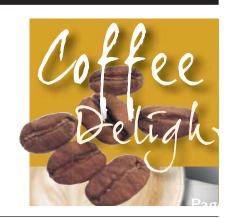
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LOCAL & INDEPENDENT

Residents give retail plan the tick

Ken Sapwell

A developer planning to alter the face of Cabarita's retail heart has won the support of key community groups after taking the unusual step of involving them in the design process for the \$16

West Australian-based Stockwell Pty Ltd mitted its development application, and even

to approve a supermarket, shops and 23 twobedroom apartments in a three-to-four storey development in the middle of town.

Cabarita Residents' Association president Cath Lynch says the company engaged with the community about its plan before it sub-

is asking the NSW Department of Planning accepted suggestions to redesign parts of the features so that they have breezeways and are building to reduce bulk and scale and improve the frontage.

concept and the residents association is backing ment possibly exceeding the town's normally it 100 per cent,' she said.

The apartments to be built above the supermarket and shops make use of good design

not too visually intrusive.'

'In the end they came up with a much better sign, residents wouldn't object to the developjealously guarded three-storey height limit.

> 'We've had a very good working relationship with the company which appears to have genuinely listened to our concerns.

> 'It's in stark contrast to the arrogance displayed towards the community by the developers of The Beach across the road, said Ms Lynch, who has been at the forefront of the association's push for quality projects for more than a decade.

> 'It's a pity that other developers don't take the same approach, it shows if they are willing to work with the community it's possible to get an outcome that's acceptable to everyone.

> The Cabarita Beach Business Association also supports the development, approving Stockwell's decision to consult with stakeholders instead of trying to bulldoze it through the council and the department.

> 'We suggested that they need to engage the community and they have done that,' said association president Chris Gregory.

> 'The centrepiece of the development of the site now occupied by ageing shops, a petrol station and workshop is a 2,400-square-metre Woolworths supermarket.

> The department is calling for public submissions to the proposed redevelopment, setting a June 16 deadline.

> Among those who will be opposing the development is the Pottsville Business Association which is objecting to Stockwell's identification of Pottsville and its suburbs as part of their trade area if the supermarket gets the go-ahead.

> Association president Tania Murdock says the supermarket would need to poach customers from other areas because Cabarita's population of some 3,400 people with little room to expand was not big enough to support a supermarket of

> Another tipped to object is Casuarina developer Don O'Rorke who last month was given the green light for a 2,150-square-metre supermarket after the council overturned its planners' advice and allowed Kings Beach No continued on page 2

the size proposed.

Ms Lynch said because of the improved de-



Story and photo Jeff Dawson

You could be forgiven for thinking Craig Goozee was a ping or two short of a sat-nav system when he left Australia Square headed for the Opera House. Most of us would go down George, across Circular Quay and Bob's your uncle.

Harbour Bridge and after seven days crossed the Brunswick River he can do in 92 days. and then went across the Queensland border where he will continue trip was going so far, Craig laconito run, ride and paddle his kayak

there Goozee will hop across to Tassie (the one leg he will fly) then back to Melbourne before the uphill Not Craig, he headed over the trek (well it looks uphill on the map) back to Sydney, all this he calculates

When asked by *The Echo* how the cally answered, 'Wet!'

Craig is motivated by the memory of his oldest daughter Jessica who died 10 years ago from cancer.

'Jessica would have been 19 this year, I wrote the book, For One For All, as a testament to Jessica's determination and courage. This undertaking is also dedicated to her very special life and the thousands

so much, so young,' said the very fit 45-year-old who hails from Sydney's

Mr Goozee has so far raised \$200,000 towards the million he hopes to raise from this uber-Triathalon which is called A2B4C: A, Australia Square, to B, Bennelong Point, for cancer research. This is the father of five's third, and he says, last marathon, the previous two in 1998 and 2000 raising \$650,000.

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Try croquet

'Come and Try' croquet on this Sunday, June 14, at Murwillumbah Croquet Club, Knox Park, from 10am-3pm. The club is open for World Environment Day activities at the park and equipment is provided, just bring softsoled shoes. For info call Marj on 6672 8198.

Winter appeal

Uki Red Cross thanks everyone who supported their Winter Appeal on June 5. Competition results were: Mary Lambert 1, Betty Brims 2, Julie Bates 3, Barb Roberts 4.

Probus club

Murwillumbah Probus Club meets at 10am on June 15 at the bowls club. Members' guests welcome. Call 6672 3388. Guest speaker is Sylvia Dossett, secretary of Tweed Valley Riding for the Disabled.

Ratepayers meet

Murwillumbah Ratepayers' and Residents' Association will meet on Monday June 15 in the Autumn Club at 7.30pm.

Food giveaway

Bread giveaway is on Wednesday 12.30pm in Tweed Heads, outside the iBar, under cover and out of the rain. Thank you for donations' we always need more if others would like to help. Terri 0414 376057.

Walking group

Murwillumbah On The Move walking group meets at information centre carpark at 7.20am (winter start time) on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Enjoyable walks around town.

National servicemen

Tweed Valley-Murwillumbah National Servicemen's Association meets every third Tuesday at the Murwillumbah Services Club. Call Ron and Barb Morse on 07 5523 3599 or 0402 994697.

Fireworks spectacular

Crystal Creek School's annual Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday June 13 will feature two new special-effects dazzlers, the 87-shot silver spider and the 530-shot green candle wall. Gates will open at 2pm, with the fireworks at 7pm. For info call Kelly on 6679 3929.

View club

Coolangatta/Tweed VIEW Club's next luncheon meeting, its 19th birthday, 'with an Aprons' theme will be held on Thursday, June 18, in the Horizons Room, South Tweed Sports Club at 10.30am. Entertainment starts at 11.30am. For bookings call Margaret before 5pm Monday, June 15.

Indigenous tourism

A free one-day workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre for members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community interested in learning more about the National Landscapes program and indigenous tourism opportunities. For more info or to make a booking contact Wendy Miller at Tweed Tourism on 07 5536 4244 or email ea@tweedtourism.

Historical society

Tweed Heads Historical Society and Tweed River Regional Museum (Tweed Heads) will hold their monthly general meeting

in the Old Court House, Pioneer Park, Kennedy Drive, West Tweed Heads. Guest speaker lan Holston will talk of his pioneer family's association with the Tweed. For info call 07 5536 8625.

Computer skills

Computer Association Tweed Seniors meets at 10.30am (NSW time) on the third Wednesday of each month at Seagulls. Learn computer skills from other seniors. Joining days are the second Thursday of each month. Call June 6676 3131 (Mon-Fri 9-5).

Coast guard

Kingscliff Volunteer Coast Guard is looking for new members to train as radio operators or boat crew. We also need people to help with fund raising activities. For info call John on 0408 543 185.

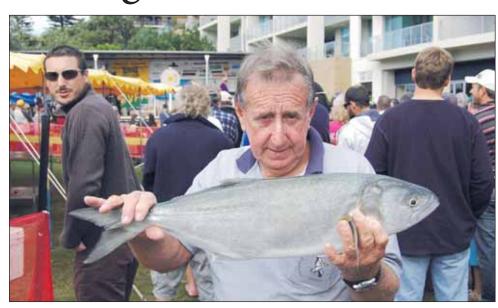
Mental health

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

Landcare workshop

Tweed Landcare will be conducting a threatened species, endangered ecological community recovery and key corridors workshop on Saturday June 13 at Bilambil Hall from 9.30am-noon (with optional field day). The workshop and field trip will show the outcomes of two biodiversity projects in the Tweed. To register call Claire on

Fishing contest reels 'em in



Les Hardy with a large tailor similar to the 3.56kg one he caught which won him top prize at last Sunday's annual Lions Greenback Tailor Fishing Competition. Photo Jo Kennett

how competition secretary Karen Cranwell described the line of people at the sign-on for last Sunday's annual Lions Greenback Tailor Fishing Competition.

A total of 920 fish of all types and sizes were weighed in at the Beach Bar in Cabarita.

for entrants and they all went, Ms Cranwell said.

'It was definitely a big success, we auctioned everything, a total of 235 bags of fish which raised lots of money. Every year it gets bigger and better.'

It was good news for our fishing elders who showed the youngsters a thing or two, with Les Hardy, a Pottsville local and second place winner

gest tailor at 3.56kg.

Danny Campbell, licensee of The Beach Bar, presented the cheque for \$1500 to Les, whose whole family fished in women's division, Mark Bonner the competition.

According to sources, Les fished with his pyjamas under his waders and given his suc-'We had 860 fishing packs cess event organisers expect to see a lot of fishers in pyjamas

> sleep that morning and knowing the fish had been biting the previous afternoon, he jumped out of bed and put his waders on over his pyjamas before going out to throw a line for the competition.

Les has fished in the competition almost every year since it raised around \$20,000 for loin the veterans division, taking began in 1985 and was happy cal charities.

'They just kept coming.' That's out the grand prize for the big- to finally get his name on the plaque and his pyjamas off.

Evan Toovey won the veterans division for the most points overall, Casey Baron won the took out the men's, and Liam Veselis won the kid's division.

One entrant caught a 6kg tailor which would have taken out the grand prize but the fish had been bled, making it ineligible. The unlucky lad gener-Apparently Les couldn't ously donated the fish, which raised \$50, to the fish auction.

Plenty of prizes were raffled off at the auction, with the proceeds going to Cabarita Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Tweed Volunteer Rescue Association.

Last year, the competition

Residents give retail plan the tick (from page 1)



stormwater swale (see the story the Cabarita project because it the coastal villages with Tweed

Council planners are also strategy which favours small tail hub.

2 Ltd to swallow up a natural likely to be non-supportive of neighbourhood style centres in undermines the council's retail Heads remaining the shire's re-

Retail chains to expand on coast

Coles-Myer looks like it will narrowly pip Woolworths to be the first major supermarket chain to exploit a lucrative retail market thought to exist on the fast-growing southern end of the Tweed Coast.

The supermarket giant got a leg up on its arch rival last month when Kings Beach No 2 persuaded councillors to give up a stormwater swale at Casuarina to smooth the way for Planning Department approval of a 4000-square-metre retail centre.

But Woolworths won't be far behind in opening their own, slightly bigger supermarket, just down the Coast Road at Cabarita Beach, if local support for the project is the benchmark.

They're streets ahead of other contenders, including the Segal family who've been involved in a decade of court battles trying to rezone land at Chinderah for a major town centre they say will rival Robina.

Coles got its foot in the door

after Kings Beach No 2 decided to change original plans for a small neighbourhood-style shopping centre to a major centre by challenging council's refusal in the Land and Environment Court.

The council last month considered secret legal advice before overturning advice of its planners and controversially handing over a large slice of public open space incorporating a stormwater swale so the development can be accommodated.



On the bright side of the road

The Wintersun parade through Tweed Heads and Coolangatta last Saturday was alive with the sound of rock and roll music and splashed with much colour as shown by this parade float (right) carrying Gold Coast Rockers dance club members, with parasols to suit that bright winter sun. The annual festival drew thousands of visitors to the Twin Towns last week where shiny retro cars and rock'n'roll dancing was the order of the day. Photo Jeff 'Shake, Rattle and Roll' Dawson

■ For more Wintersun photos, visit The Echo's website photo gallery under 'events'.



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Ex council boss vies for panel job

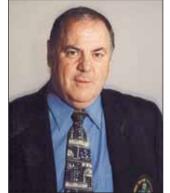
Ken Sapwell

Former Tweed Shire Council general manager John Griffin (pictured right) has thrown his hat into the ring for a position on one of the government's powerful joint regional planning panels (JRPPs) to be established this month.

Dr Griffin, who quit the top post mid-contract several months after the council was sacked in disgrace in May 2005, denied at the time that his decision to step down was in anyway linked to the probe into the council's activities.

He said this week he had always intended to retire on his 60th birthday after 15 years at the helm but the inquiry had intervened, with staff and managers asking him to stay to on while they go through the motions'.

Dr Griffin, a naval reservist who remains active in public life as Tweed Heads RSL secretary and a board member of the Twin Towns Services Club and Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, is one of 11 people Tweed region.



lor Henry James and Pottsville Business Association president Tania Murdock, who stood as an unsuccessful candidate at the last council elections.

Tweed Council will decide at its meeting next Tuesday (June 16) who it will nominate for the two positions as well as an alternative in the event that one of the nominees is unable to attend a meeting.

A council spokesman said while the list of nominations would be made public, personal and professional details would not be disclosed because they were considered to be confidential.

The government's decision who have put their names for- to establish five JRPPs has ward to serve on a JRPP for the unleashed a growing chorus of protests from councils Others on the list which will throughout the state who say be publicly released this week their planning powers are beinclude former Greens counciling hijacked by the govern-

ment controlled panels.

Mayor Joan van Lieshout, sentatives. Deputy Mayor Barry Longland

the hands of unelected repre-

Planning Minister Kristina and former mayor Warren Kenneally last month gave Polglase say the radical change councils less than two weeks will sideline councillors from to find two suitable people for the decision-making process the JRPPs, which will be dominvolving large and controver- inated by three governmentsial developments and put it in appointed representatives.

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Council explores koala habitat funding

Ken Sapwell

Tweed's dwindling koala colonies may be thrown a lastminute lifeline after Tweed in thongs' by the mayor, at-Shire Council asked staff to explore all funding options to restore damaged habitats and corridors for possible inclusion in the new budget.

Greens councillor Katie Milne won the support of all but Warren Polglase and Kevin sions to its \$166m budget, Skinner for the compromise move after failing to rally colleagues to back a late push for a koala management plan.

She will now have to wait until the next Tuesday's councan pull out any rabbits in the form of grants or a juggling of budget finances before a July 1 deadline, but says she is not optimistic.

'The council keeps on ap-

unlikely we will get any money this year, she said.

Cr Milne, dubbed a 'koala tempted to include an unspecified amount for environmental works after the council was deluged with submissions and letters supporting a plan of management for koalas.

Of the 168 public submismore than 140 were from people worried about the destruction of habitat as the shire's population growth continues.

Their fears have been fuelled by expectations of government cil meeting to see whether staff approval for what will be two satellite towns at Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes which contain either significant koala colonies or potential habitats and corridors.

plying for grants but we didn't Jenny Hayes told the council money for fencing of children's Rivers.

the Tweed coast's koala populathreatening their long-term elected last September. survival.

of the five greenhorn councillors appeared to struggle with procedures to amend the draft budget and management plan to accommodate draft included a one per cent resome of the public's wish list and whether amendments needed to be re-advertised.

