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## Bluesfest has that soul kinda feeling



Photo Jeff Dawson

He has played mega-festivals all over the world such as Glastonbury and Summerfest, but blues and roots musician Ben Harper (pictured) has given the Byron Bay Bluesfest his number-one rating.

Headlining the festival this year, the soulful American said Bluesfest is one of the world's best festivals – comparable to Woodstock – and that the Northern Rivers is one of the best places in the world.

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## Full steam ahead for harbour facelift

Ken Sapwell

A long-awaited facelift for the Jack Evans Boat Harbour foreshores is about to get a green light after nearly 20 years of delays.

Tweed Council will next week exhibit a planning application for the \$14 million overhaul before handing it over to councillors for final approval.

The council cleared the way for the on-again-off-again project to finally proceed after narrowly voting to retain this year's 9.5 per cent rate rise which allocates \$3 million towards the work.

The remaining costs will come from a mix of developer contributions and a hoped for \$10.6 million federal infrastructure grant.

Plans to restore the rundown park include new boardwalk and cycle paths, a natural amphitheatre, indigenous gardens, a new road and car parks.

Only two new buildings – a kiosk in the northeast corner and a tourist bureau in the southeast – are allowed under the 2004 Tweed Heads master plan adopted by council administrators.

The plans replace more grandiose concepts, including an underwater observatory, dolphin-feeding areas and a hotel and museum, first unveiled to the public in the late 1980s.

Resident groups and regular park users have welcomed a likely end to delays, but some believe aspects of the plan still need reviewing.

Locals Edward Barlow and Mark Van, whose jobs allow them to visit the park daily, say one area most in need of a fix is a former caravan park site which the council closed amid community uproar in 1994.

They believe it will encourage more people to use the park which they say is one of the 'best spots around.'

'I find it a top spot to relax and study but I'm always amazed that more people don't come down here to enjoy it,' said Mr Barlow, a part-time student.

'It definitely needs to be tidied up and more

trees planted – we don't want any commercial development.'

Mr Van disputed recent claims that people were staying overnight in their vehicles, saying apart from an odd foreign tourist the park at nights was left to drifters and the homeless, with the public toilets recently closed in a bid to deter them.

Save the Jack Evans Boat Harbour spokesperson, Stephanie Deane, says some aspects of the landscaping need reviewing, including large concrete blocks lining the foreshores and a concrete wall winding through the indigenous gardens to be created on the former caravan site.

'All residents really want is for the caravan park site to be fixed, trees planted and barbecues and playgrounds installed so it once again becomes attractive for family groups,' she said.

She said residents' groups hoped to urge the council to reconsider making an offer to purchase the building now operating as a lap-dance restaurant so it can be restored to its former role as a tourist visitor centre.

This project goes on exhibition next Tuesday for 28 days and Council is conducting several public briefings including a presentation to the Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce breakfast, a media briefing and two public meetings later that day at 2pm and 6pm (Star Room, Twin Towns).

### Golden days recalled

It's hard to imagine now, but the Jack Evans Boat Harbour foreshores once teemed with family groups, tourists and campers.

They flocked to see porpoises perform at Evan's marina, holidayed at a council caravan park and wine and dined at a lively Greek restaurant and a thriving aquatic club which had all managed to obtain special leases over the site.

But during the past two decades the porpoise pool closed after being overshadowed by Sea-world, a rock falling on the restaurant prompted the council to order its doors closed and

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## Boat Harbour to get facelift (continued from page 1)



Regular harbour users Edward Barlow (left) and Mark Van survey the cratered landscape which they believe needs to be landscaped as soon as possible.

mismanagement of the club guaranteed it a similar fate.

Even a busy council-run tourist information centre, now operating as an adult restaurant and lap dancing venue, was finally closed amid allegations of political paybacks and bureaucratic bungs.

The final nail and perhaps the biggest bungle in most eyes was the closure in 1994 of the highly profitable Border Caravan Park despite widespread protests by regular users and local businesses which relied on their trade.

The council says it was forced to close the popular park because of costs in meeting gov-

ernment demands to upgrade facilities, even though the Lands Department maintained at the time it warned the council against the move because of the likelihood of an ensuing Aboriginal land claim.

The department's prediction of a claim proved correct, triggering the first in a series of delays which subsequently beset plans to redevelop the park as a major tourist drawcard.

Apart from a loss of income estimated as \$100,000 a year when the park closed more than 14 years ago, the former site has degenerated into a pot-holed wasteland which attracts

only a small handful of visitors during the day and homeless people at nights.

Now after a string of false hopes caused mainly by funding shortfalls, the long-awaited overhaul of the park seems to be on track following the council's decision on the rates plan, which allows for a start on the project this financial year.

### Easter break

The *Echo* office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but our next edition will come out on Thursday, April 16, as normal.

## New blood at the chamber

Luis Feliu

Murwillumbah's business chamber is set for a changing of the guard after the sudden resignation of three of its top four office bearers.

The chamber, criticised in the past for being too involved with local politics rather than business issues, now appears to be making a fresh start by showing a united front with new blood set to take over.

After four years at the helm, Murwillumbah and District Business Chamber president Phil Youngblutt is quitting, saying he wants to concentrate on his role as Tweed Shire councillor. Treasurer Errol Goulding, who retired recently after 35 years with the ANZ Bank, is also resigning to allow for what he says is a 'new broom' on the board and prevent the chamber going 'stale', while secretary Marjorie Goward is also stepping aside for personal reasons.

At its monthly Tuesday breakfast meeting this week, chamber vice president Murray Lees, who will renominate for his position, said the chamber would hold its AGM on April 21 to elect the new executive team after nominations closed last week.

He named businesswoman Toni Zuschke as the new 'president elect' given she was

the only nomination for the position.

Ms Zuschke, a mum of young children who runs an advertising firm with her husband Mike, has been involved with previous Murwillumbah business chambers and was a director for four years.

She said the key issue for the new chamber, which currently had around 100 members, was its 'unification'.

'If we can all sing the same song and all row the boat in the same direction we'll have more chance of success,' the former Murwillumbah Music Club president and Speed on Tweed committee member said.

A united chamber would give it strength during the economic downturn and help make the most of opportunities that the upcoming world rally planned to be run through the Tweed offered to local business, she said.

'When the eyes of the entire world is upon you, you've got to be shining and successful... none of us know how huge an impact the event will have on the area... and everyone has to unite to make it happen.'

She said she was keen to increase the social aspects of the new chamber to embrace new businesses and thanked the old board for its 'strong leadership'.

Mr Lees later said he wel-

comed fresh faces on the board.

'I am all for new ideas, so long as they fit in with the chamber's core functions which are to listen to, represent and inform small businesses in the Murwillumbah district,' he said.

Over the years, the chamber has come under fire from several quarters for its perceived National Party leanings, given that Mr Lees is the Tweed Nationals chairman and Mr Youngblutt a longtime party stalwart.

Former Tweed MP Neville Newell once famously described the Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff business chambers as the 'lapdogs' of the National Party.

Former Tweed Shire Council executive officer Genevieve Slattery told *The Echo* before her departure from the Tweed late last year that Mr Lees was Mr Youngblutt and Cr Warren Polglase's 'puppet master' and the trio had a stranglehold on the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads business chambers which she believed had been turned into hotbeds of political intrigue.

On Tuesday, Mr Lees described outgoing secretary Mrs Goward as 'the conscience' of the chamber who used to 'slap me down to stay neutral' when the chamber at times was 'too National Party'.

### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

## Chinderah Tavern

When Justin Fletcher started mowing lawns at a popular central coast hotel aged 18, he never dreamed it would eventually lead to a stint in London and becoming licensee of his own pub.

Nor did he ever dream his hospitality career would help him chase his dreams of playing cricket in England.

But the 35-year-old last year became the manager and licensee of the historic Chinderah Tavern, where he doesn't mind reflecting on his English cricket career over a beer or two.

Originating from the central coast, Justin fell into hotel work when he began mowing lawns at a pub.

He spent four and a half years in the industry before moving to Reading, outside of London, where he played minor county cricket in the Berkshire league.

'England is kind of the home of cricket and I think a lot of people dream of playing over there,' he said.

'I was playing at the Entrance and decided I wanted to go overseas and play over there - see the world a bit. I rang around a few contacts and started turning up to a few training sessions for Berkshire.'

'It was very competitive and you would

play probably four matches a week.'

After two years overseas, Justin came home and started working at a bunch of pubs owned by a big company.

He moved up to Woolli a few years back, then on to Tweed Heads where he worked in the retail sector of major pub group Taphouse, which owns the Chinderah Tavern.

When the license came up, he jumped for the job.

'I've been kind of moving up the coast a bit further with each job,' he said.

'This pub has a good country feel. For some reason it once had a bit of a rough reputation, but these days it is really popular with locals.'

'We are trying to make a point of it being a great place for good counter meals and really good pub food.'

'And some of the stories about the old pub are fantastic. The locals are almost too willing to tell you all about it.'

Justin said he was here to stay and would be getting married in October to a girl he met when they were both working at the Coolangatta Sands Hotel.

'I like this area, it is where I want to be based,' he said.

## Art works sought to help gallery

Roxanne Millar

Got a spare Picasso on your hands? Sick of staring at that Rembrandt? Or maybe you are upgrading your David Hume for a Dali?

Whatever your motivation, if you have unwanted quality art then the Friends of the Tweed River Art Gallery want to auction it to raise funds for the Tweed River Regional Art Gallery.

While they aren't expecting any priceless Joan Miró pieces or a Cezanne, they are hoping to attract some previously loved treasures that might spark a bidding war.

Proceeds will be given to the art gallery, which has no acquisitions budget. The money could be used for building upgrades, acquisitions or to fund a folio of prints the gallery is



Friends' member Gayl McKay with some of the art for auction.

trying to put together to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Friends' president Jo Nugent said a range of items were sought for auctions, including paintings, prints, etchings, sketches, photography and glass and china items.

Items for auction should be brought to the art gallery on April 15 and 16 between 10am and 12 noon.

The auction will take place April 21 from 10am at the art gallery. For more information call Jo on 6672 3327.

## Ben Harper headlines Bluesfest (from page 1)

'I've said it before and I will say it again and again: it is one of the greatest festivals on the planet,' he told Melbourne media.

'It has a Woodstock feel. Yet it is still well organised, well put together. It is family style, yet it still has a similar Woodstock structure to it. It is hard to put my thumb on it. It is really hard to describe.'

On Saturday and Monday

Harper will bring to the festival his new band Relentless7, which he debuted a few weeks ago on tour with the Beastie Boys.

The four-piece are putting the final touches on their debut album *White Lies for Dark Times*, to be released next month. The Bluesfest shows are Harper and Relentless 7's only Aussie gigs.

And it's not only Ben Harper

who loves the festival. Despite people arriving from 27 places around the world (including Antarctica!), North Coast music lovers still lead the charge.

At the beginning of the week (April 6) Bluesfest had sold a record 6,511 tickets to locals, and festival director Peter Noble said they were on target for 7,000 local sales.

■ **Our Bluesfest coverage starts on page 11.**



# Rare alpacas are such fun to watch

Roxanne Millar

Looking somewhat like a dreadlocked pony, these funny looking creatures taking over the fields at Dulguigan have actually got celebrity links to Bob Marley, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes.

These rare alpacas are being bred by Dulguigan woman Jacqueline Dean, who has managed to produce 32 offspring in the three years since she bought her first pair.

Known as Suri alpacas, they are one of the rarest breeds of alpacas for their dreadlocked coat, which resembles Bob Marley's famed locks.

The striking animals grabbed headlines a few years back when celebrity couple Tom and Katie announced they had named their daughter Suri, although not intentionally as a tribute to the animals.

The Dean family decided to start breeding alpacas after buying some to eat the grass at their acreage holding McKenzie Park in Dulguigan.

'Like anyone who has them, we just fell in love and decided to breed them,' she said.

'We picked the hard end of the market by choosing the Suri and deciding to special-



Jacqueline Dean with one of her precious young Suri alpacas on her farm at Dulguigan.  
Photo Jeff 'Shorn of the Bred' Dawson

ise in the blue black and grey (coat), which is the hardest to do.'

The blue black is the deepest black alpaca on the market and the Deans imported their first from New Zealand to establish the colouration.

The animals have a gestation period of almost 12 months and a shy, but very nosy nature.

'And they are great time

wasters,' said Jacqueline.

'You can sit and watch them for ages. Once they get the wind in their tail they will run and jump in the air, which is great to watch.

'We have one that would be in the house if you would let her - she has such a great temperament, kissing our son. And she has had babies that are like her, so it is good to

see that temperament being passed on.'

Jacqueline said the alpacas are shorn once a year for their wool, which is in high demand across the world.

'We breed them for their wool and for genetics to increase the Suri population across the world,' she said.

'Down the track we would like to eventually be producing our own wool.'

Some alpacas are up for sale. For details call Jacqueline on 0427 236 889.

## Two new supermarkets planned

Plans for two new supermarkets outside Murwillumbah's CBD were publicly unveiled this week.

Last Sunday, Murwillumbah Bowls and Sports Club members gave the green light to plans for a multi-million-dollar redevelopment of the club including a supermarket complex with bowls greens on its roof.

On Tuesday, businessman Bruce Campbell told a breakfast meeting of the town's business chamber of his plans for a small IGA supermarket and specialty shops on the old Norco factory site on Tweed Valley Way.

At the special meeting of the bowls club attended by around 200 people, a majority of club

members approved the possible sale of their club for the project and as a result, expressions of interest are to be called for other developers apart from the unnamed firm behind the initial bid, which involved a new clubhouse and synthetic greens to be built on the upper level of the supermarket and shopping complex.

The bowls club land, bounded by Commercial Road and Brisbane Street, is just outside the CBD and only two blocks away from Murwillumbah's largest shopping centre, Sunnyside Mall, while the Norco factory site is further away across the bridge on the old highway.

One bowls club member told *The Echo* that around a quarter

of those attending the meeting opposed the sale and that she felt the ballot paper was 'misleading'.

Tweed Shire Council planners say the current zoning of the land is recreational and not suitable for a supermarket as the immediate surrounding area is residential.

Meanwhile, Mr Campbell showed Murwillumbah District Business Chamber his plans for the new IGA and associated shops on the land he bought in 2000.

He said the supermarket would be just under 1,100 square metres while five specialty shops such as a coffee shop and bakery would occupy the remaining 650 square metres.

## Film-set pest killer went too far

Roxanne Millar

A pest controller has been stung with a \$53,000 fine after trying to rid Z-list celebrities of mosquitos during filming for *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here* in Dungay.

Byron-based pest controller Harold M Ross was fined \$18,000 and told to pay \$35,000 in costs after killing crayfish and insects with a pesticide that ran off into Dungay Creek.

Ross had been employed by the producers of the British reality television show in 2007 to nuke mosquitoes feasting on cast and crew in the seventh season.

The mozzies would have been feeding on celebrities including boy bander Jason Brown of Five, busty model Gemma Atkinson and loudmouth US model Janice Dickinson who threatened to fry up another contestant's 'big, old boobs' during filming.

The Land and Environment Court last week heard that Ross used pesticide bifenthrin, which is toxic to aquatic life, to kill mozzies and protect the celebrities. But some of it entered the water and killed 1,000 native crayfish and insects.

He pleaded guilty to polluting the creek, which is located on a private property.

Imposing the sentence, Justice Nicola Pain took into account Ross's plea and his efforts to clean-up after the bungle and assist with the investigation.

But Department of Environment and Climate Change director-general Lisa Corbyn said extra care should always be taken when using pesticide near waterways.

'All pesticides must be handled and used so as not to cause harm to the environment. This is especially important when using a pesticide near waterways,' she said.

'When spraying pesticides, users must also be very aware of weather conditions.'

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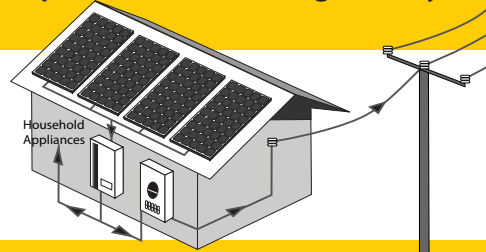
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## A glimpse of Bogangar's past

Luis Feliu

Bogangar retiree and amateur historian David Rae (pictured) thought he would focus just on his coastal village when he began compiling a history of European settlement of the area, but the task expanded to include surrounding villages.

'It grew like topsy and now includes not just Cabarita/Bogangar and Wooyung but Clothiers Creek, Round Mountain, Reserve Creek, Upper Cudgera... it stays this (eastern) side of the highway,' he said.

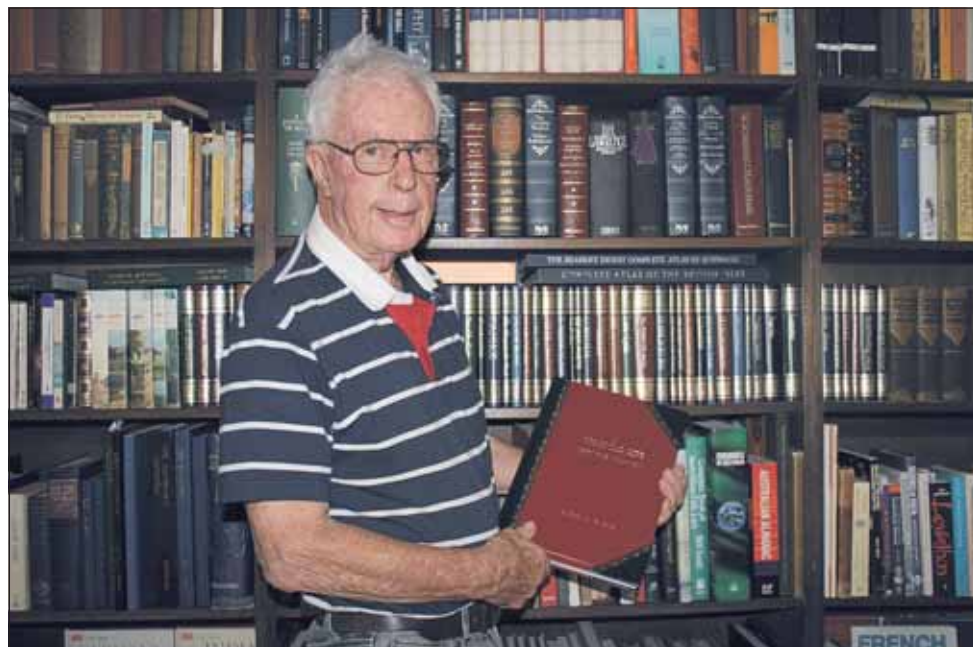
It was only natural for the 81-year-old former marketing professional to write a history of his local area - his great grandfather John Rae made history in Sydney's early days as its first town clerk, commissioner for railways and as a very prominent artist and poet - and David had recorded Sydney's colonial history in four books after moving and semi-retiring to Bogangar in the mid 1970s.

'It was becoming quite impracticable dealing with Sydney while living here so I thought why not write a local history?' he said.

David said he hates to see history 'dying' so he started talking to people aged in their 80s and 90s about the area and discovered that recording the pioneering European settlement days was a far bigger project than he anticipated.

'It's fun but the pay is lousy, but I've had so many delightful encounters.'

The working title for his latest book is *Glimpses at the Past - Bogangar, Pottsville and Thereabouts* and looks at



early settler families such as the Cooleys, Boyds, Towners, Hardys, Browns, Murnanes and Johansens, the establishment of Pottsville, Hastings Point, the local pubs, stores, farming and sandmining among other things.

