



## Bubbles of love for alienated children

Kate McIntosh

Debbly Cook lives with the daily grief of being separated from her children.

The Uki mum has not seen two of her three children for six years after being locked in a bitter custody fight with her former partner.

A long-time volunteer for the Parental Alienation Awareness Organisation, Debbly now campaigns for parental rights and provides support to others affected by Family Court decisions.

In a bid to highlight the issue, Debbly has organised a public bubble-blowing event at Murwillumbah as part of the global Bubbles of Love campaign.

The event, which coincides with International Parental Alienation Awareness Day on April 25, aims to raise awareness about the damaging emotional and psychological effects of parental alienation.

Debbly is asking others to join her

in blowing bubbles – a symbolic gesture which represents taking love to a higher standard and the need for children to be loved by both sides of their family.

Parental alienation is a growing global phenomenon which usually results in the fallout of marital breakdown and high-conflict custody disputes.

### Family Court failure

Debbly says the problem is often compounded by failures in the Family Court system, which is open to manipulation and interference.

And with divorce rates on the rise, Debbly says more and more people are now heading to court to resolve child custody issues.

'That's where it gets ugly and the issue gets muddied,' she said.

'It does in the end become angry, vengeful behaviour and the system is set up as such that it can be used to keep one parent away from another.'

In her case, Debbly says damaging allegations – later proven to be false – were made in court, and subsequent court-ordered access was not upheld.

Her children have also been cut off from their youngest sister who lives with Debbly.

She says the separation from her other children, who are now teenagers, is something she has to deal with daily.

'It's like the death of two of your children who are still alive – it's quite torturous to be honest,' she said.

Despite the long separation, Debbly says she still holds out hope that she will have a relationship with her children in the future.

'Well, of course, I have to, otherwise I wouldn't be here talking about it.'

Those wanting to join Debbly in blowing bubbles can come along to the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Monday, April 25, from noon.

# Council rushes to ban coal gas

Murray Simpson

Tweed Shire Council has demanded a moratorium on all coal-seam gas exploration in the shire and is rushing to head off an exploration licence that is expected to be determined in the next few days.

In a rare show of solidarity this week, a motion brought by Cr Warren Polglase seeking a moratorium got unanimous support and sparked a standing ovation from a crowded gallery and cries of 'Polglase for president'.

But Greens councillor Katie Milne warned that time was of the essence as petroleum exploration licence (PEL) 134 is expected to be determined by the Department of Primary Industry within days.

PEL 134 sought by Macquarie Energy covers a broad swathe of the upper Tweed west of Mount Warning and taking in the village of Tyalgum.

She moved that the council resolution, together with a report on coal-seam gas prepared by council director of community resources David Oxenham, be immediately forwarded to the department.

Cr Polglase said he had been working with irrigation for 40 years and there was nothing more precious than water.

'Nothing is known about the impact of coal-seam gas exploration on the aquifer and this poison could wind up anywhere – it could wind up in South Australia.'

Mr Oxenham said the council was in a difficult position when it came to PELs.

'The council has no jurisdiction over exploration action and the extent

### Demo and info day

Anti-coal-seam gas mining demonstration and public information day is planned for Saturday, May 14, at 11am at Knox Park in Murwillumbah.

### Regional public meeting

A meeting on the issue will be held next Tuesday, April 26, at 5pm in the Nimbin Bush Theatre.

of its approval powers on specific production projects is unclear,' he said.

'As a landholder it has the same rights as other landholders over whose property a PEL is granted.'

'As a water supply authority it appears the council has no additional rights regarding CSG work.'

'Also it doesn't have the internal expertise to fully assess the technology and its impacts.'

Mr Oxenham said all petroleum on or below the surface is the property of the Crown, not the landowner.

'Royalties are generally required to be paid to the Crown for extraction of these resources.'

Mr Oxenham said in NSW a PEL does not entitle the licence holder to enter any lands covered by the licence without prior arrangement with the landowner.

'The onus is on the licence holder to attempt to negotiate access arrangements with the landholder.'

'If access can't be negotiated access conditions will be determined by an arbitrator or the Land and Environment Court.'

'In Queensland an authority to prospect (ATP) gives the licence holder the right to access any property in the area covered by the ATP.'

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# Coal-seam gas unites lobby groups

Luis Felio

Tweed environmentalists and farmers have gone from locking horns over the controversial Byrrell Creek dam proposal to locking the gate on gas companies planning to explore or drill for coal-seam gas.

The Northern Rivers Guardians (NRG), evolved from the former No Rally Group which successfully fought against the running of the world rally through Tweed and Kyogle shires, and the Tweed Combined Rural Industries Association (TCRIA) this week announced a united front in a campaign to stop any planned coal-seam gas mining in the Tweed, of which around half is covered by exploration licences.

The two groups have declared the community 'should be entitled to have a say in the types of industry developed in the local region.'

NRG spokesperson Michael McNamara said the united front should not come as a surprise to anyone because 'at

the national level, the National Farmers Federation (NFF) and Friends of the Earth (FOE) are working together on this issue so it is only natural that we should collaborate.'

NRG recently joined the Lock the Gate Alliance (see [lockthegate.org.au](http://lockthegate.org.au)) a national grouping of around 80 community, industry and environmental groups fighting the issue around Australia, especially in areas such as southeast Queensland where drilling has already started in earnest.

### Differences put aside

Mr McNamara said both groups had put aside their differences to work together on the coal-seam gas issue which said a lot about its importance in the Tweed.

The farmers recently went public in a show of support for the contentious Byrrell Creek dam as a future water supply option for the shire, strenuously opposed by the NRG and other environmental and community groups.

Farmers' group spokesman Col Brooks said the two groups had to 'stand together as a community or we have no hope of developing as we should.'

Coal-seam gas mining involves 'fracking', or hydraulic fracturing, where a mixture of water, sand and toxic chemicals are injected at high pressure underground in order to fracture rock formations and release the coal-seam gas. Underground drinking water sources are at risk from the use of the contaminants and leakage of gas.

Mr Brooks said there were many concerns about the impact of the process on rural and tourism industries as well as public health.

'Rural enterprises needed to be assured of good quality water or they are doomed,' he said.

An extension for submissions on the NSW Government's Coal and Gas Strategy Scoping Paper has been made till May 2. For info visit <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/StrategicPlanning/CoalandGasStrategy/tabid/495/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

NEC spokesperson Lisa Green said 'we've never seen people so stirred up over an issue as they are over coal-seam gas exploration and mining in our area; it really hit the fan after the Border Ranges World Heritage area was opened to mining exploration without any consultation with landowners.'

### Too special to mine

'Some areas are so special that they should be permanently excluded from mining and this area, which is of true world significance and has some of the best agricultural soils in Australia, must be excluded.'

'The new NSW coal and gas strategy proposes full transparency and consultation prior to granting mining exploration licences but that's a joke; now with the Border Ranges sold off, all the coal seam gas areas in NSW are already under Petroleum Exploration Licences to different mining companies without any transparency or consultation, there's just nothing left to license.'

# Tweed movement sees health benefits of going raw

Kate McIntosh

A burgeoning raw food movement is starting to catch on in the Tweed.

Menkit Prince first began hosting raw vegan potluck parties at her Uki home a year ago and the concept quickly took off.

A potluck event is now held monthly at different locations.

Ms Prince (pictured, right) said many people didn't realise that cooking or over-processing food destroyed many of its vital nutrients.

She says the event is about introducing people to the concept of a raw vegan diet and how they can implement it in their own lives.

'Many people have this idea that raw food is somehow boring. It's not a diet of desperation. Even for busy people it's manageable,' she said.

Ms Prince, who has been a vegetarian for the past 30 years and switched to a raw food diet 16 months ago, says she has never felt better.



'One of the benefits of becoming raw for me is that I have never enjoyed eating so much in my whole life,' she said.

'It's a great way to cleanse the body. I feel more alive, more energised and my immune system is stronger.'

Ms Prince said a plant-based diet is high in alkalis and helped limit the chances of developing a degenerative disease later in life.

She says the decision to go raw has benefits for the environment too.

'It's just not sustainable to

have seven billion people eating meat and fish,' she said.

'Seventy per cent of grain goes towards feeding livestock when it could be going towards reducing world hunger. It's very intensive, it's very polluting and it's just not sustainable.'

Since starting a year ago the monthly potluck has developed into a free exchange of ideas and recipes, as well as a networking opportunity.

Ms Prince hopes the raw food movement will only grow as more people become aware of its health and environmental benefits.

She now uploads videos of the monthly potluck events on YouTube to encourage others to hold similar events in their communities.

The next potluck is on today, Thursday (April 21) at Castle on the Hill, 90 Bonny Doon Road, Uki from 6.30pm. The event is free to attend, with participants asked to bring along a raw vegan dish to share. For more information call 02 6679 5863.

## Tracking Anzac Day services throughout the Tweed

**BURRINGBAR:** Participants in march to assemble at 8.45am at old bakery for march to memorial for service at 9am. Refreshments and bowls at sports club afterwards.

**COOLANGATTA/TWEED HEADS:** Dawn service 5.55am at war memorial in Chris Cunningham Park, Wharf Street, Tweed Heads. Citizens' service at 10.15am at same memorial and march assembles in Goodwin Park from 10am. Children's parade departs 10.23am, main

parade at 10.30am, followed by service at the park's memorial at 11am.

**CUDDGEN:** March at 4.10am with dawn service at 4.28am at the Cudgen War Memorial.

**KINGSLIFF:** Dawn service at 6am at War Memorial followed by breakfast at Kingscliff Beach Club. Main march assembles at 10am outside beach club for 10.30am march to memorial for main service at 11am. The beach club will also host a lunch after the ceremony.

**POTTSVILLE:** Assemble at 7.30am at Pottsville Oval, march off at 7.45am for the service at Anzac Park at 8am. Pottsville Bowls Club to host breakfast after service.

**MURWILLUMBAH:** Two ceremonies at cenotaph. Marchers for dawn service assemble at Westpac Bank, Main Street, at 5.10am for departure at 5.20am and Murwillumbah Services Club to host breakfast from 6am, free for veterans and children under 12.

The main march departs from the post office at 10.30am and ceremony begins at 10.45am. Transport available at assembly point for non-marchers.

**TUMBULGUM:** Dawn service at Memorial Gates at 4.25am followed by light breakfast at tavern.

**TYALGUM:** Dawn service at memorial at 5.15am and breakfast in hotel afterwards.

**UKI:** Dawn service at war memorial at 4.20am and breakfast in the hall after service.

# Tweed midwives prepare to march for their role

Kate McIntosh

Devon Plumley is doing her bit to highlight global inequalities in maternal health and newborn mortality one step at a time.

The Cabarita midwife plans to take part in the final leg of a walk around the globe in Durban, South Africa, to raise awareness about the important role of midwives.

More than 250,000 midwives in more than 88 countries are planning to step out in their local communities as part of celebrations marking International Day of the Midwife.

Members of Midwives on the Tweed have also organised a 5km walk on May 5 and are calling for local mums and their families to join them on the day.

The worldwide initiative is being held ahead of the International Confederation of Midwives' (ICM) triennial congress, also taking place in Durban.

Ms Plumley - a practising midwife for the past nine years - plans to take part in the Tweed walk before heading to Durban for the final leg on June 18.



Tweed midwives Stacey Piper with her son Lachlan, left, Devon Plumley and Emma Knapp on the right. Photo Jeff Dawson

She also plans to attend the conference. She says Africa is an important choice for the event given its high maternal and infant mortality rates.

More than 40,000 women and over five million infants around the world die each year as a result of preventable preg-

nancy and childbirth complications.

The overwhelming majority of deaths occur in the Third World where maternal health services lag well behind standards in the West.

Midwives on the Tweed's Bev Love said it's hoped the walk

will help draw attention to the plight of women in the Third World.

'Our aim is to be part of an international event and to raise awareness locally about issues affecting women in childbirth,' she said.

'In the developed world 99 per cent [of women] have a skilled birth attendant, but in the Third World that drops to

about 40 per cent,' Ms Love said.

Midwives on the Tweed was established about 15 years ago and helps fund training for midwives in remote Indigenous communities and Indonesia through its fundraising and educational activities.

The walk will start from Chris Cunningham Park, corner of Wharf and Bay Streets, Tweed Heads at 10.30am on Thursday, May 5. There will be guest speakers and a sausage sizzle following the walk. Participants are asked to wear purple to show their support for women worldwide.



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# Terranora estate an eyesore say planners

Murray Simpson

A contentious subdivision at Terranora has been hammered by council planners who have branded it as haphazard planning and a potential eyesore.

The 321-lot Altitude Aspire project has roused fierce opposition from nearby residents who particularly object to plans to build a 700-metre-long acoustic wall along Fraser Drive 2.4 metres high.

A report tabled by council planning director Vince Connell said the development could be a blight on one of Australia's seven designated iconic landscapes.

'The application is grossly deficient by any acceptable level of assessment on the scenic impact locally and on the shire,' he said.

'The design of the proposed subdivision, with its reliance

on significant bulk earthworks and retaining walls, particularly when combined with the relatively small lots and limited opportunity for scenic and landscape protection, will adversely impact on the Tweed's scenic value and undermine the shire's significance as one of Australia's National Iconic Landscapes.'

## Plans filed under 3a

Altitude Aspire developer Newland Development has filed its application directly to the state government under the notorious Part 3a legislation, which leaves the Tweed Shire Council as the assessing authority but not the consent authority.

Mr Connell described the project as 'piecemeal' and not part of a coherent overall plan for the part of Terranora that falls under the Area E strategy.

Area E is a 'greenfields' resi-

dential scheme introduced in 2008 taking in a broad sweep of Terranora from Lindisfarne school to Fraser Dive.

Mr Connell said it was essential that Area E was underpinned by robust planning and infrastructure principles.

Other concerns about Altitude Aspire included the level of earthworks required on each site, and issues with access, water, sewerage and environmental protection.

'Much of the land is steeply sloping' said Mr Connell.

Difficulties with the water infrastructure means a service reservoir would have to be built.

The sewerage system would also need a significant upgrade to cope with the development.

Meanwhile, the site is home to a number of threatened bird and plant species which would require a significant buffer zone.

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# Tweed high-rise caryard approved

Murray Simpson

Tweed Heads is cementing itself as the caryard capital of the southern Gold Coast with a BMW dealership winning approval to build a six-storey office block and showroom on the site of the old Scott's Fruit Barn.

Southport-based BMW and Land Rover dealers Bruce Lynton Pty Ltd were given the green light by the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel last week for their \$20 million project.

The strategically placed development will occupy the entire corner block bounded by Recreation Street, Wharf Street and Boyd Street and will provide uninterrupted million dollar views of the Terranora inlet.

The approval comes some 15 years after Markwell's Fisheries' bid to build a high-rise devel-



An artist's impression of the proposed BMW dealership building. Courtesy Bruce Lynton Pty Ltd

opment on the present site of the Ivory Hotel on the opposite side of Wharf Street was knocked back.

Planning panel chair Garry West said the project would be in keeping with the location, a mix of commercial, industrial and residential buildings.

'The panel is in agreement that the proposal is consistent with all applicable environmental planning instruments and other relevant planning legislation,' said Mr West.

'The design is not typical of regular car yards and will be impressive for motorists com-

ing down off Boyds Bay Bridge.'

The building is straight over the road from a rival von Bibra Honda and Holden dealership which occupies a three-storey building but which is earmarked for 18 storeys under a hotly opposed new Tweed local environment plan (LEP).

## Planning panel offers public briefing for Cobaki

Luis Feliu

The chair of the regional planning panel dealing with the first housing subdivisions for the massive Cobaki estate has offered to convene a public briefing next month to hear the community's key concerns before it determines the proposal.

Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel chair Garry

West admitted the hearing could delay his panel's decision on the development application for the first 932 lots, but that it was vital for it to 'fully understand community concerns for such proposals of regional significance.'

Mr West said the panel would meet again to make a decision on the proposal around a fortnight after the public briefing.

He said the decision to hold the briefing was made following the recent site inspection and briefing of the panel by Tweed Shire Council planners conducting the assessment of the proposal.

The concept plan for the entire estate was approved by former planning minister Tony Kelly late last year.

Developer Leda Manorstead is expected to make a

presentation to the public briefing. Interested community groups and individuals are invited to register to address the panel.

