carbon trading scheme. While agriculture is yet to be included in many of the world carbon trading markets, Tweed cane growers are hoping sugar cane will be accepted as one of the few crops which lock up large amounts of plantstone carbon (carbon sequestration) and therefore suitable for trading on such a market.

Carbon trading markets involve trading in credits for carbon capture and storage activities such as forestry, as a way of trying to offset emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide CO2 which are causing global warming.

Tweed canefarmer Robert Quirk reckons the Tweed could soon see its crops used in the first carbon trade for sugar cane in the world, if research and lobbying prove successful.

Backing him up is Southern Cross University (SCU) plantstone carbon sequestration expert Dr Jeffrey Parr who claims sugar cane is one of the best commercial crops for locking up carbon.

Dr Parr, who recently visited Mr Quirk's farm on the Tweed to obtain some baseline data and samples for his research, said plantstones were microscopic capsules of silica containing carbon which coated the leaves and stems of a plant, acting as a natural defence mechanism. He said that when the plant decayed or was burnt, silica (a component of sand grains) was one of the last things to break down in the soil.

'We estimate these plantstones have a half life of up to 5,000 years after they start breaking down, so the carbon is stable in them for up to 5,000 years, and we can radiocarbon date the carbon inside to work out how old they are.'

'Plantstone is just like a glass jar that has the carbon inside it and that gets deposited into the soil when the plant dies and, basically, it's very stable, it's there for thousands of years.'

Dr Parr told *The Echo* that he and SCU colleague, Professor Leigh Sullivan, had found that sugar was 'one of the best



Tweed canefarmer Robert Quirk (centre), scientist Dr Jeffrey Parr, left, and Costa Rican student Diego Robelo inspect some sugarcane on Mr Quirk's farm at Duranbah.

Sugar scion learns on the job

Costa Rican student Diego Robelo has picked up a few tips on Australian agribusiness and sustainability during his time on the Tweed.

Diego, 20, (pictured above right) spent last year at the University of Queensland studying toward his International Agriculture and Rural Development degree which he began at Cornell University in the United States.

He recently spent a few weeks' work experience with Tweed canefarmer Robert Quirk at his farm at Duranbah. 'I've learnt many things and met with several scientists here, it's been very worthwhile... I love Australia and I'm thinking of coming back here in future to do my masters degree,' he said.

The scion of a prominent Costa Rican farming family, Diego said his family had adopted many sustainable agricultural measures on their 6,000-hectare sugar farm and 1,000-hectare coffee plantation – the biggest in Costa Rica.

Mr Quirk, who admitted his volunteer worker's family sugar farm dwarfed his 120-hectare Tweed farm, said that one sugarcane farm in Brazil covered a massive 38,000 hectares.

at producing those cells which store carbon.'

'As far as Australia is concerned, it's probably the best commercial crop growing that's locking up carbon... some plants like bamboo have more but sugar cane as a crop is a real goer. So by growing sugar cane we're increasing the amount of carbon stored and decreasing the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere so there is an environmental benefit to lock up more carbon.'

'Agriculture is not included in carbon trading until 2013 and soil carbon is not included but this is biosequestration.'

'We're looking at a process that we could include in the next round of the carbon trad-

ing scheme if we get the sugar industry and government to agree over it,' Dr Parr said.

Mr Quirk chipped in saying 'we can be trading today' if agreement was reached.

The two men featured in a recent ABC-TV 7.30 Report program on the issue and presented papers on the topic at an recent international sugar forum where, according to Mr Quirk, the idea was 'well accepted'. There were, however, a few sceptics among farmers themselves, he said.

'With sugar, for every tonne of carbon we put into the atmosphere, we take 2.6 out,' Mr Quirk, who sees carbon trading in sugar as value adding for farmers, said.

Dr Parr said for carbon trading involvement an industry had to show 'additionality' by selecting higher carbon sequestering cultivars, and Mr Quirk and other farmers were already trialling some which could capture more carbon than others.

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Court date set for Splendour challenge

A residents' group has launched a legal challenge against Byron Shire Council's decision to allow next year's Splendour in the Grass music festival to be held in the Yelgun/Wooyung area on a trial basis.

The Environmental Defender's Office, representing the Conservation of North Ocean Shores (CONOS), is seeking a Land and Environment Court order overturning approval given to the event organisers,

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Billinudgel Property Trust Pty Ltd, to hold the one-off trial event on the Tweed/Byron shire border.

CONOS is challenging consent on several grounds in a three-day hearing scheduled to start on February 16.

Spokesman Bob Oehlman said residents believed that the council had disregarded aspects of the Byron Local Environmental Plan when it made its decision.

'We say that among other things the trial festival event is not in fact permissible in the environmental habitat protection zone that forms part of the festival site,' he said.

'The Jones Road-Marshalls Ridge is zoned environmental protection because it is of high conservation value and forms part of Australia's most easterly wildlife corridor.'

Byron Council is getting legal advice on its position.

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To keep the romance alive, a cooker and a billy are essential so you can get up in the morning and make a cuppa for your lovely bride (it'll be just like being on a honeymoon). I reckon you'll need about six weeks away – she'll love it. And by some strange reason, if she's not interested, at last you'll have somewhere to stay in the backyard when she kicks you out.

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Tweed residents face rates hike

From front page
a series of rate rises over seven years starting in June 2006 to fund a \$118 million capital works splurge.

The council had previously held a series of public meetings and produced a special edition of its newsletter, the *Tweed Link*, in an attempt to sell the plan to the public.

The newsletter claimed that 83 per cent of ratepayers would be required to pay around an extra \$1 a week for each week of the seven-year plan, but council's revenue coordinator, Craig Peate, said in evidence that in fact it would be \$1 a week for the first year, \$2 a

week for the second year and so on up to \$7 a week by the seventh year.

Nowhere did the extensive coverage of the plan mention that the proposed increases – 7.6 per cent the first year followed by annual hikes of 8.5 per cent, 9.5 per cent, 9.5 per cent, 8.5 per cent, 7.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent – would be compounding.

Justice Biscoe noted that a qualifying article in the *Link* three weeks later contained the following sentence: 'Residents should remember that what is proposed is 6 per cent a year increase above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and this of

course compounds.

'The qualifying article – for those who read and absorbed it – indicated that the rate increase compounded. However, as was said in another context... "A disclaimer or qualification will frequently have little or no effect on the impact of a misrepresentation."

'Furthermore, neither the special edition nor the subsequent qualifying article spelt out the actual dollar effect year by year,' Justice Biscoe said in his judgement.

'The reference in the open letter from the council Administrators in the special edition to "a series of rate rises" did

no more than hint at annual increases.

'The draft management plan exhibited showed the gross annual permissible income, if the application was successful, increasing substantially year by year.

'Some who read it might have gleaned that the \$1 per week rate increase represented in *Tweed Link* would increase substantially in each of the seven years.

'However, it cannot be inferred that all readers of the special edition of *Tweed Link* read the draft management plan or, if they did, would have gleaned that conclusion from it.'

Further appeal on rates case mooted

Ken Sapwell

Retired accountant Terry Sharples says he plans to pursue his appeal against Tweed council rate hikes to the High Court if necessary. Mr Sharples said the judge effectively ruled that the Minister had the power to approve a series of compounding rate increases despite finding that the council's consultation process was materially misleading and significantly flawed.

'It's important for the democratic process that the ruling is tested because as it stands now the Minister has the power to impose large rate increases at any time for any reason,' he said.

'The ruling means that the community consultation process is pointless – even if it's found that the process is flawed and misleading and I don't believe that is correct.

'Community consultation should not be a mere formality –

it's a pre-condition for the Minister to make a decision and once you have misled the Minister about what is intended all else collapses."

In a press release, council general manager Mike Rayner said he was very satisfied that the court had rejected on all grounds Mr Sharples's action to overturn the seven-year plan. 'It is pleasing to hear his honour's views that the assertions of Mr Sharples were wrong,' he said.

'This case has cost Tweed ratepayers in the vicinity of \$330,000.'

He said the costs did not include those of the Minister for Local Government and his department who were the other respondents in the case.

'Given the substantial public costs, we will be recommending to council to seek (their) recovery.

'Council can now progress with its management plan to deliver the best for the Tweed.'

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How much wood can the community wood shed lathe?

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Through the generosity of two local entities, the Tweed River Agricultural Society and Barry Pendergast, the community has been given an invaluable gift.

The donation of land from the show society and financial backing of Mr Pendergast has allowed the building of a community shed for the purpose of teaching and learning wood-working skills, sharing information and knowledge and as a facility to build a strong community social base within its walls at the showground in Murwillumbah.

Barry Pendergast has lived in the Murwillumbah area for many moons and has been a licensed builder for over 40 years.

Through his membership of the Tweed Valley Woodcraft Association he saw the need for a permanent home for the club and also saw how he could lend a hand to the cause.

With his financial backing and the sweat and more sweat of the club's members, a shed was erected this year and the members have moved in and have gotten off to a great start. 'I love timber,' said Barry.



Woodworkers Ron, Charles, David, John and Barry give the equipment a workout at the shed at the Murwillumbah Showground.

'I get a real thrill when there are 25 people in here all doing what they want to do and wor-

king on the projects they want to make. We are so indebted to the show society for allowing

us to build on their land, it was the only way we could have the shed.'

The club's motto is 'The Pursuit of Excellence' which best sums up the reason the club is

growing and expanding as its aim is to protect the wellbeing of all members by offering careful monitoring of equipment use and training members towards competency.

The group is currently working on several projects including some squatters chairs and they recently donated \$1,000 each to the Murwillumbah and Tweed hospitals from the proceeds of a raffle for a shed-made writing desk, tea trolley and footstool.

Association president John Hastings said that the group has a loose membership of about 30 men and a handful of women, but within that group is a dedicated core group of about 20 who don't miss a day and they get a lot done.

'We have made and donated items to the local school, the show society as well as making the trophies for the Festival of Speed on Tweed and we have several other groups we support,' he said.

'We all help each other. An experienced person will show someone a skill and then they can pass that along.'

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A wrap-up of *The Tweed Echo* in 2008

Ken Sapwell

This week marks the 18th edition of the *Tweed Shire Echo*, and the first for 2009. In its short time, the *Echo's* team of experienced reporters have scooped its rivals in every edition with ground-breaking stories which otherwise may never have seen the light of day.

August 28:

Farmers join renewed push to rezone red-soil farming land at Cudgen for housing development after a developer offers what one farmer says was 'big money' to sell out. The farmers were set to sign up but the developer suddenly went quiet, presumably to await the results of the following month's council elections. We also featured a report on two decades of she-nanigans which culminated in the council's sacking in 2005.

September 4:

Just weeks out from the election, one of Tweed Council's most senior officers used *The Echo* to launch a scathing attack on veteran councillors Warren Polglase and Phil Youngblutt who were seeking re-election. Genevieve Slatery, who the government appointed as watchdog and chief executive officer following the council's sacking, says she was

victim of their 'crude brand of politics' when Cr Polglase tried to undermine her position. Cr Polglase described the claim as 'bullshit' and accused her of meddling in politics. Her outspoken views earned her a rap over the knuckles.

September 18:

Five days after residents voted for their first democratically elected council in more than three years, we reported that women were the big winners, with Katie Milne, Dot Holdom and Joan van Lieshout the only certainties emerging from the yet-to-be completed count. We avoided speculation about who would fill the other positions, agreeing with Cr Holdom who advised everyone to take a 'chill pill'. Voters say various candidates' stands on the Cudgen farm rezoning issue influenced their choice.

September 25:

The election results are in and unsuccessful Greens candidate Kevin McCready immediately calls for a recount after Cr Phil Youngblutt edges him out for the seventh seat on the council. Mr McCready and his supporters alleged that thousands of their votes ended up being binned because of incorrect voting advice given by booth officials. Some votes were subsequently recounted but talk of a costly recount or court challenge eventually fizzled out.

October 2:

Liberal Party election candidate Joan van Lieshout emerges triumphant after a bruising tussle for Mayor, out-manoeuvring favoured front-runners Warren Polglase and Barry Longland, who secured the deputy's position as a consolation. The Cabarita Residents' Association is the first to go public with objections to the Lands Department's draft plan of management, quickly followed by every other resident and community group in the shire, appalled at the department's plans to turn our coastal reserves into revenue generators with a range of development projects.

October 16:

The new council stirs up a hornets nest over its controversial decision at its very first meeting to go behind closed-doors to dust-off long-standing plans to sell part of Bay Street in the Tweed Heads CBD for a multi-storey residential and commercial development. Residents suspect it involves the loss of some of the existing Jack Evans Boat Harbour land and slam the council for a lack of vital information when they are asked to make public submissions. The council responds by establishing a web page containing further information which critics say added little to the debate. It was

not until the last week that the council provided an extensive briefing on the background to the proposed deal.

October 23:

Lands Minister Tony Kelly speaks exclusively to *The Echo* in a bid to hose down growing community disquiet about his department's plans to develop many of the shire's Crown land reserves. He agrees to reopen the public submission period, establish a community liaison group and to personally read all 70 submissions he had received up to that point. Tweed council's new planning chief, Vince Connell, admits he faces a sharp learning curve after transferring his skills from inner Sydney councils to the Tweed.

October 30:

We highlight the high stakes involved in what subsequently proved to be a failed and costly bid by the Melbourne based companies, Metricon and Peninsula Developments to overturn the council's long-standing retail strategy which retains Tweed Heads as the shire's shopping mecca. A Land and Environment Court judge rejected their appeal against a deemed refusal for a major shopping centre on Metricon's Seabreeze estate at Pottsville which critics claimed was 1800 per cent bigger than an original proposal. The decision leaves the lucrative market on the southern end of the Coast and northern parts of Byron shire still up for grabs.

