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Byrrill Creek dam back on the table

Steve Spencer

The NSW government's move to resurrect the review of the controversial Byrrill Creek dam project has been hailed as a victory by some Tweed Shire councillors but described as a 'waste of money' by disappointed environmentalists.

A decision late last year by the former NSW Labor government to reject the project outright has been overturned by the new primary industries and water minister Katrina Hodgkinson following a visit to her office by Tweed mayor Kevin Skinner and former mayor Cr Warren Polglase.

Cr Polglase was behind the move last year to switch council's support from raising the existing Clarrie Hall Dam wall to the environmentally contentious option of supporting a new dam in the Byrrill Creek valley. The council owns land in the valley which it earmarked for a dam decades ago.

'This is a win for the council. Before this we were cut off at the knees,' said Cr Polglase, following his recent meeting with the minister.

'Political decision'

'It was a blatant political decision [by the former state Labor government] to get the Green vote in the Tweed just before the state election.'

Cr Polglase said it was 'lucky to find a new minister with a fresh attitude.'

'If you want growth in the Tweed Shire you have to have water,' he said.

But the decision has been greeted with less enthusiasm by deputy mayor Barry Longland, who predicted the project would have 'so many hoops to jump through.'

'I don't think it will ever happen,' he said.

'It will be something of a hot potato for the NSW government. I've been opposed to the Byrrill Creek option from the beginning. I hoped the rais-

ing of the wall of the current dam would be adopted.

'The prospect of re-examining the decision cannot be construed as government support. The re-opening of the review is not a victory.'

Cr Longland likened the Byrrill Creek proposal to the controversial Traveston Crossing dam north of Brisbane, which despite gaining state government approval ended up being sunk by the federal government's Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

'It will waste a lot of time and money and will be delaying the inevitable,' he said.

'I think the object of re-opening the review is to buy some time. But even if the NSW government eventually approves it the federal government will knock it on the head.'

Save Byrrill Creek spokesperson Joanna Gardner said the review had already 'been done in depth', but the outcome had not suited councillors Polglase and Skinner.

She said Byrrill Creek residents and environmentalists had held a meeting on Monday night to discuss strategies to combat the latest push to build the dam.

'If they want to re-run this whole process again the majority of the residents here will voice their concerns loud and clear once again,' Ms Gardner said.

'If the council concentrated on implementing water savings they would not need a new dam. It is not like dams are the only answer. There is stormwater harvesting and grey water. Half of the water used goes through the toilet or out in the garden.'

'Every shire surrounding us has implemented water saving measures except the Tweed Shire.'

Caldera Environment Centre spokesman Sam Dawson said he was not concerned by the resurrection,

saying the raising of the Clarrie Hall Dam wall was the best option.

'If they are using the same evidence in the new review it will show that Byrrill Creek has a high ecological value,' he said.

'Some councillors didn't like the um-

pire's decision and they are crying foul.

'How much does another review like this cost? It is money wasted. It's a political vendetta against the conservation movement in the Tweed and the people of Byrrill Creek.'

'It is unfortunate the state govern-

ment, whenever it is confronted with a piece of legislation that it does not agree with, will seek to have it overturned.'

Although not in his electorate, Tweed MP Geoff Provest welcomed

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Tweed celebrates NAIDOC Week



Bundjalung Kunjial Dancers, Luther Cora, Aaron Henderson and Stephen Appo at NAIDOC celebrations on Tuesday.

Kate McIntosh

Cultural celebrations marking NAIDOC Week have kicked off across the Tweed and Gold Coast.

The annual event honours the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Southern Cross University's Gold Coast campus marked the occasion this week with live music and cultural performances.

Local Indigenous band GuriGuru,

who specialise in storytelling through music, and female Indigenous duo the Stiff Gins were among those to perform at the event.

The event included a workshop on singing songs in Indigenous language, with the Gold Coast campus library also unveiling an art exhibition featuring work from the Kallalu gallery in Coolangatta as part of the celebrations. Professor Adrian Miller, head of Southern Cross University's Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peo-

ples, said NAIDOC Week was a great opportunity for Indigenous Australians to share their history and cultural values.

He said the occasion was also a time to reflect on contemporary issues which continue to impact on Indigenous Australians.

'It's a good time to highlight and reflect on particular important issues that are going on around the nation, such as the Northern Territory

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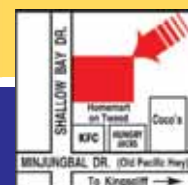


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Desexing to prevent unwanted pets

Kate McIntosh

Overwhelmed local animal welfare groups are trying to curb the growing number of unwanted pets by offering low-cost desexing.

They say the number of surrendered and feral animals, particularly kittens, remains a serious problem in the Tweed, stretching the limited resources of animal welfare groups and causing unnecessary suffering to the animals concerned.

Reduced-cost desexing is available at the RSPCA's mobile vet clinic which is stationed at Murwillumbah Showgrounds until this Friday (July 8).

As part of the campaign, Friends of the Pound have also negotiated with several local vets who will continue to perform reduced-cost desexing at their clinics until the end of this month.

Jointly funded by the RSPCA, Tweed Shire Council and Friends of the Pound, the service is part of a wider long-term campaign to encourage responsible pet ownership.

Chair of the desexing sub-committee Sonia Trichter said un-desexed animals produce hundreds of unwanted offspring each year who have to be found homes or who otherwise are destroyed.

Friends of the Pound are taking bookings on 0487 179 244.



'You want to take what?!' Rafferty's thought bubble perhaps shortly before being eunuched by Ingrid Ehnhuus. Photo Jeff 'Calling a Spayed a Spayed' Dawson

NAIDOC Week

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intervention and acknowledgement of country,' he said.

In Tweed Heads, a Bubs, Jajums and Family Fun Day will be held at Recreation Park this Thursday (July 7) from 11am to 3pm. The event includes art workshops, live performances, storytelling and a free sausage sizzle. The event will be followed by a NAIDOC disco at the Tweed Heads PCYC for nine- to 17-year-olds from 6pm to 9pm. Winners of the Mr and Miss NAIDOC and special achievement awards will also be announced on the night.

Byrrill Creek dam back on table

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further investigation of the issue, but said he hoped good money would not be thrown away pursuing the Byrrill Creek option.

'We don't want to miss opportunities but I would not like to see bucketloads of money spent on a project, only to see the federal government step in and shut it down,' he said.

'The Queensland government spent something like \$200 million on the Traveston dam project only to see the federal government knock it on the head.'

Tweed mayor Kevin Skinner said he wanted a full review to 'make sure the process had been dealt with properly.'

'We want to know how the previous state government came to the decision and what information they used to make the decision. The process must be correct,' he said.

'The council weren't part of the process but it owns very sizeable areas of land in the Byrrill Creek area.'

Cr Skinner likened having two dams in the shire to having two water tanks in the back garden instead of one.



Tweed Shire Parenting Skills Courses

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Preparation for Childbirth & Early Parenting (TH)

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-9pm
Cost: \$60.00 per couple
Eligibility: Expectant parents
Venue: Tweed Hospital
Enquiries: Ann Maree (07) 5506 7813
6-week course for expectant parents with sessions from midwives, physiotherapists and early childhood nurses, includes information on labour, birth, breastfeeding, parenting and tour of the birthing suite.

Preparation for Parenting (M)

Mondays 6-8pm
Cost: \$50.00 per couple
Eligibility: First time parents
Venue: Murwillumbah
Bookings: Community Health (02) 6670 9400
7-week course for first time parents with sessions covering pregnancy, dad's role, birth, breast feeding, baby care and early parenting.

Building Connections (TH)

Every 2nd Monday 10am-1pm
Cost: Free
Eligibility: Separating families
Venue: Tweed Bookings: Gillian (07) 5524 8711
Building connections works with parents to minimise the impact of separation on both themselves and their children. It provides key strategies on how to reduce and manage conflict, set boundaries with the other parent and highlights what children need from them throughout the separation process affirming, listening, problem solving, handling conflicts, accessing support, taking control of stress and looking ahead.

Breastfeeding Sessions (TH)

1st Tuesday of month 12.45-1.45pm
Cost: Free
Venue: Tweed Hospital
Bookings: Essential Ann Maree (07) 5506 7813
Breastfeeding information and support aimed at pregnant mums and first or subsequent babies.

P5 Parenting Education (T)

Wednesdays Feb 16-March 23, 10am-12.30pm
Cost: \$35.00
Bookings: The Family Centre (07) 5524 8711
6-week positive parenting education and information course for parents with a focus on children under 12, topics include: how we parent and why, discipline, effective listening.

Whole Body Rejuvenation for Parents (M)

Tuesdays August 16-September 20, 10-11.30am
Cost: Free
Venue: Tweed Shire Women's Service
Bookings: Kimberley 02 6672 4188
For parents it is all too easy to give the love, care and attention to our children but we tend to neglect the love and care we need for our self. The Whole Body Rejuvenation Course gives you the space and time to re-connect with you and your body to the build the love and care for yourself.

Kids Caring for Country (M)

Supported Playgroup
Thursdays July 21-September 22, 10am
Venue: Knox Park
Bookings: Kimberley 02 6672 4188
An informal playgroup for children aged 0-5 and their families in the Murwillumbah/Tweed area. Activities will be centered on cultural revitalisation, learning through play and connecting indigenous parents with each other, children and community through a sharing of culture and parenting techniques. Funded by Murwillumbah Communities for Children.

Parent Support Coffee Mornings (M)

4th Monday of month, 10am
Venue: Tweed Shire Women's Service
Bookings: Kimberley 02 6672 4188
Monthly information sessions for parents. Come along and have a coffee with other parent and learn about parenting skills and services available to parents in our area.

Understanding Domestic and Family Violence (M)

Tuesdays August 16-September 20, 10am-12.00pm
Cost: Free
Bookings: Admin Tweed Shire Women's Service 02 6672 4188
6-week course for women exploring: What is domestic & family violence? What is the impact on children? The power & control tactics, grief & loss and finding hope after living with domestic & family violence. Run in partnership with The Family Centre.

P5 Parenting Education Course (TH)

Wednesdays August 3-September 7, 10am-12.30pm
Venue: Family Centre

Cost: \$35

Bookings: Family Centre 07 5524 8711
6 week positive parenting education and information course for parents with a focus on children under 12, topics include: how we parent and why, discipline, effective listening.

123 Magic (TH)

Tuesdays, July 26-August 8, 10am-12pm,
Cost: \$15
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
3 week course explores a down-to-earth, child-friendly and effective discipline approach that encourages good behaviour for children 2-12 yrs.

Soon they'll be Teenagers (M)

Tuesdays, Aug 23-September 13, 12.30-2.30pm,
Cost: Free
Venue: Murwillumbah
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
4 week course for the parents of pre adolescents. It is a time of great physical, emotional and social change. Topics include: improving communication; managing behaviour; changing established patterns; learning how to have 'empowering' conversations; what to expect during adolescence.

Young Mums to Be (TH)

Thursdays, August 11-September 15, 10am-12.30pm
Cost: Free
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
6-week course for young mums-to-be; providing a safe and supportive environment to learn about pregnancy, childbirth, attachment, parenting and self-care. A space to hear and share ideas about pregnancy, preparation for childbirth and what being a 'mum' means. Open to ages 21 years or under.

Engaging Adolescents (TH)

Tuesdays, August 23-13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm
Cost: Free
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
This 4 week course helps parents understand and consider their role as parent of a teenager. It assists parents to gain a deeper understanding of adolescence as a fundamental time of development. The course also teaches parents how to hold the difficult conversations which are needed to address difficult and serious issues.

