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LOCAL & INDEPENDENT



Dynamic firie duo honoured

Kim Cousins

Burringbar Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers Therese and Frank Zambelli (pictured) have been awarded to take over.' lifetime membership for their combined 20 years service.

The awards were presented to the couple last month during the unveiling of the restored Burringbar cenotaph.

'I think that means we can't leave,' joked Therese.

If volunteer numbers keep drop-

all brigades are looking for more vol- of fires.' unteers, Therese said.

'We're waiting for the young ones

Tweed RFS superintendent Dave Cook said the couple were deserving of their award and an integral part of the service.

'It's not very often the brigade gives out lifetime membership awards,' Dave said. 'Frank does repairs and Therese is the first aid officer. They are also involved in education and

'There are very low memberships, it minimises the number and impact

Dave said the service was always on the lookout for volunteers, especially given the recent spate of fires in the Tweed, Clarence and Tamworth areas.

'It's just something you do,' Therese said of her commitment.

'Sometimes you can be called out five times a week, other times it is very quiet. During high fire periods we're very busy and when it's wet and flooding we help the SES."

Outspoken Hastings Point local targeted

Luis Feliu

Environmental champion Richard Gow feels he is under siege after officers from Coffs Harbour-based water police and Fisheries arrived at his Hastings Point home as tensions mount in his strife-torn village.

The 44-year-old local mechanic and father of three has been left shaking his head as conflicting accounts began emerging this week about the reasons behind the surprise visit two weeks ago by a team which also included a council ranger.

But Mr Gow, who has compiled an extensive video and photographic record of the slow destruction of the Cudgera Creek estuary system, is convinced the heavy-weight response is linked to moves by a developer to reinforce fencing around his vast Creek Street property with barbed wire.

Regular patrols

The developer, Walter Elliott Holdings, reignited long simmering tensions over the contentious fence when he also installed a caretaker in a new two-storey house on the property with instructions to conduct regular fence patrols. (see story on page 2).

Mr Gow says while he's no fan of the fence he's learnt to live with it, but concedes it has upset many creek users, particularly students studying the estuary, tourists and some older fishermen.

He says when the three-man team arrived at his house with a police boat in tow he was up the road attending a Land and Environment Court case relating to one of three massive developments which residents are fighting to prevent further degradation of their fragile creeks.

to the Creek Street development, one told me the Fisheries ranger and police officer had a look in my backyard,

'When I later rang the police officer to see what it was all about, he told me that Athol Youngblutt, the developer's caretaker, was worried about his well being and emphasised that he was the caretaker and not the developer.

Barbed-wire fence

'He suggested I organise a conflict resolution meeting with the community and the developer. He agreed there was an issue with the barbedwire fence along the estuary foreshore and said he would speak to the land-

'I have no idea why I was singled out apart from the fact I might be seen as a greenie because I've never had any argument with Athol and I even ring him for permission to go onto the site to retrieve my boys' footballs or round up stray chooks.'

Mr Gow said he contacted Mr Elliott to discuss the opportunity for a meeting but ended up copping an earful of abuse.

When *The Echo* called the Fisheries officer, Bradley Harrison, he declined to comment on the issue, referring questions to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), but was happy to discuss recent mangrove destruction at Tumbulgum

The Echo also contacted water police officer, Senior Constable Gordon Prewett, who said he had 'bumped into' the Fisheries officer and decided to accompany him on the visit, which was related to 'a fisheries matter'.

DPI media officer Phil Bevan said the visit was to investigate a complaint by an unnamed 'informant' about



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Locals fenced out in battle of Hastings

Ken Sapwell

A new two-storey house surrounded by kilometres of rabbit-proof fencing that's reinforced with barbed-wire has become the focus of a renewed battle by Hastings Point residents determined to stop a 57-lot subdivision adjoining Christies Creek.

Locals say the house stands as a monument to an administrative bungle and the newly installed barbed-wire is dangerous to wildlife and blocks traditional access paths to fishing and swimming spots along the creek.

Long-simmering tensions came to a head earlier this month when landowner Walter Elliott Holdings (WEH) installed Athol Youngblutt as a caretaker in the recently completed house with instructions to strengthen fencing and keep residents off the undeveloped 18-hectare site

The fence, which abuts the backyard of dozens of homes along Creek Street, creates a vast no-man's land which ends just metres from the bank of a developer-ravaged section of the fence it first erected when Christies Creek which is also it acquired the site eight years fenced off with barbed-wire.

Mr Youngblutt, brother of pro-development deputy mayor Phil Youngblutt, has complained of harassment



Richard Gow, who feels he has been intimidated by authorities (see page 1), checks some of the barbed-wire fencing at the estuary foreshore where he parks his family's canoes, only metres from his backyard.

from locals who he says have unit, which was apparently and later began mowing down super-glued a padlock and hurled abuse as him and his wife since he arrived on the scene last month.

Council compliance officers have appealed to WEH to remove the barbed-wire from ago, but say they're powerless to enforce the request because the fence stands on private land.

Mr Elliot told The Echo this week he was prepared 'to act' once he had received a written order from the council or other authorities, but so far he had not received anything.

Residents say the fencing is preventing threatened flora and fauna species from re-establishing on the environmentally sensitive site as the company continues its two-year-long wait for NSW Planning Department approval of contentious development plans.

They include construction of a tourist resort and another 56 houses similar to its controversial approval by the council's building services mediately strung up a fence boil over at anytime.

subject to a determination by the department.

Hastings Point Progress Association spokesman John O'Reilly said the latest twist in found to have cleared an area the long-running saga highlights the ongoing degradation out authority and was ordered of the site which began with the previous owner, the late Nev Wintour, more than 20 years ago.

the course of Christies Creek physically remove him from a now earmarked for 40 houses. dredge after he ignored orders to desist.

Mr O'Reilly says the alterations to the natural landscape in the 80s and 90s had been horrific and involved in-filling a section of creek as part of a huge land-theft which had aggravated flooding in that part of the estuary, nearby homes WEH to remove a substantial and a popular caravan park.

He says problems have conthe first house erected after tinued since WEH acquired the site around 2000 and im-

unaware the sensitive site was protected wetland, salt marsh and mangroves.

The company, which argued in court it was clearing (a noxious weed) groundsel, was of protected bushland withto restore it by planting new vegetation.

Residents say council later issued the company with an Mr Wintour used bulldozers order to desist in the alleged and a dredge to expand the site clearing of an area of protected to its present size by altering melaleuca forest, but no legal action was taken and the site, before police were forced to which is flooded at high-tide, is

> Tempers flared again earlier this year when residents, including a Battle-of-Britain veteran, tried to stop the developer carting thousands of tonnes of fill onto the site following the shock approval of the new house.

> The council later ordered amount of the fill but they and other authorities say they are powerless to take any action to ease the tensions that could

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Cyclists welcome funding

Cyclists and pedestrians in the 'Without it we can't get pedes-Bike Paths Project Fund, al- fall into place.' lowing for an earlier than ex- The project comes in at pected start on a new Tweed total cost of \$594,400, with shire project.

The funding will go towards a path linking Riveroak Drive to Ray Street at Bray Park cutting, and is a step closer to a network of paths which locals have been lobbying for.

Eddie Roberts, Uki coordinator of the Caldera economic transition program, hopes an integrated trail network for not just cyclists but horse riders, motorbike riders and canoeists will eventually cover the

'This section is the linchpin of the whole thing, Eddie said. Park area.

Tweed are set to benefit from trian or cyclist access west of \$180,000 from the National Murwillumbah. The rest will

> Tweed Shire Council throwing in \$92,200 from its annual cycleway program for construction and the RTA providing \$50,000 in grant money. Another \$180,000 will come from section 94 funding, contributed by developers for public infrastructure.

> The 350-metre stretch of path is set to open to the public by the end of next year. According to Tweed Shire councillor Barry Longland, the path has been tricky to design owing to the terrain and soils in the Bray

Hastings Point resident targeted

from page 1

to be baseless. Mr Bevan said Fisheries officers often worked in pairs but he could not comment on the presence of the water police.

Mr Gow says he remains puzzled but disturbed by the visit. 'If it was meant to be about mangrove destruction then it was wild goose chase and a bit rich given my history in trying to protect them.'

Mr Gow's documents include a video showing how stormwater pollution and acid soil run-off from newly approved developments upstream are contributing to the rapid deterioration of the unique and once pristine estuary system.

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Trainer feeling at home

Luis Feliu

Cairns-based racehorse trainer Wendy Roche has returned to the Tweed Valley where she grew up, hoping to impress local racegoers at Murwillumbah's popular Melbourne Cup meeting on Tuesday, Novem-

Wendy, 32, a newly licensed trainer, has travelled from north Queensland with her team of thoroughbreds hoping for success at Murwillumbah races this spring.

She attended pony club as a said. kid on the Tweed, growing up father Pat Roche's property at meeting. Tumbulgum, not too far from near Murwillumbah.

Valley is great, and allows me where in Australia, and it'd Cup race meeting held this our Melbourne Cup feature, to get the horses down to the be nice to be part of it, as a week was the first of Mur-



North Queensland racehorse trainer Wendy Roche and her horse Ima Redneck in the mounting yard just before racing at Murwillumbah this week. Wendy, who grew up in the Tweed, has several horses running in Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Day meeting at Murwillumbah racecourse.

Wendy is looking forward to around Murwillumbah before the big Murwillumbah meetmoving to far north Queens- ing on Tuesday and hopes to land. She bases her team on have a few runners in the local

'It'd be great to see them go the picturesque Tygalgah track around on Melbourne Cup ing is the club's biggest meetday here, it's probably one of 'Being back in the Tweed the best race meetings any-

beach and work them,' she trainer with my own horses.'

Jockey Club's Murwillumbah Cup meeting is back on and will be held on Monday, November 23, after it was postponed due to rain in June.

The Melbourne Cup meeting of the year. Club chairman tions, he said. Bernie Quinn said the Spring ■ For more horse sense, see

willumbah's three big spring Meanwhile, Tweed River meetings in the space of four

'The patrons really got behind the club's inaugural Pink Ribbon Day activities, and we were able to raise over \$2,000 through various oncourse fundraising efforts and auc-





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Complaints against mayor dismissed

Ken Sapwell

Comeback Mayor Warren Polglase (pictured right) ducked his first bullet since winning back his old job in last month's lucky dip after a conduct review panel dismissed a resident's complaints against him as 'frivolous'.

Tweed Monitor watchdog organisation president Jeremy Cornford accused Cr Polglase of breaching code of conduct rules by threatening to pursue a residents' group for court costs, sitting with developers at a council workshop and ignoring a conflict of interest.

Mr Cornford alleged the mayor tried to intimidate Hastings Point residents involved any costs. in a failed legal challenge by threatening to chase them for Cr Polglase's threat was 'clearly substantial legal costs when he intimidatory' and a breach knew the council had not en- of the rules, also complained dorsed the move and council's about the mayor sitting at a costs were negligible.

son said it was 'understandable' height controls for Hastings Cr Polglase might assume the Point last month. council was entitled to legal development because the case was dismissed with costs and the council was a respondent.

did not actively defend the case left the table to refresh his tea in the end and costs were not or coffee. significant, the mayor's failure breach.'

warning residents they risked presence at the developer ta- he said.



substantial costs if they took further legal action until any costs were known and council had decided whether to pursue

Mr Cornford, who says that table with developers at a day-

'Cr Polglase spent half a day costs against the residents after at the workshop, devoting his they failed to stop The Point time entirely to a table occupied by Mr Alan McIntosh and other local and interstate developers,' Mr Cornford al-He said although the council leged, saying the mayor only

'In light of Polglase's known to wait until the question of stance, both before his dismisscosts was clarified 'was not so al in 2005 and following his significant as to constitute a re-election in 2008, in relation to development height limits at terest and is in breach of Code But he suggested the mayor Hastings Point, many resident of Conduct Sections 7.1, 7.2, 'should have waited' before attendees found his continual 7.3 and 7.10, at the very least,'

ble both biased an offer to supevidence.

son said he didn't other sacking. think Cr Polgladevoting his time to a table occupied by developers involved any code of conduct.

'The mayor is entitled to mix as he sees fit and to be ultimately judged by the electors,' he ruled.

Mr Gibson said a third complaint alleging that the mayor had a conflict of interest in voting on matters dealing with Kings Forest was outside his remit and should be taken up with the director general of the Panel chairman David Giblong workshop to discuss new local government department.

> Mr Cornford claimed that because Cr Polglase was one of the candidates who shared in a secretive war chest partly funded by an \$80,000 donation by Kings Forest developer Bob Ell in 2004 he was 'conflicted' when it came to matters relating to Kings Forest.

> 'Since being returned to council in 2008, he has discussed and voted on a number of issues relating to Kings Forest without disclosing any pecuniary or non-pecuniary in-

Mr Cornford also claimed and intimida- that given Cr Polglase's threat tory,' wrote Mr of legal reprisals against Hast-Cornford, with ings Point residents was indicative of the general attitudes ply photographic of the council, an inquiry with similar terms of reference to But Mr Gib- the last one could result in an-

Mr Gibson, in his brief se's conduct in two-page adjudication, also advised Mr Cornford to take this matter up with the department.

Mr Cornford said yesterday breaches of the he was unhappy with the findings which he believed failed to address key concerns set out in his six-page complaint and would be 'taking the matter further.

'It seems complaints from residents are treated differently to complaints that are received from councillors, he said.

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Youngblutt won't admit his mistake

Ken Sapwell

Tweed's new deputy mayor Phil that councillors were not Youngblutt invoked a little- compelled to answer questions known 'fifth-amendment' right from colleagues under a proviat last week's council meeting sion of the Local Government to avoid answering questions about a radio broadcast where he branded Cr Barry Longland I don't have to,' Cr Youngblutt a 'Labor councillor.'

the job from Cr Longland to back-up his Labor Party in a lucky dip after Joan van assertion made during a pre-Lieshout boycotted the vote, election ABC radio interview stayed mum when his predecessor asked him if he could justify labelling him a Laborite during an ABC radio de- if he 'intended to correct the bate on the eve of the mayoral

lowed advice from council's public officer Neil Baldwin

'I don't want to answer it if shot back after Cr Longland Cr Youngblutt, who snatched asked what evidence he had on September 14.

He also stayed tight-lipped when Cr Longland asked him public record to restore my reputation as independent, His tight-lipped stance fol- community-based councillor?'

disappointed that his colleague a Labor Party agenda.' won't stand up and admit his concedes there is little he can do about it.

'I suspect I was tagged Labor with the intention of trying to persuade Joan (former Liberal Party mayor Joan van Lieshout) from supporting me again - whether it was why she decided to abstain we will probably never know, Cr Longland said this week.

'But now the elections are Labor Party jibe. over he should clarify the situis being sullied if people are he said.

Cr Longland, a former fed- allowed to believe I'm being eral public servant, says he's driven in my deliberations by

Cr Youngblutt's decision to assertions were untrue and invoke his right to silence during the traditional questiontime is unprecedented in the memory of long-time gallery watchers.

> Earlier in the meeting Cr Youngblutt retracted his mostvoters-are-morons gaffe which triggered an outcry and a wave of complaints from residents but he said afterwards that he did not intend to retract his

'I have personally apologised ation. I believe my reputation to Barry and I don't think there as an independent councillor is any need to take it further,

Meanwhile, North Coast

executive Chris Crawford





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Tweed Hospital Auxiliary volunteer honoured



Nursing manager Bernadette Waller (left), who celebrated 27 years at the Tweed Hospital and Josephine Bates, the orthopaedics nursing-unit manager, who racked up 15 years of service, were recently honoured for their long service. Photo Jeff Dawson

the Tweed Hospital Auxiliary, Roger and 60 other guests. Muriel Read, was honoured recently.

Mrs Read, who passed away in July, was honoured with hospital. a plaque at Tweed Hospital's medical ward 1 last month.

Muriel's 100-year-old husband John was a special guest at the unveiling, along with

A former tireless volunteer for their daughter Zoe, son-in-law fete last month which raised

The plaque has been inscribed with details about Muriel and her dedication to the

'People walk past a plaque sitting on a wall not knowing what it means,' June Young, president of the auxiliary, said. 'This way in 10 years time people will still know for the hospital. about Muriel?