November 6:

The Echo unashamedly goes into bat for Hastings Point residents whose 12-year push for new planning controls for their village kept getting sidetracked while the door remained open to developments deemed unsuitable by council's own consultants. A website dedicated to their cause exposes a story of past council backflips and delays which left residents angry and out-of-pocket as they battled, sometimes successfully, to overturn approvals through the court system. Now came their best hopes for winning the same controls as Pottsville and Fingal, with the council's new chief planner arguing strongly for immediate adoption. On top of that was the fact that the council had resolved to despatch the mayor on a mission to Canberra which coincided with a crucial vote on the matter where her deputy, Barry Longland, was odds-on to use his privileged extra vote to support the residents.

November 20:

The mayor ends suspense and speculation as the biggest spectator crowd in memory watches her use her decisive vote to support the two-storey

controls and axe the pipeline amid wild cheers. A Murwillumbah cafe owner highlights continuing calls for a 24-hour police station after he became another victim of the town's known hooligan brigade who specialise in random violence, vandalism and until recently, a series of dangerous arson attacks.

November 27:

Official figures show that the Tweed remains a development hot-spot, attracting more than double the number of DAs than the next busiest north coast council, Ballina Shire. Chief planners Vince Connell suggests that the council could dramatically reduce delays in processing DAs if staff refused to accept deficient applications. The Mayor defends her choice of ratepayer-funded conveyance, a \$47,000 VW complete with a inbuilt navigation system, saying the stick-on dashboard versions simply don't work.

December 4:

Construction work begins on a three-storey 264-unit over-50s resort on creek-front land at Hastings Point despite warnings by residents that they are confident of overturning approval in an appeal to the NSW Supreme Court. The developer says he is confident of winning the case and thus avoiding a subsequent demolition order.

The Echo reveals the existence of the Skinnergate tapes, so called after Cr Kevin Skinner bungled a mobile phone call, leaving a conversation with colleagues Phil Youngblutt and Warren Polglase on another councillor's message bank.

December 11:

Former Greens candidate Kevin McCready is forced to defend his view that religious indoctrination amounts to child abuse. Kingscliff residents begin to question why their beachfront park was chosen to host next year's World Rally Championships which they say was driven out of Western Australia because it failed to deliver an acceptable return on money invested.

December 18

An alleged Aboriginal massacre more than a century ago inspired an ongoing curse covering the site of a proposed controversial village in the shadow of Mt Warning. Tweed mayor Joan van Lieshout ruffled a few colleagues' feathers by imposing an alcohol ban during the council meal breaks.

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Jet boat jam

Tweed Shire Council will again debate a controversial plan to operate jet boat tours from the Tweed River at its first meeting for the year on January 27 after a decision on a proposed trial was deferred last month. It seems like only yesterday that we had this same debate between those concerned about the river's health and those (backed by thrill seekers from across the border) who want to see more motorised water sports on this beautiful stretch of waterway.

There is no place for high-powered thrill-boat operations on the river given the well-known environmental impacts from motorised boating on erosion as well as safety concerns, with more and more users competing for its precious space.

Despite assurances by the boat operators that the river tours would be laid-back non-speeding-type affairs, you have to question the use of expensive jet boats for such a purpose. If you wanted to tour the river and take in all its natural beauty, you surely wouldn't want noise, smell and fumes accompanying you all the way? Opponents are right in making the point that the proposed jetboat is built and marketed for its capacity for speed and thrill, so why use such craft on our river? Who will police such tours to ensure there is no excessive speed, noise or nuisance?

Power boat and jet ski use has risen sharply on the Tweed River over the past few years as speed restrictions limit the space available for water craft use on Gold Coast waterways.

Low-impact activities on or along the river such as kayaking, sailing, fishing, swimming, bike and walking trails, nature and culture tours and other passive pursuits should be promoted instead of outdated fossil-fuel based recreational activities.

The Tweed River is a vital natural resource which has to be managed sensitively to sustain its quality. A rapidly expanding population in the shire brings with it increasing demands on the river, both recreational and commercial, but these have to be weighed against any future risk of spoiling this magnificent waterway for future generations.

Shame screens

Cr Dot Holdom should be praised for her lone opposition last month to the removal of a large 'shame screen' outside a multi-million-dollar beachfront home at the Salt estate on the Tweed Coast erected by Council last November after eight banksia trees were cut down in a dunal area, obviously to improve someone's ocean views.

Just because one outspoken developer (and they all know the value of views) protested loudly (on behalf of his next-door neighbour) to the 30m by 10m-high black shadescreen doesn't mean it was originally a bad move of Council to erect it, as it wasn't. This sort of vandalism has been going on for years along the coast and it's obvious who benefits from such destruction. The screen, rather than a small sign, sends a loud, large and quite clear message to people in the area that it's just not worth doing – it's a constant reminder to everyone (at least till replacement trees grow up).

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Cricket: the real crisis of the new year

Let us start by wishing our readers a happy new year, a hope unlikely to be fulfilled, but what the heck.

And now before getting down to the nitty gritty, the answers to three questions I have been asked frequently during the break.

(1) Should Kevin Rudd apologise to Mohammed Haneef for the abuses committed by the administration of John Howard? Yes, because he is head of the Australian government and the Australian government was the institution responsible for the abuses. The same logic and obligation which compelled the apology to the stolen generations apply here.

(2) Should we take a share of those to be released from Guantanamo Bay? Probably not. The Howard government's Pacific Solution to outsource our own unwanted was a bad idea and the Americans should not be allowed, let alone encouraged, to attempt a similar piece of buck-passing. Moreover, however innocent the previous inmates may or may not have been at the time of their capture, a few years in the hell hole the Americans deliberately placed outside the law are unlikely to have made them wildly sympathetic to western Anglophone society – not ideal material for Australian citizenship.

(3) Is there anything we can do about Israel/Palestine? No. With the benefit of 60 years hindsight, it can be seen that setting up a Jewish state on what had become Arab homelands in the midst of what were confirmed as Arab homelands was a pretty dumb idea. But we did, and it's not going to go away. Moreover it has a fa-

natical nationalism and widespread international support, backed up by its own nuclear weapons. All we can do is wait and hope that sooner or later sanity prevails on both sides, as it eventually did in Northern Ireland. But it would be unwise to hold our breath.

And now, having got that out of the way, let's take a look at the real crisis: the Australian cricket team.

the side would increase still further if the injured regulars Brett Lee (32), Andrew Symonds (33) and Stuart Clark (33) were available.

Chief selector Andrew Hilditch (about 96 and a half) likes to describe the side as 'in transition'. But transition to what? Middle age? Hilditch also insists that the oldest member of all, Matthew Hayden (37), is by no means ready

game (Ian Botham's description, not mine, alas). Let the young whippersnapper spend his best years in frustrated impotence like everyone else.

And on the bowling front, things are no less bleak. The newest find, Mitchell Johnson, is already 27, getting on for a quick. So are the favoured new 'boys', Bollinger and Ben Hilfenhaus (25). Spinner Nathan Hauritz (also 27) probably has a few ineffectual years ahead of him but Jason Krejza (35) can hardly be considered a long term prospect and the other possibility, Bryce McGain (36) is even closer to the twilight home.

There are other, younger players of potential around; there must be. But they never get the chance to show what they can do. Too many are locked into the hit and giggle of 20-20 non-cricket and while the privileged few may graduate through one-day games to the Sheffield Shield, even there they seldom if ever get a chance to test themselves against the national representatives. Wearing the baggy green is now a fulltime, fully-tenured occupation, and what little time off the players get is more likely to be spent recuperating from inevitable injuries or reintroducing themselves to their families than in filling in at state level.

It is no wonder that from time to time they appear tired and stale. But it is a pity that neither they nor the selectors seem to understand the need for regular rejuvenation, for generational change. Next time John Howard drops into the dressing room, they should take a long hard look at him and consider: do we really want to end up like this?

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by Mungo MacCallum

The aforementioned John Howard would approve of this allocation of priorities. For him as for his fellow Australian Ginger Meggs (with whom he shares so many limitations) our cricketers hold an almost sacred significance, and the captaincy ranks as the most important job in the nation. Thus Howard must be aghast at the present position but it is one with which he should be familiar. Just as he did, the players have brought disaster upon themselves by hanging around for too long.

It is strange indeed to hear captain Ricky Ponting (34) talking about 'the youngsters' in his side. These would normally be understood to include Simon Katich (33), Michael Hussey (33), Brad Haddin (31) and the new boys Doug Bollinger and Andrew McDonald (both 27). In fact Peter Siddie (24) is the only one of the current lot under 27. And the average age of

for retirement and in fact figures prominently in his plans for the future. This suggests that either Hilditch believes in time travel or that Hayden has compromising photographs of him and a goat. If ever a player was clearly past his use-by date it is Hayden. But like the Queen, he refuses to abdicate.

And in any case, who would replace him? Like Prince Charles, the various replacements likely to find favour with Hilditch and his fellow selectors are also well into the second halves of their respective careers. Two who have been briefly tried are Brad Hodge (34) and Chris Rogers (31), while Michael's younger brother David Hussey (31) is felt to be not quite ready yet. Phil Jaques (32) is also hoping to make a comeback. The only spring chicken on the horizon is Phil Hughes (19), but he is clearly seen as far too immature by the gin-soaked old farts who administer the



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Jetboats no way

Tweed residents opposed to the Pena Pty Ltd Jetboat 'scenic tour' have only one week for submissions to the general manager of Tweed Shire Council. Residents including ex prime minister Doug Anthony and businesses along the Tweed River from Tweed Heads South to Murwillumbah are concerned about a variety of issues stemming from the fact that the proposed jetboat is built and marketed for its capacity for speed and thrill. Environmental issues including bank erosion, noise and public nuisance issues have already been addressed to Council.

The Fingal Head Community Association and Fingal Head Coastcare are especially concerned about the cumulative impact given the dramatic rise in power boat and jet ski use of the river in recent times. This is thought to be due to speed restrictions on Gold Coast waterways. The Fingal Head groups have a history of collaborating with Council to protect and enhance the natural amenity of the area for visitors seeking peaceful and passive pursuits. They are concerned that current initiatives that offer low impact activities such as bike trails, walking tracks, and cultural tours may be detrimentally affected by this style of development. It is out of keeping with the peaceful character of the village.

River users including kayakers, outriggers, sailors, swimmers and fishermen may feel further threatened by the safety risks of such vehicles on the river particularly given the difficulty enforcing current guidelines and speed limits. There is currently only two maritime officers from Brunswick Heads to Tweed Heads. Residents that live along the Tweed regularly complain that their calls are left unheeded as they seek to complain about current infringements on the Fingal Head section of the Tweed.

If the drone of a V8 jet boat potentially seven mornings a week is not your cup of tea, write to Council now before a precedent for this dangerous style of fuel guzzling noisy thrill seeking tourism is established on the Tweed. Submissions close on January 13.

Judy Robinson
Fingal Head

Rally a back step

Tweed Shire Council in their mention of the proposed Repco Rally for September of 2009 say that it will generate 'very significant economic benefit'.

Kept in the dark on Bay Street sell-off plans

■ Go to Tweed Shire Council's website and click on 'meeting information' then under 'attachments' scroll down to Bay Street Closure 12. The Council (Administrators) in March 2007 approved entering into negotiations with prospective purchasers for the sale of Bay Street. On March 12, 2007, Council lodged an application with the Department of Lands to proceed with the closure of the road.

Council was then advised by lawyers to cancel the application due to various reasons, including the perception of improper conduct. It appears that Council in 2007 was proceeding with the plan to sell off Bay Street to developers.

Then at the first meeting of a newly elected Council, our councillors were asked to approve the same proposal and provide the general manager with the relevant delegation to enter into direct negotiations with the Walker Corporation and Tweed Centro.

The question is, what has been going on behind the scene since March 2007? How far have Centro gone with their planning? Could they be ready to lodge a DA the minute they hopefully get the green light that the road will be closed?

Why should residents accept the sale of a wide tree-lined street and foot the bill for a replacement narrow seven-metre wide road that destroys land and trees that are used by the public as a park?

You have until February 13 to make a submission to Council.

Stephanie Deane
Tweed Heads

However, the Rio de Janeiro protocol of 1992 established that sustainability could be envisaged as a three-legged, equal-leg-length stool with legs devoted to the economic, social and environmental. The stool currently lies on its side among western natives, warning of unsustainability because the economic leg is too long. Sustainability cannot occur with greater economic efficiencies, but only with extensions of the stool legs labelled social and environmental.

Tweed Shire Council, in common with all authorities, is responsible in making sure that this is the direction we head. A car race rally is a long way short of providing that.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

Nursing woes

I read your article on the demise of community nursing (*Echo*, December 18). The population in and around the Tweed area mainly comprises of retirees. The idea is to try and keep these people in their own homes, and

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■ Tweed Shire Council's internet site provides alarming information on the closure and sale of three lanes of the existing Bay Street that allow a high rise development and shops on/over the existing Bay Street road reserve. Council advises that secret plans submitted by the joint venturers for this road purchase are not to be made available for public exhibition as they form part of the documentation 'gathered in connection with direct negotiations'.

How will the public assess if there is an adequate community benefit for the sale and closure of the Bay Street road reserve knowing only that a reconfigured two-lane Bay Street will reduced traffic amenity and that extra car parks will consume further harbour parkland?

Will the Tweed community get the planned shopping bridge that connects the Tweed Mall across the reconfigured two-lane Bay Street to harbour parkland, as outlined and ob-

jected to in the 1994 sale agreement that finally collapsed?