'An example of how one thing led to another was when I casually mentioned the Round Mountain Hall to one person I was interviewing but they said that no, there was never a hall there, and I thought that's funny, so mentioned it to another person who went back and found a picture of eight people in front of the hall - it's not surprising to find stuff like this.'

'Even though some of the people I have interviewed are 90-year-olds, some are remarkably fluent and very very articulate and I've been very fortunate that some people's parents kept diaries which have been incredibly useful and some kept scrapbooks which were a

treasure trove of memorabilia.

'Yesterday I photographed a stump jump plough which I learnt from school was one of Australia's greatest inventions but it was rusting in tall grass... I'm finding little treasures like it all the time.'

'There's so much history out there in those hills and no one would ever suspect it... people lived out there in isolation and with it comes some great stories - there was also enormous poverty.'

'The schools are interesting too and some no longer exist. People I've talked to were educated at Clothiers Creek, Mooball, Wooyung, Reserve Creek and Round Mountain yet there's no schools in any of those places now.'

'John D Booker also played an important enormous part in the development of Bogangar and Ken Hansen picked up the reins later but Booker got the ball rolling. He was a master

builder/developer and built the pub to attract people here.

'An apocryphal story, backed up by John Booker's son, is that one pioneer named this area 'Ocean View Estate' and Booker didn't like it, or the area's existing name Bogangar, and he came across the name 'Cabrita' in an Aboriginal place name book, supposed to mean "by the water" so he added a syllable to make it flow better... he then started the Cabarita Country Club Hotel and estate which stretched both sides of Coast Road, so two thirds of Bogangar were then owned by Booker.'

David said the history was becoming a 'daily labour of love' and he hoped to have it finished in 12 months 'so by the end of the year I'll be the most authoritative person on Bogangar'.

For info or to chat to David about the history, call him on 02 6676 1118.

## Neville has the scoop on history

Roxanne Millar

With an ear closely tuned to his personal radio, Kingscliff resident Neville Chivers has had the scoop on history for the past 40 years.

Using a home-built 'ham' or amateur radio system, the 71-year-old is able to tune into some of the world's biggest events and talk to the people behind the scenes.

'Two days before Saigon fell I spoke to someone at the US Embassy over there who said they were shredding documents - meanwhile, on the news the Americans were claiming to be winning the war,' he said.

'I spoke to Russians in the 1980s who admitted their five-year plan had failed. I've also handled messages during Cyclone Tracy.'

'All radio amateurs are treated as equals no matter what their occupation or position in life. They give you their first name and where they live, any other information they give is up to them.'

'You might be speaking to Dave the local shopkeeper in a small town in the USA and Juan in Madrid next, only later do you find out that Juan is Juan de Bourbon, King of Spain.'

Neville has been a ham radio fan since



Amateur radio buff Neville Chivers can use his 'ham' to talk to people in the thick of history-making events, including kings and shopkeepers.

his father bought him a crystal set radio for his 11th birthday. He has held an amateur radio licence for 40 years.

Amateur radio is hugely popular

around the world among people interested in radio technology. Some amateurs like to build their own equipment, talk to people and bounce signals off satellites.

Being a bit of a tinkerer, Neville likes to build and test equipment best and has even published articles on his test communications pieces, including a transceiver he built out of a biscuit tin.

'I wanted to prove it could be done out of the bits and pieces that are available because people these days don't build things so much anymore, they say they cannot get parts,' he said.

Installed in Neville's technologically-advanced backyard shed, beneath a giant antenna, are dozens of postcards from around the world sent by some of the people he has spoken to on his radio.

'I've spoken to 300-odd countries, including Antarctica and Andorra. I've spoken to all and sundry,' he said.

'I've visited some people overseas and some have visited me.'

'I get on the radio and talk technology with other enthusiasts or just enjoy some general banter. I've realised that what you read in the newspapers is not always the official line - with the radio you hear some amazing things.'



# Rayner's rally role in the spotlight

The Department of Local Government is investigating a complaint over the involvement of Tweed Shire general manager Mike Rayner in the controversial world rally championships planned to be held in the Tweed in September.

The complaint, centering on Mr Rayner's role as a director with World Rally Australia Pty Ltd, was lodged late last month by a volunteer to the Caldera Environment Centre and is being backed by the centre as well as NSW Greens MLC Ian Cohen.

A spokesman for the department said the complaint had been received and was being looked into, while a spokesman for Mr Rayner said he would not comment.

The departmental spokesman said media reports had wrongly stated that Mr Rayner sought and was granted permission by the department to undertake a position on the board of Rally Australia but

that his appointment was made after a resolution by Council last November and that the department played no role in it.

The complaint follows a report by Alex Mitchell in Crikey.com that the department's director-general gave permission for Mr Rayner to join the World Rally Australia Pty Ltd board of directors.

The letter by the Greens volunteer, who wished to remain anonymous, says that 'from the perspective of "Joe Tweed public", we are outraged, we had the Daly Inquiry in 2005 and the hope of equitable local government, instead we are perceiving a blatant subversion of process in 2009'.

The complainant asks why the department's director-general gave Mr Rayner permission to take a director's role with a business with a 'controversial development proposal' to be determined by Tweed Shire Council. The letter also asks whether that permission

was in written or verbal form.

'From the perspective of Tweed Shire ratepayers there are obvious conflicts of influence, our shire general manager is not credible, and there can be little confidence in Council's critical processing (or regulating of compliance) of the World Rally Australia development application,' the letter says.

'The proposed motor rally is for up to twenty years. Is your department aware how long Mr Rayner may be a director with World Rally Australia Pty Ltd, and can Mr Rayner's non-remunerative status change? Can potential future rewards, or current bias, cause undue influence?'

The complainant said he believed the proposed motor rally was fundamentally wrong for Tweed Shire and the process of its deployment, including Mr Rayner's over-involvement, was offensive to ratepayers.

A spokesman for Mr Cohen

said the MP had written a letter to the Minister for Local Government Barbara Perry also asking her to investigate the concerns over Mr Rayner.

It follows two questions on notice from Mr Cohen to Roads Minister Michael Daley and Environment Minister Carmel Tebbutt last month on the proposed rally.

The spokesman said that under Council's own code of conduct Mr Rayner had a significant non-pecuniary interest by taking on the role with rally organisers and that the director-general should have said no to the appointment.

'The general principle is that a councillor steps out if there is a significant non-pecuniary interest, so why didn't (the director general) tell Mr Rayner it was not appropriate?'

'It seems there's a rule for councillors and another rule for general managers,' the spokesman told *The Echo*.

The departmental spokesman said conflicts of interest were regulated under the Model Code of Conduct which all councils are required to adopt.

'If concerns exist that Mr Rayner has failed to properly manage any conflict of interest arising from his position on the board, these should be raised with Council's Mayor as required under the code of conduct,' he said.

## Police chief backs rally with 24hr presence

Murwillumbah police station will be open 24 hours during the running of the world rally championships through the region in September.

Tweed-Byron's police chief Michael Kenny told a business breakfast meeting in Murwillumbah on Tuesday he expected a large crowd to attend the rally through the Tweed and Kyogle shires from September 3-6.

Superintendent Kenny said that as a result, the station would be open longer than usual to cater for such a large event, yet to be officially approved by Tweed Shire Council.

The police chief said the rally had been earmarked by the state government as a 'hallmark event' which meant it would be helped by government agencies free of cost.

He said he was working closely with rally organisers to ensure a smooth running of the 'exciting' event which he expected to 'drive business' in the town along.

Police would help with emergencies, crowd control and crash investigation.

'I sincerely hope there will be opportunities for business to make a buck out of it, it's important,' he told the business people.

## Music students on a high note

Roxanne Millar

Almost \$5,000 in funding will break down sound barriers at Kingscliff Primary School by allowing musically-minded students to take part in a special music program.

The school's self-funded music program has attracted four years worth of sponsorship from Salt Village Real Estate, comprising a \$1000 donation each year and a \$240 annual scholarship.

Two new music-mad students will now be able to join the music program and learn to play an instrument for a small fee.

The program was launched by school music teacher Nicky Cooper last year who noticed a severe gap in school music studies after relocating from a teaching job in Queensland.

'In Queensland, public schools have great music programs but when I moved to NSW I realised it just wasn't the same here,' she said.

'So we set up this self-funded program where kids that want to learn an instrument can do so for a small fee throughout the year.'

'They all form a band



Salt's Andrew Ladd and Kingscliff students Heidi Thurgate (trombone), Jack Hodges (trumpet - and scholarship recipient), and Lilly Cole (clarinet). Photo Jeff Dawson

and play regularly at school events.

'Salt Village Real Estate's sponsorship this year has enabled us to purchase a new clarinet and trumpet, which means two more students will be able to join the group.'

Year five student Jack Hodges is the first scholarship recipient and has been playing the trum-

pet since the group's launch.

'Jack is a keen and motivated musician with a natural ability for his chosen instrument and is very excited to be the first recipient,' said Nicky.

Salt Village Real Estate principal Andrew Ladd said the money was provided through Salt Village's community development program.

## Advice from the Chief Product Tester



Dear Product Tester  
Love your advice – have you got any more tips on how to treat women proper?  
Bernie

G'day Bernie,  
Be sensitive my friend that's number one. It's important to remember the little things. For example, say you're a little bit late at the pub and you didn't win the meat raffle before you get the taxi home, buy the meat tray from the winner – pay him double – trust me, it'll be worth it.

Compliments are also important. Say something flattering to your partner like – 'Have you lost weight?' But make sure you keep a straight face when you say it.

And to keep the romance alive, little surprises are great. Offer to light the BBQ for her, bring her a drink, push her into the pool and jump in after her – she'll love it.

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# A progress from baubles to wands

Roxanne Millar

An unfulfilling career designing mass market consumer goods led Uki man David Marks (pictured right) to throw off the corporate shackles and replace them with wands.

The former Sydney-based industrial designer is now living a life of spirituality in the Tweed, having set up a business making wands for people all over Australia.

And with customers willing to pay big bucks for striking and spiritual wands, it is a hobby that has obviously evolved past the stereotypical witches and wizards.

Marks constructs his works of art wands using natural materials such as wood, leather, feathers and crystals that combine to give off a type of energy.

Each one is personalised – often using crystals – to reflect where its owner is on their spiritual journey.

'Each crystal has a different vibration and represents a different frequency of the earth's energy – therefore they also have different effects on a person's own energy,' he said.

'Overall the piece is a conductor of energy and works with the person who works with it.

'It helps them reflect on their personal spiritual journey and reflect on themselves.'

He said each wand is constructed intuitively and can take up to four months or in some cases one week.

'Each piece has its own perfect time to unfold,' he said.

Marks said wands can also encourage healing, oneness with nature and assist a person to tap into the energy rhythms of nature.

'There is a lot of destruction in our world coming from a degree of a lack of empathy for our planet,' he said.

'We are being guided by our left, logical brain, which is not about empathy or connection.'

Marks became interested in wands through his childhood love of crystals.

He said wand making was a natural progression as he sought healing practices and delved into his own spiritual journey.

That journey led him to quit his industrial designer job in Sydney to set up a firm selling holistic therapies to businesses.

'Then one day I literally woke up to a part of me telling me I was going to move to Uki,' he said.

'So I came up here for a couple of weeks because I had never been here. And it was meant to happen because I left two weeks later with a house and job lined up.'

To learn more about Marks' wand business go to [www.myspace.com/sacredmarks](http://www.myspace.com/sacredmarks) or call him on 02 6679 5484.



## Quilters make the Dragons tickled pink



Jill Hallworth, Cheryl Beatty and Jan O'Reilly with the quilt 'Tickled Pink' made and donated by Murwillumbah Quilters to Dragons Abreast Mt Warning, a group of women who have survived the challenge of both the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. The women get together for fun, friendship and exercise twice a week and paddle their dragon boat. One of their goals is to purchase a boat of their own and the group is grateful to the Quilters for the quilt that will be raffled over the coming months. To join Dragons Abreast or for more info call Cheryl Beatty on 02 6676 6370.



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## New number for council

Tweed Shire Council now has a more accessible 1300 phone number. By dialling 1300 292 872 (1300 292 TSC) people can contact Council at a standard local call rate of 30c per call from a fixed line anywhere in Australia.

Council's corporate services director Troy Green said more than 9,000 ratepayers lived outside the Tweed Shire and every time they wanted to call council, it would be charged to them at an STD rate, but having a 1300 number allowed them to pay only 30c per call.

He said a 1300 call may not suit all residents within the shire as an individual's phone

plan may charge a cheaper local call rate. In this case Council encourages callers to decide which will be the most cost effective method for them – direct call to the 07, 02 or 1300 numbers.

'Many of our customers in the northern part of the shire have a Queensland 07 extension and every time they try to ring council on an NSW 02 number they think it is an STD call charge, which is not the case,' Mr Green said.

'Tweed Heads and Banora Point residents can continue to use the 02 6670 2400 number which will be charged as a local call.'



# Pottsville veteran keeps active

Roxanne Millar

If Bruce Thompson regrets anything about fighting in World War Two, it is that he didn't quite get the adventure he craved as an indestructible teen fresh out of high school.

The Pottsville 83-year-old joined the Army aged 18, became an infantryman and was sent to New Britain near Papua New Guinea to 'chase the Japanese back home'.

He spent 18 months overseas, which he still calls 'pretty routine', despite admitting that the action he craved may have left him unable to share his war story.

'Most young fellas were looking forward to being sent overseas, and I was certainly looking forward to it,' he said.

'I wanted adventure and while it was pretty confronting, when you are younger you can accept those sorts of things.

'We had a couple of bombs thrown at us, but the Japanese must have had something wrong with their gunpowder by the end of the war because we missed out on major action.'

After months of baked beans on toast for breakfast each day, the war ended and Bruce stayed on in Simpson Harbour to repatriate Japanese prisoners to their home country.



A proud Bruce Thompson shows off his medals. Photo Jeff Dawson

These days he is at peace with his memories of the war and looks forward to Anzac Day each year.

'Most Australians if they have a love of their country should support Anzac Day,' he said.

'I am a member of the RSL here and I go along every year to the Pottsville memorial.'

Bruce moved to the Tweed six years ago, having spent most of his life on the south

coast of NSW. He was an industrial arts teacher after the war and moved to Pottsville for its creek.

'I have kayaked for 10 years and one of the big reasons we moved to Pottsville is because we have a creek next door,' he said.

He can often be seen around the town on his pushbike, which he took up grudgingly when he had to give up motorbiking two years ago after

a slight accident.

'I was still on it at 80, but after the fall I had to stop,' he said.

'But I still do Scottish country dancing once a week, volunteer with Dune Care and am involved in Neighbourhood Watch and the garden club with my wife.

'People say they get bored, but there is no reason to. Sometimes we have too much to do every week!'

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## Minister 'has conflict of interest'

A donation of more than \$50,000 to the NSW ALP by the developer of two of the biggest residential projects ever proposed for the Tweed has sparked fears it could influence the state planning minister in charge of granting approval.

The revelation of the donation by Leda Holdings, the developer of the Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest residential projects planned to eventually house around 10,000 people, prompted a call by the Greens for Planning Minister Kristina Keneally to declare how she would deal with her 'conflict of interest problem' after her party accepted the donation.

Greens MP Lee Rhiannon said Ms Kristina Keneally 'must reassure the Tweed community that her decision on the Cobaki and Kings Forest developments will not be influenced by the \$53,180 her party

has accepted in donations from the developer'.

But a spokesman for Ms Keneally told *The Echo* that the minister's planning decisions were based on the advice and recommendations of the Department of Planning, the merits of the application brought before her, and the views of the public on the proposal.

'There is no relationship whatsoever between organisations deciding to make donations and the planning decisions of the minister,' the spokesman said.

'In October 2008, the Minister introduced new laws regarding political donations to make the planning system more transparent. Detailed and comprehensive information about the proposals has been made available through the public exhibition process.'

Ms Rhiannon said that

though the environmental stakes were high, 'the Minister will assess the merit of these developments and grant approval based on flimsy concept plans sketched by the developer.'

'The concept plan's preliminary assessment report for the Cobaki Lakes proposal is a mere four pages in length with two maps. It outlines that the key issue of the proposal is an increase in permissible building height above three stories, but gives no further detail of how this will be addressed.

'There is a perception of conflict of interest when the Minister is empowered to approve a massive development that breaches current planning codes, and the Labor Party has accepted over \$50,000 in donations from the developer.'

'The most recent donations disclosed by NSW Labor from Leda Holdings was a \$2,200 ticket at a party fundraiser in September 2007. For all we know Leda has been dining with Labor Ministers during the development assessment process.'

'The community holds serious concerns about the scale and impact of these developments on their local environment, and they deserve an explanation of how the Planning Minister plans to handle this perceived conflict of interest problem,' she said.

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## End of the line?

Last Tuesday, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh was on hand to watch the laying of the first piece of track extending the rail line 4.5km from Robina to Varsity Lakes on the booming southern end of the Gold Coast.

It was part of a \$324 million project due to be completed later this year and eventually extending all the way to Coolangatta. There are also plans to construct a transit interchange at the new Varsity Lakes station, a first step in the progressive extension to Gold Coast Airport.

With the population of the Gold Coast set to grow to over half a million people by 2011, the Robina to Varsity Lakes section will help meet the coast's future transport needs.

This was all big news on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane but hardly rated a mention in local mainstream media, which is a real shame.

So where does that leave NSW now and when the line reaches Coolangatta? In a few words: disconnected and way out of touch.

At a time when road transport should be taking the back seat to rail, all tiers of government should be doing their utmost to connect one of the fastest-growing regions in the country by rail for both passengers and freight. The first step should be for a light rail commuter line to service the growing populations on both sides of the border and if need be, a new corridor built to accommodate it.

Last week, a document leaked to the Greens analysing submissions to the Cross Border Transport Taskforce revealed the NSW government has no intention of restoring any type of rail service to the Tweed, but clearly favours bus services for the region instead. This shows no foresight whatsoever on behalf of a tired and worn-out government.

Recently *The Echo* criticised Richmond MP Justine Elliot for not taking up the rail cause as she did during her election campaign in 2004, even to push for a light commuter rail line to connect to Queensland. After all, it's a cross-border issue which should be tackled at a bipartisan level, helped along with federal funding – of which there's plenty about.

It was not an exercise in Labor MP bashing or about who promised what when, but getting the job done, that is to build a cost-effective commuter rail service linking NSW with Queensland as soon as possible. It's not a matter of money either, just common sense and a no-brainer for funding approval by the federal government's infrastructure authority. The need is there and growing by the day, we are not talking about restoring a heavy and costly XPT-type service on the old corridor for subsidised passengers. A light commuter rail service between Coolangatta airport and Byron Bay, two of the region's biggest tourist hubs, has to be considered a priority and a sound investment for the area's future prospects.

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## What a big week for our Kevin

**G**osh, what a busy time Kevin Rudd had last week.

He had to apologise for being rude to an RAAF stewardess several months ago, when he had also apologised. He had to tighten security at the Lodge when it was revealed that a few weeks ago some bikies (well, at least they were big blokes with tattoos) had spent unauthorised time there. Indeed, he had to tighten security all over when it was reported that Chinese spies might be trying to intercept his emails.

Then there was the furore when he wanted to change seats at a photo session to be next to an English mate rather than a Chinese delegate. And he was still having to answer questions about his defence minister's Chinese connection and his treasurer's stance on Chinese investment in Australia. Finally, to cap it all, he had to endure the indignity of being placed towards the end of the table at a formal dinner party.

Oh, and of course he found time to play a positive and constructive part in the most important international conference of the century and take an active role in the construction and promotion of a new world order before returning to announce a new package to soften the effects of the world recession and take the crucial decisions in shaping next month's watershed budget.