ParentSpace: Birth to 3 years (TH)

Mondays, August 1, 15, 29 & Sept 12, 10-11.30am
Cost: \$5 per session
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
Fortnightly parenting information presented & shared in a friendly atmosphere. Discussion topics & parent-child play sessions: Story Fun parent/child activity session; Sleep and Settling with the Child & Family Nurse; Stages of development-what happens when and how to encourage it; Toilet learning.

Self Care for Parents (TH)

Thursday September 22, 9.30am-2.30pm
Cost: \$15 includes lunch
Bookings: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
1 day workshop designed to assist parents to develop positive self-care strategies to enhance their parental experience. A day of fun and healing experiences to celebrate the joys and difficulties of parenting.

Family Centre Playgroups (TH, TC, M)

All groups 9.30-11.30am, during school term
Cost: Free
Tweed: Monday
Cabarrita: Tuesday
Murwillumbah: Wednesday
Banora Point: Thursday
Contact: The Family Centre 07 5524 8711
Supporting families to identify and learn creative ways of playing with their children.

Baby Steps - New Parents Group (M)

Tuesdays 10am-12.00pm
Cost: Free
Eligibility: Parents with babies under 6 mth
Venue: Murwillumbah Community Health
Bookings: Community Health 02 6670 9400
Education and information course for parents of new babies.

Pottsville Neighbourhood Centre (TC)

A range of courses are available throughout the term, please contact for further information on courses.

Tweed Shire Women's Service (M)

Contact: 02 6672 4188
A range of courses are planned throughout the term, please contact for further information on courses. For more courses in the Murwillumbah area visit www.tswomen.org.au.

Key M = Murwillumbah TC = Tweed Coast TH = Tweed Heads

Ratepayers face hefty erosion bill

Steve Spencer

Ratepayers should brace themselves for a multi-million-dollar bill to repair erosion damage that continues to plague the Kingscliff foreshore.

The council is seeking to find state or federal government funding to double the \$3 million it has already allocated for a sand-bypass repair solution.

Saving the foreshore between the two council-owned caravan parks is a top priority for the Tweed council, says mayor Kevin Skinner.

'We are committed on behalf of ratepayers to protecting the area,' he said.

Also in danger is the popular Kingscliff Bowls Club and hectares of parkland.

The council was forced to hire a dredge and pump 8,000 cubic metres of sand costing \$600,000 onto the beach in February following major erosion late last year that threatened the NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships – but that sand has already washed away.

That sand was paid for by

the NSW government's Natural Disaster Relief Fund.

The erosion was said to be the worst to hit the area since the 1974 cyclone.

Failure of walls

Recently a combination of spring high tides and large swells led to partial failure of the sandbag walls constructed in front of the Cudgen Headland Surf Club and Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park.

A major sand nourishment program, pumping an estimated 300,000 cubic metres of sand, is now planned for the long-term protection of the foreshore.

Cr Warren Polglase also supports the multi-million-dollar anti-erosion program, saying small businesses and employment were threatened as well as the foreshore.

'Council has a big investment in those caravan parks. They generate funds that are used along all the foreshores in the shire for maintenance and children's playgrounds,' he said.

'We have got to spend more [on sand replenishment], but where we get the money from is the problem.

'However much it costs it will be worth it. A lot of people make a living out of tourism along there. We have to protect those jobs.

'But we have to draw a line somewhere. We will not be doing anything north of the [Kingscliff North] caravan park.'

Councillors were told in an engineering report: 'The original works were constructed in an attempt to minimise costs and a more robust design is required for the repairs due to the length of time that the foreshore is likely to be subject to erosion and length of time anticipated for recovery of the beach.

'Further works are required to reduce erosion impacts on Cudgen Headland Surf Club and Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park and the Kingscliff North Holiday Park.'

Council engineer David Oxenham said the area had

suffered two separate 'erosion events', and a permanent solution was being looked at but it could cost \$6 million.

He said that work should last for several years, and subsequent works would cost much less – between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Providing temporary protection for assets

'We will dredge the sand from Cudgen Creek [downstream of the bridge]. We are doing what we can to provide temporary protection for the assets behind the beach.'

He said sand naturally moves north along the coastline, but a deep hole offshore, caused by last year's storms, had been swallowing up the migrating sand.

Executive manager of the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks, Richard Adams, said about 100 metres of metal fencing had been erected along the eroded foreshore at Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park to keep residents away from the area.

'As the erosion has moved northwards, an erosion scarp has developed in front of the Kingscliff Holiday Park. We're erecting the fence to ensure the safety of our patrons in case someone was not aware of the erosion face,' said Mr Adams.

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THE DUTCH ON THE TWEED

'The Dutch on the Tweed' is a research project investigating the contribution of Dutch Australian people to the civic life of the Tweed Valley community.

The project is a sociological study of the experiences, activities and perceptions of Dutch Australians who were born in the Netherlands and arrived in Australia as children during the mass migration period after World War Two.

The study is being conducted through Curtin University in Western Australia under the supervision of Dr Nonja Peters, a well-known authority on the Dutch connection with Australia, coordinating author of *The Dutch Down Under, 1606-2006*, and a Dutch Australian herself.

The researcher is also himself a Dutch Australian, arriving in Australia as a

teenager in 1951 and resident in the Tweed Shire since 2004. His cultural background, tertiary education and research experience make him well qualified to conduct this investigation.

Participation in the project is voluntary and the privacy of all participants will be protected. All contact between researcher and participant is strictly confidential. The collection of information and publication of results is subject to the express, written consent of the participant. This consent may be withdrawn at any time.

All Dutch Australian residents of the Tweed Shire who meet the criteria indicated above are kindly invited to participate in the research project by contacting the researcher, Martien Jansen in de Wal, M. Ed.

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Coolangatta Whale Watch captured this image of a pair of humpbacks breaching earlier this week. The company says there has been plenty of whale action in the area so far, with up to 24 whale sightings on its daily trips. For more info visit www.coolangattawhalewatch.com.au.

Humpback whales in eastern Australian once numbered about 26,000 but their population has since dwindled due to commercial and illegal whaling. While an international moratorium on commercial whaling is now in force, Japan, Iceland and Norway continue the practice.

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Keeping the wheels turning on transport service

Kate McIntosh

A long-running non-profit organisation is calling for volunteers to help keep the wheels turning on its vital community service.

Now in its 24th year of operation, Tweed Byron and Ballina Transport (TBBCT) provides a door-to-door service for frail, aged and disabled people in the region.

The organisation, which manages a fleet of community cars, provides pick-up and drop-off for shopping trips and medical appointments, as well as arranging regular social outings.

But manager Phil Barron said Tweed's ageing population was putting increasing pressure on TBBCT, which has experienced a 20 per cent growth in demand for its services.

'Projections are the ageing population is going to continue to grow, so it is a continual struggle to manage the need with our limited funding,' Mr Barron said.

He said the service was also struggling to fill volunteer positions in the Tweed, including car drivers, bus attendants and passenger coordinators.

TBBCT, which has offices in Banora Point, Byron Bay and Ballina, last year provided more than 56,000 passenger trips and has about 135



Transport volunteers Marjorie Wells, Barry Evans, Bernie Tier and Malcolm Green.

active volunteers across the region.

With limited resources at its disposal, Mr Barron said volunteers remain the lifeblood of the organisation, helping get clients to their destination and appointments.

He said TBBCT's services

also gave people a measure of independence, allowing them to stay at home for as long as they can.

'Our bus volunteers and volunteer drivers really make a positive difference to people's lives,' he said.

As part of its 24th birthday

celebrations, TBBCT will host a Christmas in July event for its large volunteer workforce at Kingscliff Bowling Club on July 29 at 12noon.

For more info or to volunteer for TBBCT call 1300 875 895 or visit www.community-transport.org.au.

Opinions sought on community gardens

A new Southern Cross University (SCU) research project will gauge the level of support for community gardens throughout the Northern Rivers region.

Community gardens are areas of public or private land set aside to grow and harvest fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers,

with those sharing in the workload getting an equal share in the produce.

Kara Baker, a bachelor of environmental science with honours candidate, is looking at the social, environmental and economic elements for setting up successful community gardens.

'Community food gardens are one way for the community to enjoy vacant public land,' she said.

Kara's survey is confidential and takes about 10 minutes. Go to https://scuau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9ub1zfcBV57ms.

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Tweed a throwback to 'Jurassic Park' era

Kate McIntosh

The Tweed's natural environment has been compared to the ancient pristine ecosystems that existed in Australia 40 million years ago.

Speaking at the Murwillumbah Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting last Thursday, Numinbah Valley environmental scientist Robert Price said fossilised plant remains unearthed in Antarctica could still be found in their natural state in the Tweed Valley today.

'This is a small pocket of what ancient Australia was like,' he said.

'For a botanist it's like Jurassic Park.'

He said the region's diverse landscape provided a haven for a wide range of rare plant and animal species and was

of 'universal value to humanity.'

Mr Price's comments lend weight to calls for the Border Ranges region to be declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve.

Although not legally binding, the UN strategy aims to promote conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in ecologically sensitive areas.

International recognition

The campaign is being led by the Caldera Environment Centre (CEC), which says the region's unique biodiversity is deserving of international recognition.

Mr Price, who has undertaken extensive botanical and ecological surveys throughout

the Northern Rivers region and southeast Queensland, said the region was home to half of Australia's bird species as well as 60 plant species which are found nowhere else in the world.

'You could wipe out a small part of a forest and potentially drive a whole species to extinction,' he said.

Mr Price was among a number of keynote speakers at the green-themed meeting including spokesman for Northern Rivers Guardians Michael McNamara and Tweed Tourism boss Phil Villiers.

The breakfast presentation, which was attended by local business and tourism operators, as well as artists and environmental activists, centred on threats to the caldera region, as well as the long-term economic and tourism bene-

fits of protecting the so-called Green Cauldron.

Mr Villiers said the region boasted world-class ecotourism ventures which were attracting an increasing number of international visitors.

Mr McNamara, a vocal opponent of coal-seam gas, said the expanding industry was a potential threat to the area's niche tourist market.

Why tourists come

'When tourists visit the North Coast they do nature-based activities; it's why they come here, because of our clean, green environment,' he said.

As well as the Tweed and Mt Warning, the Green Cauldron moniker encompasses areas stretching from Beaudesert, south to Lismore and Evans Heads.

Farewell Jann Whiting Subiaco: 1944 - 2011

John Lind

Subiaco was Jann's adopted surname, and his place of birth; born Jan Bowen Whiting, he later added the surname, which is a suburb of Perth, WA.

It was there his Australian mother Joyce Adderley Bowen met his American father, Billy Jones Whiting, a submariner in the US Navy when he was recuperating from a war wound from a battle in the Pacific.

He left Australia with his family when he was one year old, moving through various US naval bases, including Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, and San Diego.

Love for surfing

He discovered his love for surfing at the age of six at Hawaii's famous Makaha beach.

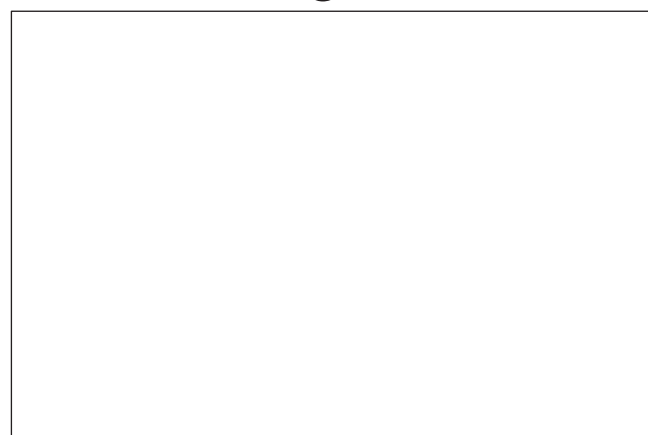
Also in his early childhood, Jann became interested in art, starting with pictures of brightly coloured fishes.