The planned Bay Street market plaza located on the new Bay Street two-lane site and portrayed in the Vision Plan for Tweed Heads Town Centre Masterplan (May 2004) and in other plans dating back to 1996 remains a secret.

When there is some questioning by some in council on probity and viability issues associated with sale of Bay Street, the Tweed community needs to know the need for secrecy

of future redevelopment plans planned for Bay Street and harbour parkland and an explanation for the commercial confidentiality of this transaction when Council is dealing with only one owner.

The public should be kept informed during the time when public submissions for this proposal have been extended by Council until February 13, 2009.

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Tweed Heads Environment Group



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Will Rudd's plan take us home?

Michael McDonald

Kevin Rudd's ambitious plan to tackle homelessness, The Road Home, was launched on December 21, 2008.

Media commentators can be forgiven for expressing scepticism at hopes of achieving the goals to halve homelessness in Australia and to 'provide accommodation to all rough sleepers who seek it' by 2020. According to the government, there are currently 105,000 homeless people in Australia, of whom around 16,000 sleep rough. Those numbers are likely to be larger as the global financial crisis bites harder in Australia in 2009.

The government is throwing big money at the problem – an additional \$1.2 billion over four years, which includes \$800 million for new support services for homeless people and \$400 million over the next two financial years for social housing. The government also recognises the need to address root causes of homelessness, such as dysfunctionality among families and a need for greater capital injection for aged care places. These are problems which have been festering for decades. The plan to 'fund a network of 90 Community Engagement Officers within Centrelink to support people at risk of homelessness' may help



rehabilitate that organisation's image ruined by the Howard government's fervour for persecuting the unemployed.

The north coast is a 'hot spot' for homelessness and the associated problems which stem from mental illness, transience and tourism impact, to name a few factors. The Northern Rivers Social Development Council CEO Tony Davies rightly points out that homelessness is not just a problem for cities.

'We have very high rates of homelessness in the Northern Rivers,' Mr Davies said when welcoming the federal government's plan. 'This particularly affects young people, people with mental health issues and, increasingly, families with young children.'

'We know that 1 in 70 young people are homeless and across our region there are at least 500 homeless young people aged 12 to 25 across the region. These young people are

either sleeping rough or living in temporary and insecure arrangements which place them at risk.

'There are also very high numbers of rough sleepers in the region. Census data indicates that on any given night there are at least 200 people sleeping rough in the region.'

'We are very pleased that the bulk of new funding will fund prevention programs that intervene early to break the cycle of homelessness. These programs are proven to be effective in getting people's lives back on track, but funding has stagnated over the last decade, meaning that they have not been able to keep up with demand.'

'Some people seem to think that homelessness is only an issue for the cities so we do need to be vigilant to ensure that the new funding is not swallowed by metropolitan centres.'

■ The White Paper on Homelessness is available at Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) website www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/housing/white_paper_on_homelessness.htm or by calling 1800 774 055. You can be part of an ongoing discussion on homelessness in Australia at www.homelessnessinfo.net.au.

Christmas beetles arrive

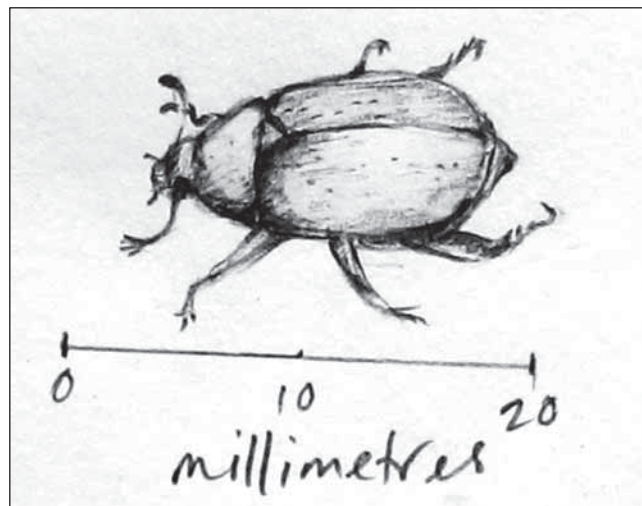
Mary Gardner

Where to begin about our Christmas beetles? When you see the insects blundering toward lights at night, beating against windows and screens, they are distracted adults, in their summer heyday. From November through February, these scarab beetles travel through urban and rural forests. They chew on the tough leaves of trees, particularly the eucalyptus. When they can, they mate. By the time they die, no one is really paying much attention.

But the females have laid eggs, modest batches of forty to fifty, in pastures both exotic and native. With the hatching of these eggs the life cycle truly begins. There are some thirty five species of *Anoplognathus* and the larger part of their lives are as grubs chewing roots. Some species spend one winter underground. Some spend two.

Then, uncelebrated, the grubs pupate. They make a kind of cocoon and rest, while undergoing a body makeover. Their metamorphosis is as complete as that of the caterpillars of butterflies or moths. Both being insects, their anatomy shows parallels and variations that thrill us nature watchers.

The bodies of the adults, as with all insects, will be in three parts. The heads of caterpillars will change to have antennae and a long thin mouthpart for sucking flower nectar. The



Drawing by Romy Dingle.

heads of grubs turn into stout noggins. They have antennae too but also strong chewing mandibles. Both have a thorax. A middle section to which the legs are attached. But the grubs legs are thick, with spines on them. The abdomens of caterpillars become slim while the grubs' turn into round tubs.

And the wings! Grubs end up with their forewings hardened into a cover called the elytra. These will spread open to allow the thin membranous hindwings to emerge. In spite of the logistics, these stubby wings actually allow the little tanks to become airborne.

Of course, the caterpillars' two sets of wings are thin with marvellous patterns. But then they need only to crack out from their cocoons and flutter away. The transformed grubs, under the surface of the soil, must dig their way not only out of the cocoons but up through the dirt. Their armour plating and tough limbs, the original natural 'iron man' suit, are vital.

Then there is the added dilemma of habitat change. More paddocks, fewer wild eucalypt forests and more plantations filled with eucalypt clones mean the beetle population has balancing problems. On one hand, changing the landscape to give the grubs more room increases their numbers. Fewer forests force the adults to gather into congregations of sizes not known before.

Flocking in plantations with commercial interests, the beetles become labelled as pests. The overall geography changes also affect the timing of rainfall and the quantities. More paddocks also encourage the royal ibis, who feast on the grubs. Then there is climate change itself. So are there more beetles or fewer? Are they early or late? Are the grubs or beetles confused? Who knows?

In the 1880s Anna Botsford Comstock was the illustrator of her husband's reports on his insect research at Cornell University, USA. She went on from there to illustrate, write and teach not only about insects but about nature studies as a whole. She introduced outdoor studies to primary and secondary

school students and teachers nationwide. She was the first woman professor at Cornell, though she was not titled as one for twenty years. Her *Handbook of Nature Studies* first published around 1906 is still in print and available through bookstores online. Doesn't that rate as prize worthy science?

Comstock began as a self-taught artist who wrote, 'Nature study cultivates the child's imagination... cultivates in him a perception and regard for what is true and the power to express it.' Learning from her mother, working along with her husband, she knew personal fulfillment in sharing her observations and illustrations. Even today, families use her handbook as a guide for their own nature explorations – some report their adventures online using blogs and websites.

Her love of nature and her skills also launched for her unique career in science. At a time when society heard science rank women as inferior and incapable of intellectual work, Comstock proved different. She developed the practice of science as a means of building intellect and character in every participant. She explained nature studies helped grow 'a love of the beautiful.'

Her feelings are echoed by Richard Louv, author of the recent *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*. He also advocates outdoor classrooms. He finds a surfeit of electronic games and videos is not feeding the souls of our future leaders in sustainable living and planet restoration.

Comstock's colleague L B Bailey, founder of the American Nature Study Society, now the oldest conservation group in the USA, wrote, 'Real nature study cannot pass away. We are children of nature.'

So when the Christmas beetles yet again crash into the screen door, introduce yourself. Take a closer look at one or two. Bring out the drawing pad you bought in that wild moment when you resolved this year at long last you would do some art. For the sheer joy of it, draw what you see.

LETTERS from page 11

as a carer I do not see how this can be done without the help and care given by these wonderful nurses. Wake up to the fact that is a great service.

Alexandra Kelly
Bogangar

Work ethic

I am outraged that councillors drink during meal breaks. It sounds like they are condoning drinking at work.

Is this at the expense of the ratepayers?

Tracey Stride
Coolangatta

Cartoon caper

Congratulations on your front page cartoon depiction of Tweed Council (*The Echo*, December 18).

You got it exactly right!

S K Southey
Round Mountain

■ Letters also received from Beth Usher, South Tweed Heads, G J May, Tyalgum, Elaine Giles, Murwillumbah, Warren James, Tweed Heads, Gavin Lawrie, Murwillumbah, Doug Ogilvie, Bilambil, Chris Degenhardt, Murwillumbah, Gale Richter, Murwillumbah, Julie Boyd, Hastings Point.

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Lilith Rochas survives and flourishes in another year at Woodford

Marimbas, mandalas, minstrels, and magical moves...

Woodford Folk Festival 2008

Day 1: The annual alchemical gathering of maniacs, brainiacs, climatologists, refugee rhythmagicians, comedians laughing in the face of planetary disaster, carnie artists swallowing crystal swords, aerial antics and literary shenanigans kickstarts with a boom crash massive attack of demon-dispelling drumming from Japanese, Ashanti and Pacific traditions designed to subdue bad weather spirits for the duration.

Through a fluorescent feast of gypsy fiddlers, flaming hula hoops, illuminated installations and percussive wind sculptures I head (in retrospect perhaps unwisely) to the Taming the Flame health presentation on the causes of inflammation, precursor to most modern illnesses. Causes which unfortunately turn out to be mainly acid producing foods like caffeine, chocolate, alcohol, dairy products, grains, soy, sweets, red meat, nightshades, most carbs and anything fried – ruling out pretty well everything from Woodford's half hundred purveyors of delicious vittles and definitely putting me in the mood for the Flames of Discontent concert.

Wander through throng of baby buskers, strolling minstrels, Mongolian throat singers, Nanna Technology's giant stilt-walking grannies and holidaying fubsies to the opening ceremony where festivilains swear a solemn oath to prop up the tottering economy by spending remains of their dwindling superannuation on Guinness, silly hats and site reforestation. Secretly hoping for some kind of dietary reprieve, attend lecture on optimum living via the ancient Chinese 24 hour chi cycle by ex Amsterdam substance abuser turned martial arts guru. Hopes dashed.

Day 2

Completely miss 5am-7am colon cycle by sleeping through it. Oh well, early days. Start with 7-9 stomach cycle: fruit, cereal, milk and coffee strictly verboten, only congee and herbs allowed. Substitute protein powder for congee and though would argue that coffee's a herb, forgo the short black. Spleen cycle from 9-11 advises addressing problems and making decisions: choose jungle print Blundstones for today's footwear, decide against any more health lectures and plan festival itinerary: Join deaf people's Dancing Hands Choir, see wheelchair body poetry of Korean Kang Sung Kuk born with cerebral palsy, check out Scrap Heap Sculpture Tourna-



Mojo Juju and The Snake Oil Merchants provided some of the musical magic at the Woodford Folk Festival.

ment, catch Parade of Apocalyptic Apparel, watch late night cross culture movies: Amputee Kung Fu, Filipino midget spies, Turkish Star Wars, Japanese Planet of the Apes and Indian version of James Bond. Heart cycle from 11am-1pm is for divine reasoning, creative order and new directions: ABC's Jerry Colby Williams' talk on low carbon living inspires proactive repossession of my veggie garden from bush turkeys using their nests for compost. By the time 1pm-3pm small intestine cycle arrives, the air's pulsating with mouth watering aromatherapies of grilling satay, brewing coffee and sizzling sausages, with strolling punters chowing down giant slices of puffy cheese-dripping pizza. Ravenous, I drive to Grapelands, Elvis Parsley's fruit store in Woodford and Hoover down selections from his Return to Slender juice bar, returning to the Duck and Shovel to savage an Atlantic salmon. The 3pm-5pm hours of the bladder are for relaxing: collapse under tree from coffee withdrawal exhaustion. The 5pm-7pm kidney cycle forbids exercise, recommends chilling with friends – prop up waning energy with Amazonian mate/guarana/spirulina/gingseng drink, but since none of my friends is on this program they're all off drinking, smoking, stuffing themselves with tasty carcinogens and shimmying to the devil's tunes. The 7pm-9pm time of the pericardium's for feeling safe, so what safer than Kerry on the Couch: Kerry O'Brien, Woodford's own charming Parkie, interviewing George

Negus and Ernie (Racism's just a pigment of the imagination) Dingo. Through kaleidoscopic soundscapes of a Kustarica movie, I drift homeward past wild bagpipes and marimbas, punk opera, log drumming, Serbian drinking songs and enviropoets saving endangered words along the Butterfly Track (butterflies are deaf and don't hear the doof) into earplug dreamland, passing out at allotted 9pm-11pm time slot to the distant pounding tom toms of the Chai Tent.

Day 3

Delightedly discover Woodford fashion's not all fisherman's pants, rainbow felt dreadlocks and shredded sari skirts: there's also Pendragon's spectacular boots of multicolour leather leaves with curlicue iron heels, Hoi Polloi's one off deconstructed reconstructions and Wozwaste's chic executive satchels made from recycled inner tubes.

Small people have their own festival here too with dozens of kiddie options: workshops in everything from hip-hop, cooking, singing, circus skills and making music from junk to performances, storytelling, games, magic tricks and interaction with wildlife – all fuelled with healthy food.