These events are recorded in roughly the order of importance allocated to them by the Australian media, whose desire to puncture the image of St Kevin is currently being implemented with the

same zeal they showed in creating it.

It is one thing for the Prime Minister to continue to command undreamt-of heights of political approval; the political commentariat may not be able to explain the phenomenon, but it still makes for a sexy headline. However, it is another thing entirely for the public adulation to be reflected in the media coverage. The

The foundation laid down in London can be built into a lasting structure to set political and economic parameters for the foreseeable future...

by Mungo MacCallum

man must be brought back to earth with a dull thud and at every opportunity.

The process began even before Rudd reached London for the G20. His Washington meeting with Barack Obama was derided as being no more than routine. Rudd, sniffed *The Australian's* Greg Sheridan, was never going to be as close to Obama as John Howard had been to George Bush, and that was all that needed to be said on the subject. In sharp contrast the paper's cartoonist Bill Leak portrayed Rudd as inserted in precisely the same presidential orifice as Howard had occupied for so long.

Actually the two men appear to have developed an excellent working arrangement and a certain amount of personal rapport, according to the travelling press. It may not be as cosy as the quasi-homoerotic arrangement enjoyed by their prede-

cessors, but is this really such a bad thing? The point is that Obama and Rudd were able to cooperate at the G20 on everything that mattered, including the commitment to a second summit in New York later in the year.

It is here that the foundation successfully laid down in London can be built into a lasting structure to set both political and economic

parameters for the foreseeable future, and to do so in way that is more pragmatic and effective than anything achieved by the United Nations and more equitable and inclusive than the efforts of the now superseded G7.

The London meeting did not implement everything the various factions had worked for: Obama and Britain's Gordon Brown (backed up of course by Rudd) did not get the immediate stimulus surge for which they campaigned, nor did the Europeans get the mandatory regulatory authority which they had previously regarded as non-negotiable.

But there were plenty of solid outcomes, the most important being the major reforms to the International Monetary Fund, which may now be able to do some real good in the world rather than simply reflecting the economic fads espoused by the richest nations. The outing of tax

havens is also a useful move, as are the strictures on executive pay deals. Both will have more symbolic than practical effects on the world's economy, but in these troubled times symbols can be vital in restoring confidence.

But the real triumph of the G20 was simply that it worked. There were no walk-outs and no serious histrionics. The most powerful men and women on the planet were able to oversee and agree to a shift in the balance of international power on a scale not seen since the end of World War II.

Obama marvelled at the fact that he, as president of the United States, could now sit down with his counterparts from Russia and China for serious and productive discussion on the financial crisis, but that is only the most obvious and dramatic aspect of the revolution that has taken place.

As power shifted from Europe to America during the last century, it is now shifting again, but this time not to a new monopoly but to a far more democratic and hopeful framework. The Asian tigers, particularly China, have been given their rightful place and the emerging forces in South America and Africa invited to the table. For the first time in history, the most important decision-making forum on earth actually represents a majority of earth's peoples.

The world has changed for the better and Australia, through Kevin Rudd, has been an enthusiastic and effective part of the change. But of course, he did have to apologise to the RAAF stewardess. Oh well, nobody's perfect.



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Sexton Hill

I respectfully suggest *Backburner* misses the point with the statement that it's OK for the State Government's option B upgrade for Sexton Hill to only serve the benefit of B-Doubles travelling from Brisbane to Sydney.

While you are right to say any upgrade must separate through traffic and local traffic, it is just plain wrong to assert our campaign for Community option C is 'a lost cause, that of a few locals who want faster and easier access to their local shopping malls.'

For starters, locals would be content with equal, ie. current speed access, to the 600 small businesses in Tweed Heads South. But that is not what is on the table.

It goes beyond that. The Government's option takes no account of the impact of rising local traffic in and out of Tweed Heads South. It will cause absolute gridlock and people will just bypass us altogether and shop on the southern Gold Coast.

That means lost Tweed business (including advertising business for *The Echo*), lost Tweed jobs, and of course, more time and fuel wasted on the extra trip.

It doesn't have to be this way. Community option C was developed professionally by locals concerned about the future of their community, not by business or political interests.

This is not my plan, but I support it, because it is good for the Tweed. It doesn't just fix local traffic problems; it improves the conditions for through traffic because a much lower gradient means lower fuel costs (and pollution).

The *Tweed Shire Echo* rightly prides itself on its championing of local community issues. As compelling as the Sydney RTA media releases may be, why not talk to the Tweed community champions of the Community Highway Action Group, and get the real local story?

**Geoff Provest**  
Tweed Nationals MP

Lapping it up

It is 9 o'clock on Friday night and I am listening to the pounding noise coming from the new lap dancing Ibar in Chris Cunningham Park.

I remember attending a rally recently in Chris Cunningham Park to oppose the commercial development of Bay Street. The general manager of Tweed Shire came to the rally and told the crowd how the Council was considering proposals that would 'activate' the park.

I now know what he meant.  
**Stephen Turner**  
Tweed Heads

Hospital history

As a long time admirer of the extremely valuable work done over many years by the three historical societies in the Tweed, my attention was recently drawn to what appears to be a lack of details covering the history of the Murwillumbah District Hospital.

My interest came following my reading of the book *Politics in the Blood* by Paul Davey, which covers the lives of the Anthony family.

In 1936, Mr H L Anthony (Doug's father) became aware of the inadequacy of the hospital as it was then and as President of the Hospital Board he courageously undertook to raise £5,000 in two weeks in order to take advantage of a State Government grant of £15,000 on offer with which to build a new hospital in Murwillumbah.

Amazingly this amount was raised from people throughout the Tweed and so the grant was able to be used. The hospital built during the start of World War 2 cost altogether £60,000, a fifth of which came from local contributions – a magnificent feat. This hospital for many years was the only public hospital between Lismore and Southport.

Having read this interesting background, my thoughts turned to what appeared to be a need to complete the history of this most critical and important part of the Tweed's history.

When I started to ask several people whom I thought could throw some light on this subject, I was amazed and appalled to learn that some years ago a truck arrived at the hospital and was loaded up with all of the carefully stored records, which were taken away and apparently destroyed.

If this is correct, then whoever was responsible must stand condemned forever as a vandal of the first order.

I sincerely hope these records can be recovered, but if not, then efforts must be made urgently to collect and collate as much of this history as possible from the few remaining doctors, nurses, hospital staff and members of the public who can still remember that era from its completion to the present time.

I can remember when this hospital was known as the Tweed District Hospital and gave wonderful service to everyone living in the Tweed.

**Max R Boyd, AM**  
Dulguigan

City blues

Peter Rae, I am with you (Letters, April 2). The council is only interested in money. Joan van Lieshout said that Tweed is going to become a city. Anyone who has lived in a city knows what that entails. Traffic, vio-

Native title: who speaks for whom?

■ Readers need to be aware that Thom Hayes does not represent the interests of the Githabul Native Title group; rather, he appears to represent just one who happens to live in the Tweed. Why doesn't she speak for herself?

If Hayes and the person he represents believes that the Githabul people are native to the Tweed, then I suggest they look at the claim area outlined on the Native Title website and seriously question why their Native Title claim does not enter the Tweed Valley.

The Githabul people spent some 12 years developing their Native Title claim and they

**Joyce Summers**  
Varsity Lakes

don't need self-appointed non-Aboriginal 'experts' interfering in their business. Please find something else to amuse yourselves with and stop pretending to understand the complex nature of these matters.

■ As a filmmaker I have worked with Aboriginal communities across Australia documenting native title and cultural heritage issues.

What often strikes me is the number of non-Aboriginal outsiders with little or no knowledge of Aboriginal culture who call themselves 'experts'

Tracking the railway arguments

■ Goulburn is about the same distance as the crow flies from Sydney as Lismore is from Brisbane; by rail it is 225km from Central. On weekdays Goulburn gets at least four return CityRail services and four return CountryLink services to Sydney.

According to ABS stats, as at June 30, 2006 the population density of the Goulburn-Mulwaree Shire was 8.5 people per square kilometre, compared with 34.3 for the Lismore City LGA.

On the way to Sydney, rail services from Goulburn traverse the Wingecarribee Shire, population density 16.5, where from Moss Vale at least a further twelve return CityRail services per weekday are available. Services then continue through the Wollondilly Shire, population density 16.2.

hall to slim down its staff is like asking an alcoholic to blow up a distillery?

**Terry Sharples**  
Tweed Heads

Koala future

I have grave concerns about the future of the Tweed Coast koala in the Kings Forest and surrounding area if the current Kings Forest plan goes ahead unaltered.

I believe the basic rules for koala protection are as simple and recognised as those for baking a cake or mixing a batch of concrete. They are: no cats or dogs, a speed limit of 40 km per hour, koalas fences and underpasses if a four-lane road goes through the koalas' corridor and reasonable lot sizes with at least two koala-friendly trees per site. Koala Beach development has proven to be a highly desirable place to live, which is koala-friendly, and I would not like to see us go backwards.

I would like to commend our deputy mayor, Barry Longland, and mayor, Joan Van Lieshout, along with councillors Youngblutt, Skinner, Holdom and Milne for their support for koala-friendly development on the Tweed. Our council is the community's voice in Sydney

and make sweeping statements about sensitive cultural issues.

Unlike Mr Hayes, I don't pretend to know all the intricacies of local Aboriginal history, but one thing I do know is that Aboriginal people are constantly asked to prove their identity.

Native title legislation, for instance, is complex, and in order to register a claim Aboriginal people have to pass the most rigorous tests to show they are the traditional owners for an area. If there happens to be some conflict over people's identities, or boundaries on a map, well, let Aboriginal people deal with it – they've been

**Nick Casmirri**  
Lismore

■ The state Greens and the Nationals' Geoff Provest have many times pledged six or more light rail services a day on the M'bah to Casino line when the coalition gains power in NSW.

However, last week on local ABC radio, the state shadow minister for transport, Gladys

and hopefully this will help Sydney understand how much we value our koala population and our coastal areas.

**Jenny Hayes**  
Murwillumbah

Height limits

I believe that I speak on behalf of the vast majority of Tweed ratepayers when I argue that there should be no relaxation of the current three storey height limit on buildings in the shire and no commercial or residential development on the rich agricultural lands surrounding Cudgen. To the Tweed Shire councillors and planning staff who contemplate such actions, our message is simple: which part of 'no' do you not understand?

**Neville Jennings**  
Kingscliff

Council files

I would like to remind the community that any member of the public is allowed to look at Council files and obtain photocopies on any subject or development application they may be concerned about. This right is enshrined in the NSW Local Government under section 12.

There are a small number of documents that can be deemed

doing it for thousands of years, and it's a sign of a vibrant, living culture – something the legislation also acknowledges.

I wonder if Mr Hayes has a problem with people of mixed heritage. Is it OK to be, say, of English/Aboriginal background, but not of Islander/Aboriginal background? Could it be a case of reverse racism at work? For everybody's sake, Mr Hayes, and all the other would-be cultural experts, let Aboriginal people deal with their own affairs. They know who they are, and they don't need to be told by anyone.

**Magali McDuffie**  
Stokers Siding

Berejiklian, was asked if she would reinstate the M'bah to Casino line if elected in 2011. The answer was long and it was definitely not a positive one.

I believe until we have the resources and population to justify the expense of a new modern fast commuter train from Byron Bay through the major towns to Brisbane the most cost effective transport future for 100 per cent of our small towns and villages on the North Coast is an integrated road transport system.

A state government subsidy for such a road system, run to a consumer demand timetable, would be less than 10 per cent the cost of replacing a 45-year-old rail motor on a nineteenth century rail line that services less than 10 per cent of the people on the North Coast.

**Laurie Ganter**  
Tweed Heads

confidential such as legal advice or issues of a commercial nature.

Most files will have quite a bit of the history and there should be a report outlining which laws and policies apply and the how the item satisfies these. Then it's just a process of looking on the web and keep following all the trails to all the relevant policy sections.

It is very useful also to refer to any aims and objectives of the legislation or policy that apply, as this is where the purpose and overall interpretation can be very significant. To view any Council files all you have to do is make an appointment to arrange a time. Council photocopying has come down in price and is now only 20 cents per copy.

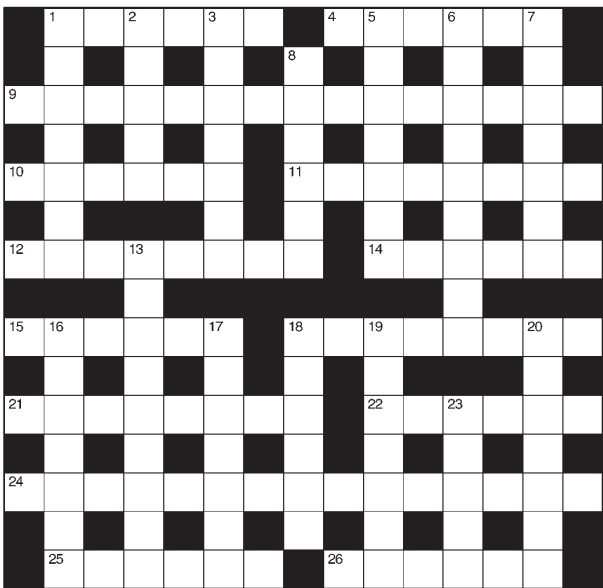
**Cr Katie Milne**  
Carool

■ Letters also received from M McNamara, Banora Point, P Taylor, Murwillumbah and R Hann, Murwillumbah opposing the rally. Other letters from P Rae, Condong, J McDonald, West Tweed Heads, T W Eady, Kingscliff, P Beard, Uki, B Dow, Murwillumbah, W James, Tweed Heads. Most of these are on our website at [www.tweedecho.com.au](http://www.tweedecho.com.au).





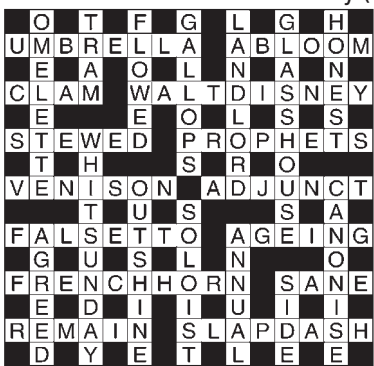
## Cryptic Crossword 031



### Across

1. High-level meeting on mountain peak (6)
4. Heard crew's needed for pleasure trip (6)
9. Strange Belgian murder at mysterious part of the Atlantic (7,8)
10. Told to see Esther about an afternoon nap (6)
11. Rearrange pie chart as the introductory quotation for a chapter (8)
12. Gary gets round loss of word list (8)
14. Head gardener roves in plantations (6)
15. Met with ore destroyed by shooting star (6)
18. Kinsfolk talented at hiding local legend (4,4)
21. Turned completely around when verse written in red (8)
22. So, Los Angeles Church of England is a source of comfort (6)
24. M is best in prayer when shaken up by this Protestant denomination (15)

### Last week's solution



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25. A Winter's Tale loses a stale lot of characters in one season (6)
26. Somehow greets water birds (6)

### Down

- Place is turned into something out of the ordinary (7)
2. Make interesting, mute, entertaining stories to start with (5)
  3. American State to find I analyse too much (7)
  5. Putting up with listening to Ray sing (7)
  6. Deeply private winner loses start over most (9)
  7. First engine clips to last engine to surpass in power (7)
  8. Appear hard and unfeeling after putting eel into sty (6)
  13. Sent ovens around to author of Treasure Island (9)
  16. Inside, Popeye browses for a facial feature (7)
  17. Why the French follow rest to do hair a different way (7)
  18. Leading farmer has odder food for animals (6)
  19. Enduring injury after Los Angeles (7)
  20. Lo, there is no right to crusts for ravenous insects (7)
  23. Weapon held by Sir Lancelot (5)

## STARS

WITH LILITH

**This week's hot astral news is Pluto retrograding in Capricorn till September 11 – a planetary wake up call to intensifying climate instability and the restructuring of global finances for the coming five months. Demoted planet? Don't think so...**

**ARIES:** A no-prisoners attitude will only evoke friction and opposition and is that what you really want this week? Thursday's full moon supports lifting your game in personal and professional relationships: what could you do to improve them? Doing it will reward you with a dynamic new growth spurt.

**TAURUS:** This week recommends the feng shui approach of a ruthless purge to clear the way for new ideas and opportunities. Take advantage of Thursday's feel good full moonshine to make peace and restore accord, to show and tell others how much you value them.

**GEMINI:** Listening's very important right now because it broadens your perspective and information, as you well know, is power. Sharing what you've learnt with someone who needs what you know around Thursday's flirty full moon could open up a whole new can of plans and possibilities.

**CANCER:** This week brings mood swings as other people's commitment waxes and wanes, and with Thursday's full moon of togetherness in your domestic sector partnerships may need creative tweaking. Discuss fears and feelings about safety and trust, weigh up the good stuff and take it from there...

**LEO:** Your powers of non-verbal persuasion are particularly impressive this week, so you won't need to say a lot to get your views across. With Thursday's full moon juicing you to the max, try to think we rather than me and let others share a little of the limelight.

**VIRGO:** A lot can be achieved this week beaver away behind the scenes – analyzing, calculating and exercising your fine powers of discrimination. But all work and no play makes a cranky Virgo, so let your hair down during end of the week's beauty loving full moon.

**LIBRA:** This week's people seem armoured with a gruff, tough, impenetrable force field, but sprinkle them with Libran star dust and they'll melt like mousse. Thursday's annual Libra full moon accelerates your social savvy into a prestige position of leverage and bargaining power.

**SCORPIO:** You've realized by now that flexibility's your best strategy for making economic fluctuations work for you, so don't try to coerce others into your way of thinking this week. Relish people's different opinions because they're all of use to you – even the ones you don't agree with.

**SAGITTARIUS:** This week presses your independence button, making restrictions to your freedom from other people particularly frustrating. But you're entering a period where interacting with others is crucial to your progress, so appreciate efforts made on your behalf and extend the same consideration to the people you meet.

**CAPRICORN:** Why get narky with others barking round taking charge when the more they take on the less you have to? Especially when you could be furthering professional interests by judicious schmoozing. This week a little give goes a long way towards your enjoyment...

**AQUARIUS:** Number crunching, rising prices, economic stress... what to do? Your astro clue is talk it through and do what you do best: find an overview that inspires others with a sense of excitement that the present seismic financial shifts also embody a positive potential.

**PISCES:** Wondering how to thrive rather than merely survive? This week charismatic people miraculously manifest to assist you. Help the process along by ditching the stressful connections and problem-creating situations in your life, while taking advantage of the present tremendous impetus to simplify, downsize and scale back.

## CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm

mented the local talent pool and engendered a stronger sense of chess' cultural value – has almost dried up.

Distance from the major chess-centres is a factor, but intransigence and inconsistency by the Immigration Department has not helped, as evidenced by the refusal to allow Serbian Grandmaster Dejan Antic to come to Australia to compete in next week's Doeberl Cup, let alone emigrate.

However, the latest world ranking list does have its positives for Australia. Most of Australia's elite players have made modest steps forward, with David Smerdon within touching distance of the ranking he needs for the Grandmaster title.

The top ten Austraians according to FIDE's April 2009 list are:

1. Zhao Zong Yuan (NSW) 2583;
2. Smerdon (ACT) 2489;

3. Solomon (Qld) 2455;
4. Johansen (Vic) 2452;
5. Goldenberg (Vic) 2410;
6. Xie (NSW) 2402;
7. Chapman (SA) 2401;
8. Wohl (NSW) 2376;
9. Ambrus (ACT) 2375;
10. Lane (NSW) 2371.

