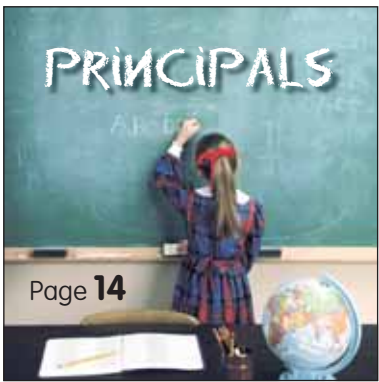




LOCAL & INDEPENDENT



Land-use changes mooted in shire's new plan

Ken Sapwell

Tweed Shire Council has unveiled a new draft shirewide local environment plan (LEP) which includes significant changes to land zonings and the type of developments allowed within them.

The LEP 2008 stage one slashes by a third the number of zoning classifications from 34 to 24 in line with a NSW government push for a standardised approach.

The draft plan also changes the proscribed land uses allowed within zonings in a move which is tipped to upset some property owners.

It also contains provisions aimed at ending legal disputes and disharmony between communities and developers over building heights.

Under the changes, building heights will no longer be designated by the number of stories but by a vertical height measured in metres in a bid to remove grey areas which have been long exploited by developers (see story page 2).

The plan doesn't include any major new land releases after a study found the shire has sufficient greenfield sites – mainly at Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest – to accommodate population growth over the next 25 years.

Two significant areas have been excluded from the plan. They are the Tweed Heads central business district which will be subject to a stand-alone LEP after the government concludes a heights and density review and a satellite city at Kings Forest which will be subject to a government-approved concept plan which overrides the LEP.

The council rejected Gales Holdings's request to exclude their vast land holdings at Kingscliff from the LEP, voting instead to attend a briefing on the long-running dispute over zonings which is thwarting the company's plans for a regional shopping centre.

Chief planner Vince Connell told the council that exclusion of Gales' land from the LEP would require Department of Planning approval which could push back public exhibition of the plan by months.

He said the department did not favour further zoning changes to Gales's land before exhibition and had warned that it would take control of the LEP process if the draft was not finished by March. The land, comprising 220 hectares between Kingscliff and Chinderah, contains a mix of rural, special uses, residential and industrial zones and is the biggest undeveloped site in the shire.

Gales, who wants the zonings changed to accommodate a Robina-style district shopping centre, asked the council to exclude their site from the LEP while the zoning issues were thrashed out.

Mr Connell said Gales's dissatisfaction with the council's zoning stemmed from a switch in strategies three years ago.

An earlier retail strategy supported a district shopping centre in the Kingscliff area and identified Gales land as being one of the preferred options. But council's subsequent adoption of its shirewide retail strategy in 2005

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Lack of funding may stop seniors getting on the tiles

Luis Feliu

Up to 100 Tweed seniors face the loss of one of their much-cherished weekly activities at the Banora Point Community Centre.

The centre runs a senior program of regular activities with up to 100 members participating in a range of pastimes on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays such as gentle exercise, card playing, card making, Scrabble, Mah Jong, scrapbooking, jewellery and stretch-your-mind activities.

For the past two years, this social outlet for seniors has been supported and funded by the registered clubs of the Tweed through the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme.

Program co-ordinator Lyn Porter said she had been told funding for the ongoing program, which paid her wages, would no longer be available from February 21.

'If there's no-one to coordinate or oversee the many activities or get new

people involved then it will slowly dwindle away,' she told *The Echo*.

'I'm concerned because it's the only social outlet for many of them, and a lot of elderly people with physical disabilities also come in.'

Tweed Shire Council's community development officer Jenni Funari, who helped set up the program, said the Tweed's registered club had been 'very generous' in supporting the program to the tune of around \$20,000 for the past two years, with the funding for the current coordinator's job expiring on February 21.

Ms Funari said the club had managed a small amount of funding for 2009 but were unsure if they could continue to support it.

The program started after Council identified a need for social contact among the many seniors living in Banora Point and set about finding a funding source which the CDSE granted.

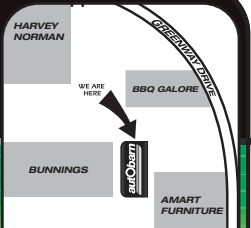
Council also helped the program in its ongoing search for funding.



Banora Point Community Centre seniors program participants Lola Bishop (left) and Anne Bennett tussle over a game of Scrabble as project coordinator Lyn Porter looks on. Photo Jeff 'Four Letter' Dawson

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LEP papers fight over frogs and snails

Ken Sapwell

A bunfight over the identity of a frog's mating calls and the extinction of a rare snail population provide an insight into a long running legal dispute involving Tweed Shire Council and the shire's biggest land-owners, Gales Holdings.

The frog-and-snail imbroglio centres on just one parcel of Gales's extensive holdings between Kingscliff and Chinderah which have been the subject of rezoning battles ever since the company acquired them seven years ago.

Conflicting claims about the frog's identity and the fate of the snails typifies the complexities involved in a string of court cases initiated by the company in a so far failed bid to rezone the bulk of their land for a district shopping centre.

In a LEP submission, Gales questions whether croaks emanating from their land in the heart of Kingscliff come from a common frog or the threatened wallum sedge froglet, which famously stalled construction of the Tugun bypass.

The frog's identity, crucial in deciding what parts of the company's land around Turnock Street should be zoned for environmental protection, has

been confused with another frog thriving in a soggy marsh created by council road works, the submission says.

It says council's ecology consultant, Peter Parker [not to be confused with Spiderman's alter ego], reported hearing hundreds of calls from the threatened froglet on its land north of Turnock Street in 2003 and that he still sticks by his claim.

But the following summer,

when the company's own ecologist carried out a check of the site, he 'failed to detect a single definitive call from this species'. Instead, the submissions says, what Peter Parker probably heard was the call of a common frog which was similar and often confused with his threatened cousin.

The company contends the area only became a prime frog habitat after the council

constructed Turnock Street, changing water flows which it claims also caused the extinction of a local population of rare and endangered Mitchell rainforest snails.

The council maintains it was caused by illegal drainage work but Queensland Museum snail expert Dr John Stanicic has blamed the council for drowning the snails in court testimony on the company's behalf.

Stricter height controls welcomed

Stricter height controls contained in the draft LEP for the Tweed have been welcomed by a Kingscliff resident whose views have been blocked by a three-storey development which has blatantly overstepped the mark.

Vicki Sterne says the unit development in Seaview Street has exceeded its approved height limit by up to 2.4 metres, blocking her views and restricting those of others that should have been retained under the council-approved plan.

Ms Sterne said her family was willing to accept some loss of views but now found the building's new design had completely obliterated their ocean vistas.

But despite stop-work orders issued by the council back in November, the developer had continued with construction while he applied to the council to approve a variation to allow the new heights to remain.

The council rejected the section 96 application and directed solicitors to initiate legal action to have the unauthorised work rectified.

Ms Sterne says the developer has now lodged a second 96 application which contains some minor modifications but which still do not overcome the loss of views.

'All we want is the developer to conform to his original consent,' a frustrated Ms Sterne said yesterday.

'The section 96 application means that the whole process starts again with residents having to prepare objections and the whole thing going back to the council.

'It's stressful and time consuming and is using up a lot of valuable council resources.'

Ms Sterne said the debacle put the spotlight on the role played by private certifiers.

'They are supposed to be checking that the building conforms throughout construction but in this case it appears they've not done their job.'

Ms Sterne praised council planners for the proactive approach they took once they recognised that the developer had ignored the original plans.

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Work begins on Skateboard park

Ken Sapwell

Work has finally begun on building Tweed Heads' first skateboard park – more than five years after a group of youngsters initiated plans for the facility.

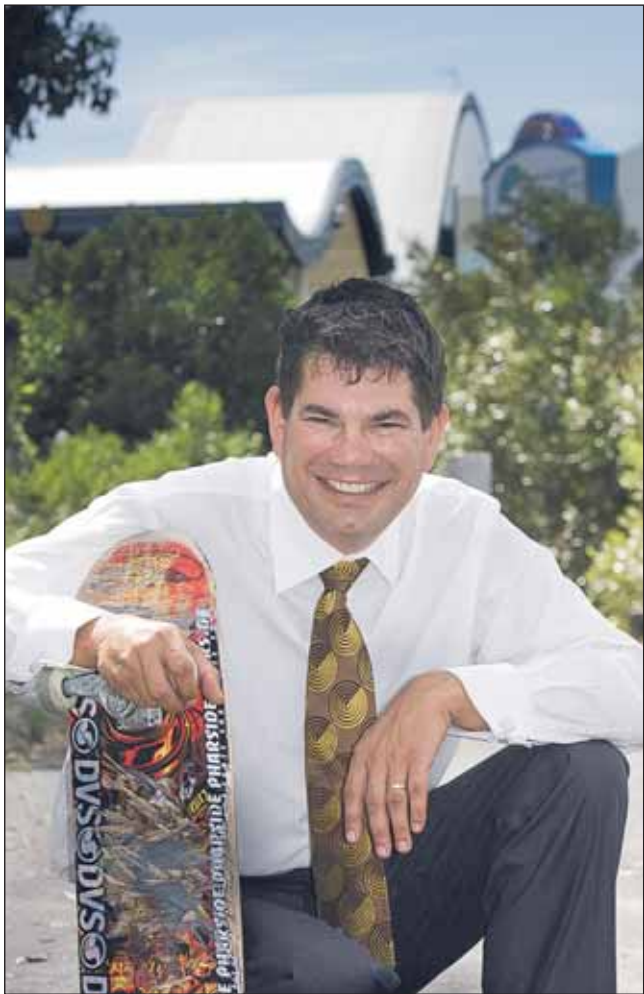
Tweed Mayor Joan van Lieshout and two youth advocates who helped nurture the project, Phil Mallon and Daphne White, were among those who watched the first sod being turned on land near the Tweed River High School.

Absent at the ceremony on Tuesday were the youngsters who have now turned into adults since they first stood up before Tweed Shire Council in September 2004 to make an impassioned plea for a park dedicated to skateboarding.

Although they were given a green light, their early optimism was dashed after being betrayed by broken funding promises and political infighting which saw a federal grant withdrawn at the 11th hour.

But the long-stalled project managed to get back on track last year with a \$75,000 contribution from Tweed clubs, \$175,000 from the council and \$30,000 from the NSW government to smooth the way for this week's start.

It was an emotional moment for both Cabarita Sports Club boss, Phil Mallon and local



Cabarita Sports Club boss Phil Mallon at the site of the Tweed Heads skateboard park he helped lobby for. Photographer Jeff Dawson noted a 'prototype design' for the skate park on the building in the background (skateboard courtesy Pharside).

resident, Daphne White, 80, who mentored the youngsters in their ongoing efforts to turn their dream into a reality.

Mr Mallon took the youngsters under his wing five years ago when he was second in charge at the Tweed Heads Sports Cub and members began complaining about them skateboarding in the club car

park and surrounding streets.

'It's wonderful to see all the efforts and work by those beautiful kids finally come to fruition despite all the unforeseen challenges,' he said.

'They desperately wanted somewhere they could practise their skateboarding without being hounded by residents and security guards. I took

them into the club and gave them chips and drinks while we discussed ways for them to achieve their goal.

'They drew up their own plans and fronted the council to present their case and they deserve all the praise for what they have finally achieved.'

Ms White also praised the youngsters' efforts in the face of obstacles, including people who were opposed to the site of the skateboard park.

'They are wonderful people – they used to skateboard in my street and helped keep an eye on some of my neighbours who lived alone,' she said.



Project supporter Daphne White at the site of the Tweed Heads skateboard park.

Land-use changes in LEP

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superceded its earlier support for a Kingscliff centre and opted instead to retain Tweed Heads and Tweed Heads south as the shire's shopping hubs.

Mr Connell said the community's best interests would be served if the plan went on exhibition now while council staff worked with Gales in a bid to resolve the disagreements

over the current zonings.

He said because of its importance, the exhibition period should be extended from the minimum 28 days to 60 days to allow the community time to properly review and understand the draft.

The plan, which will eventually replace the LEP 2000, has been under preparation for more than two years.



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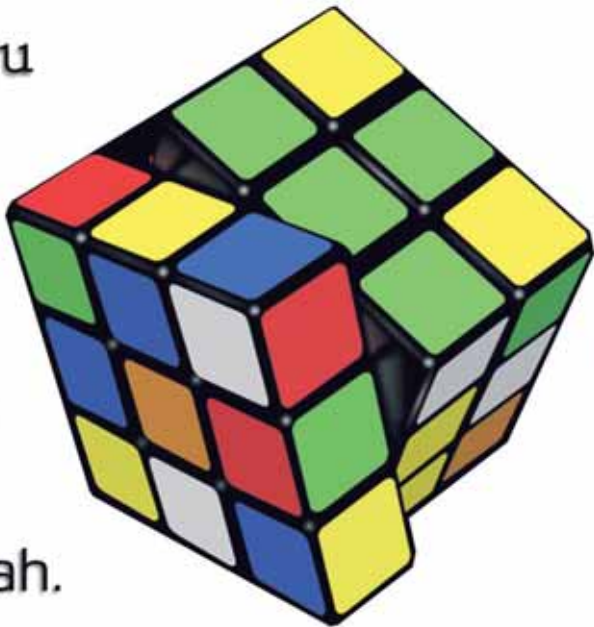


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Hundreds rally against sell-off

Ken Sapwell

Tweed Shire Council's general manager, Mike Rayner, braved a crowd of more than 300 people protesting against the proposed closure and sale of part of Bay Street on Saturday to deny that any secret deals were involved.

Rally organisers invited Mr Rayner to stand on the back of a tray-top truck parked in the Chris Cunningham Park to speak to a bigger-than-expected turnout of people upset over the sale and possible loss of up to 4,000 square metres of parkland and dozens of trees.

In an address of just a few minutes, he gave a brief history of previous street-sale plans over the past 14 years, culminating in the latest initiated by shopping centre giant Centro and developer Walker Corp.

'We said we were not going to talk to them until we got legal advice and finally we got a probity plan,' he said amid a sudden downpour of rain turning placards into umbrellas.

'The council has now gone out to the community to ask them what they think - there is no suggestion of secret deals. That has not occurred.'

Mr Rayner later side-stepped questions about the

likely community benefits of any closure and did not dispute line markings on the grass which indicated a wide swathe of park would also disappear in a realignment of Bay Street, contrary to council claims.

He was one of about a dozen speakers, including children, upset about a lack of plans

office had banned rally organisers from collecting petitions within the grounds of their shopping centre and car park.

Organisers, who underestimated the number of people attending, quickly ran out of the 280 objection forms they had prepared for people to lodge a submission by the February 13 deadline.

No secret deals, says GM

showing how Centro's proposed high rise tower would achieve the so-called commercial activation of Bay Street and how it will impact on the park across the road.

Tweed MP Geoff Provest described it as the 'thin-edge of the wedge for those trying to make a fast buck at the people's expense', adding that anything involved with public land should be 'clear, open and transparent'.

The Tweed Heads CBD was undergoing a massive amount of growth which would see the town's population double, and the last thing people should be doing was sacrificing their green space, he said.

The mood of the meeting soured when a residents' spokesman, Laurie Ganter, revealed that Centro's Sydney

Save Jack Evans Boatharbour secretary Stephanie Deane said Centro's plans to build on part of Bay Street were contrary to the Master Plan for Tweed Heads which showed two high rise towers over the top of its existing building.

She said yesterday that residents recognised that the façade of the shopping centre in Bay Street was an eyesore and needed to be spruced up, perhaps with one of the walls dedicated to an Aboriginal mural.

She said residents might also be amenable to the original concept put up in 1994 which involved an overhead platform above Bay Street providing an area for al fresco dining with a stairway linking it to the park.

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Creek erosion upsets nature lover

Luis Feliu

Retired mechanic Col Davies has paddled up Cudgen Creek in his kayak almost every morning for the past 15 years. The 68-year-old Kingscliff resident, who has an obvious passion for his natural environment, enjoys the company of sea eagles, ospreys and Brahminy kites on his trips. He sees lots of things on his 10-kilometre round journey but when he first noticed erosion on the banks of the creek at the Seaside City residential estate site four months ago, he knew it was manmade and not natural water erosion. 'I first noticed it at the same time the developer there had been cutting trees down, you could see the banks starting to go,' Mr Davies said. 'They cleared all the top off and cleared along the edge of the bank which is where the problem lies, as when they did it, it subsided. 'When I went up after a big rain you could see the water coming down over the side because there were no trees to stop it running down there. 'The top of it is okay but that's not the problem, it's the bank itself because the water just runs off. When he first noticed it, Mr Davies rang Tweed Shire Council but he claims 'no-one



Col Davies at the site of the water erosion on the banks of Cudgen Creek beneath the Seaside City residential subdivision site. Photo by Jeff 'Sandgroper' Dawson

wanted to know' and he got the 'fob off'. Then he said he rang about five different government departments but only got one satisfactory response, from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, which sent two officers to inspect the erosion. 'I didn't hear back for a while so I then rang a council officer, who told me the developer had not cut down casuarina trees but only weeds, yet they certainly cut down casuarinas,' he said. 'I suggested they should have

used matting on the banks to stop the erosion but the officer told me that was too expensive – but they should have put matting down in the first place,' he said. A council spokesperson told *The Echo* that council officers conducted a site meeting on Tuesday with the developers and 'was pleased to see they were exceeding the performance criteria in terms of the vegetation management plan'. The spokesperson said that the Kingscliff Ratepayers Association visited the site and

'were also very happy'. But Mr Davies said the ratepayer representatives were not taken to the site of the actual erosion and stopped about 50 metres short of it. Ratepayers association president Peter Gladwin said yesterday that the association would be happy 'if what they said had been done was done'. Mr Gladwin said the association preferred trees rather than grasses planted in the area above the bank where the slippage had occurred and that he understood 'at this stage that has not happened'.

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All in a flap about women



Putting on the ritz. Next month's Wonders of Women Gala Ball has a Gatsby theme and getting into the mood early to promote the event were John Asby from the Family Centre, Trudy O'Dwyer and Bozana Tolo (front) from the Tweed Shire Women's Service.

Eve Jeffery

The Murwillumbah Civic Centre is getting ready to step back in time when a horde of gangsters and flappers strut their pinstripes and boas at the inaugural Wonders of Women Gala Ball next month.

The event will be held at the centre on Saturday, March 7, and coincides with International Women's Day, an occasion when globally we celebrate the accomplishments that women have made over the years and to bring attention to current issues still facing women across the world.

The ball will have a 'Gatsby' theme with pinstripe gangster suits, fringed flapper dresses and long flowing boas.

The ball will host the inaugural Wonders of Women Achievement Awards in seven categories – legal and law, education, health, arts and music, culture, indigenous, community and welfare – giving the community an opportunity to nominate women they think have made an outstanding contribution locally.

The awards will be presented at the ball by Tweed Mayor Joan van Lieshout.

Nominations for the awards close at 4pm on February 18 and nomination forms are available at Tweed Shire Council's Murwillumbah and Tweed offices, The Family Centre, Tweed Shire Women's Service or online at www.tswomen.org.au.