The mature festival attendee's not forgotten either with low-effort pleasures like bird watching, Buddhist psychotherapy, Kahuna massage, seminars on toxin management and Dr Philip Nitschke's enlightening chat on dignified death and peaceful pills, his

compassionate sendoff machine having been acquired by the British Museum.

Would your inner student like to make its own person-powered light-up jewellery, mirror ball or sand mandala? Weave weeds, play tin whistle, dance like a Sudanese nomad cowboy or bhangra like a Bollywood star? It's all here – and the learning isn't confined to workshops as Miss K demonstrates the art of condom shopping in a foreign land and a Transylvanian musician shows the back of her instrument, deliberately left rough as a reminder of the tree planted when she was born to grow up with her and become her violin.

Under a sweltering sky, favourite oases of refreshing cool are Tenzin Choegyal's Tibetan expression of enjoying samsara... Soulman's soothing love songs... watching the big goanna cruising up from the

panying the Rubaiyat, Omar Khayyam's 10th century classic: *Speak not to me of heavens to come, but live with beauty in this paradise...* Then heaven in the bowl of night empties a sudden downpour that turns walkways into waterfalls and my hired tent into a mini lagoon. The cavalcade of cabaret continues with performers from Bulgaria to Bolivia, Sumatra to the Seychelles, Turkey to Torres Strait dancing on as I dance and sing within this ruined tent... and pack.

Day 4

Management removes carpet to reveal source of waterworks, and in the ever generous spirit of Woodford an unknown lady Samaritan offers the spare bed in her tiny tent. But as the cajun, zydeco, voodoo blues, bloke folk, gangsta jazz, Polynesian rock, aboriginal rap and juju music play on, with three days gone and half the program still to go, I depart the Peoples' Republic of Woodford where the drummers drum throughout the night and lanterns shed their friendly light to welcome in the coming year and bless the Promised Land...

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Television Guide

1. The best of a sports-mad summer is **The Hopman Cup**, in which the players actually have fun – it's live on ABC with the final this Friday at 10.40pm.
2. An American President reading *The Guardian*? Yes, it's satire, with Dennis Quaid playing the Commander-in-Chief in **American Dreamz** (TEN, Saturday, 6.30pm).
3. Herman the Cheruscan was one of the heroes of **The Germanic Tribes**, who get a look-in on SBS on Sunday at 7.30pm. This is followed at 8.30pm by **Changing Climate**, **Changing Times**, in which the world is imagined for the year 2075.