Muriel worked Area Health Service chief on the auxiliary for 37 years and in has also presented long-servthat time helped ice badges to staff who had raise tens of thousands of dollars.

'She was so involved, June said. 'Everything she auxiliary.'

In 2008, the auxiliary agreed to pay for renovations to medical ward 1 and thought it apt that it be dedicated to its hardest worker.

The auxiliary held its annual

\$27,500. June said the money has been earmarked to buy equipment, including around 10 electronic beds, for the hospital.

'Everyone works hard for the fete, June said.

'We're all getting a little older and the fete keeps getting bigger. We raise a lot of money

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Council pushes pedal power

Ken Sapwell

Tweed Shire Council has

fleet of seven bicycles for staff which made it a pace-setter in as a 'transport option for short green initiatives and included: journeys' and would consider buying more if it proved successful, a spokesman said.

In the meantime the counmodels, including the Toyota 15,000 tonnes. Prius and Hyundai i30, during the past three years.

per cent in 2006 to just one per 2,000 cars off the road. cent this year, saving \$270,000

greenhouse gases.

It has purchased an initial by the council in recent years

- Free home retro fit services for lights, showers and cisterns which had been taken up by more than half cil's car fleet has undergone a the shire's residents, reducmassive shift from six-cylinder ing water use by 800 million gas guzzlers to four-cylinder litres and greenhouse gases by
- Methane harvesting at Stotts Creek landfill to generate According to a report to last enough electricity to power 400 week's council meeting, the homes and reduce local CO2 a green prize package for paypercentage of large vehicles emissions by 10,000 tonnes ingrates in full, with all three in the fleet has fallen from 94 each year, equivalent to taking
 - A 'significant increase' in

in fuel cost and 120 tonnes of recycling rates to be boosted even further with a new multi Natural resources direc- bin system as well as a range of turned to pedal power as it tor David Oxenham said the specialised recycling services strives to lead the way in green transport revolution was one for electronic waste (free), fluof several programs introduced orescent lights, oil and metal collection.

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- Improvements in energy efficiency with solar pool heating for Kingscliff and South Tweed Pools and the installation of better lights in the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Civic Centres.

The spokesman said Tweed was the only local council with winners so far choosing green options rather than a holiday

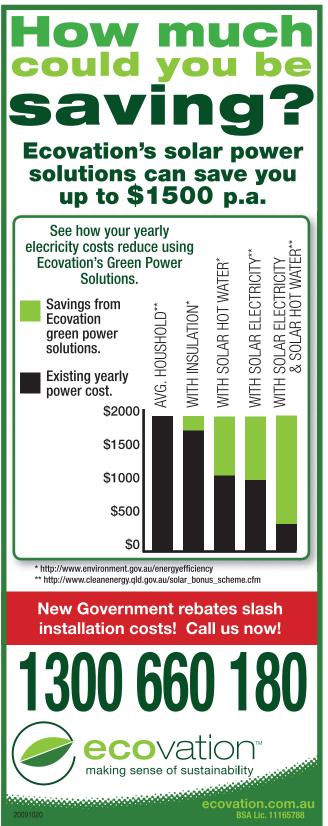


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On Australia Day this year, the The world-famous perfect barrels which turned on at the point on Kirra Beach in May this year Bring Back Kirra campaign during the big storm swell is exactly what the surfing community wants to see again, but during drew around 3000 people to normal conditions, like the good old days before sand pumping in the Tweed River dramatically **changed the beach landscape.** Photo Tim Bonython

The crew behind the campaign figure it's time to cele-It worked, with \$1.5 million brate so if you love your surf,

It wouldn't be a surf festi-2 pending on the reassessment val without surfing, and there

will be lots of it. Girls are get- party going throughout the ting ready to take on the boys evenings. in the JR Surfboards Junior Teams event, surf movies will be shown and books on surfing launched.

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over a period of 18 months by vulnerable to climate change the House of Representatives and an Australian Law Reform Standing Committee on Cli- Commission inquiry into the mate Change, Water, Environ- liability issues facing public au-Jennie George MP.

Task force chair Barry Sammels, the mayor of Rockingham in Western Australia, said au.

The report of the federal parthe 47 recommendations in the dressed.

Key recommendations according to the National Sea include a separate funding program for infrastructure The inquiry was conducted enhancement in coastal areas ment and the Arts, chaired by thorities and property owners in respect of climate change.

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Headmaster joins cycle tour for rescue helicopter

cipal and keen cyclist Alan somewhere, Alan said. Tolley last week joined almost 40 other riders in a cycle tour to raise money for sorship and donations. the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter.

Wheels Cycle Tour for years but only got on his bike in the current tour.

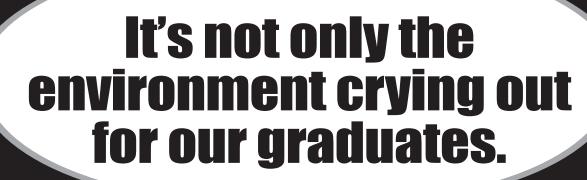
'The reason I wanted to take could be me or one of my kids into any Westpac branch.

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Outcry over 'rail trails' bill pays off

Luis Feliu

Public pressure and opposition to the NSW Government's controversial 'rail trails' bill which who joined a recent protest could see the Murwillumbah-Casino rail corridor sold off appears to be paying off with some concessions made and the bill's future under a cloud.

Debate on the bill is currentfrom tomorrow (Friday) passage of the bill is still unclear, with the Greens and the Coalition vowing to block it.

politicians from all around the corridor. state including North-Coast based members from Trains staged a protest outside parlia- ter David Campbell, with pro-

the message home.

And that message, according to Greens MLC Lee Rhiannon against the bill at Murwillumbah railway station, is getting out loud and clear with opposition 'much more widespread than the government realised'.

Both Tweed-based state Naly before parliament but with tional Party MPs Geoff Provest parliament recessing for a week and Thomas George, joined the protestors in Sydney last Tuesday morning. Hours later, Tweed Shire Council voted unanimously to tell the NSW Last Tuesday as the bill was Government they feared the introduced, community protest bill could lead to the sale of the groups, farmers, unions and Murwillumbah-to-Casino rail

The strident opposition appeared to spark concessions On Our Tracks (TOOT), from NSW Transport Minis-

way tracks from being removed tive land grab. unless they'd been 'disused' for 15 years and for the land only Murwillumbah-Casion railway line has now been closed for around four years).

Federal transport minister said. Anthony Albanese, in a visit to he had assurances from Minister Campbell that the Casino-Murwillumbah line would not be broken up before a feasibility study into linking it with south-east Queensland services was completed.

transport spokesperson, told The Echo yesterday that

the bill tactically 'did not wash' and didn't change opposition opinion, itl was dressed up to promote so called 'rail

ment house in Sydney to drive posed amendments to ban rail- trails' but was in effect a decep-

'If this bill becomes law, developers will be lining up to get to be leased and not sold. (The a slice of the North Coast rail corridor and the Hunter rail corridor into Newcastle CBD and in many other places, she

Tweed councillors support-Lismore last week, told media ed the motion from Cr Barry Longland which also asked the government to assure the rail corridor would stay in public ownership as part of long-term transport planning for northern NSW.

The minister has insisted the Ms Rhiannon, the Greens bill is to facilitate conversion of 'disused' railways into trails for biking, hiking and horseriding. The bill allows for up to 3,000 kilometres of track to be available for commercial development.

> The Lipman Harp Duo (left) is the only harp duo in the country and they're coming to Murwillumbah on November 24. Brisbane-based Sebastien and Sayo Lipman will perform to raise money for a harp scholarship at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. The concert starts at 11am at Tweed River Art Gallery and tickets are \$25, with all proceeds going towards the education of future harpists. Bookings are essential: call (07) 5599 2274.





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Concert to support harp students



How to save water and power

Kim Cousins

pesky electricity bills into building design elements. cheques at Chillingham Com-

Centre volunteers will open their doors to all Tweed resithey can learn more about wapower.

The centre's most recent funding success (thanks to the left over to sell back into the them. grid. Energy demand has also

Centre volunteer Claire Masmunity Centre this Saturday, ters said the centre existed to October 31, from 3pm to 5pm serve the local community and the workshop was just another way of helping others.

'Part of the goal of the Chilldents for a workshop where ingham Community Association is ecological sustainability. ter saving strategies and solar Solar power and water savings are paramount, she said.

In 2001 Chillingham area community developed its first NSW Government Climate strategic plan which was was Change Fund and Tweed Shire reviewed in 2006, when people Council) enabled installation were given the opportunity to the centre with enough power and what was important to

'Solar power and water rated centre on 6679 1633.

been addressed with the in- high, Claire said. 'To develop stallation of solar hot water, or install systems for the whole Find out how to turn those low energy lighting and other area is beyond the scope of the centre, we're showing people how it can be done instead.

Four tanks capture water from the roof to supply the centre with 98,000 litres, wastewater is treated and used in the gardens and the vegie patch is watered with drip lines.

The workshop will be conducted by Tweed Council's sustainability program coordinator Dan Walton and held at the centre, 1469 Numinbah Road. You'll also have the chance to take home a DIY water kit, green loving checklist and a of solar panels, which power say what they wanted to see guide to installing a rainwater

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Snowed under

The dreaded 'black snow', the soot from the burning of sugar cane throughout the Tweed Valley, has once again caused some concern and irritation for residents around Murwillumbah where much of it has fallen lately.

There's also some confusion as locals were told years ago that the new cogeneration plant at Condong and further south at Broadwater would see an end to the burnoffs with the annual crops to be 'green harvested' instead, as is done in Queensland where there is a much bigger sugar industry.

However, burning off has continued in earnest this season and some residents have complained that despite assurances from the local industry each year since the mill was upgraded that it would be the last in which burning is carried out, the soot keeps falling on clotheslines and roofs used to collect drinking water and dark smoke keeps filling the air.

The NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative has assured The Echo the burnoffs are part of 'a series of whole crop trials' this season where all the sugar cane crop is used to generate additional fibre for electricity generation at the mill. The trials, according to a co-operative press release issued in response to our question on the issue, are based around assessing the whole crop against 'burnt extracted' and 'burnt non-extracted' sugar cane.

The co-operative tells us the obvious, that it all means that 'growers are once again burning their cane'. But they say the community can be assured the aim of the trials is to ensure all sugar cane fibre is delivered to the mill so there will be no further cane fires but 'this may not be possible in the short term'.

Green harvesting obviously has its problems and is costlier for machinery on the field and in the mill but there is a return to the growers through using the green waste for power-generation to sell back to the grid. Around ten years ago when the joint cogeneration project for the two north coast mills was funded by taxpayers through federal funding to the tune of around \$45 million, locals were told burning off would be phased out. But it hasn't been and continued burning off raises suspicions among some that growers here prefer the traditional method of firing the cane because it's easier, has always been done that way, doesn't clog the harvesters or simply to kill off rats and snakes among the crops.

Perhaps cane trash is not the easiest to process for powergeneration, unlike camphor laurel chips which are currently being stockpiled and used for that purpose.

Ironically, some landowners clearing their land of camphor laurel for use by the cogeneration plant are also burning off the unwanted parts of the tree that can't be chipped and transported or recycled for furniture. One resident complained that camphor was being burnt off in big piles, which smoulder for weeks to the bane of surrounding residents. Without being flippant, we can bet if there was money in not burning vegetation, so as to mitigate global greenhouse gases, landowners would let piles of unwanted vegetation rot instead, in order to 'capture' carbon.

Parties all hot air on donations

So much for the major political parties mouthing off that they're opposed to political donations. Given the chance to prove it, they thumbed their noses at the public.

In the NSW Upper House last week the Labor, Liberal and National parties colluded to shut down a debate on donations, voting together to stifle a Greens' bill that would prohibit such donations.

Let's be honest, donations only serve to peddle influence, especially with planning decisions. The Greens' planning spokesperson Sylvia Hale, who moved the bill, accurately described Coalition protestations that they're opposed to developer donations as hypocritical, showing their commitment to ending the developer donations culture in NSW is no greater than Labor's.

They had their chance to speak up for communities crying out for an end to the corruption whereby developers can buy favourable decisions. They showed that they don't give a rat's arse.

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Snapshots of the council landscape

t has been a mere 60 weeks since The Echo began reporting to the people of Tweed Shire what their council is up to. It has been local planning powers by the an eye-opening 60 weeks for me, and I stress the brevity of the period in question, both to pre-excuse myself from any interpretative mistakes, and to are honestly implemented by emphasise that first impressions have a value of their own. views of their own. When you live with a situation for many years you cannot help taking it on its own terms. It is useful in such circumstances to have a fresh perspective.

- - - -The NSW Greens say the Tweed council is the worst in the state, which is probably unfair. But it does struggle to maintain credibility with its in equal measure of both councillors and staff.

Judging by the primary vote in the 2008 council election, a majority of residents would like to see sustainable development in the Tweed rather than in rates was put in place. the large-scale, environmentimpairing projects typified by the Kings Forest estate. That the vote finally translated into three pro-development councillors and one member of the Liberal Party is a result of the Greens' failure to organise effectively (bodies at ballot stations) and a chicken' logo was an error of widespread misunderstanding of the preference system.

Both these failures can be if more community-minded councillors had been elected last time round there would still have been no instant greening of the shire. To move local frenzy to sustainable solutions against bad developments; it means changing the planning instruments, and this takes time (years in fact).

Nor do councillors have the tration is how to avoid making instead of seven people with, power over events that voters think they have. Apart from the piecemeal appropriation of state government, there is the bureaucratic factor. Councillors are not executives and have to trust that their policy decisions the council staff, who may have

To all of this, add the complexity of Tweed Shire Council

the same mistakes that led to the previous sacking. A code of conduct is a good start, as it was the undeclared conflicts of interest of some councillors over the development applications of their campaign contributors which were highlighted by the Daly Inquiry.

conduct has so far been invoked for the flimsiest of reasons, by all councillors except Katie Milne,

ambitions and the good of the shire. A long enough process, you might think, and after the ludicrous lucky-dip draw for the mayoralty you might also think choosing it was a no-brainer. But the proposal was rejected. Unfortunately the code of It was opposed by Crs Polglase, Youngblatt and Skinner, for the

to put it bluntly, a conflict of

interest between their personal

very good reason that none of them would have a prayer of being popularly elected, and supported by Crs Longland, Milne and van Lieshout.

The vote which thwarted the implementation of this democratic principle belonged to Cr Holdom, and it is to be hoped that sometime before the next council election the proposal for a referendum will posite of its intent when Cr van be brought back to the table Lieshout was herself taken to and Cr Holdom will suspend calculations of her self-interest long enough to vote for it.

And finally, speaking of accidental mayors, if you wish to continue a political career after an inquiry finds that a developer-funded election campaign provides grounds for removing you from office, the options are fairly limited. You can hope that people will forget, or attack the inquiry head-on and pretend that somehow its findings have been discounted.

This is Cr Polglase's strategy. Through the courts Tweed-Gold Coast developer Paul Brinsmead was able to remove some damaging references to himself. The findings of the Daly Inquiry were not changed by the slight emendation required by the court, but ever since Brinsmead's action Polglase, the National Party and the Daily News have proclaimed, without a shred of evidence, that the in-

quiry has been discredited.



Veteran local government watcher **David Lovejoy** considers how Tweed Shire Council is faring since the end of the administration period.

ratepayers, which is the fault having been under administration for several years. Staff find that it is much easier to run things without councillors and council meetings; during the administration period, for example, an enormous increase

> Residents are not happy about this, and even less about one of the projects their increased rates will fund: council's 'rebadging' exercise. It may have been time to update the Tweed's image, but paying a Brisbane company to design the fatuous 'headless judgement, made without community input.

Compounding the error is the addressed in 2012, but even ingenuous argument that it has only cost us \$45,000. That may be what was paid for the logo, templates and design manual, but the new image now has to replace the old one everywhere, government from concrete right down to the signs on park benches. This cost has been hidis not just a matter of having a den in individual department majority of councillors voting budgets, but has been estimated by insiders at ten times the flat price of the logo itself.

Another problem for a new council coming off adminisand even used for the direct optask for raising the matter of the general manager's conflict of interest over the Repco rally.

Now that the government has taken planning control of the event away from the Tweed Mr Rayner's position is easier, but for most of the leadup to the rally he was sitting on the board of an organisation which had in preparation a development application to his council. Perhaps the general manager's ethical discomfort was one more reason for the state to intervene.