Other issues

Other submissions unrelated to koalas included calls for improved street lighting and park facilities in parts of the shire and complaints about a lack of funding for a wide range of environmental works.

Another controversial omis-Team Koala Inc convenor sion from the budget was Gallery and Arts Northern

get any money last year and it's that research had shown that playgrounds because of an ongoing audit of parks despite tion had shrunk to somewhere several councillors making it between 65 to 130 individuals, a high priority before being

> The council in the end vot-But Cr Milne and some ed to approve a 9.5 per cent rate increase and a range of increased fees and charges for 2009-10.

> > Changes to the advertised duction on interest for overdue rates and a minor amendments to sewerage rate charges.

The council will also review its fees for construction certificates and building fees during its scheduled quarterly budget review in September.

Deputy Mayor Barry Longland also won support for a report to the next meeting about ways to restore funding levels for the Tweed River Art

Rally officials set to consult public

Tweed business and land owners worried that the world rally could impact on their business or damage their property have had their fears allayed by rally

Cudgera Creek nursery owner Ian Matthias last month approached The Echo concerned about potential damage to his property, which has a 1.6km frontage to Cudgera Creek Road and is set to be used as one of the Tweed Valley stages of the race by the rally cars in September, after initially contacting rally organisers about his concerns.

The retired mining exploration geologist and his wife Noela have owned and lived on the property for around 33 years. runs and dust and household Ian told *The Echo* his concerns mainly revolved around the bigger issue of compensation for Tweed landowners who may suffer property, personal or stock damage from rally accidents. Damage for him could mean dust in his home and nursery's water tanks, accidents at the driveway to his house, which is only 40 metres from the road, or vandalism by spectators.

'We don't want to but we who should repair it. may have to fence some areas off to discourage people hopping over the fences everywhere, he said.

Ian again contacted the rally office after his meeting with The Echo and a rally official was then sent out to meet with him mail deliveries, inconvenience at his property to discuss issues and security. worrying him.

'very pleased at this stage' with the responses to issues raised such as: insurance liability, compensation/restoration for damage along their driveway, timetable/map of test and rally pers and gas, etc, she wrote to running of the race that day.



Ian Matthias outside his property on Cudgera Creek Road, a winding, gravel road set to be turned into a racetrack for the world rally competitors in September. Photo Jeff'Vroom' Dawson

tank water contamination.

A Repco Rally Australia (RRA) spokesman said some answers and questions on their website (www.rallyaustralia.com.au) dealt with liability issues. Organisers say that in the event of damage to property damage such as fencing RRA would provide temporary fencing as soon as possible, after agreement with

Inconvenience

Meanwhile, Tyalgum Store owner Karen Nixon also contacted The Echo with concerns about the rally's impact on her business and village including

'We want Council/State gov-As a result, Ian said he was ernment to realise that holding such an event does interfere with a whole community and their rights and ability to per-

The Echo, Lismore MP Thomas George and Tweed Shire

'As previously stated, we have whole community who are at the shop counter asking for updates and airing their concerns. We need something concrete to tell them – please assist us and put everyone's mind at ease. Your response would be appreciated.

last Wednesday involving the Tyalgum residents association, organisers of the the town's classical-music festival to be run around the same time and rally officials.

'I'm delighted, the meeting rally stages will be run. certainly allayed fears but also raised new questions, she said.

Karen said that Byrrill Creek Road, an 11.3km section nearest Tyalgum set to be used as form normal daily functions a race stage on September 4, such as collecting their mail, would not be a spectator route urday, June 13, from 2pm-5pm spectator points and numbers, buy their milk, bread, newspa- and will be closed during the at the Kingscliff Community

She said that as a result of the meeting, rally organisers agreed to compile minutes. Meanwhile, rally organisers will host public consultation sessions in Murwillumbah and Kingscliff later this week with officials on hand to answer questions.

Consultation

A rally spokesman said the Karen yesterday said that three-hour sessions would give the landowner on price and as a result of her letter and community members a chance concerns, which were imme- to inspect copies of a reports diately conveyed to the rally released recently on ecological, organisers, a meeting was held noise, dust and socio-economic impacts, plus plans for koala management, waste management and carbon offsetting.

> A similar session was due to be held yesterday (Wednesday) at Kyogle, where many of the

> The meeting in Murwillumbah will be held tomorrow (Friday), June 12 from 9am-noon at the auditorium of Tweed Shire Council's civic centre and at Kingscliff on Sat-Centre on Marine Parade.

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Cycling group pushes for bike lane

Victoria Cosford

A new bicycle user group, or BUG, has been formed in the Tweed Valley, and is pushing for a bike lane from Uki to Murwillumbah.

The group calling itself BUG-TV has been campaigning for a bike trail connecting the two townships for over a year. Cyclists often use the route either as commuters, recreational riders or bike tourists.

Originating in the 1980s in Toronto, Canada, BUGS are local groups whose purpose is to improve conditions for cyclists and to encourage others to give cycling a try.

According to BUG-TV spokesperson Jo Spiller, the four reasons people cycle are for the local community. 'recreational, tourist, commuting and sport'.

as part of the Uki Sustainability Project saw the idea of bike lanes and cycleways on major projection from that meeting, according to Jo.

she said, was fundamental to willumbah about three times the very strong core-group of a week and has clocked up both recreational cyclists and 3000km in a couple of years. commuters between Uki and Murwillumbah.

tal for the shire, she said, gener- of the classroom. It take me ating huge amounts of money about 30 minutes each way and



A cycling group rides along the picturesque Kyogle Road between Murwillumbah and Uki. Photo Jeff 'Spokesman' Dawson

'Many people do feel intimidated riding alongside cars, A recent public forum in Uki with a bike lane more people will ride bikes. We are just community members who want to safely use the road and roads as 'the highest rating encourage our children to ride bikes,' she said.

Jo's husband Bernard, a local Improved safety on the roads, school teacher, cycles to Mur-

'I like the message the kids at school get when they see the Cycling tourism also was vi- bike hanging up in the back

ing around in circles, he said.

is really quite an easy ride. It is information, call Eddie Robgreat for fitness, saves on gym erts on 6679 4079 or Jo Spiller fees and I don't have to spend on 6679 5495. BUG-TV's next time on an exercise bike or rid- meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, at the Imperial Hotel, To join BUG-TV or for more Murwillumbah, from 6.30pm.

Mayor drops 'divisive' welcome

Ken Sapwell

Tweed Mayor Joan van Lieshout says she will no longer read a statement at the beginning of council meetings recognising local Aborigines as members of the Bundjalung nation because she believes it is divisive.

'It singles out one just one group and I think it is unfair on others who are disputing the accuracy of the claims made in the statement, she said.

'I want to be convinced before I read the statement again that it reflects the true history of the Aboriginal people who were the traditional owners and custodians of the lands around the Tweed.'

Ms van Lieshout said she decided to allow either the deputy mayor or general manager to read the statement after being approached by Aboriginal elders raising concerns about its wording.

'I think I need to be very

careful about standing up and acknowledging certain people at the expense of others.

The council's former administrators decided in July 2005 that the statement be an integral part of all council meetings following a request from Aboriginal advisory committee members Max Boyd and Dot Holdom.

The statement reads: We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers and lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these land.

Cr van Lieshout acknowledged that apart from Aboriginal elders she has also heard from James McKenzie, a leading advocate of the Ngarakwal-Githabul nations, who he says are the real traditional owners.

Mr McKenzie claimed last week that the long-simmering row over the identity of the traditional owners torpedoed Tweed Council's chances of securing a \$10 million federal grant for the redevelopment of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

He said he warned federal Labor MP Justine Elliot that signage to be erected as part of the redevelopment misrepresented local Aboriginal history.

Southern Cross University joins push for rail link

(SCU) would greatly benline, along with a link to Cool-

Southern Cross University university over the next 20 years the extension of the Brisbane efit from the reopening of the politicians at Murwillumbah Murwillumbah to Casino rail railway station last month in a joint call for improved public link to Murwillumbah and the angatta, a university chief has transport on the North Coast.

SCU's executive director of Gold Coast Airport is only a between the two campuses corporate services Malcolm stone's throw away from the and students from the Gold Marshall said the rail would be planned new railway station Coast could travel to Lismore increasingly important for the which will be built as part of to study.

after meeting with NSW state to Gold Coast rail line south from Robina.

Mr Marshall said a future now defunct line to Casino SCU's new campus near could provide a rail service

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Mayor on the money

Tweed Mayor Joan van Lieshout should be applauded for her quest to limit the largesse heaped on to two council-funded enterprises, Tweed Tourism and the Tweed Economic Development Corporation (TEDC).

For too many years these organisations have received millions of ratepayers' money specifically to attract business and tourism, but have achieved very little. In this year's budget, TEDC will get \$438,790 while Tweed Tourism gets \$476, 644. Almost a million dollars for a couple of visitor information centres (VICs), a few reports, many functions and PR jaunts, and two highly paid chiefs.

The mayor, who sits on both boards, is well placed to see the waste and tackle what she sees as 'boys clubs,' and is right in saying council could save at least half a million dollars a year by amalgamating them.

Tweed Tourism for instance seems to lack focus and could easily be trimmed down to its VIC function. The TEDC, well, surely a council officer at senior level could take this on. A quick glance at the Tweed Tourism website shows the organisation's confused aims. On one hand it welcomes people to the Tweed, the 'Heart of the Green Cauldron', yet on the other appears hellbent on destroying that image with its wholehearted support (including website links) to the controversial world rally, the economic benefits of which are under serious question. Instead of promoting the point of difference which the Tweed, with its drawcard world heritage natural assets, has over its glitzy Gold Coast neighbour, Tweed Tourism appears to want to move the Tweed closer to a races and casino image. Meanwhile TEDC says the rally will mysteriously benefit the region through global television exposure (of rally cars on dirt roads?).

The TEDC chief's occasional forays into local politics also has left doubts as to the real role of the organisation. His blatant lobbying for the notorious Chinderah marina project, which would have ruined the natural aesthetics of the lower Tweed River, flew against community opinion. More recently, he attacked council's own seven-year rate plan (the hand that feeds him), so time could well and truly be up.

Ratepayers need value for their money and they're simply not getting it with these out-of-touch bodies.

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Faulkner takes on the warlords

ust because you're para-Fitzgibbon had his persecu- a portfolio which has been tors, certainly in the Defence treated with a certain cynicism Department, probably within in the past. When Fred Daly, the Labor caucus and possibly even in his own office.

But just because your supposed colleagues are ratting on you, it doesn't mean you're innocent. Fitzgibbon, already on a yellow card for his serial failure to declare gifts and favours rendered, finally crossed the line in his staff's dealing with his brother.

Some, at least, of them took place behind his back, but this is no excuse. Kevin Rudd, to whom integrity is both a personal and political imperative, could not longer afford to keep him. In many ways this is a pity; Fitzgibbon was already a good defence minister and showed the potential to become a great one. He took on the Colonel Blimps, attacked the culture tions, for resolving polling disof financial nonchalance, proposed an ambitious program to political parties. The Comof reform and took a refreshingly realistic attitude to the war in Afghanistan.

sacred cow status Defence had no reluctance to do so in the enjoyed for far too long. John Howard had five defence ministers, only two of whom - Robert Faulkner is different. A long-Hill and Brendan Nelson – even time student and critic of the pretended to take the job seri- system as it exists, he is a sinously. Fitzgibbon certainly did, cere reformer. and he will be missed.

His legacy may well proceed Faulkner is perhaps the only one of Rudd's ministry with the Australia its last, best chance of genuine reform of the political infrastructure.

they're not after you. Joel as Special Minister of State, jokester and numbers man, held it during Gough Whitlam's government, he described himself as 'The Minister for Winning Elections, and so it frequently seemed.

Australia's much abused Freedom of Information legislation. These are changes which, if honestly implemented, will not only vastly improve Ausbut could be a major step in tarnished political process.

Among other things the also looked at wider questions that Rudd's deputy, Julia Giljob entails the oversight of the of government accountability

Fitzgibbon's legacy may well proceed under John Faulkner, whose bullshit detector remains the sharpest in the parliament.

by Mungo MacCallum

Electoral Commission with its responsibility for electoral boundaries and redistribuputes and policing donations mission is, of course, legally independent, but the minister still has a key role in setting its His overall approach was to agenda. Ministers from both question and undermine the sides have, in the past, shown hope of securing political advantage for their parties. But

In his relatively brief tenure he has attempted to enhance under John Faulkner, whose and improve the integrity and bullshit detector remains the transparency of the donations sharpest in the parliament. regime – a move vehemently opposed by Malcolm Turnbull and his coalition; he has experience and drive to take tackled the difficult problem of on the warlords of Russell Hill, government advertising in acand was the obvious choice. cordance with Rudd's election But his appointment comes at promise to take the politics out a huge price. It may well cost of it; he has set up a body to monitor ethics within the public service and foreshadowed laws to protect whistleblowers;

and of public participation in the whole democratic process, with special concern for inarticulate and disadvantaged groups such as Aboriginal Australians. This broad and fairminded philosophical concern would be rare within the party system at any time; coming from one of the most pragmatic, seasoned and powerful members of a naturally cautious government it is virtually unique. One can only hope that Faulkner's successor, the relatively untried Joe Ludwig, has the will, guts and influence accept her as the natural alterto push on with it.

Ludwig is, of course, one of the indirect beneficiaries of simultaneous decision of the Home Affairs minister, Bob Debus, to head for the sidelines on his way off the field. The fact that others included Chris Bowen, Greg Combet and Mark Arbib prompted the more excitable members of the opposition to start hinting darkly at the power of the dreaded right wing mafia from New South Wales: 'Payback time!'

Faulkner's previous job was and, most importantly, he has they cried, implying that the noid it doesn't mean that as cabinet secretary, and also undertaken massive reform to appointments were almost as evil as Rudd's acceptance of a second-hand ute as a campaign vehicle.

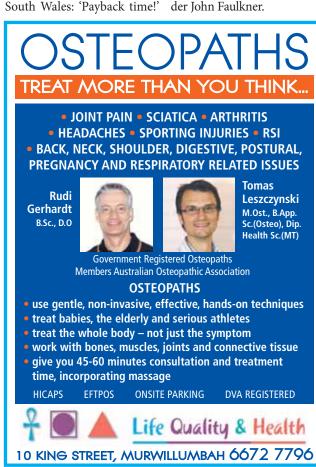
> But apart from the obvious - all three promotions tralia's system of government, could be very easily justified on sheer merit - the timing of restoring public respect for the the accusation was unfortunate, in that it coincided with In his spare time, Faulkner a series of articles explaining lard, was now universally accepted within the party as the natural heir to the leadership should St Kevin succumb to premature martyrdom.