His parents gave him his first Brownie camera when he was 11. He photographed everything he could 'while chasing rattlesnakes and lizards through the cactus-filled canyons,' above his East San Diego home.

He entered San Diego State University as a maths major but soon realised, 'while working on the square root of a minus one,' in an advanced trigonometry class that 'it was all illusion.'

He changed to fine art with art history as part of the curriculum. 'The world came together in a discernible pattern before my eyes; whereas everything before had been facts and dates, having little relevance.'

This further stimulated his skills as an artist, photographer, stonemason, builder and carpenter. His lust for travel



Friends and family farewell Burringbar's internationally recognised photographer Jann Subiaco. Photo Jeff Dawson

and photography was inspired by the many cultures of the world.

His welcome skills as a chef commenced as an assistant cook in a kibbutz in southern Galilee, and also on an oil-rig in the East Timor Sea.

Jann's expansive spiritual and philosophical journey was enriched by encounters with Fritz Perls, the father of Gestalt Therapy, and Alan Watts, who introduced the notion of Zen-consciousness to the West. Upon graduating from San Diego State University with a BA in Fine Arts, he travelled with two surfing friends in a Kombi through Mexico to Central America, enjoying the sea and photographing.

'A revelation to worldliness'

The journey was also 'a revelation to worldliness' when he realised that Central America was 'a looming disaster with regards to US right-wing politics.'

He saw and experienced things that made him realise that he no longer wanted to live in the US. This was 1969.

After four years of travelling, Jann arrived in Darwin, NT, in 1973.

By now Jann had become a professional photographer, travel guide, and cook.

He was particularly drawn to the mystical grandeur of nature, and the human condition in his intimate studies of everyday people in their cultural settings.

Travelling rough

His travels as a photographer covered the Americas, Europe, North Africa, the Levant, the Middle East, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, and most points east including Burma, China, and Japan, generally travelling rough.

Jann contributed to *Tracks Surfing Magazine*, *Simply Living*, *Well Being*, and the UNESCO-funded *Smile Book*.

He received an award for *Dick Smith - Antarctica Expedition*.

Jann's ethics as a photographer were impeccable; insisting on a cultural release clause, whereby he promised to reimburse '100 per cent of any income received from a photograph's usage' should the subject claim misrepresentation in any way.

After a divorce, Jann moved to northern NSW in the early nineties, and built his own home in Burringbar.

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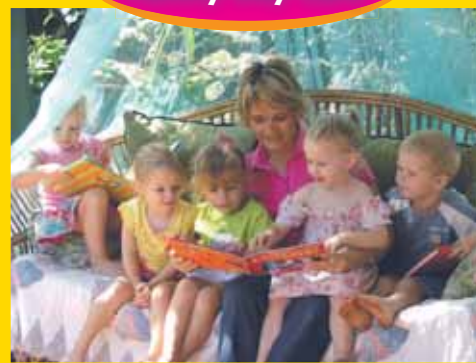
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Dam: the consequences

Like its counterpart across the border, the NSW government seems set to throw money at a dam that in all likelihood will never see the light of day.

Queensland shelled out some \$200 million defending the Traveston dam north of Brisbane only for the federal government to step in and squash the controversial plan.

Now Tweed Shire's proposed dam at Byrill Creek looks certain to follow the same protracted path.

Nevertheless, Tweed mayor Kevin Skinner and Cr Warren Polglase found a sympathetic ear when they pressed the state government to re-examine the proposal.

The latest move comes as Tweed's natural environment is being highlighted as a huge tourism drawcard and environmental groups continue their campaign to have the area internationally recognised as a UN biosphere reserve.

Forging ahead with the proposed Byrill Creek dam would lock up access to national parks and other highly desirable tourist destinations within the region.

And yet three councillors – the three who received the least public support at the last council election – continue in their dogged pursuit of a high cost, environmentally damaging project which has been roundly rejected by the area's local residents as well as the previous NSW government.

It also flies in the face of warnings from experts that the dam would cripple important wildlife corridors and signal the death knell for the region's unique biodiversity.

With such dire warnings, there seems little justification in pursuing a costly second review.

But despite glaring evidence of the area's high-end conservation value and other less invasive options already on the table, some Tweed councillors have once again gone into bat for a project that denigrates, rather than preserves, the region's natural resources and goes against the community's wishes.

Isn't it about time our so-called community leaders stuck up for our most precious natural asset instead of damning us to a path of environmental ruin and extinction?

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Brown's Greens need a reality check

It is time for Bob Brown and his supporters to have a cup of tea, a Bex and a good lie down – or failing that, a serious reality check.

Let us be clear: on July 1, nothing substantial changed.

Yes, the new Greens senators were installed, and the party now has nine, making it a genuine minority party – but that's it, a minority.

Without the support of one of the major parties they can achieve precisely nothing.

Yes, Labor needs their support to pass its legislation, but Labor has always needed that anyway; the only difference is that the government no longer needs the support of independents as well.

And yes, they can block any bills the coalition seeks to introduce into the Senate; but since no coalition bills have got through the House of Representatives since the last election, this doesn't matter much either.

The Greens have no more and no less power now than they had on June 30.

And nor have they suddenly assumed potential majority status. Bob Brown's prediction (to *The Australian's* Dennis Shanahan, of all people) that one day the Greens would replace Labor as one of Australia's two mainstream parties was pure braggadocio.

The only reason that it was taken even half seriously was that both Labor and coalition look so unattractive at present and the Greens, at least in their own perception, offer a more appealing alternative.

But the hard fact remains that the Greens are, always have been and always will be, a minority party appealing to a minority of voters. It is true that voting patterns are more volatile now than they have been

for some time, but in spite of some movement between the parties, about 80 per cent of the electorate remains firmly in the middle, roughly split between centre right and centre left, with about 10 per cent of radicals at either end.

And that left end is where the Greens have staked their claim – note that the latest polls put their vote at 11 per cent, actu-

ture, within the formal process of government they will seldom have more than nuisance value.

Not that the formal process of government appears to have all that much to offer at present.

Commentators have noted the descent into sloganeering and personal insult and it is true that the broadcast of question time is approaching the

something about economists, didn't it?

He stopped short of calling the entire discipline of economics crap, as he once designated climate science, but he made it clear that if economists disagreed with him then they were, quite simply, wrong and not worth listening to.

Everyone was out of step except our Tony. And what's more the opinion polls proved it: in a democracy the majority was, by definition, right, and that was that.

This is the misguided populism now driving both sides of politics: Julia Gillard's decision to exempt petrol from her carbon pricing, both from the initial tax and the foreshadowed trading scheme, is a major step back from both effectiveness and efficiency.

The whole point about such a tax is its universality; as soon as you say you will put a price on some carbons but not others, you invite a rush of further applications for special treatment and hand the debate over to lawyers and accountants trying to dream up loopholes so their clients can join the privileged.

There is less incentive to innovate and less money to encourage it, and of course a major source of emissions continues unabated.

And most importantly it weakens the whole argument for action both at home and internationally, suggesting that Gillard, like Abbott, really believes that climate change is just another political problem which can be solved by slogans and spin, by smoke and mirrors.

Perhaps this is why the Greens think they are on a roll: they may be impractical idealists, but at least their arguments are consistent.

The hard fact remains that the Greens are, always have been and always will be, a minority party.

by Mungo MacCallum



ally down a little from the last election.

Note also that in the state election in New South Wales, even with an electorate said to be sadly disillusioned by both major parties, they managed to pick up just one Lower House seat and in Victoria they failed altogether.

The Greens have become the dominant minority group in the Senate, replacing the DLP and the Democrats, and look set to hold that position for some time, but that's where it begins and ends.

Of course their political power is greatly exaggerated at present because of the presence of Adam Bandt in the House of Representatives but it is most unlikely that the next parliament will also be hung and unless it is, Bandt, even if he holds his seat, will be just another backbench independent.

The Greens are certainly an interesting and dynamic development and will have considerable influence on the future direction of politics in Australia.

But under our present struc-

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Council suffering from memory loss

The collective dementia which pervades Tweed Shire Council continues unabated.

Not content with flushing \$600,000 of taxpayers' money out to sea in a purely cosmetic restoration attempt on the beach, park and roadway at Kingscliff's Main Beach, they now propose an underground, seaside car park as part of the 'rejuvenation' of the Marine Parade precinct.

If they can't keep a park and roadway well above sea level from Davey Jones's Locker, how do they propose to manage an underground car park on the same site? Will only snorkel-equipped 4x4s and personal submarines be allowed entrance?

They further claim that because a dozen or so geriatrics who constantly complain if they can't park in the invalid parking lots at the local shopping centre (despite most being not entitled to do so) supported the scheme on a council website, it has overwhelming community support.

They conveniently forget that in 2005 when consultants specially hired to redesign the Kingscliff foreshore proposed a similar underground parking station it was, rightly, rejected by the same community from which council now claims support.

In the unlikely event that work on the proposal commences before the current council is consigned to the electoral cesspool in 2012, one hopes that those councillors and staff currently engaged in throwing away yet more of our money in the latest salvage effort on the Faulks Park beachfront without first addressing the actual cause of the erosion, will be consigned to nothing more demanding than wiping the dribble from their chins.

Jeremy Cornford
Kingscliff

Wooyung land

In response to Dr Jim Gallagher's letter (June 30): would there be such issues involving the proposal put forward at Wooyung if the land was a cow paddock that had been extensively mined?

It is great to see that the Department of Planning and the Tweed Shire Council recognise that this land has a great deal of significance.

Listening to radio interviews I can see that the two proposals being put forward are very contradictory.

One wants to use the
 continued overleaf

Dam machinations continue

■ If Minister Hodgkinson is serious about reviewing water supply options for Tweed then it's imperative she also look at the fundamental issue that water conservation measures, especially for new developments, would negate or at least greatly defer the need for either dam option.

Dual reticulation has been supported by the whole Tweed community, including the Tweed Combined Rural Industries Association, yet repeated calls from the community for a review of this option have so far been rejected.

The minister must show the people of Tweed that she is willing to support all her constituents for a review, not just the developer-driven faction that has already caused numerous public inquiries and the sacking of the council.

Otherwise there is no doubt this would end up the same way of Traveston and Tillegra dams, with the plug eventually pulled due to overwhelming evidence, but only after millions are wasted avoiding the obvious.

Cr Katie Mine
Carool

■ The Caldera Environment Centre (CEC) fully supports the review into the Tweed water sharing plan, as we believe that this will provide another opportunity to present the case for conservation at Byrrell Creek. The facts in favour of conservation are obvious and need not be repeated ad infinitum.

However, what does need to be mentioned is that at present both the state government and the local council have spent in excess of \$250,000 on weed control and revegetation work at Byrrell Creek. The area has also been described by ecological authorities as 'the best of what's left'.

It is unfortunate that the state government, whenever it is confronted with a piece of legislation that it does not agree with, will seek to have it overturned. The water sharing plan was open to public comment for six months and in that time everyone had the opportunity to make a case for or against the dam. It was a gratifying acknowledgement of months of hard work when the previous state government upheld the protection on Byrrell Creek. In that time the case for a dam has been seriously weakened, and is championed

only by a few politicians who willing remain ignorant of the facts of the matter.

Most alarming is the fact that the figures presented by Tweed Shire Council that support the need for a dam have been demonstrated to be erroneous and exaggerated. The future water demand for the Tweed Shire has been inflated and Tweed Shire Council still has not clarified this mistake after nearly six months; this fact alone ought to raise serious doubts about the validity of the claim for a new dam.