	<div>ABC 1</div> <div>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat. 5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat. 6.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI: Highlights. 5.30 Kids' Programs 6.05 Pilot Guides: Caribbean Islands (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Kylie Kwong: Shanghai (G) cuisine journey through China. 8.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI: Final 10.30 ABC News 10.40 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI: Final 12.30 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</div>	<div>ABC 2</div> <div>6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Asia Pacific News 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 A Place In Greece (G) Repeat. 5.00 Travel Oz (G) Repeat. 5.30 From The Heart (G) Repeat. 6.00 Compass: The Quiet Revolution – New Prophets Pt 1 (G) Repeat. 6.35 Coach Trip (G) 7.00 Zoo Days (G) 7.30 Something In the Air (G) Repeat. 8.00 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09: Canberra vs AIS Live. 10.00 Soundtrack To My Life: Alison Moyet 10.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Sean Paul 10.55 Freshmen On Campus (PG) Repeat. 11.20 London Live (PG) Repeat. 11.45 Close</div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat. 1.30 Pioneers Of Love (PG) part 2 doco series. Repeat. 2.30 Life Under Napoleon: The Revolutionary (PG) part 2 of 4 doco from Germany. Repeat. 3.30 Policing The Pacific (G) part 2 of 4 doco. Repeat. 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Blueslist Australia (G) Final. 6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 6 – highlights Argentina / Chile. 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Wall Street Warriors (PG) Final. 8.00 Counter Culture: Japan (G) Final. 8.30 As It Happened: Churchill's Bodyguard (PG) doco series. Repeat. 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 The Female Orgasm Explained (MA,n,s) doco series from France. Rpt 10.55 Movie: Antenna (MA,s,v, 2003) Drama from Japan. 1.00 Movie: Clara And Me (MA,c,l,s, 2004) Drama from France. 2.30 WeatherWatch Overnight</div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 11.30 Scrubs (PG) 12.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Day 5 Live. 5.00 Home Improvement (G) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show. 6.00 Prime & Seven News 7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG) 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer (G) 8.30 Movie: Duplex (M, 2003) Stars Ben Stiller, Drew Barrymore, Cheryl Klein 10.30 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Day 5 Live. 12.15 Movie: The Pawn (M, 1998) Stars Greg Evigan, Tony Lo Bianco, Sydney Penny, Rob Stewart. 2.05 Danoz Direct 3.05 Expo 5.00 Guthy Renker Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.00 Hot Auctions 10.30 Harry's Practice 11.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 10.15 Documentary: Shark Attack – The Red Triangle, California 11.15 Final 24: Gianni Versace</div>	<div>ten</div> <div>6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 9am Summertime (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 Adventure (G) 4.00 It's Me Or The Dog 4.30 Judge Judy (G) 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G) 6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat. 7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat. 7.30 The Simpsons (PG) double episode 8.30 Numb3rs (M) 9.30 Law & Order (M, at) 10.25 Orange Roughies (M,c,l,v) 11.30 Late News With Sports Tonight 12.30 Late Show with David Letterman (PG) 1.30 Infomercial (PG) 4.00 30 Days (PG,sr) 5.00 Religion to 6am (PG).</div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG) Repeat. 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Danoz and Guthy-Renker 12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 1.00 The View (PG) talk show. 2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 3.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG) 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow Carnoustie. 5.30 Temptation 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Australian Geographic – Best Of Australia (PG) Best Walks in Australia 8.30 Movie: The Tuxedo (M,v, 2002) Stars Jackie Chan, Jennifer Love Hewitt. 10.40 Movie: Spanglish (M,c,l, 2004) Stars Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni. 1.15 Movie: Shalako (PG,v, 1968) Stars Brigitte Bardot, Sean Connery, Honor Blackman, Stephen Boyd. 3.20 Entertainment Tonight (PG) 4.00 Guthy-Renker Australia (G) 4.30 Good Morning America</div>
FRIDAY 9	<div>5.00 rage (PG) 10.00 rage: Special – rage goes Retro (G) 11.00 Outback House (PG) Repeat. 12.00 Dynasties: The Jones Family (PG) 12.30 The Best Of Australian Story: Woman Of A Steel Repeat. 1.00 Movie: Miss Sadie Thompson (PG, 1953) Stars Rita Hayworth, Aldo Ray, Jose Ferrer, Charles Bronson. 2.30 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09: Canberra vs AIS: Highlights 3.50 Football: W-League: Semifinal 1 Live. 6.00 Totally Frank (PG) Repeat. 6.30 Best Of Gardening Australia (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Rain Shadow (PG) Repeat. 8.25 ABC News 8.30 The Bill (M*,v) 10.05 ABC News 10.10 Last Detective (M,v,at) Repeat. 11.20 rage (M)</div>	<div>7.00 Kids' Programs 3.00 rage (G) Repeat. 5.00 rage: Special; rage goes Retro (G) Repeat. 6.05 Black Books: He's Leaving Home (PG) Final. 6.35 Robin Hood (PG) Repeat. 7.20 Rex The Runt (PG) Animated. 7.30 Classic Albums: Phil Collins – Face Value (G) Repeat. 8.20 A Little Later: R.E.M. (G) Repeat. 8.35 Movie: Stage Door (G, 1937) Stars Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball, Ralph Forbes. 10.10 Movie: Return Of The Scarlet Pimpernel (PG, 1938) Stars Barry K Barnes, Sophie Steward. 11.30 Close</div>	<div>5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 Baroque Academy: Looking For Voices (G) Masterpiece from France. 2.00 Shostakovich String Quartet No. 14 (G) Repeat. 2.40 Colin McCahon: I Am Masterpiece from NZ (G) Repeat. 4.00 Lady Salsa! (G) music of Cuba. Masterpiece from Germany. 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 A Fork In The Mediterranean: Israel (PG) Repeat. 6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 7 – highlights Argentina / Chile. 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Mythbusters (PG) doco series. 8.30 Iron Chef (G) Repeat. 9.20 RockWiz (PG) entertainment. 10.00 Movie: Transamerica (MA,s,d, 2005) Stars Felicity Huffman, Danny Burstein, Kevin Zegers. 11.50 SOS (PG) 12.50 Classic Album: Queen – A Night At The Opera (PG) Repeat. 1.45 The Insiders Guide A To Love (M,s,cl) drama series from NZ. 2.35 Weatherwatch Overnight</div>	<div>6.00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse (G) 6.30 Kids' Programs 12.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Day 6 Live. 5.00 According To Jim (G) 5.30 Border Patrol (PG) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Movie: Mary Poppins (G, 1964) Stars Julie Andrews Dick Van Dyke. 9.30 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Day 6 Live. 11.30 Movie: Say It Isn't So (M,s,c,l,d, 2001) Stars Heather Graham, Chris Klein, Sally Field, Orlando Jones. 1.25 Danoz Direct 2.25 Expo 5.00 Guthy Renker Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.30 Phineas And Ferb 11.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 4.00 Scrubs Prime HD program same as above except: 9.30 Movie: Hang 'Em High (M,v 1968) 11.30 Movie: Kung Pow – Enter The Fist (M,v, 2002) 1.00 Urban Legends</div>	<div>6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Video Hits (PG) 12.00 Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) 12.30 Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures (G) 1.00 Escape With ET (G) 2.00 Beach Cricket : Round 1 Live. 5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat. 6.30 Movie: American Dreamz (PG, cl,v,sr, 2006) Stars Hugh Grant, Mandy Moore, Dennis Quaid, Chris Klein. 8.35 40 Smokin' On Set Hook-Ups (M) 10.30 Orange Roughies (M,c,l,v) 11.30 Movie: The Man Who Cried (M,s, 1998) Stars Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci, Cate Blanchett, John Turturro. 1.25 Infomercials 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</div>	<div>6.00 Infomercials 7.30 Kids' Programs 12.00 Boarding Pass Travel Show. 12.30 The Hills (PG) 1.00 The Gilmore Girls (PG) 2.00 Horse Racing live from the Gold Coast. 5.30 Angels Of Mercy (G) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Funniest Home Video Show – Summer Series (G) Repeat. 7.30 Movie: Superman III (PG 1983) Stars Christopher Reeves, Jackie Cooper, Richard Pryor. 8.40 Saturday Lotto 9.30 McLeod's Daughters (M) double episode. 11.30 Movie: Little City (M, 1997) Stars Jon Bon Jovi, JoBeth Williams, Josh Charles 1.15 Movie: Carry On Cleo (G, 1964) Stars Amanda Barrie, Sidney James, Kenneth William, Joan Sims. 3.00 Mad TV (M) 4.00 Danoz and Guthy-Renker NBN Qld program same as above except: 1.00 Horse Racing live from the Gold Coast 4.30 Gilmore Girls 5.30 The Good Life All cricket on NBN this summer will be broadcast in HD</div>
SATURDAY 10	<div>5.00 rage 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Q&A debating the big issues. Rpt. 10.00 Inventions From The Shed (G) Rpt. 10.30 Root Of All Evil?: The God Delusion (PG) Repeat. 11.30 Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat. 12.00 Best Of Landline (G) 1.00 Best Of Gardening Australia (G) 1.30 Message Stick (G) Repeat. 2.00 Hillary On Everest (G) Repeat. 3.00 Songbirds (PG) doco on singing prisoners. 3.50 Football: W-League: Semifinal 2 Live 6.00 Arctic Oasis (G) Repeat. 6.30 Chant Of The Scrub Turkey (PG) Rpt 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Penguins Of The Antarctic coping with climate change. 8.25 ABC News 8.30 Lusitnia: Murder On The Atlantic (PG) drama on the high sea. 10.00 Compass: The Quiet Revolution – Pioneering City (G) Part 2 of 3. 10.30 Ian Fleming: Bond Maker (M,s,cl) 11.30 Movie: Suddenly, Last Summer (M,v 1959) Stars Elizabeth Taylor Katherine Hepburn, Montgomery Clift 1.20 Movie: I'll Get You For This (PG, 1950) Stars George Raft, Coleen Gray</div>	<div>7.00 Manic Street Preachers: Everything Live (G) 8.10 Nina Simone: Live At Montreux Jazz Festival 1976 (G) Repeat. 9.00 Cat Stevens: Majikart Live (G) Rpt. 10.10 Jewel: Live At Humphreys By The Bay (G) Repeat. 11.10 jtv Live: You Am I (G) Repeat. 11.55 London Live (G) Music. Repeat. 12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) double episode. 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Good Charlotte (PG) Repeat. 1.55 Madness: Live At Finsbury Park (G) 2.50 Brian Wilson On Tour (G) 4.10 Crowded House: Farewell To The World (PG) 5.05 Classic Albums: Steely Dan – Aja (G) Repeat. 6.00 21 Years Of Compass 7.00 The Museum (PG) Repeat. 7.30 Brideshead Revisited (G) double episode. 9.05 Northanger Abbey (PG) Adaptation of the Jane Austen classic. Stars Felicity Jones, JJ Feild, Cary Mulligan. 11.05 Montreux Jazz Festival 2003: The Classics 11.35 Close</div>	<div>6.25 World News in various languages. 10.00 Insight Summer Season: Rage Repeat. 11.00 Ethnic Business Awards 2008 (PG) Repeat. 12.30 Tales From A Suitcase: Eucharist Bajada (G) Repeat. 1.00 Speedweek 3.00 Football Asia 3.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial Sport. 4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature 5.00 The World Game football. 6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 8 – highlights Argentina / Chile. 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Lost Worlds: The Germanic Tribes – Under the Sign of the Cross (PG) 8.30 Changing Climate, Changing Times doco-drama: the year is 2075. 10.10 Movie: The Tiger Brigades (MA,v, 2006) Action adventure from France. 12.20 Innocence :The Other Side Of DNA (MA) Repeat doco. 1.20 If The Dead Could Speak (M,c,l,v) drama series from Argentina. 2.15 Weatherwatch Overnight</div>	<div>6.00 Religion 6.30 Creflo A Dollar 7.00 Kids' Programs 7.30 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Stormy Coast (G) Great Ocean Rd to Kangaroo Island. 11.05 The Most Extreme : Inventors (G) new episode. 11.30 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Day 7 Live. Medibank International 2009 – Day 1 Live. 5.00 Does My Bum Look Big? Swimwear (PG) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Outback Wildlife Rescue (G) all new 7.00 Hot Property (G) 7.30 The Rich List (G) 8.30 Movie: While You Were Sleeping (PG, 1995) Stars Sandra Bullock, Bill Pullman, Peter Gallagher. 10.40 Holby Blue (M,v,s) 11.50 The Benny Hill Show (PG) 12.20 Scrubs (PG) 12.50 Home Shopping Prime HD program same as above except: 8.30 This Is Your Laugh 9.30 The Knights Of Prosperity 10.00 Scrubs 10.55 Louis Theroux And The Nazis</div>	<div>6.00 Religion 7.00 Totally Wild (G) Repeat. 7.30 Animalia 8.00 Video Hits First (G) 10.00 Video Hits (PG) 12.00 Australian Fishing Championship 1.00 Country Matters (G) rural Australia 2.00 Beach Cricket : Round 1 Live. 5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat. 6.30 Movie: Aquamarine (PG, 2006) Stars Claudia Karvan, Emma Roberts, Shaun Micallef, Sara Paxton. 8.35 Movie: Die Hard; With A Vengeance (M,c,l,v, 2004) Stars Bruce Willis, Samuel L Jackson, Jeremy Irons. 11.10 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart – Global Edition (MA15+) comedy. 11.40 The Office (PG) 12.10 Cops (M,du,at) 12.40 Infomercials 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</div>	<div>6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker 7.00 TVP Direct And Biomagnetics (G) 8.00 Sunday News 8.30 Fishing North Australia 9.00 I Dream Of Jeannie (G) Repeat. 9.30 Movie: Tarzan's Three Challenges (G, 1963) Stars Jock Mahoney, Woody Strode, Ricky Der. 11.30 Going Places (PG) Repeat. 12.00 Speed Machine Andra top fuel WSD 12.30 George Lopez (PG) comedy. 1.00 The Jack Newton Celebrity Classic sports special. 2.00 WWE Afterburn wrestling. 3.00 Movie: Down To Earth (PG, cl,s,d, 2001) Stars Chris Rock, Regina King. 5.00 The Gurus Explore South Korea (G) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 20 To 1 (PG) 7.30 Twenty/20 Cricket – Australia vs South Africa Live. 10.30 Movie: The Score (M,v,cl, 2001) Stars Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon Brando, Angela Bassett. 1.00 Spyforce (PG) Repeat. 2.00 Guthy Renker And Danoz NBN Qld program same as above except: 6.30 Twenty/20 Cricket Australia vs Sth Africa 9.30 Movie: The Score (M,c,l,v, 2001) 12.00 Mad TV All cricket on NBN this summer will be broadcast in HD</div>
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MONDAY 12	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Best Of Landline Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Poirot (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 The House Of Windsor: The First Windsors life of the British Royal family</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Choir Of Hard Knocks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 The Somme (M) docu-drama WWI</p> <p>10.15 ABC News</p> <p>10.25 The Mafia: The Great Betrayal (M,v,c,l)</p> <p>12.20 MDA (M,at) drama.</p> <p>12.15 Movie: Lady Hamilton (G, 1941) Stars Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier.</p> <p>2.15 Movie: Passport To Destiny (PG, 1944) Stars Elsa Lanchester, Gordon Oliver, Lenore Aubert.</p> <p>3.25 Bowls: NSW Open 2008 - Women's Singles</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Best Of Gardening Australia (G) Rpt</p> <p>5.00 Message Stick (G*) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Croc Country (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Walking With Beasts: Sabre Tooth (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Red Dwarf (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Goldfrapp At Radio 1's Big Weekend (PG)</p> <p>9.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves (PG)</p> <p>9.30 Creature Comforts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 Spaced (M,c,l) Repeat.</p> <p>10.30 V Festival 2006 (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.35 Cowboy Bebop (M,v) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Dirty War (G) the toxic effect of the US military's global bases.</p> <p>2.30 The Mormons (PG) part 3 of 4 repeat.</p> <p>3.30 The Glamour Game: The Pageant (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.30 The Journal</p> <p>5.00 The Crew (G) student video production.</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.</p> <p>6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 9 – highlights Argentina / Chile.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Top Gear (PG)</p> <p>8.30 South Park (M,a)</p> <p>8.30 Drawn Together (MA,s) animated comedy series.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Pizza (M,a,d,c,l,s) Comedy.</p> <p>10.30 Skins (MA,d,s,n) repeat drama series</p> <p>11.25 Movie: Dark Water (M,h, 2002) Horror from Japan.</p> <p>1.10 Movie: Neon Genesis – End Of Evangelion (M,v,s,a, 1997) Animated feature.</p> <p>2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 2 Live.</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 The Rich List (G)</p> <p>8.30 Bones (M)</p> <p>9.30 Killing Hitler (M,v,a) doco on the many attempts to eliminate Hitler.</p> <p>10.40 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.40 Kath & Kim The American Series (PG)</p> <p>12.10 Last Comic Standing (M)</p> <p>1.05 Guthy Renker</p> <p>1.35 Danoz Direct</p> <p>2.35 Expo</p> <p>5.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 4.00 That's So Raven 4.30 Scrubs 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 9.30 Final 24: Anna Nicole Smith 10.30 Urban Legends 11.00 Dr Danger 11.30 Gear</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Double Jeopardy (M, 1999) Stars Ashley Judd, Tommy Lee Jones, Bruce Greenwood.</p> <p>10.40 Out Of The Blue (PG) drama series.</p> <p>11.10 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.55 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.55 Vido Hits Up-Late (G)</p> <p>1.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Time/Life (G)</p> <p>11.30 Danoz (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? 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TUESDAY 13	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Leahy Family Special (PG*) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.10 River Cottage Gone Fishing: Channel Islands (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 The Museum (PG)</p> <p>8.35 Party Animals (M*,c,l) political drama</p> <p>9.30 Bastard Boys (M,c,l,v*) Repeat.</p> <p>10.30 ABC News</p> <p>10.40 Shrink Rap: Sharon Osbourne (M,at,c,l) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Much (PG, 1956) Stars James Stewart, Doris Day.</p> <p>1.10 Movie: The Lost Moment (PG, 1947) Stars Robert Cummings, Susan Hayward, Agnes Moorhead.</p> <p>1.35 Movie: Body And Soul (PG, 1947) Stars John Garfield, Lilli Palmer.</p> <p>3.25 Triple j tv With The Doctor (G) Rpt.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Little Angels (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Kylie Kwong (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Wagging School (G)</p> <p>5.35 Friends For Dinner (G) Final.</p> <p>6.05 Under The Hammer (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.05 Father Ted (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Hamish Macbeth (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.20 The Bill (M,v) Repeat.</p> <p>10.50 MDA (M*c,l) Repeat.</p> <p>11.40 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages</p> <p>1.00 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Repeat drama from Lebanon.</p> <p>1.55 Don Matteo (PG) Drama series from Italy.</p> <p>3.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Everybody Loves A Wedding (G)</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy series.</p> <p>6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 10 – highlights Argentina / Chile.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Desperately Seeking Doctors (PG) Part 2 of 3 doco on the doctors' crisis in Australia.</p> <p>8.30 Blood And Guts: History of Surgery – Bleeding Hearts (PG) Part 2 of 5 doco series from the UK.</p> <p>9.30 World News</p> <p>10.00 Hod Docs: Chicago 10 (M,v)</p> <p>11.55 Movie: Lunacy (MA,v,n, 2006) Horror from the Czech Republic.</p> <p>2.00 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 3 Live.</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG) Rpt.</p> <p>7.30 Wild Vets (G)</p> <p>8.00 Coastwatch (PG) Maritime police.</p> <p>8.30 Eli Stone (M)</p> <p>9.30 Ghost Whisperer (PG)</p> <p>10.30 Extreme : More Skinny Celebrity Mums (PG).</p> <p>11.30 Dirty Sexy Money (M)</p> <p>12.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>1.00 Danoz Direct</p> <p>2.00 Expo</p> <p>5.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early New</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 4.00 That's So Raven 4.30 Scrubs 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 9.30 The Need For Speed – Cars 10.30 Alias 11.30 Documentary: Inside Straight Edge</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G)</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Rules Of Engagement (PG) Repeat</p> <p>8.30 NCIS (M,v) double episode.</p> <p>9.30 In Plain Sight (M) legal drama series</p> <p>10.30 Out Of The Blue (PG) drama series.</p> <p>11.00 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.45 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Airtime kids' performances.</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow Syon Park.</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G) quiz show.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Twenty/20 Cricket – Australia vs South Africa Live.</p> <p>10.30 Movie: Hard To Kill (M,v,c,l,s, 1990) Stars Steven Seagal, Kelly Le Bock.</p> <p>12.30 E R (MA15+) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>3.00 Danoz (G)</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p> <p>NBN Qld program same as above except: 6.30 Twenty/20 Cricket Australia vs 5th Africa 9.30 Two And A Half Men All cricket on NBN this summer will be broadcast in HD</p>
WEDNESDAY 14	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks: Kids' Music Special (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 National Press Club Address: Peter Taylor, CEO – Engineers Australia</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 Art Museums Of The World (G) Rpt.</p> <p>7.00 Nicella Express (G) cooking.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 My Family (PG)</p> <p>8.35 The Omid Djalili Show (PG) Comedy.</p> <p>9.05 Star Stories story of Tom Cruise. Final</p> <p>9.35 Seven Periods With Mr Gormsby: Dancing With The Staff (M,sr,c,l) Rpt.</p> <p>10.00 The Robinsons (M,c,l,s)</p> <p>10.30 ABC News</p> <p>10.40 Taggart (M,v) Repeat.</p> <p>11.55 Movie: The Big Fix (M,v,du, 1978) Stars Richard Dreyfuss, Susan Anspach</p> <p>1.50 Movie: Chance Of A Lifetime (G, 1950) Star Bernard Miles, Basil Radford</p> <p>3.25 National Press Club Address: Peter Taylor, CEO – Engineers Australia Repeat.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Dynasties (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 A Seaside Parish (G)</p> <p>5.25 Gardening Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.35 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.05 1 Giant Leap: What About Me? – Men And Women (G) music.</p> <p>8.30 Eataholics: Addicted To Junk Food</p> <p>9.30 Breakabound (PG) a surfers' globe-trotting journey.</p> <p>10.30 Battlecentre (M,c,l) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: A High Sky Summer (G, 2001) Drama from Hong Kong.</p> <p>2.30 Tales From A Suitcase (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Salam Cafe (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Football Star Of Tomorrow Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.</p> <p>6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 11 – highlights Argentina / Chile.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Food Safari: African</p> <p>8.00 Tales From The Palaces: The Detectives (G) Pt 2 – Hampton Court.</p> <p>8.30 The Long Way Down: Shashemene, Ethiopia, Kenya (M,c,l) part 6 of 10 doco of a world motorcycle trip.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: The Green Butchers (MA,v 2003) Black comedy from Denmark.</p> <p>11.45 Movie: Carnage (M,a,c,l, 2002) Drama from France.</p> <p>2.00 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 4 Live.</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime & Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Las Vegas (PG)</p> <p>9.30 The Unit (M)</p> <p>10.30 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 4 Live.</p> <p>12.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>1.00 Danoz</p> <p>2.00 Expo</p> <p>5.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 4.00 That's So Raven 4.30 Scrubs 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 9.30 Extreme: (More) Skinny Celebrity Mums 10.30 Lost 12.00 Urban Legends</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten Morning News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G)</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Rules Of Engagement (PG,sr) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 House (M) double episode.</p> <p>10.30 Out Of The Blue (M,v) drama.</p> <p>11.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.45 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Bio-Magnetics (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Airtime kids' performances.</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow Syon Park.</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G) quiz show.</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 10 To One (PG,s,n)</p> <p>8.00 New Adventures Of Old Christine (PG) drama series.</p> <p>8.30 CSI: Miami (M) Repeat.</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 E R (M)</p> <p>10.30 Gossip Girl (M) drama.</p> <p>11.30 Just Shoot Me (PG)</p> <p>12.00 The Dead Zone (M)</p> <p>1.00 The Avengers (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker And Danoz</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
THURSDAY 15	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Cricket In The 80s (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 Planet Earth: Jungles (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Everest ER (G)</p> <p>8.35 The Unteachables (M*,c,l) unruly kids</p> <p>9.30 Nigger Lovers (PG) indigenous battle</p> <p>9.55 Constructing Australia : The Bridge (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.55 ABC News</p> <p>11.05 Live From Abbey Road with The Hoosiers, Black Keys, Manu Chao (M*,c,l)</p> <p>11.55 Wildside (M*,c,l,v) Repeat.</p> <p>12.45 Movie: The Vicious Circle (PG, 1957) Stars John Mills, Derek Farr, Rene Ray.</p> <p>2.10 Movie: Cosh Boy (PG, 1952) Stars James Kenney, Joan Collins.</p> <p>3.25 Psychic Investigators (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.55 The Glass House (M,sr,a) Repeat.</p> <p>Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 The Pinnaroo Surfer (G)</p> <p>4.40 Speed Machines (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Naked Science (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 The Omid Djalili Show (PG) Comedy</p> <p>8.30 Star Stories story of Tom Cruise. Final</p> <p>8.55 Seven Periods With Mr Gormsby: Dancing With The Staff (M,sr,c,l) Rpt.</p> <p>9.30 Roman's Empire (M,c,l,s) family drama.</p> <p>10.00 The Graham Norton Show (M) Final.</p> <p>10.50 A Little Later: Jamiroquai (G) Repeat</p> <p>11.30 The Book Group (M,c,l,s) Repeat.</p> <p>11.55 Close</p> <p>[s] = Sex [cl] = Coarse language [a] = Adult themes [sr] = Sexual references [n] = Nudity [mp] = Medical procedures [du] = Drug use [st] = Supernatural themes [dr] = Drug references [v] = Violence [*] = Could offend [ie] = Issues about euthanasia [h] = Horror</p>	<p>5.30 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 TV Around The World: Sweden (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Blizzard: Race To The Pole (PG) doco series. Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 Battle Of The River Plate (PG) doco from the UK. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 If Only (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial</p> <p>6.00 Dakar Rally 2009 Day 12– highlights Argentina / Chile.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 Rex In Rome (PG) crime series from Italy.</p> <p>8.30 Carla Cametti PD (M,c,l,s,v) drama series.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: 36 Quai Des Orfèvres (MA,v, 2004)Thriller from France.</p> <p>11.55 Queer As Folk (MA,c,l,s) Repeat.</p> <p>12.55 Clara Sheller (M,c,l) drama series from France. Repeat.</p> <p>1.55 Weatherwatch Overnight</p> <p>SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 5 Live.</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime & Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Ugly Betty (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Eli Stone (M) Final.</p> <p>9.30 Heroes (M) Final.</p> <p>10.30 Tennis: Medibank International 2009 – Day 5 Live.</p> <p>12.30 Danoz, Expo and Guthy-Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Seven Qld program same as above except: 10.00 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 – Live 4.00 That's So Raven 4.30 Scrubs 6.30 Today Tonight Prime HD program same as above except: 9.30 Final 24: Anna Nicole Smith 10.30 Lost 12.00 Heroes</p> <p>Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten Morning News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G)</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Futurama (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Don't Forget The Lyrics (G)</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order: S.V.U. (M) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) Rpt</p> <p>10.30 Out Of The Blue (M) drama.</p> <p>11.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.45 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am.</p> <p>All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Airtime kids' performances.</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow Plymouth.</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G) quiz show.</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Sudden Impact (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Waiting Room (PG) hospital drama.</p> <p>8.30 Cold Case (M) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 Secret Millionaire (PG) Charan Gill</p> <p>10.30 Amazing Medical Stories (M,mp) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The Curse Of The Jade Scorpion (G, 2001) Stars Helen Hunt, Woody Allen, David Ogden Stiers.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>