Tweed Shire Women's Service manager Tracy Asby said the purpose of the gala ball was to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of women in the Tweed Shire and the outstanding work being undertaken.

Ms Asby said the \$60 per head ticket includes a three-course meal, two complimentary drinks and entertainment by Elizabeth Lord and her swing band.

Tickets for the ball can be purchased at Tweed Shire Women's Service, corner of Nullum and Prince Street, Murwillumbah.

For further information call the women's service office on 02 6672 4188 or email admin@tswomen.org.au

Tunnel in fine shape, says Qld Main Roads

The Queensland Government has denied *The Echo's* front page story last week claiming the Tugun bypass tunnel was showing signs of acid corrosion.

A spokesperson from Main Roads said the allegations about an acid run-off from the tunnel were 'simply not true' and 'taken very seriously' by the department.

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is the owner of the tunnel and all roadworks south of the border, but Qld Main Roads is charged with maintaining and operating these works until 2018.

'The Tugun Bypass tunnel has a design life of 100 years and has been built to withstand the characteristics of its environment. Like tunnels throughout the world with high water tables, it was designed to sustain minor water leakage, which is the case here,' the spokesperson told *The Echo*.

'This form of leak is not acid corrosion and does not undermine the longterm integrity of the tunnel. There are no known threats from the tunnel to the Cobaki broadwater.'

The Main Roads spokesperson said the department considered environmental management and conservation to be 'one of its highest priorities'.

'The Tugun Bypass is operating under some of the strictest environmental controls of any project ever undertaken by Main Roads. These were also in place during construction,' the spokesperson said.

'Main Roads, through constructors PacificLink Alliance, monitored groundwater continually since work started in April 2006.

'As part of this monitoring, testing results are submitted regularly to the relevant NSW environmental authorities – there is nothing to hide.

'Claims that there have been huge discrepancies between the figures in Queensland Main Roads' final construction compliance report (CCR) and those provided from various monitoring points are also untrue.

'Two small localised areas in the vicinity of the tunnel were showing signs of low pH during construction. These were attributed to reduced water

levels as a result of the tunnel construction, the extended period of drought prior to 2007 and airport infrastructure works in the area.

'Natural groundwater flows have resumed over, under and around the tunnel since February last year. Monitoring has indicated water levels, pH and heavy metals have returned to within acceptable ranges with relatively consistent readings over the past few months.

'The results of the monitoring have been, and continue to be, discussed with industry specialists, and the Queensland, NSW and Federal environmental agencies.

'A meeting was held by Main Roads and RTA with members of GECKO and other concerned parties in December last year to discuss the monitoring program.

'Main Roads also outlined its environmental monitoring and the results with the group so they would have an understanding of the data, which being scientific in nature can be complex and somewhat difficult to interpret,' the spokesperson said.



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Rally will be at odds with environment says sculptor

World rally opponent Ammun Luca (pictured), from Barkers Vale, is fearful about the event's impact on his local environment.

The sculptor and teacher moved to the area, just outside the southern Tweed Shire border where the route of the controversial motoring event is set to pass through, years ago because he fell in love with the Tweed caldera and surrounds.

But he feels the rally is 'diametrically opposed' to the values the area is promoted for.

'The federal government only recently declared the Mt Warning region as one of the country's iconic landscapes and it is promoted to tourists as an area of high-value conservation,' he told *The Echo*.

'But this is totally against all of that, there are lots of environmental issues involved.

'For example, Hanging Rock Creek near my place has been tested as one of the cleanest

creeks in the country with lots of platypus, but it will only take one car to crash into the drink and the oil spill would be enough to destroy the immediate environment and impact on wildlife.

'And there are many crossings on that creek and the route is expected to use Williams Road which goes through a wildlife refuge,' he said.

'They also want to use the spectacular world heritage national parks around here as a backdrop for the millions of global television viewers, so the messages are very mixed.

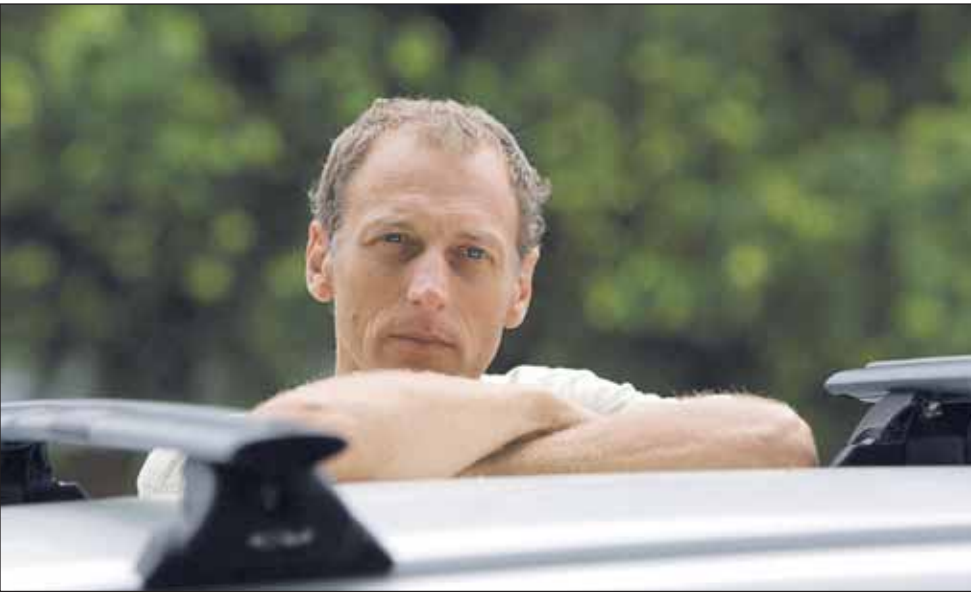
'Barkers Vale is also one of the last canetoad-free bastions on the north coast but that won't last long if this goes ahead.'

Mr Luca said rally organisers had targeted a 'weak' Kyogle Shire Council to help them promote the rally and that council was starting to promote the township as the 'gateway to the

world rally' rather than as the 'entrance to the pristine rain-forests of Australia' for which it was better known.

'Despite what organisers say, 90 per cent of people along Williams Road are opposed to the rally and the Hanging Rock Protection Group has been formed to fight it,' he said.

Mr Luca has designed a series of protest postcards about the event (see back page).



Kingscliff pit site to be occupied for a month

Ken Sapwell

Organisers of the World Rally Championships have told Kingscliff residents they intend to close part of Marine Parade for two days and occupy an adjoining beachfront park for a month.

Repco Rally Australia chief Gary Upson said an 800-metre stretch of park would be home to up to 60 competing vehicles during September 3 to 6 in what he hoped would be a bi-annual event over the next 10 years.

He said once the two-day road bash was over organisers would restore the site, including the compensatory planting of trees to replace 'dead trees' which would be removed to accommodate the cars.

Temporary infrastructure on the site would include up to 10 shipping containers, sundry trailers, several corporate marquees, a PA system, generator-powered lighting and vehicle service bays.

Alcohol will be banned and activities will cease by 9.30pm daily, with event marshals managing crowds and protecting local access points, he told members of local residents' association.

A development application to use the park would possibly be lodged sometime after March, with a decision by council expected around May.

Residents' association president Peter Gladwin says he remains concerned about the potential disruption to traffic and amenity resulting from the road closure and use of the

park close to homes to service competitors' cars.

He said the association would keep its powder dry until it saw the development application, but believed less disruptive locations existed elsewhere in the shire, possibly at Murwillumbah which has enthusiastically embraced Speed on Tweed events.

Mr Gladwin said the association had sought the views of the Local Government Department about council's decision to appoint its general manager, Mike Rayner, as a director to the rally board which some saw as a potential conflict of interest. The department advised it was outside its jurisdiction and the association should take the issue up with the council or its members.

Mr Rayner denies any conflict, saying he won't take part in assessing any development applications for the event and that his appointment would ensure benefits to the Tweed were maximised.

Organisers say the championships will generate millions in revenue and be viewed by around 816 million people in 180 countries.

Rally organisers will attend public meetings at Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Kyogle on Saturday when details of the proposed route, including details of road closures, will be given.

The meetings are at the Kingscliff Community Centre at 9am, Tweed Shire Council building in Murwillumbah at noon and Kyogle Town Hall at 4pm.

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(Real) Advice from Mrs Product Tester



Dear Mrs Product Tester,
My boyfriend Sammy wants to surprise me with a nice present, what sort of hint should I give him?
Cheryl

Dear Cheryl
I'm really glad you got to me before you let him loose – you never know what men will turn up with these days.
Now as we both know, there's nothing like a beautiful bunch of flowers and dinner at a fancy restaurant, however might I suggest the gift of travel. There are some lovely destinations to visit – Uki is lovely at this time of the year, or what about a night at Byron with a glider flight around Mt Warning. But if he's loaded, what about Paris, Venice and Rome – very romantic!
Now of course there are a few things you might need to help you make it an occasion to remember. As a matter of fact I heard about a shop called Outdoorism in the main street of Murwillumbah (the Paris end – you know – where the outdoor cafes are). This shop's got everything you'll need for travelling and adventure – backpacks and travel bags (plus extra bags for shopping), lightweight warm waterproof clothing (it may be a touch chilly in Europe at the moment), comfortable shoes, and all sorts of bits and pieces you'll need for your trip.
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Australia Day: we do need to talk

Michael McDonald

Australian of the Year, Aboriginal activist Mick Dodson, has called for debate on the appropriateness of January 26 as our national day of patriotic celebration.
Why PM Kevin Rudd met the call immediately with a 'respectful' no is not entirely clear. The debate is not his to deny or affirm; it is up to the people.
For many Aboriginal Australians January 26 is known as Invasion Day or Survival Day. It commemorates the day Captain Arthur Phillip, commander of the First Fleet, arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788 with 11 convict ships and claimed the eastern half of the continent for Great Britain, even though it was not Britain's to claim. Thereafter followed about 180 years of dispossession and murder of local tribes, so it's no wonder the date doesn't bring much joy to Aboriginal hearts.
Recognising January 26 as Australia Day is not a hugely time-honoured tradition. It wasn't until 1935 that the states and territories began to use that name to mark the date, and it was not until 1994 that it was celebrated consistently Australia-wide as a public holiday. See the full history at www.australiaday.org.au.
In any case, January 26 does not mark the creation of the



Keen Australia Day supporters at Tyalgum, photographed by Raylene Carlo.

nation known as Australia. That came on January 1, 1901, with the proclamation of Federation (www.cultureandrec-creation.gov.au/articles/federation). That would be a more logical occasion to recognise Australia Day, though you can also see the logical reluctance of authorities to want to stage celebrations immediately after the hangover of New Year's Eve.
The day imbued with the most emotion and flag-waving is Anzac Day, April 25. If you wanted to pick another day so charged, and equally involving bloody conflict ending in

failure, then it would be hard to go past December 3, when in 1854 the armed resistance of the Eureka Stockade miners was routed by 276 police and military personnel.
However, if you wanted a day that recognised the full value of all Australian citizens it would have to be May 27. On that day in 1967, in one of the few 'yes' votes since Federation, 90.77 per cent of Australians voted to change the Constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aborigines and to include them in the census.
That vote followed on from

growing outrage in the 1960s at the treatment of Aborigines, who gained the Commonwealth right to vote only in 1962 – and the right to vote in Queensland elections in 1965.
The point is that being proud of being part of Australia doesn't necessarily require celebration on January 26 or any other date for that matter. However, it does make sense as a gesture of reconciliation to the continent's first peoples to choose a day other than a reminder of brutish colonisation which has more to do with British history than the diverse nation we have become.

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We're some of the happiest people

Ken Sapwell

Tweed residents are among the happiest in the state, according to a survey which measures life satisfaction in 180 communities across Australia.

The Australian Unity Well-being Index report, compiled by Bob Cummins, professor of psychology at Deakin University, found that people living in the Tweed-Richmond area ranked in the top six in the state.

They had a wellbeing index of 77.62, while those living in Tweed Heads and the Tweed Coast scored marginally less with an index of 76.99.

The survey found that feelings of wellbeing in the two areas – along with the lower South Coast, Central Murrumbidgee, Hastings and Central Northern Sydney – were 'significantly' higher than people in the 41 other areas in NSW surveyed.

The unhappiest people were those living in inner Sydney and Sydney's Fairfield and Liverpool areas, who scored 71.57 and 71.75 on the index respectively.

Prof Cummings said the findings were in line with expectations. Past and present surveys show that the happiest communities are generally in rural Australia with popu-



This little Tweed toddler and mum certainly looked very happy as they splashed around the littlies pool at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre recently.

lations of fewer than 40,000 people.

The happiest regions also usually had an above-average proportion of elderly people who are consistently shown to be more contented than the young.

The report shows the combination of high density living, high numbers of young people, and high rates of immigrants in a community can be a recipe for disaffection.

'When people don't know the people living around them, it gives rise to bad thoughts,' Professor Cummins said. 'They don't feel as safe.'

The report combines data from surveys taken over six years, using an index to measure how people feel about aspects of their lives, including health, personal relationships, safety, standard of living, and community connection.

Prof Cummings said rural

people were generally happier because they felt more connected to their community and had a greater sense of belonging while residents of high-rise buildings often did not know the people next door.

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'Through this initiative, households will receive financial support to install rainwater tanks or greywater systems, which will reduce the use of drinking water,' she said.

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The war on drugs

A young woman overdosed at a Perth rock concert this week. Apparently she saw police with sniffer dogs approaching, panicked and consumed the three ecstasy tablets she was carrying. A little later she collapsed in the brutal heat of the open-air event and died in hospital. She was seventeen years old.

The war on drugs has claimed another life. No doubt the moral extremists will have their story ready. It was tragic, they'll say, but it's not the fault of our zero tolerance policy.

Yes, it is.

We treat drug use as a crime rather than a health issue. This puts people in gaol and sometimes kills them. Because we cannot think clearly about drugs and deal rationally with their impact on society, young people continue to die. We commit this cruelty because our lawmakers have been intimidated by the USA, which initiated the 'war on drugs'. As war is not made on inanimate objects the war on drugs is actually a war on drug users.

We commit this cruelty because we think drug-taking is sinful and sin equals crime. Notwithstanding the fact that we don't prosecute people for committing even the deadliest of sins, hardliners believe the drugtaker's slothful dreams deserve punishment. The religious position, that sensual pleasure from the material world is not to be trusted, is the unacknowledged source of most of the drug hysteria.

We commit this cruelty unaware that crooked police and drug lords grow rich on our stupidity. Systemic corruption has followed the war on drugs just as surely as it did the prohibition of alcohol in the USA ninety years ago.

It is not wise to take unprescribed drugs, and we do not recommend it. But it should surely not be a death sentence, which is all too frequently the result of treating drug abusers as dangerous criminals.

So a teenager in Perth, through a combination of fear, ignorance and foolishness, takes an unintentional overdose of ecstasy. She didn't deserve to find herself at the intersection of so many facets of bad policy. She didn't deserve to die.

Meanwhile the police trail sniffer dogs through public places, reversing the presumption of innocence, and infusing a youth-oriented event with a totalitarian-state sense of menace. Everyone knows that this practice has soft targets: we don't see the dogs let loose on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

If a well-heeled pillar of society were to panic and overdose on his stash of cocaine perhaps we would see a change to these ill-conceived and deadly policies.

— David Lovejoy, *Echo* publisher

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PM assumes role of philosopher king

The pessimists are proclaiming the end of the lucky country.

The global economic crisis, they lament, has brought Australia back to the pack, exposing us as just another second rate nation which has relied on its huge supplies of raw materials to get it through. Now reality has caught up with us and we are revealed as the very ordinary mob we always were.

But these naysayers overlook something: Australians have at least had the foresight to elect a leader to see them through the bad times. Our Prime Minister, it now turns out, is not just an inspired and decisive man of action; he is also a philosopher king. Not content with taking swift and resolute short term measures to cushion the international impact as far as possible, Kevin Rudd has found time to write a treatise on the underlying causes of the collapse and, more importantly, to outline the architecture of a new and improved model to prevent it happening again: Capitalism with a human face.

Now captious critics will complain that this is not an entirely original idea; over the years writers from the United States, England, France, India and even Russia have attempted the same feat. And in Australia, every government since 1949 has recognised, to a greater or lesser extent, that the market needs to be tempered by a degree of regulation; that government has a role to play in what is essentially a free enterprise system, and that the public sector must remain a part of a well constructed mixed economy. Even John Howard, reviled by Rudd as a zealot espousing a neo-liberal brutopia, did not

entirely abandon the idea of well-placed intervention, especially around election times; if the federal treasury had no other function, it was always useful for buying votes.

For this reason the predictable screams of the mad right that Rudd has now thrown off his disguise as an economic conservative and has emerged as a rabid socialist complete with horns and tail are not only

Rudd does suggest that the orgy of deregulation that has taken place over the last thirty years has now proved to be a failure

by Mungo MacCallum



bad rhetoric but bad politics. By reacting in such an extreme fashion, they give credence to Rudd's description of them as extremists, greedy sociopaths driven by ruthless self interest. The coming recession and its attendant miseries is all their fault. Rudd, by contrast, commands the high moral ground as healer and statesman.

And in fact his position remains a conservative one, firmly in the tradition of the Liberals' own founder, Robert Menzies. He has emphasised the need to preserve the idea of capitalism — not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. But he does suggest that the orgy of deregulation that has taken place over the last thirty years has now proved to be a failure and that a sensible, carefully planned, moderate replacement is needed. And he sees the opportunity to set up a new regime not just for Australia, but one that is internationally accepted and recognised.

A bold ambition, certainly but the opportunity to achieve it will never be better. And Barack Obama seems to be talking the same language. Now there's a worthwhile goal for the American-Australian alliance.

And while we're on the subject of Obama, here is another philosopher king who is prepared to put his ideals where his mouth is. Apart from be-

rating the shonks who award themselves bonuses while demanding public money to fund their mistakes, the new president has enraged the right by removing restrictions on American aid to family planning programs in developing nations.

The Christian fundamentalists are, of course, outraged, which is good, but the signal it sends to the world — that America is once again here to help, not to coerce — is even better. Change we can believe in, indeed.

One American not overly impressed is Rupert Murdoch, who demanded that Obama defy the American teaching unions (huge donors to Democrat Party funds) and set up an education revolution. He did not, however, suggest that the new system should be modelled on Cuba, which has a higher literacy rate than the USA, or even Australia, where Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard are engaged

in a similar exercise. Perhaps he was still a bit miffed about not receiving a public thank you from his old mum, who was named by his local flagship *The Australian* as its joint Australian of the Year. (The other end of the joint was horse trainer Bart Cummings, who has also given Rupert a few good tips over the years).

Meanwhile the real Australian of the Year, Mick Dodson, got a few backs up by suggesting that as January 26, 1788, was the day Aboriginal Australia was effectively ended, it might be nice to consider another date as the national day of celebration. Kevin Rudd replied with a blunt no, and a number of other fogies noted that Australians (and indeed the Aboriginals) were actually very lucky their continent had been invaded by Britain, with its peerless legal and political system.