Australia's juniors have also advanced; dramatically in the case of the ACT's Andrew Brown, who gained an amazing 98 points in three months.

Brown's rise was substantially due to his outstanding result in January's Queenstown Classic, a performance which made him one of the lowest ranked players ever to score an International Master result.

The diagrammed position, taken from Brown's second round game in Queenstown against Dutch expert Freddie van der Elburg, shows the teenager's survival skills.

Brown, playing Black, has been forced into a losing endgame but he refuses to go quietly.

- 35...g4! 36.Ra7**  
36.hxg4 hxg4 37.Ra7 was safer.  
**36...Rd1+! 37.Bf1?**  
37.Kh2! Bd6+ 38.Bg3 leaves White well on top.  
**37...gxh3!! 38.Rxb7?**  
Missing the brilliant point behind Brown's apparently desperate sacrifice. However 38.gxh3 Bxf3 already puts White on the defensive.  
**38...Rxf1+!! 39.Kh2**  
Hopeless, but 39.Kxf1 h2! is even worse.  
**39...Rxf2 40.Kxh3 Bd6 41.Nc4 Bf4 42.Ra7 Rf1 0-1**

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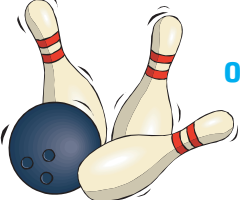


Brown (Black) to move

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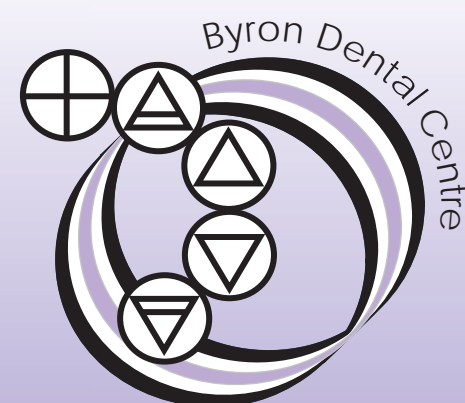


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## THURSDAY PROGRAM

### MOJO STAGE

22:30 **Xavier Rudd**  
20:45 **Michael Franti & Spearhead**  
19:00 **Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson**  
18:30 **Arakwal Welcome Ceremony**  
17:15 **Ayo**  
16:00 **That 1 Guy**

### CROSSROADS STAGE

22:30 **Morning of the Earth**  
20:30 **Angelique Kidjo**  
18:45 **Blind Boys of Alabama**  
17:00 **Seasick Steve**  
16:00 **The Inspector Cluzo**

### JAMBALAYA STAGE

22:00 **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**  
20:15 **Sonny Landreth**  
18:45 **Watermelon Slim & the Workers**  
17:15 **Mason Rack**  
16:00 **Pugsley Buzzard**

### APRA STAGE

23:00 **Tijuana Cartel**  
21:30 **Paul Greene**  
20:00 **Worldfly**  
18:30 **The Gin Club**  
17:00 **Cheyne Murphy**  
16:00 **Byron Bay High School Band**

### CABARET

20:30 **Mic Conway's National Junk Band**  
19:30 **Opposable Thumbs**  
18:00 **Mojo JuJu & The Snake Oil Merchants**  
16:30 **Kush Cabaret**

### InDIG

20:30 **Stiff Gins**  
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Mic Conway's National Junk Band

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## Bluesfest Magic

Back in 1990 the East Coast Blues Festival made its first humble appearance. It started as a modest event in a funky venue run by Kevin and Karen Oxford at the Piggery, or what is now known as The Buddha Bar. I remember seeing Clarence Fountain and the Blind Boys of Alabama there. I was about 23 at the time and I was there with my mother. It was a breathtaking concert, uplifting, and enlivening. Here were 5 blind gospel singers in brown suits in a tiny coastal town in Northern NSW singing the most sublime music I'd ever heard. This is what Bluesfest is famed for. Over the past two decades, this event has brought the best blues and roots music around the world to Byron Bay. At the time of its conception, there was no real Aussie Festival circuit, events like Big Day Out and Womadelaide simply didn't exist. Bluesfest is one of those seminal inspirational events that every year delivers the goods with the capacity to amaze, astound and entertain thousands of punters from all over the world. This year is no exception. With a bill that includes Eric Bibb, Ben Harper and Michael Franti, anyone who attends Bluesfest will have an entertainment experience. It's not just about catching the 2 hour sets of international headline acts, it's about catching performers you may never have heard of and making your own musical discoveries. That's the magic of Bluesfest.

So who comes to Bluesfest? Apparently, the whole world. The event has just sold their first ticket to someone who will be travelling from Antarctica. Now that's some busride.

Festival Director Peter Noble said, 'We're really looking forward to a great anniversary edition of Bluesfest this year, as are our many Australian festival goers. Interestingly - there will once again also be a disproportionate attendance of Northern Territorians - based on gross population - who seem to come in ever larger numbers yearly, with over 150 coming so far. South Australians have bought over 600 tickets to date, Tasmanians over 250, and West Australians over 200 so far.'

The list of Bluesfest 2009 headliners includes:

**Ben Harper and Relentless7, John Butler Trio, Missy Higgins, Jason Mraz, Lucinda Williams, Michael Franti and Spearhead, Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson, Xavier Rudd, Zappa Plays Zappa, Angelique Kidjo, Paul Kelly, Blind Boys Of Alabama, Drive-By Truckers, Booker T and the DBTs, Augie March, Seasick Steve, Tinariwen, James Hunter, Ruthie Foster, Eric Bibb, Tim Finn, Toni Childs, Tony Joe White, Ayo, Blues Traveller and Fishbone.**

The following pages contain some text on just some of the treats in store!

## Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson

Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson's album *Rattlin' Bones* took out the 2008 ARIA Award for Best Country Album last year and more recently secured platinum status in Australia. Kasey and Shane won a record five Golden Guitars at Tamworth's recent CMAA's 2009 Country Music Awards, taking home Album of the Year (co-produced by Shane Nicholson & Nash Chambers), APRA Song of the Year, Video Clip of the Year (directed by Helen Clemens), Single of the Year and Top Selling Album of the Year. *Rattlin' Bones* debuted at number one on the ARIA charts and immediately became a favourite with music critics. *The Australian* described it as: 'simply the best album of her and Nicholson's careers and a roots album of global significance...Sublime'. Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* said 'this musical coupling is bottled lightning. The first inescapable revelation



Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson

of their debut collaborative effort is how entrancing their voices are together.' This husband and wife team were surely made for each other in more ways than one. In September, Kasey and Shane blitzed their way across the USA and hit number one on the Americana radio airplay chart. *Rattlin' Bones* was showered with rave reviews. It's a musical partnership that once more emphasises Chambers' title as Australia's greatest alt country performer, and which introduces Nicholson as the perfect foil for her as a songwriter, singer and multi-instrumentalist. This is premium-grade alt country, an album that can sit proudly on the shelf beside classics from the likes of Gram Parsons, Emmylou Harris and Gillian Welch.

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20:30 **Zappa plays Zappa**  
19:00 **Fishbone**  
17:30 **Dan Auerbach**  
16:00 **Blue King Brown**  
14:30 **Alabama 3**  
13:15 **Resin Dogs**  
12:00 **Ash Grunwald**

## CROSSROADS STAGE

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13:15 **CW Stoneking**  
12:00 **Jason Lowe**

## JAMBALAYA STAGE

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20:45 **Sonny Landreth**  
19:15 **Tim Finn**  
17:45 **Rodney Crowell**  
16:15 **Hot Club of Cowtown**  
14:45 **Pete Cornelius & The Devilles**  
13:30 **Benny Gallagher**  
12:15 **Carney**

## APRA STAGE

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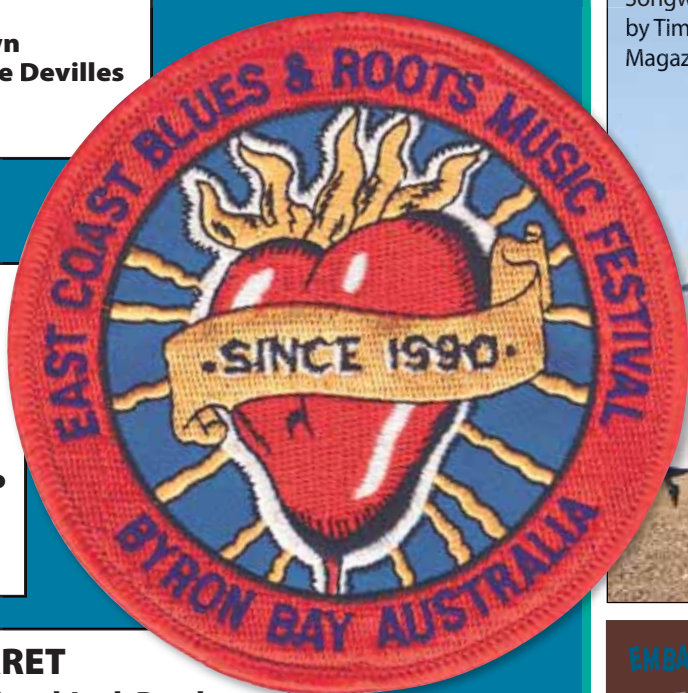
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## Lucinda Williams

Born in Louisiana of a poet and a pianist, Lucinda Williams was writing by the age of six and playing guitar by the time she was twelve. After a slow start playing country music round the traps and releasing a few albums, her single 'Passionate Kisses' from the album 'Lucinda Williams' won a Grammy Award in 1988. Then came a long pause punctuated by one album and various guest appearances, until ten years on in 1998 she hit the road running with 'Car Wheels on a Gravel Road' which not only went gold but won another Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Folk Album with its fusion of rock, blues and country. Three years later, in 2001, yet another Grammy Award, this time for Best Female Rock Performance for the single 'Get Right With God', an up-tempo gospel rock song from an otherwise low-key 'Essence'. The following year she was named 'America's Best Songwriter' by Time Magazine,

and now the song 'Jailhouse Tears' in which she duets with Elvis Costello on her latest album release, 'Little Honey' has been rated by Paste magazine as 'the #5 all time greatest country/rock duets'. Don't miss Lucinda Williams at this year's Bluesfest.

## Tom Freund

He's been called the lovechild of Tom Petty and Nick Drake. Tom Freund is an LA-based singer and songwriter who counts Jason Mraz and Ben Harper as major fans. Jason Mraz has said his name is, 'pronounced Froy-nd, which means Awesome in Austrian.'

Ben Harper has guest programmed Tom Freund to be one of the main acts before his own headlining performance on the Bluesfest Mojo Stage on Saturday.

Ben Harper has said, 'I have been moved by Tom's mu



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sic since the first note we played together in my family's music store after closing time – just he and I with two guitars until the morning hours. He was the first person I had ever heard that was my age, writing songs of his own, and they were amazing. Tom is an extraordinarily soulful multi-instrumentalist.'

Though he's well-schooled and widely-travelled in a variety of genres – from heartfelt folk to buoyant pop to boho jazz to straightforward rock 'n' roll, and beyond – Freund ultimately comes across simply as a singer-songwriter with his own

singularly distinctive and engaging voice. A former member of indie rock cult faves The Silos, Tom Freund actually started releasing solo albums in 1998, and he's now up to his fourth.

Influential magazine No Depression is yet another publication that has pulled no punches on ecstatically reviewing his recent album, 'An organic collection of songs and stories, breathing with an acoustic richness and lyrics that capture slices of Americana in a way that many attempt, yet very few actually master.' He plays Bluesfest Saturday and Sunday.

## The Blind Boys of Alabama

Since 1939, The Blind Boys of Alabama have sung a fervent blend of traditional and contemporary Gospel music. Much has changed during these seven prolific decades. Stylistic phases have waxed and waned; personnel has come and gone. 78 RPM records have given way to LPs, followed by eight-track tapes, cassettes, and CDs. The Blind Boys' audience – once rigidly segregated and confined to traditional Gospel venues – now reflects



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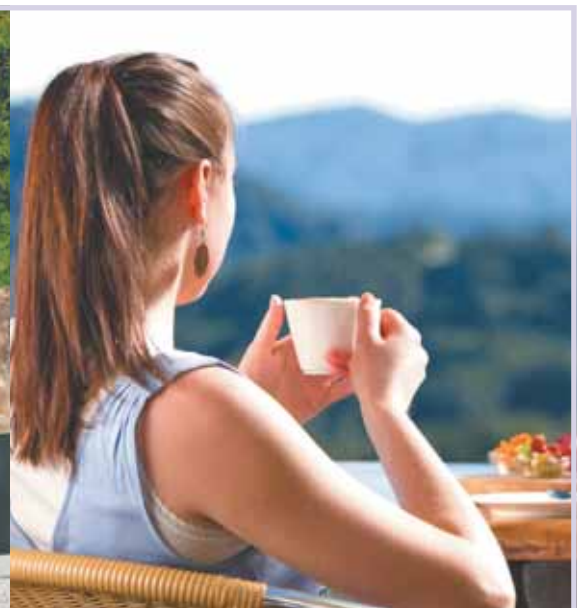
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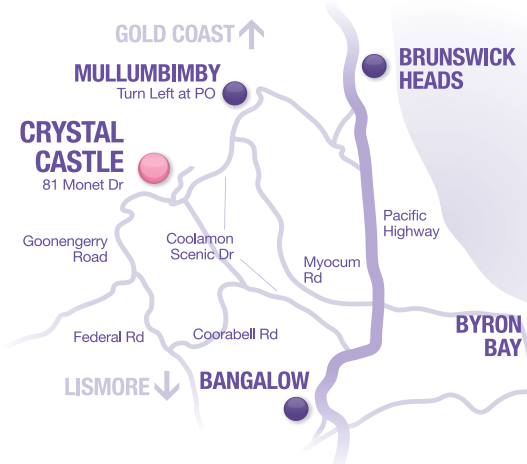
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# SATURDAY PROGRAM

## MOJO STAGE

22:00 **Ben Harper & Relentless7**  
20:15 **Tinariwen**  
18:45 **Ayo**  
17:15 **Grace Woodroffe**  
15:45 **Tom Freund**  
14:30 **Alabama 3**  
13:15 **Carney**  
12:00 **Worldfly**

## JAMBALAYA STAGE

22:15 **Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges**  
20:30 **Toni Childs**  
18:45 **Luka Bloom**  
17:15 **Rodney Crowell**  
16:00 **That 1 Guy**  
14:45 **Hot Club of Cowtown**  
13:15 **Benny Gallagher**  
12:00 **Josh Owen**

## CABARET

20:00 **Mojo JuJu & the Snake Oil Merchants**  
19:00 **Opposable Thumbs**  
17:30 **Mic Conways National Junk Band**  
16:30 **Opposable Thumbs**  
15:00 **Kush Cabaret**  
13:30 **Old Spice Boys**

## CROSSROADS STAGE

22:30 **Lucinda Williams**  
20:45 **Eric Bibb**  
19:00 **Terrance Simien**  
17:30 **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**  
16:00 **Seasick Steve**  
14:30 **CW Stoneking**  
13:15 **Ash Grunwald**  
12:00 **Hat Fitz**

## APRA STAGE

23:00 **Pete Cornelius & The Devilles**  
21:30 **Lowrider**  
20:00 **Watussi**  
18:30 **The Buttery Recovery Choir**  
17:00 **Chase The Sun**  
15:45 **Paul Greene**  
14:30 **Juzzie Smith**  
13:15 **Barrel House**  
12:00 **Matt Walters**

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20:30 **Te Vaka**  
19:00 **Archie Roach & Ruby Hunter**  
17:30 **Yilila**  
16:00 **Dan Sultan**  
14:30 **Stiff Gins**

the group's eclectic, global following, while their repertoire has expanded to embrace secular songs with a strongly spiritual message. Such wide acceptance is also evidenced by four Grammy Awards, an honour that didn't exist when the Blind Boys started out. Even so, the Blind Boys' lengthy saga remains a steadfast testament to constancy. Singer Jimmy Carter, who was there when the group was first formed, leads the band today with the firm conviction, joyous commitment, and gravitas that befit an elder statesman. You see, some people think that Gospel singers should only sing Gospel songs. But we believe in songs with a positive message. At the core of The Blind Boys' sound is four-part harmony that makes dramatic use of contrasting vocal leads. Immensely popular in religious circles – thanks to seminal groups such as The Golden Gate Quartet – this style was later adapted as a key component in secular rhythm and blues. Birmingham evolved as a centre for this four-part Gospel harmony sound, leading some experts to dub it 'the Alabama style.' It was at Alabama's Talladega Institute for the Blind that the five blind boys first came together, initially calling their group The Happyland Singers. 'The Happyland name lasted until 1948, when a promoter in New Jersey booked us on a show, along with another blind group called the Jackson Harmonies. He decided to hype it up and he billed it as a contest between 'the Five Blind Boys of Alabama and the Five Blind Boys of Mississippi.' Both us groups liked that idea and we changed our names behind it.'

## CW Stoneking

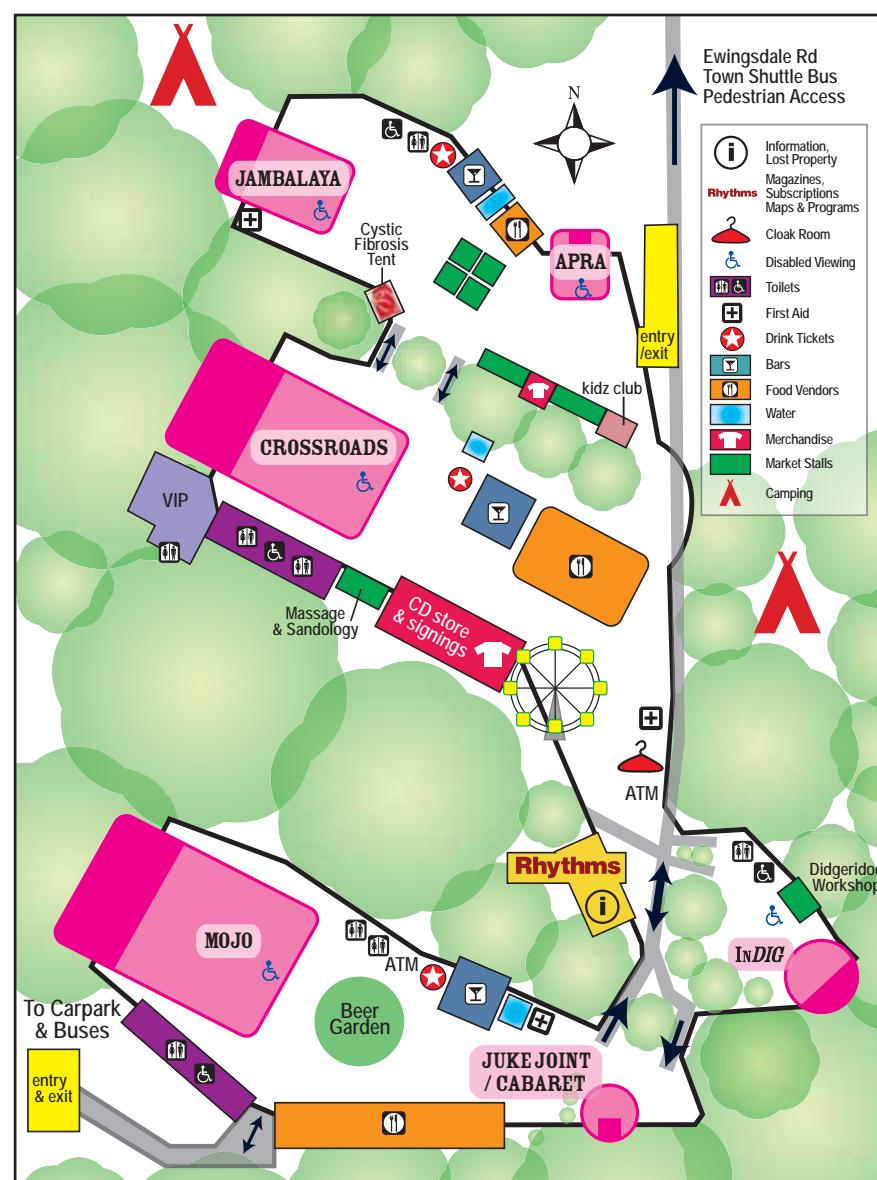
He is 'The incomparable, inexplicable blues savant, C.W. Stoneking', says Mohair Slim from PBS F.M. C.W. Stoneking, is a musician fast gathering a substantial following, who draws influence from pre-war blues, jazz, 1920s calypso, folklore, and personal experience to produce his intelligent and original songs. He took a fateful passage on a boat from the Caribbean and was shipwrecked off the West African coast. Surviving that experience gave the Melbourne-based guitar and tenor banjo player the inspiration to write the songs housed on his new album *Jungle Blues*. It highlights his skill as a

composer, musician and arranger. Backed by his live band, Primitive Horn Orchestra, this follow-up to his critically acclaimed debut album *King Hokum*, draws on influences that include; blues from Southern USA, calypso music from Trinidad, hillbilly music of the 1930s, and 1920s jungle jazz. If it sounds compelling, that's because it is.