> > Nothing signals more clearly the breaking of the power of the faction system, and of the New South Wales Right in particular. Julia Gillard is a member (or perhaps in these non-factional times one should say ex-member) of the Victorian Socialist Left, the sworn ancestral enemies of the previously dominant Right. Even three years ago she would have been utterly unacceptable to the New South Wales enforcers; indeed, the last time the party even toyed with the idea of lefty leader was when Jim Cairns challenged Gough Whitlam back in 1968.

Now, while the heavies are not quite prepared to offer Gillard public endorsement, they are resigned – even content – to native. Her energy, talent and sheer bloody-mindedness have won them round. The factions Fitzgibbon's demise and the are not utterly dead and buried; they still hold desultory meetings and see themselves and each other as blocs to negotiate outcomes within the broader caucus. But their power to make and break is over.

This is one of Rudd's great gifts to his party. It is yet to be seen if he can deliver the benefits to the system as a whole which appeared so hopeful un-





Letters to the Editor

Fax: 6672 4933 Email: editor@tweedecho.com.au Deadline: Noon, Tuesday Letters longer than 200 words may be cut and pseudonyms are not acceptable. Please include your full name, address and phone number.

Cudgen land

In relation to 'Polglase backs Cudgen rezoning' (The Echo, from from the sacked 2005 pro development council.

Robertson farm, the article and cleaning up graffiti. mentions frontage to Cudgen Creek. Does the Kingscliff Land Company have plans to build on flat areas of this property? If so, keep in mind all the water runoff from most of the Cudgen plateau enters Cudgen Creek through this property, which during major floods can be substantial volumes of water.

Already we have seen ratepayers funding flood prevention in Cudgen Heights, where against local advice, buildings were erected in flood prone areas, with disastrous results.

With Kings Forest reputed to contain 3,418 allotments, 5,532 dwellings, plus Cobaki, does the Tweed have the infrastructure a over-regulated Big-Brotherto cater for extra development?

better serve the Tweed by concentrating his efforts on more urgent issues, such as strengthening the Clarrie Hall rally cars with the same Dam, upgrading rural roads, attitude, when they wish to and last but not least grade park on a council reserve. separation at the Cudgen, Coast Road intersection, already one of the busiest in the shire.

The general public far Pat on back outnumber speculators and I read criticism recently of our and acted accordingly.

> **Carl Redman** Cudgen

Parking blues

I am writing regarding the that week. mean-spirited attitude of Tweed Shire Council.

with many other residents area in Canberra. and visitors to the Tweed once again enjoyed a wonderful realise you cannot renege on Wintersun Festival. But on returning to our vehicle we were amazed to see hundreds of within the council reserve.

I would like to say a few things to these bureaucrats and their henchmen. Rules are rules and they are there for a good a card printed for that purpose? ciation (NNETA). Surely this energy can be put for the day.

This attitude in my opinion

Disquiet over funding for the Jack Evans Boat Harbour plan

going to listen to its electors? Their grandiose empire-building plans for Jack Evans Boat Harbour are not wanted. We want more trees, BBQ sites, seats and tables, a toilet/shower facility and grassing of the bare patches. A few thousand providing the work is done by private May 28), this proposal is a relic contractors not by council. The Council can then use the zillions they were going to spend In reference to what was the fixing up our third world roads

> Myrna Hughes Tweed Heads West

■ Cr Holdom supports false Aboriginal information again, (The Echo, June 4) citing the 2005 nation boundaries map that was proved false by the Githabul Federal Native Title (2007).

Dot seconded Max Boyd's motion that TSC Aboriginal Advisory Committee support the false Dual Naming of Mt Warning as Wollumbin. Max did not declare his conflict of interest as underwriter and major contributor to his

freedom-loving country into is-watching-you nightmare Perhaps Cr Polglase would and I hope these bureaucrats (who never return phone calls) who wish to force this life upon us treat the Repco

> Stephen Brown Murwillumbah

developers; it is time decision local MP Justine Elliot for being makers got their priorities right 'unavailable' for a pointless rally on Wednesday, May 27.

However, the critic clearly didn't do his research properly or he would have realised that Federal Parliament was sitting

I'm sure I speak for many when I say I'm glad to see our Myself and my wife along local MP working hard for this

> And Mr Provest would surely your parliamentary duties for a photo opportunity.

There was no mention of the cars with infringement notices absence of local state member, placed on their windscreens Thomas George, in this article. informing their owners of NSW Parliament was obvi-\$110 fines to be posted in the ously not sitting last week so mail for parking of vehicles perhaps he was busy on more important matters.

Ecotourism

reason, but there are times when Backburner, in the June 4 isthings can be relaxed as this is sue of The Echo, appealed for not a normal day, and when assistance for Peter Bentley these festivals are on parking is who recently lost everything limited. Why do you see this as in a house fire. He was identia golden opportunity to fill the fied as founder of the Northcouncil's coffers and even have ern NSW Ecotourism Asso-

In fact, NNETA was founded into some extra paid parking as an initiative of the Northern of the CHG's massive misin-Rivers Regional Development Board in 1994. Andy Reimanis is what is making this once (president), John Flower (VP)

■ When is the Tweed Council relative's false private publication Wollumbin, while State maps, placenames registries, Council documents and Aboriginal anthropological studies showed my family's peak to be [the true] Wollumbin.

Dot, Max and Warren Polglase, before TSC was sacked, funded the False Wollumbin Festival which claimed Mt Warning was Wollumbin, before the name was removed from our property at State and local level.

Federal Geoscience Placenames Registry official information shows Mt Warning as Mt Warning, and our mountain to be Wollumbin.

The Council of Dot, Max and Warren adopted the Tweed Heads Masterplan (2004). Mike Rayner sought and got \$25,000 (funded by NSW Department of State and Regional Development) to employ a coordinator to implement the masterplan.

TSC has contravened the State Masterplan while under State Administration and rubbed the Ngarakwal people out of the Tweed. of existence.

and myself (secretary) were the founding officers, with a membership of well over 50.

But Peter has been a tireless volunteer worker as president of NNETA for the past few years, supporting many programs and initiating others. In particular he was an enthusiastic supporter of the late Bruce Chick's environmental projects.

Many tourism operators in the Tweed are indebted to him for the work he has done raising the profile of the industry, running a local tourism office and shop, and initiating a very successful ecotourism conference here in the Tweed.

Peter now needs support in the form of housing and goods. He wants accommodation in return for light work. If you can help, please leave a message for him at *The Echo* by calling on 02 6672 2280.

David Palmer Pumpenbil

Banora Point upgrade

Geoff Provest is now using his state tax funded newsletter to spread the Community Highway Group's (CHG) misinformation about the Banora Point (Sexton Hill) Upgrade.

Geoff's latest newsletter quotes the CHG's belief that **S Matthews** the southern interchange of Bilambil Heights the approved upgrade is not yet designed and not costed. An inquiry to the RTA office would have confirmed the southern interchange has been designed and has been costed.

> The RTA office would have also told him the southern interchange has nothing to do with likely future gridlocks and causing shoppers to drive north to shop. That is all part formation campaign.

Also the CHG's concerns about flood mitigation have

from NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher for mediation to occur with the parties in dispute with TSC Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC minutes, March 2, 2007).

I met with Minister Meagher in Neville Newell's office, and called for a Royal Commission into Tweed Shire Council funding and recognising false Aboriginal groups. TSC while under state administration has Harbour and artists/designers ignored instructions from a were told there was \$14 mil-State Minister.

The Tweed Link article (March 13, 2007) 'Confusion over Wollumbin' states, 'The McKenzie family and other relevant stakeholders are to be invited to attend to resolve the issue, with the name "Little Wollumbin" suggested as an alternative.

There has been no invitation, no resolution, 'Little Wollumbin' is not allowed under the geographic naming act. Tweed Shire Council has misrepresented itself to the people

Dot says in The Echo that I

been addressed by the Department of Planning in their project approval.

I will give Geoff Provest a copy of paragraph 2.19 of the 'Hydrological Impacts' section of the conditions of approval so he can advise the CHG of the facts about flooding mitigation.

Dot ignores instructions should write a book 'so it can be failed. I was then informed that critiqued by the experts'.

> Tell me, Dot, who is the expert on my family's pioneering history, on the real Wollumbin?

> > Eungella

■ Mark Daemon (*The Echo*, June 4) attended an Indigenous Placemaking Project in 2005 for the Jack Evans Boat lion dollars for this project, 'so go for it'. Where has this money gone?

Recently federal funding for this project didn't eventuate. A reply from council to our committee states, Justine Elliot won't tell them what happened.

I emailed Justine Elliot's office and asked her for a reason why the project didn't receive funding. In a phone reply from her office, I was advised, 'that it was council's application, not Justine Elliot's' so I should ask council for an answer. I said, I did ask council, and they don't know why the application

It is also on the RTA site.

He might also like to correct tional Party funds. his quoted misinformation in the next tax paid newsletter.

If our local member wants to provide the Tweed community with newsletters with misleading road planning advice or only provide one side of a story,

council would have received a letter advising them that their application had failed, and if they had any queries to call the 1800 number listed in James McKenzie the letter. I wonder if anyone from council called the 1800 number, because residents are still waiting for an answer.

A campaigner for the Ngarakwal people Mr McKenzie (The Echo, June 4) informs us that the Ngarakwal people have been ignored by the council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee and representations to Justine Elliot by the Ngarakwal people influenced the decision not to approve the funding.

I wonder how much longer this saga will drag on for? Someone in council needs to take responsibility for this mess and sort it out otherwise it will end up in the hands of the state government dominated Joint Regional Planning Panel and where will we be then, with Big Brother telling us they know what's best for us.

> **Stephanie Deane** Tweed Heads

I believe he should use his Na-

Laurie Ganter Tweed Heads

■ Letters about the Repco Rally can be found overleaf. Email comments and letters to editor@tweedecho.com.au.



COMMENT

■ Emboldened by Rees Minor's plan to legislate into existence a Tweed motor rally nobody wants, I hear that the Northern Territory government is considering legislation to enforce staging the next Americas Cup at Uluru (if you consider this a totally ludicrous proposition then you're beginning to grasp the point).

Ah, sailing. Now there's a real test of skill and endurance, man against nature on equal terms, environmentally friendly, quiet and immensely satisfying for participant and spectator alike. I guess that makes it an anathema to politicians.

> Jeremy Cornford Kingscliff

■ Yesterday I happened to be reading through the CONICS report on the socio-economic impact of the World Rally in 'Reports' on the Rally Australia views on the rally. website.

noticed that my name and the used in this scurrilous way. community group of which I am secretary, ie. Uki Village & tive community groups been District Residents' Association, misrepresented, but the negawas listed under community groups who were supposedly part of the consultation process for the rally.

However, our association has never been part of the rally's consultation process at any stage. In fact, we have complained that community groups like ours have not been all hell bent on damaging our consulted.

other names on this list and they, too, indicated they had not been consulted as the spokesperson for their respective groups.

The only contact that some of us have had with CONICS is what appeared to be a random phone call from a young woman a couple of months ago.

In my case, I just happened to answer the phone and was asked if I'd be happy to answer some questions about the rally. I replied 'yes' thinking that CONICS was just conducting a random Gallup poll. The woman never asked for me personally, nor checked whether I was the Secretary of the Residents' Association. She did not ask whether she could record our conversation, which it appears she did, and in no way was I given the impression that I was speaking officially, or on behalf of any group. Therefore I the Tweed Shire, listed under simply gave my own personal

So it galls me to think that To my utter amazement I I - and others - have been Not only have our respective comments made by those questioned were not reflected in the report anyway.

Maggie Wilkins-Russell

■ Dazzled by dollar signs in their eyes, Events NSW, Rees and minister Macdonald are ecosystems for the mythical

manifest from the motor fest. So what does it matter if a few koalas and other wildlife species become collateral damage as long as the local business people can grab a handful of the magical millions that are going to flood into our shire.

Yes, folks if we let professional hoons race through our precious valley the heavens will open and gold will shower from the skies. And it gets even better because the magical amount increases exponentially week by week. First end Gordon Moyes in relation Tweed shire was going to get a few million. Then the silvertongued Connolly has promised us \$31 million for selling out our environment. Now minister Macdonald has promised an amazing \$100 million. We can only hold our breaths in awe as we await the magical figure to be trotted out next week. The thing I find amazing is that our smart chamber of commerce is actually sucked in by this blarney.

If Repco Rally is fair dinkum, then they ought to put their money where their collective mouths are. Give us a realistic figure to work with and whatever the shortfall, they make it up themselves. Personally, I think this massive, magical, mysterious windfall for Tweed Shire falls in the same category as the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny and, oh I nearly forgot, the Rally DA.

So, good folks of the shire, the gold rush is on for one So I contacted some of the moolah that is supposed to and all. It does not matter Paris, France.

what animals and plants are trampled on along the way as long as the petrol heads have their day. However, in this gold rush things are a little different. It will be the cars rushing, the adrenalin rushing and the ambulances rushing to overcrowded, underfunded, understaffed hospitals. It's a mad, mad, mad, mad, world.

Nobbys Creek

■ A speech made by the Reverto the V8 race in Olympic Park in Sydney has been posted on the No Rally Group website. The similarities between the rally here, and the racing down there is very scary.

I shudder to think what is happening to our country, and the freedoms we for so long took for granted.

Julie McNamara Banora Point

■ The mayor, Cr Joan van Lieshout, has stated in a press release issued on Wednesday, June 3, that the state government took control of planning for the rally from the hands of elected local representatives because of 'commitments for the delivery of relevant equipment from overseas'.

This suggests the entire DA process by Rally Australia was a sham, since unspecified 'commitments' had already been entered into with the FIA, which has its headquarters in

I would ask all councillors 'commitments' were and why the DA process was allowed to lag for so long.

If one were a cynic, one might well ask was the delay intentional, and was there any intention to follow the regular planning process?

Yet one has faith in democ-**Chris Degenhardt** racy and is entitled to believe that the Tweed's elected councillors will unite to explore every legal and constitutional avenue to ensure this event is turns and the social impacts not imposed upon the community they serve.