The briefing is to be held on Wednesday, May 11, at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre auditorium from 4pm to 6pm.

More information on the NSW government's JRPPs can be found at [www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au).

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# Kingscliff erosion batters beach

Erosion has once again severely scoured the Kingscliff Beach foreshore, undoing much of the replenishment works which improved the beach for the running of the recent state surf life saving titles.

The tidal erosion washed away tonnes of sand from the beach last weekend, bringing the erosion level back to where it was before Tweed Shire Council spent tens of thousands of dollars on restoration works along the beach foreshore.

The works involved pumping sand from Cudgen Creek to replenish the beach in time for the surf titles held there last month.

The latest erosion has left a two-metre sand cliff on the



Tidal erosion in the past week has again played havoc with the Kingscliff Beach foreshore and battered a recently-installed safety barrier. Photo Chantal Bradshaw

edge of the foreshore. Kingscliff Coastguard commander John Purnell told me-

dia the work and money spent was simply a 'band-aid' solution and that a king tide would

also cause further erosion.

Council's natural resources director David Oxenham said remedial work such as planting vegetation and erecting fences to stabilise the sand dunes had been undertaken since February as part of the beach nourishment program and the works would be modified to stem the effects of the tidal erosion of the past fortnight.

A local resident told *The Echo* the weather last weekend 'wasn't anything out of the ordinary' and the tides have been higher as the full moon approaches (this weekend).

The resident said restoration works earlier this year appeared to have been a 'waste of money'.

# Botulism now suspected in duck deaths

Luis Feliu

Bird flu has been ruled out and botulism now suspected as the cause of death for scores of black ducks in a suburban lake at Banora Point over a fortnight ago.

Mystery has surrounded the death and sickness of 24 Pacific Black Ducks, a swan and some moorhens which frequented the manmade Lake Kimberley. An earlier analysis of a bird carcass ruled out pesticide as a cause and further tests were carried out.

The dead birds were collected by Tweed Wildlife Carers late last month who were alerted by a number of residents around the lake.

NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) regional veterinary officer Paul Freeman told *The Echo* that avian influenza (bird flu) had been ruled out, but there had not been enough fresh samples of the dead birds for a definitive analysis.

Mr Freeman said the DPI analysis at a Sydney laboratory showed no exotic disease and as pesticides had already been ruled out, botulism from bacterial toxins was the most likely



A moorhen rummages through the easterly drainage culvert of Lake Kimberley near the RTA roadworks. Photo Luis Feliu

cause of the deaths.

'But it's very difficult to diagnose, the birds were too decomposed to make a proper analysis,' he said.

Mr Freeman said other dead birds had been found around the same time at the Club Banora golf course lake, also manmade.

He said botulism occurred when there was a low-oxygen environment, especially in enclosed areas such as lakes and dams, as a result of decaying vegetable or organic matter.

'When there is no renewed flushing occurring and there's lots of rotting organic matter, that's when the water is not a particularly healthy environ-

ment.

'We see a few of these outbreaks from time to time in wet seasons with lots of plant growth drying and rotting... and we've had lots of rain and one of the wettest summers in years,' he said.

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) which is overseeing the construction of the new bypass of the Pacific Highway on the edge of the lake, conducts routine water sampling in the lake and has built temporary culverts there for drainage during roadworks, but results had showed no problems.

Tweed Cr Katie Milne said another dead bird was found this week and she had notified

council. She said if it was botulism 'they need to get it out fast to stop other animals ingesting it'.

'The reeds are now dying and masses of piled up rotting vegetation are on the sides of banks... with visual cloudiness and deterioration of water.

'Two baby swans have just been born with only a sole parent and are in the vicinity of the dead duck seen just this week but are now missing,' she said.



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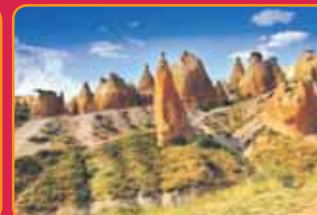
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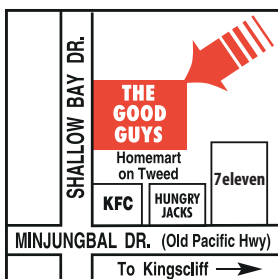


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# Brothel bid for extra hours rejected

Murray Simpson

A bid by a Chinderah brothel to operate 24 hours a day seven days a week has been knocked on the head by a divided Tweed Shire Council in spite of a recommendation by council officers that it be approved.

The long-established brothel and escort agency in the Morton Street industrial area sought to go 24/7 rather than its current 6pm 6am opening hours and to undertake internal renovations.

These would involve installing eight 'work rooms' with

associated bar and reception area.

But the council voted 4-3 to turn the application down despite warnings by Cr Dot Holdom that it might result in a court battle.

## 24 hour provision

Cr Holdom said provision had existed since 2004 to allow the brothel to go 24 hours and if the council was taken to court the brothel was likely to win.

But deputy mayor Barry Longland said it was hard to approve when just five min-

utes before the council had voted in one of the most stringent brothel codes of any council in NSW.

Council town planning director Vince Connell said he had recommended approving extended brothel hours because the proposal had attracted no submissions despite being publicly advertised and there had been no objections from NSW police.

'It is considered the development will be generally compatible with the existing industrial development and local environment,' he said.

'It was considered that to refuse the proposal on purely moral grounds would be difficult to sustain should the matter be pursued in the Land and Environment Court.'

He said it was a legal land use and the only grounds the council would have for refusal would be that it was against the public interest and that unauthorised building work had started.

But the proposal failed to win over Crs Warren Polglase, Barry Longland, Katie Milne and Joan van Lieshout and the motion was lost.

# Old Murwillumbah toilet block reeks of history

Murray Simpson

Murwillumbah's distinctive Queen Street public toilets have been ruled to have modest heritage significance and as a result may be saved from the demolisher's hammer.

The Tweed Shire Council called in consultants to run a rule over the conveniences whose access steps mean they fail to come up to scratch under disability discrimination legislation.

Consultants Ainsworth Heritage carried out an exhaustive probe and declared the edifice, which has been round for as long as most can remember, had limited local historic and aesthetic significance and was a reasonably rare example of its type.

No one can pinpoint exactly when the toilets were built but information from former council employees suggest it was around 1954-56 - about the time when a sewerage system was installed in Murwillumbah.

The design elements were described as late inter-war or post-war and, though considered modern at the time of building, were subtle enough to complement the adjacent heritage-listed streetscape.

The toilet block architect was identified as Doug Board who also designed the arcade



over the road and the Main Street Medical Centre.

'All these buildings display a similar architectural style with rounded facades and detailing, such as the glass bricks, that echoed Doug Board's famous father, F J Board, who was noted for using decorative brickwork.'

'F J Board was one of the

most prominent architects in Lismore and the far north coast in the early days of the twentieth century. He was noted for his many public buildings with attractive detailing that has come to provide Lismore with its distinctive character.'

The builder is thought to be George Hanna, a young sole

trader who later founded a company that became Hanna and Edmed.

The company also built the old RSL, now the medical centre over the road, the Red Cross Hall in 1952 and the Parish Hall in 1952.

There is conjecture the toilet block might have been built at the same time as the Rotary Club's clock tower in 1952.

On its own, the consultants said, the toilet block was not historically significant, but as part of the integrated sewerage system, which helped drive the development of the town, the block had some local significance.

# King park forum extended

Tweed Shire Council has extended its online community forum for the Kingscliff Central Park concept plan to enable participants to comment on a plan for more car parking in the town's centre.

A council spokesperson said that almost 200 comments had been lodged on the forum prior to the original closing date of April 12.

The comments included many demands for additional car parking near the pro-

posed Central Park site. As a result of the feedback and the possibility of government funding, the council spokesperson said council decided to look closer at a plan for an underground car park as part of the park.

Both the closing date for the online forum - www.yoursaytweed.com.au/kingscliffpark - and the deadline for written submissions will be extended to 4pm next Tuesday, April 26.

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## Trying it on

It's so refreshing to see our chief planner showing no fear or favour in calling a bad development exactly that. The controversial 321-lot Altitude Aspire development proposed for Terranora, with its over-the-top acoustic wall along Fraser Drive, has also rightly been condemned by neighbouring residents, who were not told about the wall in the first place.

In a nutshell, council's chief planner says the developer, who should know better, must go back to the drawing board as the overall design, which involves small lots surrounded by bulky earthworks and retaining walls, is an eyesore and will not blend in with the surrounding landscape.

Calling the plan 'grossly deficient' is the worst sort of indictment for any development application, but when it comes from a professional developer, it makes you wonder just what did they think they were up to. Perhaps they thought the pro-development majority faction on council would give it their blessing anyway, with or without the chief planner's endorsement, and so would the state government, seen by many who object to political donations as the puppets of big developers. Indeed, the developer in this case used the contentious Part 3A of the state planning laws to appeal directly to the planning minister to let it go ahead, and council only has an assessment rather than consent role in this case.

The phrases used to describe the plan, such as piecemeal, not coherent or having an adverse impact, are probably not what the developers wanted to hear, but the Terranora area in question has to be developed sensibly and sensitively if it's to blend in with surrounding built environment. A new development control plan to reflect the values the community wants for the area should be the planning instrument underpinning development for this steeply sloping area, of which almost 20 per cent will require more than five-metre-deep cutting and infill earthworks to accommodate the development.

Some years ago, a landslip caused considerable damage to homes in a similarly steep area not far from this site. As a result all manner of insurance issues arose and ratepayers could face a hefty bill in a similar situation. That sort of steep subdivision should never have been allowed and that's why we need not just strong words from our planners but matching actions from state regulators.

The state government should listen closely to what our planners are saying about this and reject it out of hand.

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# Union luddites jack up on carbon tax

The AWU secretary Paul Howes in not as important as he thinks he is. For that matter no-one in the known universe is as important as Paul Howes thinks he is.

But that does not mean that last week's ultimatum to Julia Gillard was entirely bluff and bluster. Howes's threats are significant, not because they should be taken seriously, but because they suggest that the union leadership has abandoned sensible argument on the carbon tax and has descended into irrational demagoguery.

Howes's line, apparently, is that the industries in which his members work should be insulated forever from the real economy, preserved as museum pieces while the rest of the world moves past them.

The AWU used to represent blacksmiths; if Howes had his way the motor car would have been introduced only if the government could have guaranteed that no smithy would be displaced. The fact, of course, is that the motor vehicle industry employs more metal workers than blacksmithing ever did; the farriers swiftly found more useful and rewarding work elsewhere.

Reform entails change. It was heartening to hear the secretary of the Manufacturing Workers Union, Dave Oliver, recognise this and point out that while some jobs will inevitably disappear in the transition to a lower carbon economy, many others will be created. But he was drowned out in the clamour from Howes and from the heavies in the TWU and the CFMEU.

And Howes's position is peculiar in another way. He says that if one job is lost he, meaning the AWU, will withdraw his support. This, of course, was the phrase he used in the coup against Kevin Rudd: the prime minister had lost his support.

But in that case there was, at least, an alternative. This time there isn't.

Does Howes mean that he would assassinate Gillard and install - well, who? Greg Combet, the public face of the policy he opposed? Jump to Bill Shorten, lacking both status and credibility? Or cross the whole way over to Tony Abbott, whom the unions accuse of trying to reintroduce WorkChoices?

Or does Howes simply mean

And speaking of insults and illiteracy, has there ever been a more selfish and mendacious campaign than that being mounted by the Registered Clubs Association against poker machine reform?

Once again they are claiming that the sky will fall if anything is done to restrain their privileged position, a position they have systematically and ruthlessly abused for many years.

The chief executive of Clubs

its pokies. It is estimated by the Productivity Commission that some 40 per cent of this sum was taken from problem gamblers who make up about 15 per cent of all punters with another 15 percent at risk of going the same way.

The financial and social damage to the community from this one club was therefore immense, far outweighing the amount it returned. So clearly something needs to be done, and the states - which, with the honourable exception of Western Australia, now gain a significant proportion of their own revenue from pokie taxes - are not about to do it.

Andrew Wilkie has forced the feds into action, and while his idea of pre-commitment - punters having to nominate how much they are prepared to lose and the machines rejecting their ID cards when that amount is reached - is both clumsy and expensive, no-one has come up with a better one.

The ideal would be to follow Tim Freedman's advice and just blow up the pokies; but this is unlikely to happen. An alternative would be to make them less voracious - limits on how much money they would accept in a given period - and also less glamorous and seductive, as is proposed for cigarette packets.

But the clubs will not compromise, or even negotiate. If restrictions are imposed, there will be no more clubs, no more sport, no more kiddies' playgrounds, no more communities. It should be remembered that they said exactly the same things when pokies were allowed in hotels: the clubs were doomed. Last year just 11 NSW clubs took \$438,953,965 from their pokies and returned just \$11,678,358 to the community.

These men are lying. They want your money and they couldn't give a damn about the community.

While some jobs will inevitably disappear in the transition to a lower carbon economy, many others will be created.

by Mungo MacCallum



that he will campaign against the tax within the Labor Party? The option is there, but not, if he is honest, at this year's national conference, which will take place before the effects of any carbon tax become clear. And in any case if he were to win, and Labor to drop its plans, it would blow Julia Gillard out of the leadership and Labor out of the race at the next election. This would not be a good result for someone as clearly ambitious as Paul Howes is.

In the past he has staked out a position as a bit of a maverick at times, but one who is serious about policy and rock solid about the party. To preserve his reputation he would do better to try and calm his troops down and talk to them about economic and political reality rather than surrender to the mob and throw his weight behind his traditional antagonists, the employer groups. As things stand he is being dismissed as a political and economic illiterate by, of all people, the Greens. Now that really is an insult.

NSW gave the game away last week when he attempted to defend an untenable position. The clubs, he said, were only required to donate 1.5 per cent of revenue to the community, but in fact they delivered more than 2.5 per cent - and that was out of income, not out of profits. Why, some clubs donated nearly a third of their net profits.

Yes, but clubs are supposed to be not-for-profit organisations; that's why they have attracted \$6.5 billion - yes, billion - in tax concessions since 1997. So what happens to the rest of the profits from the not-for-profit clubs? Well, a great deal of it goes on salaries - some chief executives (they are no longer mere club managers) drag in half a million a year. And a lot more goes on self-promotion: last year the Penrith Panthers spent more than \$7 million on advertising its benefits, compared with less than \$3 million donated to the community.

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**Population furbies**

I was astonished to read in the *Tweed Link* that the council expects the population of the Tweed Shire to reach 128,000 in twenty years.

The 1946 census revealed a population of 7,100. Thirty years later the 1976 census counted 24,500, a three and a half fold increase. Another thirty years later and the 2006 census found a population of 82,400, another three and a half fold increase. If the rate of increase of the last sixty years is maintained, the population in 2036 will be close to 260,000. The council's prediction of 128,000 by 2031 is way under the historical trend and doesn't seem to make sense. You think these figures are a bit extreme? The 1946 census gave the Gold Coast a population of less than 12,000 and now it's more than half a million.

I rang the council and asked what they expected would cause this fantastic slow-down in population growth. I was told that council policy is to restrict the release of residential land and thus give potential new arrivals nowhere to live.

Wasn't it King Canute that tried to hold back the tide? I bet he got a bit damp. For the past half-century state governments have been shoving responsibilities on to councils without providing appropriate funding. Thus, councils are always heavily strapped for cash. The incentive to restrict population increases and therefore the constant need for more and more infrastructure is always present.

# The clubs' appalling pokie campaign

It was the Productivity Commission, not the MP Andrew Wilkie, who recommended 'pre-commitment' in their Report No 50 into Gambling of February 26, 2010 and a responsible MP read the report and wanted it implemented. (It is on the net - look it up.)

In just 22 years from 1986/87 Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) in clubs and pubs have moved from taking 29 per cent of the NSW gambling dollars to a 55 per cent share. Today we all carry a plastic card to enter our club to gamble, which we put in

at the other end, a feature of Tony Abbot's stated immigration policy is to bring in 140,000 migrants each year (not counting boat people). Julia Gillard thinks 200,000 is more appropriate and Kevin Rudd liked 300,000 ('I make no apology for that').