Samuel K Dawson
Caldera Environment Centre

■ Our mayor was heard to say on radio last week that he did not know why the previous Labor government did not proceed with the Byrrell Creek dam. It is the duty of a full-time mayor to ask for the reasons why the elected council was over-ridden on such an important subject. He claims he does not know. What rubbish!

We also note that almost to a man it was the same Tweed Directions group that spoke up for the Byrrell Creek dam option, who in 2003/4 collected \$500,000 to \$600,000 from fewer than 28 members of the East Coast Development Industry in an attempt to control Tweed Council. The Daly 'Findings' paragraph 21 and 22 of his First Inquiry read:

Para 21. 'The critical feature of Tweed Directions strategy was to have its nine groups present themselves to the community as being independent of each other, and of Tweed Directions. This strategy essentially represented a fraud deliberately foisted on the community.'

Para 22 (in part). 'The nine groups that received Tweed Directions funds, and were linked by their campaign support, were willing participants in the fraud. The group leaders were most guilty of this fraud. Other members of the groups... knew little about the links between the groups and Tweed Directions.'

It is of some concern to the Tweed Residents and Ratepayers Association that our mayor is now being influenced by two of the 2004 candidate team leaders who are now Tweed councillors again trying to turn Tweed into the Gold Coast with all its ugly outcomes. The move

to rezone farming land for a police station is also on the agenda for these past Tweed Directions' members.

Our mayor used his casting vote for the dam; the three councillors that want it received only 11,424 first preference votes or 24.8 per cent of the Tweed electorate and even with preferences only received 25.01 per cent of the vote. The three councillors against the dam received 46.47 per cent of Tweed's vote.

So not only is democracy in the Tweed not being served, past studies prove beyond doubt there is no requirement for the Byrrell Creek dam in the next 35 to 45 years. Any decision to again place it on the agenda will not only greatly increase our future rates for its construction but will be a purely political decision by a pro-developer Sydney government.

Laurie Ganter
Tweed Heads

■ Now we hear that the Tweed water sharing plan and the decision to prohibit the construction of a dam on Byrrell Creek will be reviewed by the new state minister for primary industries.

After researching the question for more than a year, after all the money spent on studies and assessments and reports, after all the personal efforts invested in the community consultation process, after all that, they don't like the answer. So let's do it all again, so that our three rogue councillors can get the answer they want.

This is how taxpayers' and ratepayers' money is spent. The big boys get to play 'Build a Dam' and the taxpayers and the ratepayers get to pay for it. The current estimated cost of the construction of the dam at \$62 million will surely blow out to more than \$100 million by the time it is completed.

Is this tenacity or mendacity? Is this public interest or private interest? Who's misleading who? And, would the real facts please stand up.

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The climate change game

■ Your correspondent, self-confessed climate change denier Chris Deganhardt, claims that science cannot prove that human behaviour causes climate change because science is based on the second law of thermodynamics and therefore produces incorrect results!

Mr Deganhardt should take note that the second law of thermodynamics does not control our behaviour or our science, we do, and that it is our behaviour we need to change, not science. He should also take note of the fact that absolute proof is not required for the kind of positive action individuals, groups and governments are now taking locally and around the world to offset our impact on the planet and ipso facto the planet's climate – the planet and its climate are one and the same thing: what we do to one we do to the other.

If a pilot notices a crack between the fuselage and a wing and cannot prove that the wing will fall off, does he carry on flying? Our whole global civilisation is cracking at the seams. Hasn't Mr Deganhardt noticed? Or is he waiting for a new kind of science to prove it? Science is neither complete nor perfect. But to therefore ignore the overwhelming evidence of possibly catastrophic climate change, mass species extinction, insecticides and other chemicals in the food chain, nuclear contamination, increasing ocean acidification, decreasing fish stocks, rising sea-levels, melting glaciers, retreating permafrost, etc and pretend that we have nothing to do with it and all this is not affecting the climate, seems extraordinarily bloody-minded or blind beyond belief.

In the face of a possible total collapse of the ecosystem unless we mend our ways,

we have a responsibility not to deceive people with devil's advocate spurious arguments and flaky pseudo-science ideas into thinking we are not responsible and cannot change the climate and so might as well carry on consuming, squandering and polluting as if there is no tomorrow. We need to act, now. Climate change isn't a game or an excuse for an exercise in obfuscation.

John Jennings
Numinbah

■ I agree with deputy mayor Barry Longland as reported in *The Echo* (June 30): "The science on climate change was now clear, with the "vast majority of scientists" convinced the globe was warming due to man's burning of fossil fuels."

What is not clear, however, and what climate scientists can't agree on, is exactly how much warming there is and how much of it is due to fossil fuel emissions.

Estimates of man-made warming last century vary threefold, and estimates of likely warming this century with business as usual are more controversial and uncertain, varying more than ten-fold from under 0.5°C to over 5°C. Anyone who says the science is settled on that is relying on opinion polls rather than peer-reviewed research. While 5°C of warming would be very problematic if not catastrophic, 0.5°C would have more beneficial than harmful consequences.

Last year may have been the warmest year of the warmest decade on record, but it was not as warm as 1998, which was not as warm as 1934 in the US. This century has seen little or no warming because increasing CO₂ levels have been countered by a weaken-

ing sun and the Interdecadal Pacific Oscillation turning negative. Some experts think this is likely to continue for several decades, with more La Niña conditions and flooding rains, before we see further warming. Others disagree.

Scientists who *know* the future are more like prophets, and those advocating urgent action are more like priests. When science is dominated by priests and prophets, it has lost its way and become a religion. The only bulwark against that is robust scepticism.

Wes Allen
Cudgen

■ This is a very exciting new game that will get the pulses racing. It's like Russian roulette but played en masse. The gun is held to the head of the whole Australian population. Is it loaded or not?

The bullet is climate change or global warming – call it what you like. To find out if this phenomenon is real or not, just pull the trigger. Oh by the way, you don't have to do that yourself, one government or another will do that for you.

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Of course, you don't have to gamble with it at all. The safe, mature approach is to assume it is loaded – the worst that can happen is you look a bit silly, the best is that the gun would have gone off in a big way but at least you got your head out of the way in time.

So what's it to be, everyone? Do we let these people bicker and argue as to whether or not the gun's loaded – or do we all tell them we don't want to play their stupid game, that they are to err on the safe side and get on with securing our future the way we pay them to do?

David Lintern
Uki

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cleared land to create a resort that is totally out of character for the area, which makes it very controversial.

The other wants to use the sensitive area protected in the initial DA, which also makes it very controversial.

It all appears to be a money grab which history has proven is not good for anyone. When will there be a public meeting to discuss this proposal? I put it to you, Mr Ness.

Jon Lindsay
Crabbes Creek

■ Many letters had to be omitted this week owing to pressure on space. Please keep your communications pithy (200 words is optimal) and remember our deadline is Tuesday noon. Preference will be given to letters that have not already been sent to other newspapers – Ed.

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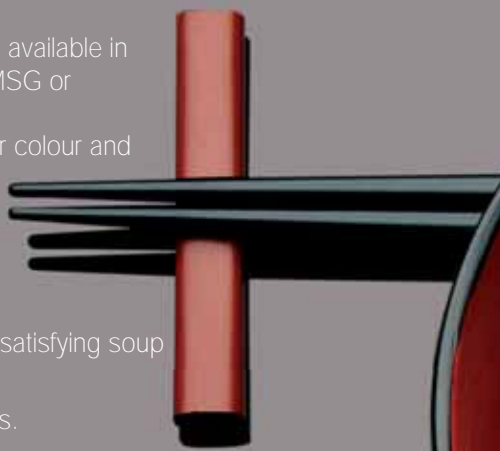
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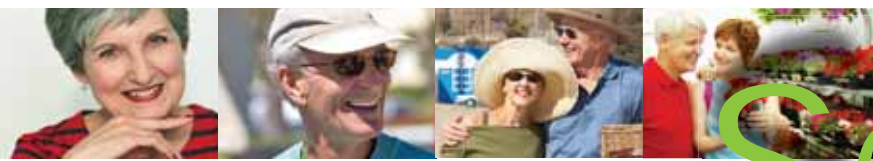
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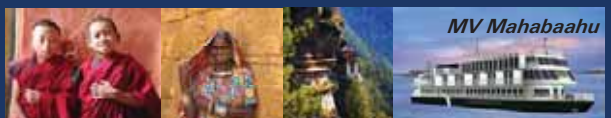
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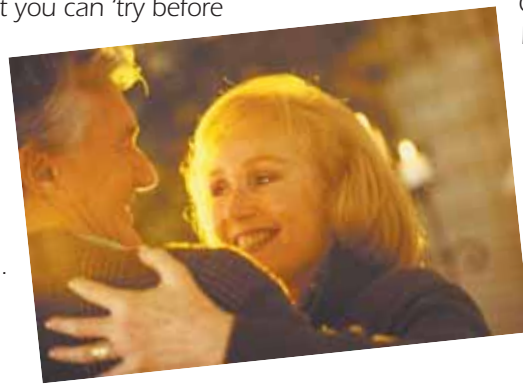
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Seniors Week

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A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY – Bhutan and India's Brahmaputra River

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Ganges River. The banks of the Brahmaputra are home to about 40 ethnic tribes, magnificent wildlife including the Bengal Tiger and is dotted with hundreds of Hindu temples and monasteries, many more than five centuries old.

The tour, in addition to visiting and experiencing the culture that makes Bhutan such an amazing experience, cruises

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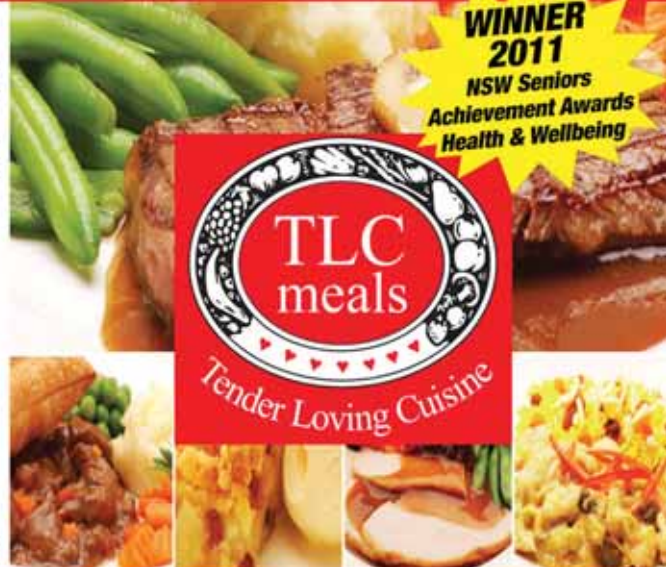
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What's the Busby?

Rockhampton's favourite sons **Busby Marou** released their self-titled debut album on Friday June 24; the first single is *Biding My Time*.

They are celebrating with a huge album tour kicking off in Brisbane (their home away from home) in July, culminating in Sydney on Saturday July 23. Sometimes things just make sense. The quality of the songs, the bill and the human beings involved in Busby Marou make this a tour not to be missed. Tom Busby's cheeky onstage presence and Jeremy Marou's freakish musical ability on all instruments combine on stage to deliver a distinctly Australian way of sharing stories. Their unique Australian songwriting flavour with cracking harmonies, breathtaking musicianship and a natural feel for each other's guitars will leave you wanting more.

Most of the Australian music community were first introduced to Busby Marou with their inclusion on the incredibly successful Finn Tribute album *He Will Have His Way*. Their version of *Better Be Home Soon* did a great job of garnering interest within the music industry, while their classic songwriting and live show had them making friends wherever they played. Busby Marou also took out the 2009 Deadly Award for 'Most Promising New Talent in Music' and a Q Song award for their song *Paint My Cup*.