But it is not just the first Australians who have their doubts about January. Others of us find it strange that whereas other countries like India (whose national day is coincidentally also January 26) celebrate the start of their independence, Australians are expected to celebrate the start of their colonisation.

With any luck this will change when Australia finally gains its full independence and becomes, like India, a republic. In the meantime, we can only hope that the day itself becomes less of an international embarrassment.

It was actually Barry Humphries, not Pauline Hanson, who defined 'xenophobia' as 'love of Australia', but he meant it as a joke. At least we think he did. Watching television last week, you'd have to wonder.

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Empire building

I am with Kim Dixon (*The Echo*, January 22). Just how many 'Managers' and 'Directors' and 'Coordinators' do we need in the Tweed Shire Council anyway?

Councillors, please note: don't be bulldozed into accepting the budget 'as is' presented by Council staff. Review the Seven Year Plan. Better still, cancel it. There's been enough rate increases already. At least one million dollars could be trimmed from the budget in salaries alone. Empire building has to cease. In the current world financial mess others have to share the pain besides the low income ratepayers of this shire.

Alan Davis
Pottsville

Jet boats out!

Hel-a-Va Jet Boats proposal for scenic jet boat rides on the Tweed River is an inappropriate commercial development for this area. This company

Resist the rally travesty!

■ In 1987 people of Byrrill Creek were engaged in attempting to prevent wholesale spraying of groundsel bush because of their concerns of water and people pollution. 24-D was measured and found in the creek and medical certificates stated that illness symptoms were commensurate with chemical poisoning. The residents have had to battle to try and maintain the relative purity of the creek.

Just over twenty years later another activity with the potential to compromise the beauty of Byrrill Creek, has presented itself – a proposed car rally that is completely inappropriate for the area.

Tweed Shire Council must also be aware of the problem of climate change and the fact that all individuals need to find ways of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. Car use fol-

lows electricity use in being a major cause of the problem. It therefore follows that role-models of reducing oil use need to be established. The proposed rally does the opposite, and therefore could be considered irresponsible.

If we, as adults are doing little or nothing about our greenhouse gas emissions, then we are obviously sending confused messages to our children.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

■ In what seems to be a travesty of the statutory approval process, residents of the Tweed are now being invited to comment on the unknown impacts arising from the non-existent development application for a World Car Rally.

Putting aside for the moment the newly-elected councillors' utterly misguided vision for

this world heritage listed shire as a rev-head heaven, what on earth made them think the best place to construct service pits and hard-stand assembly areas would be along two kilometres of the the shire's most used beachfront foreshore reserve?

While this so-called 'consultation' goes on, a huge media advertising campaign is already locking in the rally so that it can't be stopped. Residents' interests are being treated with contempt by staff and councillors alike, with the carrot of a public holiday dangled to distract attention from backroom decisions. Remember they are granting this exclusive use for the next ten years!

Surely we are entitled to something more proper than deals in secret and a pretence of participation.

D L McAllister
Kingscliff

sets with commercial jet boat activities.

Council should develop a comprehensive plan for the Tweed River which considers the fragile environment, explores eco tourism options and documents the needs of pas-

sive recreational boating users. This would balance the strong emphasis on powerboats in the Tweed River Estuary Recreational Boating Study currently before Council.

Dawn Walker
Fingal Head

Overpopulation

Because the authorities, both elected and appointed, have not required that speculators, developers and new settlers pay the full hidden costs they cause, and profit from, the Tweed is overpopulated; probably by 20,000 plus.

The infrastructure, the ecology and the human psyche can't cope with the further growth that's being planned, for the next ten years or so, by social engineers who think that bigger must be better, and that ratepayers and taxpayers should subsidise so-called 'economic growth'.

Don't say that you were not warned of this by the wise.

Doug Ogilvie
Bilambil Heights

Green power works

I refer to the page 2 article (*The Echo*, January 22) where Murwillumbah resident Joan Daniels paid \$5500 for solar panels for the roof of her home and is very happy with her electric-

ity bill in the recent quarter (Aug-Nov) of \$45.94. It would of course depend on overall usage how good Joan's solar panels (plus hot water panels) whether 'Green power' is that good.

My recent objective research indicates that six solar panels at maximum sunlight 'harvest' 5.5 kilowatts. At say five hours, that would be 27.5 kilowatt hours per day and at 16.3 cents per kilowatt hour, \$4.48 per day, say \$30 per week. It would most likely be less than that figure. Joan's outlay would amortise over a period of about five years at \$20 credit per week.

Warren James
Tweed Heads

All migrants?

Tweed's mayor, Councillor Joan van Lieshout, is quoted as declaring 'we are all migrants' (*The Echo*, January 29). Could our councillor's quote be incomplete? If not, Cr van Lieshout would be excluding our indigenous fellow Australians.

Surely the ignorant racism demonstrated by such a statement would shame even the lowliest public servant? How unconscionable, then, when part of a mayor's Australian Citizenship speech to new Australians on Australia Day?

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I invite Councillor van Lie-shout to please explain her comment.

Simon Poisson
 Murwillumbah

Load of garbage

Once again, one of our council public servants has decided that all the recipients of garbage pickup service will have to change their arrangements. New bins, new sizes, different pickup times.

For the most part, ratepayers can cope well with this, but a number of people have built storage areas for specific bin sizes. The new bins won't always fit, but we aren't being given the option of maintaining the same sizes. Medium-density housing areas have communal bin storage, often built of brick and designed for the current bins. So there will be considerable body corporate expense in rebuilding for new bin sizes.

Did our councillors decide on this, or was it decreed by the council management? Were the people most concerned (us) consulted? No, we were 'told' about it in *Tweed Link*.

My question: Whose bright idea was this, anyway?

Kim Dixon
 Bogangar

Bay Street thanks

Thank you to each and every one of you who attended the rally to save Bay Street.

I hope Mr Rayner, Katie and Kevin Skinner got the message

loud and clear! Thank you to *The Echo* for following the Bay Street issue and helping to make residents aware of what is going on in the Tweed CBD.

Stephanie Deane
 JEBH Committee

Club an eyesore

Upon seeing the derelict remains of the former Terranora Lakes Country Club, an interstate friend of mine described it as 'Your Local Disgrace'. Harsh words indeed but unfortunately they are true.

Shards of plate glass hang precariously from vandalised frame work, whilst everything else has either been smashed, broken or is rotting. It is a truly ugly and very dangerous building, but yet, for some inexplicable reason, it has been allowed to remain standing. Yes, it is a disgrace, and so is the apathetic land owner and our very own Tweed Shire Council which has ignored the situation for years.

If this is the so called 'progress' that was once mooted about the property, then Lord help us! I'd settle for the 'paradise' it once was in yesteryear, long before the land grab began.

Kate Cairns
 Bilambil Heights

Hastings Point

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the recent Hastings Point Fundraising effort. Support from thousands of visitors clearly showed how much the village and estuary are val-

ued, not just by residents but by visitors as well.

Thanks in particular to Matt Hurworth and Joe Larkin for donating custom-made surfboards which were extremely popular and to Ian Beadle for offering a week's accommodation at the NorthStar Resort.

Prize winners were Jay Carson of Pottsville, Shelagh Pepper of Byron Bay and Craig McFarlane of Hastings Point.

Special thanks also to key volunteers who are passionate about saving Hastings Point village and estuary and raised the most funds. These ranged from 90-year-old stalwart Vic Brill to Jan Garvey, a Brisbane visitor, to a 10-year-old young lady concerned about the impact on the future of her and her friends.

Julie Boyd
 Secretary, Hastings Point Progress Association

Bravo, Mungo

I think Mungo MacCallum is absolutely wonderful. I look forward to his column each week, knowing I am going to get a laugh.

Please take no notice of those humourless people who wrote in, and keep up the good work.

Yvonne McIntyre
 Tweed Heads

■ Letters also received from J Flett, Murwillumbah, L Doran, Ocean Shores, D Johnstone, Murwillumbah, G J May, Tyalgum, F N Jenkins, Kingscliff, W Warren, Burringbar. These letters can be seen at www.tweedecho.com.au.

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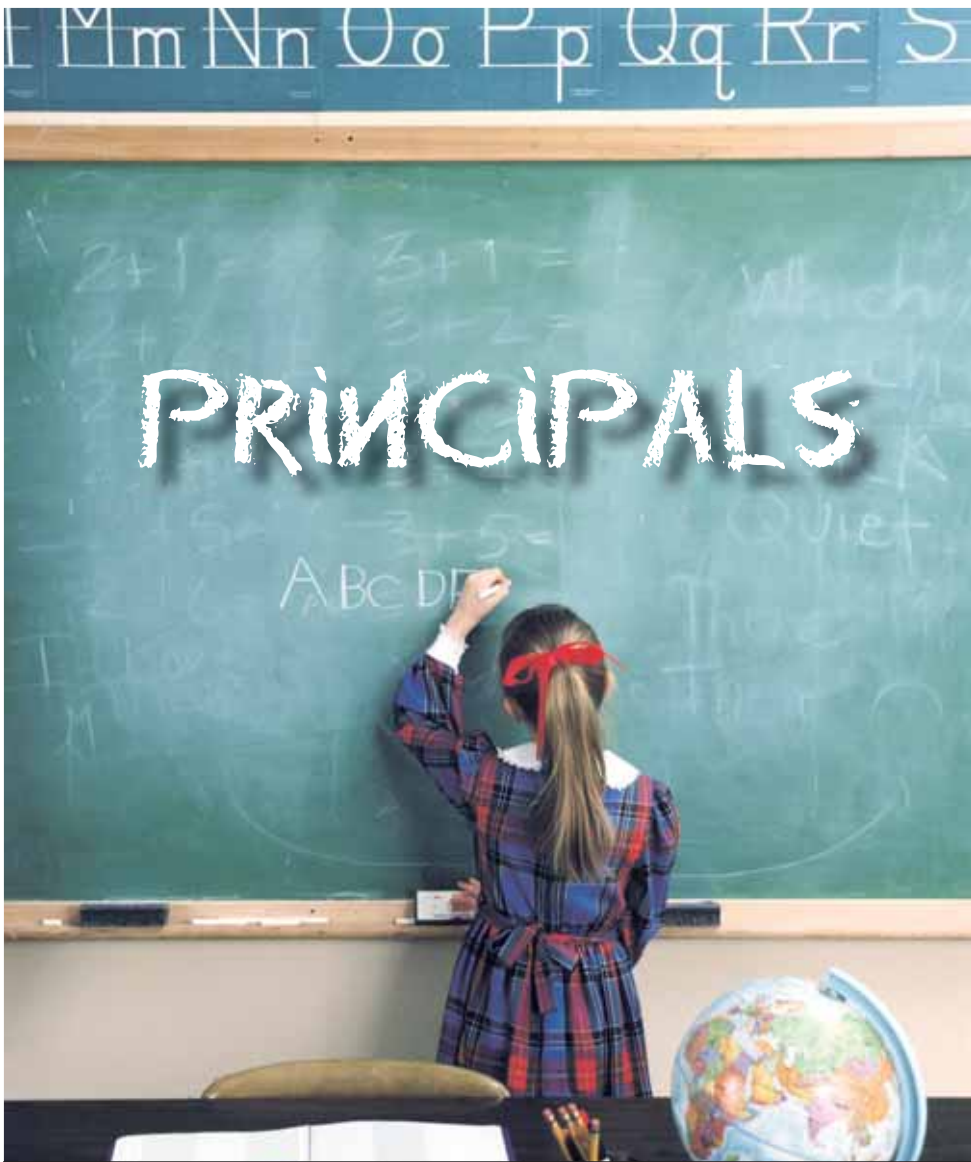
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**Principal
Christopher
Duncan**

A Principal's Role 28/01/2009

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**Principal
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77 McLeod Street, Condong. Phone: 6672 2390

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**Principal
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Education in Human Values

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We believe that the end product of education is character, the most valuable asset a person can have. Our children are the message we send to the future.

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STOKERS SIDING SCHOOL



**Principal
Margaret Eaton**

Marg Eaton has been Principal of Stokers Siding School since 2007. She has qualifications and vast experience in Special Education. Her specialty is in Autism and Behaviour. Marg received a DET Leadership Fellowship Award in 2008 to conduct research on the topic: Leadership for Effective Change in Behaviour.

Previous positions include; PS Principal Victoria, Behaviour School Principal Albury, Special Education teacher Northern Territory, New School Developer - National School Jakarta.

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Her interests include breeding racehorses. Her and her husband Alan bred and own the race horse Leica Falcon, which came fourth in the 2005 Melbourne Cup.

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



**Principal
Bernie
Thompson**

Mrs. Bernie Thompson is principal at St. John's School Mullumbimby. Bernie has taught for many years in Catholic schools at Moree, Coraki, Ballina and Mullumbimby. This is Bernie's fourth year at St. Johns and she is looking forward to 2009 with the introduction of a pre-kindergarten program. 'This program will give each child due to begin school in 2010, a fantastic start to literacy skills and the enjoyment literacy provides.'

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Phone 02 6672 2922. Address: 9 Hall Drive, Murwillumbah, (next to the golf course). Email: principal@tvc.nsw.edu.au

There's no fantastic in plastic

Jann Gilbert

Plastic: it was a scientific wonder of the modern world. From the Greek *plastikos* or 'fit for moulding' the name refers to the malleability during manufacture that allows it to be cast, pressed or extruded into an abundance of shapes and forms. From the time it crept into human existence in 1855 (as cellulose-based fake ivory) to its post-1980s infiltration into almost every miniscule aspect of life on earth, plastic has been a Rosetta Stone for the industrial and industrialising world. Cheap products and cheap packaging that revolutionised manufacturing and consumerism.

But like many convenience items of the modern world, all this convenience comes at a cost. If not so obvious for the human species, the price paid by the environment and the other creatures that inhabit it is becoming dangerously (some would say terminally) high.

Current research estimates that there are about 18,000 pieces of plastic bobbing around in every square kilometre of ocean. And, according to cleanup.com.au's marine debris report, every day, ships throughout the world jettison 5.5 million items of waste into the sea; three times as much rubbish is dumped into the world's oceans annually as the weight of fish caught; every year an estimated 7 billion tonnes of rubbish enters the world's oceans; an autopsy on an eight-metre Bryde's whale in Queensland in 2000 found that the whale's stomach was packed with six square metres of plastic; and between 700,000 and one million seabirds are killed from entanglement or plastic ingestion each year. That's without mentioning the one million plastic bags that are consumed per minute globally.

Under international law (MARPOL 73/78 Convention) dumping plastic waste at sea is prohibited. This is enforced in Australia with the Protection of the Sea Act 1983. However, apparently no-one is responsible for the 18,000-odd bits that find their way into every square kilometre, and the issue, it would seem, is not exactly inspiring any real zeal or sense of urgency in governments other than in South Australia. Given that Australians are the second largest producers of rubbish in the world (behind the US) and use a staggering four billion plastic bags each year, it would seem that some sense of urgency is required sooner rather than later.

What is most puzzling is why a ban on plastic bags is feasible in South Australia but nowhere else in Australia? With the same commercial and consumer considerations the South Australian government decided, quite clearly, that the environment



Turtles die after ingesting too much plastic.

and consumer sentiment were greater priorities than commercial resistance.

The real obstacle to a ban on plastic bags and the introduction of container deposit schemes lies with the federal and state governments (except South Australia) under the auspices

And in the Northern Territory in 2003, when litter campaigners were proposing a deposit system, BIEC allegedly threatened to cut off funding for the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign but then doubled it when the NT government committed to no deposit scheme in-

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of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council. As signatories to the National Packaging Covenant, Australian governments have become convenient bedfellows with industry and commercial interests to ensure that consumers, not producers, are made responsible for litter waste management and the majority of its costs.

Doing nothing

While the covenant appears to be a proactive communion about the environment between commercial interests and governments, in reality, it's a tacit agreement for governments to do nothing about container deposit schemes or bans on plastic bags in return for industry funds for clean-up campaigns such as Keep Australia Beautiful and Tidy Towns.

Shortly after South Australia brought in a container deposit scheme industry began to fight back. The Litter Research Council, now the Beverage Industry Environment Council (BIEC), was formed with a mission to promote a singular message: that the blame for litter sits with the consumer not the producer.

Shortly after the deposit system became law in South Australia the Do the Right Thing campaign was launched in NSW and subsequently became engraved in the public mind. Few people would be aware, however, that the funding for the campaign came from the beverage industry on the condition that the state did not adopt a deposit system.

roduction for three years.

It's a similar story with plastic bags. Industry-funded research projects naturally enough come up with distinct drawbacks to a national plastic bag ban or levy and a national deposit scheme. Much of the resistance consists of fear mongering about the 'cost' to low-income consumers of paying for plastic bags or the cost to industry, which would be passed onto the consumer.

All of this resistance is despite figures of a 90% reduction in the use of bags over six months following the introduction of a plastic bag levy in Ireland, and the successful introduction of plastic bag bans all over the world.

Passing the buck

Rome burns while Nero fiddles. Both the state and federal government's response to enquiries from *The Echo* on the issue was a stock-standard, pass-the-buck, 'we're continuing to work with counterparts...' 'based on the results of the Victorian trial...' 'NSW prefers a national approach to tackle this issue...' or 'there's no proposal for federal legislation...'.

As long-time local campaigner against plastic bags, Dee Tipping, says, 'The only way you'll get a ban on plastic bags is through legislation. Some businesses will do it of their own volition but to really solve the problem there needs to be federal legislation in place.'

And if the Federal Environment Minister can't introduce legislation then one wonders who can? Particularly given the

cost to both terrestrial and marine environments.

While there does need to be some thought about suitable alternatives for various food products, phasing in a ban on plastic bags (and, god forbid, plastic entirely) would undoubtedly produce some innovative, imaginative and environmentally friendly solutions. After all, less than 30 years ago before the mass invasion of the single use checkout bag, we did actually manage to carry our groceries and all sorts of things home without plastic!

Sheer love of the planet (instead of the dollar) has already produced some fantastic initiatives like morsbags – 'sociable guerilla bagging', whose project has no financial incentive although people are welcome to donate to the cause if they wish with time, fabric or money (which is normally donated to an environmental cause). Worldwide, so far, morsbags has distributed almost 36,000 bags, which has meant approximately 18,000,000 less plastic bags in the world. It's a simple but effective solution that has immediate results and everyone can help.

Clare Hopkins and Jo Immig, who started the Bangalow morsbag pod, Boomerang Bags, have made and handed out almost 900 bags. 'All the bags are made from recycled fabric (anything from sheets to shirts) or fabric roll ends that are donated,' says Clare. 'It's primarily fabric that would have been destined for landfill, which is such a huge waste of resources. Instead of getting rid of things thoughtlessly we can look at it and ask what we could use it for. We need to start thinking of plastic in a different way, to make the commitment to change, one step at a time, together.'

Boomerang Bags' aim for 2009 is to make Bangalow plastic bag free. With extra resources they'd like to make the whole shire plastic bag free but they need more volunteers for sewing and some inspired ideas for alternative style containers for food items like sprouts and strawberries.