With the federals pouring them in and the councils keeping them out of their patch, where are all these people going to live? Well, a lot of them are living in government housing that was originally paid for by the taxation of people who were born here. The immediate result of this conflict of policies has been to increase homelessness and fantastically increase the cost of housing.

Australia has the poorest soil in the world and most of the country has an annual rainfall of less than 500mm. We are already heavily overpopulated. We've been polluting our streams beyond their capacity to recover since our population passed twelve million back in the sixties and recently when we reached twenty million, we started running out of water.

But governments have

EGMs to gain club bonus points. This action enables one large Australian club to know all the names of just 0.1 per cent of their membership who contribute 17 per cent of the club's EGM takings and all the names of the next 0.5 per cent who contribute another 31 per cent of the club's EGM takings, leaving 99.4 per cent of the club's membership to contribute the remaining 52 per cent of the club's annual EGM takings. It is this 0.6 per cent, or as many as just over 500,000 club members Australia-wide, who provide

to have growth and surplus budgets or their opposition will sneer at them (and it doesn't matter who's in).

The first surplus budget in the history of this country was brought down by Paul Keating not all that long ago. I wonder how we survived before that. But what can we expect? There are two things we do as a community with totally unqualified staff. We raise our children and we govern our country.

**Jim O'Regan**  
 North Arm, Murwillumbah

**Beware the 'Kevin Skinner Dam'**

All pensioners who live in Tweed Shire will lose their rate subsidies if mayor Skinner and his cronies on council have their way.

While the NSW election has distracted attention from the machinations of our local politicians, the mayor has been in the press and on ABC local radio lamenting the terrible cost to the council of helping out some of Tweed Shire's most poorly off residents. Why would Skinner be advocating such a deplorable act?

The answer is obvious when

almost 50 per cent of the club's gaming profits and your club wants to continue to exploit these problem gamblers as they say they cannot live without continuing their misery. *They know who you are and they know how to get your money.*

You will not hear Michael Fraser of Twin Towns Services Club Ltd or our local member, Mr Geoff Provest, or our new Premier Barry O'Farrell refer to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry with its very disturbing revelations about the massive growth of the

his voting record as mayor is taken into account. He is obsessed with building a big dam at Byrrell Creek at a cost to ratepayers of anywhere between \$60 and \$100 million by completion in around ten years' time.

To this end he is ruthlessly willing to take from the struggling pensioner and use these gains to help pay for an unnecessary dam. And what are the benefits that Tweed pensioners can expect from Skinner's dam? We can go to our grave knowing that we have subsidised thousands upon thousands of much better-off residents in their comfy homes in Cobaki, Kings Forest, etc, etc, so they can waste clean water flushing their toilets.

Because that is where the water from Skinner's dam will go - to middle class housing estates, to coastal highrise apartments for yuppies and to mansions in the more exclusive enclaves of Tweed as they spring up.

Remember this if you live to see the pomp of an official opening ceremony for the 'Kevin Skinner Dam' in a decade or so. Better still,

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EGM industry and the considerable damage it is doing to over 500,000 plus members of the community and their extended family members.

This club and hotel industry has lost the moral compass which they once had serving members of our community. How much longer will clubs not recognise what damage they are doing to the community before they take action or must they be forced by government to once again become responsible citizens?

**Laurie Ganter**  
 Tweed Heads

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# Impending coal-seam gas disaster

■ I would like to publicly thank, firstly, Councillor Janet Wilson for her motion at the Kyogle Council meeting on Monday in regard to Council requesting a moratorium for the coal-seam gas industry, and secondly, to thank all the Kyogle councillors who voted unanimously to support that motion.

It is only a small, but a positive step towards trying to understand the ramifications of this industry that seems to be spreading like a virus.

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■ Could coal seam gas mining be the next disaster coming over the horizon?

Licenses and drilling were initiated years ago between Casino and Murwillumbah. Global warming, rising sea levels and oceanic acidity, loss of biodiversity, relentless population increase and galloping urbanisation, an unsustainable carbon economy: all these in-

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remember this when you vote at next year's council election!

Bruce McQueen  
Mt Burrell

### All hell will let loose

The furore that has erupted over Marrickville council's decision to consider some form of a ban in dealing with the state of Israel is nothing short of a disgrace.

Apparently it's OK to have a ban on trading with Burma (gives you a nice fuzzy feeling and doesn't cost you any thing). It's also OK for MP Michael Danby to lecture China on human rights, but criticise Israel in any way and all hell lets loose.

No question of debating the issues, just a tirade of abuse and slander against those who feel strongly enough to take a stand for the human rights of the Palestinian people.

This is the usual Zionist propaganda onslaught which sets out to crush and silence all opposition both within Is-

rael and the shrinking West Bank and elsewhere in the world.

The problem is not one of anti-Semitism but one of aggressive, nationalistic, expansionist Zionism. You do not have to be Jewish to be a Zionist. President Woodrow Wilson, a devout Presbyterian,

was also a self-professed Zionist, so too is US Vice President Joe Biden. Zionists wrote the Balfour document. Perhaps the ranting ratbag right and subservient politicians should take a tip from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: 'Do not raise your voice, raise your argument.'

terconnected forces will impinge upon us and radically change our environment and our quality of life.

The *Echo's* readerships cover a very special bioregion that represents a diverse and progressive demographic of Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, and Nimbin residents and transients. Many of us see the wisdom of reducing our ecological and carbon footprints and are grateful for our rich and privileged inheritance of indigenous culture, wildlife and natural landscapes.

## Polluters and the carbon tax

■ Some of you may have noticed that for weeks now *The Australian* newspaper (and other media) have been uncritically reporting big polluters' calls for the axing/exempting from the carbon tax.

Yesterday the LNG producers were at it, claiming that billions of dollars of investments will be mothballed unless they're exempted from the tax.

Astonishingly they claim that the generous compensation they were offered in the failed CPRS didn't go far enough and they want even more this time. I say astonishingly, because in truth they should get absolutely nothing.

The only reason any industry should be given compensation is to avoid carbon leakage. This is when a trade-exposed industry moves to another country due to a carbon price, and they end up polluting even more in that other country (ie, it becomes more CO<sub>2</sub> intensive per unit of production once it goes overseas). If this happens, the net effect of the carbon price is to increase emissions - hence the need for compensation.

There is no evidence at all that this would happen with LNG production. The Grattan Institute's Restructur-

ing the Australian Economy to Emit Less Carbon Report [www.grattan.edu.au/publications/026\\_energy\\_report\\_22\\_april\\_2010.pdf](http://www.grattan.edu.au/publications/026_energy_report_22_april_2010.pdf) (April 2010) shows that even with a carbon price, the LNG industry still stands to make a handsome profit. (I should add that the Grattan Institute [www.grattan.edu.au/about\\_us.html](http://www.grattan.edu.au/about_us.html) is a centrist thinktank, funded by, among others, the federal government and BHP - hardly 'lunar left extremists').

A Border Ranges Biosphere Reserve, built on the multi-governmental Border Ranges Rainforest Biodiversity Management Plan, and based on the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) program/strategy, could provide a unifying and positive model/ideal for our bioregion.

We urgently need a greenbelt buffer and lungs at the edge of the vast southeast Queensland megalopolis known as the Moreton Basin. The Caldera could provide a 'bookend' to the Noosa Biosphere Reserve. (Imagine the Hawkesbury/Illawarra basin without the National Parks surrounding Sydney!)

If you support the campaign for a Border Ranges Biosphere Reserve, write a letter of 'in principle support' as an individual, or lobby your council or association to write to: Border Ranges Biosphere Reserve, c/- Caldera Environment Centre, PO Box 5090, Murwillumbah

NSW 2484; or visit our website at: [www.calderaenvironment-centre.org](http://www.calderaenvironment-centre.org).

Hop E Hopkins  
Coordinator

Caldera Environment Centre

■ Just for one moment, let us believe that this is indeed the 'fourth world' and life has been zapped on this earth several times in the past. Some believe that it may not have been due to catastrophic natural disasters each time but at least in one case was caused by an advanced race abusing or misusing their technology, and setting off tectonic and volcanic planetary reactions.

Not to worry now though, we are so super-advanced that we've exploded many powerful nuclear bombs on the surface, in the atmosphere and even underground, have toxic waste dumps, deep sea oil rigs, nuclear power stations, etc, and now we're fracked!

Alan Davis  
Pottsville

If people want to know what's happening in Israel, google the website of Johnathon Cook, a correspondent based in Israel, and read *The Gun & The Olive Branch* by David Hirst (among other publications).

Frank Ball  
Tweed Heads

How on earth can a supposedly 'Labor' government justify this? The more money we give these super-rich polluters, the less compensation there will be for low-income households, and the less money there will be for investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

I reckon this is only the beginning. All the polluters (including the electricity generators) will be lining up, cap-in-hand, for compensation most of them don't deserve. If they get what they want it'll make a mockery of the carbon tax.

Yasir Assam  
Midginbil

■ There seem to be so many knockers! We'd like to thank federal Labor, the Greens and the independents for putting in motion a means of reducing Australia's carbon emissions and hopefully reducing Australia's reliance on coal-powered electricity.

Very vocal opposition proves it is not the easy road to take. But who wants a government that makes short term, populist, easy choices? Not us!

Hopefully this is just the first step to a more sustainable Australia.

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'The Lighthouse Tours allow visitors to explore and appreciate the maritime heritage of Byron Bay,' said Cape Byron Trust Chair Yvonne Stewart.



'Join a tour and take a step back in time to discover what the daily duties of the Lighthouse Keepers and their families at the Cape would have been like.

'Enjoy climbing the tower, stopping at each of the three levels before stepping out onto the top balcony to get a bird's eye view into the Marine Park below and surrounding hinterland,' said Ms Stewart.

Today the Lighthouse, an important north coast icon, is managed jointly by a community trust with the NPWS and the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal Aboriginal People.

Guided tours of the Cape Byron Lighthouse are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays (all year), and Saturday (NSW school holidays). Guided tours take approximately 40 minutes and cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and concession, and \$25 for family groups. Children must be five years old to participate in tours. Bookings are recommended.

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## ORGANIC GROWERS PONDER THE FRACKING ISSUE

Contamination from fracking chemicals used during coal-seam gas (CSG) extraction is a major concern to organic farmers, says Greg Paynter, consultant to Biological Farmers of Australia. Following the revelations of the recent ABC *Four Corners* program into the current CSG practices, BFA supports the call for a moratorium on CSG mining until a full investigation has been undertaken.

With the environmental impacts of some mining activities under question, the risks being revealed to primary producers make it an uncertain future for many; however, for organic producers, meeting domestic and international standards brings with it further challenges.

Across Australia mining companies are exploring, drilling, fracking and extracting CSG, and the environmental repercussions of this form of mining are yet to be fully recognised and understood, which makes it particularly difficult in terms of managing risks to organic certification.

'Organic management systems are based upon avoiding use of synthetic chemicals in farming and managing the risk of potential contamination from on and off farm. Mining brings with it many new questions around risk management with the concern that chemicals used in mining have the potential for pollution of land and water,' Mr Paynter said.

'A number of Australian Certified Organic [ACO] clients have already been affected by these types of coal mining operations. Others are currently under threat due to proximity, or the activities have yet to start in their region.

'Concerns held by ACO clients are in relation to the continuance of their organic certification; health of their families and workers; loss of potential markets domestically and also in export markets; and interruption to farming processes due to changes of the farm landscape caused by mining infrastructure.'

According to Akiko Nicholls, ACO managing director, if the land is contaminated from the result of CSG, organic certification status may be suspended.

'Producers could face loss of all markets for their produce for three years and even longer if there are ongoing problems with managing the risk and level of contamination,' she said.

Greg Paynter says the BFA is working for the best outcome for organic primary producers.

'We are communicating with growers, grower groups and government to gain an accurate understanding about the extent mining activities are affecting or may affect producers' organic status in future.'

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**For further information contact John Turnbull, Bush Futures Project Manager on 02 6670 2732 (Tweed) or Angus Underwood, Bush Futures Project Officer on 02 6626 7219 (Byron) or check the Bush Futures website: [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/BushFutures](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/BushFutures).**

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Saturday 7:30pm ANZ Stadium
<b>Raiders v Knights</b>
Sunday 2:00pm Canberra Stadium
<b>Eels v Titans</b>
Sunday 3:00pm Parramatta Stadium
<b>Roosters v Dragons</b>
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<b>Storm v Warriors</b>
Monday 7:00pm AAMI Park

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Bluesfest 2011 is here. This year brings a swag of international acts for their debut performance, including Grace Jones, Bob Dylan and Elvis Costello. Everyone has been saying it, but I'll say it again. It's quite possibly the best Bluesfest line up to date, possibly the best festival line up in the country this year. In a climate of music festivals, Bluesfest still retains significant points of difference. This is a festival for a broader demographic. It's not just starry-eyed 20-somethings, it's grandmas, and grandpas, babies, teenagers, the middle-aged, the prematurely aged and the ageing well. It's a festival for serious music lovers who get this rare opportunity once a year to hear the best music from every corner of the planet. Be prepared for a life-changing experience in your collapsible chair and your wellies. Ladies and Gentlemen, open your ears, your eyes and your hearts!

## BOB DYLAN

He's the man that everyone is coming to see. Undoubtedly he is the most influential musical figure in contemporary music with a career that spans over half a century. Pulitzer prize winning for his profound impact on popular music and American culture, for compositions of extraordinary poetic power. He has toured since the late 1980s on what has been dubbed The Never Ending Tour. Much of his most celebrated work dates from the 1960s when he was an informal chronicler, and an apparently reluctant figurehead, of social unrest, though he is well known for revolutionising perceptions of the limits of popular music in 1965 with the six-minute single *Like a Rolling Stone*. He's been inducted into the Nashville Hall of Fame. Has a playlist of songs that would possibly take the entire Bluesfest to play and is incidentally one of the most popular trivial pursuit questions: Who is Robert Zimmerman? In his autobiography, Dylan acknowledged that he had been influenced by the poetry of Dylan Thomas. Explaining his change of name in a 2004 interview, Dylan remarked: 'You're born, you know, the wrong names, wrong parents. I mean, that happens. You call yourself what you want to call yourself. This is the land of the free.' Bob Dylan, the early champion of Counterculture finally comes to the town of Byron Bay to perform for the shape-changing name-changing people he first inspired.