Busby Marou are proud to be bringing their mates from Jackson McLaren and Halfway along for the ride. See them at the **Currumbin Soundlounge on Friday**.

Cool as the Cat

Peace Train played 38 theatres over 16 weeks in 2010 as Darren Coggan and co embarked on a massive 70-show national tour of Australia. Back in the 70s, Cat Stevens was the ultimate rock star. Talented, charismatic, with a seemingly endless succession of beautiful melodies streaming from his imagination, the international singing star had everything. He sold more than 60 million albums, earned enough money to last several lifetimes, and enjoyed all the trappings of fame.

But he wanted more out of life. So at the height of his career he shocked the world by taking his last bow. The music stopped and Cat Stevens was no more. **Peace Train** is a night of music and storytelling which will strike a chord deep inside the heart of anyone who longs for something more; a journey back in time,

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THE LAMPLIGHTS

Musos EMERGE at Queensland festival

For the first time in the Festival's history, The Queensland Music Festival will deliver an exciting program on the Gold Coast. Called **Emerge**, the event is a joint venture with Connecting Southern Gold Coast and Southern Cross University (Southern Gold Coast Music Hub), with the support of Gold Coast City Council. Up and coming musicians from the region will feature throughout the day's festivities.

The Southern Gold Coast has a wealth of talent and this provides a platform for the artists to be promoted within a prestigious international music program. **Emerge** represents artists in all stages of development, for example, **A French Butler Called Smith** will have just returned from *Splendour in the Grass*. **The Lamplights** are an incredibly popular act on the Gold Coast; however this festival will provide them with exposure beyond the region. **Exit 92**, **Tiffany Cornell** and **Elish Ellen** are the youngest musicians to feature in the program, however do not let this fool you – along with **Kennigo** and **The Cordobas**, they are all extraordinary musicians who have a bright future ahead.

In addition to the performances, professional development opportunities will be offered to each of the bands, with workshops run by leading music industry identities.

This is free event which will include a heritage photo exhibition, a 50s and 60s rock instrument collection and a mobile recording studio courtesy of Love Street Studios.

As part of the opening celebrations, local music icon **Doug Roughton**, will share historical facts about the rich music history of the Southern Gold Coast, of which he was an integral part. See **Emerge** at **Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre July 30** from 12.30pm.



A FRENCH BUTLER CALLED SMITH



BUSBY MAROU
 AT CURRUMBIN
 SOUNDLOUNGE
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and **Peace Train**, Darren Coggan traces the path of a man who never stopped wondering about how to make the world a better place. **Twin Towns Saturday**.

Bo Jenkins

Whether you are a Blues/Country lover, music lover or just a fan of a rockin' night at your local – don't miss the chance to sample Deep South R & B with legendary guitarist **Bo Jenkins**.

If you like your music authentic then Bo Jenkins is not be missed. The journeyman musician is a blast of the sweet heart of Arkansas in Queensland's summer. Jenkins's music reflects the richness of a life playing on river boats and in the bars and clubs of the famous Mississippi Delta region which has bred legends including Sonny Boy Williamson, Elvis Presley and Charlie Rich. Jenkins shows benefit from years playing with the like of BB King and his sets include everything from *Ghost-riders in the Sky*, a Creedance medley, Hank to Hendrix and various tunes from his original material. Bo has four albums out with the latest titled *Bo Jenkins Roadtrain*.

For aficionados, Jenkins is a left-handed upside-down player, incorporating lots of slide guitar. This talented guitarist started his career performing in roadhouses all around the south of the US mainly in Arkansas and Mississippi. Bo has toured with and opened for BB King, Kansas, Survivor, and Reba McEntyre to name a few and therefore his unique style is a mix of country, rock and blues with a rootsy/swampy feel and lots of slide guitar. See Bo at **Seagulls on Saturday**.

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Jethro and Prem have been travelling the world for eight years performing live the music of **Sacred Earth**. Prem shares with

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THE CORPORATE TIPPING POINT

Mandy Nolan



AT NO TIME IN HISTORY have large corporations had so much power. This week a coalition of Australian businesses has planned to mount a national advertising blitz against the carbon tax. Instead of using their considerable intellectual resources to create sustainable production methods that would minimise the carbon tax they will need to pay, they have instead decided to use their might to eradicate the tax (by eradicating the government). Sadly, eradicating the tax while having the positive impacts of increasing shareholder profits does not reduce carbon.

These are the carbon-making monsters who are killing our planet because it's not fair that human future should depend on lessening their profits. They lobby the populace through the media, which is largely owned by the same corporations, to brainwash them with the same tired old chorus 'you'll lose jobs', 'companies will go off shore', 'you'll be plunged into a recession', 'productivity will be lost'. When there are no polar caps left, when the oceans have risen, when there's no longer fresh water or arable land, when you need air-con to live in the North Pole, then I reckon no-one will give a shit about lost productivity.

These corporate moguls are planetary paedophiles, demonising government and luring us in with their big bag of sweets and promises of fluffy puppies. It may seem benign, and yes the plasma TV, the cheap groceries and discounted power bills are all terribly alluring. But the result is always the same. We're fucked. Corporate desire for continual profits to sustain their position in the global economy has given them the mandate, they believe, to challenge and overthrow government.

The underpinning principle of democracy is *by the people for the people*. The underpinning principle of big business is *buy profit for the profit*, even if it costs you people. Like them or loathe them, our current government has enacted various strategies that challenge the economic status quo, levelling the playing field so as to minimise the long- and short-term harms corporations are currently enacting on society.

Regardless of the greater good (the underlying principle of liberal philosophy), corporations intend to make our children fat, to fill our lungs with cancer-inducing smoke, to frack our water supply, to Hoover up cash from problem gamblers and to continue with industrial processes which not only heat our planet but make it very likely that our children's children will have no future.

Right now corporations are being asked to be accountable for their harm. Cigarettes give you cancer, gambling will destroy your family, junk food turns kids into fat diabetics, coal seamers poison the water table, coal and uranium production warms and pollutes the planet. These are the industries the government is asking to make concessions for the good of the people.

But the corporations are not happy. They're the victims. May I remind you though, that these are the big businesses who profit from human misery, poverty and illness. Cigarette companies are going to sue the government for making them use plain packaging to reduce the number of smokers. The clubs who rely on pokies are campaigning against the government's legislation limiting how much people can lose in an hour of gambling. Food companies and advertisers are claiming it's not constitutional that they can't advertise junk food during children's TV programming. (In fact they claim there's no evidence that junk-food ads contribute to obesity, when there clearly is.) Energy exploration companies seem oblivious to the huge community outcry and the overwhelming consensus that coal-seam gas is an environmental disaster. Mining companies who take the majority of their profits overseas are being asked to pay a tax so that a fair share of the profits are returned to the people of Australia – specifically the coal miners and the uranium miners, but here we also have the added issue of carbon tax for their warming and polluting of the planet. They're taking out advertising and pushing for an early election.

Opportunists like Tony Abbott see an easy route to government by backing the bad guys. Abbott is the Sheriff of Nottingham. At no time in Australian history has it been more important to support a government that is acting on our behalf while the corporations act on their own behalf. If we lose now, we will move from living in a society to living in an economy. We are at, I believe, a corporate tipping point.

If we are to ever turn the tables on climate change, then we need to turn the tables on the corporations. The hippies peaked too early. We don't need nuclear power, or even solar power; what we need is people power!



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Jane's talent stands the test of time

Winner of 7 'Mo' awards and an 'Ace' award for Best Female Vocal Performer Of The Year, **Jane** was only 11 years old when she leapt to national stardom as one of the original members of the popular long-running television show *Young Talent Time*. Her long list of television credits includes four years as a weekly regular on the ABC's *The Saturday Show* and *The Rolf Harris Show*. Through the years her numerous regular appearances on national variety shows like the *Don Lane Show*, *Bert Newton*, *Mike Walsh*, *Ray Martin*, *The Midday Show*, *Good Morning Australia*, *In Melbourne Tonight*, *Carols By Candlelight*, and three years as a regular on the *HG and Roy Show*, have established her as one of the most successful and popular female performers in Australian today. See her at the **Tweed Heads Bowls Club Saturday.**

Raw Talent Final

It was glitter and glitz and a fine array of **RAW Talent** at last Saturday's event at the Currumbin RSL. Organisers were happy with the event. 'It was great to see so much support by locals,' says the RSL's Laura Versace. 'It was also lovely to see the connections made



KATIA DEEMSTER WITH
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program guide

WINTER
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MONDAY

- 6am **Morning Mix** Kabes
- 9am **The Lighthouse Lounge** Andy Travis
- 11am **Belly** Belly Sisters
- 12pm **Pregnancy Birth & Beyond** Nicole Foder
- 1pm **Theme Park** Lyn McCarthy
- 2pm **Q's Jazz and Blues** Quentin Watts
- 4pm **Cruisy Beats** DJ Cruisy
- 6pm **Grailey Whole Celtic Show** Margaret Wyatt
- 8pm **Sounds of Africa** DJ Masaganda
- 10pm **Freedom Run** Jimmy & Callum

TUESDAY

- 6am **Clockwise** Chilla
- 9am **Under Construction** Sarah & Gina
- 11am **Byron Business** Phil Daly
- 12pm **Toasted** Lady Marmalade
- 2pm **The Music Garden** Michael Brereton
- 4pm **Under the Radar** The Invisible Man
- 6pm **Post Modern Backlash** Hudson
- 8pm **Radio Mundial** Steve Snelgrove
- 10pm **Shel's Place** Shel Kronich

WEDNESDAY

- 6am **Catch and Grab** DJ Holly Holster
- 9am **2481 Undone** Nicquii Yazdi/ Leah Aharon
- 11am **Go Earthcare** Ros Elliott
- 12pm **Suara Indonesia** Francesca & Kirana
- 1pm **Afternoon Tea Party** Adelaide French
- 2pm **The Junkyard** Stuey
- 4pm **Cowgirl In The Sand** Mel
- 6pm **Bongo Gum** Brett Diemar
- 8pm **B-boymixers** Elixir
- 10pm **All Funked Up** Mr Mantiki

THURSDAY

- 6am **Planet Luv** Glitter
- 9am **Arts Canvass** Karena
- 11am **The Bohemian Beat** Riddhi
- 12pm **Juke Joint** Tony Parker
- 2pm **Audio Chocolate** Rich
- 4pm **Future Classics** Matt Meir
- 6pm **Crossroads** Paul Martin
- 8pm **Cruisin For A Blues in** The Honeydrinker
- 10pm **The Booty Call** Lainie

FRIDAY

- 6am **That Friday Feeling** Nicky
- 9am **The Spin Cycle** Karin Kolbe
- 11am **Page Turners** Pip Morrissey
- 12pm **Whirled Music** Phil Hurst
- 1pm **Mystery Train** Mary Cannon
- 2pm **Grooveyard** Teesha & Niles
- 4pm **Strictly Vinyl (Happy Days)** Inchie
- 6pm **Chop-Suey** Rachi
- 8pm **Submerged/Down & Out** DJs Si Clone/Slinky
- 10pm **Rotations** DJs Pob/Tashi

SATURDAY

- 6am **Bay Rock Tark**
- 8am **Musical Kaleidoscope** Jill
- 10am **Cowboy's Sweetheart** Carrie D
- 12pm **Blues From The Bay** Anthony & Ken
- 2pm **Paris Cat Alley** Lou
- 4pm **Intersecting Cultures** Angela
- 5pm **Justice & Ms Chi** Justine & Ancika
- 6pm **Random Rhythms** Ashgiri
- 8pm **Diggin In The Archives** Undertaker & Joan of Arc
- 10pm **In the Vaults** Matt Wardle