'We can take the initiative of South Australia and Coles Bay in Tasmania, who went plastic bag free voluntarily to protect migrating whales and their spectacular environment. Cooperation between business, council and consumers is what brought change in these places.'

Unfortunately, as Jo Immig says, 'The greatest psychological barrier for individuals, sadly, is that they won't have anything to line their bins with.'

■ Contact Boomerang Bags boomerangbags@hotmail.com if you'd like to help or go to morsbags.com for more information on the project.



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from your local Director

Wendy Machin

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Television Guide

1. On Saturday at 10.40pm on Channel Ten we get another chance (it's a repeat from Thursday) to find out if the American version of **Life on Mars** is as good, or better, than the original BBC series. So far only *The Office* has managed the transition successfully. Harvey Keitel and Jason O'Mara star.

2. Stephen Fry has been dissected by Pamela Stephenson on the psychiatrist's couch and in **The Secret of the Manic Depressive** (ABC, Monday 9.35pm) he bares his soul again.

3. Tina Fey is back in a new season of the award-winning sitcom **30 Rock** (Prime, Monday 11.30pm). The absurdly late hour shows that Channel Seven has yet to appreciate the popularity of Fey, who is the show's creator, writer and lead. On Monday we also see the return of **Boston Legal** (Prime 10.30pm), **Dexter** (Ten, 9.30pm), **Underbelly** (Nine, 8.30pm) and ABC's regulars **Four Corners** (8.30pm) and **Media Watch** (9.20pm). Even ABC2 brings back a fun reality show **Scrapheap Challenge** (weekdays 6.35pm) to replace a mean-spirited reality show *Coach Trip*.



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
FRIDAY 6	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 I Can Jump Puddles (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Opal Fever (G) Final.</p> <p>2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 Pilot Guides (G) Volcanoes. Final.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Kylie Kwong: Beijing (G) Final.</p> <p>8.30 Trial And Retribution (M,v,c,l,du) crime series.</p> <p>9.40 The Complete Guide To Parenting (M,c,l) Repeat.</p> <p>10.05 Lateline</p> <p>10.40 Man Stroke Woman (M,c,sr) Repeat</p> <p>11.10 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</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 New Inventors Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 7.30 Select</p> <p>5.30 From The Heart (G) Final.</p> <p>6.00 Compass: A Small Town Welcome (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G) Final.</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Final.</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09: Logan vs Adelaide Live.</p> <p>10.00 Soundtrack To My Life: Right Said Fred (M*,c,l)</p> <p>10.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Rob Thomas (PG)</p> <p>10.55 Freshmen On Campus (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.20 London Live (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.50 Close</p> <p>[s] = Sex [c] = Coarse language [a] = Adult themes [sr] = Sexual references [n] = Nudity [mp] = Medical [du] = Drug use procedures [dr] = Drug references [st] = Supernatural [v] = Violence themes [*] = Could offend [ie] = Issues about [h] = Horror euthanasia</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>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Everest: Doctors In The Death Zone (PG) Part 2 doco. Repeat.</p> <p>2.30 The Long March (PG) Part 2 doco. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Blaktrax (G) music series. Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 The Clipperton Expedition: The Invaders (G) Pt 4 of 6 Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Exccentriiks (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Fairy Tales Exposed (PG)</p> <p>8.35 Churchill's Bodyguard (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Best Undressed (MA,c,l,s) doco from Belgium.</p> <p>11.00 Movie: DarkBlueAlmostBlack (MA,c,l,s, 2006) drama from Spain.</p> <p>12.50 Movie: Formula 17 (MA,s, 2004) comedy from Taiwan.</p> <p>2.25 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 Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Raggs (G) pre-schoolers show.</p> <p>11.30 Seven Morning News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Touched By A Killer (M,v,s, 2000) Stars Isabella Hofmann, James Wilder, Jerry Wasserman.</p> <p>2.00 Shark (M) legal drama.</p> <p>2.30 According To Jim (PG)</p> <p>3.00 The Ex-Wives Club (PG) final.</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop kids' game show.</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Prime & Seven News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Better Homes And Gardens all new.</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Supernova (M,v, 2005) Stars Luke Perry, Peter Fonda, Tia Carrere.</p> <p>11.55 Movie: Conan The Barbarian (M,v,s, 1982) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jame Earl Jones, Cassandra Gaviola.</p> <p>2.30 Danoz Direct</p> <p>3.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Secrets Of A Coral Cay 1.00 Movie: Moby Dick (G, 1956) 3.15 Power Rangers 3.40 Powerpuff Girls 4.05 Yin Yang Yo! 11.55 Movie: Iris (M,s,n,c,l,a 2001) 1.30 Movie: Born Romantic (M,s,c,l, 2001)</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 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>7.30 The All New Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order (M) double episode.</p> <p>10.30 Women's Murder Club (M)</p> <p>11.30 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.30 Late Show with David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy (PG)</p> <p>5.00 Religion to 6am (PG).</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</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 One Day Cricket Series – Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 One Day Cricket Series – Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>10.00 Sneak Peek (M) Repeat.</p> <p>10.10 Movie: Tightrope (M,v, 1984) Stars Clint Eastwood, Genevieve Bujold.</p> <p>12.25 Movie: The Murder At Presidio (M,c,l,s,v, 2005) Stars Lou Diamond Phillips, Victoria Pratt.</p> <p>2.05 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Mad TV (M)</p> <p>3.30 Guthy Renker Australia (G)</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>All cricket on NBN this summer will be broadcast in HD</p>
SATURDAY 7	<p>5.00 rage (PG)</p> <p>10.00 rage: Guest Programmer; MGMT (G)</p> <p>11.00 Outback House (PG) Final.</p> <p>12.00 Stasteline Repeat.</p> <p>12.30 The Best Of Australian Story: The Waiting Room Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: Johnny Angel (PG, 1945) Stars George Raft, Claire Trevor.</p> <p>2.30 Basketball: WNBL 2008/09: Logan vs Adelaide highlights.</p> <p>4.00 Football: Women's International Australia vs Italy Live.</p> <p>5.58 ABC News Up-Date</p> <p>6.00 Totally Frank (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Gardening Australia (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 New Tricks (PG,sr) Repeat.</p> <p>8.25 ABC News</p> <p>8.30 The Bill (M,v)</p> <p>10.05 ABC News</p> <p>10.10 Last Detective (M,v,at) Repeat.</p> <p>11.20 NTAFL: Indigenous All Stars vs Adelaide Crows</p> <p>1.50 rage (M)</p>	<p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>3.00 rage (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 rage: Guest Programmer; MGMT Repeat.</p> <p>6.05 The New Inventors Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Robin Hood (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.20 Rex The Runt (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Classic Albums: Jimi Hendrix – Electric Ladyland (G) Final.</p> <p>8.35 The Academy Season: On The Waterfront (M*,v, 1954) Stars Marlon Brando, Rod Steiger, Lee J Cobb, Karl Melden.</p> <p>10.25 Movie: The Informer (PG, 1935) Stars Victor McLaglen, Heather Angel, Preston Foster.</p> <p>11.55 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 The Trojans (G) Opera from France. Repeat.</p> <p>2.35 Akram Khan (G) Anglo-Indian dancer. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 The Mona Lisa Curse (G) commercialisation of art.</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Singles Club (PG) 5-part doco. Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Classic Destinations (G) Warsaw and Krakow.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Mythbusters (PG) doco series.</p> <p>8.30 Iron Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.20 RockWiz (PG) entertainment.</p> <p>10.00 Movie: A Real Man (MA,s,n, 2003) comedy from France.</p> <p>12.05 SOS (M) Repeat.</p> <p>12.50 bro'Town: Survival of the Fattest (PG) comedy series. Repeat.</p> <p>1.35 Nighty Night (M,s,a,v) Comedy. Repeat.</p> <p>2.10 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.05 Britannia High (PG) double episode.</p> <p>2.00 Movie: You Wish! (G, 2003) Stars AJ Trauth, Spencer Breslin, Tim Reid.</p> <p>3.50 According To Jim (PG)</p> <p>4.20 Seconds From Disaster: Superstore Collapse (PG) Seoul.</p> <p>5.30 Border Patrol (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 In The Bush With Malcolm Douglas news series on Australian outback (G)</p> <p>7.30 Kath And Kim (PG) series return.</p> <p>8.00 Fawtly Towers (PG) series return.</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Sister Act (PG, 1992) Stars Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.</p> <p>10.35 Movie: Bad Company (M,v,c,l, 2002) Stars Anthony Hopkins, Chris Rock, Brooke Smith.</p> <p>1.00 2009 NAB Cup West Coast vs Collingwood. Football.</p> <p>2.35 Danoz Direct</p> <p>3.35 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Toons At Noon 1.50 Movie: Paradise, Hawaiian Style (G, 1966) 5.10 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 2009 NAB Cup Live: West Coast vs Collingwood 11.15 Movie: Soul Survivors (M,v,h, 2001) 12.40 Movie: The Way Of The Gun (AV,c,l, 2000) 2.40 Final 24: Keith Moon 3.35 Urban Legends</p>	<p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.00 Video Hits (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Video Hits Presents: NERD And Future Music (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)</p> <p>12.00 ANZ Ladies Masters Live from the Gold Coast.</p> <p>5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Movie: Honey (M,c,l,a, 2003) Stars Jessica Alba, Lil' Romeo, Mekhi Phifer</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Billy Elliot (M,c,l,2003) Stars Jamie Bell, Julie Walters, Gary Lewis.</p> <p>10.40 Life On Mars (M) encore presentation</p> <p>11.40 Movie: American Pie (MA15+,c,l,s, 1999) Stars Jason Biggs, Chris Klein, Natasha Lyonne, Mena Suvari.</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>6.00 Infomercials</p> <p>7.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 Movie: Tom & Jerry – Blast Off To Mars (G, 2006) Animated film.</p> <p>12.00 Boarding Pass Travel Show.</p> <p>12.30 The Hills (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The Gilmore Girls (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Bewitched (G)</p> <p>2.30 Movie: The Long Ships (PG, 1963) Stars Richard Widmark, Russ Tamblyn, Sidney Poitier, Beba Loncar</p> <p>5.00 Australia's Greatest Athlete</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 Funniest Home Video Show – Summer Series (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Movie: Stuart Little 2 (G, 2002) Stars Michael J Fox, Melanie Griffith.</p> <p>8.40 Saturday Lotto</p> <p>9.05 Movie: Cliffhanger (M,v, 1993) Stars Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow.</p> <p>11.30 Movie: The Fog (M,h,v, 2005) Stars Selma Blair, Tom Welling.</p> <p>1.30 Super League Leeds Rhinos vs Celtics Crusaders.</p> <p>3.30 Girlfriends (M)</p> <p>4.00 Danoz</p> <p>4.30 Guthy Renker</p>
SUNDAY 8	<p>5.00 rage</p> <p>6.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 Insiders And Inside Business</p> <p>10.30 Offsiders (PG) Rpt.</p> <p>11.00 Asia Pacific Focus</p> <p>11.30 Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Landline (G)</p> <p>1.00 Best Of Gardening Australia (G)</p> <p>1.30 Message Stick (G*) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 The Story Of 1 (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Opera Australia's La boheme (PG)</p> <p>5.00 Marty Rhone: A Tribute To Cliff Richard And The Shadows (G)</p> <p>6.00 What The Future Sounded Like (PG)</p> <p>6.30 The Einstein Factor quiz show.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Wild Caribbean: Treasure Islands (G) part 1 of 4 series.</p> <p>8.25 ABC News Up-Date</p> <p>8.30 Cranford: June 1842/August 1842 (G) new comic drama series</p> <p>10.00 Compass (G) Tony Blair's leap of faith.</p> <p>10.30 The Agatha Christie Code (G) Rpt.</p> <p>11.20 Order In The House parliament</p> <p>12.20 Movie: So This Is New York (PG, 1948) Stars Henry Morgan, Rudy Vallee.</p> <p>1.45 Family Story: The Truth About Dragonhall (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.25 Movie: Desert Passage (PG, 1952) Stars Tim Holt, Joan Dixon, Walter Reed.</p>	<p>7.00 Festival: Folk Music At Newport 1963–1966 (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.35 Dr John: Live At Montreux (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.35 Paul Kelly: Live Apples (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.35 triple j tv presents Interpol (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.05 jtv Live: Wolfmother (G) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 London Live (PG) Music. Repeat.</p> <p>12.30 Red Dwarf (G) double episode.</p> <p>1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Oasis (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.55 Pop[b]sessions: While My Guitar Gently Weeps (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Deep Purple: Live At Montreux 1996 (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 jtv Live: Bloc Party (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.55 A Little Later: Roni Size (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.10 Classic Albums: Elton John: Goodbye Yellow Brick Road (G) Rpt.</p> <p>6.00 21 Years Of Compass: Why Christianity Must Change (G) Rpt.</p> <p>7.05 The Museum (G) Final.</p> <p>7.35 Wild At Heart (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 What Price Fame? (PG) Final.</p> <p>9.20 Paradise Found (G) Islamic art.</p> <p>11.05 Marianne Faithfull: Dreaming My Dreams (MA,d,c,l)</p> <p>12.05 Close</p>	<p>6.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>10.00 Mythbusters (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.00 Iron Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.45 Dance Mania Fantastic (G) short.</p> <p>12.00 Cycling: Australian Mountain Bike Championships Canberra.</p> <p>1.00 Speedweek</p> <p>2.00 FIA World Rally Championship 2009 sport from Ireland.</p> <p>3.00 Football Asia</p> <p>3.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial</p> <p>4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature</p> <p>5.00 The World Game football.</p> <p>6.00 Thalassa – Grey Nomads in Morocco</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Lost Worlds: Mystery Of The Giant Sloth's Cave (G) doco on fossils.</p> <p>8.30 Dateline current affairs.</p> <p>9.35 Movie: Ship Of No Return – The Last Voyage Of The Gustloff Part 1 (M,v, 2008) drama from Germany.</p> <p>11.15 Inside Hamas(M,c,l,v) Repeat.</p> <p>12.10 Movie: 4th Floor (M,a,c,l,s) Drama from Spain.</p> <p>1.55 Autopsy: Life And Death – Circulation (MA,n) Part 1 of 4 doco series from the UK.</p> <p>2.50 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>6.30 Creflo A Dollar</p> <p>7.00 Weekend Sunrise</p> <p>10.00 Kochie's Business Builders (G)</p> <p>10.30 According To Jim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 The Most Extreme (G)</p> <p>12.00 2009 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Iron Man Series Round 3. Sunshine Coast.</p> <p>2.00 A Boy Among The Polar Bears (G)</p> <p>3.00 Are You Being Served (PG) triple episode.</p> <p>5.00 The Rich List (G)</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 Sunday Night Live new series of Australia's best reporters.</p> <p>7.30 Border Security –Australia's Front Line (PG) new season.</p> <p>8.00 Triple Zero Heroes (PG) new series on emergency calls and rescue.</p> <p>8.30 City Homicide (M,d) new season.</p> <p>9.30 24: 10:00am – 12.00pm (M) double episode.</p> <p>11.20 Holby Blue (M,v) final.</p> <p>12.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 10.00 Dateline 11.00 Weekend Sunrise 2.00 Movie: Alexander The Great (PG,v, 1956) 4.00 Movie: Dr Dolittle 2 (PG,c,l,s, 2001) 5.30 Harry's Practice 11.30 TBA 12.30 Scrubs</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>7.00 Totally Wild (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Animalia</p> <p>8.00 Meet The Press series return.</p> <p>8.30 State Focus</p> <p>9.00 Video Hits First (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Video Hits (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Video Hits Presents: The Presets (PG)</p> <p>12.00 ANZ Ladies Masters Live from the Gold Coast.</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG) double episode</p> <p>6.30 The Biggest Loser (G) new series.</p> <p>7.30 So You Think You Can Dance Australia (PG) new series</p> <p>9.00 Rove (M) season premier</p> <p>10.10 Movie: Red Dragon (AV15+,n,c,l,s, 2002) Stars Anthony Hopkins, Ralph Feinnes, Edward Norton, Emily Watson</p> <p>12.40 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart – Global Edition (MA15+) final.</p> <p>1.10 The Office (PG)</p> <p>1.40 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker</p> <p>7.00 Today</p> <p>8.30 Great Ocean Adventures (G) Florida</p> <p>10.00 Biomagnetics (G)</p> <p>10.30 Going Places (PG)</p> <p>11.00 I Shouldn't Be Alive (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Speed Machine Willowbank Raceway</p> <p>12.30 WWE Afterburn wrestling.</p> <p>1.30 Jack Of All Trades (G)</p> <p>2.00 One Day Cricket Series – Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 One Day Cricket Series – Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>11.15 Movie: Firewall (M,v,c,l, 2006) Stars Harrison Ford, Virginia Madsen.</p> <p>12.10 Movie: Town And Country (M,c,l,s, 2000) Stars Diane Keaton, Warren Beatty, Andie MacDowell, Goldie Hawn</p> <p>2.05 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Religion</p> <p>4.00 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p> <p>NBN same as above except: 11.00 Speed Machine 11.30 WWE Afterburn All cricket on NBN this summer will be broadcast in HD</p>