## A Poem to Bob

*In a young Summer's youth I wandered away,  
Getting' lost in the rain somewhere south of LA.  
Walked and I crawled on a long windy beach,  
The sky full of diamonds...far out of my reach.*

*Dug all your songs, your poetry too...  
Learned to play guitar and be just like you.  
Wore out Spanish boots travellin' around,  
Searchin' for freedom in South border towns.*

*How many a year seemed to pass me on by,  
Laughin' and jokin'and tryin' to stay high,  
Till I woke up one morning... feelin' weary and  
down,  
With a taste for carnitas and Mexican brown.*

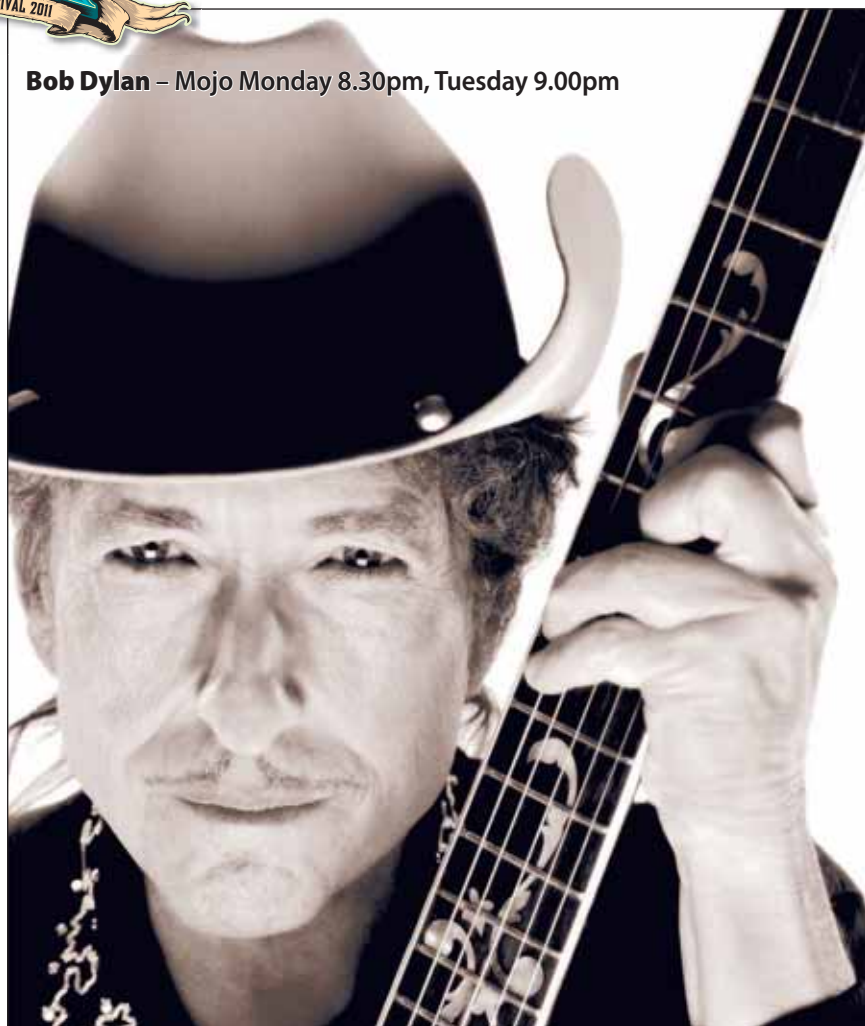
*Stuck in the basement with the Tombstone Blues,  
Mixed up, noddin', dazed and confused,  
Out on the pavement hustlin' nickels and dimes,  
Wonderin' if this was what you had in mind.*

*But don't think twice Bob, I ain't blamin' you,  
You just happened to be there, I was there too...  
Will ask you one thing though, I have paid my  
dues,  
Don't screw up your songs when you sing at the  
Blues...*

*Festival, in Byron Bay, this year, 2011, Monday...  
(good God, are we still here?)*

anonymous

Bob Dylan – Mojo Monday 8.30pm, Tuesday 9.00pm



## RUTHIE FOSTER & HER BAND

Well, we just had to bring her back after her triumphant Australian solo performance debut in 2008. The soulful Ruthie Foster will spin the mind and the mood of Bluesfest audiences once again – and this time she's bringing her band. From her beginnings in the Brazos Valley of Central Texas, the ever-expressive Ruthie Foster has Southern blues in her groove, rock in her rhythm, a blend of gospel redemption, country poetry and jazz elegance in her singing. But not, according to Ruthie, until her latest

album, *The Truth*, have all the pieces fitted into a picture this powerful. Her gigs have taken her from choir lofts to folk bistros and onto stages in America, Europe and Australia. As one US rock critic enthused: 'Music this moving doesn't come around often these days...' Well, here it comes again, with Ruthie Foster ready to unveil to Bluesfest followers *The Truth*, the eagerly awaited follow-up to her 2007 critically acclaimed *The Phenomenal*. Ruthie Foster tackles life's big issues, harmonised against her core message – that through all of the ups and downs of living, you must stay true to yourself.

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### MOJO

22:00 **Ben Harper & Relentless7**  
20:15 **Funky Meters**  
18:45 **Michael Franti & Spearhead**  
18:15 **Arakwal Opening Ceremony**  
17:15 **Xavier Rudd**  
16:00 **Kim Churchill**

### CROSSROADS

22:30 **ZZ Top**  
20:45 **Los Lobos**  
19:15 **Ruthie Foster**  
17:45 **CW Stoneking**  
16:30 **Neil Murray**

### JAMBALAYA

22:30 **Toots and the Maytals**  
21:00 **Luciano & Jah Messenjah Band**  
20:30 **Warrior King & Bonnie Casey**  
19:00 **Ernest Ranglin**  
17:30 **Grace Woodroffe**  
16:00 **Nat Col and the Kings**

### JUKE JOINT

23:00 **The Bamboos**  
21:30 **Ray Beadle**  
20:00 **Yodelice**  
18:30 **The Hands**  
17:15 **Nga Tae**  
16:00 **Joewah**

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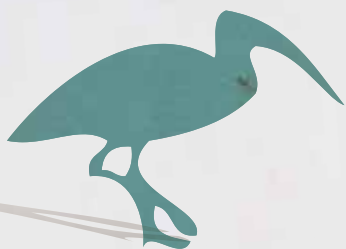
23:15 **Lowrider**  
21:45 **Kingfisha**  
20:15 **Transvaal Diamond Syndicate**  
18:45 **Bayjah**  
17:15 **Mojo Bluesmen**  
16:00 **School Showcase**





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**FRIDAY PROGRAM**

**MOJO**

- 21:45 **Grace Jones**
- 19:45 **Toots and the Maytals**
- 18:15 **Fistful of Mercy**
- 16:45 **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue**
- 15:15 **Xavier Rudd**
- 13:45 **C.W. Stoneking**
- 12:15 **Yodelice**

**CROSSROADS**

- 22:30 **Rodrigo Y Gabriela**
- 20:45 **BB King**
- 19:00 **Blind Boys of Alabama/feat Aaron Neville**
- 17:30 **Los Lobos**
- 16:00 **Raul Malo**
- 14:30 **Eric Bibb**
- 13:15 **Ruthie Foster**
- 12:00 **Hat Fitz and Cara Robinson**

**JAMBALAYA**

- 22:15 **Funky Meters**
- 20:45 **Luciano & Jah Messenjah Band**
- 20:15 **Warrior King & Bonnie Casey**
- 18:45 **The Dingoes**
- 17:15 **Jack Thompson & The Original Sinne**
- 15:45 **Victor Valdes & The Marin Brothers**
- 13:00 **RockWiz Live**

**JUKE JOINT**

- 22:30 **Fishbone**
- 20:30 **The Aggrolites**
- 19:00 **Osibisa**
- 17:30 **Ernest Ranglin**
- 16:00 **Neil Murray**
- 14:30 **Bob Abbot & The Fabulous Green Machine**
- 13:15 **Nga Tae**
- 12:00 **Microwave Jenny**

**APRA**

- 23:15 **Lowrider**
- 21:30 **Ray Beadle**
- 19:45 **U Blues Band**
- 18:15 **Bayjah**
- 16:45 **Louis King & The Liars Klub**
- 15:00 **The Hands**
- 13:30 **Blackbirds**
- 12:00 **Transvaal Diamond Syndicate**

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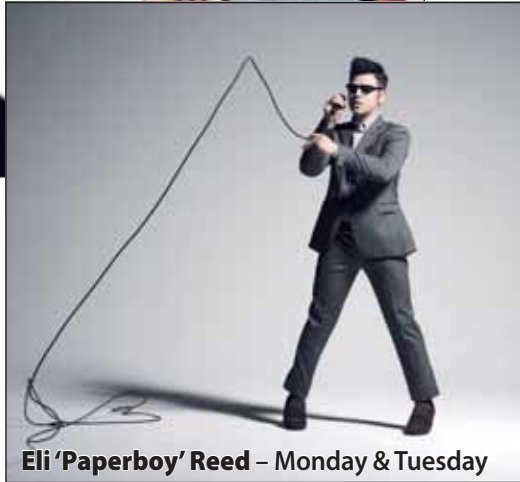
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**ERIC BIBB**

Winner of the 2010 DownBeat Critics Poll category for 'Blues Album' (for *Booker's Guitar*), Eric Bibb is a big favourite with Bluesfest fans. He has criss-crossed the world paying his dues and absorbing musical influences, picking up countless awards and nominations, and mesmerising audiences. While this acoustic guitarist and singer has been inspired by pre-war Delta blues music, he has brought the acoustic country-blues sound into the new century with his new and acclaimed album *Booker's Guitar*. *The New York Post* tells the story well: 'After a London gig, a fan approached Eric to see if he wanted to play blues legend Booker (Bukka) White's vintage guitar, which he had acquired. White was BB King's older cousin, and a master of slide acoustic guitar Delta blues. The



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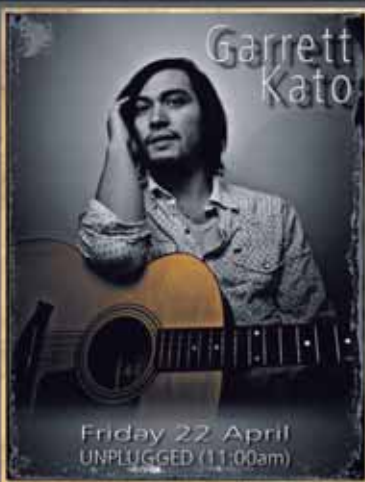
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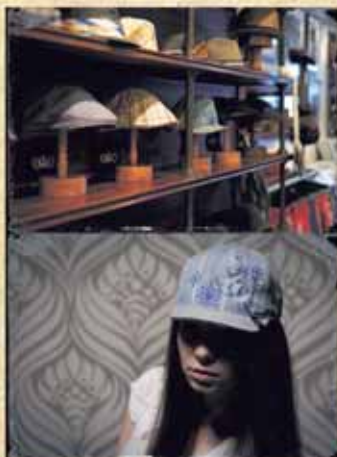


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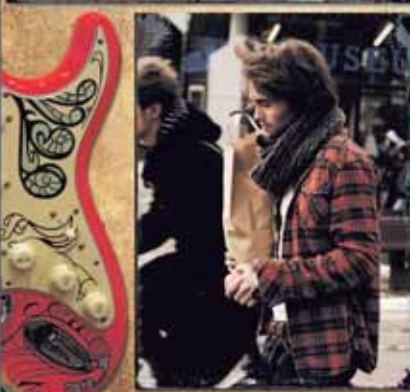


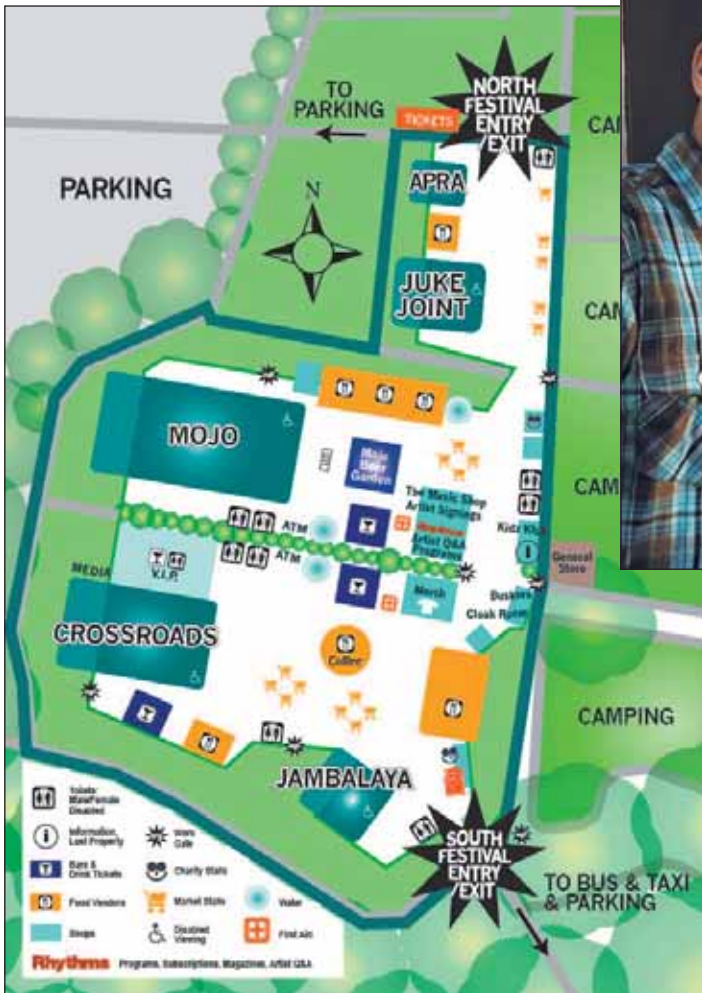
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**RODRIGO Y GABRIELA**

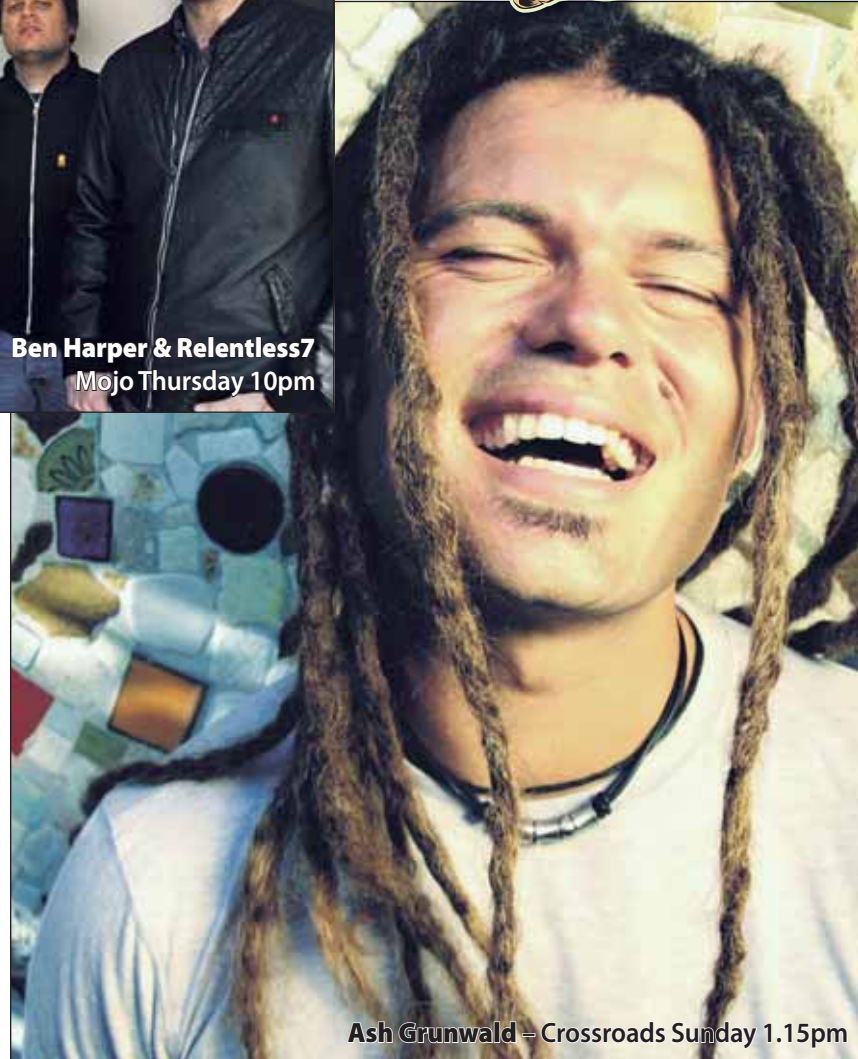
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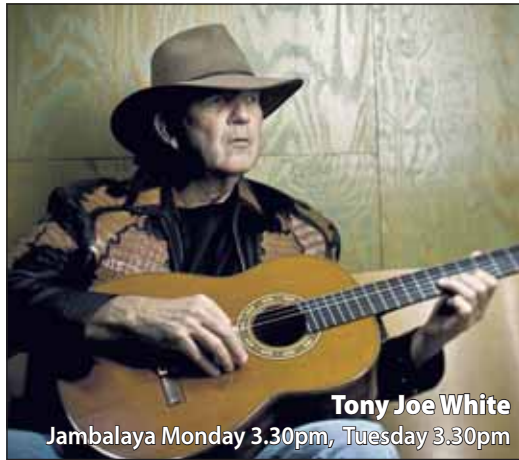
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Tony Joe White  
Jambalaya Monday 3.30pm, Tuesday 3.30pm

Australian blues awards for Best Emerging Talent and also Best Male Vocalist. What Ash has also done – no mean feat this – is reinvent the blues genre for a modern audience. At the beginning he was using only acoustic guitar and foot percussion consisting of a stomp box and tambourine. Then with his 2009 *Fish out of Water* album he entered new territory with many of the songs gaining a hip-hop edge to counterpoint Ash's traditional Delta blues. And now again another leap, this time 'neck-deep in the technological swamp of the 21st Century'. *Hot Mama Vibes* is the new album recorded in Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne. One of the most primal concoctions of elemental junkyard soul to stomp through your speakers, it mixes electronica with the blues. 'That was always a dream of mine,' Ash says. 'I love technology if it facilitates something that works.' Well, it's working for Ash and it will no doubt work for you at Bluesfest. [www.ashgrunwald.com](http://www.ashgrunwald.com)