Tweed's system of electing the mayor by his or her colleagues becomes even more absurd when the final choice is an accidental one pulled out of a hat, which is why the motion at last week's meeting was important.

Councillors had the opportunity to initiate a change which would ultimately have enfranchised Tweed voters. The motion called for a referendum in 2012, which if successful would have seen a mayoral election in Stay tuned! 2016 decided by the taxpayers ■ Mungo is on holiday

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Right-wing views

David Nelson (The Echo, October 15) complains that rightwing views aren't heard in this paper and he believes our democracy provides equal opportunity for people with opposing views. Yet, when he is provided with that opportunity, he throws it all away on an ad hominem attack on a woman's name. What a douche nozzle.

Spencer Dunbar Banora Point

■I don't have the answer to teenage behaviour but this might give you food for thought.

You could call it the 'School of Hard Knocks'. Actually it was a typical primary school of the 1930s that I attended. Maintaining discipline was important to make school worthwhile for both teachers and pupils. Using the cane was normal practice and was very effective in restoring law and order. There was added reinforcement from Dad if he heard you were misbehaving.

High school was a different story. Seldom did you hear of any student being disciplined and I cannot recall anyone ever being 'suspended' or expelled. I guess we had grown up so to speak.

Primary school discipline had stood us in good stead. High time the educators and parents of today changed their ideas of preparing the young for adult life.

> **Arch Barton** Banora Point

Daly Inquiry findings

I would not be writing this if Bob Brinsmead, Gavin Lawrie, or Warren Polglase could tell the truth about the Daly Inquiry 'findings' that they claim have been overturned, because of Paul Brinsmead's Supreme Court case.

They will not, because all the nullified 'findings' refer only to the actions of the solicitor/developer Paul Brinsmead at the inquiry hearing. Every nullified 'finding' is in the second Daly Report published in November 2005.

It was the First Daly Report of May 2005 that made 29 'findings' in accordance with its terms of reference and recommended the sacking of Tweed Council. None of these 29 'findings' have ever been challenged by anyone or the NSW National Party. These findings include:

Tweed Directions strategy was paign support, were willing to have its nine groups present themselves to the community group leaders were most guilty as being independent of each of this fraud...' other, and of Tweed Directions. This strategy essentially restricted to Afghanistan.)

Time to get serious about our water supply

contaminating the catchment for our public water supply, is it any surprise that Clarrie Hall dam and Bray Park weir curgreen algae?

Adding to this problem, areas of unviable agricultural land, the steep slopes and narrow gullies are kept cleared for a few scraps of grass. The dungcovered soils erode in the rain adding more silt and nutrient to our waterways.

The solutions are simple. Fence out the livestock and restore the land. Set up controlled stock crossings and alternate water supplies, the cows will thank us for not making them trudge through mud and rough terrain to get a drink. It has been well documented that cattle will be healthier, produce more milk and put on more weight when they are kept out of waterways. Forested buffers also improve the pasture by reducing nutrient runoff and give livestock shelter from wind and hot sun.

landowners caring enough to change the bad land management practices of the past. But we need to help encourage them, give out grants to help cover the cost of the work, plus the follow-up control of weeds that will invade the sites once they are fenced. Our local council has helped fund many such projects, but their budget is always limited and in a year when they have money to waste on a car rally and a beige new logo they have slashed the budget when what they should be doing is seriously expanding it.

Maybe we could follow the example of other shires and have a small environmental levy on all ratepayers and a large one on all developers, that gives us the kind of financial resources needed to clean up our waterways and forests, educate our landowners and give an incentive for the larger farms to get involved.

For some though, incentives won't make any difference and we will need to eventually have council insist landowners take responsibility for the pollution they create, but the longer we more expensive these problems will become.

The creeks and rivers are the arteries of the caldera and they are clogged up, making our system sick and poisoning the water supply of not just people in

represented a fraud deliberately foisted on the community.

22. The nine groups that received Tweed Directions funds, '21. The critical feature of the and were linked by their camparticipants in the fraud. The

(Yes, election fraud is not only

and dung through the creeks creature that depends upon it.

Adam Heggie Pumpenbil

■ The timing of last week's rently have outbreaks of blue editorial was perfect, as was its accurate attempt to inform the community of the precarious state the shire's sole drinking water storage facility is in again.

> It's ironic that the past week saw the shire participate in National Water Week, celebrate the Tweed River Festival and announce the Tweed District Water Supply Augmentation.

> Yet the reaches and dam that supply our drinking water are so potentially toxic that it's not even safe to come in contact with them. What's to celebrate? As for the council seeking community consultation on the future path our water supply takes, let's forget the bureauracratic bullshit here, readers. This council will implement whatever the general manager sees fit.

As it stands we rely on employee of 10 years I spent thousands of hours on the dam and its surrounding catchments, taking water samples, conducting surveillance and maintenance and numerous other duties that are required under NSW government regulation. I also conducted tours for the district's schoolchildren, studying the water cycle as part of the curriculum.

While I am not a scientist or engineer, my 25 years in the industry enabled me to conclude that the livestock that encroach on the Doon Doon/Crams Farm region of the Clarrie Hall dam play a major part in spewing nutrients into that water body. The algae are always present, but the hot, dry conditions with little water movement make the conditions ideal for blooms to occur, as has happened.

But four years ago when I and another operator raised the cattle issue with the then Water Manager Mr Oxenham and then Director of Engineering Mr Rayner we were ridiculed and informed to mind our own business. The cattle, Mr Oxenham claimed, 'were of no concern to us.

Yet that flew in the face of all procrastinate the bigger and the training we had received and was in direct opposition to how the dam was managed under the previous Water Manager Mr Henley.

Oxenham and Rayner argued that cattle were prevalent all along the river, and that may

Is it not time these three sacked councillors stopped lying to the Tweed about the Daly Reports and tell us why they or the National Party of NSW have not challenged even one of the first Daly Report's 29 'findings' that sacked our council?

> **Laurie Ganter** Tweed Heads More letters overleaf

■ With cattle stomping mud the towns but every other living be so. But a river, unlike a dam, caused by algae toxins. can self-purify to some extent, by turbulent mixing, etc. The dam is stable with long water detention times allowing the algae populations to multiply rapidly.

Few in the community are aware that when I pursued these and other more serious complaints of mismanagement within the Water Unit, surprise, surprise, I was charged with the heinous crimes of driving a council ute home and going to the council depot without permission. Mr Oxenham and Mr Rayner then sacked me.

But I wasn't the only critic to be silenced. A Griffith Uni PhD student I accompanied on many occasions, who was studying the benefits of the (Edited for length) dam's mixer in de-stratifying the water column, also fell foul he queried the mixer's ability to do what council was claiming. Without explanation Mr Oxenham withdrew the student's permission to enter the dam, As an ex-TSC Water Unit which derailed his study into the very problem that again is threatening the water supply.

What concerns me with the current situation is that these massive algae blooms have known potential health risks; even in small doses the World Health Organisation reports chronic cumulative liver dam-

No doubt I will be labelled as just another disgruntled ex-employee, but if the mayor or any interested councillors are interested, they can contact me and I will gladly sit down and we can go through the submissions I made to the NSW Inquiry into Safe and Secure Water Utilities, or better still the submission to the NSW Public Sector Employees Whistleblowers Inquiry Î made which details just what happens to individuals who rock the boat and dare criticise the Tweed Shire Council management, no matter how serious or legitimate the subject.

The invitation is open.

Paul Taylor

■ So council says our water will of these two gentlemen when run out in 2017. I thought it ran close to running out just recently when we were on the verge of water restrictions. Now it seems we actually had enough water for 33,000 more people. Strange?

Perhaps the council could explain what they really mean? I'm suspicious that council's projection is based on water supply under conditions of severe water restrictions. Put in Kings Forest and Cobaki land wholesaling operations and we spread and think of England. would have been well into waage and tumor promotion ter deficit earlier in the year. All

those new lawns having to be established, cars and driveways washed, etc.

Let's face it, we have barely enough water to meet current requirements in a sustained drought. Putting a cap on the Clarrie Hall dam won't yield more water when the rains fail. It's a non solution.

There are alternatives. We could build a new dam on a different watercourse at vast ratepayer expense to do nothing more than provide water to the new developments. Maybe we could build a desalination plant, again at huge ratepayer expense, to provide the newcomers with very expensive desalinated water. We could provide recycled waste water from existing consumers to the new developments.

Sensibly we should ban the new developments and not allow this new tax on the valley's water resources to go ahead or even just let them sort out their own water supply problems.

All except the last alternative will lead to large rate increases just to finance the excessive profits of a couple of itinerant land wholesalers who will disappear into the sunset as soon as the last contract is signed.

Let's have a proper debate and not just lie back with our legs

Vince Kean Murwillumbah









Where the head is

Over the border in Queensland an entrepreneur is laughing all the way to the bank. Talk about 'The Emperor's new clothes', remember that story? The new Tweed to gather on-the-ground \$45,000 headless torso logo is knowledge, should have gone perfect for this council; we all to Cr Holdom know where the head is...

Wendy Boyle

In Dot's corner

On September 25, 2008 The Echo reported a promise by Cr Holdom, that 'she'll be watching to ensure the Code of Conduct is not trampled on.'

Residents wanting a reformed Tweed council applauded this. It was generally accepted that if ever strict adherence to a council's code of conduct by councillors was needed, it was after the Daly Inquiry uncovering of wrongdoings by a majority of councillors.

Now there seems to be a targeting of Cr Holdom for honouring her promise by lodging two code of conduct complaints, one as an individual against Cr Van Lieshout and one as a member of a six-councillor group against Cr Milne.

This brings me to two slips in *The Echo* last week – one on page 5, an incorrect addition which is fuel for an unwarranted fire, the other on page 1, an omission.

The first, a report that Cr Holdom made an additional individual lodgement against

not happen. The second, credit for moving a motion crucial to the Tweed's future, to invite the Minister of Planning to the

Barbara Fitzgibbon Kingscliff

Banora Point We have double checked information on the public record and our council sources and stand by the facts in the story one hundred per cent - Ed.

Rubbish problem

I have decided to contact you today after a second conversation with Tweed Council about a growing pile in my street. This rubbish was left by students who rented across the road from me and is now overflowing onto the road and will end up in the canal where I live if we get the forecast rain.

No one was satisified when the council told us 'A ranger will contact us sometime in the next few days' and 'We also need a statement from you and those who saw the rubbish being dumped.'

Now this is fine with us, but what about cleaning up the rubbish? Well, we are told that Solo will pick up the rubbish 'sometime', but will only take 'bagged rubbish'. So no doubt it will be the pensioners in the street who pick up what's left or it will end up in the river.

My neighbour also found that our old rubbish bins that will become unusable on December 1 will not be picked up until 'Jan-Feb' sometime. Most unit blocks around here have no area for all the new bins anyway, so where are they to store the old ones until they're picked up? We will now have not 5 bins but 15 plus green bins.

I will tell you where they're going to end up: on the street and footpaths. This will look terrific, especially over Christmas when we promote our so called 'green shire'. Did you know Solo had to make 200 new alloy industrial bins for the new contract? These will all be used in unit blocks. How green does that make our new council? This shire is just a joke!

Greg Harris Tweed Heads

Go meatless, people

It is time the misconception hauled and replaced by a more enlightened understanding of their integral role in the ecosystem. Without biodiversity we humans cannot survive. It is the midnight hour for our native species, 38 per cent of which have been driven extinct in just 230 years.

Will the Australian people wake up in time and will governments heed the call to adopt new policies which radically question the sustainability of European farming techniques (ie. livestock farming) that

Cr Milne is incorrect. This did turning it into a hot, droughtstricken dustbowl?

> Eating/farming kangaroos is not the solution because to probeef you'd have to slaughter the entire kangaroo population 566 times over each year as each adult kangaroo only produces 0.25kg human-grade meat. The solution, if we are to survive, is to adopt a sustainable plantbased diet which is the minimum ecological footprint.

I am calling for Australian cities to adopt 'Meat-Free Monday' (launched by Sir Paul Mc-Cartney) as a first step in the **Gutter press** move in this direction. Schools, restaurants, groups can all participate and in this way do their tion of journalistic ethics, or bit to save our great country before we all become incinerated in bush fires, blinded in dust storms, and perish from lack of food and water.

Menkit Prince

Grassing the bridge

Can anyone tell me how a government which is too broke to keep many hospitals fully staffed and all beds available can spend \$1 million putting grass across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, so that people can sit on it to have a picnic breakfast?

They also have the audacity to plan the same thing next year. Is there no grass in any of the parks in Sydney for people to sit on to enjoy a picnic breakfast? I am shocked that our tax money can be wasted like that.

Joan Miller Murwillumbah

Koala gratitude

councillors for voting for koala and eco friendly development in their submission to the Department of Planning.

While a large number of people did attend the meeting, contrary to some media reports, the vast majority of the crowd were a very sober group of citizens who were concerned about the Tweed Shire's future. Many were wildlife carers.

There were a couple of people who shouted out, but they were in no way connected with Team Koala, nor had we ever seen them before. Team stand up, people who protested Koala has tried hard to con- are still being tarred with this duct a very polite and good- ugly brush. Who's the bully, humoured campaign. We have who's the victim, and whose encouraged people to speak to were the radical tactics? of kangaroos being a pest and their favourite councillor in a needing to be culled was over- friendly and positive way, and is bad, but this perpetuation all our interactions with coun- of anti-activist spin is just excil have been on that basis.

from all walks of life and back-Forest deserve a fair go, and I congratulate the councillors for recognising this.

koalas across the shire is the ur- A Hart, Tyalgum, T G Hayes, gent implementation of a Koala Coolangatta, G J May, Tyalare destroying our country, give better protection for all the L Francis, Uki

shire's koalas and developers will have a better idea of where to avoid building. Team Koala would like to thank Cr van Lieduce enough meat to replace shout for putting a motion to speed up progress on this very urgent issue. We would like to thank Crs Milne, Polglase, and Longland for supporting this motion. Many special thanks to the general public also for their generous support of the koalas. Together we have made a difference.

Jenny Hayes

Team Koala, Murwillumbah

I wonder if the Tweed Sun's Ed Earl ever pondered the nodoes that go in the too boring basket? The article 'Battle to preserve rail line' (October 15) crawled out of the gutter and down the drain in its search for more slime to smear on community activists.

After opening, 'A Greens MP has ruled out using the radical tactics which rocked the Repco Rally, it went on to state that Lee Rhiannon was 'affiliated with the anti-rally action in which protesters forced the closure of two stages'.

To ask Lee Rhiannon if her rail protesters will throw rocks is just manufacturing drama. Worse is the implication that she, the Greens, or other public community groups had some connection to the alleged perpetrators of the alleged attack.

Worst is the endless recycling of the rock throwing claim, which was made by a rally fan and fed up the organisational chain to police. Gary Connelly I would like to thank all the himself said, 'There was never any evidence that rocks were thrown at Byrill Creek,' where the stage was cancelled (Sydney Morning Herald, September 9). No damage, no statements by drivers – nothing.

People at protests on Saturday and Sunday were hit by eggs, milk, and beer and water bottles thrown by young men with loud exhausts (just the kind of tourists we were looking for) after police statements implying the claims were true were seized on by the Saturday papers. For their willingness to

Reporting allegation as fact ecrable. Fortunately, judging by We do not think this issue the turnout in support of Katie in any way divides the com- Milne at this month's council munity. To the contrary, people meeting, no one is swallowing it. Locals know better, and grounds have found an issue the slime sticks to the slimer. we can agree on. The koalas Still, I can't wait till the blats and other wildlife at Kings and snoozes wake up and start checking the facts.

Andrea Vickers Kingscliff

The other important issue for Letters also received from Plan of Management. This will gum, Dr R Gates, Evans Head,





As the Sun moves into Scorpio emotions shift from froth and bubble to nitty gritty and this week strives to balance light and heavy, tough and tender, bitter and sweet, known and unknown.



Scorpio Birthday Stars

ARIES: While your ruler Mars has you hankering for centre stage position, the present planetary package is giving you plenty of stimulus to heal family feuds or fractured friendships. Tread carefully this week – don't act out bad moods or have a cow just because someone pushes your buttons.