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MONDAY 9	<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 Landline Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Middy Report</p> <p>12.30 Poirot (PG)</p> <p>1.30 The Cook And The Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parliament Question Time (G)</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 Landline Extra (G)</p> <p>6.30 Talking Heads: David Hill</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Australian Story (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Four Corners</p> <p>9.20 Media Watch</p> <p>9.35 Stephen Fry: The Secret Life Of The Manic Depressive (MA,cl) 2 part doco.</p> <p>10.30 Lateline and Lateline Business</p> <p>11.35 Kill Me If You Can (M,cl) Repeat.</p> <p>12.25 MDA (M,at,sr) drama. Repeat.</p> <p>1.20 Parliament Question Time Repeat.</p> <p>2.20 Movie: Road Agent (G, 1952) Stars Tim Holt, Norren Nash, Mauritz Hugo</p> <p>3.25 Bowls: NSW Open 2008 - Men's Final 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 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 Cavemen (G) Final.</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Red Dwarf (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Good Game (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>9.00 triple j tv With The Doctor (PG)</p> <p>9.30 Code Geass (M,v)</p> <p>10.00 T.Rex: When T.Rex Ruled The World (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.50 Stereo MCs: Live At Manchester (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 Sick Around The World (PG) Repeat doco from the US.</p> <p>2.30 Dateline (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 My Pet Dinosaur (G) Repeat doco from the UK.</p> <p>4.30 The Journal</p> <p>5.00 The Crew (G) student video production</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) comedy series.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Exccentriiks (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Top Gear (PG)</p> <p>8.30 South Park (PG,a,cl)</p> <p>9.00 Drawn Together (MA,s) animated comedy series.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Pizza (M,a,cl) comedy series.</p> <p>10.30 Skins (MA,d,s,n) repeat drama series.</p> <p>11.20 Movie: Vampire Hunter D (M,v, 2001) Anime from Japan.</p> <p>1.10 Movie: Jin-Roh - The Wolf Brigade (MA,v, 1999) Anime from Japan.</p> <p>3.00 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Rags Kids' show 11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: A Stranger's Heart (PG,a, 2007) Stars Samantha Mathis, Peter Dobson, Thomas Kopache.</p> <p>2.00 Shark (M) legal drama.</p> <p>3.00 Auction House (G) new series premier.</p> <p>3.30 Demons To Darlings (PG) new parenting series.</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G) series return.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) series return.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Desperate Housewives (M)</p> <p>9.30 Brothers And Sisters (M)</p> <p>10.30 Boston Legal (M)</p> <p>11.30 30 Rock (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Last Comic Standing (M)</p> <p>1.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Blue Heelers 2.30 My Restaurant Rules 3.00 Power Rangers 3.30 Powerpuff Girls 4.00 Yin Yang Yo! 10.30 Final 24: Nicole Brown Simpson 11.30 Urban Legends 12.00 Gear 12.30 Dr Danger 1.00 30 Rock 12.30 Australia's Strangest Home Improvements</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 The Doctors (PG) new series on cutting-edge medicine.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt.</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>7.30 So You Think You Can Dance Australia (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Good News Week (M) new season.</p> <p>9.30 Dexter (AV15+) new season.</p> <p>10.35 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.20 Late Show with David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.20 Taken Out (PG)</p> <p>12.50 Army Wives (M)</p> <p>1.50 Video Hits Up-Late (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG).</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG)</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 Fresh Cooking (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Afternoon News</p> <p>5.00 Bargain Hunt Detling 2</p> <p>5.30 Antique Roadshow (G) Llanelli.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Big Bang Theory (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Underbelly (M,v,cl,s,du) all new.</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>10.30 Crime Investigation Australia (M,v)</p> <p>11.30 Just Shoot Me (PG)</p> <p>12.00 E R (M) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Spyforce (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>3.00 Religion</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
	<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 Middy Report</p> <p>12.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 The New Inventors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Roller Derby Dolls (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parliament Question Time</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.10 Time Team: Harold's Field (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Lead Balloon (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Doctor Who (PG)</p> <p>9.15 Doctor Who Behind the scenes</p> <p>9.30 Foreign Correspondent</p> <p>10.05 Artscape: Dame Elisabeth Murdoch In Conversation (G)</p> <p>10.35 Lateline and Lateline Business</p> <p>11.35 Four Corners Repeat.</p> <p>12.25 Media Watch Repeat.</p> <p>12.40 Changi (M,cl,n,v) Repeat.</p> <p>1.40 Parliament Question Time</p> <p>2.50 Psychic Investigators (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.25 triple j tv With The Doctor (G)</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>4.35 Little Angels (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.05 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.35 Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Australian Story (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Rose And Maloney (M) Repeat.</p> <p>9.20 The Bill (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>10.50 MDA (M,at) Repeat.</p> <p>11.45 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>2.00 Don Matteo (PG) Drama series from Italy. Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Everybody Loves A Wedding (G) Rpt</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 The World Game new football news program.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 The Girl Who Lives In The Dark (PG) doco from the UK on Xeroderma Pigmentosus.</p> <p>8.30 India Reborn: Myth And Might (PG) new 4-part doco series.</p> <p>9.30 World News</p> <p>10.00 Hot Docs (M,s,a) Leonard Cohen.</p> <p>11.50 Movie: Invisible Waves (M,v,cl, 2006) Drama from Thailand.</p> <p>1.50 The Face Of Evil (M,v,a) Repeat doco from France.</p> <p>2.50 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Rags Kids' show 11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Point Last Seen (M,v,a, 1998) Stars Linda Hamilton, Kevin Kilner, Sam Hennings, Dana Reilly.</p> <p>2.00 Shark (M) legal series.</p> <p>3.00 Auction House (G)</p> <p>3.30 Demons To Darlings (PG) parenting.</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop kids' show.</p> <p>4.30 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 RSPCA (G)</p> <p>8.00 Find My Family (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Packed To The Rafters (PG)</p> <p>9.30 All Saints (M,v,d)</p> <p>10.30 Eli Stone (M) legal drama.</p> <p>11.30 Dirty Sexy Movie (M)</p> <p>12.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>1.00 Danoz Direct</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Blue Heelers 2.30 My Restaurant Rules 3.00 Power Rangers 3.30 Powerpuff Girls 4.00 Yin Yang Yo! 10.30 Lost 11.30 Louis Theroux: Under The Knife 12.30 The Need For Speed - Bikes 1.30 Australia's Strangest Home Improvements</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 The Doctors (PG) new series on cutting-edge medicine.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt.</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Bondi Rescue (PG)</p> <p>8.30 NCIS (M)</p> <p>9.30 Lie To Me (M) crime series.</p> <p>10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Taken Out (G) entertainment.</p> <p>12.30 Army Wives (M) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)</p> <p>10.30 Hi-5 kids' program</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 One Day Cricket Series - Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.00 One Day Cricket Series - Australia vs New Zealand Live.</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Half Past Dead (M,v, 2003) Stars Steven Seagal, Ja Rule.</p> <p>12.00 The Dead Zone (M)</p> <p>1.00 The Baron (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>3.00 Religion</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program</p> <p>12.00 Middy Report</p> <p>12.30 National Press Club Address Repeat</p> <p>1.30 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parliament Question Time (G)</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 The Queen's Cavalry (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 The Cook and the Chef (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 The New Inventors (G)</p> <p>8.30 Spicks And Specks (PG)</p> <p>9.00 Chandon Pictures (M,cl) comedy series.</p> <p>9.35 Ruddy Hell! It's Harry and Paul (M,sr) Harry Enfield, Paul Whitehouse</p> <p>10.05 At the Movies</p> <p>10.35 Lateline And Lateline Business</p> <p>11.35 To The Ends Of The Earth: Fire Down Below (M,v,s) William Golding novels adapted for TV series.</p> <p>1.10 Parliament Question Time.</p> <p>2.15 Movie: Girl Rush (PG, 1944) Stars Wally Brown, Alan Carney.</p> <p>3.25 National Press Club Address 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 A Place in Greece (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.55 Speed Machines (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.45 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (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? (G) Final</p> <p>8.30 Eataholics: Addicted To Biscuits (M*,cl)</p> <p>9.30 1 Giant Leap: What About Me? (G)</p> <p>11.00 Too Ugly For Love (M,cl,sr) Rpt.</p> <p>11.55 Plumpton High Babies: The Girls Most Likely (PG) repeat</p> <p>12.25 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: La Petite Chartreuse (PG, 2005) French drama</p> <p>2.35 Culture Fix: Street Culture and Travel Writing (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 Global Village: Exccentriiks</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Feast India (G) Part 1 of 8</p> <p>8.00 Tales From The Palaces (G) doco series on palaces of the UK. Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Long Way Down: Botswana to Cape Town (M,a,cl) Final of doco on a world motorcycle trip.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Round Trip (M,,cl,s,v, 2004) Comedy from Italy</p> <p>11.50 Movie: Breaking Up (MA,cl,d, 2003) Drama from Brazil.</p> <p>1.55 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Rags Kids' show 11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: If Wishes Were Horses (M,v, 2007) Stars Barry van Dyke, Ralph Waite, Marina Black, Keith Harvey.</p> <p>2.00 Lost (M) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Auction House (G)</p> <p>3.30 Demons To Darlings (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop kids' show.</p> <p>4.30 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Australia's Got Talent (G)</p> <p>8.30 Criminal Minds (M)</p> <p>9.30 Gangs Of Oz (M,v,cl,d) new series on Australia's criminal underworld.</p> <p>10.30 Lost (M) New season</p> <p>11.30 Disorderly Conduct Caught On Tape (M)</p> <p>12.30 Guthy Renker</p> <p>1.00 Danoz</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Blue Heelers 2.30 My Restaurant Rules 3.00 Power Rangers 3.30 Powerpuff Girls 4.00 Yin Yang Yo! 10.30 Medical Incredible 11.30 TBA 1.00 Scrubs 1.30 Australia's Strangest Home Improvements</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 The Doctors (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 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>7.30 So You Think You Can Dance (PG)</p> <p>9.00 House (M) double episode.</p> <p>10.00 Life (M)</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>1.15 Video Hits Up-Late (M)</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)</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 Fresh (G) Cooking show.</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Bargain Hunt Woking 2</p> <p>5.30 Antiques Roadshow (G).</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 The Farmer Wants A Wife (PG) all new series return.</p> <p>8.30 The Mentalist (M) all new.</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 Flashpoint (M)</p> <p>10.30 Cold Case (M) all new.</p> <p>11.30 Just Shoot Me (PG)</p> <p>12.00 The Music Jungle (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>
	<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 Middy Report</p> <p>12.30 Beyond the Backyard (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Collectors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parliament Question Time (G)</p> <p>3.00 Golf: Australian Women's Open 2009</p> <p>6.10 Grand Designs: Farnham (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Catalyst</p> <p>8.30 The Man Inside Dame Edna (PG) Doco about Barry Humphries</p> <p>9.30 Q&A With Tony Jones</p> <p>10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business</p> <p>11.30 Live From Abbey Road with Elbow, MGMT, Alanis Morrisette (M*,cl)</p> <p>12.20 Wilddside (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.10 Parliament Question Time</p> <p>2.20 Movie: Dakota Lil (PG, 1950) Stars George Montgomery, Marie Windsor</p> <p>3.55 The Glass House (M,sr,cl)</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>4.35 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.05 The Cook and the Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.40 Naked Science (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Scrapheap Challenge (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 Spicks And Specks (PG) Final.</p> <p>8.30 Chandon Pictures (M,cl,at) comedy</p> <p>9.00 Ruddy Hell! It's Harry and Paul (M,sr) Harry Enfield, Paul Whitehouse</p> <p>9.30 Roman's Empire (M*,sr) family drama.</p> <p>10.00 Headcases (M*,sr) satirical look at the worlds celebrity and politics.</p> <p>10.25 The Peter Serafinowicz Show (M,sr) Repeat.</p> <p>11.05 Spaced (M,cl,v,sr) Stars Simon Pegg</p> <p>11.30 The Book Group (M,cl,s) Repeat.</p> <p>11.55 Close</p>	<p>5.30 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 TV Around The World: Venezuela (PG) doco series from France.</p> <p>2.10 Spacefiles: the Universe Unveiled (G) doco on the Big Bang.</p> <p>2.30 Dateline (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 The Star Chef (G) Alain Ducasse</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 Global Village: Exccentriiks</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 Inspector Rex (PG) Repeat. Crime series from Austria.</p> <p>8.30 Carla Cametti PD (M,cl,v) drama series. Final.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: In His Hands (MA,s,v, 2005) Drama from France.</p> <p>11.35 Queer As Folk (MA,cl,s) Repeat.</p> <p>12.35 Clara Sheller (M,cl) drama series from France. Final.</p> <p>1.35 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Rags Kids' show 11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: High Heels and Low Lifes (M, 2001) Stars Minnie Driver</p> <p>2.00 Shark (M) legal series.</p> <p>3.00 Auction House (G)</p> <p>3.30 Demons To Darlings (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop kids' show.</p> <p>4.30 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Ghost Whisperer (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Grey's Anatomy (M)</p> <p>9.30 Private Practice (M) new season.</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Beauty And The Geek (PG) new series.</p> <p>12.00 Room for Improvement (G)</p> <p>12.30 Danoz</p> <p>1.00 Guthy-Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Seven QLD same as above except: 12.30 Sons and Daughters 1.00 Heartbeat of the Coral Coast - Part 2 2.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Blue Heelers 2.30 My Restaurant Rules 3.00 Power Rangers 3.30 Powerpuff Girls 4.00 Yin Yang Yo! 10.30 Movie: Brown Sugar (M, 2002) 12.30 Final 24: Nicole Brown Simpson 1.30 Australia's Strangest Home Improvements</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 The Doctors (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 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Bondi Vet (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order: S.V.U. (M)</p> <p>9.30 Life On Mars (M)</p> <p>10.30 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Taken Out (G)</p> <p>12.30 Orange Roughies (M)</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am.</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)</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 Fresh (G) Cooking show.</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Bargain Hunt Epsom 1</p> <p>5.30 Antiques Roadshow</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Getaway (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Adult Only 20 to 1 (M) all new.</p> <p>9.30 Kitchen Nightmares USA (MA,cl)</p> <p>10.30 Amazing Medical Stories (M,mp)</p> <p>11.30 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Swing Shift (PG,cl, 1984) Stars Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.</p> <p>1.45 At The Movies (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>

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THIS WEEK'S JUBILANT NEWS IS THAT MERCURY'S OUT OF RETROGRADE, THE COSMOS IS BACK IN DRIVE MODE, AND WITH MARS JOINING JUPITER, NEPTUNE AND THE SUN IN AQUARIUS, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE BIZARRE WEEKS WHEN ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AND PROBABLY WILL...

ARIES: Venus moving into Aries gives you a charisma upgrade this week, and with February's emphasis on friendship, going out of your way for others pays off, ditto handling differences of opinion diplomatically. If you're feeling frustrated, don't expect others to provide answers only you can give yourself.

TAURUS: February's Tauran playlist features your business sector, and whatever socialising's necessary to make the connections you need. If opportunities involve new technology and a steep learning curve, they'll be worthwhile challenges. Travel's also well aspected at the moment for work, play and fact finding.

GEMINI: Gemini logic can sometimes overpower your intuitive side, which can take you to places even mental brilliance can't reach. Listen to your intuition this week: it's smart, surprising and you'll have fun doing what it says. Let your spontaneous, uninhibited Twin out to play.

CANCER: You can't move into any sort of new future while you're looking backwards with longing or regret; with February's stars sitting in your house of secrets it's time to own your past, release it and move on. Some very impressive wins are possible this week if you can.

LEO: This quick, witty week's upside is sociable and entertaining - its flip side's headstrong, argumentative and excessive. Even worse, it's not about you, it's about them. Just kidding, actually it's about you and them, with emphasis on partnerships, allies,

teamwork and cooperation. **VIRGO:** This week's winds of change tends to infiltrate friendships, partnerships or groups. With February putting extra emphasis on relations with colleagues, reevaluating the ways you work with others (and realizing what you've always taken for granted) could be this week's most rewarding activity.

LIBRA: February's a fun month for Librans, though this somewhat erratic week could see you seesawing from money saving plans one minute to spending up big the next. No blame - it's just your way of trying to find the median line as the universal kaleidoscope shifts into a new pattern...

SCORPIO: If economic changes have you on edge, don't take it out on those closest - loved ones may also need extra understanding and patience this week. Getting everyone involved in creative solutions to stop problems escalating can help dissipate surprising amounts of angst.

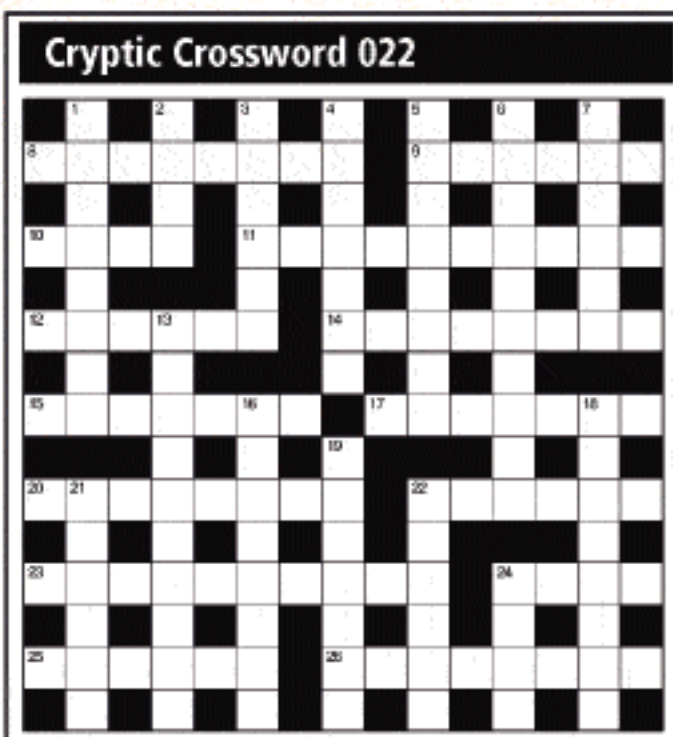
SAGITTARIUS: This week sees you even more impulsively spontaneous than usual about making decisions, but your stars recommend taking small steps which will make bigger changes

easier later on. February's planets in your house of communications suggests plenty of tact and diplomacy along with your usual honesty brut.

CAPRICORN: If you can overlook this week's more irritating inconsistencies and eccentricities, you'll find financial trends you can benefit from. Altered circumstances are bringing new factors into play, and with a change of perspective this is a period when substantial advances can be made.

AQUARIUS: A people-and-groups week. Others will love your mischievous wit, enterprising ideas and outspoken opinions, but tread on toes and you'll hear squeals. Disciplined flexibility's this week's best dance step - as in exercising your empathy muscles and stretching to include other people's needs.

PISCES: Economic prospects are looking up, so sort objectively through the wild ideas of recent weeks for which ones have the best chance of succeeding. And be aware of potential pitfalls in exciting offers - if they seem too good to be true, check that they can deliver what they claim.



- Across**
- 8. Como's quit on-stage, having swallowed annoying insect (8)
 - 9. Pele so crazy he runs away to be married (6)
 - 10. Travel permit needed for Venezuela's capital as I return (4)
 - 11. Spooner has right typer for keyboard machine (10)
 - 12. Cut up chop on South American cloak (6)
 - 14. Clothing making men curse (8)
 - 15. Muslim claim is processed (7)
 - 17. Mulcahey initially leaves M*A*S*H with a tray for butts (7)
 - 20. Bandit leaders declare war on English cricket ground (8)
 - 22. Feathered friend, that is, scores one under par (6)
 - 23. Dust a cargo off for the maritime police (10)
 - 24. Each hoof oddly makes a reverberating sound (4)
- Down**
- 25. Waylay a couple of hundred Romans removing head of host (6)
 - 26. Rinse cat out in food container (8)
 - 1. I'm done, so arrange a parlour game (8)
 - 2. A half quart is greenish-blue (4)
 - 3. Little restaurant located in Nairobi stronghold (6)
 - 4. Small woolly balls used to mop up for several people from Britain (7)
 - 5. Listen as Red whines about claret and burgundy (3,5)
 - 6. Winter coat swapped for drink mixer (5,5)
 - 7. Brutally avenge Swiss city (6)
 - 13. Has pianist Ray not come back for a '20s dance? (10)
 - 16. Wild tiger IRA used to water crops (8)
 - 18. Stepped off? Sounds like a lie, Ted (8)
 - 19. Obliquely ask Lance to remove First Lady (7)

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David Smerdon's amazing victory at the Queenstown Classic last week has generated superlatives around the world but the 24-year-old insists that nowadays he is only playing chess 'for fun'.

After finishing half a point clear of a pack of European grandmasters and taking home to the ACT the SNZ10,000 first prize, Smerdon could be forgiven for thinking that he made the wrong decision in retiring from the international chess circuit a year ago in order to make a career at Treasury.