## ROBERT RANDOLPH & THE FAMILY BAND

If you want an endorsement for an amazing funk soul pedal-steel master guitarist then look no further than Eric Clapton. That is the tribute Eric Clapton paid to Robert Randolph inviting Robert Randolph and the Family Band to tour and open his shows. Eric repaid the compliment by guesting on their 2006 album *Colourblind*. Bluesfest fans will see for themselves the reputation Randolph's concerts have earned for their lively stage performances. Dance is an integral part of the concerts and during the number *The March* Robert has been known to leave his instrument to instruct the crowd on how to properly perform the intricate dance move. Other noteworthy concert features involve the entire band trading instruments, allowing each member to show off their musical proficiencies. When he becomes completely enthralled by his music, Robert can chew the audience up by kicking away the chair from his pedal steel guitar and dancing while he plays. [www.robertrandolph.net](http://www.robertrandolph.net)

## SATURDAY PROGRAM

### MOJO

- 22:30 John Legend
- 21:00 Indigo Girls
- 19:30 Wolfmother
- 18:00 Imogen Heap
- 16:30 Kasey Chambers
- 15:00 Jeff Lang
- 13:30 Leah Flanagan
- 12:00 U Blues Band

### CROSSROADS

- 22:30 Michael Franti & Spearhead
- 20:45 Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi Band
- 19:00 Robert Randolph & The Family Band
- 17:30 Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue
- 16:00 Mavis Staples & Her Band
- 14:30 Little Feat
- 13:15 Dale Watson & His Lonestars
- 12:00 Wagons

### JAMBALAYA

- 22:45 Melbourne Ska Orchestra
- 21:15 Trinity Roots
- 19:45 Raul Malo
- 18:15 Tim Robbins & The Rogues Gallery Band
- 16:45 Neil Murray
- 15:30 Jack Thompson & the Original Sinners
- 13:10 RockWiz Live

### JUKE JOINT

- 22:30 The Bamboos
- 20:30 BB & The Blues Shacks
- 19:00 Grace Barbe Afro Kreol
- 17:30 Phil Jones & The Unknown Blues
- 16:00 Bob Abbot & The Fabulous Green Machine
- 14:30 The Red Eyes
- 13:15 Kingfisha
- 12:00 Joewah

### APRA

- 22:45 Blackbirds
- 21:15 Victor Valdes & The Marin Brothers
- 19:30 Nat Col & The Kings
- 18:00 Hank Green's Blues
- 16:30 Louis King & The Liars Klub
- 15:00 The Blackwater Fever
- 13:30 Jackson Firebird
- 12:00 Microwave Jenny



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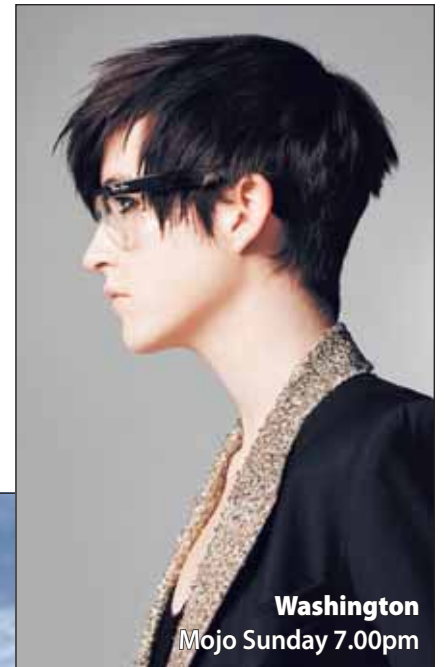
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**DEREK TRUCKS & SUSAN TEDESCHI**

Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi have combined forces for a 2010 outing, touring together as one musical group. The guitar-slinging couple – married since 2001 – have recorded on each other's albums and toured together on occasion, but this new musical adventure reveals the two side by side leading one amazing ensemble. Fans can expect a mixture of material from both artists' repertoire along with a batch of songs worked up especially for this tour, steeped in blues, roadhouse rock and American roots. Derek forged a name for himself over the years as an innovative guitar virtuoso, taking a progressive approach to roots music, blending rock, blues, jazz, and world music into a sound defined by his eponymous project The Derek Trucks Band. Trucks was the youngest musician to make *Rolling Stone's* 'Top 100 Guitarists of All Time' and featured on the cover of their 2007 'New Guitar Gods' issue. In 2006 Trucks joined guitar legend Eric Clapton's world tour as a featured soloist in his band, a tour extending into the spring of 2007 and supported by rave critical reviews. Derek's sixth studio album, *Already Free*, was released in 2009, debuted at number 19 on the US Billboard Top 200 Chart. On the road over 300 days per year, Trucks has divided his time between The Derek Trucks Band and The Allman Brothers Band, and now looks to continue his path on the never-ending road with Susan and this exciting new project. Susan Tedeschi's knack for musical truth telling has been apparent in the years since she first captured the public's

musical imagination. Her recent release *Back to the River* – produced by George Drakoulias, whose resume includes work with The Black Crowes, The Jayhawks, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers – is a mature, soulful work that demonstrates how much singer/guitarist/songwriter Tedeschi has grown in the decade since she burst onto the scene. Tedeschi's breakthrough album *Just Won't Burn* achieved Gold sales status and earned her a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist in 2000, followed by her 2003 Best Female Rock Vocal Performance Grammy nomination for *Wait For Me*, and her 2006 Best Contemporary Blues Album Grammy nomination for *Hope and Desire*. She is quickly taking her place as the

new generation's greatest female blues guitarist/singer.  
www.derektrucks.com/  
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**Washington**  
Mojo Sunday 7.00pm



**Trinity Roots**  
Jambalaya Saturday 9.15pm, Mojo Sunday 5.30pm

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**SUNDAY PROGRAM**

**MOJO**

- 22:30 **The Cat Empire**
- 20:30 **Gurrumul**
- 19:00 **Washington**
- 17:30 **Trinity Roots**
- 16:00 **Saltwater Band**
- 14:30 **Kate Miller-Heidke**
- 13:15 **Shane Nicholson**
- 12:00 **Nga Tae**

**CROSSROADS**

- 22:30 **Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi Band**
- 20:45 **Robert Randolph & The Family Band**
- 19:00 **Blind Boys of Alabama / feat Aaron Neville**
- 17:30 **Irma Thomas**
- 16:00 **Mavis Staples & Her Band**
- 14:30 **Little Feat**
- 13:15 **Ash Grunwald**
- 12:00 **Wagons**

**JAMBALAYA**

- 22:45 **Cecilia Noel**
- 21:15 **Public Opinion Afro Orchestra**
- 19:45 **Melbourne Ska Orchestra**
- 18:15 **Jeff Lang**
- 16:45 **Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band**
- 15:30 **Dale Watson & His Lonestars**
- 13:10 **Rockwiz Live**

**JUKE JOINT**

- 22:30 **Little Bushman**
- 20:30 **The Red Eyes**
- 19:00 **Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band**
- 17:30 **Phil Jones & The Unknown Blues**
- 16:00 **Lisa Miller**
- 14:30 **Buddy Knox**
- 13:15 **A French Butler Called Smith**
- 12:00 **Hussy Hicks**

**APRA**

- 22:45 **Barrence Whitfield**
- 21:00 **The Snowdroppers**
- 19:30 **Grace Barbe Afro Kreol**
- 18:00 **Jackson Firebird**
- 16:30 **Ajak Kwai**
- 15:00 **Bobby Long**
- 13:30 **Bobby Long**
- 12:00 **The Blackwater Fever**

## WASHINGTON

Here is a young artist crafting jazzy pop with depth and making big waves around the country. She tamed a field of songwriters from all over Australia by winning the inaugural Vanda & Young songwriting competition conducted by APRA/AMCOS. Her haunting song *How to Tame Lions* was just a taste of the crowded good times to come for Megan Washington. That song is nominated for a 2010 Single of the Year, along with five other 2010 Aria Music Award nominations. Her childhood was spent in Port Moresby, teenage years in Brisbane and her early twenties in Melbourne. This singer/songwriter and accomplished keyboardist has held close to her a love of musicals and cherishes her jazz composition training. Both shine through in her lyrics, music and performance. She is her own person, but she'll certainly tame Bluesfest fans and they will want to keep the music, the mood and the memory burning bright.

[www.washingtonmusic.com](http://www.washingtonmusic.com)

## TRINITY ROOTS

Here is something special folks: New Zealand's most successful recording artist/group of this century. Reggae/jazz/soul band Trinity Roots have re-formed and are touring Australia exclusively for Bluesfest. Both of their independent albums went platinum in NZ, and now they are back after a five-year break. Trinity Roots's reputation was founded as a live act of generous and hypnotic performances. They created a

formidable reputation. While their inspiration has been soul, reggae, jazz and roots, they developed a style of their own that was indigenous, organic and utterly unique. They, in turn, inspired a loyal fanbase that gave them an emotional farewell playing their final concert in February 2005 in a sellout concert to raise relief funds for the Boxing Day Tsunami at the Wellington Town Hall. During their break the band members have all continued to make vital music. Singer and chief songwriter Warren Maxwell assembled Little Bushman and will also perform with them at Bluesfest (see Little Bushman notes). Which means you get to experience both these great bands at one festival!



**Michael Franti & Spearhead**  
Mojo Thursday 6.45pm, Crossroads Saturday 10.30pm

## LITTLE BUSHMAN

Connected to Trinity Roots, here is another great band from New Zealand that deserves to be heard. Little Bushman was formed by Warren Maxwell after Trinity Roots disbanded. He persuaded fellow Wellingtonians Rick Cranson, and Tom and Joe Callwood, to join him in forming what has been described as a 'proggy psychedelic rock band that wears its 60s and 70s influences on their sleeves'. This is indeed a new birth. Echoes of Hendrix, Pink Floyd and Cream fill the air as these fine musicians strut their stuff. For *Pendulum*, their latest album, each of the four members took on

more instrumental duties, with Maxwell playing harmonica, piano, saxophone, guitar, and tambourine; Joe Callwood playing acoustic guitar as well as his usual electric; Tom Callwood on violin, cello, and electric bass; and Cranson adding additional percussion and vocals. One reviewer describes how Joe Callwood 'tortures a single note for almost two minutes; it's the most thrilling guitar break I've heard in years'. Bluesfest fans can experience this in full over Easter 2011, and help themselves to a large serve of this delicious torture!

[www.myspace.com/littlebushman](http://www.myspace.com/littlebushman)

## FISTFUL OF MERCY

Featuring Ben Harper, Dhani Harrison (son of George) and melancholy songwriting genius Joseph Arthur! In early 2010 some stunning musical talent gathered in a Los Angeles studio with no songs written and no clear idea of what to record. Over the next three days, three musicians with three acoustic guitars and three microphones combined to compose and complete nine acoustic and vocal tracks. In doing so they also created what is being hailed as a new supergroup. Fistful of Mercy personnel are of course

Bluesfest favourite Ben Harper, iconic singer/songwriter Joseph Arthur and George Harrison's son, Dhani, who was befriended by Ben Harper at a Santa Monica skate park. Dhani talks modestly of the success of the debut album *As I Call you Down*: 'These guys are so talented. I can't believe I get to call them my musical brothers.' And Bluesfest is blessed to be able to give Australian music lovers a taste of that brotherly love. Don't miss *Fistful of Mercy*! [fistfulofmercy.com](http://fistfulofmercy.com)



**Elvis Costello & The Imposters**  
Mojo Monday 10.30pm, Crossroads Tuesday 6.30pm

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- 19:00 Warren Haynes & His Allstar Band
- 17:30 Buffy Sainte-Marie
- 16:00 Tim Robbins & The Rogues Gallery Band
- 14:30 Clare Bowditch
- 13:15 Michelle Shocked
- 12:00 Bobby Long

**CROSSROADS**

- 22:30 Irma Thomas
- 20:45 Jethro Tull
- 19:00 Osibisa
- 17:30 Joe Louis Walker
- 16:00 BB & The Blues Shacks
- 14:30 Saltwater Band
- 13:15 Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band
- 12:00 Hussy Hicks

**JAMBALAYA STAGE**

- 22:45 Little Bushman
- 21:15 Public Opinion Afro Orchestra
- 19:45 Eli "Paperboy" Reed
- 18:15 Cecilia Noel
- 16:45 Barence Whitfield
- 15:30 Tony Joe White
- 13:10 Rockwiz Live

**JUKE JOINT**

- 22:45 The Mad Bastards
- 21:15 Leah Flanagan
- 19:45 Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band
- 18:00 Old Spice Boys
- 16:30 The Snowdroppers
- 15:00 Buddy Knox
- 13:30 Bobby Alu
- 12:15 Buskers Competiton Winner

**APRA**

- 22:30 Resin Dogs
- 21:00 A French Butler Called Smith
- 19:30 Lisa Miller
- 18:00 Collard Greens & Gravy
- 16:30 Secret Sisters
- 15:00 Ajak Kwai
- 13:30 Hank Green's Blues
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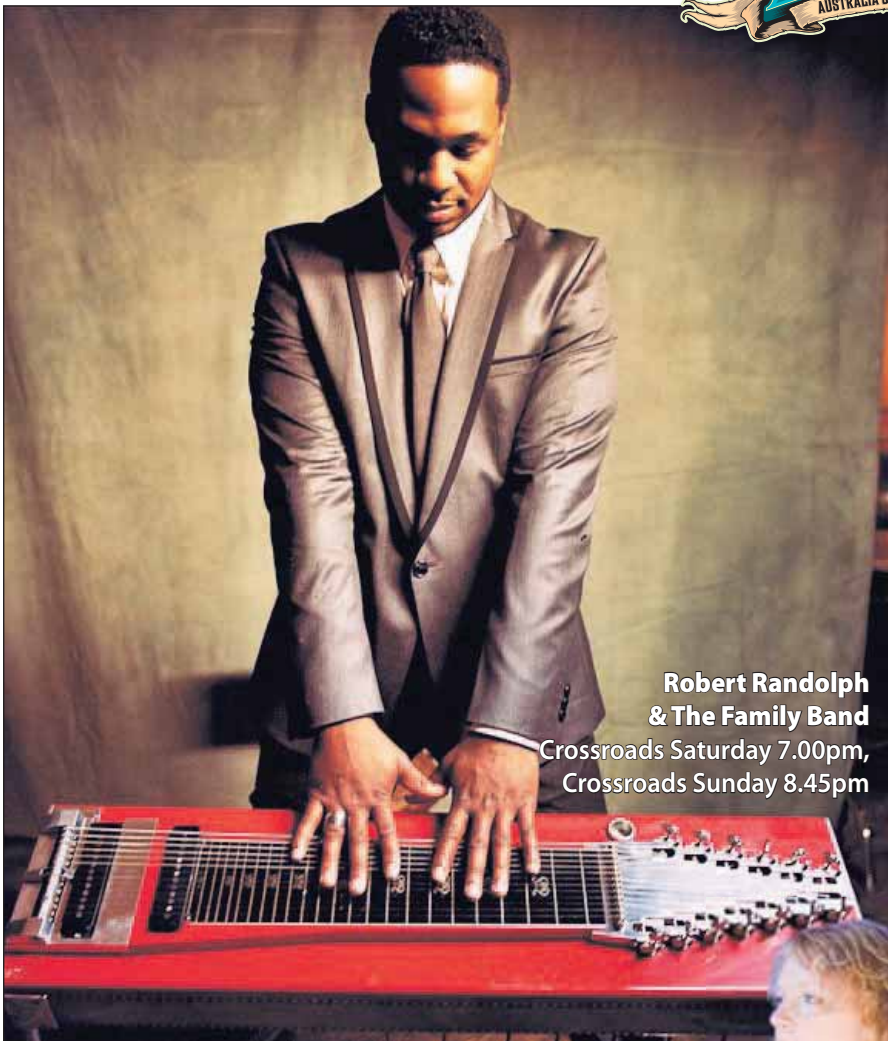
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Crossroads Saturday 7.00pm,  
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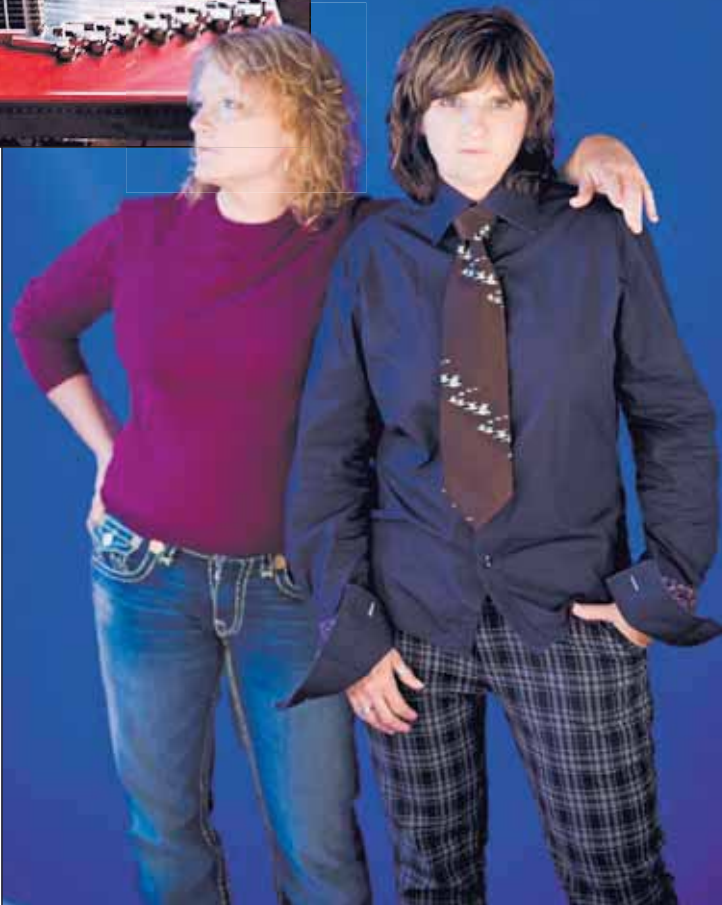
crowds. They have just celebrated their longstanding passion for live performances on their two-disc CD, *Staring Down the Brilliant Dream*, featuring 31 songs, each hand-selected by the duo to capture the most memorable moments of their 2006–2009 shows. It is a reminder for both their longtime fans and casual followers that the Indigos still consider live shows 'the most vibrant part of what we do'. Amy Ray explained: 'When I listen to a live CD, I want to be able to hear some shining moment that's unique and has a different feel to it than the studio version'. Some shining and vibrant moments are certain to be shared when Indigo Girls go live at Bluesfest. [www.indigogirls.com](http://www.indigogirls.com)