TAURUS: Saturn's move to your sixth house is known to promote lucrative new business partnerships or career alliances. Also to deepen relationship bonds, sorting the worthwhile ones from the time wasting kind for more harmony in your personal, social and business worlds. Not too shabby, eh

GEMINI: This week shimmers with new sparkle as a project dear to your heart gets an energy injection, job prospects develop promising potential and partnership possibilities blossom. Blame it on Saturn's move to Libra bringing a major personal growth spurt and an upgrade to vour creative talents.

Since 1995, when Kalmyk Pres-

ident Kirsan Iljumzhinov took

over the reins at FIDE, the inter-

national chess body, the World

Championship has become

increasingly susceptible to the

political whims of the FIDE

The rot started in 1996 when

Iljumzhinov announced that the

world title match would be spon-

sored by Iljumzhinov's friend

Saddam Hussein and held in

Iraq. Not surprisingly, the chal-

lenger Gata Kamsky, a US citizen,

objected and eventually the event

No such luck for Israeli (and

former Israeli) players in 2004

when the FIDE knock-out World

Championship was hosted in

Libya. After a series of inflamma-

tory statements by the organisers

about 'the Zionist enemy' never

being allowed to compete, FIDE

announced that part of the event

would be held in Malta, but that

option was quietly dropped and

many players were forced to miss

the championship.

was moved to Kalmykia.

President.

CANCER: This week's shifts could range through subtle to stunning, activating waves of uncomfortable emotions which put you in reclusive, reflective mode - perfectly okay, so long as you practise the domestic etiquette of mood management. Humour's vital right now, so laugh at yourself before others

LEO: Mars in your sign sometimes behaves like the Great Dictator, so tune into Venus and at least put a gracious face on this week's power plays. Good news is that Saturn's move starts freeing up funds and also making it easier to clear the air round personal feuds.

VIRGO: As the social power base shifts from singular to plural, resist nostalgia and retrospect - this week's about moving forward. Forget replaying past hurts or mistakes, take remedial action. If others want more from you than you're comfortable with, say thanks but no can do.

LIBRA: Your unbearable lightness of being is about to be challenged by duties, responsibilities and obligations as Saturn, planet of deepening your sense of maturity, security and self worth commences a three year stint in Libra. And of course you're wondering will wardrobe adjustments be required...

SCORPIO: The present Sun/Mars placements render you pretty darn hard to resist, so enjoy others this week and they'll enjoy you. But be advised that how you handle yourself now sets up reverberations for the next three years – and you want those to be successful, don't you?

SAGITTARIUS: If this week stimulates that annual natural urge for greener pastures, exciting people and new answers, well... impulse decisions aren't your best look or the smartest operating strategy right now. So hush the rush. and in your own interests think things through. Are you missing anything?

CAPRICORN: The presently Capfriendly cosmos sees you nevermiss-an-opportunists working whatever room holds the most possibilities this week. Which is looking good for getting that loan, landing that job, cultivating a whole new host of helpful connections, even slinging uber-Cap Mandy Nolan a spring

AQUARIUS: Don't expect too much from others this week - so much instability makes it difficult for people to commit. Emotional closeness, creative activities and spiritual practices will bring the most support and comfort when dealing with relationship issues, unsatisfactory working conditions or health concerns.

PISCES: Saturn presents you with an exciting identity crisis as it eliminates the extraneous, zeroes in on essentials and brings continuing tests of poise and emotional control. Use late week Pisces moonlight for something sweet, soothing and renewing keep acknowledging yourself for how well you're doing.

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Medical divisions of the human

Mungo's Crossword

anatomy (4,5) 6. Cut with a violent stroke (5)

9. Track, follow (5)
10. Elaborate ancient tomb (9)

11. Power derived from nuclear

fission (6,6) 13. Small wind instrument (5) 14. Mad monk from Tsarist Russia (8) 17. Administer treatment for disease

19. View, realistic painting (50)

23. Another expression for 11 across

(7,5) 25. Old fashioned, baggy trousers; character in the Commedia dell'Arte

26. Moslem religion (5) 27. River in France (5)

28. Supreme female rulers (9)

1. Military officer's personal servant

2. Powerful Chinese woman, originally (9)

a comic-strip character (6,4) 3. Fortune teller, often a gypsy (7)

4. Type of aircraft engine (6 5. Kitchen pot (8)

6. Fill-in. temporary substitute (7)

7. Middle eastern port city (4) 8. Native country, place of birth (8) 12. Consistently blocks balls in cricket

15. Rude, inappropriate (8)

16. Rambo actorS (8)

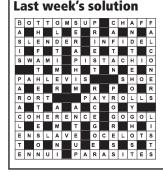
18. Religious war (7)

20. Overturn, go upside down (7)

21. Type of mint attractive to felines

22. Top suit in a game of bridge (6)

24. Loosen, untie (4)



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Assembly divides arms and legs perhaps (4,5)

6. Cut with small whip (5) 9. Backfired over god? Dog! (5)

10. Mother takes ocker cheer to the tomb (9)

11. Power components from Green Amity Co. (6,6)

13. Loud stringed instrument? No, small woodwind (5) 14. Mad monk disembowels puritans

17 Treat old Middle-easterner who has

consumed a Persian! (8) 19. Audience viewed picture (5)

23. Mad uncle Arp, debtor to 11 (7.5)

25. Clown, or his trousers? (9) 26 Setter to lambaste religion (5)

17. We hear the horse is in the river

28. Frisky peers mess with top women

1. Superhero's servant? (6) 2. Gay lord and mysterious oriental

villain (6,4)

3. Fortune teller intones: father remembered! (7)

4. Sheep, black, is a really fast mover!

5. Boiler gives cheek to god (8)

6. Sneakily go past softly; it's only

temporary (7)

7. City is a cosy place (4)

8. Light follows the man who

embraces a mantra for his country (8) 12. Andrew Jackson's told they do not a prison make! (10)

15. Inappropriate devil catcher perhaps (8)

16. Prevent a single for Rambo! (8) 18. Vintage Marquis on the march (7)

20. Set a limit to the extent of turnover (7) 21. About to raise six hundred mils of

22. Tuesday steaks are winners (6) 24 Ruin peacekeeper's party (4)

Mungo's Crossword first published

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm

another low with their sale of a place in the World Championship Candidates matches to Azerbaijan in exchange for Baku hosting half the event - the half which does not contain Armenia's Levon

In addition, the Azeri press announced proudly that Armenia would be forbidden from hosting the non-Azeri half of the contest. (Azerbaijan and Armenia have been at loggerheads for centuries, with Armenia winning the most recent war in 1994, for control of the region of Nagorno-Karabakh, occupying the area ever since.)

FIDE later 'clarified' the matter by saying that Armenia could not provide sufficient funds to host half the Candidates matches.

FIDE conceded that Azerbaijan's contribution of 338,000 euros for prize money, organising costs and FIDE contributions had earned the Caucasus nation an extra place in the final eight of the Candidates matches, which will

decide the world title challenger following next year's Anand-Topalov title contest.

That FIDE has to resort to selling a Candidates place is a sign of the organisation's desperation for funds, since previous Candidates/ World Championship tournaments had been held in Argentina and Mexico without any need to offer a local wild card.

Reaction so far has been muted, but if FIDE is consistent and decides to sell a second place in exchange for a host for the non-Azeri matches - a move which would probably guarantee the exclusion from world title contention of a superstar such as Vladimir Kramnik or Magnus Carlsen - expect a less meek

■ This week's game, featuring a bolt-from-the-blue finish, comes from the Australian Girls Masters tournament, won last week by the ACT's Alana Chibnall

Rockdale 2009 White: C Shan Black: A Chibnall Opening: Two Knights Defence 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 The traditional choice, now superseded by both 8.Qf3 and 8.Bd3. 8...h6 9.Nf3 Bobby Fischer enjoyed success with the weird 9.Nh3!? 9...e4 10.Ng1? Far too meek. 10.Ne5 Qd4 11.f4 Bc5 12.Rf1 looks dangerous but White can fight back with c3 and d4. 10...Bc5 11.d3 Qb6! 12.Nc3 Bxf2+ 13.Kf1 e3 White's position is a wreck, though finding a breakthrough is not so easy. 14.Nf3 Bf5 15.Na4 Qc7 16.b3 h5! 17.Bb2 h4 18.Nd4 Qf4! 19.Nf3?! 19.Bf3 was necessary, although after 19...0-0-0! Black is well on top. 19...Nh5! 20.d4 (See diagram) White has only a choice of spectacular losses, eg. 20.Be5 h3!! 21.Bxf4 (If 21.g3 Nxg3+!! 22.hxg3 h2! and checkmate follows.) 21...hxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 23.Kf1 Bh3 checkmate. 20...Qxh2!! 0-1 21.Rxh2 Ng3 is a



Chibnall (Black) to play and win



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In this feature we outline the venues where you can take part in Cup fever, have a flutter on the geegees and catch up with your friends doing likewise. Not only that, we give you clues as to the best ways to stage your own parties, from catering to equipment. Just add fun!



Kingscliff Beach Club

The Kingscliff Beach Club's stunning location is the perfect place to enjoy the Cup in style.

Do your research first though because there's Melbourne Cup trivia on! They also have full TAB facilities and cocktail food platters available from Ocean's Café.

It's also a great place to visit at other times as well – there's great food, raffles, bingo, barefoot bowls and live entertainment throughout the week. And of course it all happens right on the beach in beautiful Kingscliff. You can leave the car at home and relax too, as there's a courtesy bus available (make sure you check times and route first though!).

Kingscliff Beach Club on Marine Parade in Kingscliff is the perfect place to wine, dine, relax and play.

Contact 66741404 or check out the website at www.kingscliff-beachclub.com.au

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The Modern Grocer

Have a gourmet Melbourne Cup and let someone else do the work for you!

The Modern Grocer in Murwillumbah has a great range of delicious platters and hampers available for Cup Day.

Make sure you get in quick and pre order for Christmas too. Christmas at the Modern Grocer this year is all about buying locally sourced products, which means they are able to bring to you the freshest produce for your table. Now is the time to start thinking about those goodies that will make it just that little bit more special... including organic free range turkey, succulent locally sourced ham, and premium tasmanian salmon (hot and cold smoked) and a whole lot more!

Their customised hampers can be sent anywhere in Australia but get your orders in by December 8.

Ph: 02 6672 5007,

www.themoderngrocer.com or drop in and see them on Wollumbin St. Murwillumbah (opposite the Services Club)

Haiku...

Christmas is fast approaching so why not visit Haiku for your early Christmas shopping.

Haiku stock Japanese antiques, collectables, gifts and homewares, as well as excellent examples of quality, functional, antique Chinese furniture and decorative items. Also instore are Japanese reed and shoji screens, kimonos and textiles, calendars, ceramics, hibachi, garden pots and stoneware.

All available at Haiku Framing and Design, together with custom picture framing. Enquiries for Japanese Sumi-e and Calligraphy classes are also welcome. Byron Bay's hidden treasure, Haiku is situated at the southern end of Jonson Street, next to Mitre 10, with easy off-street parking.

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Children are welcome to attend. Drinks and finger food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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The Balcony

One of the Byron Bay's iconic venues.

The Balcony Bar & Restaurant occupies one of Byron Bay's last remaining historical buildings and is one of the buzziest venues around for dining, cocktails or just fabulous coffee.

Start the day with breakfast on the sunny balcony overlooking the street, or meet friends for lunch: the contemporary menu offers great quality, great value dishes alongside exciting wine and cocktail lists. The atmosphere is casual and friendly and designed to comfort and indulge – night times truly pump!

As for Melbourne Cup Day – what better way to experience live coverage with a complimentary glass of Domaine Chandon or Stone&Wood.

Upstairs corner of Lawson and Jonson Streets, Byron Bay 6680 9666

Cudgen Leagues

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Of course affordable mouth watering meals aren't confined to Melbourne Cup Day – head on down there and treat your taste buds at the Seabreeze bistro the rest of the year as well. There's regular free entertainment on Thursday and Friday nights, and bargains galore on Tuesday market days. The club is also available for function hire, from

small gatherings up to a maximum of 250 people.

They have a courtesy bus available, so you spoil yourself at Cudgen leagues, a great place to meet, greet and relax.

Wommin Bay Rd Kingscliff, PH: 66741816,

www.cudgenleagues.com.au

Tweed River Jockey Club

The tradition returns to the beautiful Murwillumbah Racecourse on Melbourne Cup day with the annual gala race meeting featuring. A great 6 race local program on the spacious grounds with trackside dining and picnic areas available.



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There will be Fashions on the Field, live music entertainment morning and afternoon and ample food and beverage outlets. Plus plenty of punting outlets with multiple Tote outlets and a full ring of bookmakers, interstate and local.

Buses from Tugun, Tweed Heads, Pottsville and Cabarita return for \$10 (booking essential from radio 97 on 0755 244 497). Buses from Murwillumbah free.

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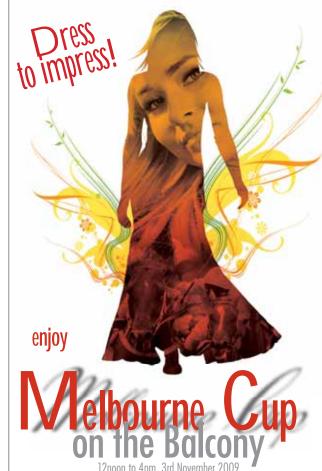
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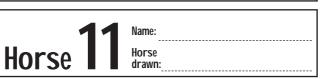
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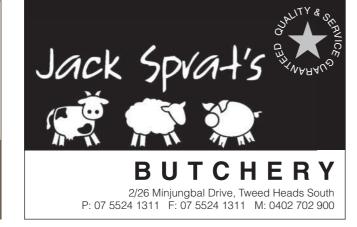






















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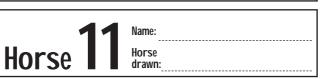
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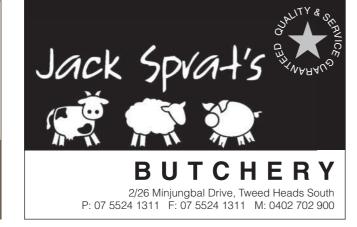






















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2. Young fans of Dr Seuss might enjoy Mike Myers as The Cat In The Hat (NBN, Saturday, 7.30pm) but it is not rated as a gem in its genre. This is not to be confused with Mike Myers' spy/bestiality crossover flick The Cat Who Shagged Me.

3. The dispiriting rounds of a health system are explored in the first-rate Romanian tragicomedy The Death Of Mr Lazarescu (SBS1, Sunday, 11.30pm).







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- **4.30 G.P.** (PG) 5.30 Collectors
- 6.00 Kids' Programs 11.05 Wild China (G)

- 12.00 Wild China (G)
 12.00 Midday Report
 12.30 Wild At Heart (PG)
 1.30 Spicks And Specks (PG)
 2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G)
- 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 Message Stick (G) Rpt. 6.30 Can We Help? (G)

- 7.30 Stateline (G)
- 8.00 Collectors (G) 8.30 Midsomer Murders (M)
- 10.10 heached az (PG) 10.15 That Mitchell And Webb Look (M)
- 11.25 The Urban Monkey With
- Murray Foote 11.30 triple j tv With The Doctor
- 11.55 Good Game Rpt.
- **12.25** rage (M)

- 5.20 World News 7.15 Weatherwatch 7.25 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To
- Australia 1.30 Insight
 2.30 Treasures Of The Silk Road
- 3.30 Living Black 4.00 Classical Destinations: Venice, Vivaldi And The
- **Four Seasons**
- 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
- 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News
- 7.30 Paris (M)
- 8.30 As It Happened: The Farewell File (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Polygamous Wives (M)
- 10.55 Movie: A Good Lawyer's Wife (MA 2003) South Korea. Stars Moon Sori, Yun Yeoyeong, Kim Inmun. **Movie: The 7th Day** (M
- 2004) Spain. Stars Juan Diego, Jose Luis Gomez.

 2.35 Weatherwatch

- - 2.30 The Golden Girls
 - 3.00 New Idea TV
 3.30 Kids' Programs
 4.00 It's Acadamic
 - 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H (G) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Morning Show (PG)

11.30 Seven Morning News 12.00 Movie: Three Men And

A Little Lady (PG 1990) Stars Tom Sellleck, Steve Guttenberg, Ted Danson.