## Eric Bibb

The Times have said that Eric Bibb, has 'A voice to die for'. And it's true, Eric's talent for both performing and songwriting has been recognised with a Grammy Nomination for Shakin' a Tailfeather and W.C. Handy nominations for the albums *Spirit* and the *Blues*

and *Home To Me*. Bibb has been around the world paying his dues and absorbing musical influences. From Africa, through Europe, to the Mississippi Delta, this acoustic guitarist and singer appears to be heir to the roots-blues throne created by Taj Mahal. Purveying a beautifully realised and deftly accomplished, soulful and gospel infused, folk-blues, Eric has no problem melding a traditional rootsy American style with a subtle contemporary sensibility. His latest release 'Get on Board' has been hailed as one of his finest recordings to date, featuring Ruthie Foster and Bonnie Raitt as guest performers. Being at an Eric Bibb gig is an enriching experience both musically and spiritually.



## Ruthie Foster

Following her triumphant Australian solo performance debut in 2008, Ruthie Foster is back to wow Bluesfest audiences once again – this time with her band. This prodigiously gifted singer and songwriter from Texas has raised the multiple flags of American music ever since her self-released 1997 debut, *Full Circle*. There's Southern blues in her groove, rock in her rhythm, a blend of gospel redemption, country poetry and jazz elegance in her singing. Her gigs have taken her from choir lofts to folk bistros and onto stages in Europe and Australia. Now she is ready to unveil the eagerly awaited follow-up to her 2007 critically acclaimed *The Phenomenal Ruthie Foster*. Throughout *The Truth* According to Ruthie Foster, she tackles life's

big issues. On it, Ruthie repeatedly testifies to her core message – that through all of the ups and downs of living, you must stay true to yourself. If any one song encapsulates the cascade of emotions that are the backbone of the album, it is the title track 'Truth' which enforces the essential message and theme of this sizzling new album.

## John Butler Trio

Ten years ago John Butler was busking solo on the streets of Fremantle. Fast forward a decade and the now internationally acclaimed John Butler Trio will make their only 2009 Australian East Coast appearance at Bluesfest as a special tribute to its 20th Anniversary, before heading off to record a new album. John Butler is now Australia's most successful independ-




Tom Freund



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# SUNDAY PROGRAM

## MOJO STAGE

22:00 John Butler Trio  
20:15 Paul Kelly  
18:45 Blue King Brown  
17:15 Saltwater Band  
15:45 State Radio  
14:30 Jeff Lang  
13:15 Bomba  
12:00 Ngaiire

## CROSSROADS STAGE

22:30 Lucinda Williams  
20:45 Drive-By Truckers  
19:00 James Hunter  
17:30 Blues Traveler  
16:00 Terrance Simien  
14:30 Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges  
13:00 Tony Joe White  
12:00 Watermelon Slim

## JAMBALAYA STAGE

22:30 The Bamboos  
20:45 Nu Yorican Nights  
19:15 Son Veneno  
17:45 Tim Finn  
16:15 Eric Bibb  
14:45 Ruthie Foster  
13:30 Luka Bloom  
12:15 Tom Freund

## APRA STAGE

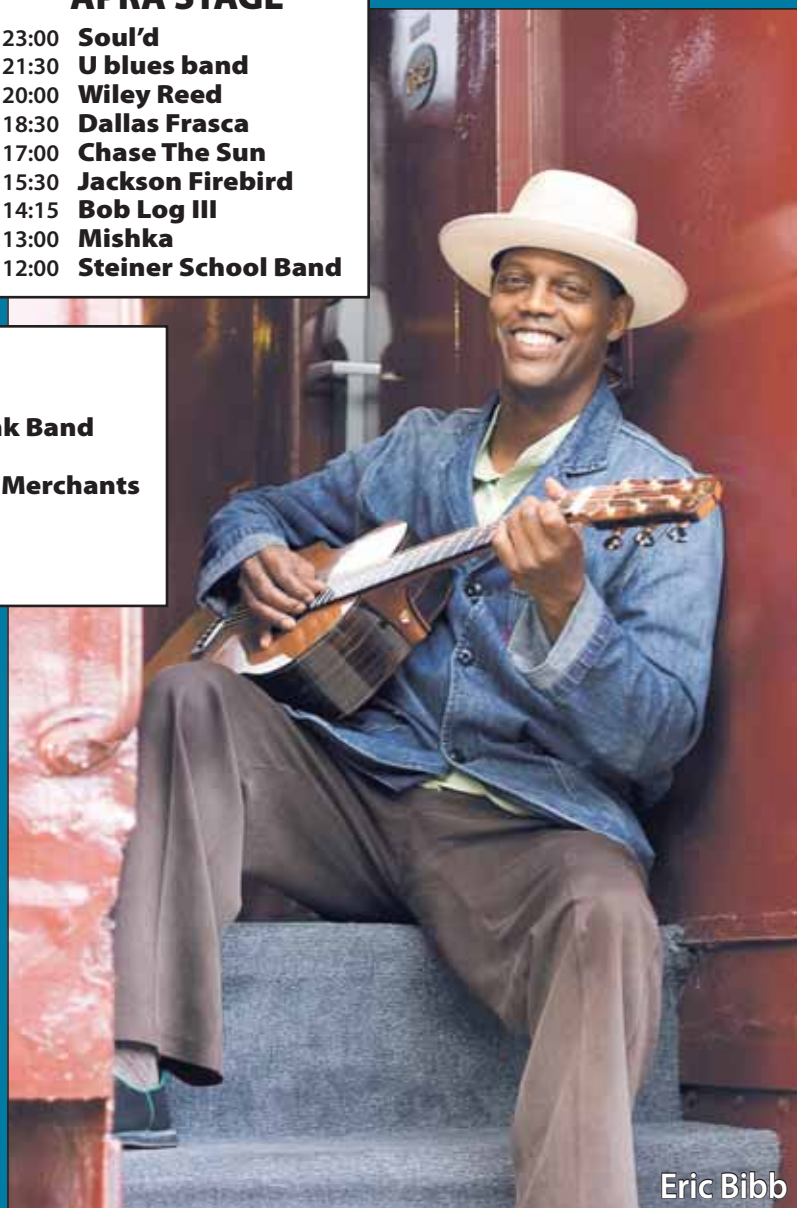
23:00 Soul'd  
21:30 U blues band  
20:00 Wiley Reed  
18:30 Dallas Frasca  
17:00 Chase The Sun  
15:30 Jackson Firebird  
14:15 Bob Log III  
13:00 Mishka  
12:00 Steiner School Band

## CABARET

21:30 That 1 Guy  
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ent artist with his own label, Jarrah Records, scoring a staggering 800,000 CD sales. He is also a 3 time ARIA award winner, including two in 1997 for the 'Grand National' album which scooped Best Independent Release and Best Blues and Roots Release, as well as garnering high praise from the *Washington Post*, which described his music as 'sauntering boogies with affinity for hip-hop beats' and Rolling Stone praising '...Butler at his brand new best, blending his influences into a sound that is all his own'. And what influences they are: Bob Marley, Martin Luther King Jr., Jeff Lang, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Black Sabbath, Noam Chomsky, and Buckminster Fuller to name a few. The John Butler Trio, which also numbers Michael Barker on drums and backing vocals, and Shannon Birchall on double and electric bass, have fast become favourites at iconic festivals like Fuji Rock Festival, Glastonbury, Boonaru, Big Day Out and at Coachehella, where Bruce Fessier of *USA Today* proclaimed, 'John Butler revealed himself to be arguably the finest guitarist at the Festival'.

## Luka Bloom

He's the Irish boy who's had a following of Aussie audiences for years now, and it's no wonder. With a critically acclaimed back catalogue of over 30 years songwriting, Luka Bloom is an inspired and inspiring live performer. His concert arsenal includes both tender and dynamic original material and a surprisingly eclectic selection of other people's material; songs loved by Luka. His trademark is his thunderous and exhilarating acoustic guitar playing matched with his fine voice and his warm and passionate delivery.

## Mic Conway's National Junk Band

Expect the unexpected from one of the most popular folk acts in the country: Mic Conway's National Junk Band. These 'virtuosos of the bizarre' create a live stage experience that must be seen and heard to be believed. Wielding National guitars, ukuleles, a sousaphone, a phonofiddle, actual garbage cans and metal sinks, these rhythmicians make venues rock, pure and simple. The music and antics of the National Junk Band defies categorisation. The fans have described them as: 'the Sex Pistols meets Bing Crosby', 'bluesy with a touch of Monty Python', 'extreme entertainment', 'layer upon layer of insanity, lunacy, and anarchy'. For several years the National Junk Band has had toes tapping and jaws dropping at festivals, pubs, joints, radio, and TV. Personally I'd describe them as the



Ngaiire

secret lovechildren of Captain Beefheart & his Magic Band after a night of passion in Esk with the three dark and deranged Kransky sisters.

## Ngaiire

'Do you still eat people?' 'Tis the question of all questions and one that not many artists will be asked unless of course you just plain love the taste of a little human shank or unless your name is Ngaiire (ny-ree) and you have the blood of great Papua New Guinean warriors screaming out your veins. Historically famed for its cannibalism, this perhaps is the little the commercial world knows about Ngaiire's former home. Alas to say she is on a path that will possibly change that. At just 24 she is the only Papua New Guinean woman to have studied for a Bachelor degree in Jazz and the only Papua New Guinean woman so far to receive widespread attention in the international music scene quietly carving out her name in the Australian music arena. Trivial to some, however, mountains if you've spent your childhood fleeing volcano eruptions, playing in your uncle's hash crops, and watching your mother wage wars with machete men while trying to hide you from the hands of rape and murder. These however, were the best years of Ngaiire's life. Ngaiire is now a residing citizen of the land down under, having moved to Australia on her

mother's scholarship to study for a PhD. Though she has done time touring with friends Paul Mac and Blue King Brown there are little waves of excitement upon the eve of her endeavours as a solo artist with Rolling Stone parading her in a 4 page spread as a rising star to look out for alongside Aussie indie kids Kisschasy, Lenka, Faker, Holly Throsby and TZU.

## The Buttery Recovery Choir

There is a certain resonance in having The Buttery Recovery Choir at Bluesfest. It seems more than appropriate that this drug and alcohol recovery program, one of the most successful I might add, in the country, should shed the masks on anonymity and step up to the mic. Let's face it, musicians and those in creative industries are often those who most commonly develop drug and alcohol dependency. The Buttery is an important initiative and centre for those seeking recovery from drug, alcohol, or gambling addiction in the Northern Rivers area. And the newly formed Buttery Recovery Choir will astound with their musicality and passion - singing songs that celebrate transformation, recovery and living a full life. The affiliated Buttery Residents Choir, which featured on a recently

released fundraising double CD through SONY BMG, has received accolades whenever they perform, so you can expect that the Recovery choir will be outstanding also. Led by musical director Loani McRae, who is a trained classical singer, and joined by outstanding musicians including Rick Grossman from the Hoodoo Gurus and Owen O'Neil, a former member of Opera Australia - this performance will guarantee to lift your spirits.

## Archie Roach & Ruby Hunter

Ruby Hunter was eight years old when she was taken from her Aboriginal family in South Australia and fostered by a white family, while Archie Roach was three years old when he was taken from his. Years later they met at a Salvation Army centre and together they are two of Australia's most respected songwriters. Ruby Hunter's first album *Thoughts Within*, released in 1994, was the first solo album release by an Aboriginal woman in Australia. Her second album *Feeling Good*, released in 2000, saw Ruby named Female Performer of the Year at the Deadly Sounds National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Awards. She has performed at the prestigious Brooklyn Academy of Music Festival. Ruby and Archie have collaborated

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## MOJO STAGE

22:00 **Ben Harper & Relentless7**  
20:15 **Jason Mraz**  
18:45 **Missy Higgins**  
17:15 **Xavier Rudd**  
15:45 **Augie March**  
14:30 **Terrance Simien**  
13:15 **Carney**  
12:00 **Mishka**

## CROSSROADS STAGE

22:30 **Alpha Blondy**  
20:45 **Easy Star All Stars**  
19:15 **Special Beat**  
17:30 **Blues Traveler**  
16:00 **Booker T Jones**  
14:30 **Watermelon Slim & The Workers**  
13:15 **The Bamboos**  
12:00 **U Blues Band**

## JAMBALAYA STAGE

22:15 **Drive-By Truckers**  
20:30 **Toni Childs**  
18:45 **Ruthie Foster**  
17:15 **Tony Joe White**  
15:45 **Jeff Lang**  
14:15 **Dallas Frasca**  
13:00 **Jackson Firebird**  
12:00 **Busking Comp. Winner**

## APRA STAGE

23:00 **That 1 Guy**  
21:30 **Tijuana Cartel**  
20:00 **Son Veneno**  
18:30 **Mama Kin**  
17:00 **Bob Log III**  
15:45 **Jason Lowe**  
14:30 **Blind Lemon**  
13:15 **Kurtis**  
12:00 **Cody Butler**

## CABARET

20:00 **Mojo JuJu & The Snake Oil Merchants**  
19:00 **Opposable Thumbs**  
17:30 **Mic Conway's National Junk Band**  
16:30 **Opposable Thumbs**  
15:00 **Kush Cabaret**  
13:30 **Old Spice Boys**

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20:30 **Christine Anu**  
19:00 **Yilila**  
17:30 **Ngaiire**  
16:00 **Matty Devitt Band**  
14:30 **Stiff Gins**



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with the Australian Art Orchestra to produce a celebration of Ruby's life and her ability to find joy and happiness in music and her culture despite the anguish of being forcibly removed from her family. Ruby and Archie have performed with some big names in the music industry, including Joan Armatrading, Tracy Chapman, and Bob Dylan. Archie Roach has released five albums and is considered an elder statesman of Aboriginal music. He has won many awards including five Aria awards and an international Human Rights Achievement Award for his song Took the Children Away, about Archie's personal experience as one of what is now called the 'stolen generation' of Aboriginal people. He describes his most recent album, Journey, as a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit. Archie Roach is a truly gifted and unique voice in the league of Ray Charles, John Lee Hooker or George Jones.

## Pugsley Buzzard

Pugsley Buzzard can play piano like Chico Marx, Thelonius Monk, and Fats Waller. He's the direct descendent of the devil, and he'll be working his special evil at the Cabaret Stage at Bluesfest this year. Pugsley writes his own material but also likes to interpret all sorts of classic material including old parlour songs, show tunes, work songs, blues, jazz, funk, cartoon music and film scores. He has composed for film and theatre and ensembles big and small. His latest CD is Chicago Typewriter. Pugsley's exciting and entertaining shows are delivered with a vaudevilian nuance and humour.

## Alpha Blondy

Otherwise known as The Rasta of Cocody, Alpha Blondy was born Seydou Kone in Africa's Ivory Coast in 1953, of a Muslim mother, a Christian father and influenced by a grandmother who loved everyone regardless. He loved Bob Marley and Reggae, a fact which

alarmed his parents so much they committed him to a psychiatric institution for two years, which depressed him thoroughly, but didn't stop him producing his own brand of spiritual and political music with a reggae twist. Since the 'Eighties, he has produced at least 17 albums and 194 titles in over 4 languages including French and English. His latest, 'Jah Victory' carries on his theme for peace and justice, with its 'biting politics packaged in some of the tightest, most appealing reggae in the world...spouting conscious views and a thorough knowledge of the world's workings.' What would Mum and Dad make of that?

## Tinariwen

Their people are the nomadic desert Touareg tribe of the Arabian Southern Sahara. That alone is enough to conjure up images of fierce nomadic tribesmen, the mysterious, secretive blue men of the desert, all flowing white robes and dark flashing eyes. The truth of course is a much more universal story: three young Algerian exiles from the desert oasis of Tamanrasset become soldier musicians in Colonel Ghaddafi's military camps of Libya. Later, following a brief and painful rebellion against the government of Mali, they leave and re-invent themselves as full time musicians. They meet LoJo, another group of musicians from France and they become Tinariwen, an extended musical family of friends playing to the world, staging the first Festival in the Desert, and releasing three albums. Their latest is Aman Iman: Water is Life. The Tinariwen story is one of humanity, of a people who through pain and exile have created music which they dedicate to 'peace, tolerance and development in the Sahara and in the world of the oppressed'. They come now from their desert home in north eastern Mali to Byron Bay to sing their story.



Ruthie Foster

## Angelique Kidjo

African rhythms, a bit of funk, a bit of rhythm'n'blues, a splash of jazz and a touch of Latino and French and suddenly we're talking the music of Angelique Kidjo. Her music never fails to excite and embrace audiences, for this African-born singer-songwriter reminds us all through her unique sound that we can be drawn together, no matter how different or far flung we are. She even sings in four languages – Fon, the tongue of her father's people of Ouidah, French, the language of her adopted home, Yoruba from her mother, and English. Her latest album 'Djin Djin' has recently won a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary World Music Album and an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding World Music Album.

## Jason Mraz

For six months I couldn't get in the car without having to listen to Jason Mraz. My kids seemed to plug right into his music, all chorusing 'I'm Yours'. It was a blessed relief to finally hear some decent music on a pop station that usually makes me want to scream, it even reassured me that my kids might even one day develop some decent musical taste. Mraz's journey to public attention echoes the way Jack Johnson and Ben Harper were first introduced to Australian audiences via Bluesfest. Jason Mraz first played Bluesfest in 2008, and is now a genuine super star in the making. The American singer-songwriter quickly earned a reputation as a clever and inspired wordsmith.

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ALL YOUR LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

## LIVE MUSIC

### Katia Demeester at Jam Factory

The soulful and lovely Miss **Katia Demeester** warms up this Sunday's **Jam Factory**, followed by acoustic indie rockers **The Season's Call** and **Taylor**, who returns to entertain with their beautifully crafted songs and theatrical stage presence. Starts at 7pm at **Neverland** in Coolangatta.

### Jazz on a Sunday at Seagulls

A new jazz session is happening on **Sunday** afternoons from 1 to 5pm. It's free and is at the new **Shed Café** at **Seagulls**. This **Sunday April 12** is the first gig, featuring **SpeakEzy**. The Café features a large outdoor area, so in fine weather patrons can enjoy some great music in the afternoon light.