SUNDAY

- 7am **Astro Alchemy** Iris & Michael
- 8am **Colours of Byron** Des
- 10am **Jazz Moods** Jean Brown
- 12pm **Omnibus** RG Pedicini & Les Schmidt
- 2pm **Radio Latina** Yolanda, Salvador & David
- 4pm **The Bay Lounge** aqua
- 6pm **Roots & Culture** DJ Selector
- 8pm **Ice Cream Truck** Fulton Hobbs & Peggy Dickson
- 10pm **The Space Between** Max Zoesar

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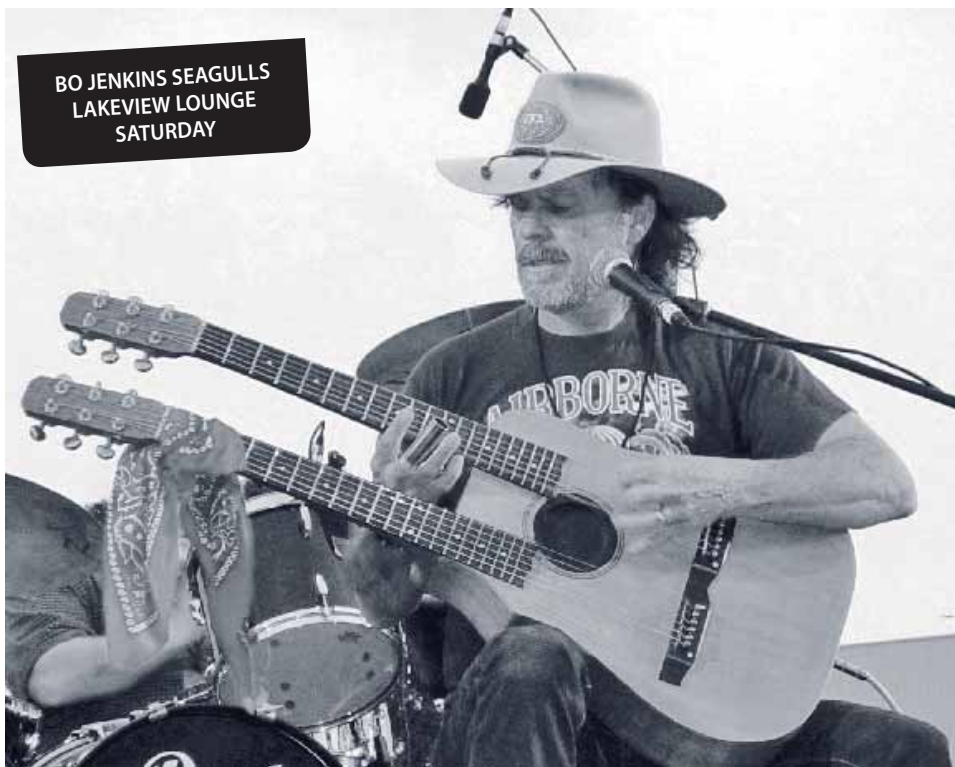
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between the entertainers themselves, all appreciating each other's talents and commenting on the previous performance when on stage. Most hung around at the end of the night chatting to each other.

The judges had a tough job and it took 20 minutes of solid deliberation to come up with the winner, singer songwriter **Mick McHugh**. Runner-up was **Tanille Jade Porter**. **Beau Maynard** won the encouragement award and **Dom Wall** blew the audience away with his beat boxing winning him a professional photo shoot for his efforts.

In the under-18 section the standard was far beyond the young years of many of the entrants. **William Fairbairn** again excelled in this section to run away with the junior title. Dancer **Ashley Kate Walsh** was runner up and **Kaos a Kiss** cover band brought the house down with their wicked drummer who was only 12 years old.

The judges were really good also and I'm so glad I didn't have their job. During the weekly heats they deliberated in about five minutes at the end but this time they took close to 20 minutes to decide as it was a really tough decision for them.

Overall winner Mick McHugh was ecstatic with his win. Mick performed an original



The Haight of the Sixties

Haight-Ashbury is a street intersection in San Francisco and a cultural icon. During the conservative America of the 1950s it was a slightly decrepit area, with cheap rents and a quaint bohemian ambience. It attracted the artists of the Beat generation such as Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsburg and a small artistic community began. Through various artforms this Beat generation expressed a new and rebellious way of being 'American'.

As the 50s rolled into the 60s the area began attracting more and more people. The disaffected youth, who identified with this liberating way of thinking and living, flocked to the area to join the artists, poets, spiritualists, revolutionaries and musicians. Before long Haight-Ashbury was a vibrant hive of cultural expression and rebellion. It has been likened to a renaissance in art and philosophy whose effects are still resonating today.

The rejection of conservative American values empowered a new generation and gave voice to those who demanded change, evolution and an end to the Vietnam War. The famous phrase 'make love not war' was born from this Utopian ideal. Radio embraced the psychedelic music and poetry of Haight-Ashbury and a wave of change swept from San Francisco across America, and from there across the planet. This music changed the world.

The Songs of Haight-Ashbury is a celebration of the music of Canned Heat, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Country Joe and the Fish, Jefferson Airplane, Joni Mitchell and more.

S Sorrensen, reknowned author, comedian and poet will be the MC Ringmaster, interspersing the songs with the poetry and stories from the era. James T, who spent 10 years in Canned Heat, will play the songs he knows so well, a local treasure whose career highlights include sharing the stage with John Lee Hooker. Lil'Fi, multi-award-winning Blues diva, will sing Janis Joplin with a unique authority that can only come from paying her dues and living the Blues. Jonathan Harvey is the 19-year-old newcomer whose expressive warm voice is a tribute to Jimi Hendrix, as Pete Hurcombe's guitar plays his inspired melodies. Bill Jacobi's well-known and loved rootsy style will conjour Country Joe, Arlo Guthrie and Dylan. Songbird Andrea Soler will channel the sweet purity of Joni Mitchell and magical songstress Diana Anaid will sing Grace Slick as only one who has been down the rabbit hole can.

The Stokers Siding Hall will be transformed into a dramatic performance space this **Sunday**. Doors open at 1pm for a 2pm show. Tickets \$20 pre-purchase from Organic Revolution, Main St Murwillumbah or on the door on the day. This is an all-ages event.

Gig Guide

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THURSDAY 7

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **FABIAN**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **CLAY BLYTH**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ARCHIE RYE DUO**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 6PM **TREVOR RIX**
- COOLANAGATTA SANDS 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **VEENIE'S - SWIZZLE**

FRIDAY 8

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 **ALICE**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **TORI CLARKE AND BAND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9.30PM **ANDREW BAXTER BAND**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB 7PM **BLUES CORP**
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE 8PM **BUSBY MAROU**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **MATRIX**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **THE SURF REPORT DUO**
- MARTY'S AT CABA, CABARITA BEACH 7PM **ANDY BURKE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **SURF'S UP**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **GYPSY SOUL FIRE FEATURING KATIA DEEMSTER**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **TOUCAN TWANGO**
- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM **MARCO** 7.30PM **ELEPHANT ROCK**

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- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **GREG & LAURA DOOLAN**

- CLUB BANORA 7PM **4ENZIK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **ALTER EGOS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **PUNCHLINE**
- IVORY TAVERN TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DAVE MURRAY**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **PAUL McQUEEN**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **TUFF**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 8PM **BO JENKINS**
- TALLEBUDGERA VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL 6.30PM **SACRED EARTH IN CONCERT**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **JANE SCALI**
- TWIN TOWNS 8PM **PEACE TRAIN**

SUNDAY 10

- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF HOTEL, 3PM **ASHLEY PERROW AND ANDREA SOLER**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM **GREG & LAURA DOOLAN**
- CABARITA BEACH SLSC 4PM **TWO POT SCREAMER BLUES**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **LACHLAN BAKER** 12.30PM **GLENN BRACE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 3PM **GLENN ESMOND**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **ACOUSTIQUE JUICE**



- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 4PM **HAVE-A-GO-KARAOKE**
- MARTY'S AT CABA, CABARITA BEACH 5PM **MARK FERRIS**
- NEVERLAND

COOLANGATTA EASY SUNDAYS

- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **BUGGY**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **TRACEY LEIGH**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE MT BURRELL 1PM **LUNA JUNCTION**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 2PM, **SONGS OF HAIGHT ASHBURY**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **ROY DANIELS**

MONDAY 11

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 **DAVID LEE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **DICK BARNES**

TUESDAY 12

- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB 12 **JAYNE HENRY**
- MARTY'S AT CABA CABARITA BEACH 7PM **JAM NIGHT WITH ANNETTE**
- TWIN TOWNS 10.30AM **INDER**

WEDNESDAY 13

- BABALOU 7PM **SPANISH DANCE NIGHT FEATURING PAPPA J AND DJ T-LINGER**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **DAVE CLAYTON**
- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM 11AM **LUCKY STARR**

THURSDAY 14

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **MR JOHN**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **CORY HARGREAVES**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **RUSSELL HINTON**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **VEENIE'S - SMOOTH & GROOVE**

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www.hoyts.com.au

Murwillumbah Regent Cinema

5 Brisbane St, Murwillumbah **02 6672 8265**
www.cinemaregent.com

BCC, Coolangatta

Coolangatta Shopping Resort Griffith St (Cnr Warner St) Coolangatta **07 5536 9300**

Cinemax Cinema

60 Marine Parade Kingscliff **02 6674 4422**
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number entitled *Dance and Sing* for his winning piece. The song was written by Mick and his wife, Amanda. Mick says he was happy with his performance. 'I work very hard, week in, week out performing so it gives me "match fitness" for when the big gig came up,' says Mick. 'The judges said that I was ready and should be playing at festivals. They said they didn't feel like they should be commenting on me.'

This is Mick's second foray into the world of talent quests – he had been on *Australian Idol* four years

ago and got through first audition, but at the second audition, the producer of the show said: 'This show is not for you. Just as Bob Dylan wouldn't go through, you won't go through'. Rejection hurt at the time, but it made total sense to Mick and helped him define his path and where he fit into the music industry.

Mick plays a residency gig every **Thursday** at **Darcy Arms** in Surfers and he is playing at The Coast Acoustics festival at Broadbeach in September for those who would like to have another taste. At present Mick is working on his debut studio album to help take his songs and music to the next level. It is due out later this year, so watch this space: www.mickmchugh.com.