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The Gathering

Arts and culture feature

Sir Poet

Mankind's oldest art gallery would surely be here in Australia. The timeless works of art that are etched and painted on Australia's cave walls provide inspiration, story telling, beauty and myth for generations.

Rock art has been part of the cultural backbone to the earth's longest surviving people, the Australian Aborigine. In both the Pilbara in Western Australia and the Olary region of South Australia, rock engravings have been dated at over 40,000 years old.

The Aborigines have been in existence for thousands of years, we are often told, but what we are sometimes not taught in schools is that their passion and history is communicated through their art and their art galleries.

Some years ago I was working in Darwin and learnt first hand about the many types of art being protected by the local Aboriginal communities. Dozens of sites are scattered across the top end that are not open to visitors, however plenty are still available for us to discover.

Kakadu National Park is the traditional lands to the Gagudju people. On my visit I was taken back when we arrived at Ubir and was unprepared for the magic of that moment.

After viewing the many works of art and hearing the guide's stories of Dreamtime,

our group took a short walk up from the site of the art gallery over a cluster of rocks. As each of us drew in the view, a magical landscape – seemingly prehistoric – was revealed and will be forever part of my own personal living journey. It may have been thousands of years since these works of art were created, but they are as relevant today as they were to the past. This became my first timeless experience.

I was not an art collector nor could I have had an educated conversation about art. I did, however fall in love with art and its undeniable importance to who we are today and who we choose to be tomorrow. I now call the Northern Rivers home and have moved here not only for the subtropical weather and lifestyle, but because of my profound experience in the Northern Territory.

I have now found a community with the same passion and commitment to preserve and share art similar to our neighbours in the top end.

In both this feature and next fortnight's Gathering, I will be highlighting some of the galleries in both the Byron and Tweed shires. I strongly recommend a visit to any ancient Australian Gallery open to the public, but for now take a journey in our own neighborhood, discover the many galleries passionate about producing, preserving and providing art to us all. As we discover the art around us we discover ourselves!

Byron Fine Art Gallery

Helen Casey is the director of Byron Fine Art Gallery, situated in the Byron Arcade on Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Helen opens her gallery to everyone and not only the elitists. This is a gallery where in fact it is acceptable to 'just look'. The Gallery is not about Helen, rather it is about the artists she represents. Local investment artists, well established artists and emerging artists can be discovered year round in this gallery. Awards help showcase art to a wider audience, and here many finalist and award winning artists can be found, Lynne Wallis, Nazri Abdullah and Vitor Dos Santos to name just a few. From mid January an artist demonstration will be held in the gallery every Saturday, so come along to view and ask questions.



Rock art at Ubir in Kakadu National Park. Opposite: sunset over Ubir Plateau.

Still @ The Centre – Waywood Gallery

Sabine Pinon is the director of Still @ The Centre – Waywood Gallery, located on Centennial Circuit in Byron's Arts & Industry Park. In 2008 this unique place of art hosted 11 exhibitions! There were some solo shows (like the beautiful Jay Pearse's), some joint ones, some group shows like PAN or the most recent theme exhibition *All creatures great and small* on until January 24. Perhaps the exhibition that will remain most in memories is *Ceramicos*, curated by yet another of The Gatherings supporters, Suvira McDonald. This exhibition showcased 15 of our region's most talented ceramic artists. The Waywood Gallery has decided to do yet another! This



time the focus is on Sculptors in our region and it will be curated by Dev Lengjev, who previously organised the Thursday Plantation Sculpture shows. It's due around Easter so sculpture lovers keep your ears open. This is a Gallery that offers everything from the paint brush, to the wall to exhibit!

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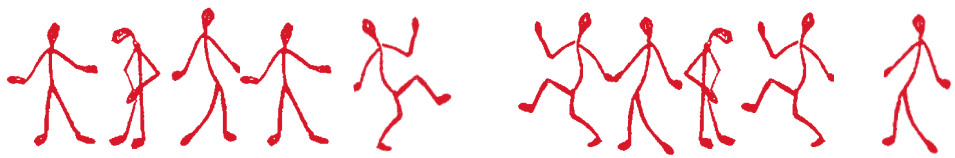
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Mina Mina Gallery

Roslyn Goodchild is the director of Mina Mina Gallery in Brunswick Heads on Mullumbimbi Street. Roz supports many art cooperatives – these are businesses which the artists themselves own and operate. She is passionate about the artists' connection to the land and the dreamings of both the artists and their ancestors. This indigenous gallery offers many forms of art, from all corners of our island home Australia. Roz offers a link into areas in Australia seemingly out of reach until you enter the Mina Mina Gallery. Brunswick Heads is a wonderful village to visit, made complete by a visit to

this beautiful gallery. Look out for art from Alice Springs, Papunya Tula artists, Utopia, Warlayirti artists, Mangkaja Arts, Warmum Art, and plenty more I bet you never even knew existed.

Escape Art Gallery

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There can be a **HERD** of lots of things – elephants, cows, pigs, walruses, deer, buffalo, but they all seem to be big things. You can't have a herd of gnats but you can have a **HORDE** of them, so when does something become big enough to qualify as a herd? There's a **HIVE** of bees when they are at home, (but if they go out they are a swarm), a **HOST** of sparrows (and angels) and a **HUDDLE** of penguins. In this shire we get a **HAUNCH** of bare thighs on the beach, a **HOBBLEDEHOY** of teenagers and a **HIKE** of backpackers and that is a **HEAP** of collective nouns.



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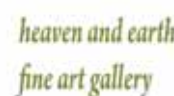


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Puppetry of the Penis



JON CLEARY & JOE ROBINSON

Cleary has just finished recording with John Schofield and is soon to release the album *Piety Street* they recorded at the studios of the same name in New Orleans. Cleary is quite possibly one of the hardest working artists on the circuits. An in-demand session muso who works for the likes of Bonnie Raitt, Eric Burdon, Van Morrison and Taj Mahal, he is also an accomplished solo artist. Jon spends most of his time on the road.

'When you are touring you are doing it for your bread and butter - it's like being an athlete - you spend a lot of time going to events, and the rest of the year you need to be back at home, out of the public eye, in training.'

Inspiration comes in many forms for Cleary when it comes to songwriting.

'It comes from books, newspapers, radio, conversation, scraps of paper, whatever I can get my hands on. My battle when I get home is deciphering it!'

An R&B expert, Cleary is heavily influenced by the music of New Orleans and Cuba.

'The music from that part of the world came from a tradition that

evolved over thousands of years - it's only recently that technology has helped get it out to the monoculture - but the sound goes back to the 40's and 50's.' **When it comes to technology, Cleary is not entirely convinced that it has a positive effect.**



'I think it's a mixed bag and I think we are discovering the pros and cons of the new methods of delivering music. The radio was invented in the 20's and 30's and they wanted to ban it (writers and publishers) this is a new technology - there is a huge drop in record sales, record companies won't make money, and won't put up funds for aspiring artists - so I fear that we have the technology now and there's never

been a time where more music is available and less of anything real, but bombarded by a sea of mediocrity - the original voice gets lost in the clamour.'

Playing a solo gig with just his piano, Cleary lets us in on just what to expect.

'Well, there will be a lot of piano! It is fun for me to play solo. It's a chance to stretch out. I'll be playing old stuff, new stuff, New Orleans music, some Cuban tunes and a few covers.'

Joe Robinson

At just 17 years of age, Joe Robinson has secured a reputation as one of the world's finest young guitarists.

His unique acoustic guitar style has caught the attention of Les Paul, Steve Vai, Brad Paisley, Tommy Emmanuel and many others. From winning the hit television series *Australia's Got Talent* to recording in Nashville with CMA Producer of the year, Frank Rogers - few doubt that this humble young man is destined for greatness.

Jon Cleary with Joe Robinson play at The Sound Lounge on Sunday afternoon, January 11 at 3pm. Tickets are available from the web at www.thesoundlounge.com.au

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Puppetry of the Penis

Show' of the Festival. For the last decade – or dickade – Puppetry has performed to sell-out concerts around the world, including the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and concerts in the UK, the USA, Germany, USA, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, Canada, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, Nor-

way, Argentina and Switzerland. Due to popular demand Simon and Friendly are bringing the penis to the people of Australia before jetting off to perform in Canada, USA, the UK and South Africa. **Tickets: \$35. Reserved seating. Over 18's only. Friday 9th January, 8.30pm (DST) at The Seagulls Club.**

Ted Egan

Ted Egan has lived most of his life in the Northern Territory, and presently lives in Alice Springs. In his early career with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs he was mainly in the bush, and engaged in fascinating activities like stockwork and crocodile hunting while employed as a patrol officer and reserve Superintendent. Later he was a teacher at bush schools. He has been writing and recording songs since 1969, and has produced 26 albums which have been strong, consistent sellers. He appears regularly at both folk and country music festivals, being one of the very few people who successfully bridge the gap. Be sure not to miss out on **Ted** appearing live at **Seagulls – Wednesday January 14. Doors open 10.45am, show starts 11.30am (DST)** www.tededegan.com.au

The Whitlams

The Whitlams are one of Australia's favourite bands, whose appeal reaches audiences of all ages and tastes. With lyrics described as having a 'charming cynicism' and enhanced by an instinct for poignant melody, they won **Best Group at the 1998 ARIA Awards**, as well as **Song of the Year** and **Best Independent Release** for their 3rd album *'Eternal Nightcap'*.

The current lineup has remained unchanged for the last seven years and four albums, and consists of Tim Freedman on piano and



The Whitlams

vocals, Jak Housden on guitar, Warwick Hornby on bass guitar and Terepai Richmond on drums. **Friday January 9, 8.00pm, Coolangatta Hotel, Gold Coast.**

Morcheeba (UK)

Trip hop pioneers and one of the UK's best live electronic bands, **Morcheeba**, are set to bring the supreme chill of their full live show to Australia this 2008/09 summer! Having sold six million albums and steered by the creative minds of brothers **Paul** and **Ross Godfrey**, Morcheeba set the benchmark for dreamy global electronic grooves. **Saturday January 10, 8.00pm,**



Morcheeba

Coolangatta Hotel, Gold Coast. Supported by **Hermitude**.

James Higgins

Local **James Higgins** returns triumphantly to his stomping ground this week after OS tours with the legendary funk of Jamiroquai. Catch him at the **Imperial Hotel** on **Friday** with special guest.