- 6.00 Seven and Prime News 7.00 Home And Away (PG) 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens
- 8.00 Movie: Shooter (M 2007) Stars Mark Wahlberg, Michael Pena, Danny Glover, Kate Mara Flias Koteas Movie: Taxi (M 2003) Stars
- Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon, Henry Simmons, Jennifer Esposito, Gisele Bandchen. 1.00 Infomercials

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- 6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 9am With David And Kim
- 12.00 Dr Phil (PG)
- 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) 3.00 Infomercial
- 4.00 Huey's Cooking
- 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News
- 6.00 The Simpsons (G) 6.30 Neighbours (G) 7.00 The 7pm Project (PG) 7.30 The Spearman Experiment
- 8.30 Movie: Mean Girls (M) Stars Lindsay Lohan, Rachel
- McAdams, Lacey Chabert. 11.30 Late News 12.00 Sports Tonight 12.30 Late Show With David
- Letterman 1.15 Infomercials (PG)
 5.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

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- 5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne 11.00 Infomercials
- 12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show
 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 Afternoon News
- 5.00 Antiques Roadshow 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair
- 7.30 Two And Half Men (PG) Movie: Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets (PG) Stars Daniel Radcliffe Rupert Grint, Emma Watson.
- 11.25 News 11.55 Movie: The Right Stuff (M 1983) Stars Sam Shepherd, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris.
- 4.30 Good Morning America

6.00 ABC News 9.00 Business Today

- 9.30 Asia Pacific 10.00 Kids' Programs The New
- Inventors 5.00 7.30 Select 5.30 Catalyst 6.00 Compass
- 6.30 Junkyard Wars 7.20 Mr Béan 7.30 Coach Trip Hyperdrive (PG) 8.30 Torchwood (M)
- 9.30 Being Erica Jools Holland 11.20 London Live:
- Ladyhawke, **Kelly Clarkson** Gary Go, Tommy

7.00 Kids' Programs

Inventors

6.35 Heartland (G)

7.30 The Einstein

8.00 At The Movies

8.30 Movie: Psycho

(M 1960) Stars

Janet Leigh.

Thing From

Another World

(PG 1951) Stars

James Arness.

11.45 Close

Factor

3.00 rage (G) 6.05 The New

11.50 Close

- - 6.30 World News 7.30 T Rex: Warrior Or Wimp 8.30 112 Emergency 9.00 Movie: Time (M

TWO

7.00am to 6.30pm

World News

In Various

Languages

- Stars Sung Hyun ah, Kim Sung ming, Ha Jung 10.45 Movie: 666 - In
- **Bed With The Devil** (M 2002)

5.00am to 6.30pm

World News

Languages

7.30 Don Matteo (PG)

9.35 Movie: Evil (MA

2003) Sweden. Stars Gustaf

Showers (MA

2005) France.

Libereau, Salome

Stevenin, Louis

Stars Johan

1.20 Weatherwatch

Skarsgard, Linda

6.30 World News

8.30 Unit One (M

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11.35 Movie: Cold

Thure Riefenstein 2.30 Football, Serie A 12.15 Weatherwatch

6.00 Kids Programs 10.30 ET 11.00 TMZ 11.30 The Partridge Family 12.00 Frasier 12.30 Seinfeld 1.00 Moonlight (M) 6.00 Baseball. World 9.00 Sports

- 2.00 Drop Dead Diva 3.00 Just Shoot Me! 3.30 The Nanny 10.00 Transworld Sport 11.00 Basketball. NBA
- 4.00 Kids Programs 5.00 I Dream Of Jeannie 1.30 Basketball, NBA 5.30 Bewitched 4.00 Golf. Singapore 6.00 The Flintstones
- Open 9.00 Asian Amateur 6.30 The Jetsons 7.00 Entertainment Tonigh

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6.00 Baseball. World

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9.30 Basketball, NBA

Cup Happy Hour

11.30 NASCAR Sprint

Auction 1.30 Asian Amateur

Championship Highlights 2.00 Golf. Singapore

3.30 Omnisport

4.00 Motorsport.

Raceworld 5.00 NASCAR Sprint **Cup Qualifying**

6.00 NASCAR Sprint

Cup Qualifying 6.30 College Football

Amateur

2.00 Golf. Singapore

7.30 Sports Tonight 8.00 Real NBA 9.00 Basketball. NBA

Game Of The

Week

11.00 Formula 1 Pre-

Series

Football League

10.00 Football.

12.00 Golf. Asian

Open 7.00 I Fish

12.30 Mecum Auto

- Championship Highlights 9.30 Sports Tonight 10.00 The Poker Star 7.30 Frasier 8.00 Seinfeld 8.30 Movie: Brokeback Mountain (M) Stars 11.00 Baseball. World
- Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal 2.00 Sports Tonight 11.00 Frasier
 - 11.30 Seinfeld 2.00 The Aria Music Show 1.00 Movie: Hysterical Blindness (M) Stars Uma Thurman, Gena
 - Rowlands 3.00 | Dream Of Jeannie 3.30 | Bewitched

All GO! programs G or PG unless otherwise classified

6.00 Kid's Programs

4.00 Hogan's Heroes

8.30 Father Of The Pride

9.00 South Park (M)

1.30 TBA

3.00 Frasier

5.00 The Nanny

6.00 The Hills

1.00 Ballistyx Snowboard

- 5.00 rage (PG)
- 12.00 Stateline
- 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 WNBL Basketball Sydney v AIS
 3.00 W-League Football
- Melbourne v Newcastle
- 5.00 Bowls: Queensland Open 2009 Women's Singles finals. 6.00 The Wild Gourmets
- 6.25 Minuscule: The Escapist
- 6.30 Gardening Australia (G) 7.00 ABC News

- 9.25 Taggart (M) 10.15 Silent Witness (M)

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 12.00 Landline (G) 1.00 Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick (G) 2.00 The lost World Of Communism

3.00 With Gilbert And George (M)

Australian Artists: John

5.00 Sunday Arts 6.00 At The Movies

6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News

7.30 Rainforest: The Secret Of

8.30 Wuthering Heights (M)
9.40 Compass: Small Town
Salvation

Order In The House

London (G 1952) Stars Dirk

1.35 Movie: Wedding Rehearsal

3.30 Talking Heads: Dick Smith 4.00 The Pet Show (G)

12.30 Movie: Appointment In

3.00 Grumpy Old Men (PG)

10.15 The Yellow House

- 8.35 The Bill (M)
- 7.15 Weatherwatch
- 1.00 Les Boreades Masterpiece
- from France.
 3.50 Restless Flights: The
 Literature Of JMG Le Clezio
- 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Civilisation (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Mythbusters Alaska
- Special 2 (G)
- 8.30 Iron Chef 10.00 Movie: The Science Of **Sleep** (M 2006) France. Stars Gael Garcia Bernal, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Alain Chabat,
- 11.50 SOS (PG)
- 12.50 NEWStopia (M) 1.20 Knot At Home (M) 2.50 Weatherwatch

6.25 World News

12.00 Cycline

11.00 Donkey In Lahore

2.30 World Superbikes

Championship 2009 3.00 Football Asia

3.30 UEFA Europa League Mag 4.00 Les Murray's Football

7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? John Butler

Mr Lazarescu (M 2005)

Fiscuteanu, Monica Dean,

1.00 Speedweek 2.00 FIA World Rally

5.00 The World Game

8.30 Dateline

6.30 World News Australia

9.30 Busting The Berlin Wall

Romania Stars Ion

10.30 Remote Area Nurse (M)

11.30 Movie: The Death Of

Mirela Cioaba

10.00 Fork In The Road: Scotland

- 5.20 World News 6.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 The 2009 Melbourne Cup Carnival
 - 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 A Lion Called Christian 7.30 Bledisloe Cup: Australia v
 - Giovanni Ribisi. 11.30 Movie: Breathless (MA
- - New Zealand 9.30 Movie: Basic (MA 2003) StarsJohn Travolta, Samuel Jackson, Connie Nielsen,
 - 1983) Stars Richard Gere, Valerie Kaprisky, Art Metrano.

6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Kochie's Business Builders

11.00 The 2009 Melbourne Cup

12.30 According To Jim 1.00 2009 Australian Safari

2.00 NIB Coolangata Gold 4.00 Pelicans Of The Ghost

10.30 Crime Busters (PG)

Carnival

Lakes 5.00 Coastwatch

5.30 Mercurio's Menu

7.30 Border Security (PG)

6.00 Seven News 6.30 Sunday Night

8.00 The Force (PG)

10.30 Las Vegas (M)

8.30 Bones (M)

9.30 Castle (M)

11.30 Scrubs (PG)

12.30 Infomercials

12.00 V8 Xtra

- 6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Hit List TV (PG)
- 1.00 Escape With ET (G)
- 3.00 One Tree Hill (PG)
- 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) 6.30 Movie: The World's Fastest
- Stars Russell Crowe, Albert Finney, Abbie Cornish, Freddie Highmore.

- 4.00 McGyver (PG) 5.00 Ten News
- Indian (PG) Stars Anthony Hopkins, Diane Ladd. 8.30 Movie: A Good Year (M)
- 1**1.40 Dexter** (MA15+) 12.40 Rock Of Love (MA15+) 1.30 Sex And The City (M)

2.00 Infomercials

6.00 Religion

7.00 Totally Wild 7.30 Pearlie (G)

8.00 Meet The Press

8.30 State Focus (G)

1.00 Australian Super X (G)

2.00 Big Cat Diary (PG) 3.00 Its Me Or The Dog (PG)

4.00 Fishin' Trip (G) 4.30 Discover Downunder (G)

5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) 6.30 Talkin' Bout Your

Generation (PG)
7.30 Australian Idol (PG)

11.15 Malaysian Moto GP

Grand Prix

10.40 Californication (MA15+)

11.50 Abu Dhabi Formula One

9.00 Infomercials

10.00 Hit List TV

5.00 Ten News

9.30 Rove (M)

4.00 Religion

- 6.00 Infomercials 7.00 Weekend Today
- 9.00 Kids' Programs
 1.00 2009 Rock Eisteddfod Challenge
 2.00 Movie: Jeremiah Johnson
- (PG 1972) Stars Robert redford, Will Geer, Delle Bolton 4.30 The Garden Gurus (G)
- 5.00 Fishing Australia (G) 5.30 Postcards (G) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home 10.20 Movie: The Videos
- 7.30 Movie: The Cat In The Hat (G) Stars Mike Myers, Dakota Fanning, Alec Baldwin. 8.40 Lotto 9.15 Movie: Runaway Jury (M)
- Stars John Cusack, Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman

 11.55 MAD TV 12.50 Airline (G)

4.00 Infomercials

- League 2009 England v Australia 3.30 Skippy (G)
- 12.00 The Aria Music Show 1.00 Pacific Nations Cup Rugby
- 4.30 The Pursuit (PG)
 5.00 Great Aussie Cook-Off
- 5.30 Antiques Roadshow
- Movie: The Conspiracy (M) Stars Stephen Dorff, Val Kilmer, Caterina Murino.
- Thornton, Halle Berry.

 1.35 MAD TV

- 7.00 Weekend Today 10.00 Wide World Of Sports 11.00 Melbourne Marathon
- League 2.00 Movie: Grumpier Old Men (PG 1995) Stars Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau
- Sophia Loren, Daryl Hannah 4.00 Talk To The Animals (G)
- 7.30 60 Minutes
- 4.30 triple j tv 5.00 BBC Electric
- 7.00 Artscape 9.30 Deconstructing (MA15+ 2001) Stars Billi Bob
- Light 3.30 Religion 5.00 Early Morning News Crown 11.25 East Of

- 7.00 Beautiful Noise: Feist (G) **8.00** Zoo Days (G) **8.55** Little Angels (G) **9.25** Scrapheap Challenge
- Soundtrack To My Life (G) 12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles (G) 2.00 Coldplay Live In Sydney 2003

11.00 A Journey Through American Music (G) 12.00

- 2.55 triple j tv 3.25 Queen And Paul Rodgers Live In The Ukraine
- Proms 07 6.00 ABC Fora 7.30 Sunday Arts Guerilla Art (M)
- 10.00 Connected By 10.30 The Jewel In The

Everything (M)
12.25 Close

- 5.00am to 6.30pm World News In Various
- 6.30 World News
- France. Stars Marion Cotillard,
- Stars Krister Henriksson Johanna
- Languages
- 7.30 The World Game 8.30 Spiral (M) Movie: You And Me (M 2005)
- Julie Depardieu. 11.10 Movie: Kurt Wallander - The Photographer (M 2006) Sweden

Overnight

Race Show 11.50 Formula 1 **Grand Prix** 2.00 Baseball. World Sallstron. WeatherWatch 5.00 Nationa

- 10.00 RENO 911 (M) 11.00 Movie: Cleopatra Open 7.00 The Sport Of Kings
 7.30 Sports Tonight
 8.00 The Pro Shop
 9.00 Pro Bull Riding Jones (M) Stars Jack Starrett, Shelley Winters

 1.00 Movie: Cleopatra 10.00 UFC Wired
- Jones & The Casino Of Gold (M) Stars Tamara 11.00 Superboxer 11.55 Formula 1 Qualifying Dobson, Stella Stevens 2.30 Father Of The Bride 1.25 Football.
- 3.00 South Park (M) 3.25 Soccer Moment 5.00 The Jetsons 5.30 Marine Boy
 - All GO! programs G or PG unless otherwise classified
 - 6.00 Kid's Programs
 - 11.30 Seinfeld 12.00 Charlie's Angels
 - 1.00 Marine Boy
 1.30 Josie & The Pussycats 2.00 Scooby-Doo 3.00 The Jetsons
 - 4.00 The Flintstones 5.00 The Nanny 6.00 Seinfeld 6.30 Wipeout
 - 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.30 South Park (M) 9.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+) **10.00 Weeds** (MA15+) 11.00 Movie: Stripes (M)
 - Stars Bill Murray, John Candy, John Larroquette 1.00 The Big Bang Theory
 - 2.00 South Park 3.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+)
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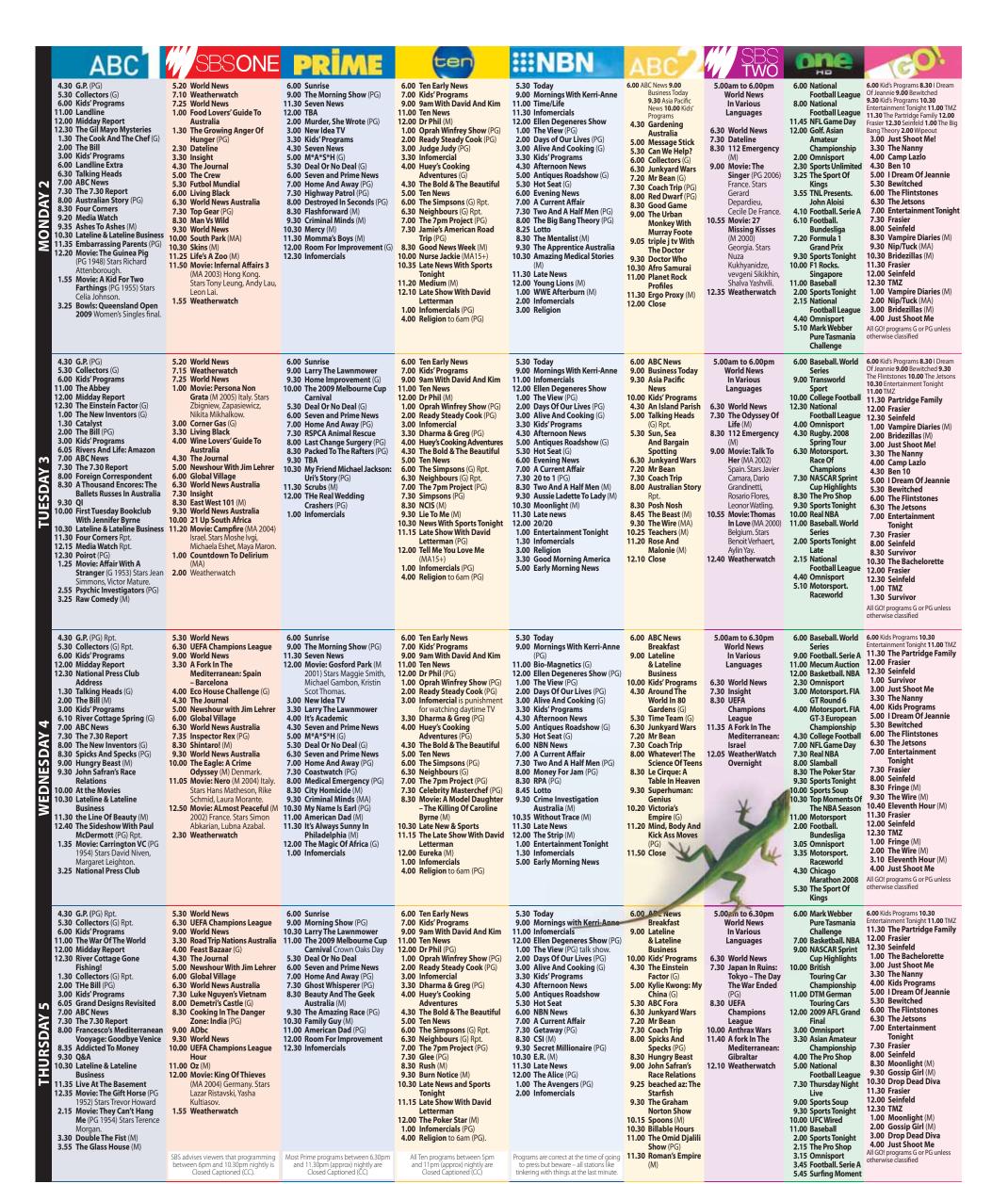
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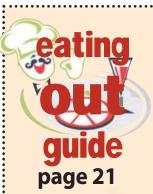
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Art, Food and Wine Evening

Everyone is invited to the inaugural **Art, Food and Wine evening** at **Stokers Siding Hall** on **Saturday**. There will be a showcase of local talent as well as the opportunity to purchase, taste and order all things wonderful for the coming festive season.