Terranora

■ The proposal to run a leg of the world rally championships in the Tweed Valley and Kyogle areas in September this year and every second year for up to 20 years is now the subject be proposed by the govern-

This proposal has a sad and sorry history. The event previously ran in Western Australia until the state government withdrew funding support in 2005. The reasons given by the WA state government were that the event did not give the promised economic returns (in fact the organisers were always seeking increased financial support) and did not provide the promised tourism promotion. It is hard to see what could have changed to make it an attractive proposition for NSW!

NSW was not the first choice to consider and ask what those of the organisers. It was only after they were rejected by other states, particularly Queensland where they had planned a rally mega theme park, that they embraced our state.

The secrecy surrounding the development of the proposal, the massive (and growing) public subsidies, the grossly inadequate environmental mitigation strategies proposed, the grossly inflated 'guesstimates' of economic reappal local residents.

The organisers have had John Pitt since September 2008, when the event was announced as a fait accompli, in concert with Events NSW, to lodge the required development applications with the local councils concerned. That they have delayed and obfuscated has led to local concerns that the 'done of special events legislation to deal' was a true reflection of the situation.

> Now we see the sorry spectacle of the NSW government dancing to the tune of the Paris-based Federation Internationale d'Automobile (FIA) by introducing special legislation that will take away local decision making authority over the event.

> We don't want it, we don't need it!

> > Michael McNamara No Rally Group

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The Imam and his monastery became famous throughout Arabia for the spirited praying of its coffee-drinking brethren. Soon others in the old world were clamouring for the

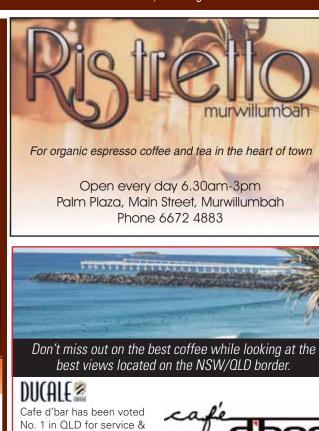
newly discovered bean.

Although legend credits Kaldi with the find, some suspect that coffee was around long before him. Whatever its origins, the black broth is now ingested by over a third of the world's population and, centuries later, continues to promote queer antics.

The Italians drink their espresso with sugar, the Germans and Swiss – with equal parts of hot chocolate, the Mexicans – with cinnamon, the Belgians – with chocolate.

Moroccans drink their coffee with peppercorns, the Ethiopians – with a pinch of salt. Coffee drinkers in the Middle East usually add cardamom and spices. Whipped cream is the favourite amongst Austrians. Until the tenth century in Ethiopia coffee was considered a food. Tribesmen would mix the coffee berries with animal fat, roll them into balls, and eat them on their nomadic journeys. Raw coffee beans, soaked in water and spices, are chewed like candy in many parts of Africa.







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When coffee arrived in Europe at the beginning of the 17th century the Roman priests believed that it was the drink of the devil. They forbade its consumption.

Lloyds of London and the New York Stock Exchange started life as a coffee houses.

Vincent Van Gogh was a big frequenter of the café society and famously said 'I have tried to show the café as a place where

one can go mad.'

Caffeine is on the International Olympic Committee list of prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for more than 12 micrograms of caffeine per millilitre of urine may be banned from the Olympic Games. This level may be reached after drinking about 5 cups of coffee.

Turkish bridegrooms were once required to make a promise during their wedding ceremonies to always provide their new wives with coffee. If they failed to do so, it was grounds for divorce!

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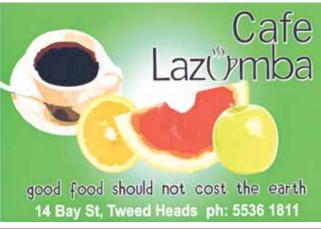


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2. Annette Benning stars with Denzel Washington in the fraught thriller The Siege (TEN, Saturday, 8.30pm).

3. This was a story yearning to be told. Robert Menzies plays Australian crime novelist Arthur Upfield, whose work inspired a serial killer, in the telemovie 3 Acts Of Murder (ABC, Sunday, 8.30pm).







- **4.30 Police Rescue** (PG) Repeat. **5.30 The New Inventors** (G) Repeat.
- 6.00 Kids' Programs
- 1.00 Croc Country
- 1.30 Sex In The Bush (G)
- 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Darling Buds Of May (PG)
- 1.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.
 2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G) Repeat.
 3.00 Kids' Programs
 6.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat.
 6.30 Can We Help? (G)
 7.00 ABC News

- 7.30 Stateline (G) 8.00 Collectors (G)
- 8.30 Silent Witness (M) 0.15 The Hollowmen (M)

5.00 rage (PG)

3.00 rage (G)

12.00 Stateline

2.30 Australian Story

10.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Executive Stress (G) 11.30 The Cook And The Chef

1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.30 Can We Help? 2.00 Miracle On Everest

6.25 Minuscule (G) 6.30 Gardening Australia (G)

3.00 Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2009

5.00 Bowls: Perth International 2009
 Australia v Scotland: Women's Pairs.

 6.00 Echo Beach (PG) Repeat.

- 0.45 Lateline (M)
- 1.20 triple j tv With The Doctor Repeat 1.50 Good Game Repeat.
- **12.20 rage** (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.
 - 11.05 Movie: Lower City (MAV) Drama from Brazil. Stars Wagner Moura, Lazaro Ramos, Alice Braga.
 - Leslie Cheung Kwok Wing, Andy Lau Tak Wah.

 2.25 WeatherWatch Overnight

- 7.10 Weatherwatch 7.25 World News in various languages.1.00 The Food Lovers Guide To
- Australia 1.30 The Boy In The Bubble (PG)
 2.30 Metropolis: The Bright Cities Of
- The Dark Ages Pt2 (G) 3.30 Halal Mate (PG)
- 4.00 The Journal

- 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Hotspell (G) 6.00 Global Village: Strasboug (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are?
- Stephen Fry (G) 8.30 As It Happened: World War II Behind Closed Doors Pt4 (PG)
- 9.30 World News Australia 10.05 The Perfect Vagina (MA)
- **12.45 Movie: Days Of Being Wild** (M 1990) Drama from Hong Kong. Stars

- Stars Danny De Vito, Bette Midler.

- 8.30 Movie: Kindergarten Cop (M 1990) Stars Arnold

- 2.30 Magnum P.I.
 3.30 The Real Seachange (G)
- 4.00 Animal Extractors (G)

- 9.50 Movie: Vera Drake (M 2004) Stars Imelda Staunton, Richard Graham, Eddie Marsan, Alex Kelly.
- 7.00 ABC News
 7.30 New Tricks (PG) Repeat.
 8.25 ABC News
 8.30 The Bill (M)
 10.00 ABC News 10.05 Foyle's War (M) Repeat. 11.45 rage (M) 1.55 Weatherwatch Overnight
- 5.20 World News in various languages. 7.15 Weatherwatch7.25 World News in various languages
- 1.00 San Remo Song Festival (PG Masterpiece from Italy.

 3.00 Claude Monet Painter (G)
- Masterpiece from France
- 3.30 Tina Barney: Social Studies (PG)
- Doco from US.
 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
 5.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Vic
- Reeves (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Richard Hammond Engineering
- Connections: Super Rig (G) 8.30 The Squiz (M) Sports quiz show. 9.00 RockKwiz (PG)
- - 12.00 SOS 1.00 SInchronicity (MA)

6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Morning Show (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News 12.00 Movie: Ruthless People (M 1986) 5.20 World News in various languages.

- 2.00 All Saints (M)
 3.00 New Idea TV (G)
- 3.30 Larry The Lawnmo 4.00 Go Go Stop
- 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat. 5.30 Deal Or No Deal
- 6.00 Seven and Prime News
- 7.00 Home And Away (PG)
 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens (PG)
- Schwarzenegger, Penilope Ann Miller Pamela Reed, Linda Hunt. 10.30 2009 AFL Premiership Season
- 2.30 Danoz And Guthy-Renker

Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast (G) 1.00 Movie: The Saint In New York (PG) 2.10 The Great Outdoors (G) 3.00 Kids Programs (G) 4.00 New Idea TV →

- 6.00 Kids' Programs
- 12.00 Eclipse (PG) 1.00 V8 Xtra (G)
- 1.30 Motorsport On Prime (G)
- 5.00 Guide To The Good Life (G) 5.30 Sydney Weekender (G)
- 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Border Patrol (PG)
- 7.00 Rugby Australia v Italy
 9.30 Movie: The Rock (MAV) Stars Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage, Ed Harris, Vanessa Marcil.
- 12.10 Movie: Sins Of The Father (M
- 2002) Stars Tom Sizemore, Richard Jenkins, Connor Price, Ving Rhames.

 2.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker

Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Saturday Disney 1.30 Movie: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (G) 2.55 Harry's Practice 3.20 Inside The Obama White House 5.00 Better Homes And Gardens →

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- 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) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)
- 3.00 Infomercial
 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (PG)
- 4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond
 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)
 5.00 Ten News
 6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.
 6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.
 7.00 Masterchef Australia (PG)
 7.30 The Simpsons (G)
- 7.30 The Simpsons (G) 8.30 Pink Special (M) 10.30 So You Think You Can Dance (PG)
- US season premiere 12.30 Judge Judy (PG) 1.30 Infomercials (PG)
- 5.00 Religion to 6am (PG). Side Effects of Viagra: Colour blindness, headaches, heart attacks and dependency

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- 6.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs 10.00 Video Hits (PG)
- **12.00 Test Drive** (PG) 12.30 Infomercials
- 1.30 Hook Line & Sinker (PG) 2.00 How To Look Good Naked (G) 3.00 Movie: Race To Space (G) Stars James Woods, Annabeth Gish, Wesley Mann, Alex D. Linz.
- 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight (PG)
- 6.00 Futurama (PG)
- 6.30 The Simpsons Marathon (PG)
 8.30 Movie: The Siege (M) Stars Bruce Willis Annette Bening, Denzel Washington, Tony Shalhoub.

 10.45 AFL Premiership Season 2009
- Richmond v West Coast.

 1.15 Infomercials
- 2.45 Video Hits

4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)
Without religion, we'd have good people doing good things, and evil people doing evil things. But for good people to do evil things, that takes religion.

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- **5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne** (PG)
- 11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker 12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 1.00 The View (PG) talk show
- 2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)
- 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 NBN News
- 5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G) 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News
- 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Friday Night Football
 Brisbane Broncos v Bulldogs.
- 10.00 Friday Night Football Warriors v Newcastle Knights.

 11.30 NBN News
- **12.00 Movie: Entrusted** (M 2003) Stars Klaus Maria Brandauer, Thomas

2.25 2009 ICC World Twenty20 Cricket 5.30 Guthy Renker Australia (G)

9.00 Kids' Programs
1.45 Movie: To Sir With Love (PG 1967)

Stars Sidney Poitier, Judy Geeson, Christina Roberts, Suzy Kendall.

6.00 Evening News
6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos

7.30 Wipeout Australia (PG)
8.30 Movie: The In-Laws (M) Stars
Michael Douglas, Albert Brooks.

8.40 Saturday Lotto
10.25 2009 ICC World Twenty20 Cricket

1.30 Movie: Hard Word (AV15+ 2002) Stars Guy Pearce, Rachel Griffiths,

Vince Colosimo, Kym Gyngell.

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6.00 Infomercials

5.30 Postcards (G)

7.00 Today On Saturday

4.00 Discover Downunder (G)

4.30 Scenic Tours Europe (G) **5.00 Fishing Australia** (PG)

6.00 ABC News 9.00 Business Today

- 9.30 Asia Pacific News 10.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 The New
- Inventors Rpt. 5.00 7.30 Select
- 5.30 Catalyst (G) Rpt 6.00 Compass (G) Rpt
- 6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G) 7.15 Mr Bean (P
- 7.30 The Royal Today 8.00 The Worst Week Of My Life:
- Friday (PG) 8.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With...
 9.15 A Little Later (G)
- 9.30 Verve In Season Sangster, Giovanna Mezzogiorno 11.10 Goldfrapp At Radio 1's Big Weekend (G

11.40 Close

5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various

- Languages
- 6.30 World News 7.30 Lost Worlds: The
 - Great Wall Of China (PG) 8.30 112 Emergency
 - (PG) **9.00 Movie:** Parineeta (PG 2005) Drama from India. Stars Saif Ali Khan
 - Sanjay Dutt. 10.45 Movie: Murk (MAV 2005) Thriller from Denmark. Stars Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Nicolas Bro, Laura Drasbaek, Lisbeth

Lundauist, Lotte

- Bergstrom.

 12.50 WeatherWatch Overnight
- 7.00 Kids' Programs 3.00 rage (G) 5.00 rage (PG) **World New** 6.05 The New
- Inventors Repeat 6.35 Heartland (G)
- 7.20 Rex The Runt 7.30 The Einstein
- Repeat.
 8.30 Movie: Gilda (G 1945) Stars George Macready Rita Haywood.

8.00 At The Movies

10.15 Movie: Room At The Top (M 1959) Stars Laurence Harvey, Simone Signoret.

12.15 Close

5.00am to 6.00pm Languages

- 6.30 World News 7.35 Iron Chef (G) 8.20 Marx & Venus (PG) Rpt 8.30 If The Dead
- Could Speak (M) 9.00 Movie: Accused (MA 2005) Drama from Denmark.
- Stars Sofie Grabol, Kirstine Rosenkrands Mikkelsen. 10.45 Movie: Torremolinos 73 (MA 2003) Comedy from
 - Spain. Stars Javier Camara, Juan Diego. 12.50 WeatherWatch

Overnight

5.00am to 6.00pm

World News In Various

Languages

7.30 The World Game 8.30 The Spiral (MA) 9.30 Movie: Barefoot

(M) Comedy

Stars Gerard

1.00 WeatherWatch

Depardieu, Jean

from Germany.

6.30 World News

- 12.00 Landline (G) 1.00 Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick (G)
- Treasure (G) 3.00 Sweet Mona's: The Big Sing (G) 3.35 Port Fairy Folk Festival: 30 Festivals On 1977-2006
- 5.00 Sunday Arts 6.00 At The Movies 6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Nature's Great Events: The Great
- 8.30 3 Acts Of Murder (M) 0.00 Compass: The Qur'an (M)
- 10.55 In The Mood For Doyle (M) 11.50 Movie: Fighting Man Of The Plains (PG 1949) Stars randolph

- 5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Insiders 10.00 Inside Business 10.30 Offsiders 11.00 Asia Pacific Focus 11.30 Songs Of Praise
- 2.00 Pharaoh's Revenge: Egypt's Lost
- 4.15 The Three Dragon Tenors (G) 4.40 The NOW Now (G)
- Melt (G)
- Scott, Victor Jory, Jane Nigh. **1.25 Movie: Radio City Revels** (G 1937) Stars Milton Berle, Jack Oakie.