However, just as Darryl Johansen started to score grandmaster results after retiring from professional play in 1989, Smerdon, 24, has raised his game now that he no longer has to worry about whether his next move will enable him to put food on his table that night.

Smerdon's win of the Queenstown Classic - New Zealand's strongest open tournament - was so convincing that the former Brisbane boy could afford to lose his final game and still finish

CHESS by Ian Rogers

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ahead of the 120 player field.

The tournament was a great success for Australia generally, with four Australians earning International Master results, including Canberra junior Andrew Brown, who became one of the lowest ranked players ever to secure an IM result.

After the tournament Smerdon thanked his great rival and Australian number one, Zhao Zong Yuan, for not playing in Queenstown.

In fact Zhao was scheduled to travel to New Zealand but had to throw away his ticket after discovering that he had a less obliging employer than Smerdon. This week was, however, not a lost cause for Zhao, who on Australia Day was presented with a regional Sportsman of the Year award, the first chessplayer in Australia to be recognised in this way.

Leading final scores in the

2009 Queenstown Classic were: 1.Smerdon (ACT) 8/10; =2.Rozentalis (Lit), Jones (Eng), Mikhalevski (Isr), Johannessen (Nor), Mastrovasilis (Gre) 7.5; =7.Johansen (Vic), Wohl (NSW), Dragicevic (Vic), Chow (Vic) 7.

■ This week's game comes from Wijk aan Zee, the Netherlands, where the world's top chess festival has been taking place. While regular visitor to Australia, Levon Aronian, is leading the main event, some very strong grandmasters are also competing in the second group and the game below sees the top Czech player David Navara beating the Indian number two Krishnan Sasikiran in fine style.

Wijk aan Zee 2009
White: D Navara
Black: K Sasikiran
Opening: Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.f4 Bb7 7.Nf3 b5 8.a3! e6 9.Be3

Nge7 Provoking great complications. 9... Nd4 was simpler. 10.d4 b4! 11.axb4 Bxb4 12.dxc5 d5?! Navara feared 12...Rxb2? when he was hoping that the piece sacrifice 13.cxd6! 13...Bxc3+ 14.Bd2 worked, and indeed after 14...Bxc2! 15.Qxc2 Bxa1 16.dxe7 Qd7 17.0-0 Bg7 18.Rd1! White maintains a clear edge. 13...exd5 14.Ne5! Nxe5 15.fxe5 d4 16.Bg5! dxc3 17.Qxd8+ Kxd8 18.bxc3! Bg4 A desperate attempt to return material but Navara is not to be tempted. 19.0-0-0 Ke8 20.Bf6!! Bxf6 If 20...Rg8 21.Rd5! and a second rook comes to the d file. 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.c6! Spotting a spectacular finish. 22.fxe7? Kxe7 was unnecessarily messy. 22...Bg4 23.Rd2 h5 24.c7 Bd7 25.Bc6!! 1-0.

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The final position: Black resigns

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Contemporary art is defined as art produced from WWII to the present day, leaving the many expressions of contemporary art wide open. Examples of contemporary art can be found here in 'The Gathering' and the diversity of this catch-all moniker, even from a local perspective, is astonishing. This fortnight I have chosen to explore a number of different styles in art, complementing these with a fine local example.

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'Aqualung' by Christine Willcocks, on exhibit at Cape Gallery

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Local artist: Noel Hart

Noel Hart is an Australian artist whose artwork explores humanity's as well as his own relationship with nature and the environment. Since the 1970s, Noel has tried many artistic mediums. Since 2000 one primary artistic focus for him has been blown glass. His latest blown glass sculptures have been created with the assistance of other local glass blowers, Johnathon Westacott and Greg Royer, along with cold worker Earl Sullivan. The inspirations for these works have come from his love of



'Marquesas Lory' by Noel Hart

Drawing art

Drawing is an art which has been practised from time immemorial. What makes a drawing artist famous though, is the artist's skill and vision. Most of us can hold a pencil, a piece of graphite, a pen or charcoal, but to be able, through minute fluctuations of pressure or a precise turn of the wrist, to capture the imagination or quiet the mind or even entertain, with a piece of charcoal, well that's an entirely different art form.

Famous drawing artists whose work easily springs to mind include Leonardo Da Vinci, Salvador Dali and Australian icon Norman Lindsay, creator of 'The Magic Pudding' (amongst other notable works!) Original pieces from famous drawing artists of the past

are often very expensive due to the fragility of surface on which they are recorded. Modern drawing artists may use a host of various new drawing techniques, such as charcoal and pastels, however, the soul of the art remains the same. Locally, many extraordinary drawing artists are making their mark!



'A Beautiful Bird' by Katka Adams

the helmets and spears of his soldiers. Several of Katka's drawings are exhibited at Utopia Cafe in Bangalow for one month as part of the Buttery Arts Program. www.katka.net

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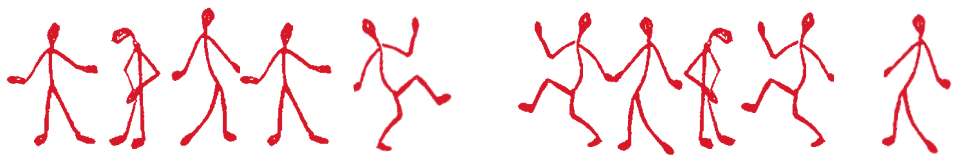
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rather than name the visual experience, Vassily Kandinsky staked everything on colour. As a total means of expression, capable of eliciting an emotive, almost mystical experience, Kandinsky explosively freed colour from form. Within a few years French painter Piet Mondrian, coming from a totally different path, also abandoned figuration and strove for a quintessence of expression, through the strict and simple ordering of space, so obvious in his intersecting rightangles and planes of colour. What links the Abstractionists of the past and those of today is a conscious move to supersede the need for links to real objects; to create works which evoke more than can be described; to arrive at universal expressions perceptible as 'the pulsations of life' (Mondrian).



plane of awareness. Without wanting to sound too cosmic, what is brought to the canvas in the "Visual Koan Series" is something of an energetic language, one which speaks to the voiceless part in us all' explained Mesha in a recent interview. Back to Paris for another solo show at Galerie Astarte in November, her work can also be seen locally through Art Galleries Schubert, Gold Coast and Barebones Art Space in Bangalow. www.meshasendyk.com

'Bonfire Of My Vanities' by Mesha Sendyk

The Cape Gallery

The Cape Gallery, Byron's longest running gallery was established over 20 years ago. In that time, it has served the arts, artists and artisans of the Byron shire. The present owners take great pride in representing artists they consider to be the North coast's finest. The gallery showcases both established, nationally recognised artists and up and coming talent. In the first half of 2009 Cape Gallery will present solo shows by Christine Willcocks and Michelle Dawson. Christine's work encompasses printmaking, drawing and 3D pieces and the theme of the regenerative nature and beautiful ramifications of the death process. Michelle in the meantime is taking great artistic license with the phenomena of apparent sightings of alien big cats, ie: pumas, panthers and lions, in the Australian landscape. Both are shaping up to be intriguing, thought provoking shows.

Local artist: Mesha Sendyk

Just off the plane from her latest exhibition with Galerie Art Seiller, in the South of France, Australian abstract painter Mesha Sendyk is described by the French media as having a 'penetrating vision of the world' Nice-Martin, 23 January, 2009. Robert Bleakley (Founder and Former CEO of Sotheby's Australia) sees Sendyk's present work as 'an opportunity to access the realm of the eternal where space and time are informed by consciousness'. By all accounts, her works are commanding and utterly unique. 'When I am painting I feel connected to another world, one both within, throughout and beyond the material

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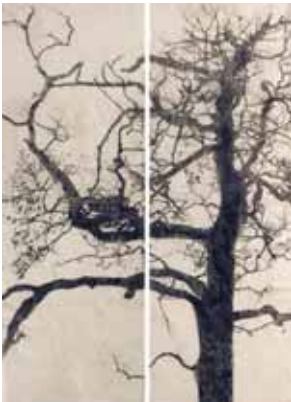
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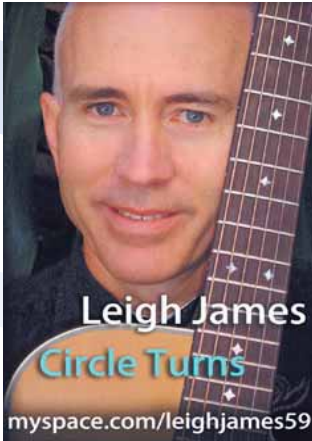
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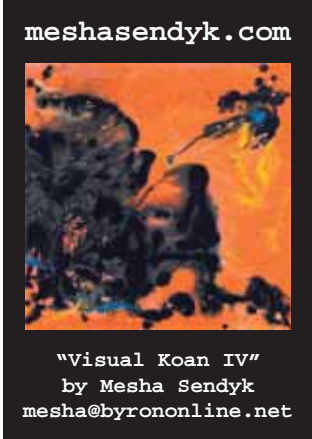
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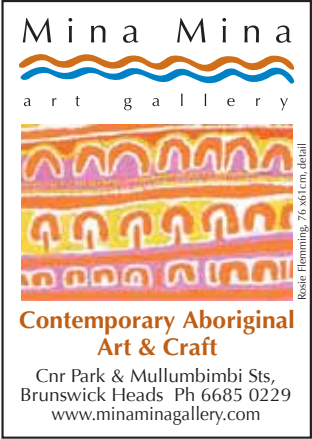
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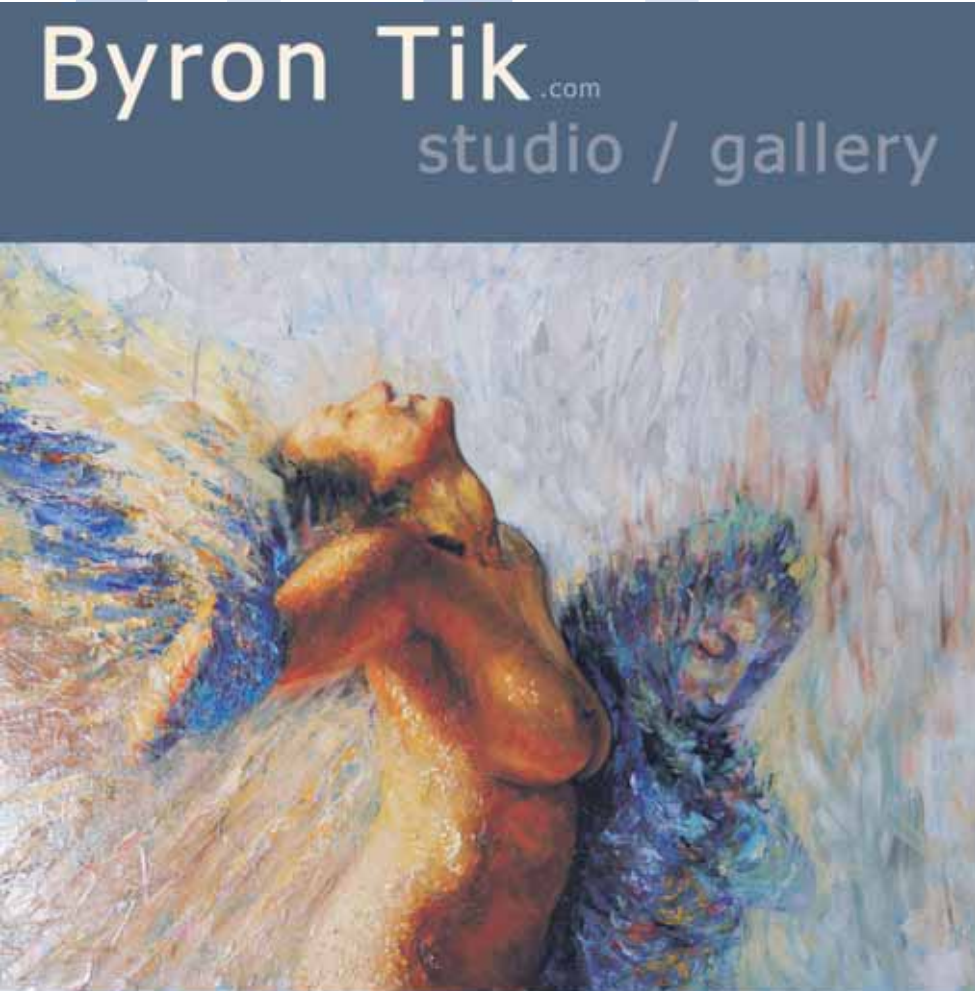
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Give Aways



There are two double passes for James Blundell on Saturday February 14 at Seagulls. Simply write 'James Blundell giveaway' as the email header and send it to hans@echo.net.au



Topp Twins

A unique night of world-class comedy and music comes to Seagulls this Friday with the Topp Twins.

The multiple award-winning, yodelling, comedian entertainers have developed a cult following in New Zealand and now star in their own prime-time TV series since starting off as buskers in Auckland. Every Friday night crowds of several hundred would often gather and overflow the footpaths as the twins played, involving the crowd in their visual antics. The twins have an ability to relate to all kinds of people, and their gift for humour ensured that they have successfully toured New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the USA and Britain. Their performances have been met with exceptional reviews and extended their following globally.

'Yodelling is a dying art. Not a lot of people are doing it, but a lot have died in the attempt', says Lynda Topp, yodeller. To get a taste of the Top Twins click on www.topp Twins.co.nz or check out their MySpace page. Tickets \$30. **Friday February 6, 8.30pm (DST) at Seagulls.**

The Beach Boyz

Bringing to life the sights and sounds of the legendary group, this award-winning show is Australia's ultimate tribute to the fabulous Beach Boys - touted on the Beach Boys official web site as the best Beach Boys Tribute Show in the world! Take yourself back to the days of rock'n roll and surf'n sand

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Neverland Jam Factory

This **Sunday February 8** catch live original music featuring acoustic artists **Chrystal Lynch** and **Ryan Murphy**, followed by band **Taylor** which features **Dave Taylor**, previously from the band George. Originally from Murwillumbah, Ryan Murphy discovery of music in his teenage years came via his father and the family piano. Ryan's immediate connection with music and its ability

to allow him to temporarily escape reality saw him naturally progress from musician to songwriter. His passion and his natural ability became more evident with a transition from piano to guitar. Now at 22, a graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium's Bachelor of Popular Music degree, success and recognition has already begun for Ryan. He performed on the 'Fretfest' stage at the renowned Woodford Folk Festival in 2008. Ryan continues to impress; his composition **Hold Onto** was included on the Acoustica Album in the US, produced by 272 Records, and is gaining rotation on college radio in the US. Thomas Miller took a shine to the track and included it on his radio program the 'Thomas Miller Show'. For more check out www.myspace.com/ryanmurphymusic, www.myspace.com/musicofdavidtaylor, www.myspace.com/chrystalandtherock

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THE TOPP TWINS AT SEAGULLS ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

Funny People

The hilariously funny and irreverent **Mandy Nolan** will again MC a great night of laughs this **Thursday** at the **Curumbin RSL**. Headlining is **Clint Paddison**, one of Australia's funniest standup comedians. Winner of the 2001 Comedy Cup and 2004 Australia Day competition, Clint is a unique and engaging comedian who has performed all over the world. Support act for the evening is **Ellen Briggs**, a non-maternal mother of twins, who went on to become a National finalist in the prestigious Melbourne Comedy Festival RAW comedy competition. Doors and Bar open at 7pm with the show starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are only \$15 members and \$18 non members and bookings are essential. **Curumbin RSL, Thursday 7.30pm.**

Kingfisha, The Upsteppers and CC the Cat

The Soundlounge presents a huge night of skank! **Kingfisha, The Upsteppers** and **CC the Cat** will be performing **Friday February 6**. **Kingfisha** are a 5 piece reggae band from Brisbane. They have a wealth of live experience, featuring in some of Brisbane's most prominent bands over the last five years. The members have performed at numerous events such as the Big Day Out, Woodford Folk Festival, Livid Festival, Kuranda Reggae Festival, Valley Fiesta and Island Time. **Kingfisha** have a deep respect for reggae and its origins.

They have taken the Jamaican rhythms and infused them with honest songwriting and strong melodies to create their own sound. Honest, Aussie Reggae. In January 2008 Nik Mayer-Miller and Kristina Thomas joined to form the live band. Recently they released their debut EP, *Promises*.

The Upsteppers are an expressive live act that delivers finely crafted songs with sharp arrangements and a polished 7 member big-band sound: skanking guitars, a vintage 3 piece horn section, and a workhorse rhythm section. The sound is authentic and modern, moving beyond the distinctive Brisbane skank to pay respect and homage to the old time greats that kept Jamaican grooves proud and prominent.

Local Gold Coast reggae rocker **CC the Cat** pulls together an ensemble très speciale for an intimate opening to her Brisbane brothers and sisters on Uncle Bob's birthday. **Soundlounge, Curumbin 7.30pm Friday February 6.**

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when we had a thing called customer service. Remember that? When people would actually assist you. I hate this self service, speak to the voice recording, select a numbered option, swipe yourself kind of culture we are developing into. For some people who live lonely lives, just like me, the chat in the bank or to Directory Assistance may well be the only human connection they get all day. Now we have to do it with the machine. I hate machines. I like talking to people. Even if I don't need it I like to ask for a quick check under the bonnet. 'While you're down there, could you have a squiz at my oil and water?' Like I even know what that means. Sometimes, if you are really lucky you'll even strike window cleaning chivalry. This is when the pumping chap is so efficient he can pump and wash at the same time. This is a form of multi-tasking so it shouldn't be expected of every kindly pumper. So far I have marked three stations in the Northern Rivers who will still pump. Solways in Bangalow, Carsburgs in Mullum and Simmo's garage opposite the cop shop in Byron. If you know of any more please let me know. I'm the woman sulking in a car in a petrol station somewhere near you.

alism, and complete originality. Ticket Price \$15 + bf. See them **Friday at the Coolangatta Hotel from 8pm.**

Grace Knight

In her early teens Grace began singing in folk clubs and competing in national talent quests. Anxious to spread her wings, she sang her passage on a cruise ship to Australia where her sister introduced her to musician Bernie Lynch. Grace honed her performing skills as Lynch shaped the band that was to become the 'Eurogliders'. From the Eurogliders' first album *Pink Suit Blue Day* in

1982, to their last *Groove*, the band with Grace as lead singer, were a chart topping and live rock and roll success. The Eurogliders performed to a TV audience of 65 million viewers on the MTV New Year's Eve special broadcast. Showcasing the dazzling talent of one of Australia's best-loved singers, her latest album *Willow* marks Grace Knight's debut with ABC Jazz and is a succession of hit after hit after hit. Sultry and sensual by turns, Grace Knight delivers the ultimate selection of songs of love, desire, loneliness and passion. With classic jazz standards,

such as *Do It Again*, *What'll I Do*, *Sway*, *Blues in the Night*, and *You're My Thrill*, this is smooth, seductive singing at its finest. For those who remember the classic albums of Julie London, Grace delivers a modern day homage, with all the allure of the originals plus the distinctive vocals that have made her a household name in Australia. Grace was particularly drawn to this repertoire, saying that even though the songs were written many years ago they still hold just as true today. With arranger and pianist-extraordinaire Ray Alldridge at the helm, *Willow* will surely be another major milestone in the illustrious career of Grace Knight. Inclusive Dinner and Show Special: Gourmet two course meal and drinks package is \$70 + bf. See her **Saturday at the Coolangatta Hotel from 8pm.**

Crack a Tinnie

Luke Vassella and John Gift launch their new album *The Big Tin Shed* on **Sunday at 6.30pm** in the **Winsome Hotel, Lismore**. These popular North Coast singer/songwriters have been entertaining audiences, recording albums, receiving awards and touring throughout Australia and overseas for the past 15 years. 2009 celebrates the release of their first collaborative album - *The Big Tin Shed*. A raw and inspiring live performance, features John and Luke in full guitar and vocal harmony. Fresh interpretations of their own material, as well as hearty renditions of new songs penned by patrons of the Lismore Soup Kitchen, the album is buoyed by an enthusiastic audience. An authentically warm recording that radiates friendship, hope and promise. Available from All Music and Vision, Lismore, Byron and Ballina or on the night for \$20. Free entry.