The hall committee will be supplying nibbles, coffee and tea. Pernod Ricard Pty Ltd are supplying the wines for the tasting, and our local producers have donated gifts for door prizes. This is a fund raising event by the hall committee with monies raised going toward the upkeep of our 100 year old hall. Admission \$10. Contact Rhonda for enquiries on 02 6677 9027. Stokers Siding Hall, Saturday at 6pm.

Natiruts from Brazil

The very first Australian tour for Brazilian band Natiruts will see them perform at the Cooly this Friday. They mixed Brazilian beats with reggae, and their first album sold 450,000 copies! Their lastest album is a mix of the genius of Alexandre Carlo (vocal and composer) and Mad Professor. Alexandre's raw and resounding message is characterised by typical dub effects, which give the song added flavour. Snare drums and bass set a strong rhythm that is both contagious and imposing. Natiruts evokes the MPB environment in a musical construction that flirts with bossa nova, while the bass and slight reverbs give the composition a distinct reggae touch. Supported by special guests Fyah Walk and Kid Mac,

Wolf and Cub and the Vasco Era

Nearing the end of a triumphant year, Adelaide noisemakers **Wolf and Cub** will be in town this **Saturday**. It'll be the band's second cross-country trek since releasing their standout second album *Science and Sorcery* in April. Bolstered by the new material, Wolf And Cub's winter circuit alongside The Scare saw them in fighting form. 'Their sound is bigger, more relevant, and more challenging than at any other

time,' one Adelaide reviewer wrote of the hometown gig. On this outing, Wolf and Cub is touting new single *Hearts*, another gem lifted from *Science and Sorcery*. The stage will be warmed at all shows by two of the rowdiest live bands Australia has to offer: The Vasco Era and DZ. **Coolangatta Hotel**, **Saturday** from 8pm.



NATIRUTS, COOLANGATTA HOTEL FRIDAY

Wiley Reed Band

Wiley Reed is the living embodiment of the blues and has received several awards for his tremendous musical talent. His versatile range extends from jazz, blues, rock and country to ballads, spiritual and gospel. He plays at the Cabarita Beach Sports Club on Friday.

Jon J Bradley

Ex-pat Kiwi **Jon J Bradley** has performed hundreds of gigs throughout Sydney, Gold Coast and Byron Bay where he now resides. He covers a variety of old and contemporary music, equipped solely with his acoustic guitar, vocals and harmonica. **Cabarita Beach Sports Club, Saturday.**

Calypso Delight

Every Sunday afternoon from November 1, you can enjoy the sounds of Caribbean music with Calypso Delight. If you have never heard the sounds of the guitar and steel drums played in the calypso style, here's your chance. And it's free! Seagulls Club, 2pm



Carol Ralph

Carol Ralph was born at Carrington, Newcastle, NSW. At home she listened to her father's collection of big band swing instrumentals, and she was inspired by the recordings of Peggy Lee and Sarah Vaughan. Later she discovered the joy of listening to Bessie Smith, Ida Cox and the other great blues singers. A visit to New Orleans with Jack McLaughlin, John Edser and others convinced her that she wanted to make a career as a blues and gospel singer. After hearing a performance by Kate

Dunbar and the East Coast Quintet, she enrolled with her as a pupil in 1987, and a year later was one of the founder members of Kate's highly successful Singers' Workshop. Progression from sitter-in to paid performer came fairly quickly at a time when Sydney was not lacking in women singers. Since 1988, Carol has appeared at jazz festivals all over Australia and toured internationally. She has also attracted a devoted following at Australian Jazz Conventions, often the featured soloist at the popular gospel services. Working with bands led, among others, by Roger Janes, Graeme Bell, Geoff Bull, Bob Barnard, Bob Henderson, Colin Beale and Steve Waddell's Creole Bells – Carol is widely considered one of Australia's finest Jazz vocalists. In great demand at festivals throughout Australia, she usually performs as a featured singer, with her love of life, people and singing adding to her great stage presence. Hers is a natural talent and although her favourites include Billie Holiday, Bessie Smith, Alberta Hunter, Mahalia Jackson, Peggy Lee and Sarah Vaughan, obvious influences are not evident to listeners. See her and band at the **South Tweed Sports** Club, Saturday from 7.30pm

Method

Roots rock duo **Method** are back on the road again in support of their latest release Times Like These. Recorded at Fracas Studios in Byron Bay, the new album has a masculine sound that sands back any overkill of production, leaving a skeletal combo of drums and amped-up acoustic guitar. Method's music has always exuded a strong sense of the groove and this album is no exception. With songs that reflect the joys and perils of everyday life set against the backdrop of the extraordinary times in which we live, Method deliver music that is rootsy, honest and down to earth. You can catch them at The Nimbin Hotel, 1.30pm on **Sunday**.

Lisa Crouch

A versatile and energetic performer, Lisa is capable of delivering the most moving ballad to the raunchiest rock song. She began her career as a classical singer at the Newcastle Conservatorium and has gone on to perform in musicals, jingles, cabaret shows and on cruise liners.

Professional engagements include support act for Johnny Tillotson, and backing singer for Kate Ceberano and James Reyne. Lisa is in high demand on the cabaret, corporate and cruise circuits. She has toured nationally and internationally with her solo cabaret show. She regularly performs her production show Powerhouse Divas and in 2009 has released her new show, Experience the Divine – An Evening with Bette Midler. She also performs with her six piece retro band Dig This and her musical duo Just lammin'

Lisa is one of Australia's finest female vocal entertainers and her outstanding talent has been recognised by the entertainment industry at a variety of events. **Club Banora** 7.30pm **Friday.**

Gypsy Fire: The Antal Szalai Gypsy Band

The Antal Szalai Gypsy Band's infectious gypsy rhythms are steeped with rich classical musical traditions, astonishing live performance that you could term as 'vibrant and sensous' – traditional Gypsy. Roma and Hungarian folk world music at its best! Saturday October 31 at 8pm (Qld time / EST) at Twin Towns.

Adam Brand

Talent, hard work and commitment have fuelled Brand's remarkable success since June 1997 when he left his home in Perth to drive across the Nullabor in search of a break in the East. Now, ten years, eight Golden Guitars, three platinum albums, two gold albums and two gold live DVDs later, Brand releases what is perhaps the most defining work of his career. **Sunday November 1** at 7.30pm (Qld time/EST) at **Twin Towns.**

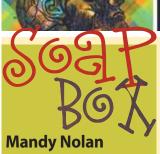
festivals

Nimbin Dreaming Festival

The Nimbin Aboriginal Community are hosting a weekend gathering with cultural workshops for youth in Nimbin on October 30, 31 and November 1 at the Nimbin Showgrounds. Alongside traditional spear and stone tool making, painting, dance, bush food, didge making and playing workshops and music, there will be activities for elders and for younger children. After

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the opening ceremony at

dusk on Friday night that will

shared meal, Bundjalung elders

be followed by a traditional

Pubic hair may one day be a thing of the past. This current trend of full Brazilian doesn't seem to be going away and now, not only girls but boys as well are reaching for the razor and removing their short and curlies. When I was a teenager, the growth of the first pube was a cause for celebration, it heralded the beginning of adolescence. You knew that once you'd reached the Rolf Harris stage of development, you were ready to leave home. (If your genitals started playing 'tie me kangaroo down' it was time to see a doctor.)

Now pubes are bad. Embarrassing. Lasered, waxed and tortured. Poor pubic hair. It must have such bad self

and guests, to share in cultural

learning and activities and

The idea has come from yarn-

spend time together.

THE ANTAL SZALAI GYPSY BAND, SATURDAY AT TWIN TOWNS FROM 8PM

esteem. No one wants it. Like a single parent pensioner in prime real estate, come holiday time, it keeps getting ripped out of its accommodation and moved on. And in a climate of

PUBIC ENEMY

recycling, what happens to all that unwanted muff? Surely if we aren't going to keep it, we should find ways to use it sustainably. Merkin socks, bush weave blankies or even the world's first pube powered car... these are just some

and Friday and Saturday night

shared meal and \$30 for a fam-

ily including camping (plus \$5

per person to share in a meal

innovative ways to rethink the role of Mr, Mrs or Ms Curly.

I love pubic hair. It's poetic. Some may even say magical. It's the silly string of the human body. It's not sexy. It was never meant to be. It's funny. It makes nude people look comical, not pornographic. And let's face it, when you see your Mum or Dad in the nude you don't want it to be with a full Braz. The pubic hair is the one part of the human anatomy that looks like it was penciled by Michael Leunig, and like one of his characters, the pube has a life all of its own. Before deforestation of our personal

fella that found his way to the soap in a perfect S embedded so deep that not even the most persistent digging could get him to budge. There was the pube in the salad trying to blend in with the alfalfa and who could forget the rogue pube in the back of the throat? It's the only time you hear a human make the exact same sound as a cat with a fur ball. We need to bring back the bush. It's the downstairs Fro. It's normal. It means you're grown up. So why do we all now want to emulate the genitalia of children... is it just me or is there something a

tad paeodophilic here? Pubic

body's burka. Perhaps so many

Director, Susi Muddiman as she

talks with the mischievous Mr Guppy about his life, art and wicked sense of humour. This

hair has a purpose. It's the

women wouldn't be lining up for labioplasty if they couldn't actually see the goods. Pubes are there for a reason, they are our natural censorship, the body's form of pixelation of the rude bits. Sometimes if you squint you might be able to make it out, but mostly it's a bit of a mess.

I think we need a campaign. Something to encourage bush regeneration. Next year let's start Bushtober and run a comp for who can spawn the most impressive patch. We could even bring it to a close on Halloween and go door to door showing just how impressive our efforts have been! Let's rethink our carbon bush print.

this pubic genocide, this big scrub, pubic hair had adventures. There was the little

theatre

healing. Hope to see you all

here.' Auntie Vivienne Laurie-

Giant Peach

Murwillumbah Theatre Company's production James and the Giant Peach will be finishing up October 31 and November 1 at 2pm at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre. This fantastic play for children and adults based on the novel by Roald Dahl. Tickets \$15, adult, \$12 conc. and \$5 school student are available from Murwillumbah Music shop (02 6672 5404) or at the door. Enquiries Rosemary 02 6672 1520.

Tweed River Art Gallery

James Guppy

In Conversation with Gallery **Director Susi Muddiman** Join Tweed River Art Gallery

is sure to be an interesting and entertaining conversation. 2pm Saturday October 31. The enchanted

forest

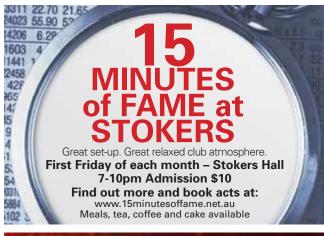
Exhibition floortalk with Deborah Klein

Artist Deborah Klein will present a floortalk about her work in the exhibition The enchanted forest: new gothic storytellers followed by a Power Point presentation in the Frances Mills Education Centre. 2pm Sunday November1.

You've got the music...

The Mullum Music Festival is not only bringing music to the streets of the vibing village, it is also committed to

uncovering and nurturing the inner muso through a series of workshops scheduled for the weeks leading up to this much anticipated event. Adults and kids get their chance to get involved and get intimate with









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Polaroid Fame in a Snapshot

The last 12 months have been a rollercoaster for Polaroid Fame. Just this year they played Splendour in the Grass and at the time of this interview with Frankie, the band were in Melbourne gigging down there. The music of Byron Bay is really coming of age.

I asked Frankie about the evolution of PF.

'A few years back we started with the Frankie Band and it was more of an acoustic vibe, we started out jamming and recorded an EP and then the sound drastically changed, it wasn't conscious, it was more out of enjoyment. Before I knew it I was buying pedals and effects and synth keys and it all seemed like it was great because it was like what we grew up on – 80s pop.'

Hence the name: 'Polaroid Fame'. Nothing gratifies like the instant pleasure of a polaroid!

When it comes to 80s pop
Frankie admits to a love of the dark side of the moon with
The Police, U2, Icehouse, Joy
Division.

are soon to do a couple of shows with Operator Please.
They play the Hotel Great
Northern on Friday. They are also a featured act at
Mullum Music Festival
November 26 – 29 (see www.mullummusicfestival.com for

For Polaroid Fame, part of the appeal is the relatively unstructured feel particularly in a live setting.

'I think we do come across a little rawer than we do in the studio. I think that's a good thing because you don't want it totally perfect. We definitely have taken it to a different level.'

As for songs that Frankie thinks have the pop magic?

'Bowie's New Jacket goes off. And it's not a tribute to Bowie at all. It comes across that way, but basically every time we write a new song, Damo our guitarist has this way of coming up with random names.'

Splendour gave Polaroid Fame a taste of the big stage.

'It's amazing walking on stage. The electricity, the nerves... I had goosebumps. What blew me out the most was the complete professionalism of the whole event. It was just amazing to be part of it.' Polaroid Fame have just supported Blue Juice and are soon to do a couple of They play the **Hotel Great** Northern on Friday. They are also a featured act at **Mullum Music Festival** November 26 – 29 (see www. mullummusicfestival.com for program times).

Their latest album was recorded at Rocking Horse with producer Anthony Lycenko, and is available for download from www.polaroid fame.com for just \$1. Check it out. It's a limited time only.

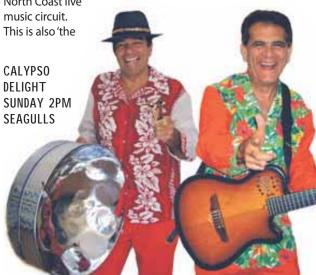
some of the stars of the event, and in some cases, to perform in the festival. First up is master Greg Sheehan's unbearably fun Body Percussion class. Greg teaches participants to create their own rhythms using the instrument God gave you (that funky body) and creativity in four weekly sessions, then perform with the group on the Friday night of the festival at the Civic Hall. Open to teens and adults, and no experience is necessary. Having a body is essential... you can turn that nobody into a somebody! The golden-voiced JoJo Smith is presenting a 'Singing Sleepover', on November 21 and 22. This two-day residential retreat involves singing, song writing and performance skills. And during the festival you'll be able to experience the deepest joy of singing with the invincible Mr. Percival in his Ensembleous Spontaneous Vocalous Singing Workshop. Just back from a tour of the USA, singer/songwriter Suzanna Carmen will help you get a leg up on Songwriting. James Kenyon will teach participants how to use loop stations and digital effects to help master mixing effects with acoustic instruments and voice. And for those who long to learn more about music, directly from the source, check out The Life of A Hereditary Musician with west Africa's Jali Buba Kuyateh. And, insights into the History of Latin American Music with Chile's young troubadour sensation Nano Stern is sure to be a wild ride through the many genres from that culturally rich region. Please visit www.mullum musicfestival.com for all details about registration, times, locations and costs. Workshop

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triumphant return of the bass player gig' – he will have just stepped off the plane from NYC and San Fran – let's see what he has learned. **Sunday** at the **Buddha Bar** from **7pm**.