### Kanyini Film and Bunna Lawrie and the Whaledreamers

There is a night of both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture with movies and music on this **Saturday** night, **April 11** at the **Sphinx Rock Café**, Mt. Burrell. The Bob Randall movie, 'Kanyini - Elder from Uluru', gives universal understanding of 'Aboriginality'. To end the night, **Bunna Lawrie and the Whaledreamers** will be playing lots of Bunna's old and newer songs. The night promises other special guests and there will be a blessing and

## WHAT'S ON

with Hans Lovejoy

talk by local custodians. It's \$15 and \$12 concession on entry. Food is available.

### Australian Tavern Happenings

**The Australian Tavern** Murwillumbah is providing great entertainment this week. **Tuesday** from 8pm there is a **Battle of the Bands** comp and then **Jam Night**. There are prizes to be won too! Tuesday has been a regular regular weekly gig for some time, and live music is also on **Thursday**. **DJ Moses** on **Saturday**. **Sunday** from 2pm catch **Gleny Rae Virus**.

### Chinderah Tavern

Come to the Family Fun Day at the **Chinderah Tavern** this **Sunday**. An Easter bunny will be giving out Easter eggs! Also there will be a clown doing balloon shaping, face painting (free for kids), fairy floss, jumping castle (free for kids) all from 1 to 4pm. Chinderah Tavern is known as the home of the counter

meal: meals range from \$10 to \$25. Catch the beautiful view of the Tweed River from the deck. Tavern facilities for the bigger kids include ATM, bottle shop, TAB and gaming room.

### Cabarita Sports Club

**Blind Lemon** has an arsenal of rockin' blues tunes, including Muddy Waters, Jimi Hendrix and Willie Dixon classics through to modern blues from John Poppers (Blues Traveler), Eric Clapton and Johnny Lang. See him **Saturday** at **The Cabarita Sports Bar**.

### Bo Jenkins and Craig Kernaghan

**Bo Jenkins** has shared the stage with artists such as Albert King, BB King and Kansas. He is one of few musicians to play major US venues in all three styles - rock, blues and country. See him **Friday** at the **Cabarita Sports Bar**. see more at [www.bojenkins.com](http://www.bojenkins.com)

### The LOUD 09 Outdoor Music Festival and Band Competition

Queensland's largest band competition is open to all original bands in the South East QLD and Northern NSW regions. Participating venues include: Coolangatta Hotel (Gold Coast), The



Steven Spellmaster (Hypnotist) Saturday 7pm at Seagulls



Band of Frequencies at Soundlounge, Currumbin 8pm Saturday



Bo Jenkins Friday at the Cabarita Sports Bar



Kora (NZ) at Coolangatta Hotel 8pm Saturday

Swell Tavern (Gold Coast), The Beenleigh Tavern (Beenleigh), The Chalk Hotel (Brisbane), The Sands Tavern (Maroochydore). Over \$20,000 in prizes are up plus ten Finalists perform at the **LOUD 09 Outdoor Music Festival**. Be there at the **Coolangatta Hotel, Thursday April 9**.

### Kora

Five piece 'heavy-metal-dub-funk-blues' **Kora** return to Australian shores in September for a run of East Coast dates. In the three years since their maiden voyage across the Tasman, Kora have expanded their fan base outside of Kiwi expats thanks to their dynamic and aweinspiring live sets. See them at the **Coolangatta Hotel, Saturday April 11**.

### Rose Tattoo

In the category of 'cult bands', **Rose Tattoo** has been topdog for years. The raw style of blues rock they create is what gives the fans a welcome feast in what is today a fast food orientated music business. They are a hot mix of slide guitars, pounding hooks, tight rhythm and the unmistakable voice of front man Angry Anderson. The best thing about Rose Tattoo is they can take a punch and are full of vitality. **Coolangatta Hotel, Sunday April 12**.

### Band of Frequencies and Mr Laneous and the Family Yah

The ears of **Soundlounge** regulars should prick up when they hear the name **Band Of Frequencies** and then be teleported back to the jumping gig they did with Brisbane's **Mr. Laneous and the Family Yah**

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Rose Tattoo at the Coolangatta Hotel 8pm Sunday

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### Bluesfest

How can you forget the 20th **Bluesfest** taking place over

the Easter long weekend? Over 100 artists with 200+ performances on 6 stages over 5 days! The list of headliners includes: Ben Harper and Relentless7, John Butler Trio, Missy Higgins, Jason Mraz, Lucinda Williams,

Michael Franti & Spearhead, Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson, Xavier Rudd, Zappa Plays Zappa, Angelique Kidjo, Paul Kelly, Blind Boys Of Alabama, Drive-By Truckers, Booker T and the DBTs, Eric Bibb, Augie March, Seasick Steve, Tinariwen, James Hunter, Ruthie Foster, Tim Finn, Toni Childs, Tony Joe White, Ayo, Blues Traveler and Fishbone. See it Easter long weekend – April 9-13, Byron Bay.

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Blind Lemon at Cabarita Sports Bar Saturday

commercials Australia wide now added to his resume with more to come. This promises to be a night of huge laughs and lots of fun. **Seagulls Saturday April 11.**

## Galleries

### Creative Workshops for Children at the Tweed River Art Gallery

Perfect for school holidays! Aliens, animals, faces, zoos, clay, cloth and watercolour are all in stall for the kids these holidays. **Thursday April 16** from 10am to 2pm there's **Alien Vessels in Clay** for 6 years to teens. Cost is \$45. Firing optional (\$6) with Francesca Yasukawa. Kids will use pinch pots, slabs and coils to create a unique multi-spouted alien creature.

**Monday April 20** from 10am to 1pm: **Portraits for 8 to 13 years**. Cost is \$35 with Melissa Lees. This is an exciting workshop that explores the expressive nature of portraiture.

**Tuesday April 21** from 10am to 1pm is **Weaving** for beginners. Suits ages 10 years and up. Cost is \$40 with Paula Cordeiro. Belt-weaving, or back-strap weaving, is a relaxing way to learn the first steps in weaving cloth.

**Thursday April 23** from 10am to 2pm is **Zoo of your Imagination**, aimed at 7 to 12 years. Cost is \$44. Watercolours with Michelle King – this workshop will see students inventing imaginary creatures.

**Friday April 24** from 10am to 1pm is **Decorative Tiles** for 7 to 13 years. Cost is \$45 and includes firing with Marie-France Boissonneault. Make a trio of beautiful tiles – work out your design – you might like to think about where your tiles will be used or displayed. Also create a picture in relief (3D).

### Tweed River Art Gallery Exhibitions

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## Festivals

**Currumbin RSL** is at the forefront of cultural development on the Gold Coast and is proud to have the opportunity to gift the community with a free daytime event and ticketed night time spectacular. The **D'Alliance Festival** will be in **May**, but the opportunity to take part in the festival workshops are on **April 15, 16 and 17** at **The Currumbin RSL**.

## Coming Soon

### Mt. St. Patrick's College production of 'Oliver'

**Wednesday April 29 Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2** at the **Civic Centre** Tumbulgum Rd, Murwillumbah. Performances at 7:30pm. Tix adults \$15 Con \$8 available at College or 02 6672 2340.

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## Comedy at Currumbin RSL

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Sean Hughes. Judith Lucy, Greg Fleet, Matt King, Shane Bourne, Steady Eddy, Julia Morris, Kitty Flanagan & Modern Problems in Science and was asked to support Michael Buble on his last Australian tour. David has played the Melbourne International Comedy Festival every year since 1999 with a new show each year a testament to his writing ability. **Ellen Briggs** non maternal Mullumbimby mother of twins, will MC the evening. Ellen went on to become a National finalist in the prestigious Melbourne Comedy Festival RAW comedy Competition. Since just missing out on the rubber

chicken she has become a fresh new voice on the national circuit. **Robert Grayson** will support. In the heat of the standup spotlight this comedian calls on his ex-pat status to generate hysterical comparisons between the Aussie and American perspectives... not to mention lots of good stuff about the old favourites like sex, relationships, sex, tinea and sex. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 non members. Function room doors and bar open at 6.30pm with the show starting at 7.30pm. Light dinner meals will also be available.

## D'Alliance Street Festival Currumbin

D'Alliance festival is a celebration of the arts including theatre, performance, comedy, music and visual arts. Embark on a journey of music, magic and mystique. Currumbin Creek will become an other-worldly place with magicians, street performers, story tellers, gate keepers and maestros. Alongside the event, workshops will be held in flamenco dance, short film, comedy, singing and mask making. Saturday evening culminates with a theatre light spectacular held on the water, with aerial performance and gypsy bands to dance the night away. It is a festival for the young at heart with fun, fantasy and fairytales. **Saturday May 9.**

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Australian Music Industry Hall of Fame. For more see [www.thebabyanimals.com](http://www.thebabyanimals.com) **Saturday April 25, Coolangatta Hotel** Marine Parade, Coolangatta. Phone (07) 5589 6888.

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Mandy Nolan

I have never felt the desire to experience colonic irrigation, although I do believe that such a thorough intestinal hosing would probably do me the world of good. The prospect of watery release posits a conundrum: like the movie hero who is clinging to a rocky escarpment, do I hold on or do I let go? I am a comedian and to date, (pardon the colonic pun) the process of holding on has always provided rich fodder. The sick are always much funnier than the enlightened: they still make human footprints and don't have the burning vacant retinal stare that puts the living spooks into me. You know the eyes I am talking about. Clean eyes. The great unwavering, crystal clear unblinkers. Poo free peepers: these are the eyes of a person with a clean colon. You can't tell what they are thinking. Usually because there's nothing left. Just an empty pantry and pure intestinal bliss. The other day I was visiting a friend who informed me that an enema temple had set up next to her three bedroom residential

home. Our children were playing on the verandah, and as we sat and sipped our tea I noticed that we could hear the conversation of the person experiencing their private anal release. It was a bit disturbing. Knowing someone has a pipe up their butt just two metres from where you're sipping your Earl

## LOVE THY ENEMA

Grey tends to put you off your biscuits. As I drank my bevvie I couldn't help but wonder if the liquid funneling into the bucket for the colonic client wasn't in fact the same colour, or, as a bit of dunked bikkie fell into the cup... the same consistency? Then a small groan. Oh my god. He's passed a big one. The colonic therapist or the faecal midwife made incoherent sounds of assurance, as some poor bastard met his unmaker.

I've never been one for rules, but surely when it comes to setting up a business in a tightly packed residential area it would be more appropriate to choose accounting, or aura cleansing? Something unobtrusive. Colonics, like commercially obtained blow jobs, are really the stuff of industry estates or business districts. I asked my friend how she felt about the sudden intrusion of a bum washing business onto her verandah. She'd been there for over a decade, had seen neighbours come and go, but none come and go as regularly as the bottom feeders next door. She was understandably unhappy but mainly because the owner of the business hadn't shown the courtesy to (a) inform her and (b) put in a fence between her house and his business. He refused point blank, believing he shouldn't have to pay. How ironic... the owner of a colonic therapy business, turns out in fact to be... a tight arse!

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# Easter Weekend

**THURSDAY 9/04/09 9:30AM - 11:30PM**  
**BINGO 10:00AM - 12NOON**  
**MONSTER RAFFLE DRAWN AT 7PM**  
**KARAOKE NIGHT 7:30PM - 10:30PM**  
**Happy Easter!**

**FRIDAY 10/04/09 10:00AM - 10:00PM**  
**ENORMOUS EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN AT 7PM**  
**Happy Easter!**

**SATURDAY 11/04/09 9:30AM - 11:30PM**  
**MEAT RAFFLE DRAWN AT 1PM**

**SUNDAY 12/04/09 8:00AM - 11:00PM**  
**BEACHSIDE CHAMPAGNE BUFFET BREAKFAST 8AM - 10:30AM**  
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Thursday: 10:00am - 10:30pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9:30am - 11:30pm



Television Guide

1. Director M Night ('One Big Shock Per Film') Shyamalan tells the story of a religious community lost in the past (aren't they all?) in **The Village** (Prime, Saturday 9.30pm).

2. Science fiction seems to suit Tom Cruise's acting abilities – perhaps it's because his spiritual master was originally a pulp fiction hack specialising in SF – and **Minority Report** (NBN, Saturday 11.30pm) has the advantage of being based on a Philip K Dick story.

3. Claudia Karvan stars in the Australian production **Saved** (SBS, Sunday 8.30pm), which makes some good points about our appalling Immigration Department, which most people would prefer not to know about.



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
FRIDAY 10	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Platypus: World's Strangest Animal (G) Repeat</p> <p>12.00 Atlantic Edge (G) Repeat</p> <p>12.30 Darling Buds Of May (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Can We Help? (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Compass (G)</p> <p>8.00 Collectors (G)</p> <p>8.30 Rebus (M)</p> <p>9.40 Vincent (M)</p> <p>10.50 That Mitchell And Webb Look (M)</p> <p>11.20 triple j tv With The Doctor Repeat</p> <p>11.50 Good Game Repeat.</p> <p>12.20 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>8.30 The Cook And The Chef</p> <p>9.00 Hymns Of Glory</p> <p>9.30 ABC Asia Pacific News</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 The New Inventors Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 From The Heart (G)</p> <p>5.30 Catalyst (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Compass (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Father Ted (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... Lou Reed And Julian Schnabel (PG)</p> <p>9.15 A Little Later: Tom Jones (G)</p> <p>9.30 No Heroics (M,I,s)</p> <p>10.00 Soundtrack To My Life: The B-52s (M)</p> <p>10.25 The Boys Are Back In Town (G)</p> <p>11.15 London Live (PG) From London's KOKO music venue.</p> <p>11.50 Close</p>	<p>4.30 UEFA Cup Quarter Final</p> <p>7.00 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.30 Insight</p> <p>2.35 World News in various languages.</p> <p>3.30 Living Black</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Risking It All: Initial D (G) Doco.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Drome (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter! (G)</p> <p>8.00 Unfolding Florence (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 Movie: The Sea Inside (M 2004) Drama from Spain. Stars Javier Bardem, Lola Duenas, Belen Ruedas.</p> <p>11.40 Movie: Main Hoon Na (M 2004) From India. Stars Shah Rukh, Zayed Khan, Amrita Rao, Sushmita Sen.</p> <p>2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven Morning News</p> <p>12.00 One For Another – Australia Unites</p> <p>12.30 Beyond Winning (G)</p> <p>1.00 The Life Of Jesus (G)</p> <p>2.00 The Great Celebrity Spelling Bee (G)</p> <p>3.30 Larry The Lawnmower</p> <p>4.00 It's Academic</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Better Homes And Gardens (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Crash (M 2004) Stars Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon.</p> <p>10.55 Movie: Dark Blue (AV 2003) Stars Kurt Russell, Scott Speedman.</p> <p>1.10 Danoz And Guthy-Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (G 1993) 1.25 Movie: Up, Up And Away (PG) 2.40 My Restaurant Rules (PG) → 8.30 Movie: TBA</p>	<p>6.00 Golf: The Masters 2009</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Every Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold &amp; 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 Simpsons (G)</p> <p>8.30 Medium (M)</p> <p>9.30 Law &amp; Order (M)</p> <p>10.30 Law &amp; Order (M)</p> <p>11.20 Ten Late News</p> <p>11.50 Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.20 Movie: Frankie And Johnnie (M 1991) Stars Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer.</p> <p>2.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy (PG)</p> <p>5.00 Religion to 6am (PG).</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Runaway To Freedom</p> <p>3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G)</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Friday Night Football Sydney Roosters v Brisbane Broncos.</p> <p>9.30 Friday Night Football Parramatta Eels v St George Illawarra Dragons.</p> <p>11.30 Super League Wigan Warriors v St Helens.</p> <p>1.30 MADTV (M)</p> <p>2.30 Ellen Degeneres (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Guthy Renker Australia (G)</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>
SATURDAY 11	<p>5.00 rage (PG)</p> <p>6.00 rage (G)</p> <p>10.00 rage (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Executive Stress (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 The Cook And The Chef Repeat.</p> <p>12.00 Atlantic Edge: Ireland: Religion (G)</p> <p>12.30 Australian Story Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Foreign Correspondent Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Can We Help (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Naked Science: Colliding Continents (G)</p> <p>3.00 Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2009</p> <p>5.00 Bowls: PBA World Championships – Final</p> <p>6.00 Totally Frank (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.25 Minuscule (G)</p> <p>6.30 Gardening Australia (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 New Tricks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.25 ABC News</p> <p>8.30 The Bill (PG)</p> <p>10.00 ABC News</p> <p>10.05 Silent Witness (M) Repeat.</p> <p>11.50 rage (M)</p>	<p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>3.00 rage (G)</p> <p>5.00 rage (PG)</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 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 At The Movies Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Same Time Next Year (M 1978) Stars Alan Alda, Ellen Burstyn.</p> <p>10.25 Movie: Kitty Foyle (PG 1940) Stars Ginger Rogers, Dennis Morgan, James Craig, Eduardo Ciannelli.</p> <p>12.15 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Semele (G) Masterpiece from Germany.</p> <p>3.45 Flightless (G) Masterpiece from New Zealand.</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 The Colony (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Mythbusters (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Iron Chef (G)</p> <p>9.20 RockWiz (PG) Entertainment.</p> <p>10.10 Movie: Rats And Cats (Ms,n 2007) Australian comedy. Stars Jason Gann, Adam Zwar, Anya Beyersdorf, Paul Denny.</p> <p>11.45 SOS (PG)</p> <p>12.55 Bro' Town (M) Comedy. NZ. Repeat.</p> <p>1.10 Floodhouse (M) Australian drama.</p> <p>2.10 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Eclipse (PG)</p> <p>1.00 V8 Extra (G)</p> <p>1.30 Motorsport (G)</p> <p>2.30 Motorsport (G)</p> <p>3.00 Movie: Extreme Adventures Of Super Dave (PG 2000) Stars Bob Einstein, Dan Hedaya, Gia Carides.</p> <p>5.30 Sydney Weekender (PG)</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 Honey Badgers Raising Hell (G)</p> <p>7.30 Movie: Paulie (G 1998) Stars Jay Mohr, Gena Rowlands, Tony Shalhoub, Cheech Marin.</p> <p>9.30 Movie: The Village (M 2004) Stars Joaquin Phoenix, Bryce Dallas Howard, Adrien Brody.</p> <p>11.40 Movie: The Passion Of Christ (AV 2004) Stars James Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern, Monica Bellucci.</p> <p>2.10 Danoz Direct &amp; Guthy Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Saturday Disney Movie: Kim Possible (G) 1.30 Movie: The Love Bug 4, Herbie Goes Bananas (G) 3.00 Movie: The Yellow Canary (PG) 4.30 Deal Or No Deal 5.00 Better Homes And Gardens → 12.25 Movie: TBA 2.00 Movie: TBA 1.45 Final 24 (M) 2.40 Danoz Direct &amp; Guthy Renker</p>	<p>6.00 Golf: The Masters 2009</p> <p>9.30 Dex Hamilton</p> <p>10.00 Video Hits (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Infomercial</p> <p>1.00 River To Reef (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Hook Line &amp; Sinker (PG)</p> <p>2.15 Movie: Martha Behind Bars (PG 2005) Stars Cybill Shepherd, Gale Harold.</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>5.30 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>6.00 Futurama (PG)</p> <p>6.30 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>7.00 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>7.30 AFL Premiership Season Brisbane Lions v Sydney.</p> <p>10.30 Movie: Trading Places (Ma,I,n 1983) Stars Eddie Murphy, Dan Akroyd, Jamie Lee-Curtis, Don Ameche.</p> <p>12.40 Angel (M)</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>12.00 The Music Jungle (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Horse Racing AJC Derby Day.</p> <p>5.00 David Attenborough: Tiger-Spy In The Jungle (PG)</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos (G)</p> <p>7.30 The Pink Panther (PG 2006) Stars Steven Martin, Keving Kline, Beyonce Knowles.</p> <p>8.40 Saturday Lotto</p> <p>9.30 The Best Of Tropfest 2009 (M)</p> <p>11.30 Movie: Minority Report (M 2002) Stars Tom Cruise, Max von Sydow, Jessica Capshaw.</p> <p>2.20 MADTV (M)</p> <p>3.20 Katie Noonan (G)</p> <p>3.30 Girlfriends (M)</p> <p>4.00 Danoz</p> <p>4.30 Guthy Renker</p>
SUNDAY 12	<p>5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Movie: A Man For All Seasons (g 1966) Stars Paul Scofield</p> <p>11.00 Antonio Vivaldi: Gloria (G)</p> <p>12.00 Landline (G)</p> <p>1.00 Gardening Australia</p> <p>1.30 Message Stick (G)</p> <p>2.00 The Powder And The Glory (G)</p> <p>3.00 She Stoops To Conquer (G)</p> <p>3.30 Working With Pinter (PG)</p> <p>4.25 Trust And Try: Silent Shorts (G)</p> <p>4.30 First Tuesday Book Club With Jennifer Byrne</p> <p>5.00 Sunday Arts</p> <p>6.00 At The Movies</p> <p>6.30 The Einstein Factor</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The Story Of India (G)</p> <p>8.30 Agatha Christie: Poirot (M)</p> <p>10.05 Compass: The Hidden Story Of Jesus Pt2 (G)</p> <p>11.05 Grace Kelly: Destiny Of A Princess (G) Repeat</p> <p>12.05 Movie: The House Of Seven Corpses (M 1947) Stars John Ireland.</p> <p>1.30 Movie: The Woman On The Beach (PG 1947) Stars Jean Renoir.</p> <p>2.45 Movie: The Set Up (PG 1949) Stars Robert Ryan, Audrey Totter.</p> <p>3.55 Aussie Animal Rescue: Lucky's Story (G) Repeat.</p>	<p>7.00 Classic Albums: U2: The Joshua Tree (G)</p> <p>8.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>8.55 A Place In Slovakia (G)</p> <p>9.20 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>10.10 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>11.00 Beautiful Noise: Flying Machines (G)</p> <p>11.55 London Live (PG) Music. Repeat.</p> <p>12.30 Red Dwarf (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Tom Jones (G)</p> <p>1.55 jtv Live: Wolf And Cub (G)</p> <p>2.50 Marvin Gaye: Greatest Hits 1976 (G)</p> <p>3.45 Beach Boys: Live In Concert, Knebworth 1980 (G)</p> <p>5.00 A Journey Through American Music: Blues Beginnings (G)</p> <p>6.00 ABC Fora Hosted by Tony Jones.</p> <p>7.00 First Tuesday Book Club</p> <p>7.30 Sunday Arts (G)</p> <p>8.30 She Stoops To Conquer (G)</p> <p>9.00 A Gooseberry Fool: Oliver Goldsmith Stoops To Conquer (G)</p> <p>9.50 Stone Upon Stone Upon Stone: Cologne Cathedral (G)</p> <p>10.55 Artists At Work (G)</p> <p>10.35 Wild At Heart (PG)</p> <p>11.15 Close</p>	<p>6.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>10.00 Mythbusters (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Reaching For The Sublime (G)</p> <p>11.30 IAAF World Cross Country Championships From Jordan.</p> <p>12.30 World Superbike Championships 2009 From Spain.</p> <p>1.00 Speedweek</p> <p>3.00 Football Asia</p> <p>3.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine</p> <p>4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature</p> <p>5.00 The World Game</p> <p>6.00 Thalassa: Divers Of The Caribbean (G) Doco from France.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Lost Worlds: Walking The Bible (G) Doco from US.</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Saved (M 2008) Australian drama. Stars Claudia Karvan.</p> <p>10.10 Cycling: paris-Roubaix 2009 From France.</p> <p>1.30 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>7.00 Weekend Sunrise</p> <p>10.00 AFL Game Day (PG)</p> <p>11.00 The Most Extreme (G)</p> <p>12.05 2009 Whereis Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships From Scarborough Beach, WA.</p> <p>2.00 2009 AFL Premiership Season North Melbourne v Hawthorn.</p> <p>5.00 Destination New Zealand (G)</p> <p>5.30 Mercurio's Menu (G)</p> <p>6.00 Seven News</p> <p>6.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Border Security (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Coastwatch (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Bones (M)</p> <p>9.30 Crimes That Shook The World (M)</p> <p>10.30 Infamous Assassinations: Indira &amp; Rajiv Gandhi (M)</p> <p>11.00 24 (M)</p> <p>12.00 Room For Improvement (G)</p> <p>12.30 Brand Developers</p> <p>3.00 Danoz Direct &amp; Guthy Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.05 Movie: Martie (PG 1955) → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Final 24 (M) 2.30 Deal Or No Deal</p>	<p>6.00 Golf: The Masters 2009</p> <p>9.00 State Focus</p> <p>9.30 Video Hits (G)</p> <p>11.00 Video Hits Presents (PG)</p> <p>12.00 The Family (PG) Final.</p> <p>1.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Mark Weber Challenge (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Netball: ANZ Championship 2009 Thunderbirds v Swifts</p> <p>4.30 Meerkat Manor (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG)</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>6.30 The Biggest Loser (G)</p> <p>7.30 So You Think You Can Dance Australia (PG)</p> <p>9.30 Rove (M)</p> <p>10.40 Dexter (MA)</p> <p>11.40 The Office</p> <p>12.00 The Day After Peace (PG)</p> <p>1.15 Video Hits Up Late (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker</p> <p>7.00 Today On Sunday</p> <p>10.00 Wide World Of Sports (G)</p> <p>11.00 The Sunday Footy Show (G)</p> <p>12.00 Sunday Roast (PG)</p> <p>1.00 WWE Afterburn Live.</p> <p>2.00 Super League Bradford Bulls v Leeds Rhinos.</p> <p>4.00 Sunday Football Manly Sea Eagles v Wests Tigers.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 20 to 1 (PG)</p> <p>7.30 60 Minutes</p> <p>8.30 CSI (M)</p> <p>9.30 CSI (M)</p> <p>10.30 Hell's Kitchen (MA15+)</p> <p>2.00 Girl Friends (M)</p> <p>11.30 Movie: Tango &amp; Cash (M 1989) Stars Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell.</p> <p>1.30 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Girlfriends (M)</p> <p>2.30 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Religion</p> <p>4.00 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>