**Indigo Girls**  
Mojo Saturday 9.00pm

with 'the sweetest voice in music' Aaron Neville who, after five decades of constant recording success – with The Neville Brothers...with Linda Ronstadt (two Grammys)...with Trisha Yearwood (another Grammy) – has a total of 16 Grammy Award nominations. He also won Best Male Singer two years running in the *Rolling Stone* critics' poll. His latest project *Bring It On Home – The Souls Classics* is produced by the legendary Stewart Levine (Simply Red, the Crusaders and BB King) and sees Aaron Neville 'reach a highpoint in a career marked by artistic superlatives' – *Rolling Stone*. You'll laugh, you'll cry – you'll raise the roof with your applause for these remarkable guys.

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Fogerty, Rev Gary Davis and Little Milton. 'I wanted to make an album where every song had meaning,' she says, 'where every song told a story and would lift you up and give you a reason to get up in the morning. And I know it's going to feel really good singing these songs on stage.' And it's gonna feel real good watching and listening to Mavis Staples when she visits Australia for Bluesfest.

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### MOJO

- 21:00 **Bob Dylan**
- 19:30 **Gurrumul**
- 18:00 **Paul Kelly**
- 16:30 **Buffy Sainte-Marie**
- 15:00 **Osibisa**
- 14:00 **Kim Churchill**

### CROSSROADS

- 20:15 **Grace Jones**
- 18:30 **Elvis Costello & The Imposters**
- 17:00 **Leon Russell**
- 15:30 **Tim Finn**
- 14:00 **Frank Yamma**

### JAMBALAYA

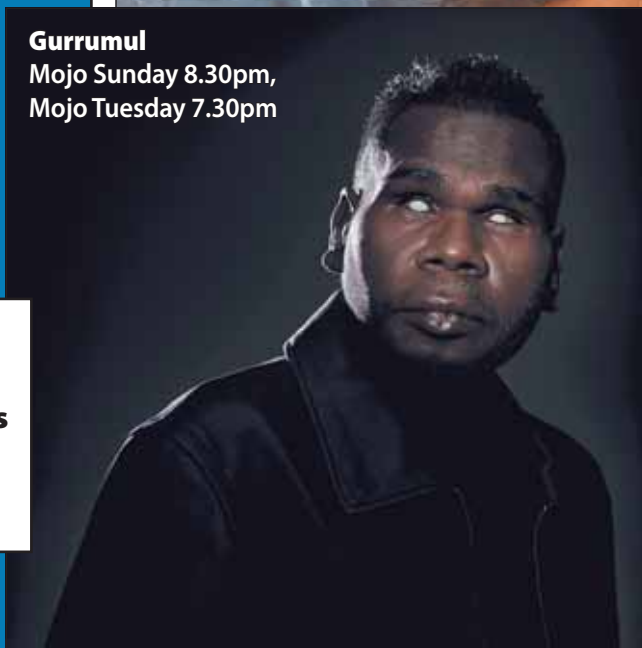
- 20:15 **George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic**
- 18:30 **Warren Haynes & His Allstar Band**
- 17:00 **Joe Louis Walker**
- 15:30 **Tony Joe White**
- 14:00 **The Mad Bastards**

### JUKE JOINT

- 21:15 **Eli "Paperboy" Reed**
- 19:30 **Michelle Shocked**
- 18:00 **Collard Greens & Gravy**
- 16:30 **Secret Sisters**
- 15:00 **School Showcase**

### Gurrumul

- Mojo Sunday 8.30pm,
- Mojo Tuesday 7.30pm



ever and is responsible for recording some of the finest-ever soul music in the history of New Orleans music, including *Time Is On My Side* which was later recorded by the Rolling Stones and Otis Redding! Celebrating over 50 years as a recording artiste, Irma Thomas has many a story to tell. Those 50 years have not been an easy ride. By the age of 19 she had been married twice and had three children; she endured recording contracts where, frustratingly for fans and Irma alike, her recordings were

'buried' and mostly went unreleased and, despite constant touring she was unable to garner the crossover success of her contemporaries. Irma's luck changed when she met her present husband and manager, Emile Jackson, and returned to Louisiana to settle and open their own club – The Lion's Den. Finally she was recognised with a Grammy nomination in 1991. Fate hadn't finished with Irma and dealt her another terrible blow when Hurricane Katrina destroyed her house, her nightclub and all her possessions. For a while it was thought she was lost in the floods as well, but luckily it turned out she was playing a show in Austin, Texas – and was safe and sound. Not only has Irma Thomas rebuilt her house – but she has rebuilt her career and is enjoying a huge upswing in popularity. In 2006 there was finally Grammy success for Best Contemporary Blues Album for *After The Rain* (as well as a Blues Music Award for Soul-Blues Album Of The Year and many other accolades). She has performed with Stevie Wonder, collaborated with Bluesfest favourites Galactic and, in 2009, was inducted into the Louisiana Blues Hall of Fame. The unrivalled 'Soul Queen of New Orleans' is back...bigger than ever...and ready to thrill Australian crowds with her 'sadly, sweet voice of a fallen angel...'

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 SUNDAY

### Floating your boat

To celebrate the release of their debut self-titled album, Melbourne rockers **FloatingMe** will showcase the band's pedigree line-up, consisting of members from popular progressive rock bands Karnivool, COG and Scarymother – for any fan of progressive rock in this country, FloatingMe is sure to excite with the lineage behind its line-up.

Vocalist Andrew Gillespie, guitarist Antony Brown and keys-man Tobias Messiter all herald from 'the' rock band of the 90s, Scary Mother.

Joining the trio is drummer Lucius Borich of enormously influential hard-rock trio, COG, and Jon Stockman of Triple J favourites, Karnivool.

Between them, these musicians alone boast a world of experience, including two #2 ARIA charting albums, tours with System of a Down, Rollins Band and Fear Factory, tracks in the Triple J Hottest 100 and extensive touring across Australia, the UK and USA. The band takes an eclectic journey, veering from soothing to cathartic, subtle to powerful, cinematic to haunting. See them at the **Coolangatta Hotel Thursday**.

### Breezy does it

**Breeze Brothers** are a duo from Northland in New Zealand who bring a complex blend of acoustic, blues and reggae to the musical table. The pair are renowned for their big sound and judicious mix of their own songs as well as covers of bands as diverse as the white stripes and Eliza Doolittle. Expect a band who know how to keep the audience on their toes with plenty of vocal harmonies, good old fashioned musicianship, and plenty of musical imagination. **Sheoak Shack Friday**.

### Elena's Spirit of Song

**Elena Williams**, originally from Western Australia, is a well seasoned performer at venues and festivals around the country. Elena is a singer/songwriter with a unique voice, bringing you a blend of folk, soul and jazz. She plays fantastic rhythm guitar and a hint of ukulele, and alongside her will be double bass player Brent Calcutt. A recent industry review from *Numsig* called Elena a modern day Billy Holiday. With rave reviews from Dallas Frasca, Blue King Brown and Pete Murray, you're sure to enjoy this original music duo. Elena has recently returned from a WA tour, promoting her new album to be released this year. After receiving standing ovations for her new show *Spirit of Song*, she is back in the studio completing her new album and is playing at the **Sheoak Shack on Saturday**.

### Poppies and big cats

High school friends Dan Nigro, Sean Fitzgerald, Brian Fortune and Cliff Sarcona founded **As Tall As Lions** in December 2001 as they were looking to continue the momentum of a previous project. Ten years on and they have become one of the most distinguished and promising contemporary rock acts the world has seen. After ten years of music, friendship, laughter, adventure, bliss, blood, sweat, tears, and everything else that goes along with it, As Tall As Lions are retiring for the foreseeable future. There is no sadness on the part of the band, and they hope there is none on yours. April will see As Tall As Lions give their Australian fans a final send off they will be playing at the **Coolangatta Hotel Saturday**.



AS TALL AS LIONS  
 COOLANGATTA HOTEL  
 SATURDAY



BREEZE BROTHERS SHEOAK SHACK  
 FRIDAY

### The Mothership has landed

**Mantlepeace** is a new band of renowned Uki composers and multi-instrumentalists. The Reggae group Imandan is one manifestation these musicians are known by and here comes another. Mantlepeace is Sue McKenna and Jake Mann on bass and guitar, Dan Smith on drums, Fiona Ryan and Danidoo on keys and flute and, as you would expect from these five earth groovers, they have crafted a whole new sound.

April is the month to launch their debut album *Answers Tree*. This collection of 13 songs was produced by Jake Mann at the Mothership Music Retreat. Their blend of classical with folk and tribal with world grooves has given poetic, dynamic and intimate a whole new meaning. See Mantlepeace at **Sphinx Rock Sunday**.

### Southport Song Fest

There will be a song fest at the **Broadwater Parklands**, on **The Porch**, **Easter Sunday**.

This song fest is best known as **FretFest**, the widely respected music talent quest/event which helps start the careers of new contemporary singer-songwriters from across South East Queensland.

FretFest revealed Pete Murray and Bobby Flynn as newcomers to the stage, and it has the backing of APRA/AMCOS with links to Arts Queensland. Now it is coming to the Gold Coast in search of new talent. This could be an opportunity for otherwise unknown singer-songwriters to be discovered on the Gold Coast this Easter. FretFest is open to the public, and it is free to enter. All entrants must perform their own song (one song only) the song must be G-rated and it must contain lyrics which must be 100 per cent an original composition.

Entrants audition between 12 noon and 2pm (there is no entry fee) at the Broadwater Parklands complex, on Easter Sunday 24th April at The Porch, and registrations will be taken from 11am on the day. Registrations will close at 1pm sharp on the day. Teens are keenly encouraged to try out this year.

### Gawn all Awshtayrun for yaz

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FLOATING ME  
 COOLANGATTA HOTEL  
 THURSDAY

Jimmy Barnes have dominated the airways with their powerful brand of Aussie Rock. From classic hits like *Khe Sanh* to *When the War Is Over* to the driving power of *Working Class Man*, Chisel Revived faithfully reproduce a

honesty and bountiful intuition for musical interaction emphasises her unique originality. With international appearances such as *Jazz After Dark* in London and festivals in Australia including Broadbeach Jazz Festival, Valley Jazz Festival, Ipswich Jazz and Wine Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival and Melbourne Women's International Jazz Festival. Don't miss this wonderful Australian artist featuring in her trio at **Currumbin RSL Sunday**.

LAUREN LUCILLE  
 CURRUMBIN RSL  
 SUNDAY



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 I SEE REDNECK

**Mandy Nolan**

LAST WEEK a delightful redneck chap emailed me in response to my column on the Shooters Party. For the first time in 43 years I actually considered restructuring my value system and making that move to the right. After all it's so easy on the right. You can outsource all your thinking to a pretty straightforward ideology: if you don't understand it, if you can't farm it, sell it or root it, then it must be wrong. You no longer have to deal with this incredible annoyance called the social conscience.

I have to admit my pet redneck was extremely convincing. When one is faced with such erudite logic it is difficult not to concede and admit that one's personal politics are flawed and that it might be better for all concerned if we took up arms and shot the greenies. For instance how can you argue with this: 'All green voters like you should do the right thing by putting your money where your mouth is and and sign your house, land and bank balance over to the Aboriginal community or some newly arrived illegal boat people! I was so moved by the sense of this challenge that I immediately transferred \$467.50 from my savings account and signed over my property. Unfortunately I rent, so the landlord was a little pissed off to find that his house now belongs to a family on Christmas Island. But then he's a greenie as well so serves him right.

Mr R Neck's major grief though was with blow-ins. He displayed incredible tolerance and a deep intelligence when it came to demographic analysis of our region. I'm thinking he may even end up a contemporary of Bernard Salt. 'Do you think there will be more screaming green, blow-in sea changers like you choking on their Soy Lattes anytime soon?' Ironically Mr Red Neck and the rest of the Neck family by virtue of admitting that 'they were born here', also admit they subdivided their farms and sold off their land to...commie greenie do-gooders. The Blow-ins made them rich.

The whole 'Born Here' versus 'Blow Ins' is a scar that runs six miles deep through our regional communities. It would appear that Mullumbimby is not just a town, it's a nationality. I was actually under the impression that we were all Australian and by the nature of what citizenship means, the entire country is at our disposal when it comes to choosing somewhere to live. If you are going to use the whole blow-in line, then I'd say being here for three or four generations is like a piss in the ocean when it comes to the long haul. Our traditional owners have out-birthrighted us by 40,000 years. That means that Indigenous people have been here for over 10,000 generations. I reckon that makes five look pretty pathetic.

That would make all Australians blow-ins. Australia Day would become 'Blow In Day' and instead of having a celebration, we'd be reminded that we're not welcome, that we have no right to an opinion and we should go back to where we came from. Hang on, isn't that what we've been doing to our Indigenous communities for the last 200-plus years?

My Redneck then gave me a quote that I'll be using on the dust jacket of my new book: 'Wow all the rest you write is just predictable, populist, leftwing, trendoid, yuppie, cliché-type stuff! Boring!' Thank you. Not since the Bjelke years have I been flattered with the reference of being a 'trendoid'. (I think it's someone who knows how to dress in a contemporary fashion. Clearly this is very frightening for Mr Redneck.)

What amazes me most though is that most exponents of the intolerance and fear as expressed by Mr Neck are usually fundamentalist Christians. I should remind them that Jesus, if he were alive today, would himself be a greenie, do-gooder soy-latte-sipping blow-in.