Endless Talent

Reading through the lyrics to Jen Cloher's second album Hidden Hands is a bit like being handed a diary. That may come to a surprise to those who fell in love with the dark narratives of her 2006 ARIA nominated debut Dead Wood Falls, but accept Cloher's invitation to get musically intimate and you're in for a treat. You'll learn that the reason Cloher disappeared just when things were taking off, was to be with her Alzheimer's afflicted mother in New Zealand. In fact, Cloher and her band The Endless Sea had spent almost two years on the road. As the album's opening track Mother's Desk vividly sets the scene for the genesis of Hidden Hands we find Cloher holed up in Auckland grappling with her mother's illness, and facing writer's block. This is astounding, beautiful work. Jen Cloher is one of the must sees of Mullum Music Festival November 26 – 29.



The Unity Festival
Saturday, November 14
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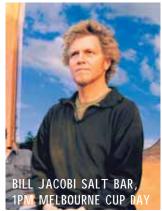
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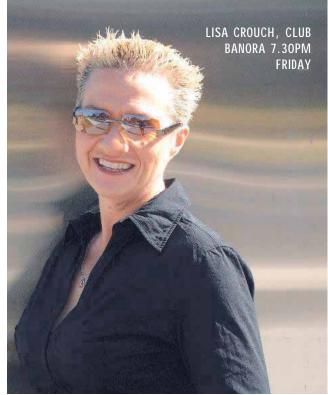














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THURSDAY 29

- COOLANGATTA SANDS, **DJ SPIN EASY** (NEW YORK CITY)
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, 6PM **CASEY BLACK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM DASH
- CLUB BANORA 4PM GLENN
- BRACE ■ GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8.15PM UNPLUGGED IN THE
- BASEMENT ED GUGLIELMINO WITH NICK CARPENTER & MARK BOULLE ■ GERMAN CLUB, MERRIMAC,
- 6.30PM, LOOSE CHANGE **ROCKERS** ■ NEVERLAND, COOLANGATTA,
- 8PM **DJ BRETT SELLWOOD** ■ SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE
- 6PM MICHAEL KING ■ THE SANDS HOTEL 8PM PHIL **EIZENBERG - JAM SESSION**, 9PM 'A TASTE OF NEW YORK'
- PREMIER LAUNCH DJ SPINEASY ■ TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM VEENIE'S - UPSTAGE
- TWIN TOWNS 5PM LONE WOLF ■ BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM
- **SUNSHINE BROS** ■ THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM
- NATHAN KAYE ■ HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON
- ENGINE THREE SEVEN ■ BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **STAND UP COMEDY OPEN MIC W DANIEL &**
- PAUL ■ BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 7PM CIRCUS ARTS HALLOWEEN SHOWCASE
- LE PETIT SNAIL, BYRON 7PM MICK'S SASHIMI BAND
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL** WEBBER
- LIQUID BAR, BYRON 10PM HOMEBREW QUENCH | REFO. RM | TAYA | BAGZ MENACE
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 7PM **MULLUMBERRY JAM**

FRIDAY 30

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB, 8PM JEFF BOYD
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, WILEY REED BAND
- CABARITA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, 8.30PM, **TWO BLOKES**
- CLUB BANORA 7.30PM LISA CROUCH
- CLUB ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **ELECTRONIC BOOGIE SHOW W/** JULIEN LOVE (BLACK DISCO, BRIS) + AUDUN
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, 5.30PM **ROBERT KEITH**
- COOLANGATTA TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 8PM MAXIMUM **GROOVE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM GLEN MILES 9PM DJ KOMES, DJ JEZZA, 10.30PM **AGENT 77**, 8PM NATIRUTS (BRAZIL) + FYAH
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM AKASA ■ GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM
- COMEDY IN THE BASEMENT -MARK MCCONVILLE
- IMPERIAL HOTEL, MUR'BAH 8.30PM ANDY BURKE
- IVORY TAVERN, 8PM **DJ TALLIE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM **ALICE ANDERSON** ■ KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM
- **BUGGY** ■ MUR'BAH SERVICES MEMORIAL
- 6.30PM **JO PHILLIPS**
- MUR'BAH HOTEL 9.30PM DJ **HERVE**
- NEVERLAND, COOLANGATTA, K.I.M. FROM THE PRESENTS, BENI FROM MASSIVE + MALFUNKSTION
- NIMBIN SHOWGROUNDS, FROM 10AM **DREAMING FESTIVAL**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM TREVOR RIX
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE 9.30PM WAITING FOR BRIAN
- SEAGULLS 8.30PM, DELISH

- **BAND**
- THE SANDS HOTEL 4PM **MUDCRAB RACING WITH** MUSGROVE HILL DUO. 9PM **ACOUSTIC SESSION WITH NICK** MUIR, 10PM DJ TRIAL AND **ERRA**
- TITANIUM BAR, SURFERS
- PARADISE. THEREAFTER ■ TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM DUDES OF DOO WOP
- TWIN TOWNS 9PM BREEZES ■ HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON POLAROID FAME
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER & RYAN RUSHTON**

SATURDAY 31

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, LIVE MUSIC
- CLUB BANORA 4PM GLENN **BRACE, 8PM RODNEY VINCENT**
- CLUB ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **MOTION:THEORY PRESENTS HAUNTED HOUSE W/ BEN** ABRAHAMS + KATHARINE + DJ KHRIS + SHAWNE K
- **CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM SHOEBOX** ■ COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM DJ CHRIS TOFA, 8PM, WOLF AND
- **CUB AND THE VASCO ERA** ■ COOLANGATTA SANDS, VINYL
- ASSASSINS ■ COOLANGATTA TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 6PM LIVE MUSIC
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7PM JAZZ IN THE BASMENT - BETH **HAMILTON. 8PM THE FAIRIES-FAIRY TALES & NURSERY** RHYMES TOUR
- IVORY TAVERN, 8PM **DJ DRUMMY** ■ KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM
- MARK WINDLE ■ KINGSCLIFE REACH HOTEL & 30PM
- **DARREN MARLOW** ■ MUR'BAH SERVICES MEMORIAI
- 6.30PM CLYDE BROOKS ■ MUR'BAH HOTEL 9PM **THE PULSE**
- HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS ■ MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE

- 7.30PM JAMES AND THE GIANT **PEACH**
- NEVERLAND BAR, 8PM MORNING TIDE, CONCRETE STREET + **THOMAS J**
- NIMBIN SHOWGROUNDS, FROM 10AM **DREAMING FESTIVAL**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MATT PHILLIPS**
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 9.30PM TUFF
- SHEOAK SHACK FINGAL HEAD, 7PM 70'S GLAM NIGHT - VIDEO **DANCE PARTY**
- SEAGULLS 8.30PM EMKAY
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 6PM ART, **FOOD & WINE EVENING**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM CAROL RALPH'S BLUE RHYTHM ALLSTARS
- TITANIUM BAR, SURFERS PARADISE. 9PM, SMASHED CRABS 10PM DJ BEN
- THE COOLANGATTA SANDS 9PM 9PM ACOUSTIC SESSION WITH PAUL ATKINS, 10PM THE VINYL ASSASSINS (QLD) WITH DJ TOMMY
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM THE HIGHWAYMEN
- TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY 2PM JAMES GUPPY IN CONVERSATION
- TWIN TOWNS 2PM LIVE MUSIC **8PM GYPSY FIRE: ANTAL SZALAI** AND HIS HUNGARIAN GYPSY BAND
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **SOLID GOLD HALLOWEEN** SPECIAL
- LA LA LAND, BYRON LIVEWIRE

SUNDAY 1

- CLUB BANORA, 11AM LIVE MUSIC ■ CLUB FLESWHERE, SURFERS **ROYALE SUNDAY W/STRETCH+** GIV
- CUDGEN SURF LIFE SAVINGS 2PM LIVE MUSIC ■ CURRUMBIN RSL 12PM BUD MANTHAY, 3PM JAZZ CAFE

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 2PM, **LIVE** TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB MUSIC
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 2.30PM LIVE MUSIC
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 2PM JAMES AND THE GIANT **PEACH**
- NIMBIN SHOWGROUNDS, FROM 10AM **DREAMING FESTIVAL**
- NEVERLAND, COOLANGATTA,
- 8PM DJ BLACVK FROM FRANCE ■ THE NIMBIN HOTEL, 1.30PM BILL JACOBI
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 1PM **JAYNE HENRY**
- SEAGULLS CLUB, 2PM CALYPSO **DELIGHT. 2PM LINE DANCING.** 4PM DANCE FORCE SHOWCASE
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL
- 1PM PLAYING POSSUM ■ THE COOLANGATTA SANDS 9PM
- **MATT BUGGY DUO** ■ TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY 2PM THE ENCHANTED FOREST **EXHIBITION FLOORTALK WITH**
- **DEBORAH KLEIN** ■ TWIN TOWNS 12.30 7.30PM **ADAM BRAND**
- TITANIUM BAR, SURFERS
- PARADISE. 4PM **DJ LINCON** ■ TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **DON WHITAKER**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR & GRILL, 2PM **ANDY BURKE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 5PM **LOVE LETTERS WITH BRIDIE CARTER & AARON JEFFERY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM BIG BAND AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE

MONDAY 2

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM LIVE MUSIC
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB12PM DAVID BARRY
- TWIN TOWNS FROM 1PM LIVE MUSIC

- 6.30PM **DICK BARNS**
- COURT HOUSE, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM STAND UP COMEDY W JONATHAN ATHERTON, JOEL SALOM & MANDY NOLAN

TUESDAY 3

- IVORY TAVERN, 2009 MELBOURNE CUP DAY
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 10.30AM MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM
- JAM NIGHT ■ SANDBAR & GRILL, CASUARINA 3PM MELBOURNE CUP WITH THE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS
- SALT BAR, 1PM MELBOURNE CUP **DAY WITH BILL JACOBI**
- SEAGULLS 6PM LIVE **ENTERTAINMENT**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM BJ LITTLE
- TWIN TOWNS 5PM ALTERNATIVE **ARTISTS**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, 12PM
- **JAYNE HENRY** ■ BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MELBOURNE CUP FEAT DJ ARI &** LISA HUNT, RACE ON BIG
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **MELBOURNE CUP FOSSIL ROCK, MULLUM ROUGE DANCERS, FASHION PARADES**

WEDNESDAY 4

- CLUB BANORA 11AM **JEG** ■ COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 8PM LIVE **ENTERTAINMENT**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7PM **HELENSVALE SCHOOL MUSIC** SHOWCASE
- SEAGULLS 1.30PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- TWFFD HFADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM MICHAEL
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 8.30PM **OZ LATIN BROTHERS**

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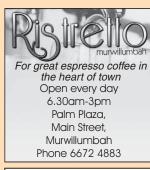








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Tweed Academy launch



Tweed Academy of Sport is about to be launched and is kicking off with the induction of 32 young hockey cadets at the Sandbar Casuarina on Saturday October 31 at 9am. The induction of athletes from other sports, including rugby union, netball and rugby league are set to follow in coming months. Rugby player PJ Van den Berg from Casuarina and Gabi Nance from Kingscliff are looking forward to enjoying the benefits of the academy.

SPORT RESULTS

21.10.09 Winners R Tonkin and J Hay r/up R Allen and K Liddington, cons R Coustley and I Crabb. Friday mixed 3 bowl pairs winners G Cartwright and K Doolin r/up M Morgan and C Morgan.

24.10.09 Social winners V Brill, K Clark and M Cox cons R Woodbury, N Mooney and

26.10.09 Winners D Hopps and J Ferguson, r/up A Latif and B Laybutt, cons J Stewart and M Morgan.

Super 7's Cabarita Silver 1 d Ballina 4-2 Pottsville d Cabarita 2, 4-2. Cabarita blue -bye.

Cabarita Beach Women 23.10.09 Mixed Pairs Winners G.Cartwright, K.Doolan. Runner Ups - C.Morgan,

26.10.09 District Shield Condong - Congratulations to Murwillumbah Club on winning this event.

27.10.09 Social Bowls - Winning Rink K.Dimauro, P.Rannie, E.Crabb. Consolation - C.Morgan, J.Double, M.Rae.

Raffles - M.Andrews, L.Glancey, J.Tuckey. Monthly Raffle - G.Cartwright

27.10.09 Mavis Daniels Consistency Shield .

MONTHLY MARKETS 1st Sat **Brunswick Heads** (02) 6628 4495

1st Sat 8-11am Casuarina Farmers' Market 0414 777 432 Banora Point Farmers' Market 1st Sun 0417 759 777 1st Sun Byron Bay (02) 6680 9703 Pottsville (02) 6676 4555 1st Sun

1st Sun Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714 2nd Sat Kingscliff (02) 6674 0827 The Channon (02) 6688 6433 2nd Sun Chillingham (02) 6679 1284 2nd Sun Lennox Head (02) 6672 2874 2nd Sun

2nd Sun Coolangatta (07) 5533 8202 Tweed Heads (07) 5599 1714 2nd Sun

3rd Sat 8-11am Casuarina Farmers' Market 0414 777 432 Mullumbimby (02) 6684 3370 3rd Sat Murwillumbah Cottage Markets 3rd Sun Ballina 6687 4328 **Banora Point Farmers' Market** 3rd Sun 0417 759 777 3rd Sun Nimbin (02) 6689 0000

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Each Sat 8-11am Bangalow (02) 6687 1137 Each Thu 8-11am Byron Bay (02) 6687 1137 **New Brighton** (02)6684 5390 8am-1pm **Uki** (02) 6679 5438 30.10.09 3 Bowl Mixed Pairs - Self selected. 12.30pm start. Cash prizes. Single entries will be accepted.

01.11.09 MSMC Visit - Sheet on board. Social Bowls - Tuesdays 9.15am. Visitors warmly welcomed. Ladies also invited to play Saturdays 1.00pm. Please phone Club

on 6676 2951. Coaching - Free every Saturday with accredited coaches from 9.30am.

Cabarita Castaways - enjoyed a great weekend away at Tenterfield Bowls Club (24/25.10.09). K.Doolan teamed up with the locals to take out the days prize.

Wednesday all bowlers matched 42 bowlers from Taree West Touring Bowlers to play 14 rinks of triples . Winners T Crossingham, D Hunt, J McDonald \$30-00 each Turtle, M Hood, R McAlaster \$20-00 each B McBurney, C Pawlak, S Reading, \$15-00 each R Brown, J Walsh, M Conoghan \$10-00 each Sponced by Summerland Energy Efficient Raffle winners Leads K Hall, I Hunt,2nd S Munro, L McLennan, Skip M Conoghan, B Dunne. Taree bowlers lead J Havdon N Acorn 2nd W Curbey, J Rae, Skips K Buckley, D Rae. Thursday 3 bowl pairs shootout 12 teams played winners G Palmer, D Hopps \$50 each runner/ups R Gerdes, P Pluis \$25 each. Next weeks jackpot \$210. Raffle B Breckenridge. R Prichard meat trays. Friday mixed pairs R Kaehler, J Glasby def K Cusack, Kooka. Saturday 24th 26 bowlers B grade pairs winners J Miller, T Scuis, L Edmonds def T Kennedy, L Muir, C Douglas. Raffle winners C Foster, Kooka.

Condong Cane Toads

Sunday 25th 28 Cane toads hosted 30 bowlers and guests from Coraki van park for a morning bowls. Winners on the day R Crawford, J Ross, H Ross runner/ups B Smith, S Rushton, L Morrison. Raffle winners G Cranney, J Cummins, A Warman, C Terry. A great day had by all. Condong Club also hosted 40 non bowlers from Tumbulgum River Festival fund raiser . Winners of the day Brian, Sue also John Dawn. All enjoyed the day bowling hope to return back next year. Next game for Cane toads Sunday 8th with a visit from South Grafton. Sunday 15th Charity Day for Mt Warning Dragonboat Bowls.