2.50 Movie: The Clay Pigeon (PG 1949)

4.00 The Pet Show (G)

- Strait (G)

New Zealand v Spain.

- 11.30 James Morrison & Judy Bailey (G) 12.00 From Mozart To Morrison (G)
- Astronomers (G)
- South Africa v Iraq.
 2.00 Swordsmen Of The Passes (M)
 3.30 West Bank Story
 4.00 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup

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- 6.25 World News in various languages.
- 10.00 Iron Chef America (G)
 10.50 Strait Up: Stories From The Torres
- 1.00 Speedweek 3.00 Football Asia
- 5.00 The World Game 6.00 Thalassa: Grey Nomads In

- 3.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature
- Morocco (G)
 6.30 World News Australia
 7.30 Lost Worlds: Prehistoric
- 8.30 Dateline 9.30 Oswald's Ghost (M) Doco from US.
- 10.55 Australian Biography (G)

- 11.00 Rough Science: Power (G) Stars 11.30 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup

- 1.30 Movie: Freaky Friday (PG 1977)
 Stars Barbara Harris, Jodie Foster,
 John Astin, Patsy Kelly.

 - 5.30 Mercurio's Menu (G) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Sunday Night
 - 8.30 Bones (M)
 - 9.30 Castle (M) 10.30 SCU (PG) 11.00 24 (M)
- 6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 AFL Game Day (PG) 11.00 Magnum, P.I. (PG) 12.00 Targa Tasmania 2009
 - 3.00 Ripping Yarns (PG)
 3.35 Fawlty Towers (PG)
 5.00 Destination New Sealand (G)
 - 7.30 Border Security (PG) 8.00 The Force Behind The Line (PG)
 - 12.00 Australia's Strangest Home Improvements (G)

12.30 Brand Developers
1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker

- 6.00 Religion 7.00 Totally Wild 7.30 Animalia
- 8.30 State Focus 9.00 Video Hits (G) 12.00 Merlin (PG) 1.00 Infomercials

8.00 Meet The Press

- 2.00 Orangutan Diaries (PG)
 2.30 Netball: ANZ Championship 2009
 Thunderbirds v Fever. 4.30 Meerkat Manor (G) 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG)
- 6.00 The Simpsons (PG)
 6.30 Merlin (PG)
 7.30 Masterchef Australia (PG) 8.30 Rove (M) 9.40 The Biggest Loser (PG)
- 11.10 Moto GP: R6 Catalunya 12.20 Motorcycle Racing FIM 250CC Championship: R6 Catalunya 1.25 Harper's Island (M) 2.25 Video Hits Up Late (PG) 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

In Christianity neither morality nor

3.30 Girlfriends (M) 4.00 Guthy Renker & Danoz

- 7.30 60 Minutes
- 12.00 Super League Wakefield v Hull FC 2.00 Girlfriends (M) 2.30 Guthy Renker Australia 3.30 Religion 4.00 Good Morning America

5.00 Early Morning News

- 6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker 7.00 Today 10.00 Wide World Of Sports (G)
- 11.00 The Sunday Footy Show (G) 12.00 Sunday Roast (PG) 1.00 WWE Afterburn Live.
- 6.00 Evening News
 6.30 Random Acts Of Kindness (PG)

- 2.00 Super League KR v Harlequins 4.00 Sunday Football St George Illawarra v North Queensland.
- 8.30 CSI: CSI (M) 9.30 CSI: Miami (M) 10.30 CSI: Miami (M) 11.30 Body Of Evidence (M)
- - 12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles (G)
 - 2.00 The Unforgettable Nat King Cole (G) 3.20 Willie Nelson And Friends (G)
 5.00 Pop[b]session: Session 4 (G)

8.30 Ashkenazy

Conducts Rachmaninoff

Symphony No. 3 9.25 Joshua Bell (G)

10.20 Composer Tunes

10.30 Hustle (M)

- **7.00** Classic Albums: Steely Dan Aja **8.00** Zoo Days (G) **8.45** Creature Comforts (G) **8.55** A Place In Slovakia (G) 9.20 Scrapheap Challenge 11.00 Beautiful Noise 12.00 London Live (PG)
- Stars Johanna Wokalek, Imoger Kogge, Nadja 11.30 Movie: Tais-Toi! 6.00 ABC Fora (M 2003) Comedy 7.00 Jennifer Byrne Presents (PG)
 7.30 Sunday Arts (G)

religion come into contact with reality at any point. Friederich Prime HD program same as above except: → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Movie: In The Time Of The Butterflies (M 2001) 2.30 Guthy Renker A fabulous shop of east & Coast Massage Patchwork & Haberdashery

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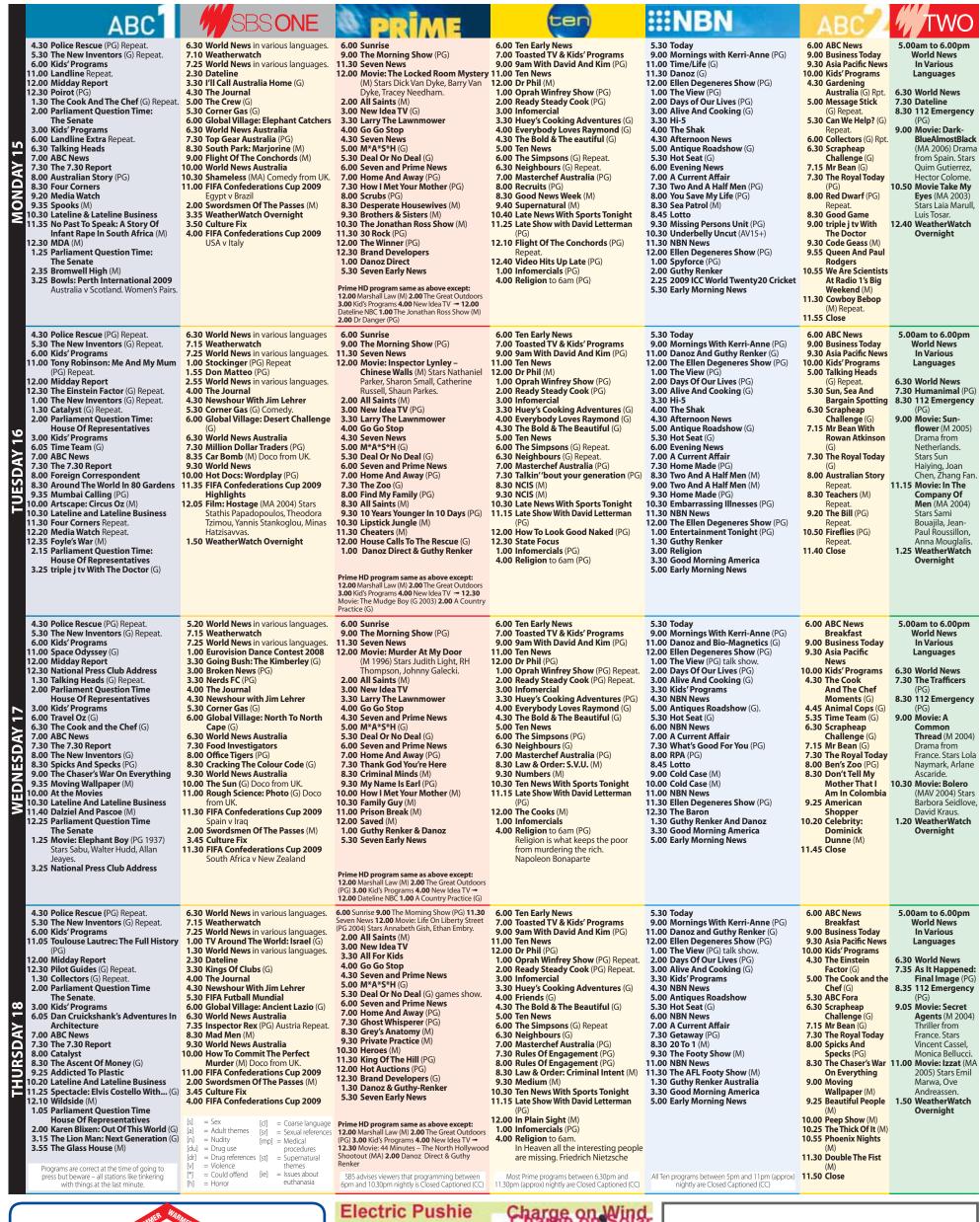
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Mungo's Crossword

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1. What a really confused person is as mad as (1,3,4,2,5)
- 9. Point of origin of an earthquake
- 10. Molten rock (5)
- 11. Owing money, obligated (2,4)
- 12. Glove thrown as a challenge (8) 13. Villain, scamp (6)
- 15. Electronic calculator (8)
- 18 Tropical foliage plant, often seen
- 19. Bury, inter (19)21. Independent senator Nick (8)
- 23. Narrow passage of water (6) 26. Frank, open (5)
- 27. Long rambling speech, usually
- incomprehensible (9)
- 28. Another proverbially crazy gathering of wildlife (4,2,3,6)

- 1. Painter's studio or workshop (7) 2. Epic poem by Homer (50
- 3. Part of boat showing between
- deck and surface of water (9) 4. Old stringed instrument (4) 5. Skilled worker, machinist (8)
- 6. The fair sex (5)
- 7. Opera by Giuseppe Verdi (9) 8. Beginner, one who sets off a race (7)
- 14. Magnificent, radiant (9)
- 15. Pierce, force entry to (9)
- 17. Tyrant, sole ruler (8) 18. Posturing dandy (7)
- 20. Portable source of electric power (7)
- 22. 60s pop singer, Little (5) 24. Withdrawn, standoffish (5)
- 25. Monster, goblin (4)

Last week's solution



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Chopped salmon, fowl and fruit that's mad! (1,3,4,2,5)
- 9. Heroic first course cut short still the focal point (9) 10. Mother holds a note - hot stuff! (5)
- 11. Owing money for a broken tin bed
- 12. Haggard, allow it can be run or thrown down! (8)
- 13. Rogue artist's state (6) 15. Counter without number includes
- politician a clever counter! (8) 18. Tropical foliage plant with (Latin) a boy setter thrown in (8) 19. Bury the tree man with an old
- doctor (6) 21. Independent senator has a rare gas
- about acidity (8) 23. Narrow, small characteristic (6) 26. Open shirt after balls (5)
- 27. Rambling speech to equip mother for the part (9)
- 28. Flabby thirteens are mad, like 1 across (4,2,3,6)

DOWN

- 1. Workshop dined and left, that's
- 2. Epic from 151 in the year of our
- Lord (5)
- 3. Bit above the waterline costs nothing for food and lodging (9)
- 4. Report of stolen instrument (4) 5. Drama on the hill – send for the girl
- in charge of 15 across! (8) 6. To Germaine's delight, they gained victory over the Middle East! (5)
- 7. Take an opera, or let it go to pieces
- 8. Spanish man consumes French pastry as an hors d'oeuvre (7) 14. Tired out covering advance, but still beaming (9) 16. Make your way in, and babble
- about the electronic web (9) 17. Tyrant of the motor pool? (8)
- 18. Rooster's rake, they say a conceited dandy (7) 20. Power source for 28 across? (7)
- 22. Little singer of the 60s (5)
- 24. Unsympathetic, a backward idiot
- 25. Thus ascends Shrek (4)

Mungo's Crossword first published in The Week.



ARIES: This week working with

others will succeed better than

making fairly and think we rather

than me. Keep plans practical,

make healthy choices and avoid

accepting limitations gracefully

trying to handle everything

yourself so share decision

repeating past mistakes by

instead of resenting them.

TAURUS: Mars and Venus in

Taurus have you extracting the

max out of this week's earthly

smorgasbord, while Mercury

also in your sign offers heaps of

new ways for beefing up funds

and getting more bang for your

buck. But if you want assistance,

GEMINI: No surprise that juicy

Geminis are this week's favourite

scintillating, power flirting party

exciting new thing's happening,

but don't even consider business

deals offered by anyone with a

less than exemplary portfolio.

CANCER: With so much

entertainment to choose

guests... and of course you'll

want to be in on whatever

stay sweet and flexible.

This week's about updating – finding smart ways to live it up without breaking the bank. And with Venus in Taurus a beautifying upgrade to your home or workplace will increase peace and productivity immeasurably.

play...

from, socialising's pretty well mandatory right now though don't expect others to be at their most sensitive. Even so, prising open the Crab armour a fraction and sharing intimate feelings could take partnerships of all kinds to a higher level of understanding.

LEO: Well Majestic Masterchef, your challenge is to produce something creative and tasty from this week's mixed bag of astral ingredients. You'll get marks for elegant presentation and intelligent use of materials which authentically expresses what you're passionate about in a way that makes people feel

VIRGO: Mars and Venus together in a fellow earth sign is just your slice of mud cake. This week life's simple, basic pleasures could be extremely therapeutic, so don't over analyze the spontaneity out of offers or knock back impromptu invitations especially unusual end of week

LIBRA: Money matters might take up more time than you'd like this week but hey, may as well get them sorted while a supportive connection between Pluto and your planetary ruler Venus switches on your business antennae and fine tunes your financial instincts. Then go

SCORPIO: This week talk's cheap and there's plenty of it, but those who know how to listen can pick up some smart tips for increasing income. Mars and Venus in Taurus, your astrological opposite, is a passionate placement for Scorpions, and potently profitable for both business and intimate partnerships.

SAGITTARIUS: Plenty of interesting ideas, stimulating conversation and entertaining plans – but the undertow of unfinished business nags away in the background. Best attend to it this week while the astral force is supporting you with the stamina and staying power for closure and completion.



Gemini Birthday Stars

CAPRICORN: Midweek Capricorn moon's a strongly bonding time for family gatherings, and your reassurance could help someone tremendously. Keeping in mind that this week others respond more readily to light suggestion than heavy pressure, and are also quite amenable to a touch of well chosen bribery.

AQUARIUS: This week provides the opportunity to play practical visionary, one of your finest roles, by putting your pioneering ideas into action. Leave late week options open and available so Aquarius moon's inspirations can be as free-wheeling and far reaching as they need to.