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4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
11.00 Landline Repeat.  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 Poirot (PG)  
1.30 The Cook And The Chef (G) Repeat.  
2.00 Parkinson (G)  
3.00 Kids' Programs  
6.00 Landline Extra (G) Repeat.  
6.30 Talking Heads  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 Australian Story (PG)  
8.30 Four Corners  
9.20 Media Watch  
9.35 Spooks (M)  
10.30 Lateline  
11.10 An Alien History Of Planet Earth (PG) Repeat.  
12.50 MDA (M) Repeat.  
1.45 Movie: Murder, My Sweet (PG 1945) Stars Dick Powell, Claire Trevor.  
3.25 Bowls: PBA World Championships – Final

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.30 Gardening Australia (G) Rpt  
5.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat.  
5.30 Can We Help? (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Collectors (G) Repeat.  
6.35 The Re-inventors (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.00 Red Dwarf (PG) Repeat.  
8.30 Good Game (PG) Repeat.  
9.00 triple j tv With The Doctor  
9.30 Code Geass (M)  
9.55 Lily Allen: Still Alright? (PG)  
10.45 Movie: Ward 13 (G)  
11.00 Fangin It (G)  
11.30 Cowboy Bebop: Black dog Serenade (M) Repeat.  
11.55 Close

5.20 World News in various languages.  
1.00 Oz Concert 2009 (G) Repeat.  
2.30 Tchaikovsky in Italy (G)  
3.30 Insight  
4.30 The Journal  
5.00 The Crew (G)  
5.30 Corner Gas (G)  
6.00 Living Black  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Top Gear (PG)  
8.30 Swift And Shift Couriers (M),s,n)  
9.00 Bogan Pride: The Roller Skating Rink (M) Comedy.  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Shameless (MA) Comedy from UK.  
10.55 Skins (M) Repeat.  
11.50 Movie: Reconstruction (M 2003) Romance from Denmark. Stars Nikolaj Lie Kass, Maria Bonnevie.  
1.35 WeatherWatch Overnight

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)  
11.30 Seven News  
12.00 Little House On The Prairie (PG)  
2.00 Tibe: The New Tomorrow  
2.30 Go Go Stop  
3.00 Backyard Science  
3.30 Larry The Lawnmower  
4.00 It's Academic  
4.30 Seven News  
5.00 M\*A\*S\*H (G)  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 Home And Away (PG)  
7.30 How I Met Your Mother (PG)  
8.00 Scrubs (PG)  
8.30 Movie: Picture Perfect (M 1997) Stars Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr.  
10.40 Boston Legal (M)  
11.40 30 Rock (PG)  
12.05 Medical Incredible (PG)  
1.00 Danoz Direct  
2.00 Guthy Renker  
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:  
12.00 Movie: Chu Chu And The Philly Flash (PG 1981) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 My Restaurant Rules → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Australia's Best Backyards



6.00 Golf: The Masters 2009  
9.00 Moto GP: R1 Qatar  
11.00 Ten News  
12.00 Stawell Gift Horse Racing  
2.00 AFL Premiership Season 2009 Western Bulldogs v Richmond  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.  
6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.  
7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)  
7.30 TBA  
8.30 Just For Laughs: Montreal Comedy Festival (PG)  
10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight  
11.15 Late Show with David Letterman (PG)  
12.00 Cops (M)  
12.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (G)  
1.00 Infomercials (PG)  
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG).

5.30 Today  
9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG)  
11.00 Time/Life (G)  
11.30 Danoz (G)  
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
1.00 The View (PG)  
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)  
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)  
3.30 The Kingdom Of Paramithi  
4.00 The Shak  
4.30 Afternoon News  
5.00 Antique Roadshow (G)  
6.00 Evening News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG)  
8.00 Customs (PG)  
8.30 Underbelly: A Tale of Two Cities (M)  
8.45 Lotto  
9.30 Underbelly: A Tale of Two Cities (M)  
10.30 Underbelly: A Tale of Two Cities (M)  
11.20 The Ellen Degeneres (PG)  
12.10 Australia's Greatest Athlete  
1.00 Seinfeld (PG)  
1.30 Guthy Renker Australia  
3.00 Religion  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
11.00 Never Did Me Any Harm (PG) Repeat.  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
1.00 The New Inventors (G) Repeat.  
1.30 Catalyst (G) Repeat.  
2.00 Parkinson (PG)  
3.00 Kids' Programs  
6.05 Time Team (G)  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 Foreign Correspondent  
8.30 Around The World In 80 Gardens  
9.30 Lead Balloon (PG)  
10.05 Artscape (M)  
10.35 Lateline and Lateline Business  
11.35 Four Corners Repeat.  
12.25 Media Watch Repeat.  
12.40 Parkinson (G)  
1.45 Movie: Macao (PG 1952) Stars Robert Mitchum, Jane Russell, William Bendix, Gloria Grahame.  
3.25 triple j tv With The Doctor (G) Repeat

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.35 Little Angels (G) Repeat.  
5.05 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.  
5.35 Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting  
6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.00 Australian Story (PG) Repeat.  
8.30 Teachers (M) Repeat.  
9.20 The Bill (PG) Repeat.  
10.50 Fireflies (PG) Repeat.  
12.40 Close

5.20 World News in various languages  
1.00 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Repeat drama from Lebanon.  
1.50 A Film About Us (G)  
2.00 Don Matteo (PG) Drama. Italy. Repeat.  
3.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat.  
3.30 Living Black  
4.00 The Journal  
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.  
6.00 Global Village (G)  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Insight  
8.30 Cutting Edge: Wall Street – The Meltdown (G) Doco from the US.  
9.30 World News  
10.00 Hot Docs: The Take (M) Doco from Argentina.  
11.25 Movie: The Bodyguard (M 2008) Drama from Argentina. Stars Julio chavez, Osmar Nunez, Cristina Villamor, Elvira Onetto.  
1.10 WeatherWatch Overnight

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)  
11.30 Seven News  
12.00 Little House On The Prairie (PG)  
2.00 Tibe: The New Tomorrow  
2.30 Go Go Stop  
3.00 Backyard Science  
3.30 Larry The Lawnmower  
4.00 It's Academic  
4.30 Seven and Prime News  
5.00 M\*A\*S\*H (G) Repeat.  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 Home And Away (PG)  
7.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue (G)  
8.00 Find My Family (PG)  
8.30 Movie: The Truth About Cats & Dogs (M) Stars Uma Thurman, Janeane Garofalo, Ben Chaplin.  
10.30 Eli Stone (M)  
11.30 Carpoolers (PG) New series.  
12.00 Camel Train Downstream (PG)  
1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker  
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:  
12.00 Movie: The Iron Major (G 1943) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 My Restaurant Rules → 12.00 This Is Your Laugh (M) 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 A Country Practice (G)

6.00 Ten Early News  
7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs  
9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)  
11.00 Ten News  
12.00 Dr Phil (M)  
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)  
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)  
3.00 Infomercial (PG)  
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt.  
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.  
6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.  
7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)  
8.00 Bondi Rescue (PG)  
8.30 NCIS (M)  
9.30 NCIS (M)  
10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight  
11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)  
12.00 Cops (M)  
12.30 State Focus  
1.00 Infomercials (PG)  
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

5.30 Today  
9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)  
11.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker (G)  
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
1.00 The View (PG) talk show.  
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)  
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)  
3.30 The Kingdom Of Paramithi  
4.00 The Shak  
4.30 Afternoon News  
5.00 Antique Roadshow (G)  
6.00 Evening News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 World's Funniest Videos (PG)  
8.00 Commercial Breakdown (PG)  
8.30 Two And A Half Men (M)  
9.00 Two And A Half Men (M)  
9.30 Hell's Kitchen (MA15+)  
10.30 Bridezillas (M)  
11.30 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
12.10 20/20 (M)  
1.30 Guthy Renker  
3.00 Religion  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
11.00 Viking Boat Race (G)  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 National Press Club Address  
1.30 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.  
2.00 Parkinson (G)  
3.00 Kids' Programs  
6.00 Travel Oz (G)  
6.30 The Cook and the Chef (G)  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 The New Inventors (G)  
8.30 Spicks And Specks (PG)  
9.00 The Gruen Transfer  
9.30 Lawrence Leung's Choose Your Own Adventure (M)  
10.00 At the Movies  
10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business  
11.30 Proof: A prescription For Murder (M)  
1.00 Movie: Cat People (PG 1942) Stars Simone Simon, Tom Conway.  
2.15 Movie: My Forbidden Past (G 1951) Stars Robert Mitchum, Ava Gardner.  
3.25 National Press Club Address Repeat.

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.30 Travel Oz (G) Repeat.  
4.55 Animal Cops: South Africa (G)  
5.45 Time Team (G) Repeat.  
6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.00 Body Hits (G)  
8.30 Medicine Men Go Wild (M)  
9.20 Awesome: I... Shot That! (M)  
10.55 Trolleywood (M)  
12.10 Close

4.30 UEFA Champions League Live: Quarter Finals  
7.00 UEFA Champions League Delayed: Quarter Finals  
9.00 World News in various languages.  
4.00 The Journal  
4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer  
5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.  
6.00 Global Village: The Sulphur Slaves (G)  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Food Safari: French (G)  
8.00 Trawlermen (G) Doco from UK.  
8.35 Long Way Round (PG) Doco from UK.  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Movie: Himalaya (PG 1999) Drama from France. Stars Thilen Lhondup, Gurgon Kyap.  
12.00 Pope John Paul II (M) Doco from US.  
1.20 Weatherwatch Overnight

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)  
11.30 Seven News  
12.00 Little House On The Prairie (PG)  
2.00 Tibe: The New Tomorrow  
2.30 Go Go Stop  
3.00 Backyard Science  
3.30 Larry The Lawnmower kids' show.  
4.00 It's Academic  
4.30 Seven and Prime News  
5.00 M\*A\*S\*H (G)  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 Home And Away (PG)  
7.30 Australia's Got Talent (PG)  
8.30 Criminal Minds (M)  
9.30 Crimes That Shook The World (M)  
10.30 Lost (M)  
11.30 Disorderly Conduct Caught On Tape (M)  
12.30 Brand Developers (G)  
1.00 Guthy Renker & Danoz  
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:  
12.00 Movie: Too Many Girls (G 1940) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.05 My Restaurant Rules (PG) → 12.30 Louis Theroux: Gambling In Las Vegas (M) 1.30 A Country Practice (G)

6.00 Ten Early News  
7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs  
9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)  
11.00 Ten News  
12.00 Dr Phil (PG)  
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.  
3.00 Infomercial (PG)  
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
4.00 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)  
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Simpsons (PG)  
6.30 Neighbours (G)  
7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)  
8.00 Guerrilla Gardeners (PG)  
8.30 House (M)  
9.30 Life (M)  
10.30 Ten News With Sports Tonight  
11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)  
12.00 Cops (PG)  
12.30 Infomercials  
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

5.30 Today  
9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)  
11.00 Danoz and Bio-Magnetics (G)  
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
1.00 The View (PG) talk show.  
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)  
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)  
3.30 Kids' Programs  
4.30 NBN News  
5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G).  
6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 What's Good For You (PG)  
8.00 RPA (PG)  
8.30 The Mentalist (M)  
8.45 Lotto  
9.30 Cold Case (M)  
10.30 Cold Case (M)  
11.30 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
12.30 The Baron (PG)  
1.30 Guthy Renker And Danoz  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
11.00 The War (PG)  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 Pilot Guides (G) Repeat.  
1.30 Collectors (G) Repeat.  
2.00 Parkinson (G)  
3.00 Kids' Programs  
6.10 Grand Designs (G) Repeat.  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 Catalyst (G)  
8.30 Solo (M)  
9.30 Q&A With Tony Jones  
10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business  
11.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With Lou Reed And Julian Schnabel (PG)  
12.20 Wildside (M)  
1.10 Movie: Curse Of The Cat People (PG 1944) Stars Simone Simon, Kent Smith, Jane Randolph.  
2.25 Movie: The Challenge (G 1938) Stars Robert Douglas, Luis Trenker.  
3.55 The Glass House (M) Repeat.