# Gig Guide

## THURSDAY 21

### TWEED

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S - **SWIZZLE**

### GOLD COAST

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **FLOATINGME + SLEEP PARADE + AWAKEN I AM**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 6PM **ALICE ANDERSON**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **VERTIGO**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **NIC TANGO**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- MURRAY'S @ MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 8PM **DJ HERVE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL 8PM **BROADFOOT**

## FRIDAY 22

### TWEED

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **BAGMAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **ALDERMAN BROTHERS**
- MARTY'S AT CABA **DAVID MURRAY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **WILSON & DUTTON**
- SEAGULLS **WILEY REED BAND**
- SHEOAK SHACK 7PM **BREEZE BROTHERS**

### GOLD COAST

- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **HOUSE PARTY**

## SATURDAY 23

### TWEED

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB 6PM **FANCY DRESS NIGHT + TUFF**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 8PM **CLIFFY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **ANGRY PENGUINS**
- MURRAY'S @ MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 8PM **DJ SAM & CREW**
- MURRAY'S NIGHT SPOT @ MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **DJS RARE BREED & JIMMY MEZCAL**



■ SHEOAK SHACK 7PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**

- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **SATURDAY JAZZ: THE ROCKIN' BODGIES**

### GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **AKASA**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **AS TALL AS LIONS + ELLIOT THE BULL**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **TANGERINE JAM**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **SURECUT KIDS & KID KENOBI**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **DJ ALFIE ROMEO**

## SUNDAY 24

### TWEED

- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF HOTEL, 3PM **SOUTH PACIFIC SOUND SYSTEM**
- CHINDERA TAVERN **CRAB RACES + ROCHELLE LEES**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **ALISON AHEARN**
- IVORY TAVERN, TWEED HEADS 5PM **BROADFOOT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 5PM **ALDERMAN BROTHERS**
- MARTY'S AT CABA CABARITA BEACH 1.30PM **MARK FERRIS**
- MURRAY'S @ MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 3PM **VOODOO MILKSHAKE JAMM**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB **SURF REPORT**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 3PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**

- SPHINX ROCK CAFE 1PM **MANTLEPEACE**

### GOLD COAST

- BROADWATER PARKLANDS 2PM **SONG FEST**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **LAUREN LUCILLE 6PM ALEX FIETZ**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **EASY SUNDAYS**
- NORTH KIRRA SURF CLUB 2PM **MASON RACK BAND**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **SUNDAY SESSIONS**

## MONDAY 25

### TWEED

- CHINDERA TAVERN 1PM **MARK HIGGINS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON **MARTY HURST**
- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF 7PM **DAVE MURRAY + WINTER OF REASON + RACHELLE VANSLOBBE**

### GOLD COAST

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL **ACCA/DACCA AND CHISEL REVIVED**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **SIMON MEOLA 5PM WASABI**

## TUESDAY 26

### TWEED

- MARTY'S AT CABA CABARITA BEACH 7PM **TUESDAY JAM WITH ANNETTE**

## THURSDAY 28

### TWEED

- SHEOAK SHACK PM **JENNY STACE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S-**SWIZZLE**

### GOLD COAST

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **TIM & JEAN**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 6PM **PAUL ANTHONY**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**

# Cinema Guide

## AMC Tweed 6 Cinemas

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## Murwillumbah Regent Cinema

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**ACCA DACCA COOLANGATTA HOTEL MONDAY**

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**Kids Classic Movies - FernGully: The Last Rainforest G**  
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**The Marriage of Figaro - CinemaLive Opera Australia**  
 Sunday 24 April 2pm  
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**Sprok-ets - Pre-schoolers film screening**  
 Monday 25th & Sunday 1 May 9.45am for 10.30am start \$6 - tickets on the door only  
 FREE inflatable hippo, FREE facepainting

**Echo Forum: Are we failing our kids? - Hosted by Mandy Nolan**  
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**Minds in the Water Film Screening - World Premiere**  
 Saturday 30 April 7pm  
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## Theatre

**Murwillumbah Theatre Company** invites any interested actors (or would-be actors) to attend auditions on **Tuesday April 26** at 7pm at the **Murwillumbah Civic Centre** for the quirky comedy *Scarlett O'Hara at the Crimson Parrot* by David Williamson. There will be six performances of this play at the end of July. The company requires three women (two in their 20's or 30's and one 50+) and four men - any age over 20. Backstage helpers are also very welcome to attend. For further information please call the Director - Bryanne on 02 6672 5554 or 0402 052 160.



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# Television Guide

1. Dakota Blue Richards stars in the highly-acclaimed British TV film about teenage angst, **Dustbin Baby** (Prime, Friday, 8.30pm).  
 2. The late Heath Ledger is one of the variants of Bob Dylan in **I'm Not There** (SBS1, Saturday, 10.05pm). Bob is not there because he's here.  
 3. Cute. Pert. Way lethal. And the original: Kristy Swanson played **Buffy The Vampire Slayer** (Eleven, Sunday, 8.30pm) long before Sarah Michelle Gellar picked up a wooden stake.  
 Elsewhere, Joseph's son takes on the might of the Jewish oligarchy in **Easter** (7BC, Sunday, 9.30pm).



FRIDAY 22	<b>ABC 1</b> 4.00 Can We Help? 4.30 The Cook And The Chef 5.00 Something In The Air 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Catalyst 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Shamwari 12.30 <b>Movie: To Catch A Thief</b> (PG 1955) US mystery. Stars Cary Grant 2.10 The Taking Of Christ 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 My Family 6.30 <b>Good Friday Compass</b> 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Dr Who 8.30 New Tricks (M) 9.25 Waking The Dead (M) 10.15 Late Edition News 10.30 Headcases (M) 10.55 rage (M)	<b>ABC NEWS 24</b> 4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Quarters 4.15 The Drum 5.00 ABC News 5.15 The Quarters 5.30 Newsline 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 ABC News 12.30 Newsline 1.00 ABC News 2.30 One Plus One 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.45 The Quarters 6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45 The Quarters 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.30 One Plus One 9.00 The World 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 10.45 The Quarters 11.00 ABC News 11.30 The World This Week 12.30 State To State 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Contact Sport 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 The World This Week 3.00 Australian Story 3.30 Foreign Correspondent	<b>SBS 2</b> 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Hairy Bikers' Food Tour Of Britain 7.30 More Than A Fiesta 8.00 The Kingdom 8.35 A Royal Family 9.35 <b>Movie: Members Of The Funeral</b> (M 2008) Korean drama 11.25 <b>Movie: Dragon Tiger Gate</b> (M 2006) Cantonese action 1.05 Weatherwatch	<b>TEN</b> 6.00 Early News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 Ten News 10.00 The Circle 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Everyday Gourmet 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.30 6.30 With George Negus 7.00 The 7pm Project 7.30 Glee Marathon 10.30 6.30 With George Negus 11.00 The Late Show 12.00 Numb3rs (M) 1.00 Infomercials 5.00 Religion	<b>ONE HD</b> 6.00 Australian Athletics Tour: Perth 7.00 Pro Series Drag Racing 8.00 NRL Game Plan 9.00 Major League Baseball - LIVE 12.00 This Week In Baseball 12.30 NBA Basketball Playoffs - LIVE 2.30 Omnisport 3.00 OneAsia Golf LIVE - China 7.30 I Fish 8.00 NBL Basketball LIVE - Grand final 10.00 UFC 12.30 The WWE Experience 1.30 Quik Bits Surfing 2.00 Championship Netball: Southern Steel v NSW Swifts 4.00 Omnisport 4.30 Serie A Football Highlights 5.00 Bundesliga Football Highlights	<b>7MATE</b> 6.00 AFL Premiership Season: Brisbane v St Kilda 8.30 McHale's Navy 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quincy ME 12.00 Magnum PI 1.00 Airwolf 2.00 Baywatch 3.00 Xena Warrior Princess 4.00 Hercules 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 My Wife And Kids 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 American Dad 8.30 The Cape (M) 9.30 The Event (M) 10.30 Caprica (M) 12.30 Cops, Cars And Superstars (M) 1.00 The Sopranos (MA) 2.00 Airwolf 3.00 Quincy ME 4.00 Hercules 5.00 Baywatch	<b>GO!</b> 6.00 Kids' Programs 10.30 Entertainment Tonight 11.00 TMZ 11.30 Get Smart 12.00 Here's Lucy 12.30 Green Acres 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 The Hills 2.00 Dukes Of Hazzard 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 <b>Movie: Scooby-Doo</b> (G 2003) Animation 7.30 <b>Movie: Zoom</b> (PG 2006) US comedy. Stars Tim Allen 9.25 <b>Movie: Stormbreaker</b> (M 2006) US action. Stars Mickey Rourke 11.20 <b>Movie: Saw II</b> (AV 2005) US thriller. Stars Donnie Wahlberg 1.20 Mad (M) 1.30 Reno 911 (MA) 3.30 Cribs 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Get Smart 5.30 The Flintstones
	<b>ABC 2</b> 5.30 Can We Help? 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Pilot Guides The Netherlands 8.30 Being Human (M) 9.30 The Tudors (MA) 10.30 The Wire (MA) 12.20 Code Geass (M) 12.45 How Not To Live Your Life (M) 1.15 FM: Last Night A DJ Saved My Life (M) 1.35 Close	<b>SBS 1</b> 5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Insight 2.30 Australian Biography: May O'Brien 3.00 Living Black 3.30 Letters And Numbers 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Global Village 6.00 Letters And Numbers 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Coast 8.30 As It Happened World War II: Behind Closed Doors (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.05 <b>Movie: About The Looking For And The Finding Of Love</b> (M 2005) German comedy 12.00 Entourage (M) 12.30 Shameless (MA) 1.25 Weatherwatch	<b>ELEVEN</b> 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Neighbours 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 Cheers 3.30 Roseanne 4.00 Family Ties 4.30 Mork & Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch	<b>PRIME</b> 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Hope In The Summer Of Sorrow: Queensland Floods 12.30 Home Improvement 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Medical Emergency 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News	<b>7TWO</b> 6.00 Kids Time 7.30 Martha Stewart Show 8.30 Sons & Daughters 9.00 Home & Away 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Hollyoaks 11.30 Deal Or No Deal 12.00 Murphy Brown 12.30 Hart To Hart 1.30 10 Years Younger 2.30 Welcome Back Katter 3.00 <b>Movie: Barabbas</b> (PG 1962) Italian adventure. Stars Anthony Quinn 6.00 Bargain Hunt 7.00 On The Buses 7.30 Are You Being Served? 8.45 Escape To The Country 9.45 60 Minute Makeover 10.45 Living In The Sun 12.00 <b>Movie: Motorama</b> (M 1993) US adventure. Stars Jordan Christopher Michael 2.00 World's Deadliest Creature 3.00 Hart To Hart 4.00 Coronation Street 4.30 Emmerdale 5.00 10 Years Younger	<b>NBN</b> 5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Infomercials 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Alive And Cooking 3.30 Magical Tales 4.00 Kitchen Whiz 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Friday Night Football LIVE - Wests Tigers v Brisbane Broncos 9.30 Friday Night Football Manly Sea Eagles v Penrith Panthers 11.30 <b>Movie: Simpatico</b> (M 1999) UK drama. Stars Jeff Bridges 1.40 <b>Movie: Class of '44</b> (M 1973) US drama. Stars Gary Grimes 3.30 Entertainment Tonight 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America	<b>GEM</b> 6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 <b>Movie: The Miracle Of Our Lady Of Fatima</b> (G 1952) US drama. Stars Gilbert Roland 2.00 Child Genius 2+3 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 As Time Goes By 4.30 The Golden Girls 5.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Antiques Roadshow 8.30 The Mentalist (M) 9.30 Harry's Law (M) 10.30 Law & Order (M) 11.30 Conan (M) 12.25 Murder, She Wrote 1.20 McLeod's Daughters 2.15 The Mentalist (M) 3.10 Law & Order (M) 4.10 <b>Movie: Soldier In The Rain</b> (PG 1963) US comedy. Stars Jackie Gleason

SATURDAY 23	<b>ABC 1</b> 5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Cooking The World: Senegal 12.00 Francesco's Mediterranean Voyage 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.30 Carbon Cops 2.00 Pilot Guides: Israel 3.00 Shute Shield Rugby Union LIVE - Randwick v Eastern Suburbs 5.00 Australian Open Bowls 6.00 Can We Help? 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Doc Martin 8.30 Spooks (M) 9.30 A Quiet Word With Lily Tomlin 10.00 Graham Norton Show (M) 10.35 Durham County (M) 11.25 rage (M)	<b>ABC NEWS 24</b> 4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Quarters 4.15 The Drum 5.00 Q&A 6.00 Asia Pacific Focus 6.30 Behind The News 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 The Quarters 9.00 ABC News 9.45 The Quarters 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 The World This Week 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Australian Story 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Foreign Correspondent 4.00 ABC News 4.30 Behind The News 5.00 ABC News 5.30 One Plus One 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 The Quarters 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 Contact Sport 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 One Plus One 1.30 The World This Week 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Asia Pacific Focus	<b>SBS 2</b> 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Parent Rescue 6.35 Sarah Wiener And The Kitchen Kids 7.30 Find My Family 8.30 Metropolis 9.30 <b>Movie: Chiko</b> (MAV 2008) German crime 11.10 <b>Movie: Agnes And His Brothers</b> (MAV 2004) German drama 1.10 Weatherwatch	<b>TEN</b> 6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Hit List TV 12.00 Landed Music 12.30 Hook, Line & Sinker 1.00 <b>Movie: Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow</b> (PG 2004) US action. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow 3.00 Everybody Hates Chris 4.00 Totally Australia 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Jamie's Thirty Minute Meals 6.00 Ten News 6.30 Bondi Vet 7.30 Oprah Winfrey Show 8.30 Hawaii Five 0 (M) 9.30 White Collar (M) 10.30 AFL Premiership Season Carlton v Adelaide 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion	<b>ONE HD</b> 7.00 Arsenal Football 9.00 Major League Baseball - LIVE 12.00 NBL Basketball Grand Final Series - NZ v Cairns 2.00 Championship Netball LIVE - Melbourne Vixens v Central Pulse 4.00 OneAsia Golf LIVE - China 8.00 Sports Tonight 8.30 WRC Access All Areas 9.30 Before The Game 10.30 AFL Premiership Season: Carlton v Adelaide 1.00 Omnisport 1.15 Serie A Football - Inter Milan v Lazio 3.00 Serie A Football LIVE - Brescia v AC Milan 5.00 World Championship Triathlon: Sydney	<b>7MATE</b> 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Great Planes Of The World 7.30 <b>Movie: The Haunted Mansion</b> (PG 2003) US comedy. Stars Eddie Murphy 9.25 <b>Movie: 2 Fast 2 Furious</b> (M 2003) US action. Stars Paul Walker 11.40 <b>Movie: The Ten Commandments</b> (M 2006) UK drama. Stars Dougray Scott 3.10 Home Shopping	<b>NBN</b> 6.00 Danoz 7.00 Weekend Today 9.00 Saturday Kerri-Anne 10.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Horse Racing LIVE - Sydney Cup, Randwick 4.30 The Garden Gurus 5.00 NBN News 5.30 Antiques Roadshow 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Funniest Home Videos 8.00 <b>Movie: Richie Rich</b> (PG 1994) US comedy. Stars Macaulay Culkin 8.40 Lotto 9.30 <b>Movie: Man About Town</b> (M 2006) US comedy. Stars Ben Affleck 11.30 <b>Movie: Quick Change</b> (M 1990) US comedy. Stars Bill Murray 1.30 <b>Movie: Don't Look Now</b> (M 1973) UK drama. Stars Julie Christie 3.30 Skippy 4.00 Infomercials	<b>GEM</b> 6.00 <b>Movie: The Miracle Of Our Lady Of Fatima</b> (G 1952) US drama. Stars Gilbert Roland 8.00 <b>Movie: Last Holiday</b> (G 1950) UK comedy. Stars Alec Guinness 10.00 Murder, She Wrote 11.00 <b>Movie: PT 109</b> (G 1963) WWII drama. Stars Cliff Robertson 2.00 <b>Movie: Goodbye, Mr Chips</b> (G 1969) US drama. Stars Peter O'Toole 5.00 Getaway 6.00 The Nanny 6.30 <b>Movie: Casablanca</b> (PG 1942) US drama. Stars Humphrey Bogart 8.45 CSI (M) 9.45 CSI: Miami (M) 10.45 CSI: New York (M) 11.40 Conan (M) 12.35 <b>Movie: PT 109</b> 3.15 <b>Movie: Agatha Christie's Murder On The Orient Express</b> (PG 1974) UK mystery. Stars Albert Finney 5.30 The Garden Gurus
	<b>ABC 2</b> 6.00 Kids' Program 7.00 Dog Whisperer 7.30 Adam Hills In Gordon St Tonight 8.30 <b>Movie: The Ten Commandments</b> (M 1956) US drama. Stars Charlton Heston 12.00 True Stories (M) 12.50 How To Become A Hero (M) 1.40 Close	<b>SBS 1</b> 5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Opera: The Trojans 3.50 Chopin Preludes 4.00 Eating Art 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Shroud Of Turin 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Animal Monster Moves 8.30 Iron Chef 9.20 Rockwiz (M) 10.05 <b>Movie: I'm Not There</b> (M 2007) US drama. Stars Heath Ledger 12.25 SOS 1.26 Life's A Zoo (M) 1.55 Drawn Together (MA) 2.25 Weatherwatch	<b>ELEVEN</b> 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 Cheers 3.30 Roseanne 4.00 Family Ties 4.30 Mork & Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch	<b>PRIME</b> 6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 2.30 <b>Movie: The Road To El Dorado</b> (G 2000) Animation 4.30 V8 Xtra 5.00 What's Up Down Under 5.30 Sydney Weekender	<b>7TWO</b> 6.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 Better Homes And Gardens 10.00 The Great Outdoors 11.00 The Travel Bug 12.00 A House In France 12.30 No Opportunity Wasted: Canada 1.00 How To Blow A Billion 1.30 Weekend Kitchen 5.00 New Zealand On A Plate 5.30 Man About The House 6.00 Mind Your Language 6.30 Born And Bred 7.30 Heartbeat 8.40 Inspector Morse (M) 11.00 The Good Life 11.40 Beniform (M) 12.10 The Knock (M) 1.10 The Travel Bug 2.10 Passport To The Sun 2.40 Weekend Kitchen	<b>GO!</b> 6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Get Smart 2.30 Here's Lucy 3.00 Green Acres 3.30 The Dukes Of Hazzard 4.30 Hellcats 5.30 Unnatural History 6.30 <b>Movie: Richie Rich</b> (PG 1994) US comedy. Stars Macaulay Culkin 8.30 <b>Movie: Spaceballs</b> (PG 1987) US comedy. Stars Mel Brooks		