PISCES: If this week's choices, options, financial propositions and economic possibilities get too much, slow down. Prioritize. Keep things in perspective. What changes could you make to bring you more in synch with these changing times? Let ideas settle and decisions will begin to make themselves.



John Hanks, who died in Melbourne last week aged 82, was one of greatest Australian players of the post-WWII decades. He also had a firm sense of right and wrong which led to some unpopularity among chess administrators.

After successes in Victoria, Hanks was selected to represent Australia in the drawn 1948 telegraphic match against Great Britain, but it was a year later that Hanks established himself among Australia's elite by finishing second in the Australian Championship behind the great Cecil Purdy.

This was a performance Hanks would approach but never better, although it sometimes seemed as

CHESS by lan Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm

if his rivalry with Karlis Ozols for Victorian supremacy was more important to Hanks. (Ozols went on to become an Australian cochampion in 1958 before being exposed, many years later, as a Nazi war criminal.)

Years later, when Hanks was creating an Australian Master title for the Australian Chess Federation, legend has it that Hanks worked hard to devise a system which would give him the title but not Ozols. The plan failed and both received the new title.

Hanks was never a full-time player, working for 45 years with Vic Roads and serving as a linesman at the Australian Open tennis. Another Hanks story, probably apocryphal, had the argumentative Hanks answering back to abuse from Jimmy Connors; certainly Hanks was never one to shy away from a debate and his 20 page hand-written letters of complaint against perceived injustices were plentiful.

Hanks's most famous dispute concerned a final round game in a 1970s Victorian Championship. After losing to an opponent whom Hanks believed had behaved improperly at adjournment, Hanks protested, but his appeal was rejected at both state and national level. Undeterred, Hanks fought on for two years until finally the Victorian Chess Association reversed the result. Hanks reward for his two year protest was a \$50 third place cheque.

Despite seeming aloof, Hanks was good-hearted and generous, often offering a ride home to a player stranded at Melbourne Chess Club, regaling them with tales of his beloved South Melbourne football club.

Even in his forties and fifties, Hanks could be an effective spoiler against Australia's best. He inflicted on Robert Jamieson his only defeat when Jamieson was winning his first Australian title in 1974, and two years later he also

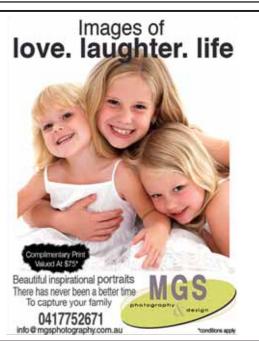
taught this writer a lesson over the board. The following game sees Hanks

at his best, in a final round game which cost Cecil Purdy the 1960/61 Australian Championship title.

Adelaide AUS Ch 1961 White: J Hanks Black: C Purdy

Opening: Queen's Gambit Declined 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6

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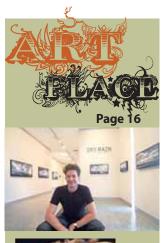
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Psycroptic, The Amenta, Ruins and The Meatgrinder

Fresh from the success of their latest US tours in support of Carcass and Suffocation, Py-

scroptic return to Australia to headline this formidable tour. With their career continually spiralling higher and higher and with the Observant album ticking over great album sales through Nuclear Blast, there is no doubt this band is carv-

ing themselves a more than credible name amongst the legion of metal fans worldwide. Supported by The Amenta, Ruins and The Meatgrinder. Coolangatta Hotel, Thursday

June 11 at 8pm.



Ash Grunwald

Ash Grunwald is proudly independent in his musical outlook. He says it never made sense to him to have a record company in between himself and his distributor. Having self managed for over five years, several years ago, he began to build a strong team behind him: manager, publicist and booking agency. Team Grunwald are jubilant about the album: a major step forward for the longevity of his career. 'I've spent more time and money on this album then all of my others put together, Grunwald says, emphasising his passion behind the project. 'My whole career in the past has been almost based around playing live. This will change that.' Fish Out Of Water is the award winning, third single and title track from the bluesman and multiple ARIA nominee. He will be joined on the road by Kanchana Karunaratna on electro beats and ethnic percussion, and Benny Owen playing the car door and other junk percussion. Coolangatta Hotel, Friday June 12 at 8pm

Irish Dance Competition

The Gold Coast FEIS Irish **Dance Competition** will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 13 and 14 at Seagulls. Tickets can be purchased by ringing Charmaine on 0421 061 650.

Melissa Cox

Local solo singer songwriter from Cabarita Beach, Melissa **Cox** will be performing at the **Pottsville Beach Sports Club** Friday June 12. Her repertoire covers the 50s to the latest tunes - from country, rock and

Dave Evans (ex AC/DC)

When **Dave Evans** formed his very first band in the sleepy Queensland town of Charters Towers at the tender age of 17, little did he know that this was going to lead to becoming an Aussie Rock legend reaching audiences across the globe even to this day. The band was AC/DC! Evans went on to become an independent artist in his own right - representing yesterday's aggressive and powerful rock in a genre that has somehow lost its way amongst today's musicians trying to replicate early Australian classic rock. Twin Towns, Saturday June 13 at 8.30pm.

Greg Doolan

For a long time regarded as Australia's ultimate entertainer, Greg Doolan along with fellow Wickety Wak star, Tony Jeffrey and wife Laura Doolan, bring to the stage an outstanding tribute to the classic stage and screen musicals. With so many brilliant songs and shows to choose from, Greg combines

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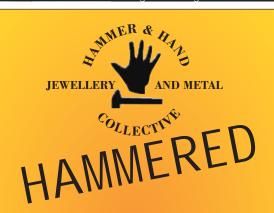
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Hobie Porter

When Hobie Porter was about 14 his mother took him to a Toulouse-Lautrec exhibition in Brisbane. I liked the work, its graphic qualities. Suddenly I saw the potential of a career in visual arts.'
Art became the focus of Porter's life and study. From Murwillumbah High School he went to Southern Cross University and a BA in visual arts, an honours degree in contemporary art, and a graduate diploma in education. He also spent

in visual arts, an honours degree in contemporary art, and a graduate diploma in education. He also spent a semester at the Pratt Institute in New York. 'It was a magical place for me. I had a university pass to see any museums I liked. I was able to get an insight into the cultural dynamic of New York. And there were some really interesting characters at the Pratt Institute; people who knew artists like Marcel Duchamp, Mark Rothko, Clyfford Still. As a representative of the Pratt Institute, Porter exhibited at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park. 'That was where those Abstract Expressionists exhibited.

So that for me was a major accomplishment – to have work in the same space.'
Presently Porter can be seen in two local galleries: a group exhibition, Small Portraits, at the Gold Coast City Art Gallery and his compelling solo exhibition, Dry Rain, at the Tweed River Art Gallery. His observation of the reduction of the water table in our caldera, inspired him to

make works about environmental change.'
It's not surprising that Porter names René Magritte as an influence. 'Because of his surrealism, his way of putting odd objects in his painting – like a train shooting out of a chimney. Or dry leaves falling from clouds.'

Byron Bay Writers Festival

At the Byron Bay Writers' **Festival**, two local writers will be celebrating. One will be the winner of the Heading North short story competition. With prize money of \$1,100, it's for writers 25 years and younger who live in the Northern Rivers Writers Centre catchment area. Deadline: June 15. The other, who must be a member of the Writers' Centre, will have won Pitching Sessions LIVE2009. Ten finalists will pitch their manuscripts to a panel of visiting Festival publishers. The winner's manuscript will be offered for consideration to each publisher on the panel. Deadline June 19. Both competitions: Application forms at www. nrwc.org.au or from the Writers' Centre. Enquiries: Susie Warrick, 6685 5115, susie@nrwc.org.au

Families of Fortune

Researching 'Families of Fortune' was, said historian Joanna Boileau, 'a wonderful journey'. It's a journey that all her readers can share. The story of Chinese settlement in the Tweed Valley (down to the Brunswick Basin), it reveals the fascinating cultural heritage of a people who have been part of our history since the nineteenth century.

Boileau was commissioned by the **Tweed River Regional Museum**to research and write the book, launched at a Chinese historical exhibition in Murwillumbah's Coolamon Cultural Centre.

The Chinese legacy in our region is rich and diverse. Boileau presents us with such gems as an earthenware wine jar retrieved from a Bay Park market garden and Tongs elegant float in Murwillumbah's 1943 China Day Parade. It's a scholarly and lively book. (available at Coolamon Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Rd, Murwillumbah)

Film Workshop

Local film makers are offered a splendid opportunity: a workshop-seminar by acclaimed producer **Helen Bowden**. She was, for example, producer of the first Australian film, *Girl in the Mirror*, ever to win a Rose D'or Award at the Montreux Television Festival.

Compiled by Pamela Payne

What brings
Bowden to Murwillumbah? She's
here to produce the
feature film, Lou. Written
and directed by local resident Belinda Chayko, it stars
British veteran John Hurt
and AFI winner (best actor,
Suburban Mayhem) Emily
Barclay.

Hosted by Tweed Shire Council in partnership with Screenworks, Bowden's seminar will provide practical, pertinent information. To be held on **Saturday June 13** at the **Coolamon Cultural Centre** in Murwillumbah it is open to all. (contact Pam Veness on 6670 2674.)

Hammer and Hand

Two local artists collectives have been particularly busy. The jewellery and metal collective **Hammer and Hand**, opens an exhibition on **Friday June 12** (6pm to 9pm) at **1/4 Ti Tree Place**, **Byron Arts and Industry**

And a new collective has exhibited for the first time in the Byron Bay Healing Rooms. 'The quality of work was amazing', said coordinator, Maria Mason. Another exhibition is in the pipeline.





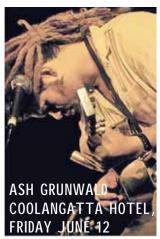
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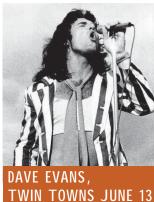
Facelift – a selection of painted and photographic portraits from the Gallery's renowned collection. **Until June 15**.

COMING SOON: Face 2 Face – Portraiture in the digital age from June 19-August 16 in the Withey Family Gallery, this national touring exhibition presented by d/Lux/MediaArts explores new expressions of portraiture in a digital age. Featuring works by fourteen Australian artists the exhibition includes a range of media including digital photography, video and interactive installation.

Tweed River Art Gallery, Mistral Road, Murwillumbah. Phone (02) 6670 2790

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his legendary Wickety Wak humour with three of the most powerful voices in the country to perform giant hits. **Twin Towns, Wednesday June 17** at 11am.

Lissy Stanton

Lissy and her Brightside of Life Tour will be appearing at the Uki Café on Sunday **June 14** from 11am – 2pm. You also have the opportunity to help support palliative care as sales of the CD that were recorded live at The Brightside of Life in Dulguigan, go towards this special place of care. The Brightside of Life is a quality of life retreat for adults undergoing the physical and emotional challenges associated with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Lissy has a personal connection with The Brightside of Life as it is her good friend Gil Cooper who created this special retreat and Lissy has played many shows for guests who have stayed at The Brightside. 'Beautiful Things' sums up Lissy's music and she is presenting an intimate solo piano

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show at the café. Lissy's original compositions have been recognised at many industry awards, the most recent being her jazz/ folk infused song *Beautiful* Things being nominated as a finalist in North Coast Entertainment Industry Awards. Lissy's original compositions have also featured on a compilation CD that has been distributed throughout Europe and the UK. Uki Café: phone (02) 6679 5351 to book. **Sunday June 14** from 11am-2pm.

Jazz in The Shed Café

While away your Sunday afternoon with the smooth sounds of jazz classics at the newly renovated The Shed Café. Every Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 6pm you can enjoy jazz in the afternoon light, local style. The bar will be open and a new menu including light meals and refreshments will be served at The Shed Café, to make your Sunday afternoon a relaxed, enjoyable end to the weekend's fun. Wander down, or catch the free shuttle bus, to enjoy a relaxed afternoon full of fantastic jazz and sometimes a little blues as well. Seagulls, Jazz in the Shed Café Sunday

Country Sundays – Line Dancing

Due to popular demand the boot scootin' times are back with Country Sundays. Pull on your dancing boots and come prepared to scoot the afternoon away. **Every Sunday** 3pm to 7pm at Seagulls.

Mick Thomas, The Sure Thing, The Killjoys and The **Good Ship**

Mick Thomas and The Sure **Thing** return to the Gold Coast to celebrate their latest release, Spin, Spin, Spin.

The album features Paul Kelly, Tim Rogers and Felicity Urguhart, and captures the spirit of what **The Sure Thing** do best. Fast becoming a national treasure, Mick Thomas has been regarded as one of Australia's finest song writer and performers and along with his band The Sure Thing, this tour is sure to bring out all aspects of Mick's onstage personality and sweep up fans young and old along for the ride. The Killjoys

single Fall Around Me, topping the indie charts in February 1990. Their debut album *Ruby* soon followed winning an ARIA award for best independent album the following year. Ruby was acclaimed for its strong melodies and distinctive instrumentation, coloured by jazz vibraphone, acoustic guitar, trumpet and strings all creating the perfect atmosphere for the floating vocals of Anna Burley. Since forming only months ago, the **Good Ship's** rousing live shows have seen them quickly snag a strong fan base, and score some sought-after supports, veering from Mick Thomas (Weddings, Parties, Anything) to Sydney award winning duo Nick & Liesl. With their chuggalugging rhythm section complemented by an ever-evolving circus of fiddle, mandola, accordion, banjo, trumpet, triangle and lagerphone, the Good Ship can promise that no two shows will ever be the same. 8pm Friday June 12, The Soundlounge,

first arrived on radio with the

Motor City

Currumbin.

Motor City is one of the Gold Coast's hottest cover bands, who play high octane hits from the likes of Foo Fighters, Pearl Jam and Snow Patrol. They keep their sets fresh by playing music not usually on the playlist of other cover bands. Cabarita Beach Sports Club, Friday.

Jazz in the Basement Father and Son Special!