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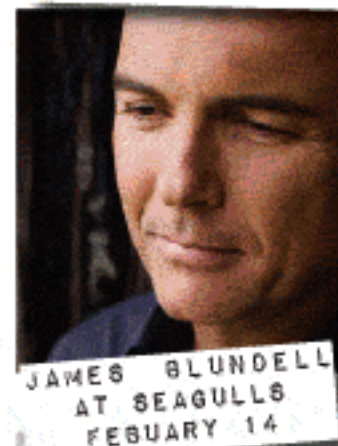
Nimbin's popular sci-fi art rockers return for an afternoon of rock and roll mayhem. With a debut release imminent, Ritchie and the crew have a Celibate Rifles/Buzzcocks kind of sound. They're on at **3pm** (so you can come for a quiet lunch), with support from singer songwriter **Dave Seaside at 1.30pm.**

Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club

On **Friday** see **Phil Guest**, and **Saturday** **Joe Phillips**. Both are on at **6.30pm.**

Steve Allison at GCAC

Steve Allison is a local comedy legend, who has been keeping things fresh on the comedy scene for the last ten years, and his profile as one of the Gold Coast's favourite comedians just keeps growing! Cleverly combining quick wit, Aussie



humour, snappy one-liners, crazy impressions and comedy juggling. Steve's show is original, full of fun, laughter and the unexpected. Support by **Hooray For Everything**, with **MC Mike Van Acker**. This **Friday 8pm** at the **Gold Coast Arts Centre.**

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James Blundell

Celebrating the release of his much-anticipated *Portrait of a Man*, the gorgeous country swooner is joined by the talented **Peter Denahy** and the voice of *McLeod's Daughters*, **Bec LaVelle**. **Saturday February 14** at **Seagulls**. www.jamesblundell.com.au

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swept up by the incredible sounds of the full, 60-piece orchestra. Adult \$40, concession \$35, high school students \$22, primary school students free. **Sunday February 15, 3pm at Seagulls**.

The Big Joke Comedy Festival

The Big Joke Comedy Festival is now in its third year, and it returns again in Bangalow **March 26 to 29** with an international program that includes **Arj Barker, Tim Minchin, Nina Conti**, along with the regular faves including the **Funny Kids** performance, where kids get up and perform standup comedy for their parents, peers and community. It is an astonishing show. Honest, challenging, hilarious and heartbreaking – all at the same time.

First Caba off the Rank

Art Exhibition by Wendy Marshall
Born in Sheffield, England, Wendy immigrated to Australia in 1969 with two young children, raising them on her own. Wendy's parents were very Victorian and would not allow her to go to art school. Two years ago, Wendy tried her hand at drawing and painting with acrylic medium and thanks to her devoted husband David, and a very kind art teacher Lis Tanke, the floodgate was open, and now Wendy is having her first exhibition at **How Great Thou Art Gallery** in **Cabarita**, at **40 Tamarind Avenue, Cabarita Beach**. **Opening 2pm, February 14**. For more information phone 66 76 2009.

Name dropping at Bluesfest

The next round of artists to perform at the 20th Anniversary **Bluesfest** has been announced for the festival that has been recognised by

peak industry bodies as one of the best in the world. Keep Easter free, because the only egg hunt you'll be on will be at **Belongil Fields** between **April 9 and 13**. **Bluesfest** welcomes American Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter **Jason Mraz**, a genuine superstar in the making who has been near the top of the Australian charts for 35 weeks, and like **Jack Johnson** and **Ben Harper** before him, was discovered and introduced to Australian audiences last year via **Bluesfest**. Other acts on the bill include **Xavier Rudd**, **Paul Kelly**, **Drive-By Truckers**, **Booker T Jones**, **James Hunter**, **Blues Traveller**, **CW Stoneking**, **Ash Grunwald**, **AYO**, **Rodney Crowell**, **Dallas Frasca**, **Spectrum**, **Pete Cornelius & the De Villes**, **Hot Club of Cow Town**, **Resin Dogs**, **Tijuana Cartel**, **Veneno**, **Mic Conway's National Junk Band**, and **Morning Of The Earth** – **Cult Surf Movie** and **Concert** featuring **Brian Cadd**, **Lior**, **Old Man River**, **Mike Rudd** and **Tim Gaze**. These names join the host of artists such as **Ben Harper**, **John Butler Trio**, **Missy Higgins** and **Michael Franti** (just to name a few.) Festival director **Peter Noble** said, 'There's a great range of super-talented international and local artists in this announcement, established names and thrilling newcomers. We've got **Booker T Jones** backed by the fantastic **Drive-By Truckers**, who'll also play their own sets. **Paul Kelly** returns following his very strong recent album, plus **CW Stoneking**, **Xavier Rudd** and **Jason Mraz** will impress people big time. Make sure you catch **Spectrum** – a classic Aussie original jam band from the 1970's that will rock the house.' For ticketing and program enquiries go to www.bluesfest.com.au ASAP. If you are more used to the personal touch, then tickets can be purchased by phoning the Bluesfest office on 6685 8310.

Love your Dance

The **Byron Community and Cultural Centre** is holding the **Blushing Hearts Ball** on **Valentines Day**. This is a no holes barred dance-party and concert targeting all members of the community: gay, lesbian, trans-gender and straight! The headline act is a fantastic Melbourne and Sydney-based female Electro Pop trio named **The Blush Foundation**. You may have heard their hysterical hit **Designa Vagina** which was produced by **Paul Mac** and featured on the last **Triple J** 'Unearthed' compilation. Host and guest DJ for the night is **Tobin Saunders** – appearing not as **Vanessa** but himself – 'unfroked and unflappable'. Various support acts, including some surprise guests, will be performing throughout the night. Tickets are available at the **Community Centre**.



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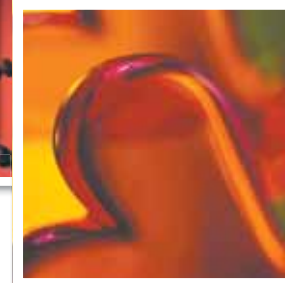
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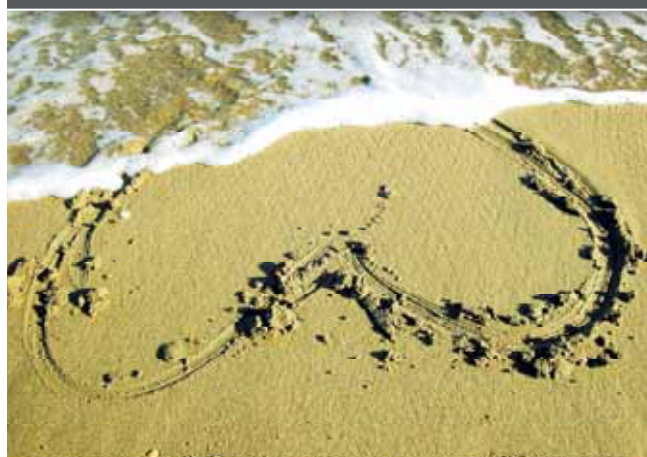
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brant, having fun assisting with unique weddings. Joining in spreading love around our friendly town are artists Karen McNeven, Marty-Manyhands, Suzanne Harland and Roy Mumford who is well-known for his Chinese Medicine, Herbs, Accupuncture and Massage. Sarah Pritchard, serene and capable offers Aromatherapy, Reflexology and Massage. Elias Fisher will bring joy to our hearts with divine music. Rosalie Kershaw will share her deep knowledge and understanding of Hatha Yoga. Ring 6672 4715 for appointments and inquiries.

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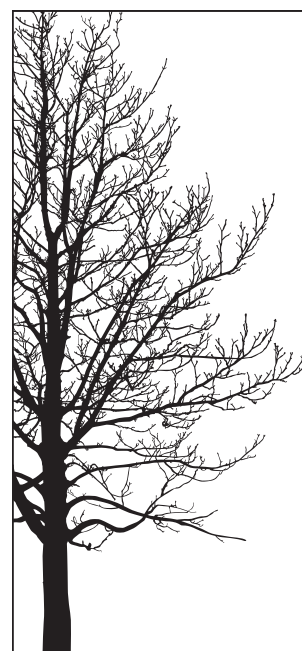
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- CURRUMBIN RSL 7.30PM COMEDIANS CLINT PADDISON, MANDY NOLAN AND ELLEN BRIGGS
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS PARADISE, UNLUCKY THURSDAY W/ CAM TARANTO (MELB)
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM LIVE MUSIC
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, LIVE MUSIC
- THE BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 9.30PM UNIQUE EXISTENCE
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY 6.30PM WAZINATORS
- LA LA LAND, BYRON BAY BASS KLEPH & DANN WEBBER
- LIQUID BAR, BYRON BAY D'ARCY / FOXXY
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL, 7.30PM JAM NIGHT (REGULAR WEEKLY GIG)
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM OPEN MIKE (REGULAR WEEKLY GIG)
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 7.30PM SLIM PICKENS (SOLO)
- TAPAS TAPAS, BRUNSWICK 7PM ILONA HARKER

FRIDAY 6

- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 7.30PM FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, BOGANGAR 8PM FATHOM
- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL 9PM THE WORD HARD
- CLUB BANORA, BANORA POINT

7.30PM WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS

- CURRUMBIN RSL, 7PM CHI CHI
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM PHIL EMMANUEL AND WILLIE SCARLET
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS PARADISE, ELECTRONIC BOOGIE SHOW W/ GARETH D (SYD) & AUDUN
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 8PM COMEDIAN STEVE ALLISON
- HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH, 9PM DJ LEE
- IMPERIAL HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM LIVE MUSIC
- IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS 5PM DAN HANNAFORD DUO
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM PETE MEREDITH
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM NIGHT SHIFT
- LUFFLEY CAFE 7PM, DINNER DANCE NIGHT - COCKTAILS AND LIVE LATIN MUSIC WITH JACKIE McDONALD
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM PHIL GUEST
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM DENNIS CUTHIEL
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 8.30PM PRESTON TRAIN
- SEAGULLS, 8.30PM TOPP TWINS
- SEAGULLS 7.30PM, MAXIMUM GROOVE BAND
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN 7.30PM KINGFISHA, THE UPSTEPPERS AND CC THE CAT
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM LIVE MUSIC
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, LIVE MUSIC

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK HEADS 7.30PM BO JENKINS BAND
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY RADIO JUPITER
- THE BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY SUPERSTAR LOOPS
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY 7PM NATHAN KAYE & THE DREAMSEEDS
- LA LA LAND, BYRON BAY SARAH MAIN (PACHA), MINX (ONELOVE) & GUESTS
- LIQUID BAR, BYRON BAY ELECTRO FUNK DJS ADAM, BRIAN & DAVE C
- SATORI ON BELONGIL, 5PM FLOW POETRY RADIO PRESENTS MR LINK

SATURDAY 7

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, BOGANGAR 8PM PAUL ATKINS
- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL, 9PM THE GENES
- CLUB BANORA, BANORA POINT 8PM CLIFF & THE SHADOWS WITH THE SONICS
- COOLANGATTA TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB, 7PM HOUND DOG (DUO)
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 7PM AKASA
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS PARADISE, MOTION:THEORY W/DJS KHRIS & BEN ABRAHAMS
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 7PM THE HARRY LYNN JAZZ QUARTET (WEEKLY GIG)
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE MIKE HAWTHORNE (JAZZ SINGER & TROMBONIST)
- GREENMOUNT BEACH CLUB, COOLANGATTA 7PM LIVE MUSIC

- HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 9PM BROADFOOT
- IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS 3PM CORY HARGRAVES
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB, 7.30PM HIGH NOON
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM JOE PHILIPS
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 8.30PM BOUNCE
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 3PM - 6.30PM LIVE JAZZ (WEEKLY FREE GIG)
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 7.30PM GOREN SEDLAR (BRISBANE)
- SEAGULLS PIANO BAR 6.30PM BEN GILGAN
- SHEDDACK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM SHOEBOX
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB, 7.30PM LIVE MUSIC
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, THE BIG O EXPERIENCE STARRING GERARD O'DONOGHUE
- UKI CAFE, 6PM MICK MCHUGH
- LA LA LAND, BYRON BAY DON NADI
- LIQUID BAR, BYRON BAY COTTON CLUB CAPTAIN KATIE, CHRIS MILES & BULLI
- THE BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 9.30PM DIRTY LAUNDRY & DJ NOWAK
- THE BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM THE MATTY DEVITT BAND ALBUM LAUNCH
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK HEADS 7.30PM CATH SIMES BAND
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY MARSHALL & FRO

- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY 6.30PM METHOD
- SATORI ON BELONGIL, 4PM SELECTA DJS
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE MASHBLES, U/18 GIG
- BYRON RAILWAY PARK 6.30PM ARTISAN NIGHT MARKET

SUNDAY 8

- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL 2PM THE FEBS
- CLUB BANORA, 12.15PM SLIM PICKENS & DR BAZ, SYD WILSON
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 1.30PM MR JOHN
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS PARADISE, ROYALE SUNDAY W/ STRETCH & GIV
- IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS 12PM CC THE CAT 2PM CORY HARGRAVES 5.30PM DAN HANNAFORD BAND
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM LEIGH JAMES
- NEVERLAND, COOLANGATTA 7PM JAM FACTORY: CRYSTAL LYNCH, RYAN MURPHY AND BAND 'TAYLOR'
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 5PM DAVE CAVANAGH
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 1PM SOUL MAN
- SEAGULLS CLUB, 2PM LINE DANCING WITH TREVOR WHITE (REGULAR WEEKLY GIG)
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 1-5PM THE ANTIBODIES
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM LIVE MUSIC
- VICTORY HOTEL, MOOBALL 1-3PM METHOD

- THE BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY 4.30 LISA HUNT 8PM DJ GOODIE
- THE BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY 1-3PM SPOT THE DINGO, 9PM GANGAJANG
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY 6PM BLUESVILLE STATION
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK HEADS 3PM SUPERCHEESE 7PM BIG MUSIC
- LA LA LAND, BYRON CAPTAIN KATIE
- SATORI ON BELONGIL 12PM TROPICOSOS 5PM ZAHLU

MONDAY 9

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 12PM DON WHITAKER
- MURWILLUMBAH RACECOURSE, RACECOURSE RD, MURWILLUMBAH RACE DAY
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY 6.30PM CODY BUTLER

TUESDAY 10

- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM SUFFERIN' WILLY LEE
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON BUMPIN BEATS

WEDNESDAY 11

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM JAM NIGHT WITH HOUSE BAND REMEDY (REGULAR WEEKLY GIG)
- GREENMOUNT BEACH CLUB 7PM DOWNBEAT JAZZ BAND (REGULAR WEEKLY GIG)
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, THE GRAND OLE OPRY TRIBUTE SHOW

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PHASES OF THE MOON									
New Moon		25th Feb		11.35 am					
First Quarter		4th Mar		5.46 pm					
Pisces Full Moon		11th Mar		12.38 pm					
Last Quarter		19th Mar		3.48 am					
FRI 6th	High	5.57 am	1.7	Sunrise	6.20 am				
		6.50 pm	1.2	Sunset	7.39 pm				
	Low	12.55 pm	0.3	Moonrise	4.49 pm				
				Moonset	2.00 am				
SAT 7th	High	6.58 am	1.8	Sunrise	6.21 am				
		7.48 pm	1.3	Sunset	7.38 pm				
	Low	12.21 am	0.4	Moonrise	5.46 pm				
		1.51 pm	0.2	Moonset	3.08 am				
SUN 8th	High	7.54 am	1.9	Sunrise	6.22 am				
		8.40 pm	1.4	Sunset	7.37 pm				
	Low	1.23 am	0.4	Moonrise	6.36 pm				
		2.42 pm	0.1	Moonset	4.19 am				
MON 9th	High	8.47 am	2.0	Sunrise	6.23 am				
		9.28 pm	1.4	Sunset	7.36 pm				
	Low	2.19 am	0.3	Moonrise	7.19 pm				
		3.28 pm	0.1	Moonset	5.31 am				
TUE 10th	High	9.35 am	1.9	Sunrise	6.24 am				
		10.14 pm	1.5	Sunset	7.36 pm				
	Low	3.12 am	0.2	Moonrise	7.56 pm				
		4.11 pm	0.7	Moonset	6.41 am				
WED 11th	High	10.22 am	1.9	Sunrise	6.24 am				
		10.57 pm	1.5	Sunset	7.35 pm				
	Low	4.02 am	0.2	Moonrise	8.31 pm				
		4.52 pm	0.1	Moonset	7.47 am				
THU 12th	High	11.06 am	1.7	Sunrise	6.25 am				
		11.40 pm	1.6	Sunset	7.34 pm				
	Low	4.52 am	0.2	Moonrise	9.03 pm				
		5.29 pm	0.2	Moonset	8.50 am				
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MONTHLY MARKETS

1st Sat	Brunswick Heads	(02) 6684 4437
1st Sat	8-11am Casuarina 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	The Channon	(02) 6688 6433
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	8-11am Casuarina Farmers' Market	0414 777 432
3rd Sat	Mullumbimby	(02) 6684 3370
3rd Sat	Murwillumbah Cottage Markets	0417 759 777
3rd Sun	Ballina	6687 4328
3rd Sun	Banora Point Farmers' Market	0417 759 777
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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	Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
4th Sun	Tweed Heads	(07) 5599 1714
5th Sun	Nimbin	(02) 6689 0000
5th Sun	Tweed Heads	(07) 5599 1714

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Each Tue	New Brighton	(02) 6684 5390
Each Sat	8am-1pm Uki	(02) 6679 5438