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COMMUNITY HALL SATURDAY

1. H G Wells's classic scifi story **War Of The Worlds** (7mate, Friday, 8.30pm) comes to the screen in Steven Spielberg's hands, not without longueurs in the second half.
 2. Mathematicians love solving puzzles and their lives depend on it in **Fermat's Room** (SBS2, Saturday, 9pm), Spanish horror, now with added calculus.
 3. The **FIFA Women's World Cup** has to compete with the **Tour De France** for screen time but you'll find it on SBS1 and 2 at various odd times in the evenings from Saturday on. See more at www.fifa.com/womensworldcup/index.html,



FRIDAY 8

<p>ABC 1</p> <p>4.00 The Bill (M) 5.00 Can We Help? 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Architects Of Change 11.00 Catalyst 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Midsomer Murders 2.10 World's Greenest Homes 3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 Time Team 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30</p> <p>8.00 Collectors 8.30 Taggart (M) 9.20 Hustle 10.20 Lateline 11.00 Beautiful People (M) 11.35 rage (MA)</p> <p>ABC 2</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Last Chance To See Aye-Aye</p> <p>8.30 Sanctuary (M) 9.15 Riese 9.30 The Tudors (M) 10.25 Lennon Naked (M) 11.45 Absolutely Fabulous Christmas Special 2004 12.30 Code Geass (M) 1.00 Important Things 1.20 The Office 1.50 Close</p> <p>ABC 3</p> <p>6.05am to 5.35pm Kids' Programs 6.00 Total Drama World Tour 6.25 Horrible Histories 7.10 Star Wars 7.35 The Assistants 8.00 Stay Tuned 8.30 Degraasi: The Next Generation 9.00 Close</p>	<p>ABC NEWS 24</p> <p>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 9.30 Business Today 10.00 ABC News 12.30 Newsline 1.00 ABC News 2.00 Middy Report 2.30 One Plus One 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 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 Capital Hill 12.00 ABC News 12.20 Lateline 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Contact Sport 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 The World This Week 3.00 Lateline 3.40 The Quarters</p> <p>SBS 1</p> <p>5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 5.45 FIFA U-17 World Cup LIVE - semi final</p> <p>8.00 Tour de France Update 8.15 FIFA U-17 World Cup LIVE - semi final</p> <p>11.00 World News 3.30 Letters And Numbers 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Global Village 6.00 Tour de France Highlights 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Coast 8.30 Busting The Berlin Wall 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Tour de France LIVE - Le Mans to Chateauroux 2.00 Weatherwatch</p>	<p>SBS 2</p> <p>5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Come Dine With Me 7.30 New York 8.30 Tour de France Highlights 9.00 Movie: Blue Swallow (M 2005) South Korean drama 11.20 Movie: Shinobi - Heart Under Blade (MAV 2005) Japanese action 1.15 Weatherwatch</p> <p>TEN</p> <p>6.00 Ten 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 9.00 Burn Notice (M) 10.00 Law & Order (M) 11.00 Can Of Worms (M) 12.00 6.30 With George Negus 12.30 Sports Tonight 1.00 The Late Show 2.00 Infomercials 5.00 Religion</p> <p>ELEVEN</p> <p>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 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch</p>	<p>6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 So You Think You Can Dance 9.30 Sex And The City (MA) 10.40 America's Next Top Model 11.40 The Late Late Show 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven</p> <p>ONE HD</p> <p>6.00 Australian Short Course Swimming Championships 7.30 RPM 8.30 NASCAR Sprint Cup 11.30 WNBA Action 12.00 World Championship Netball Highlights 12.30 The Windsurfing Movie 1.30 AFL Game Plan 2.30 NRL Game Plan 3.30 Omnispot 4.00 Extreme Dreams 4.30 Airline 5.00 Dr Danger 5.30 I Fish 6.00 Bondi Rescue 6.30 Extreme Dreams 7.00 Airline 7.30 Megastructures 8.30 Movie: Four Brothers (M 2005) US action. Stars Mark Wahlberg 10.45 Sports Tonight 11.15 World Championship Netball: Quarter Final 12.45 Dr Danger 1.15 UFC 2.30 Omnispot 3.00 OneAsia Tour Golf</p> <p>PRIME</p> <p>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: My Mom's New Boyfriend (PG 2008) US comedy. Stars Antonio Banderas 2.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News</p>	<p>6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 Movie: Pirates Of The Caribbean - The Curse Of The Black Pearl (M 2003) US adventure. Stars Johnny Depp 11.30 AFL Premiership Season: West Coast v Geelong 3.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>7TWO</p> <p>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 Hart To Hart 1.00 Head Of The Class 1.30 Welcome Back Kotter 2.00 Murphy Brown 2.30 Valerie 3.00 Perfect Strangers 3.30 Night Court 4.00 Columbo 6.00 Bargain Hunt 7.00 Harry's Practice 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 Movie: Blackball (M 2003) UK comedy. Stars Alice Evans 2.00 Movie: Tall In The Saddle (G 1944) Western. Stars John Wayne 3.45 Medical Rookies 4.10 Coronation Street 4.35 Emmerdale 5.00 The World Around Us</p> <p>7MATE</p> <p>6.00 Six Million Dollar Man 7.00 The Virginian 8.30 McHale's Navy 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Quincy ME 1.00 The Rockford</p>	<p>Files 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena 4.00 Hercules 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim</p> <p>6.30 Movie: Cheaper By The Dozen 2 (G 2005) US comedy. Stars Steve Martin</p> <p>8.30 Movie: War Of The Worlds (M 2005) US action. Stars Tom Cruise</p> <p>11.00 Club Reps (MA) 12.00 Everest: Man v Mountain (M) 12.30 Malcolm And Eddie 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Quantum Leap 3.00 Xena 4.00 Hercules 5.00 McHale's Navy 5.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>NBN</p> <p>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 Hi-5 4.00 Kitchen Whiz 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 Evening News 6.30 A Current Affair 7.30 Friday Night Football LIVE - Parramatta Eels v Wests Tigers 9.30 Friday Night Football New Zealand Warriors v Gold Coast Titans 11.30 Movie: Every Which Way But Loose (M 1978) US comedy. Stars Clint Eastwood 1.45 Movie: Pumpkin (M 2002) US comedy. Stars Christina Ricci 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>GO!</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs 10.30 Entertainment Tonight 11.00 TMZ 11.30 Married With Children 12.00 Here's Lucy 12.30 Spin City 1.00 The Hills 2.00 Dukes Of Hazzard 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Movie: Valiant (G 2005) WWII drama. Stars Ewan McGregor 7.30 Movie: Honey I Shrank The Kids (PG 1989) US comedy. Stars Rick Moranis 9.30 Movie: Police Academy 3 (PG 1986) US comedy. Stars Steve Guttenberg 11.10 South Park (MA) 12.10 Fringe (M) 2.00 Reno 911 (M) 4.30 Unnatural History 5.00 The Hills 5.30 Tamagotch!</p> <p>GEM</p> <p>6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Movie: The Loves Of Joanna Gooden (PG 1947) UK drama. Stars Google Withers 2.00 Wife Swap USA 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 The Block 5.00 The Golden Girls 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Hot In Cleveland 8.30 Movie: Any Given Sunday (M 1999) US drama. Stars Al Pacino 11.35 Conan (M) 12.30 Psychic TV 2.00 Movie: Firecreek (M 1968) Western. Stars James Stewart 4.00 Movie: Charro! (PG 1969) Western. Stars Elvis Presley</p>
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SATURDAY 9

<p>ABC 1</p> <p>5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Big Chef Takes On Little Chef 12.00 Collectors 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.30 Two In The Top End 2.00 Medicine Men Go Wild 3.00 Shute Shield Rugby Union LIVE - Randwick v Eastwood 4.00 Medicine Men Go Wild 5.00 Moama International Bowls 6.00 James Martin's Champagne 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Kingdom 8.25 New Tricks 9.20 Outcasts (M) 10.20 Graham Norton Show (M) 11.10 Doctor Who 11.55 rage (MA)</p> <p>ABC 2</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program 7.00 Monkey Thieves 7.30 Great Food Truck Race 8.15 At The Movies 8.30 Movie: Manhattan (M 1979) US comedy. Stars Diane Keaton 10.05 Movie: All That Jazz (M 1979) US drama. Stars Roy Schieder 12.00 Make 'em Laugh 1.00 American Shopper 2.00 Close</p> <p>ABC 3</p> <p>6.05am to 5.45pm Kids' Programs 6.00 Stoked 6.30 The Slammer 7.00 Deadly 60 7.30 Good Game SP 8.00 The Tribe 9.15 Close</p>	<p>ABC NEWS 24</p> <p>4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Shuttle 4.15 The Drum 5.00 Q&A 6.00 7.30 6.30 Behind The News 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 The Shuttle 9.00 ABC News 9.45 The Shuttle 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 11.00 ABC News 11.30 7.30 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 7.30 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 Shuttle 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 One Plus One 1.30 7.30 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 7.30 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 7.30</p> <p>SBS 1</p> <p>5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Aurélie Dupont: Ballarina 2.05 Music Of Baroque 2.35 Rembrandt 3.30 In Their Own Words: British Novelists 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Food Sarari: Chinese 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Engineering Connections 8.30 Iron Chef 9.20 RockWiz (M) 10.00 Tour de France LIVE - Aigurande to Super-Besse Sancy 2.00 FIFA Women's World Cup LIVE - quarter finals</p>	<p>SBS 2</p> <p>5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Wine Lovers' Guide To Australia 6.30 Hairy Bikers' Food Tour Of Britain 7.30 Find My Family 8.30 Tour de France Highlights 9.00 Movie: Fermat's Room (M 2007) Spanish thriller 10.35 Movie: Ferpect Crime (MAV 2004) Spanish black comedy 12.30 Weatherwatch</p> <p>TEN</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Hit List TV 12.00 Landed Music 12.30 Hit Rater. Com 1.00 Infomercial 1.30 Hook Line & Sinker 2.00 The Doctors 3.00 Movie: Flicka (PG 2006) US adventure. Stars Tim McGraw 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Jamie's Thirty Minute Meals 6.00 Ten News 6.30 Bondi Vet 7.00 AFL Premiership Season LIVE - Gold Coast v Sydney 10.00 Movie: Black Hawk Down (AV 2001) US action. Stars Ewan McGregor 12.50 World Championship Netball: Semi Final 2.40 Infomercials 4.00 Religion</p> <p>ELEVEN</p> <p>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 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch</p>	<p>& Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 So You Think You Can Dance 8.30 Biggest Loser US 10.30 90210 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven</p> <p>ONE HD</p> <p>6.00 Australian Short Course Swimming Championships 7.30 ATP World Tour Tennis 8.00 Sports Series 10.00 Pro Bull Riding 11.10 World Of Free Sports 12.00 World Championship Netball: Quarter Final 2.00 WWE Experience 3.00 Extreme Dreams 4.00 Airline 5.00 Dr Danger 5.30 I Fish 6.30 WWE Experience 7.30 Sports Tonight 7.40 World Championship Netball LIVE - semi final 9.30 Formula 1 Qualifying LIVE - Britain 11.10 UFC 1.10 NASCAR Sprint Cup 2.30 Omnispot 3.00 OneAsia Tour Golf</p> <p>PRIME</p> <p>6.30 Kids' Programs 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 1.30 V8 Supercars: Townsville 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News</p>	<p>6.30 Movie: Shark Tale (G 2004) US animation 8.30 Movie: Under The Tuscan Sun (M 2003) US comedy. Stars Diane Lane 10.50 Movie: Arachnophobia (PG 1990) US comedy. Stars Jeff Daniels 1.05 Movie: The Ice Harvest (AV 2005) US comedy. Stars John Cusack 3.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>7TWO</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 Better Homes And Gardens 10.00 The Great Outdoors 11.00 Queensland Weekender 11.30 Out Of The Blue 12.00 A House In Spain 12.30 Passport To The Sun 1.00 Weekend Kitchen 5.00 Great Australian Doorstep 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 That's My Boy 11.30 Please Sir 12.00 Minder 1.00 Medical Rookies 1.30 Passport To The Sun 2.00 Man About The House 2.30 The World Around Us 3.30 Weekend Kitchen</p> <p>7MATE</p> <p>6.00 AFP Premiership Season: West Coast v Geelong 8.30 McHale's Navy 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Zoom TV 12.30 Fifth Gear 1.00 Monster Garage 2.00 Fifth Gear 3.00 American Hot Rod 4.00 Monster Garage 5.00 Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 Air Crash Investigations 7.00 Seconds From Disaster 8.30 Movie: Air Force One</p>	<p>(M 1997) US action. Stars Harrison Ford 11.00 Unsolved Mysteries (M) 12.00 Cops, Cars & Superstars (M) 1.00 World Famous For Dicking Around (M) 1.30 Spy School 2.30 McHale's Navy 3.00 American Hot Rod 4.00 Quincy ME 5.00 Quantum Leap</p> <p>NBN</p> <p>6.00 Danoz 7.00 Weekend Today 10.00 Saturday Kerri-Anne 11.00 Kids' Programs 2.30 Movie: The Wackiest Ship In The Army (G 1960) US comedy. Stars Jack Lemmon 4.30 Discover Downunder 5.00 NBN News 5.30 Getaway 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 The Block 8.00 Movie: The Water Horse (PG 2007) US adventure. Stars Alex Eitel 8.40 Lotto 10.15 Movie: Blood Diamond (AV 2006) US adventure. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio 1.05 Movie: Greystoke - The Legend Of Tarzan (PG 1964) UK adventure. Stars Ralph Richardson 3.30 The Avengers 4.30 Infomercials</p> <p>GO!</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Married With Children 2.30 Here's Lucy 3.00 Green Acres 3.30 Spin City 4.30 Dukes Of Hazzard 5.30 Wipeout 6.30 Top Gear 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 Movie: Hellboy (M 2004) WWII drama. Stars Ron</p> <p>Perlan 11.00 Movie: Gabriel (M 2007) Australian action. Stars Andy Whitfield 1.20 Vampire Diaries (M) 3.10 Unnatural History 5.00 The Hills 5.30 Tamagotch!</p> <p>GEM</p> <p>6.00 Movie: The Loves Of Joanna Gooden (PG 1947) UK drama. Stars Google Withers 8.00 Movie: Brighton Rock (PG 1947) UK drama. Stars Richard Attenborough 10.00 Movie: Carry On Constable (G 1960) UK comedy. Stars Sid James 11.45 Movie: Holiday On The Buses (PG 1973) UK comedy. Stars Reg Varney 1.30 Movie: The Big Sleep (PG 1946) US mystery. Stars Humphrey Bogart 3.50 Movie: Dial M For Murder (PG 1954) US mystery. Stars Aldred Hitchcock 6.00 The Golden Girls 6.30 Antiques Roadshow 7.30 Secret Dealers 8.30 CSI: NY (M) 9.30 CSI: Miami (M) 10.30 CSI (M) 11.25 Conan (M) 12.20 Psychic TV 1.50 Movie: The Servant (M 1963) UK drama. Stars Dirk Bogarde 4.00 Movie: Against The Wind (PG 1948) WWII drama. Stars Simone Signoret 5.30 Discover Downunder</p>
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WITH LILITH