Steve Wood joins son and Harry Lynn Quartet member Malcolm Wood in a Jazz in the Basement Father and Son Special on Saturday June **13** from 7pm. A well-known multi-instrumentalist, Steve's career spans five decades and includes performing, teaching and travelling. Carrying on the Wood jazz

legacy is Steve's son Malcolm, a highly respected jazz musician, teacher and conductor of the Gold Coast Youth Orchestra's Big Band. An original Gold Coast boy, Steve began his career with the Gold Coast City Brass Band and played with the Jim Davies Old Time Dance Band at the Pacific Hotel in Southport in the 1950s. Gold **Coast Arts Centre, Saturday**





veryone has a secret fetish. Some people like to dress in nappies, others might get off on being tied to the bedhead and being covered in arachnids. and others may simply vote Liberal. It's that secret shame of a dark addiction that can never be satiated. That hole of desire that can never be filled. Mine is stationery. That aching for wholeness can only be filled by paper products. You want to see me worked into a frenzy, then drop me naked at Office Works. I have a folder fetish, a penchant for paper, a lust for letterhead. I have the same kind of adrenalin surge manhandling manila that most women get when they're draped in Calvin Klein. Stationery is my lingerie. You haven't lived until you've seen a woman in a cardboard G-string. A brand new ream of A4 really sharpens my pencil if you know what I mean. It's not the images in a pornographic magazine that I find arousing, it's the quality of the paper. I am not alone. Among my readers there will be the one, just like me, who likes to take it in the office. The sad eyed

soul who spent long hours just breathing in the soft paper stench of the work stationery cupboard. A woman who gets more of a thrill from a new ergonomically designed stapler than a pair of Manolo Blahniks. Of course if you could get your Manolos to double as a hole puncher than you have perfection. It's hard to explain the sensuality of stationery but I've witnessed blokes getting the same sensation from a trip to Bunnings, soaking up that feeling of promise that only lengths of wood, spirit levels and screws can bring. I am always looking for the perfect pencil case, the most efficient folder – it fills me with the sense that if I purchase the right stationery, all my bits of paper, scraps of writing, receipts, half chewed and unpaid bills that clutter my desk and perpetuate this continual anxiety about my lack of completion, will be restored to order. The right stationery will create stillness in the chaos, a sense of peace in my personal workplace. It is the same belief that afflicts women at the hairdressers who expect a new cut to be

the catalyst for shaping a new life. Sadly there is no hair colour that changes lives, just as there is no storage box salvation for untidy minds. In meditation I sometimes imagine my mind as my office. It is chaos. I then visualise all the compartments sorting themselves. It's like the scene in Mary Poppins, I'm singing 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' and children are flying into filing cabinets, ex lovers are ordered alphabetically and stored neatly under the bed next to the velvet box that holds my backlog of guilt and regret. My mind is clear of all clutter. There is now space for the manifestation of that next brilliant idea. I decide to go for a swim instead. Logically, I know there is no office chair, no desk lamp or CD stacker that will bring me internal or external peace. But I can't bury hope. While the new printer still sits unassembled in its box, there is still the possibility that order may one day be restored to the restless anarchy of this human mind. It is a belief that envelopes me!









Treorchy Choir

The Treorchy Male Choir

returns to Australia to celebrate its 125th Anniversary of music making history, direct from a valley called the Rhondda, in Wales. With over 60 singers on stage, The Treorchy Male Choir has been hailed as the greatest male voice combination in the world. Gold Coast Convention Centre, Sunday 5pm.

'No name' muso reveals his secrets

Unknown musician Johnnie Mac from Uki hit the top of the charts in 35 days despite having no money, no record deal, and no manager.

He rocketed to number one on Triple J's Unearthed charts

last month, plus got two other songs in the top ten without playing a single gig. Next month he will reveal how he did it at a Gold Coast three day workshop. His 'over-night' success has resulted in a flurry of CD sales and media acclaim. Johnnie's secret is he and his independent record company Alchemy Music Australia use innovative online marketing techniques to explode their fan base. Alchemy Music Australia managing director Mikey Bowers said while most musicians were using websites and MySpace pages, they were only tapping into a minute percentage of the internet's capacity to skyrocket their profile. 'We've pioneered an easy step by step system called RISE or Rockstar Internet Secrets Exposed that's basically a digital 'fan club' for the new millennium,' Mikey says. 'It not only attracts fans from around the globe, but it also gives the artist a way to immediately contact and communicate with them. So you can build a massive fan base in a fraction of the time it takes with traditional gigging and sending hundreds of CDs to radio stations hoping to get airplay.' The Rockstar Internet Secrets Exposed 3-day workshop will be staged on Friday July 3, Saturday and Sunday July 5 at Quality Hotel, Cnr Makeri Road and Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters. Special guest speakers include Robbie Buck from Triple J radio. For more information visit www.rockstarsecretsexposed.

Kingfisha

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Kingfisha are a five piece reggae band from Brisbane and have a wealth of live experience. With a deep and abiding respect for reggae and its origins, they have taken the Jamaican rhythms and infused them with honest songwriting and strong melodies to create their own sound. The second half of 2008 has seen Kingfisha do a spectacular variety of successful shows including supporting Katchafire (N.Z), Reggae Town Festival (Cairns), Cairns on Collins Street

Festival, Island Vibes Festival (Stradbroke Island), an East Coast tour and the iconic 'Dub Day Afternoon' in Brisbane. In January 2009 they completed a successful tour to Melbourne and are currently recording their debut album. Friday at the Buddha Bar, Byron.

Positive Timing

Local band Positive Timing are a multi-cultural eight-piece band, from France, Colombia, Mexico, Malta, Japan and Australia. Together they create a melting pot of passion and talent. It's all about the rootsy rhythms, the funky horns and the exquisite vocals. The Rails, Byron Bay on Saturday July 13.



Lindsay Webb

Lindsay Webb has been successfully working the Australian Comedy Circuit since he won the Queensland finals of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival JJJ Raw Comedy Competition in 1998. In 1999 he made the finals of the Comic of the Year competition at the Sydney Comedy Festival. In October 2002 he was awarded a Radio RAWARD as Best Radio Newcomer. In 2007 Lindsay was voted Best Comedy Host as part of the Queensland Comedy Awards. **Gold Coast Arts Centre** 7.30pm Friday.



Transitions Physical Theatre

Transitions Physical Theatre will be performing at the Stokers Siding Hall, Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20. Times start at 8.30pm. Tickets \$12 and \$8. Bookings on 6679



Crystal Creek school's annual **Fireworks**

Crystal Creek school's annual Fireworks Spectacular will feature two incredible new effects never seen at the event before when this year's event is held this **Saturday**, **June 13**. The breathtaking fireworks display will this year include the 87-shot silver spider and the 530-shot green candle wall. The fireworks display is just one of many attractions at the Fireworks Spectacular. Gates will open at the family friendly time of 2pm, with the fireworks at 7pm. Rides include the Rock Wall, Giant Chairs, Mini Jeeps, Mega Fun House and the Ball Crawl. Unlimited ride passes can pre-purchased for only \$25, enabling holders to ride

continually between 2pm to 6.30pm. Pre-purchased passes will be available from Crystal Creek Public School or Century 21 Real Estate in Main Street, Murwillumbah. This year's performers include the Margaret Peate School Of Dance, Murwillumbah East Sydney Choir, Hoopla Circus Troupe, Belly Dance For Fun, Hap Ki Do and Hot Chilli Drummers. The event's famous chocolate wheel will be running again, with more than 200 prizes kindly donated by local businesses. There will be displays from the Tweed Valley Restorers Car Club, Police, Fire and **Emergency Services. Gourmet** food and coffee stalls will cater for all tastes throughout the day. Face painting, show bags, glow products, fairy floss and market stalls will also be on offer. Queensland's Crocodiles and Dragons Park will bring

Knox Park, World

There's a great day with displays, forums, workshops and performances celebrating World Environment Dav at Knox Park this Sunday June 14. It will also be an opportunity to find out what's happening in the Tweed and to

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LINDSAY WEBB (HERE WITH WILL ANDERSON)

GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE FRIDAY

join groups tackling environment issues and contributing to community projects. The official World Environment Day is June 6, however in Murwillumbah the big celebration will be happening from 10am to 3pm on Sunday June 14.



Transitions Physical Theatre Stokers Siding Hall Friday 19th and Saturday June 20

Divine Divas Twin Towns Services Club **Friday and Saturday** June 19 and 20

Murwillumbah Cup Murwillumbah Jockey Club June 28

British India Coolangatta Hotel Friday June 19

Coolangatta Hotel Saturday June 27 **Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts** Murwillumbah Civic Centre June 26 - July 22

So You Think You Can Dance Australia **Gold Coast Convention Centre** Saturday July 4

Environment Day, June 14

snakes, turtles and lizards for

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glg guide local events and entertainment

- CLUB BANORA 4PM GLENN BRACE
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 5.30PM SIMONE
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1PM KARAOKE ■ COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM PSYCROPTIC, THE AMENTA
- **RUINS AND THE MEATGRINDER** ■ GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7.30PM UNPLUGGED IN THE BASEMENT AUTUMN SUN &
- JOHN OLZARD ■ SEAGULLS 5.30PM MICHAEL KING
- THE SANDS HOTEL
- COOLANGATTA 8PM JAM NIGHT ■ TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM VEENIE'S - GREG & LAURA
- TWIN TOWNS, LIVE **ENTERTAINMENT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM THE **WOO HOO REVIEW**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **BLOODTYPE COFFEE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON SUPERCHEESE
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **OPEN** MIC NIGHT
- LIQUID DJ WALLOPALOOZA AND MC THUNDERCAT
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **REQUEST**
- RICE RESTAURANT, BRUNS 6PM SHADOW SUNDA
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 7PM **JAM**

FRIDAY 12

- CANUNGRA HOTEL, CANUNGRA, 8PM RAY CATT BAND
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 7.30PM DENNIS

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, **BOGANGAR 8PM MOTOR CITY**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, 8PM THE HARD WORD
- CLUB BANORA 7.30PM **SPEAKEASY**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **SUGARFIX**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7.30PM COMEDY IN THE **BASEMENT - LINDSAY WEBB**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 8.30PM PETE MEREDITH
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM **MICHAEL WHITMORE**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **LIVE** MUSIC
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM PHIL
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- **HERVE** POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB
- 7PM MELISSA COX ■ SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE 8.30PM
- TOM ROBERTS DUO
- SEAGULLS 8PM DON WHITAKER ■ THE SANDS HOTEL
- COOLANGATTA 9PM LIVE MUSIC TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB
- 7.30PM **SWIZZLE TRIO** ■ TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB,
- 8PM LIVE MUSIC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **THE HANDS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM SOULSHAKERS
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- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM KINGFISHA
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SATURDAY 13

- CLUB BANORA, BANORA POINT 8PM **DEANNA VITAGUANI**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **AKASA** ■ CRYSTAL CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
- **ANNUAL FIREWORKS FROM 2PM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM **FAITHFULLY YOURS** ■ GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 7PM
- JAZZ IN THE BASEMENT: FATHER & SON SPECIAL ■ MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM TERRY
- MURPHY ■ MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL, 9PM **RAY CATT BAND**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB
- 6.30PM ROBERT KEITH ■ SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 8.30PM
- **GREEN MACHINE** ■ SEAGULLS 8PM MICHAEL KING ■ SEAGULLS 7.30PM GOLD COAST
- **FEIS (IRISH DANCE** COMPETITION) ■ SHEOAK SHACK 7PM LIVE MUSIC
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 3PM LIVE JAZZ
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM THE REAL DEAL

- THE COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 9PM LIVE MUSIC
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB, 7.30PM **FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 8PM DAVE EVANS (EX AC/DC)
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **DIRTY LAUNDRY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **POSITIVE TIMING**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON PICO
- BO'S, BYRON 6PM JIMMY & JOHNNY B GOOD
- LIOUID, BYRON: R&B SUPERCLUB: DJ'S TROY T, MC JAYSON, CAPTAIN KAINE, WALLOPALOOZA
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- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30 PHIL LEVY + **LEO GLASS (ROMANIACS)**
- OLD DRILL HALL, MULLUM 7.30PM ROBBIE NEIL (HARPIST) **CD LAUNCH**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 8.15PM WALLY AND THE GATORS

SUNDAY 14

- CLUB BANORA, 11AM **ERROL** GRAY, 12.15PM SLIM PICKENS & DR BAZ
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM JAZZ **CAFE TRIO**
- ESCAPE GALLERY 1 BRISBANE RD MURWILLUMBAH 2PM, JOY **HOBBS EXHIBITION**
- KNOX PARK MURWILLUMBAH WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY FROM 10AM
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM

TREORCHY MALE CHOIR

- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 4PM SIMONE
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 1PM CHILLED PRESTON
- SEAGULLS CLUB, 2PM **LINE** DANCING
- SEAGULLS 7.30PM GOLD COAST **FEIS (IRISH DANCE** COMPETITION)
- SEAGULLS, JAZZ IN THE SHED CAFÉ 2PM
- SHEOAK SHACK 1PM LIVE MUSIC
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 1- 5PM BLACK ROSE
- THE COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 5PM LIVE MUSIC
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 12.30PM **DON WHITAKER**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 7PM
- LIVE MUSIC ■ UKI CAFE 12PM LISSY STANTON:
- **BRIGHTSIDE OF LIFE TOUR** ■ BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LISA HUNT 8PM DJ CAPTAIN**
- **KAINE** ■ THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM THE
- **SEEDS** ■ HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON
- ANNA WEATHER UP ■ BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY 8PM
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- **MONDAY 15**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 12PM DAVE CLAYTON
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 4PM **DICK BARNS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM JOHN J **BRADLEY**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON
- **BRIAN WATT** ■ BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM
- **MAINTENANCE MEN**

TUESDAY 16

- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL, 8PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE
- 5.30PM CRAIG SHAW ■ SEAGULLS 7PM FAR NORTH
- **COAST DANCE FESTIVAL** ■ TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 1PM
- MICHAEL KING
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 8PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM ALAN **BOYLE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON HARRY HEALY ■ COCOMANGAS, BYRON RETRO

WEDNESDAY 17

- GREENMOUNT BEACH CLUB 7PM
- **DOWNBEAT JAZZ BAND** ■ SEAGULLS 7PM FAR NORTH
- **COAST DANCE FESTIVAL** ■ SEAGULLS 1.15PM DON

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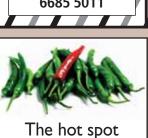
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Kingscliff surfer Codie Klein, was crowned champion of the 16 years division on Sunday at the 17th annual All Girls Surf Showdown. Photo Darren Simondson-Surfin Snapps.