Tropicoso

Local act **Tropicoso** conjure up a Buena Vista style brew of latin guitars and percussion this **Sunday 1pm - 4.30pm** at the **Sphinx Rock Cafe**.

The Bakery

Hailing from the urban environs of Sydney's inner west, **The Bakery** are said to be a skanktastic crispology of booty-shaking lusciousness, sent to Planet Earth to pleasure our ears, delight our consciousness and excite our curves. 'We are a rampaging gaggle of funkified love children and a shining light of soul filled glory.' See them at **The Soundlounge 7:30pm** on **Saturday**. Also don't forget **Jon Cleary** (UK / USA) & **Joe Robinson** (support) this **Sunday** at **3pm**.

Comedian Dave Callan

Hailed as a 'freak magnet' on the Triple J web site, **Dave Callan** has been entertaining audiences around the country every Saturday night over the Triple J airwaves. Until his regular Saturday night gig on Triple J, Dave was mostly recognised as the Irish comedian from Rove Live, having been a regular standup comic as well as writer for the show for a couple of seasons. Dave is a bizarre, versatile



Dave Callan

and clever comedian, who is often mistaken for the Paddlepop Lion. He proudly claims to be the hairiest (or fluffiest) comedian in the country. Support by **Brendan Lovechild** and **MC Terry Hansen**, **Friday 8:00pm** at **The Basement, Gold Coast Arts Centre**.

Joe Robinson

Joe Robinson is the recent winner of Australia's Got Talent, and he will be performing **Saturday** at the **Gold Coast Arts Centre**. Also **Jazz in the Basement** is an every **Saturday** event from **7pm**.

Sit Down Comedy Club

Comedian **Dave Grant** will have you in stitches as he performs live on the Saltbar comedy stage, with support act **Damien Poser** and **Peter Grose** as **MC. Wednesday Januray 14**. Tickets are \$9 each or take advantage of the delicious BBQ Dinner plus show package for \$22.

Tweed River Art Gallery

Rachel Stone's exhibition entitled *'Canary in a coalmine'* is on show

until **Sunday January 25**. It constitutes an exploration of the world of birds and the gossamer threads which enable them to survive in fragile ecosystems currently under siege. The collages depict the fanciful, fantastical and sometimes frightening world of feathered creatures. The frightening element refers to what it might feel like for birds facing the challenge of adapting to life in increasingly human-modified habitats, where traditional food sources grow alarmingly rare, and various environmental changes present serious threats. 'With so many birds now headlining threatened species / extinction lists, I felt inspired to create works about birds in all their gorgeous, fluffy, fluttery featheriness in the hope of inspiring folks to help protect the precious remaining wild spaces in nature where birds – and other animals and plants – can thrive.' It is my hope that by cherishing the beautiful and essential role that birds play in our world, people will be inspired into taking positive action that gives our feathered friends the best chance to survive – and thrive – for many generations to come. What a tragedy it would be for the world to lose any more of its gorgeous flying jewels!'



Rachel Stone's exhibition *'Canary in a coalmine'*

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FRIDAY 9

- SEAGULLS CLUB 8.30PM **PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **COMEDIAN DAVE CALLAN**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **BLU CRUSH**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **THE WHITLAMs**
- TWIN TOWNS, CHAMPIONS 9PM **CLIFFY BREEZES** 5.30PM **SONIIQ DUO** HARBOUR LOUNGE 11AM **DENIS WARREN AN EVENING OF JAZZ**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 7.30PM **PURPLE STONE**
- C ITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 8PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM **PAINTED CROWS**
- CALYPSO TAVERN, COOLANGATTA 9PM **PLAY**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL M'BAH 8PM **JAMES HIGGINS WITH SPECIAL GUEST**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
- GREENMOUNT SLSC,

- COOLANGATTA 7.30PM **SOUTHPORT WORKERS BAND AKASA**
- LA LA LAND **KAZ JAMES, WEBBER & RUSHTON**

SATURDAY 10

- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7PM, **JAZZ IN THE BASEMENT: SMOKIN' JOE ROBINSON**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **MATRIX**
- THE SOUND LOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **THE BAKERY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **MORCHEEBA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **CATH SIMES BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, CHAMPIONS 9PM **SHOEBOX BREEZES** 2PM **RUSSELL SPROUT** 5.30PM **FAITHFULLY YOURS** HARBOUR LOUNGE 11AM **DENIS WARREN AN EVENING OF JAZZ**
- UKI CAFE 6-9PM **BILL JACOBI**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 8PM **ROCK AND ROLL NIGHT**

- COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB **DOUG STEWART DUO**
- LA LA LAND **LIVEWIRE**

SUNDAY 11

- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **MR JOHN**
- THE SOUND LOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **JON CLEARY (UK/USA) + JOE ROBINSON**
- TWIN TOWNS, BREEZES 12.30PM **ROBERT KEITH** 4PM **RICK HAY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **MUDCRAB BOOGIE,** 7PM **THE QUIET EXCITEMENT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM-4.30PM **LOCAL ACT TROPICOSO**
- GREENMOUNT SLSC, COOLANGATTA 2PM **KING LOUIE BAND**
- THE AUSTRALIAN TAVERN, MURWILLUMBAH 2-6PM **BILL JACOBI**
- LA LA LAND **CAPTAIN KANE**

MONDAY 12

- TWIN TOWNS, BREEZES 9.30AM-12PM **MACCA & DAVO** 4PM-7PM **PAUL WYNNE**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB 12PM-3PM **FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

TUESDAY 13

- TWIN TOWNS, BREEZES 8PM-12AM **TWO 4 NOW**

WEDNESDAY 14

- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 7.30PM **THE SIT DOWN COMEDY CLUB WITH COMEDIAN - DAVE GRANT**
- SEAGULLS, 11.30AM **TED EGAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, HARBOUR LOUNGE **JANUARY FROGS ON TOAST**

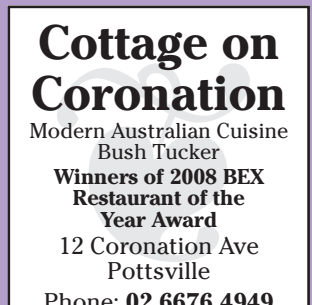
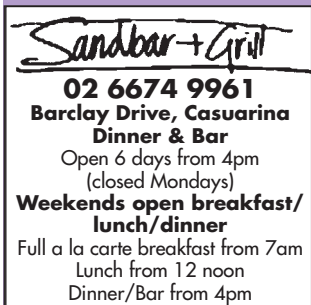
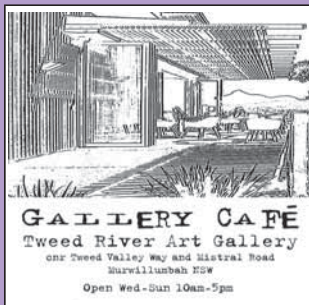
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- TWIN TOWNS, HARBOUR LOUNGE **JANUARY FROGS ON TOAST**



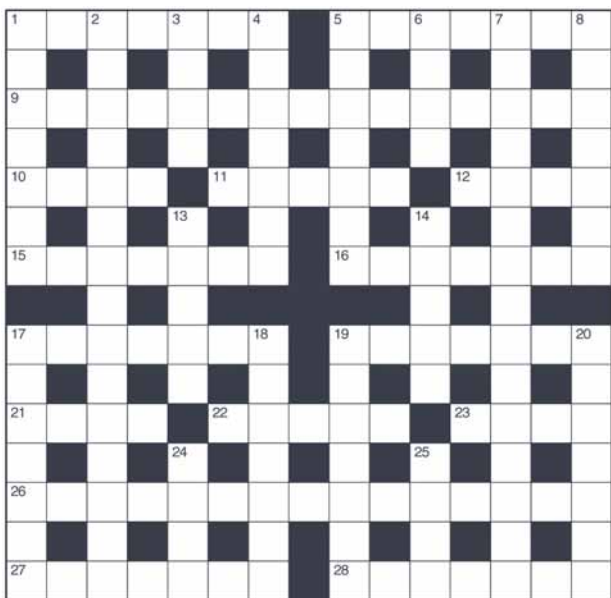
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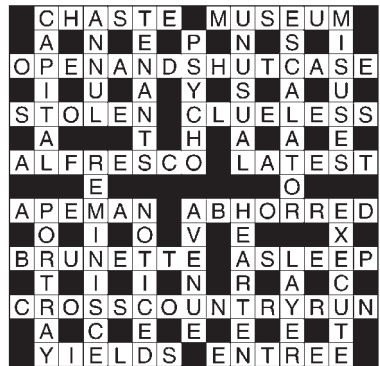
ACROSS

1. Sticks commercials around this place (7)
5. Temporary measure to plug hole (7)
9. As told to Moses, "Order men into tents!" (3,12)
10. Changed keys on Scottish island (4)
11. Mean villain hides blacksmith's tool (5)
12. Just a wee drop for Doctor before noon (4)
15. Carol's crazy about Hugh initially being a student (7)
16. This mischievous imp might make Mel grin (7)
17. Hankered after sir? Indeed! (7)
19. Guest, we hear, took a shot in the dark (7)
21. Be very heartless with a flock of birds (4)
22. Attempt a written composition (5)
23. Domestic animals step back (4)
26. Boardroom furniture is something to talk about (10,5)
27. Show courtroom evidence (7)
28. Went off beaten track and ruined rest day (7)

DOWN

1. Wild rats sit for painters (7)
2. This royal Harry follows six others (5,3,7)
3. Patriot, Irishman leaves donnybrook (4)
4. Discussion group upsets marines (7)
5. Sing about relatives going downhill (7)
6. Resistance units lead on Her Majesty's service (4)
7. Gathering of army officers at the United Nations Council (7,8)
8. Man of letters needs no stamp (7)
13. One hundred and fifty Romans are found in Irish county (5)
14. Wager about Queen for French cap (5)
17. Odd duel Brad called resulted in a disastrous defeat (7)
18. Remove perfume on the way down (7)
19. Briefly looks at lance held by Gilbert & Sullivan (7)
20. Sid turns up to nurse swell (7)
24. Father Brown conceals fragrant plant (4)
25. First such television and radio celebrity (4)

Last week's solution



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STARS

WITH LILITH

NO TIME FOR LOOKING BACKWARDS AS THIS WEEK LAUNCHES BENEFICIAL JUPITER AND MERCURY PLANET OF COMMUNICATION INTO AQUARIUS, SIGN OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGY. PLUS SWEET VENUS INTO SENSITIVE, PSYCHIC PISCES – GOOD NEW YEAR NEWS FOR LOVERS. ESPECIALLY PISCAN LOVERS...

ARIES: With your ruling planet Mars excellently placed in its most purposeful position, Ar-ies are entering a life phase of responsible leadership – yes, yours. Avoid alienating others by making decisions without consulting them, and channel your softer, sweeter side for holiday harmony and good cheer in the coming year.

TAURUS: This week brings an energetic tug of war between the comfort of doing things the same old familiar way and embracing a fresh perspective. You're not ones to make mistakes of impulse, but right now it's definitely worth listening to expansive ideas and considering unusual options.

GEMINI: The coming year promises an exciting ride for Geminis, with this week auspicious for sitting down and writing (yes actually writing, not just talking about them) your goals and resolves for the year. Plus deleting the odd outdated program from your personal files...

CANCER: This year engulfs Cancerian comfort structures in wild waves of change, but no need to stress when fortune-bringing Jupiter just won't stop presenting you with all kinds of inviting alternatives. January emphasises teamwork, partnerships and choosing the options most likely to increase your abundance.

LEO: Someone from the past looks set to reappear this week and either give your self esteem a huge reboot or help you lay some solid groundwork for the coming year – while the whole of January highlights your health

and suggests paying it some quality attention.

VIRGO: January's highly social star mix has you involved with larger groups of people than usual. And with Venus in an easy, complaisant mood, this is the perfect week to start generating the regular doses of joy that are an absolute must for Virgos this year.

LIBRA: If an attack of plastic-flashing comes on at the new year sales, this week's smart money okays home improvement purchases but not sheer indulgence, big ticket buys. Your stars suggest one of your creative gifts could make you a truckload of money this year, so which one is it?

SCORPIO: This week's tailor made for reviewing what the last twelve months have given you and what you've contributed. Then accepting change is inevitable and being prepared to move beyond what you already know, because the answers you want lie in unfamiliar territory.

SAGITTARIUS: Archers don't do slow so well, but right now a thoughtful cruise beats a head-long gallop. Finance and money are your January buzzwords – and when your passion for in-

dependence meets the stop sign of responsible decision-making you'll need to be extremely discerning and selective.

CAPRICORN: Sun/Pluto begin Capricorn is your power passage into a highly transformative year, with the wow factor continuing through January's emphasis on socializing, leadership, popularity and prestige, with even those defects and shortcomings (the ones you don't believe you have) working for you this week.

AQUARIUS: With Mercury and Jupiter bringing Aquarians more bounce to the ounce, this week's astro news couldn't be better. Fortune-bringing Jupiter's presenting you with new booty and career opportunities, while social contacts and connections provide the exact information you need to know.

PISCES: This is one of the year's best weeks for recycling, replacing, giving away or just plain chucking. And speaking of tweaking, also reconsidering friendships that drain your energy, because Venus in your sign wants you focusing on helpful people and opportunities for the coming month.

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The Grand Prix tournament which concluded in Elista, Russia, last week, provided a clear indication that the world body FIDE will have to do better if they are to eliminate the scourge of top level chess – the short draw.

Recent rules changes make it possible for tournament organisers to outlaw agreed draws but the new rules still allow players to repeat a position three times and thus draw their game. The repetition need not be forced; both players can make a tacit agreement to mark time.