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 With the year already more than a quarter gone, this week would appreciate your attention to what you intend doing with the rest of it...

**ARIES:** This week highlights how important other people are in your life. If this doesn't sit easily with your independent nature, then take it as your challenge because cooperation is more vitally necessary now than ever, both for you personally and the human species as a whole.  
**TAURUS:** Don't let a surprise outburst early in the week have you seeing red, because that's not something anyone wants. Shelve showdowns with difficult people or situations until after midweek Sun moves into Taurus and Mercury moves out of retrograde, ie. till the weekend.  
**GEMINI:** Others need special attention from you this week, so nourish your personal and professional relationships

and they'll nurture you in return. If people are unusually assertive or independent, just give them space - Venus in a conciliatory mood brings a rational slant to talking issues through.  
**CANCER:** Sharing inexpensive pleasures with favourite friends is this week's least complicated antidote to global gloom. Late week suggests an influx of new and unusual people to spritz your outlook, recalibrate your attitude, even get you surprising yourself by busting some bold and unexpected moves.  
**LEO:** If demanding people wanting to run the show (don't they know that's your job?) have been elevating your irritability levels, this flirty transit shines some delightful ego strokes your way. Difficult others may communicate like flame

throwers, but the cooler you keep, the sweeter your week.  
**VIRGO:** This week could ask for tough choices about what's most important to you. A test of intelligent decision-making is imminent, so researching available data and aligning your ideas with the latest information on changing circumstances is the best kind of prep before making your choice.  
**LIBRA:** If you've been trying to make up your mind about something this is your final week to decide, so check that you haven't overlooked anything or missed something important. Because next week changes will go into motion of their own accord, ready or not.  
**SCORPIO:** Early week Scorpio moon wants you channeling frustration into more

constructive forms of stress release. Late week suggests saying what you need to as kindly as you can without being attached to results. And (good news, finally!) the weekend's an absolute corker for sensual pleasures.  
**SAGITTARIUS:** If you've been doing lots lately and achieving little, that's because recent weeks have been more for organising than forward progress. As midweek Sagittarius moon and Venus moving into a fellow fire sign pump up your fun hormones, judicious career socialising could get some satisfying results.  
**CAPRICORN:** Present planetary patterns are sprinkling you with personal growth powder and this week suggests expanding your spiritual horizons. Shock

horror! You thought they were fairly fabulously expanded already, didn't you? In theory perhaps, but the practical apps may be in need of some adjusting.  
**AQUARIUS:** If your get up and go wants to lay down, stay private and just do whatever brings peace and pleasure, that's an entirely valid response to this week's world news, unstable arrangements and abrasive ways. All of which are telling you it's better to relax than wrangle...  
**PISCES:** This week's glitches will respond best to a review of your personal belief systems. Look honestly at what's happening in your life (life mirrors back your attitude to it), accept things as they are rather than your preferred version of reality, and make the necessary adjustments.









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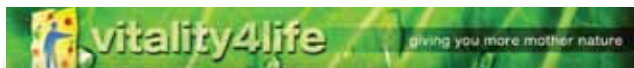
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Don't wait for a new property listing to come online is the advice from real estate agency PRDnationwide. House hunters sick of missing out on their dream property need to stand out from the crowd if they are searching in a popular area. PRDnationwide research analyst Dan O'Halloran, who is a property investor himself, said don't wait for properties to be added to real estate portals. 'Identify the key agents dominating the market that you're interested in, visit them personally, let them know that you're really keen to buy and the type of property you're looking for and ask them to let you know if anything comes up,' he said. Sales consultant Nathan Ver-

woert from PRDnationwide Geelong says it is worth having daily email alerts sent of new listings from the main portals. 'Sign up with real estate agents as a genuine buyer for specific types of property; this way when they go out and look at a property you can be notified about it and get the first opportunity to secure it before it hits the open market,' he said. Mr Verwoert said an agent is more inclined to assist you if you assist them. 'The more details the better - if you want four bedrooms all with walk in robes and two with ensuites then make sure you tell your agent specifically what details you're after.' Tips for being ahead of the buying pack:



- Introduce yourself to most active agents in the area and asked to be informed of properties that match your criteria before they hit the market
- Be very specific with detailing what type of property you are after
- Monitor social networking sites
- Set up daily email alerts to keep up to date with all new listings
- When you have decided to make an offer on a property, make it attractive to the seller and act fast to ensure another buyer doesn't beat you to it.

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**Computer skills**

Computer Association Tweed Seniors meets at 10.30 am (NSW time) on the third Wednesday of each month at Seagulls. Learn computer skills from other seniors. For more information call Noelene on 5599 8939 (business hours). All Welcome.

**Hospital auxiliary**

The Tweed Hospital fashion parade raffle is now in full swing and tickets, at just \$2 each, may be purchased at the hospital gift shop or various venues throughout Tweed Heads. The raffle will be drawn at the annual fashion parade to be held on May 23 in the Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads. Tickets for the parade will cost \$15.

**Vintage film night**

Friends of TRRM vintage film night at the Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah on Thursday, May 12, at 6pm and at Cinemax Cinema, Kingscliff on Saturday, May 14, at 10am (this venue is disabled friendly).

**Mini fete**

Murwillumbah Combined Churches Together Mini Fete

at Uniting Church hall, 2-4 Byangum Road, Murwillumbah, Saturday, May 7, from 8am. Funds will support the SRE teacher in Murwillumbah and Wollumbin High Schools. For more info call 02 6672 4966.

**Library book club**

Friends of the Tweed Heads Library meet at 10.30am every fourth Wednesday of the month for a friendly and interesting discussion on a chosen book. Friends also raise money for the library and conduct a major book sale in June. New members welcome, call Dudley on 07 5523 4005 or Judith on 07 5536 1042.

**Library talk**

Self-published author Roz Baker will be in the Tweed on Tuesday, May 10, for a Tweed Heads Library-sponsored talk 10am at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre courtesy of

the Tweed Heads Library. The event includes morning tea and bookings are essential; call 07 5569 3150. She has proven that self-publishing is a viable option selling over 18,000 books, one of Australia's most successful self-published novelists.

**Aboriginal fellowship**

Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Easter Revival Convention at Fellowship Church, Letitia Road, Fingal Heads (just past the caravan park), Friday, Saturday, Sunday of Easter weekend. Morning Service 9.30am, Fellowship Lunch midday, Evening Service 6pm. For info call 02 6624 3279.

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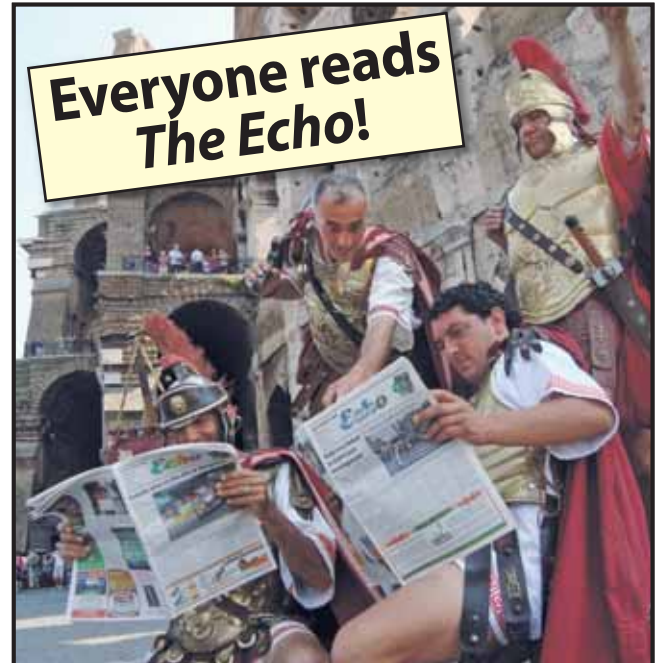


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**possum creek** 5 3

**7 goninan place**

situated on 7.5 magic acres of north coast sub-tropical landscape in the hills of possum creek, byron bay hinterland, stands this stunning luxury home.

- true north aspect
- modern, open plan living, generous decks
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**knockrow** 2 2 2

**16 carney place**

this delightful easy living home has spectacular views from every window whilst still enjoying complete privacy with its stunning tropical rural setting on this one in a million ten acre block.

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- two separate living spaces
- 15 minutes from bangalow and byron

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**byron shire** 5 2 2

**90 general stubbs drive, eureka**

the perfect hobby farm with cleared land which gently slopes down to your private swimming hole with 200m of stunning, pristine water frontage on coopers creek. vendor prepared to meet market.

- situated on 18 acres
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**myocum** 4 2

**126 lagoon drive**

filled with character and positioned perfectly at the end of a quiet hinterland cul-de-sac is this great family home. offering a north aspect with elevation, you will enjoy complete privacy and a stunning view of mount chincogan.

- light filled spacious interiors
- timber floors throughout
- 1.02 hectare property
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**federal** 4 3 2

**45 bougainvillea drive**

a showcase of near new modern luxury in an absolute picturesque and private setting. spread over a single level this spacious family residence offers complete comfort for the whole family.

- separate master suite or guest quarters
- approved da for swimming pool
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**suffolk park** 3 1 2

**11 armstrong street**

if individuality is important to you then this pavillion style home will appeal to you. offering a tranquil beach side location with established tropical gardens, you would be forgiven for thinking that you are in bali.

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- open plan kitchen/living area
- opportunity to create extra bedroom & bath
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**byron bay** 3 2 1

**49 lilli pilli drive**

tucked away in a popular family orientated area of byron bay is this tidy single level home. there is nothing at all to do with this property, immaculately kept and well maintained making your move easy.

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- single level house with high ceilings
- extra studio space and shed
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**byron bay** 3 2 1

**1/1 luan court**

artistic designer appeal and complete privacy in byron bay. when you are this close to town you rarely enjoy this much privacy.

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**coopers shoot** 2 2 2

**141 picadilly hill road**

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Ever wondered why car dealers are beating a path to Tweed Heads? Normally reliable sources close the industry tell *Backburner* the main reason is that dealers in Queensland are not allowed to trade on Sundays. But it's a different story in freewheeling NSW where you can seal a deal any tick of the clock. Hence Southport BMW dealer Bruce Lynton's grand plan for a \$20 million office and showroom which has just been approved on the old Scott's cut price vegie market site (see page 4).

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A stinging rebuke from the nearest thing Greens councillor Katie Milne has to an ally on the council, Cr Barry Longland, sent the champion of kolas storming out of the chamber this week. Things spiralled out of control during relatively innocuous pre-budget funding debate. Cr Milne made a point of order about Cr Warren Polglase mumbling and not using the microphone – to the frustration of the public gallery – and Cr Polglase shot back, 'I've taken instructions from my wife for 45 years and I'm not about to start being told what to do by another woman now.'

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An affronted Cr Milne demanded an apology for this sexism and for a remark that she was ignorant of budget procedure. Mayor Kevin Skinner stepped in as umpire. In a heated exchange Cr Skinner ruled that Cr Milne had held the floor and it was her practice to slip in snide remarks that had prompted Cr Polglase's report. So it wasn't for Cr Polglase to apologise first. Cr Milne remained rebellious. 'You always take his side,' she said. Then from out of left field came the unkindest cut of all. Cr Barry Longland said Cr Milne was playing to the gallery and behaving like a petulant child and everyone was sick of it. A thunderstruck Cr Milne wa-



Our fishing correspondent Dave Solano recently sent us this photo of a 'flattie' (flathead) sinking down into the sandy sea bed just after he released it, showing the fish's amazing natural camouflage. The flattie will need it, now the new state government has announced it will suspend all future marine park zones, which means a continuation of gung-ho large-scale commercial fishing in and around breeding grounds which saw fish stocks plummet in the first place.

vered for a moment, stood up and stormed out a door that carried the notice 'watch out for people', slamming it behind her. There were no reports of injury. The council went on with business for a while till general manager Mike Rayner suggested, as these were important budget discussions, Cr Milne should really be present. Cr Skinner exited right but came back a few minutes later empty handed. 'She refuses to come back so it's back to business,' he announced. It was some time before Cr Milne finally resumed her seat.

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At least the councillors united in the resolution against coal-

seam gas mining. In fact, this technology, like nuclear-power reactors, should be banned altogether as it poses too much of a risk. Just this week, an investigation by members of the US congress found that oil and gas companies injected hundreds of millions of litres of hazardous or carcinogenic chemicals into wells in more than 13 US states from 2005 to 2009, while 'fracking' for coal-seam gas. The report talks about the secrecy surrounding the chemicals used in the process, which can contaminate underground water sources. It found some companies injected fluids containing chemicals they themselves could not

identify. Many of the ingredients used are extremely toxic including benzene, a human carcinogen, and lead. The *Sydney Morning Herald* says both the NSW and Queensland governments have moved to ban some of the chemicals associated with fracking, but companies are not required to release information on each individual substance used in fracking fluids. How stupid is that? If that's the case, we may as well give the running of the agriculture and mining portfolios to the gas companies. Oh wait, we do.

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It's hard to believe the shire's general manager, Mike Rayner, is a climate-change sceptic, but then again it's not so surprising when you see Tweed Council lagging behind other neighbouring councils, including Gold Coast City, in terms of environmental initiatives. Greens Cr Katie Milne asked the GM on notice at this week's meeting if he would consider using an edition of the council's newsletter for educating ratepayers on climate change and what could be done about it. Mr Rayner was adamant the science on climate change was 'still out' and there was 'no political consensus' on the issue. He also claimed it was 'inappropriate' to use the newsletter for such a purpose. Hello, what is the newsletter for if not to educate ratepayers on such issues (which has been done from time to time)? Global warming is meant to be the biggest issue confronting humanity, according to many of our federal leaders, but our GM insists it should not rate a mention in the newsletter. A whiff of hypocrisy, and censorship, on his part we reckon as *The Link* was used in the past by management to promote a controversial push by developers to buy public beachfront land.

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