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ASP World Champion Stephanie Gilmore from Kingscliff, former ASP World Champion Pauline Menczer from Byron Bay, 2008 ASP World Qualifying Series Champion Sally Fitzgibbons from Gerroa in NSW and current Australian

Open Women's champion Jenny Boggis from Lennox Head Kingscliff surfer Codie Klein has some big shoes to fill to make her mark on the Australian surf scene, but if her

performance in the 17th an-

2nd Div Cabarita def Byron Bay 61-52.

4th Div Cudgen def Cabarita 64-53, 6th

Social Winners: P Rannie,L King and

S Vincent, cons A Woodward, B Davey

Wed pairs Winners: D Moir and B Kent,

r/up R Allen and R Hutchinson cons J

Club fours 1st round to be played by

Twenty ladies bowlers enjoyed the

R.Ross, K.Edmonds, B.Wainwright def

D.Dawes, M.Kennedy, H.Ross. D.Hardie,

R.Thorley, J.Waites def B.Smith,

M.Hinde, J.Glasby def S.Cook, E.Hunt.

Condong 'Cane Toads' Ladies

Div Cabarita def Cudgen 6-0.

Stewart and M Morgan.

M.Stanfield, B.Dunne.

Club Pairs Championships:

BOWLS

and R Lee.

14/06/09.

Cabarita Beach Men

Pennant June 6

is anything to go by - ladies beware!

The Showdown, event director's Kelly O'Brien and Max Perot could not have been happier, or more impressed, with what took place over the weekend, seeing a marked rise in the standard of competition.

'The event featured surftake the prestigious crown, ers from all states around the country and this year we ahead of Emily Clapoudis

definitely saw the youngest from Port Macquarie, India and best crop of girls competing for some time, said Kelly O'Brien after the event. 'The from North Curl Curl.

Winning Rink J. Waites Competition winner E.Hunt. Next week Club pairs games: M.Hinde, J.Glasby to play E.Elvy, B.Dunne. June 22 Sugar Triples, June 25 Mixed Pairs and June 16 Social Bowls 6672

P.Flack,M.Sweetnam def H.Fuller,

Cudgen Leagues Ladies

Club C'Ship Singles results for last Thurs June 4, Wotherspoon def Judy Martin; Ann Revie def Eileen Burke; Sharon Hinks def Betty Sydneham. Ladies Social results - Winners:, Rnk7 Pat Pieterse, Margaret Huddy, June Tilley. Raffle - Mary Hay. Congratulations Everyone. Thurs Ladies Social 12.30 for 1pm start. Everybody welcome.

Special Event - Cudgen Ladies are starting up a friendly afternoon of Social Bowling starting this Saturday June 13. Everyone is welcome to play arrive 12.30 for 1pm start - Uniform Please. Sun Social Club Bowls with al BBO lunch is on this Sun 9.30am start

Having seen the likes of dual nual All Girls Surf Showdown fact that we held an over 40's division is a testament to the strength and depth of Australian female surfing.

The All Girls Surfriders Club was formed in 1992 after a hugely successful 'Have a Go Day' that attracted 80 interested female surfers.

Codie made the best of Broken Head's excellent condition to come home first Payne from Woolamai, Victoria and Lauren McAleer

Mufti Dress, all welcome. Mon 15 Social Mixed Triples Mufti Dress, all welcome. Bookings 02 6674 1816/2734.

Cudgen Leagues Men

Saturday Pennants we have good news, bad news and excellent news. Good news is the 4 pennants won 4-2 against Murwillumbah and were runners up in the district pennant. The bad news is the 6 div. pennants lost to Cabarita 6-0. The excellent news is Pottsville managed 2 points against Bangalow which enabled Cudgen to win the 6 district div. pennant. Thank you Pottsville. The zone playoff is at Lismore on 21/06/09.

Mick's Cabarita team pocketed the major prize money. The 3 times \$120 jackpot was not won.

The annual shield game will be played against South Tweed on Wed June 21 at Cudgen. 42 players are required so get your names down and join the contest.

Kingscliff Ladies

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather, Patrons Day had to be postponed, but was rescheduled.

Final - A Grade winners: S. Akers and D. Jones, def J. Scott and I. Azzopardi in a very close game.

The two games of B Grade Pairs were: R. Fuller / W. Butler def J. Bonnet / B. Lane and A. McNamara / A. Wonka def A. Graham / S. Davies.

Remeber Wednesday July - Charity

Kingscliff Men

The Final of the B Grade Singles proved a very tight affair. The game was tied 22 all until Bob Beattie scored a triple to claim the match 25-22. Congratulations to both Bob and Tony Wonka on a great game. In the final game of the first round of the B Grade Pairs, W Blackwood and J Akers defeated T Halloran and B Henry. The second round will be played on Sunday 14th June. K Taylor, N Orme v R Lewis, C Lane; T Wonka, D Langtry v G Hallett, B Goldstone; W Blackwood, J Akers v A Simpson, D Roughly; B Butler, C Lacey v K Dawson, D Whittington. Roll Up begins 9:00am. Nominations for the

B Grade Fours are open. Please check the board.

Thursday 4th June: Winners:; N Cruikshank, J McLaughlin, R Hayes; K Taylor, O Simpson, G Barrack; Plate Winners:; P Murphy, V Lewis, B Goldstone; Saturday 6th June: Winners:; J Dalmayer, J Mirls, M Rice; J Byrne, B Dark, T Schofield; Plate Winners:; H Moores, R Makin, R Lewis: Tuesday 9th June: Winners:: S Jamieson, P McNamara: Runners Up: R Stephenson, R Hayes: Plate Winners:; J Forrest, I Thompson: Don't forget to get your names in for the Men's Prestige Two Bowl Triples on Monday 22nd June. Total prize money of \$3 000.00.

TWEED HEADS MEN

Championships:

The second semi-final of the Open Pairs is scheduled for 9am next Saturday 13 June and the Final is set down for the afternoon commencing at 1pm.

The start of the Open 2 bowl Triples championship is due to begin on Saturday 13 June followed by Round 2 on Sunday 14 June at 9am.

Prestige Singles:

Entries for this years Prestige Open Mixed Singles close tomorrow, Friday 12 June with play to commence from Sunday 28 June through to Wednesday 1 July 2009. This event is open to all bowlers, male and female, and the carrot at the end of the competition is 15. A grade will be Hogan's Heroes v a wildcard entry into this years Golden Nugget for the best performed male at Condong. B grade will be Sharks and female player.

Social Results: Sun 31 May:

Green 1: Joan and Fred Cramer, Maureen and Jack Blagbrough; r/up: Theo VanOvost, Shirley King, Violet and Brian Williams.

Green 2: Doreen and George Kendall; r/ up: Daisy and Mario Matteucci on c/b. Green 3: Francis and Gary Hewitt; r/up: Shirley and Vic Iles.

Tues 2 June

Men winners:: Howard Waye, Bill Finney, Ian Davis, John Mann; r/up: Nino Venuto John LeBoeuf, Arthur Jackson, Gary Hewitt. Ladies winners:: Ruth Larson, Joy Dod-

sley, Hazel Bardsley, Willi Grant; r/up:

Australia's leading Jetsprint his daughter Brooke's Group teams arrived at Cabarita Beach A boat. He wasn't to feature on the Unlimited podium but Australian Championships full daughter Brooke showed maturity and talent well beyond her 21 years to record a time in the end just four tenths slower Frustratingly for local teams, than her father's best - that the action started as early as might seem reasonable until you consider that her father's boat has something like 300

Australian Jetsprint Championships

at Cabarita Beach

for the fourth round of the 2009

of anticipation and trepidation

for one of the most demanding

Thursday's media day where

local driver Daniel DeVoight

rolled his new boat 'Devo 2'

twice, fortunately, without too

A string of other local driv-

ers struggled early on Saturday,

while at the front, reigning Aus-

tralian Unlimited Superboat

champion Phil Dixon showed

no sign of struggling as he set a

Dixon succumbed to a me-

chanical failure on Sunday, and

stunning pace in 'True Blue'.

courses in the world.

much damage.

Despite the difficult Cabarita layout, Brooke was unstoppable on her way to her second outright victory this year, and just her third win in a six year career.

horsepower more.

Brooke and navigator Leanne Rake from Brisbane dominated Group A, battling former champion Rohan Smith and Wagga's Rodney Krause to take was forced to continue on in out the final.



Nanette Wise, Elma Elford, Bonnie Orchid, Anna Monks.

Green 1: Laurie Rea, Max Reiter, Vince Leather; r/up: Col Heydt, Rod Mullings, John Mann.

Green 2: Len Corkill, Graham Fletcher, Ted Crofton; r/up: Geoff Green, Graham Jones, Ron Taylor on c/b.

Green 3: Ken Withington, Bill Hagen, Col Moses; r/up: Jim O'Neill. David Mc-

Grath, Gordon Henshaw. Green 4: John LeBoeuf, Tom Wotton.

Mike VanRunt; r/up: Tony Nicholls, Ian Mather. Sat 6 June:

Green 1: Ray Carter, John Lewis; r/up: Bob Chapman, Bill Grose.

Green 2: Roy Barwick, Jim Quin; r/up: Bronte Woods, Roy Nuttall.

TWEED HEADS TOURERS A great day at Pottsville for their Gala

Day with a total of 62 players in attendance.

Morning winners: for the Tourers were Ron Ray, Rusty Leeson and Frank McPhillips.

Next Sunday 14 June will be a mixed morning with play on the Indoor Green starting at 9.30am.

DARTS Tweed Valley Darts

Games to be played on Monday June Gulls at Seagulls and Jokers v Tigers v Leftovers at Sth Tweed and Devils v Cgulls at Courthouse.

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Week ended June 7: Air Pistol: Men, R Cavanagh 584 P Stupka 529. Centrefire: J Gove 508.

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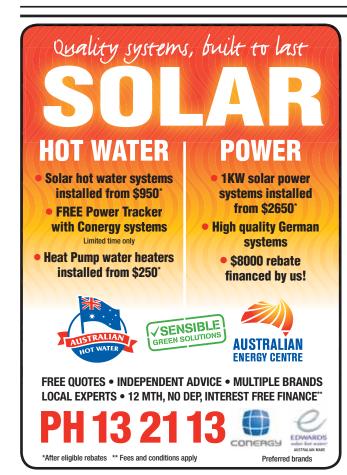
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The long-running and highly successful Greenback fishing contest at Cabarita Beach suffered massive parking and beach access glitches for competitors and the public alike because of council roadworks around the local surf club. Locals say the timing of the work couldn't have been worse, forcing people to park on reserves and other inappropriate places in a town where parking is normally at a premium.

Meantime mayor Joan van Lieshout says she is appalled by reports that council rangers were issuing \$110 fines to Wintersun visitors for parking on council reserves after early arrivals to the hugely popular rock'n'roll nostalgia festival clogged every available public parking space up to two kilometres from the centre of the action in Coolangatta. Backburner reckons such an opportunistic grab for cash shatters Tweed Heads' tourist-friendly image which the councilsponsored tourism board is trying to promote.

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Tweed Economic Development Corp boss Tom Senti told ABC regional radio listeners last week that the upcoming world rally would not attract that many people here but it would expose the Tweed to a huge national and inter-Asked this week if he had ever watched a world rally on television, Mr Senti laughed and said 'no, it's not my bent'. He's not alone there, as it's a motor also said his organisation had not done an economic analysis of the proposed event (which was held in Western Australia for 18 years before the plug rarily sat outside the ibar adult was pulled on its lifeline to the public purse) but felt the Heads recently, setting tongues exposure nonetheless would be beneficial.



An act of forgiveness? For weeks, this message board outside St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Murwillumbah welcomed NRL players, before it was replaced last week. In the wake of the recent NRL sex scandal, Backburner wondered whether the church was showing its support for the footy flock so often plagued by sex-booze-violence controversy or simply oblivious to their shenanigans. The new message is equally puzzling and reads: 'Pharisees welcome here'. The common non-biblical meaning of pharisee is hypocrite or self-righteous. What do we make of this?

residents with concerns over the proposed rally will get a much faster response and answers to their questions if they contact *The Echo* first. One resident tried twice, with no luck, to clarify several issues with rally organisers before calling us. After telling the rally office that media had been informed, an official was promptly despatched to the local's property national television audience. to allay any concerns. In the second instance, a business owner told us that the rally manager and The Echo hack both called her back 'within 20 minutes' of her email comsport for fanatics and we doubt plaining about the rally being it rates high on TV anyway. He sent out. Now that's fast turnaround for you.

> A risqué cartoon featuring Tweed's mayor which temporestaurant in downtown Tweed wagging, invited the wrath of mayor Joan van Lieshout herself, who marched into the

Who you gonna call? It seems restaurant with her husband in tow one night recently to demand it be torn down. The lampooning cartoon was related to an ongoing bun fight between the restaurant opera-Tweed Council over several isits explicit nature, decided she hot spots elsewhere? wouldn't have a bar of it.

> telling Backburner she went along to the restaurant with husband Peter to ask Mr Armsign because she said it was il-I told him it showed total disrespect for the community and that it was disgusting. I you can gain the community's

[cartoon] doesn't bother me, it was just disgusting for the community, I was fuming'.

-Argyle Gem, the runner up in the 2005 Murwillumbah Cup, is a rising 10-year-old who hasn't started since February. But that's not to say too many local race fans would be entirely shocked to see the gelding's name among the nominators for the 2009 Casella Wines Murwillumbah Cup due to be run later this month. He has fronted for the 2007 and 2008 cups without putting in too bad an effort on either occasion, so who's to say?

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What is it about people who enjoy burning off these days? Around the Tweed Backburner is nauseated to see smoke and smell fire from the burning off of piles of vegetation or rubbish in backyards or rural paddocks. Why is it necessary to pollute our crisp fresh winter air? There is absolutely no need to burn off anything these days. It will all rot down anyway, and by burning we add to the global warming problem. The valley already tor Warren Armstrong and has one big central smoke stack at Condong, do we resues and when she heard about ally need so many other little

While the WA-based compa-But Cr van Lieshout laughed ny Stockwell is enjoying looff the little clash afterwards, cal support for an oversized supermarket after consulting with the community, developer Walker Corporation strong to 'please' remove the still seems reluctant to do offending sandwich-board the same for its controversial proposal to buy part of Bay legally on the public footpath. Street to build a multi-storey 'He told me to "get your ranger apartment block, first mooted to pick it up if it's illegal" and 11 months ago. Six weeks after the council told them to unveil their plans to the public, residents are still waiting. asked him "how do you think A Walker Corp spokesman says they are still talking with respect with something like their consultants to work out that? You're doing everything the best way to present the







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