At the Elista Grand Prix, after 10 of the 13 rounds, almost all the players seemed satisfied with their tournament standings so all but three games in the final three rounds were drawn, some in very short order. (The three wins were registered by tailenders.) The arbiters had the right to step in and insist that the players continue to fight but none

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had the courage to do so.

The outcome was a disappointing three-way tie for first and a huge pack in the middle of the field.

FIDE intend to formally change the rules for draws in 2009 but it seems that their solution – barring agreed draws only – is pointless if the players are determined to find a way to draw.

The top players argue that they are too financially insecure to fight in every game and if they can secure a certain prize with a draw they should be allowed to do so if their opponent is agreeable.

The counter-argument is that chess is nowadays a spectator sport, especially on the internet, and that short draws drive away the audience and therefore potential sponsors. How, it is argued, would spectators feel if Australia

and South Africa concluded a truce after only two days of the third Test instead of playing hard for all five days.

There is now a strong argument for FIDE turning to the alternative model of banning all draws before a certain move number – usually move 30 or 40. Recent tests of this rule have been successful – most notably the exciting finish of the 2008 Doeberl Cup in Canberra – except at the Dresden Olympiad, where an exemption for repetitions left a gaping hole through which some top players leaped. Nonetheless, even in Dresden the short draw count was dramatically reduced.

This week's game comes from one of the winners of the Elista Grand Prix, with Teimour Radjabov breathing new life into an old attacking line.

Elista 2008

White: T Radjabov

Black: R Kasimdzhanov

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Kb1 Hoping for 13...Nc4? 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.b3 Rc5? 16.Ne6!! which cost David Smerdon a point at the recent Dresden Olympiad. 13...Re8 14.g4!? hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Bh6 Kh7 16...e6 is safer. 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.fxg4 Bxg4 19.Nf5+! Bxf5 19...gxf5 20.Qg5+ is too risky for Black. 20.exf5 Rh8 21.fxg6 Nxg6 22.Ne4 Nf6 23.Rdf1 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 d5 25.Nxf6 Kxf6 26.Qf2+ Kg7 27.Rf1 f6 28.Qf5! All this was prepared at home by Radjabov, who mentioned that 28... Rc5 was now Black's only chance. 28... Rc6? 29.Rg1! Qe8 30.Bxd5 Rc5 31.Qe6 Rb5 32.c4 Rb6 33.Qh3 e6 34.Bf3 Qd8 35.Qg2 1-0

■ January 2009 Australian rankings (top 12): 1.Zhao Zong Yuan (N) 2577; 2.Smerdon (ACT) 2463; 3.Solomon (Q) 2460; 4.Johansen (V) 2455; 5.Goldenberg (V) 2398; 6.Xie (N) 2397; 7.Ambrus (ACT) 2375; 8.Lane (N) 2371; 9.West (V) 2346; 10.Wohl (N) 2342; 11.Ly (Q) 2340; 12.Bjelobrk (N) 2332.

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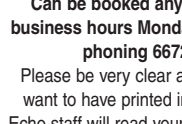
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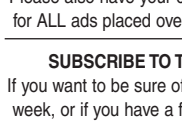


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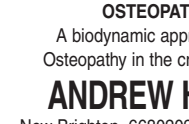
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Murwillumbah Probus Club meets 10am January 19 at the bowls club. Guest speaker Myrtle Evans will talk about her trip to Uzbekistan. Seats available for January 26 tour of Stokers Siding area. Bus leaves bowls club at 10.30am. Cost is \$30 including lunch at Uki Hotel with brief Australia Day ceremony.

Palliative support
Tweed Palliative Support Inc will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday, January 27, at 10am at Lillipilli Cottage, 12 Baromi Road, Murwillumbah. All members of the public are welcome. For further information call (02) 6672 8459.

Friendship Force
Winner of the Friendship Force Tweed Valley Christmas hamper was Cathy Gresham, of Murwillumbah.

Lions Club
Lions Club of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads will hold its first Dinner Meeting for 2009, on Tuesday, January 20, at the Senior Citizens Centre, Coolangatta, from 6.45pm (NSW) for Fellowship followed by dinner half hour afterwards. Visiting Lions welcome, notify intention to attend to Ian Manwaring 07 5536 4450.

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Pensioners
Tweed Pensioner Action Group's next meeting is to be held at 2pm DST, January 13 at the South Tweed Sports Club. Please bring along another pensioner and let's build our numbers.

Spirituality
To register interest in a spiritual gathering (not a church) call Ken on 02 6674 2943 or email casey1227@bigpond.com. No collection, no selling.

Cudgen Headland SLSC
Patrols have been busy over the holiday season with large numbers patronising the beach. A total of 65 preventative actions were recorded and one rescue last Sunday morning. Dangerous surf conditions last Saturday forced the cancellation of the Ocean Assault age finals at Southport in which Cudgen had finalists. Also conditions at Brunswick were similar for the Masters carnival. The NSW Country team tour to New Zealand has five Cudgen competitors and two officials who left last Friday and will return in time to compete in the Country titles at Tacking Point, Port Macquarie on January 17-18. The masters competitors entries are posted on the club notice board. This weekend the surf boat crews will compete in round 5 of the North Coast series

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st Sat

Brunswick Heads (02) 6684 4437

1st Sat

8-11amCasuarina Farmers' Market

0414 777 432

1st Sat

Murwillumbah Cottage Markets

0417 759 777

1st Sun

Banora Point Farmers' Market

0417 759 777

1st Sun

Byron Bay (02) 6680 9703

1st Sun

Pottsville (02) 6676 4555

1st Sun

Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714

2nd Sat

Kingscliff (02) 6674 0827

2nd Sun

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2nd Sun

Chillingham (02) 6679 1284

2nd Sun

Lennox Head (02) 6672 2874

2nd Sun

Coolangatta (07) 5533 8202

2nd Sun

Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714

3rd Sat

8-11amCasuarina Farmers' Market

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3rd Sat

Mullumbimby (02) 6684 3370

3rd Sat

Murwillumbah Cottage Markets

0417 759 777

3rd Sun

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3rd Sun

Banora Point Farmers' Market

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3rd Sun

Nimbin (02) 6689 0000

3rd Sun

Pottsville (02) 6676 4555

3rd Sun

Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714

3rd Sun

Uki (02) 6679 9026

4th Sat

Kingscliff (02) 6674 0827

4th Sun

Bangalow (02) 6687 1911

4th Sun (in 5 Sun month)

Coolangatta

(07) 5533 8202

4th Sun

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4th Sun

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5th Sun

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Each Thu

8-11amByron Bay (02) 6687 1137

Each Tue

New Brighton (02)6684 5390

Each Sat

8am-1pmUki (02) 6679 5530

at Woolgoolga on Saturday and the juniors at the Fingal carnival on Sunday. Pointscore results (4.1.09) Surf: 1. Heike Capper, 2. Chris O'Callaghan, 3. Craig Spears. Board: 1. Karen Powell, 2. Paul Capper, 3. Jan Gielis. The annual car competition will be finalised at the surf club on Sunday, January 25. Tickets may be purchased at the club or from senior members. Members are reminded to return their books early.

Free food
Free food will again be handed out to the needy at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour near the memorial at 12.30pm DST next Wednesday, January 14. Organiser Terri Bradley thanked donors of groceries in the past, saying she hoped they could continue to help. To help or for further info, call Terri on 0414 376 057.

TIDE TIMES							
PHASES OF THE MOON							
First Quarter		3rd Feb	9.13 am				
Aquarius Full Moon		10th Feb	12.49 am				
Last Quarter		17th Feb	7.37 am				
New Moon		25th Feb	11.35 am				
FRI 9th	High	7.11 am	1.8	Sunrise	5.57 am		
	Low	7.58 pm	1.2	Sunset	7.48 pm		
		12.31 am	0.4	Moonrise	6.04 pm		
		2.02 pm	0.2	Moonset	3.14 am		
SAT 10th	High	8.06 am	1.9	Sunrise	5.58 am		
	Low	8.54 pm	1.3	Sunset	7.48 pm		
		1.30 am	0.4	Moonrise	7.07 pm		
		2.57 pm	0.1	Moonset	4.20 am		
SUN 11th	High	9.00 am	2.0	Sunrise	5.56 am		
	Low	9.47 pm	1.4	Sunset	8.09 pm		
		2.27 am	0.3	Moonrise	8.24 pm		
		3.49 pm	0.7	Moonset	5.28 am		
MON 12th	High	9.52 am	2.0	Sunrise	5.59 am		
	Low	10.37 pm	1.4	Sunset	7.48 pm		
		3.21 am	0.3	Moonrise	8.48 pm		
		3.49 pm	0.1	Moonset	6.46 am		
TUE 13th	High	10.42 am	2.0	Sunrise	6.00 am		
	Low	11.26 pm	1.4	Sunset	7.48 pm		
		4.15 am	0.3	Moonrise	9.28 pm		
		5.25 pm	0.1	Moonset	7.57 am		
WED 14th	High	11.30 am	1.5	Sunrise	6.01 am		
	Low	5.08 am	0.3	Sunset	7.48 pm		
		6.09 pm	0.1	Moonrise	10.03 pm		
		12.14 am	1.4	Sunrise	6.02 am		
THU 15th	High	12.17 pm	1.7	Sunset	7.48 pm		
	Low	6.01 am	0.3	Moonrise	10.36 pm		
		6.50 pm	0.2	Moonset	10.08 am		
Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.							
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Rookie Mayor Joan van Lieshout put the cat among the pigeons when she reportedly told Jack Evans Boat Harbour stalwart Stephanie Deane that wobbly shopping centre giant Centro was nervous about delays in approving the part closure of Bay Street. But she denies saying that the company already had a DA completed and 'sitting on a desk in council, waiting for the green light.' Ms van Lieshout says she now 'intends to get up to speed with projects' by forming a closer working relationship with general manager Mike Rayner, including weekly meetings. 'It's time we made decisions together, these things have to become a partnership,' she ventured. For the record, the council denies any desk-sightings of the DA.

Ms Deane, a member of Save the Jack Evans Harbour committee, says her antenna is twitching after learning from a belated release of council documents that the Administrators attempted to quietly close the street in March 2007 following overtures from Centro. The deal was knocked on the head 16 months ago after Council's own solicitors advised that issues such as ICAC guidelines, direct negotiations and the exclusion of competition could lead to perceptions of improper conduct. The solicitors advised the council to adopt a probity plan which some new councillors are still grappling with and remains secret.

Terry Sharples, the retired Tweed Heads accountant who failed in his bid to overturn council's seven-year rate plan, is no stranger to the court process, having played a leading role in the demise of One Nation founder, Pauline Hanson. Mr Sharples is a political activist who has contested state elections in Queensland and NSW. In 1988 he took Ms Hanson to



Echo photographer Jeff 'Rocks Don't Roll' Dawson stumbled across these little man-made rock formations near Mt Warning Road just after the first crossing of the Tweed River. Jeff said 'someone spent a lot of time on these... it's a very tranquil setting and has a Japanese garden feel to them.'

court in a similar public interest case for electoral fraud, but in this instance he won. He admits escalating costs may have prevented his appeal in the current case from going the distance if it had not been for a chance encounter with long-time council nemesis Stephen Segal, a Gales Holdings director, who was involved in another legal dispute with the council at the time. Dr Segal said he agreed to help with the costs after his own solicitors examined Mr Sharples's case and concluded that it had merit.

Mr Sharples, a former One Nation candidate, contested the seat of Tweed against Labor's Neville Newell years ago, but under a different name. Mr Sharples changed his name by deed poll to Ned Kelly, perhaps inspired by the famous bush-ranger, but has since changed it back.

The operator of an Adelaide-based jet-boat business may have to wait a little longer before realising his ambition to pioneer jet-boat sight-seeing tours of the Tweed River. Cr Barry Longland will be asking colleagues to put the venture on the back burner again while a study into the environmental

impacts of power boats on the Tweed River is held, focusing on noise and riverbank erosion. The operator insists his craft leaves no wake, noise is muffled by underwater exhausts and thrill-manoeuvres are confined to the sea. The deputy mayor says he wants the Tweed River Committee to oversee an expedited study into the impacts of jet-skiers, wake-boarders and water skiers whose ranks, he notes ominously, include Queenslanders who are banned from their home rivers. His comments are certain to galvanise the skiing brigades who flock to Chinderah and Tumbulgum and the businesses which depend on them.

For those wondering whatever happened to the Tweed's parking inspectors, who seem to be keeping out of sight these days, *Backburner* advises that Tweed Shire Council has two parking inspectors who patrol time-marked parking spaces on a random basis around the shire. The inspectors, council says, still patrol on foot but use 'a car and a camera in areas where they can't easily pull off the road'. So there you are, you don't have to find a ticket on your windscreen these days to know if you've been booked

for parking over the limit. The infringement notice is sent in the mail and, in the event the charge is defended in court, a digital timed photo of the offending vehicle is produced. So don't be lulled into thinking you won't get booked just because you can't see any inspectors patrolling the streets.

Backburner was puzzled to see a press release recently announcing the launch of a major event on the 'New Tweed Coast' next year. Did we miss something? What's new about the coast? A quick call to the public relations firm responsible and the answer came back that the developers of the Salt and Casuarina housing estates were trying to promote the area as a 'new resort' destination with restaurants, entertainment etc. Very gimmicky, we thought, and it was heartening to see other local media did not buy it, continuing to use the correct geographical term. All this reinvention (like the New Labour Party in the UK) is just about an image makeover... next thing you know we'll have an 'As New Pottsville', 'Near-new Cabarita' or perhaps 'Pre-loved Fingal Head'? And what about New Brighton - will it ever get old?

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