Sport Results

BOWLS
Burringbar Men's Bowls
January 24
KG Shield: A Campbell defeated E Roberts and R Stevens defeated JW Boyle. R Young and T Giacomini defeated T Standfird and D Dixon, L Philip and D Clarke defeated T Allard and S Wade and B Andrews and R Grob defeated R Howard and S Robson. Tony Giacomini won the members draw. The Jackpot did not go off. January 31
The rain washed out the charity day with the Bush Ticks. Nine bowlers in 3 teams went to Kyogle on Sunday and all well, just finishing outside the top three.
The next general meeting will be on Saturday Februray 14 at 10.30am. The Bush Ticks are looking for bowlers
Burringbar Bush Ticks
The Bushticks are looking for bowlers for Sunday February 22 9.30am for a game against South Lismore. the sheet is on the board.
Cabarita Beach Men
21/1/09 winners S Dimauro & P Rose, Runner up J Stewart & A Latif, cons P Killey & I Crabb.
24/01/09 winners M Shaw,E Stenner, R Woodbury & S Vincent. cons B Pilling & S Anderson.
Australia day social winners V Edwards, I Crabb & R Maunders, Runner up B Oldmeadow, B Overall & A Latif.
28/01/09 winners E Carsley & M Morgan, Runner up B Laybutt & A Latif cons R Sydenham & D Spencer.
2/2/09 winners L Freeman & A Latif, Runner up R Maunders & P Craven. cons P Killey & N Simpson. New bowlers are always welcome, with free coaching available every Sat morning phone club for details.
All interested bowlers are requested to attend the clubs quarterley meeting held on Sun 15/02/09 at 9.30 in clubrooms.
Cabarita Beach Women
3/2/09: Winners were C. Lynch. L. Oliver, S. Vincent, R. King. Consolation to A. Paine, M. Hatcliffe, R. Lee, A. Campbell.
Jackpot not won, next week will be \$170.00. Raffle winners: M. Hatcliffe, S. Vincent, J. Maitre. Pennants begin next week, good luck to all competitors. Club championship nominations sheets are on the board, please enter your teams.
Condong Men
Wednesday 28 32 bowlers Lucky winners J Walsh, R Brown, R Shoobridge, runneRunner ups B Wainwright,H Ross, I Muldoon. The A E R mixed pairs washed out on Thursday night 29th will be played next Thursday night 5th February 6 pm Condong .Not a very good week washed out with rain. 18 bowlers enjoyed a great day of bowls and meal at Kyogle old mates day with around 126 men bowlers.
Cudgen Leagues Ladies
THappy Bowling Everyone.
Kingscliff Ladies
Results from Social Play on Wednesday – 28 January are:
Winners: F. Lean / J. Scher – Runners

Up: J. Hegarty / I. Azzopardi. The rifles were won by M. Gardner and M. Sykes. With the weather not knowing if it is going to be wet or extremely hot, nominees for the Fours and Singles Championships should check with either Laurel Willoughby or the Notice Board.
Kingscliff Men
Week ending February 3
Thursday 29
Winners: J Ritchie, G Barrack, B Mullens
J McGill, F McNamara, G Borthwick, D Clark, R Norris, A Clark.
Plate Winners: R Ellis, T Whittaker, R Julius
Tuesday 3
Winners: N Bradbrook, T King, Runners Up: T Halloran, K Liddington. Plate Winners: D Lusby, D Graham. Winners of the Open Singles played on Saturday 31st January: M Azzopardi, G Barrack, M Turner, M Penfold, J Dunn, I Smith.
Open Singles matches to be played on Saturday 7th February are B Turner v M Azzopardi, M Turner v M Penfold, J Dunn v I Smith. Roll up commences at 9:00am
Super Challenge Results: Bronze Division defeated Indooroopilly 4 rinks to one. Gold Division went down to the Booval Swifts 3 rinks to 2.
Draw for the February 7 and 8. Gold Division play Musgrave Hill at Kingscliff on Saturday 7th commencing at 4:30pm NSW time. Bronze Division play Beaudesert on Sunday at Beaudesert commencing 11:00am NSW time. Bus departs Kingscliff at 8:00am.
Summer Nines commence on Saturday 7th February. Kingscliff A will play Robina and Kingscliff B will play Gold Coast Lawn B. Both games are at Kingscliff and roll up will commence at 9:15am NSW time.
Please check the board for teams.
Pottsville Women
Week ending January 29:
Lucky Bowler: L Dowling. Winning Rink:J Richards, J Kent, J Baxter, A Swift. Raffles: V Hardy, A Mackay. Updates: Feb 9: Delegates meeting, M'bah. Feb 10 Pennants Commence. Feb 26 Club 4's entries close. Please check your Pelican Post for all updates on visiting groups and clubs.
Tuesday morning mixed bowls – mufti. Come along for a morning of enjoyment.
Tuesday afternoon, 1 pm Cards. Tutors available so come along and play Solo, Canasta, Bridge or teach us how to play your game.
Visitor Info: Fri 1.00 pm mixed pairs. Thurs Women's Social Bowls 9 am. Order lunch and enjoy our warm & friendly club. For new bowlers, should coaching be required, please contact the club on 6676 1077 and follow the prompts.
GOLF
Chinderah Veterans Social Golf
Results for Thurs 29/1/09 – Stableford
Winner 'A' grade: Chris Hassall – 40 points (c/back) – new handy cap 8. Runner up: Bob Northey – 40 points – new handy cap 13
Winner 'B' grade: John Hunter – 39 points (c/back), new handy cap 16. Runner up: Neil Gillie: 39 points – new handy cap 14
Winner 'C' grade – Ruth Cafarella – 39

points – new handy cap 30. Runner up: Jan Boulton – 37 points – new handy cap 30
Ball rundown to 36 points.
Next event – 5/2/09 – Stroke.
Results for Mon 2/2/09 – Stableford Winner 'A' grade: Jack Cadden – 39 points – new handy cap 11. Runner up – Keith Harvey: 38 points (c/back) – new handy cap 11.
Winner 'B' grade: Geoff Lennon – 40 points – new handy cap 13. Runner up: Mick Purcell – 39 points – new handy cap 14.
Winner 'C' grade: Jan Boulton – 42 points – new handy cap 26. Runner up: Paula Forster – 40 points – new handy cap 24.
Ball rundown to 36 points
Next event – Mon 9/2/09 – Stroke
Murwillumbah Golf Club
Sunday 25th Jan Women's Winner S.Gorton 30 pts Member C.Aslin 39pts N/Pin 2nd Monday 26th Jan Winner pts Runner up 39 pts N/Pin 2nd 5th 10th 17th B.R.D.to pts c.b Wednesday 28th Jan Winner A,Grade K.Bullen 40 pts R.Up A.McClean 39 pts B.Grade W.Rowe 40 pts Runner up P.Fleming 39 pts Veteran L.McCormack 37 pts c.b N/Pin 2nd M.Griffin 17th V.Formica B/R/Down to 35 pts Saturday 31st Jan 2009 Ind Stab Winner A.Grade R.Souter 42 pts R.Up A.Grade B.McClean 40 pts Winner B.Grade M.Ross 39pts Runner up K.Tisdell 38 pts C.Grade Winner J.Mitchell 38 pts Runner up W.Mavin 36 pts D.Grade R.Robinson 40 pts Runner up B.Bright 37 pts Winner N/Pins 2nd p.Berryman 5th T.Boorman 10th.C.Harden 17th J.Newton B.R.Down to 33 pts Winner 4.B.B.B.Stableford B.McClean & D.Noonan 49 pts
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Week ended 1st Februaru, 2009: Air Pistol – Men – I Young 590 N Frankland 573 A Berry 551 P Faulkner 535. Ladies Air – S Stebbing 388 P Faulkner 377. Sports Pistol – S Nash 609 I Young 595 D Stebbing 580 D Gazzard 572 S Stebbing 567 J Lumsden 558 J Gove 541 A Gazzard 540 J Duckworth 532 S Doyle 505 F Andrews 475 P Walsh 468 P Cusack 419. Standard Pistol – H Walters 624 R Walters 613 D Gazzard 572 M Walters 543 A Gazzard 536 L Tease 532 R Bebendorf 525 T Walters 457. Rifle – B Walsh 616 P Gospel 600 P O'Connor 599 G Callaghan 599 B Wenban 599 K Neinert 598 M Quinn 592 I Young 591 J Baker 591 E Wenban 587 S Jenkins 585 J Lumsden 579 G Faulkner 575 R Blair 570 M Luxton 570 N Luxton 551 R Gospel 550 B Cornford 542 J Blair 403



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SUNDAY 8.2.09
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PM 'Lobsters' Jarrad Cain (Capt).

Sign-on for sport

How many of us have sat with our feet up watching the grand final of the Australian Open or the State of Origin on the telly and thought to ourselves, 'What a great sport. I must get into that' and then reached for another corn chip?
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Getting physical is one of the major issues of the 21st century. Modern technology means that now more than ever so much of our physical effort is not being expended in the laborious tasks that used to consume our time. It is important for our physical and mental wellbeing to find and outlet for our excess energy before it becomes in danger of being stored in our bodies as stress and kilos on the waistline.
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Being part of a sporting club helps children build self esteem, confidence and community spirit while at the same time making exercise fun and for adults, becoming a member of a team not only gives you a chance to meet and socialise with others who share your interest, it is also a great opportunity to get together with

training buddies and friends who will encourage you to get up and go when you feel the call of the couch.
In our area we are lucky to have many types of sports that appeal to a wide variety of sports person, these include tennis, hockey, rugby league and union, soccer, netball and touch football to name a few.
Most clubs have training and coaching sessions that will help you get to know your sport better and improve your skills. Matches and games are a great way to spend time with, support and encourage your kids in a way that promotes healthy exercise habits that will see them lead healthier lives into the future.
So don't wait. Don't hesitate. Don't procrastinate. Get off your butt and pick up the phone then get out the door and down to your local sign-on day for more fun than you could ever imagine.
The Pottsville Hockey Club is one of the local organisations having a sign-on soon.
The club sign-on will be held from 9am to 1pm on Saturday February 14 at the Seabreeze sports fields.
All ages and standards are welcome from junior and senior players, existing players and any interested new players.
The club has gained an experience junior coach. Pottsville Hockey is all about having fun and being fit while at th same time being very socail, so get along and sign-on.
For more information about the Pottsville club call Ben on 0402 081 976 or Tammy on 0431 214 728.
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beach buzz what's happening in the surf

Cudgen surf notes

Large surf last Sunday caused the postponement of many of the female events in the club championships. These will now be finalised next Sunday with a 9.30am report for a 10am start.

Next weekend the junior branch championships will be finalised at Byron Bay and the Australian Surfboat – Rowers League will be conducted at Broulee Surfers beach on the NSW far south coast to which our crew are entered in the masters and 'A' divisions.

Good crowds continue to patronise the beach and last weekend patrols recorded 2 rescues and 16 preventative actions.

World's largest championships for SLSC launched

Cudgen Headland SLSC and dozens from along the News South Wales coast, will this year compete in the largest surf life saving championships in the world over two big weekends in late February.

The 2009 Westpac NSW Age Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2009 Allphones NSW Open and Masters Surf Life Saving Championships were launched yesterday at Swansea Belmont SLSC, near Newcastle.

The event is in its second of three years at Swansea Belmont and will attract more than 15,000 people to the Lake Macquarie region during February, with almost 8000 competitors taking part.

The State Member for Swansea, Robert Coombs MP, described the event as a tremendous boost to sports tourism in the region and congratulated sponsors Westpac and Allphones and the Lake Macquarie Council, for staging the event for another year.

'An event of this size takes an enormous commitment at all levels, but the more we can showcase and boost the competitive arm of surf lifesaving in our region, the better,' said Coombs.

'We hope it will also highlight the other important aspects to Surf LifeSaving, the great work done by our volunteer lifesavers to keep the public safe each summer.'

Phil Vanny, CEO of Surf Life Saving NSW, outlined the massive logistical undertaking the event involves, but said the Hunter Branch of Surf Life Saving and the Swansea Belmont club and its members were more than capable of meeting the challenge.

'Last year's event was enormously successful and I'm sure the Swansea Belmont team of volunteers are looking forward to welcoming elite surf sports competitors from around the state,' said Vanny.

'Thanks also to our sponsors Westpac and Allphones. The NSW Championships are key to developing the rescue and safety skills of members of the State's surf clubs and that is why this sponsorship brings significant benefits to our organisation.'

The junior surf life savers will kick-start a bumper two weeks of competition with the Westpac NSW Age Surf Life Saving Championships starting on February 20 and continuing through to Feb 22, featuring a host of the State's finest young lifesavers.

The following Thursday the Allphones NSW Masters & Open Surf Life Saving Championships will commence with the Masters hitting Blacksmiths Beach on February 26 and their younger counterparts taking centre stage from Friday February 27 through to Sunday March 1.

The State's leading surf life savers will test their skills at the annual competition which attracts crowds of up to 10,000 spectators over the two-week period wanting to see competitors fight it out for glory in everything from the gruelling iron person and surf boat races to the highly anticipated Taplin relay and beach events.

For more information visit: www.surflifesaving.com.au.



Coolangatta's Jack Freestone scored the first excellent barrel ride of the day to take a comfortable round one heat win at the Oakley Pro Junior at North Stradbroke Island on Tuesday. Photo Steve Robertson

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Men's shed
The Murwillumbah Community Men's Shed is meeting on Wednesday, February 11, at the Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club, starting at 6.30pm. The group is open to all men (and women too) and aims to set up a community space where people of all ages and backgrounds can

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get together to share their skills and experiences. The group is also looking for a building or space in or near the town. If you can help please contact Phil Davison on 02 6679 1259 or email John Pitt at johnpitt@onthenet.com.au.

Garden club

Twin Towns and District Garden Club February meeting will be at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Auditorium on Monday, February 9, at 10am. Entry is \$3 and includes morning tea from 9am. Guest speaker will be a representative from Currumbin Special School.

Pottsville RSL
The Pottsville RSL sub-branch will hold their annual general meeting on Wednesday, February 11, at the Pottsville Bowls and Sports Club. The meeting will commence at 10am and all members are invited to attend.

Tap dancing
U3A Tweed Coast branch, beginner's tap dancing, limited vacancies available on

Monday mornings 10am-11am at Kingscliff Anglican Church hall in Pearl Street. Cost \$2. Please contact Lynne for further information on 02 6674 0640.

Mental health

Tweed Valley Mental Health Carers Network is a support group for families of people with mental illness, offering friendship and sharing experiences and information. The group meets on the first and third Mondays in each month at the Tweed Heads Library, Brett Street (no public holidays). Inquiries 07 5524 4556.

Bird lovers

A warm welcome is extended to U3A members and the public to attend a Friday Forum tomorrow, Friday, February 6, at 2pm at Kingscliff Uniting Church hall in Kingscliff Street. Guest speaker is Northern Rivers avian expert Danielle Davis who will present The Secret Life of Birds. Afternoon tea will be served, cost \$2.

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Electorally popular Greens councillor Katie Milne continues to face an uphill battle to engage her colleagues in a series of notices of motion at the end of council meetings, but she may be starting to wear them down. This week she had narrow wins to boost signage spruiking our eco credentials and for staff to report on the extent of local road kills, but lost out on a request for public meetings to inform people about the massive Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest developments. She also failed to get a second to motions that extended interim development controls for Hastings Point to the village's northern precinct and for a council 'pledge to maximise community consultation and to respect the visions, ideas and issues raised by the Tweed community'. She no doubt saw a pledge as a simpler and cheaper way to create respect, trust and transparency than paying consultants to deliver promises of the same outcome.

In the meantime Cr Kevin Skinner, who has often proved Cr Milne's lone supporter, had better luck when he won unanimous support for a notice of motion calling for zero tolerance for graffitiists. Just as everyone dived down different burrows exploring the meaning of zero tolerance and the cost of Cr Milne's suggestion that graffiti artists be given a wall to express their art, weary warhorse Warren Polglase put a sudden end to the discourse by moving that the motion be put, effectively ending all debate. Greenhorn councillors seemed stunned but relieved at the tactic.

Backburner can sympathise with the opposition of Crs Milne and Skinner to new rules requiring them to submit a report within five days of any contact with a developer or an objector. As the only two



A campaign against the planned World Championship Rally to be held in the Tweed and Kyogle shires later this year is using a series of postcards using images such as this to show what some locals think of rally driving or motor sport in general. The images were designed by Barkers Vale resident Ammun Luca (see story, page 7).

councillors to attend Saturday's big rally against the proposed sale of part of Bay Street to a developer, they were constantly being buttonholed by objectors who wanted to voice their opposition. Just getting their names would have been a nightmare.

They're calling it a Fun Dog Show and it's on this Saturday at the Sphinx Rock Cafe at Mt Burrell with all proceeds going to local animal charities. The categories alone are funny enough, such as 'most handsome dog', 'waggiest tail', 'prettiest bitch' or 'most beautiful eyes' but the 'dog and owner most alike' is the one bound to set them hooting with laughter. Judging starts at 1.40pm.

Peter Lesleighter of Murwillumbah informs us that a family reunion for the Lesleighter family is planned for Saturday, February 14 (Valentines Day) at the Murwillumbah Showground. Descendants and relatives of brothers Peter Le-

chleighter (Lesleighter/Leslaigh-ter) and George Lechleighter (Leslight), who settled in the Bombala area in 1852 after moving from Germany, and associated relatives are welcome to attend. In 1907 the family came to Murwillumbah and relocated to Chillingham two years later, where they built a number of houses as well as the Chillingham Hall in 1910. Festivities kick off at 11am with a BYO picnic lunch.

Reader Geoff Hayes knows the right way to deal with uninvited geckos. Fill up a clean spray bottle of pure, cool water and spray the gecko, causing it to lose its grip and land on the floor. It will become slow and sluggish and easy to catch. Put each gecko in a container and take it outside to be released/relocated.

Last week's item about a lass riding her horse into Murwillumbah annoyed one resident when a big poo dropped on her driveway as the horse went

past. Complainant asked why the rider did not have a 'pooper scooper' for her horse, given that dog owners are required to. Look at the upside though: horse manure is sold in sacks locally and it's not that cheap. Rose aficionados and other gardeners would have blessed the horse.

A couple new to the area is keen to find out if there are any families here home schooling their children, or interested in home schooling, with a view to networking. You can email Helen and Bradley on ocean.riders@bigpond.com.

Good news on the free food front. Pensioner Terri Bradley reports that the Salvation Army from Southport has 'come to our rescue at the eleventh hour' and will donate bread for the Wednesday free food giveaway for pensioners at 12.30pm at Jack Evans Boat Harbour. Terri does ask for food donations to keep coming in, saying 'the very kind boys at Tweed Growers Wholesale in Machinery Drive have been giving us vegetables'. Call her for info on 0414 376 057.

Driving past the school zone at South Murwillumbah this week, *Backburner* observed a revhead speeding through it at twice the limit (and lucky there were no children about). It occurred to us that these are zones where RTA should install speed cameras. Why? Because there is real and present danger at school zones while kids are coming and going, unlike other areas not involving pedestrians where cameras simply act as a deterrent to speeding motorists or, as most people suspect, a revenue raiser. What could be more important than the safety of our children? It would be cheaper than permanent policing and a good start to rationalising the location of the RTA cameras to maximise safety rather than revenue.



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