Cudgen Leagues Ladies

Congratulations to Judy Martin Hull, Helen Wylie winners of The Club Selected 2 bowl triples final played last Thurs 22nd, and to Freda Hall, Pauline Bowen, Liz Fleming unlucky to go down by 1 point in a close game. Well done. Thurs 22nd, Ladies Social results - Winners Rnk6, Judy Martin, Marion Hull, Helen Wylie (triples) Raffle - Judy Martin. All 10 District Clubs competed for the Tweed Byron District Sheild at Condong Mon 26th - 09. Congratulations to Murwillumbah 1st - 6 wins: Cudgen 2nd - 4 wins: Pottsville 3rd - 3 wins and 1 Draw. Well done. Coming up - Thurs 29th 1pm - Help turn the Greens pink today at Cudgen Leagues, all proceeds go to The McGrath Foundation, dress pink, all welcome. Sun Nov 15th Sun Social Bowls Club day 9.15 for 9.30 start, Last day for 2009 Christmas / Break up Party Xmas Mufti, all welcome. Mon 2nd 1pm, Social Mixed Triples, all welcome. Reminder - Tues Nov 10th 9.30. For all events or phone 02 6674 1816 / 2734.

Cudgen Leagues Men

17.10.09 Mens Whites Presidents Day

Winners J.Hazell, G.Murphy, B.Bell, K.Pritchard Losers H.Wilie, I.Nipperess. M.Accorn, M.Hull

19.10.09 Taree Visit M.Hodson, A.Reid, D.Hobson \$45-00 Winners Wed. 21.10.09

N.Hoskinson, K.Foran Losing Rink G.Whelan, W.Shardlow, L.Noble 24.10.09 Mens Whites B.Murray,

W.Shardlow, B.Frazer Challenge Cup 24.10.08 Ballina R.S.L. 4 def. Cudaen 2

Kingscliff Ladies

Ladies make a note in your diary for the 2nd December which is the A.G.M. commencing 9:30am, and the 9th December the break-up, bowls commencing 3pm. Dust off your Christmas gear – it is party time. Bowls will officially begin January 6. Social Bowls last Wednesday had two winning teams and one Runner-up. The Winning Team on Rink 11 was i. Dalmaver/J. Sierling with Skip H. Peate, on Rink 16 J. Hansen/S. Akers, and Runners-up on Rink 19 G. Wilson/J. Croft with Skip L. Willoughby.

Pottsville Men

Diggers Day Wednesday 21.10.09 The day saw almost 60 players compete for prize money of \$800.00 First prize winners on the day were Garry

Booth, Mark Woods and Brian Sands. The event has now been placed on the permanent calendar for the first Wednesday in October. Saturday 24.10.09

Winners: R Bryant and A Margan. Runner up prize: J Hefferan and D Ouinn Club Championship Results

M Commerford and K Lehfeldt defeated J Kent and B Kent in the final of the Club For enquires and bookings for bowls call the Pottsville Beach Sports on 6676 1077.

Tweed Heads Ladies

Wednesday Pairs: Winners were Joan Griffith, 18 and Val Grovolin def. Rolita Quinlan and Michelle Van Rurt 13.

Thursday was Pennant Appreciation Day, and the ladies available played with the Pennant team they had been playing with for the last eight weeks. Winners on Green

Ruth Reiter, Michelle Van Runt, Sybil Hambleton and Bette Cooper, - 20 - defeated Sue Hanlon, Pauline Southern, Stephanie Goldsmith and Val Young - 13 Winners on Green 2 were:

Doris Buchanan, Beryl Hiscocks, Marjorie Crane and Judy Pearce, 18 - defeated Shirley Ganter, Betty Rodger, Dorothy Evans and Glenys Harrop - 12.

Runners up on Green 1 were: R. Quinlan, B. Makin, Val Pridham and N. Saver, Runners up on Green 2 were: Leigh Ray-

ward, Dorothy Stewart, Doreen Kendall and Pauline Houghton. The winning Lead was Joan Lyon. The winning Second was Margaret Gunton.The

winning Third was Pam Dearlove. The win-

ning Skip was Carmen Anderson. There will be bowling on the indoor green on Monday November 2, with the Indoor Ladies Championship being held. Come

along and have a look are very welcome. Tweed Heads Men

Championships: Mixed Pairs: S/f: Marjorie Crane, Mark Howarde d. Sue Bennett, John Millington 19/18; Lyn Cuthbertson, Greg Hardman d.

Alison Ebsworth, Bill Davies 18/15. Final: Lyn Cuthbertson, Greg Hardman d.

Cudgen Classic draws big field

Nippers Nina Jackson and Bill Hampson, both aged 10, were at Kingscliff Beach last Friday for board training for this Saturday's Xcel Surfcraft Cudgen

The event, starting at 8am, has drawn a big field of juniors from Noosa to Port Macquarie, from under 10s to under 17s, who will be competing in iron person, board and relay events. It is the club's major annual fundraiser and is the 14th year it's been held.

Cudgen SLSC members attended the 17 year selection carnival at Lennox Head last Sunday. Good results were recorded by Ashlee Spence in the 14 girls – 1st in board, swim and 2nd in the iron man, Jarrad James, 15 years - 1st in the swim, board and 2nd in iron man, Nathan Sharp, 17 years flags and sprint double, Callum Smith 2nd in Swim and 4th in

Next Saturday, round 2 of the North Coast Boat series will be held at Red Roc-Corindi and the Junior bronze squad will face the examiners at Fingal.

Patrol members re-qualify-

Marjorie Crane, Mark Howarde 26/10. Indoor Singles: Qtr-f: Greg Hardman d. Peter Harris 25/22; Graham Richards d. Roy Nuttall 25/20; Steve Ross d. Col Hawkins 25/9; Al Kalnins d. John Millington 25/19; S/f: Hardman d. Ross 25/23: Kalnins d. Richards 25/13.

Indoor Pairs: Round 1: Brian Lamb, John Millington d. Les Hore, Kerry Woolacot 33/13; Ray Arrowsmith, Mario Matteucci d. Paul Price, Ian Wildman 31/13; Keith Downey, Bill Boyle d. Ray Connell, John Rayward 33/12; Russell Leeson, Leon Harvey d. Peter Howell, Vince Leather 25/15; Dennis Lusby, Peter Harris d. Brendon Wilson, Mitchell Jackson 18/17 extra end; George Mynott, John Griffiths d. Frank McPhillips, Michael VanRunt 21/16.

B Grade Pairs: Round 1: George Mynott, Jack Blagbrough d. Ken Calvert, lan Irvine 26/7; Les Hore, Jim A. Smith d. Peter Newman, Frank Holdsworth 25/24; Clem Jones, Brian Scrase d. Ron Hottinger, Henry Diamond 20/12; Ramsay MacDonald, Russell Luland d. Clive Weston, Ian Wildman

Social Results:

Sun 18 Oct:

Green 1: Sylvia and Dennis Lusby; r/up: Daisy and Mario Matteucci.

Green 2: Jean and Jim Cowen, Lydia Elsey; r/up: Harold and Barbara Fox, Dorothy Evans, Tom Osborne.

Tues 20 Oct: Men Winners - Green 1: Bob Trinder, Roger Bell, Bern Jacobson, Sam Ramsay; r/up: John Sieben, Les Wurth, Gordon Wright, Chas Turner.

Ladies Winners - Green 2: Carolyn Davis Betty Graham, Beth Jacobson, Hannah Ramsay; r/up: Josie Ryan, Sue Jackson, Esme Carter, Margaret Picking.

Green 3: Mariorie Croghan, Frances Hewitt. Heather Mason, Dorothy Turner, r/up: Pam Reedy, Margaret Higgins, Erica Simpson, Dawn Fysh.

Wed 21 Oct:

Highest Winning Margin: Green 1: Steve Janovics, Leon Harvey + 18;

r/up: Henry Diamond, Eddie Hewitt + 12; Green 2: Geoff Green, Frank McPhillips + 15; r/up: Max Reiter, Ron Parker John Burden + 12: Green 3: Jim O'Neill, Ron Gilbert, Alan Wood, John Thomson + 24; r/ up: Les Hore, Ray White, Rod Stebbins, Kim Fri 23 Oct:

Green 1: Bob Chapman, Allen Jackson, Ron Parker; r/up: Simon Stephenson, Rusty Leeson, Jim Bryant.

Green 2: Cliff Brown, Tom Reeves, Gordon Henshaw; r/up: Bill Hagen, Peter Young, Tony Govett.

Green 3: Clem Jones, Brian Scrase. Bill Finney; r/up: Cliff Dury, Fred Fry, John

Sat 24 Oct:

Winners: Roy Barwick, Jim Quin, Syd Gregory, John LeBoeuf, Brian Irby, Sam Ramsay; r/up: Tony Goad, Alan Stephen, Jack



Nina Jackson and Bill Hampson get ready for Saturday's Classic at the Cudgen club. Photo Luis Feliu

Cabarita on Thursday night for Fingal Nov 8 and Salt Nov 15. resuscitation, de-fib and ARC with the surf components on

ing tests will be conducted at Sunday. The only other dates are

For info on the Classic, visit www.cudgenclassic.com.au.

Tweed Heads Tourers

Last Sunday the Tourers combined with the Men's Club for Cancer Day. A total of 148 players were involved with plenty of sponsored prizes on offer. Alan Stephen was voted 'best dressed' along with his 'pink wig'. Tourers winners were Margaret Marquis, Kim Stephenson, Val Robinson and Alan Stephen. No bowls next Sunday due to club limited's AGM.

Tweed Valley Darts Association

Results of the finals played 26.10.09 A grade Seagulls Club Gulls 8 def Seagulls Club Hogan's Heroes 7. Ron Dunn and Michael Goodwin from Hogan's Heroes both threw 180 and Mick Duncan from Gulls threw 2 x 180. Congratulations to those players and I was told it was a very good game to watch.

B grade Condong Bowling Club Leftovers 6 def Courthouse Hotel Devils 3 with the score being even for a long while.

Next week 2.11.09 Grand Finals are to be played as follows: Condong Bowling Club Jokers play Seagulls Gulls at Condong Bowling Club, Hogan's Heroes to score

Seagulls Club Cgulls play Condong Bowling Club Leftovers at Seagulls Club. Devils to score. Good luck to all teams. Don't forget names and money have to be in by that night for the banquet on 05.10.09 please.

Sunday 25.10.09some of our players went to Mullumbimby to take part in a charity day for the Mullumbimby Rural Bush Fire Brigade. Players from Iluka attended as well and from all reports everyone had a great day. Around \$500 was raised, from players and raffles that were held, which Tony Ross (Tweed) who won dinner for 2 and donated it back and it was then auctioned and raised \$65. Results on the day. doubles winners were Phil (Mullum) and Judy (Iluka). Runner up was Leigh (Tweed) and Sharon (Mullum).

Winners of the repercharge were Cliff and Mary (Tweed), Singles winner was Ray L (Mullum) and runner up was Ray P (Iluka). Men's high score was Phil S (Mullum) with 140 and Cliff (Tweed) throwing the highest peg with 77. Women's high score with 140 was Janelle (Tweed) with Marlene (Mullum) throwing the highest peg of 63. Good luck to all teams next week

GOLF Chinderah Seniors Social

Monthly Medal

Results for Thursday 22.10.09 - Stroke

Winner 'A' grade - Betty Tolley - net 54 new h/cap 10 R/up - Don Nash - net 60 - new h/cap 11.

Winner 'B' grade - Russ Barns - net 56 - new h/cap 12 R/up - Brian Brown - net 60 (c/ back) - new h/cap 13.

Winner 'C' grade - Ann Cranch - net 54(c/ back) - new h/cap 22 R/up - Marcia Eldridge - net 54 - new h/cap 28. Ball rundown to net 58(c/back) Results for Monday 26.10.09 - Stroke and

Monthly Medal Winner - Ray Brettell Winner 'A' grade - Tony Brown - net 57 new h/cap 8 R/up - Russell Gardiner - net 58 - new H/cap 9.

Winner 'B' grade - Ken Spinks - net 56 - new h/cap 17 R/up - Pat Armstrong - net 57 (c/ back) - new h/cap 18.

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AOOB

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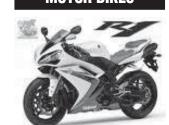
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Professor Maurice Daly is alive and well, contrary to our report here last week. The Maurie Daly whose obituary appeared in last week's Sydney Morning Herald did not head up the inquiry which led to the sacking of the Tweed council in 2005, but was an unrelated Sydney resident. We regret the mistake.

2.2.2.2 A bid by Katie Milne to instigate a process for electing the mayor by popular vote to avoid further lucky dips for the coveted job was defeated by Mayor Warren Polglase's faction with the help of veteran community councillor, Dot Holdom. But it's not all over yet, according to Dot, the council's chief rule enforcer, who says she will reconsider the issue once she gets a handle on the costs of the exercise. 'I have still got an open mind, Cr Holdom assured Backburner. Council chief Mike Rayner says because a referendum on the issue would run parallel with the next council elections in 2012, costs would be 'marginal and not significant'.

Cr Holdom copped a few jibes from a packed public gallery over her stand on the mayoral vote, as well as a later decision when she and Phil Youngblutt were the only ones to vote against an initiative by former mayor Joan van Lieshout to hurry along the council's long- ment. Both club and auxiliary stalled koala plan of management. The council voted 13 years ago to instigate the plan of management but it has never provided the funding when deciding budget priorities. Now Cr van Lieshout suggests 'that Northern Rivers region by Byall koala habitat sites be subject to the plan.

Murwillumbah Services Club a story based around an isolated recently joined forces with Murwillumbah Hospital Auxiliary's tireless volunteers to raise urgently needed funds for ber Shirley McKeever recently

regan-knights@hotmail.com. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Photo Jeff 'Stokers Slything' Dawson res appeal raffle but generously the Night is an international owner APN, with at least 13 decided to redonate the prize. Club boss Guy Diven decided that a worthy cause like the hospital was the natural choice so the prize was re-raffled and \$1813.70 was raised. Auxiliary president Val Foster set up ticket selling booths in three different locations in town and said the funds would be used either for patient care or to help buy much needed equip-

ration in time for the hall's centenary celebrations next year.

. . . . A reminder that the documentary film Rainforest - Secret of *Life* which was filmed in the ron Bay filmmaker Dave Warth will screen on ABCTV this Sunday, November 1, at 7.30pm. It's rainforest that has survived on the slopes of the ancient Mt Warning caldera.

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--the ailing hospital. Club mem- Sexual violence towards women and children isn't often talked won a houseboat holiday prize about but that doesn't mean in the club's Victorian bushfi- it goes unnoticed. Reclaim

event that raises awareness of this important issue and honour victims around the world. latest 'restructure'. Tweed Shire Women's Service is marking the occasion with live art installation by artist Tania Summerell and a peaceful protest. Join in tomorrow, October 30, from 10am to 4pm outside the service office on the corner of Prince and Nullum Streets, Murwillumbah. For more invisit www.tswomen.org.au.

The sad cull of staff at the Tweed Daily News continues with another longtime journo Tania Phillips given her marching orders by phone last week, joining six other journos, snappers and key office staff and another senior reporter who walked out in disgust a week earlier. Management has not been slow in cashing in on all the freed-up office space: it's trying to lease out part of its Tweed Heads headquarters if the building is not sold first. The paper has advertised the building for sale or lease as part of a fire sale of assets by

properties around Australia to be hocked off in the company's

- - - -The crisis at the paper was noted by The Australian last week which ran an item about how 'last week's papers were put out by teenagers... the staff consisted of a work-experience kid and a few junior reporters who had been recently graded, just formation call 6672 4188 or in time for the mass lay-offs'. It gets worse because yesterday the snooze was trying to overcome the shortage of reporters by appealing to readers with a 'nose for news' to write their own stories for publication in the paper.

> Four students from local schools were this week congratulated for their recycling sticker designs in Tweed Shire Council's 'Do the Right Bin' competition. Backburner can't help thinking they should've been asked instead to design council's new logo, which has failed to impress locals. At least it would've been much cheaper.



Stokers Siding residents Tracey Rainford (left) and Jude Townson with some of their artworks to

be sold when the hall committee holds its inaugural Stokers Siding Art, Food and Wine Evening

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