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.35 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.  
5.05 The Cook and the Chef (G) Repeat.  
5.35 ABC Fora  
6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.00 Spicks And Specks (PG) Final.  
8.30 The Gruen Transfer  
9.00 Lawrence Leung's Choose Your Own Adventure (M)  
9.30 The Graham Norton Show  
10.00 Peep Show (M)  
10.25 Little Miss Jocelyn (M)  
10.55 Phoenix Nights (PG)  
11.20 Ideal: The Affair (MA) Repeat.  
11.50 Close

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4.30 UEFA Champions League Live: Quarter Finals  
7.00 UEFA Champions League Delayed: Quarter Finals  
9.00 World News in various languages.  
3.30 Parent Rescue: What About Me (G)  
4.00 The Journal  
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
6.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.35 Inspector Rex (PG) Austria Repeat.  
8.30 Mad Men (M) US drama series. This multi award winning series revolves around the conflicted world of Don Draper the biggest ad man (and ladies man) in the business.  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Uefa Champions League Hour  
11.00 Oz (M) US drama series.  
12.00 Movie: One Missed Call (MA 1999) Horror from Japan. Stars Kou Shibasaki, Shin'ichi Tsutsumi.  
1.35 Weatherwatch Overnight

SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)  
11.30 Seven News  
12.00 Movie: A Rumor Of Angels (PG 2000) Stars Vanessa Redgrave, Ray Liotta, Catherine McCormack.  
2.00 Tribe: The New Tomorrow  
3.00 Backyard Science  
3.30 Larry The Lawnmower kids' show.  
4.00 It's Academic  
4.30 Seven and Prime News  
5.00 M\*A\*S\*H (G)  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 Home And Away (PG)  
7.30 Ghost Whisperer (PG)  
8.30 TBA  
10.35 Scrubs (PG)  
11.20 Beauty And The Geek (PG)  
12.30 Brand Developers (G)  
1.30 Danoz & Guthy-Renker  
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:  
12.00 Movie: Badman's Territory (PG 1946) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.05 My Restaurant Rules → 12.30 Movie: Code 46 (M 2003) 2.00 Danoz: Direct & Guthy Renker

Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

6.00 Ten Early News  
7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs  
9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)  
11.00 Ten News  
12.00 Dr Phil (PG)  
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.  
3.00 Infomercial (PG)  
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
4.00 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)  
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat  
6.30 Neighbours (G)  
7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)  
8.00 Bondi Vet (PG)  
8.30 Law & Order: S.V.U. (M)  
9.30 Life On Mars (M)  
10.30 Ten News With Sports Tonight  
11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)  
12.00 Cops (PG)  
1.00 Infomercials (PG)  
4.00 Religion to 6am.

5.30 Today  
9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)  
11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker (G)  
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)  
1.00 The View (PG) talk show.  
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)  
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)  
3.30 Kids' Programs  
4.30 NBN News  
5.00 Antiques Roadshow  
6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Getaway (PG)  
8.30 Adults Only 20 To 1 (M)  
9.30 The Footy Show (M)  
11.30 The AFL Footy Show (M)  
1.00 Seinfeld (PG)  
1.30 Entertainment Tonight (G)  
2.00 Guthy Renker Australia  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

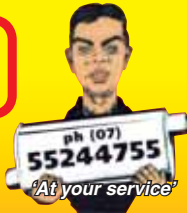


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## local events and entertainment

### THURSDAY 9

- AUSTRALIAN TAVERN, M'BAH 9PM **BONFIRE**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 5.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8PM **SANDS JAM - BATTLE OF THE JAMS HEAT 3**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **LOUD 09 BAND COMPETITION HEAT 2**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD & LADUNES**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 8.30PM **FAT ALBERT**
- THE SANDS HOTEL COOLANGATTA 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM VEENIES VARIETY **GREG & LAURA**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, 5PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **OKA**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **ASA BROOMHALL**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **POLAROID FAME**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER, RYAN RUSHTON & DEEGS**

### FRIDAY 10

- AUSTRALIAN TAVERN, M'BAH 9PM **DOOR 7**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 7.30PM **UNDERPAID DUO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, BOGANGAR 8PM **BO JENKINS & CRAIG KERNAGHAN**

- CLUB BANORA 7.30PM **BUSTERS DUELLING PIANOS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM **DENNIS DEAN**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **BREAKOUT**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 8.30PM **CHILLED PRESTON**
- SEAGULLS 7PM, CONNECTIONS BAR **RADIO SAIGON**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 8.30PM **RNR DANCING,**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **SWIZZLE TRIO**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, 8PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 12PM **BUSKING OVER BYRON COMP FINALS 7.00PM THE SATELLITES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **SOUL SHAKERS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **FAT ALBERT**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **BROADFOOT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **IT'S PROBABLY US**
- WHEEL OF LIFE STUDIO, BRUNS 6-8PM GALLERY OPENING - **LUCY VANSTONE CERAMICS**
- ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH, LISMORE 5.30PM **ST ANDREW'S CHOIR: THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST MARK**

### SATURDAY 11

- AUSTRALIAN TAVERN, M'BAH 9PM **DANCE PARTY WITH DJ MOSES**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB,

- BOGANGAR 8PM **BLIND LEMON**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL 9PM **FAT ALBERT**
- CLUB BANORA, BANORA POINT 8PM **BUSTERS DUELLING PIANOS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **KORA**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 9PM **THE PING PONG DJS**
- COOLANGATTA AND TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 7PM **PHIL & SALLY GUEST**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **SEDUCTIVE SOUL**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 7PM **DON BENNINGTON (JAZZ)**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB, 7.30PM **SUGAR FIX**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM **ROBERT KEITH**
- MUR'BAH HOTEL 9PM **DJ LEE**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 8.30PM **THE FEBBS**
- SEAGULLS 7PM **STEVEN SPELLMASTER (HYPNOTIST)**
- SEAGULLS 7PM PIANO BAR **BEN GILGEN**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 3PM **LIVE JAZZ**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 7.30PM **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **SHOE BOX (REGGAE)**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE 7PM **KANYINI FILM AND BUNNA LAWRIE AND THE WHALEDREAMERS**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN

- 8PM, **BAND OF FREQUENCIES & MR LANEOS & THE FAMILY YAH**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB, 7.30PM **FIDDLE DANCE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, 8PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **BOMBA**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **THE PAINTED CROWS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **KURTIS, DJ PIP**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **LIVEWIRE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SUPER FREAKS**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL OF HEALING**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY **LEIGH JAMES**
- MCCAULEYS LANE, MULLUM 6PM **KERRIANNE COX**

### SUNDAY 12

- AUSTRALIAN TAVERN 2PM **GLENY RAE VIRUS**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL 2PM **FERNANDO ARAGONES**
- CLUB BANORA, 12.15PM **SLIM PICKENS & DR BAZ**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 1PM **FAMILY FUN DAY**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **THE SMASHED CRABS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ROSE TATTOO**
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 1.30PM **MR JOHN**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA 7PM **KATIA DEMEESTER, THE**

- SEASON'S CALL, TAYLOR**
- PACIFIC FAIR, BIRCH, CARROLL AND COYLE CINEMA: **MEGA MOVIE MARATHON**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 5PM **GEOFF RAYNER**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 1PM **CODY BUTLER**
- SEAGULLS CLUB, 2PM **LINE DANCING**
- SEAGULLS, SHED CAFÉ 1PM **SPEAKEZY**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 1- 5PM **VASUDHA AND JEM**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 12.30PM **GLENN FOXWELL**
- UKI CAFE 11.30AM **STACEY INDIA PAGE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT 8PM DJ GOODIE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **THE ROMANIACS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **KORA**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **CAPTAIN KAINE & SUNSHINE (REVOLVER MELB)**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **FOSSIL ROCK 7PM LEIGH JAMES**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL OF HEALING**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **VASUDHA & JEM**

### MONDAY 13

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 12PM **DON WHITAKER**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 4PM **PETER JOHNSON**
- TWIN TOWNS 7.30PM **LIVE**

- MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **THE FEREMONES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **ANNA WEATHRUP**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL OF HEALING**

### TUESDAY 14

- AUSTRALIAN TAVERN, M'BAH 8PM **BATTLE OF THE BANDS AND JAM NIGHT**
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Ratepayers meet

The April meeting of the Murwillumbah Ratepayers and Residents Association will be held on Monday, April 20, at the Autumn Club, Tumbulgum Road at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Paul Morgan from Tweed Shire Council's traffic section. He will explain what road infrastru-

cure will be put in place to cater for the increased traffic as the new developments to the west of Murwillumbah in particular become established. What modifications to the existing streets are proposed and what new roads are to be built. Residents are invited to come and ask questions.

Family day

On Saturday, April 18, Joey's Pouch Educational Child Care Centre in Ewing Street, Murwillumbah, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a special Family Day at the centre. From 11am to 3pm, visitors to the centre can enjoy a range of entertainment including drumming, face painting, badge making, Vinnie & Ruben's Magic Show, a story corner, barbecue lunch, hair colouring, mural painting and fun with helium balloons. Visitors welcome to bring along a

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**BOWLS**  
**Cabarita Beach Men**  
1/4/09 Winners J Ferguson & C Klaverstyn, r/up E Carsley & M Morgan cons B Laybutt & A Latif.

Open pairs winners B Rae & N Ambrose def M Berghofer & I Crabb.  
6/4/09 Winners A Latif & B Laybutt r/up M Morgan & J Stewart, cons N Ambrose & P Glanc

**Congong Ladies**  
14/4/2009. Championships singles to be played. S. Cook V J.Glasby, J.Blake V H. Ross, M Sweetnam V R Thorley, B Wainwright V I Hunt.

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**Cudgen Leagues Men**  
Wed. 1/4/09 Mens Mufti B.Blake, P.Tindale, B.Henry.

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**Kingscliff Ladies**  
Wednesday March 25  
Winners - J. Greenbank / B. Lane /

P.Freeman. Runners - Up - A. Graham / M. Edmed / A. Phillips  
Raffle Winners: N. McGowan, M. Cosgriff & A. Graham.

Winners on April 1  
G.Wilson / M.Hendry / B.Mirls  
Runners - Up - J. Bonnett / E. Haydon / A. Phillips.

The Semi Finals of the Open Pairs Competition resulted in D. Jones / S. Akers def E. Claybourn / M. Lincoln.  
The Open Pairs Winners were D. Jones / S. Akers def J. Duffy / R. Archbold.

The Open Triples between W. Butler / R. Archbold / P. Freeman vs D. Jones / S. Akers / J. Scott will be played as soon as weather permits, so ladies check the board for further iformation

**Kingscliff Men**  
The final of the Club Fours were played on Tuesday March 31. In a tight match, which saw very good bowls and very close ends, Michael Turner, Rick Parlett, Greg Barrack and Ken Banks defeated Kevin Liddington, Ivan Smith, Harry Hockey and Brett Harris 20 - 11. Due to the wet weather no other bowls have been played this week.

**Pottsville Men**  
1/4/09 Winners- C Mullins, D Clarke, B Brewer. Consolation- W Whitney, W Parr, D Dever.  
4/4/09 The weather was kind enough to allow a record turn out of bowlers to enjoy an afternoon of good bowls and fellowship with bowlers from the Noosa Club. The club is planning a reciprocal visit to which our members are looking forward. Watch the notice board for the dates

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Murwillumbah Probus Club meets at the bowls club at 10am on April 20. Guest speaker is NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative's development manager, Cam Palmer, to talk about the Condong mill's co-generation plant. Few seats available for April 27 trip to Ballina Naval Museum. Cost is \$20 for bus with lunch at Ballina RSL at own expense.

Garden club

Tweed Coast Garden Assoc. will hold its monthly meeting at Cabarita Community Hall on April

14 at 1.30pm. A guest speaker will be in attendance. Flower of the month is three different coloured flowers and theme for the month is own choice. Trading table will operate. Visitors and friends welcome. Phone Dennis or Kathy on 02 6676 4402.

Trash and treasure

Kingscliff Volunteer Coast Guard's trash and treasure car boot sale that was to be held at the training rooms Rotary Park on Saturday, April 18, has been cancelled due to insufficient entries.

Food giveaway

Bread and food giveaway as usual on Wednesday 12.30pm DST in Tweed Heads. Please keep the grocery donations coming. It is all very much appreciated by the pensioners. Terri 0414 376 057.

**Tweed Heads Men**  
Bowls Super Challenge: After 9 inches of rain [5 overnight on Friday] play started on time on Saturday for the Grand Finals for all divisions. Gold Division Men was won by Musgrave Hill 3 rinks to 2 and Broadbeach Ladies defeated Cooloom in a familiar shoot-out. In Silver McKenzie Park were victors for the Men and Caloundra RSL the Ladies. The Bronze Mens winners were Tantitha and for the Ladies it was Solander Lakes.

If anyone is interested in coming to the Tweed Heads Finale Dinner next Friday 17 April commencing at 6.30pm please ring Greg on 07 5506 8157 for tickets, \$10.00 per person..

Championships: Round 2 was finalised last Sunday 5 April with Mark Howarde d. Frank McPhillips 25/6; Mario Matteucci d. John Bailey 25/17; Greg Hardman d. Tony Willemsen [2008 champion] 25/24; Paul Fargher d. Greg Kelly 25/24; Bill Davies d. Peter McKenzie 25/24; Graham Richards d. Peter Harris 25/17; Dennis Freeman d. Jim Hammersley 25/17; Nick Separovich d. Max Reiter 25/17. Quarter-finals to be played on or before 18 April.

Social Results:  
Sunday 29 March: Winners: Les Hughes, Marjorie & Jim Croghan; Col & Lidia Elsey; r/up: Dorothy Evans, Joan & Harry Lyon, Brendan & Wendy Wilson.

Tuesday 31 March winners - Men - Frank Birkin, John Raywood, John Heath; r/up: George Mynott, Rod Stebbins, Paul Price, Bill Davies.

Ladies - Pat Mann, Dianne Kerwitz, Jean Finney; r/up: June Norton, Anbka Vermuelen, Heather Mason, Dorothy

Turner.  
Wednesday 1 April - Random Draw each green.

Green 1: Paul Price, Ian Wildman; r/up: Roy Barwick, Jim Quin

Green 2: Paul Chircop, Brian Bitmead; r/up: Ramsay MacDonald, Vince Leather.

Green 3: Bernie Fletcher, Laurie Cooper; r/up: Gary Clarkson, Col Fishlock.

Green 4: Ken Calvert, Ron Sturrock; r/up: John Heath, Stan Williams on c/b.

DARTS

Tweed Valley Darts

Results of games played Monday 06/04/09. A grade Gulls 8 def Clockwork Orange 7 and Jokers 11 def Hogan's Heroes 4. B grade Cgulls 7 def Leftovers 4 and no result from Devils V Sharks.

Point score A grade Jokers 84, Gulls 73, Hogan's Heroes 64 and Clockwork Orange 49. B grade Leftovers 55, Devils 50, Cgulls 46 and Sharks 36

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New Moon 25th Apr 1.23 pm

**FRI 10th**

High 8.34 am 1.5

Low 8.54 pm 1.7

**SAT 11th**

High 9.15 am 1.4

Low 9.30 pm 1.7

**SUN 12th**

High 9.55 am 1.3

Low 10.07 pm 1.7

**MON 13th**

High 10.36 am 1.2

Low 10.44 pm 1.6

**TUE 14th**

High 11.19 am 1.1

Low 11.24 pm 1.5

**WED 15th**

High 12.07 pm 1.1

Low 6.17 am 0.5

**THU 16th**

High 12.09 am 1.5

Low 1.07 pm 1.0

**Sunrise** 7.00 am

**Sunset** 6.33 pm

**Moonrise** 6.37 pm

**Moonset** 7.19 am

**Sunrise** 7.01 am

**Sunset** 6.32 pm

**Moonrise** 7.14 pm

**Moonset** 8.19 am

**Sunrise** 7.02 am

**Sunset** 6.31 pm

**Moonrise** 7.55 pm

**Moonset** 9.19 am

**Sunrise** 7.02 am

**Sunset** 6.30 pm

**Moonrise** 8.40 pm

**Moonset** 10.18 am

**Sunrise** 7.03 am

**Sunset** 6.29 pm

**Moonrise** 9.29 pm

**Moonset** 11.13 am

**Sunrise** 7.03 am

**Sunset** 6.28 pm

**Moonrise** 10.22 pm

**Moonset** 12.05 pm

**Sunrise** 7.04 am

**Sunset** 6.27 pm

**Moonrise** 11.37 pm

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It seems London's G20 riots last week inspired teenagers in Cabarita who staged their own mini riot Bank of England-style in the seaside village over the weekend. Local resident Tom Benditz said he was woken on Saturday night to youths yelling obscenities, blocking the main road and throwing projectiles. The cops were called but unfortunately the police presence that arrived wasn't as strong as the one seen in London, and the kids vanished. Tom reckons parents need to keep better tabs on their kids. Maybe we should just ship them off to the next G20 conference, see how they like the smell of tear gas.

Tweed entrepreneur Roger Munro is back in the hot seat following the collapse of an investment scheme he founded that's left investors about \$100 million out of pocket. Munro purported to operate a futures trading scheme with clients around the world and northern NSW, including a father and son team allegedly owed more than \$30 million. He promised to invest their money in the US-based Starport Futures and local company RG Munro Futures. The liquidators, Ferrier Hodgson, estimate there are about 65 creditors ranging from Munro's friends, superannuation companies and business people, including Just Jeans founder Craig Kimberley.

Earlier this month Munro fronted the Brisbane magistrates' court to answer questions from lawyers acting for the liquidators, but unfortunately he was often vague in his answers, saying he did not know or could not remember the exact value of assets. When asked about his slow and unresponsive answers, Munro said he was sedated and finding it difficult to follow questions. He said he thought the largest amounts of remaining assets were in a myriad of previously unknown bank accounts around the world.



Elliot Butler (above), a 'local unknown' according to organisers, won the Cadet division of the Queensland Association of Bodyboarding's event at Duranbah Beach recently. Mitch Rawlins came first in the professional class. Photo Jeff 'Booger Basher' Dawson

It took lawyers hours to elicit trading accounts, each with various millions in them, being held in London, New Zealand, Chicago, New York, Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. His examination is due to continue later this month.

Many readers will recall Munro's previous appearances as a star witness before the Independent Commission Against Corruption's investigation into North Coast land affairs in 1990, when his memory about dodgy deals involving his old pal Tom Hogan also seemed to have failed him. The inquiry found evidence that warranted consideration of Munro's prosecution for a number of offences, including conspiracy, bribery, attempted bribery and income tax matters. None of the allegations was subsequently proved and evidently Munro then got on with his financial career.

A week-long Easter health retreat at Uki promotes a raw-food diet including a much healthier variation of the traditional chocolate easter egg - raw cacao or unprocessed chocolate. Organisers say guests will be introduced to the 'healing

powers of ancient superfoods' with cacao touted as containing 'very potent nutrition'.

Accountant Terry Sharples's long-running legal battle to have rate rises contained in the council's seven-year plan declared null and void is back on track. Armed with a new legal team, Mr Sharples has persuaded the NSW Court of Appeal to hear his appeal against an earlier Land and Environment Court decision, even though he missed a deadline to lodge it by a couple of days. The court accepted his argument he was late because he was overseas at a vital time and was hampered by a lack of legal advice and materials. His appeal will be heard at a date to be fixed, raising question marks over the future of the plan in general and this year's proposed rate rise in particular if he takes out an injunction. Last month the council narrowly voted in favour of retaining the rate rises after a Land and Environment Court judge ruled that the Minister had the power to approve them, even though the council's consultation process was flawed. It also voted to pursue Mr Sharples to pay the council's

\$258,000 legal bill which it racked up during the hearing, but Mr Sharples says he plans to test public backing for an injunction by advertising for support.

Former Tweed Shire councillor John Murray, aligned with the conservative side of politics, says he is 'sort of' working for federal Labor these days. Mr Murray told a Murwillumbah business breakfast meeting this week that he was working for the NSW Business Chamber overseeing Austrade's Tradestart program in northern NSW. The former pro-development councillor was sacked along with the rest of Council in 2005 following the Daly Inquiry into the faction-ridden council.

The intention was there, but top news website news.com.au has screwed up efforts to correct the name of commonly mispronounced town Mooball. In a slideshow of the world's 10 most mispronounced places it writes that Mooball is actually 'Moo-bull'. Hmm, better tell the locals that because they call it 'Mo-bul'. The town was featured alongside Oaxaca, Mexico (Wah-ha-ca), Hjo, Sweden (You) and Ptuj, Slovenia (P-too-ee).

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