Home's where the heart is in this month of the domestically oriented Crab, with this week's Cancerian focus on relatives, extended family and our planetary home...

ARIES: Evaluate this week's challenges and changes on Planet Trouble objectively. If your personal demons are acting up, get them on side by putting them to work maintaining a constructive attitude and ensuring your home zone's a cosy, toasty haven in the midst of flux and ferment.

TAURUS: Facts and logic aren't the most effective communication tools right now, when rapport and empathy get better results. Sticking to prepared schedules isn't easy either, so your best role this week is peacemaker - in the family circle, the commercial world and among your friends.

GEMINI: The fact it's hibernation time never stops a Gemini from partying and home's the best place for entertaining this week. While all air signs are ideas people this is an

emotional week, so if others are moody do special attention, little gifts and thoughtful words.

CANCER: With the planet of glamour and attraction awarding you official star status, this could be a very confident and juicy week. And even if Cancerian painter Frida Kahlo isn't your artistic cuppa, you've nothing to lose by emulating her courageous and colorful authenticity.

LEO: With Mercury in Leo providing the wow factor, you mediagenics are more popular than ever and so not in the mood to let anyone rain on your parade. Even so it doesn't pay to neglect domestics, because right now the castle's your most flattering stage set.

VIRGO: You're extremely intuitive right now, and bonds can be strengthened by remembering to express love more often than you air concerns. Midweek Virgo moon in particular calls for the tricky tightrope walk of neither catering to other people's expectations nor making those expectations wrong.

LIBRA: With your ruling planet in the sign of caretakers others are exceptionally receptive to your Venusian TLC of thoughtful touches and exquisite little treats. Plus this week's auspicious for things Librans enjoy doing like home renos and office makeovers, with end of week Libra moon pleasingly romantic.

SCORPIO: This week's emphasis is on family gatherings - though loved ones may

be uninclined to see things your way so don't rely on support. In fact, don't rely on anything and you won't be disappointed. We can't choose our family, but fortunately we can choose our friends...

SAGITTARIUS: This week's stars insist on personal nurturing: amping up the heater, slipping on the uggis indulging in doona therapy, whatever domestic pleasures work for you rolling stones. Boring? Not with your capacity for the dramatic, so please check smoke alarms and keep flammables off heating systems.

CAPRICORN: If you've been letting work erode your emotional life, it's time to reconnect with friends, rels and your own personal history. Not an altogether easy or stress-free enterprise in this week's

sensitive emotional weather, but you'll find transparency, determination and patience worth the effort.

AQUARIUS: This week doesn't favor innovation, but that's no cause for concern when you can give something traditional a contemporary twist. If you're assisting the fraught and over-wrought, be ordinary and practical: a hug, cuppa, considerate ear and your irreverent humor. Hold the advice though...

PISCES: This week's for dealing with feelings, something you take for granted. If you're nurturing high-anxiety friends then spend equal time with people and activities that support you, or your own emotional sore spots will clamour for attention via your lungs, nerves or some other body part.

ABC 1 4.00 The Bill (M) 5.00 Talking Heads: Sir Richard Branson 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Architects Of Change 11.00 Big Ideas 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 National Press Club Address 1.30 Everest ER 2.00 Kids' Programs 6.30 Time Team 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 The New Inventors 8.30 Spicks And Specks 9.00 Angry Boys (M) 9.30 Unbelievable Manipulation 10.00 At The Movies 10.30 Lateline 11.05 Lateline Business 11.30 Wild China 12.25 Movie: The Late Edwina Black (PG 1951) UK drama. Stars David Farrar 1.40 Teenage Kicks 2.25 Once A Soldier 3.00 Big Ideas

ABC NEWS 24 4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Quarters 4.20 The Drum 5.00 ABC News 5.15 The Quarters 5.30 Newsline 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 ABC News 9.30 Business Today 10.00 ABC News 12.30 National Press Club Address 1.00 ABC News 2.30 State To State 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 5.45 The Quarters 6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45 The Quarters 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Lateline Business 9.00 The World 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 10.45 The Quarters 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Newsline 12.00 ABC News 12.20 Lateline 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 Lateline Business 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 7.30 3.00 Lateline 3.35 Lateline Business

SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Come Dine With Me Greece 7.30 Dateline 8.30 Tour de France Highlights 9.00 Movie: Son Of A Lion (PG 2007) Pakistani drama 10.40 Movie: Divided We Fall (M 2000) Czech drama 12.50 Weatherwatch

6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Futurama 9.30 The Cleveland Show (M) 10.00 King Of The Hill 10.30 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Highway Patrol 8.00 World's Deadliest Roads 8.30 Criminal Minds (M) 9.30 Covert Affairs (M) 10.30 Detroit 1-8-7 (M) 11.30 Eastbound & Down (MA) 12.00 Style By Jury 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 News

Newsradio 3.00 Xena 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 Pimp My Ride 8.30 Smash Lab 9.30 American Pickers 10.30 Ax Men (M) 11.30 Rude Tube 12.00 Spy School 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 McHale's Navy 5.30 Home Shopping

6.30 Two And A Half Men 7.00 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Movie: Bring It On (PG 2000) US comedy. Stars Kirsten Dunst 9.30 Movie: What Happens In Vegas (M 2008) US comedy. Stars Cameron Diaz 11.30 South Park (MA) 12.00 Spartacus (AV) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones

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ABC 1 4.00 The Bill (M) 5.00 National Press Club Address 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Architects Of Change 11.00 Lost World Of Communism 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Kids' Programs 6.30 Time Team 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Catalyst 8.30 Crownies (M) 10.20 Lateline 11.00 Lateline Business 11.35 Live From Abbey Road: Brian Wilson, Martha Wainwright, Teddy Thompson (M) 12.15 Beyond Our Ken (M) 1.55 Dolphin Murders 2.45 Once A Soldier 3.15 To The Manor Bowen (M)

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SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Come Dine With Me Greece 7.30 The Story Of The US 8.30 Tour de France Highlights 9.00 FIFA Women's World Cup Highlights 9.30 Movie: The Signal (M 2007) Argentinian drama 11.20 Movie: Film Noir (MA 2007) US animation 1.10 Weatherwatch

6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Simpsons 8.30 Stargate Universe (M) 9.30 Star Trek - Next Generation 10.30 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 The Vicar Of Dibley 8.40 Desperate Housewives (M) 9.40 5.00 Greatest Plastic Surgery Shockers (M) 11.30 3.00 Rock 12.00 Heroes (M) 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News

5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 My Wife And Kids 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 Swamp People 8.30 Mythbusters 9.30 Operation Repo (M) 10.30 Jail (M) 11.30 Demolition Day 12.30 Malcolm And Eddie 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Quantum Leap 3.00 Quincy ME 4.00 Xena 5.00 Hercules

8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.30 Movie: My Best Friend's Wedding (PG 1997) US comedy. Stars Julia Roberts 11.40 Up Late 12.10 V (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones

Mungo's Crossword From The Week
1. Open this seed - it's magic! (6)
2. Being submissive, expire in the old grass (8)
3. Gloves, perhaps, for criminal associate (9)
4. French one in French word? Get on! (5)
5. Mischievous sprite drops a grand but gains a thousand in

hopeful and ambitious (7)
25. Mere lad, hopelessly green (7)
26. A look, laugh - greeting! (5)
27. A bold, rash way of approaching an issue - could be H or F! (9)
28. "The Interval" - a tight-fisted magazine (8)
29. Puts responsibility on bloody cripples (6)
DOWN
1. "Delphinium!" cried Spooner, identifying a small firework (8)
2. Hidden drug, separate from the blood (7)
3. Parasite often hanging round at Christmas (9)
5. Best selling author's formula: create corny buy! (5,9)
6. Introspection made murderer raise an objection (5)
7. A nation named for its latitude! (7)
8. Child measures symbols (6)
9. Highborn man Jim Taylor - another big selling writer (4,10)
16. Low refund unexpected and extraordinary (9)
17. Comes before a given time - what a hunter does! (8)
19. Type of dance, about ten inside - but it's very

starchy (7)
21. The plan is of dreadful weight, we hear (7)
22. They say a sausage with the end cut off is welcome in Syria (6)
24. About the performance - give a response! (5)
Quick Clues
ACROSS
1. Seed used for food and oil (6)
4. Bowing to authority, submissive (8)
10. Subordinate part or person; something added for effect (9)
11. Ascend; climb on to (5)
12. Citadel of Moscow (7)
13. Territory of the nobleman just below the rank of marquess (7)
14. Standing, upright (5)
15. Artefacts cast or wrought from a common metal (8)
18. Ribbon, used in celebrations and farewells (8)
20. The lowest point (5)
23. Pill or powder commonly used as painkiller (7)
25. Green precious stone (7)
26. Polynesian greeting (5)
27. Rash, precipitate (of an action) (9)
28. The intervening period, interval (8)
29. Condemns, puts responsibility on (6)
DOWN
1. Small handheld firework (8)
2. Separate or elaborate from blood (of another chemical) (7)
3. Parasitic plant found in trees, used as a Christmas decoration in Europe (9)
5. Popular author of "The Power of One" (5,9)
6. Lodge an objection, effuse to agree (5)
7. Latin American country crossed by the equator (7)
8. Tribal symbols or fetishes (6)
9. Popular author of "He Died with a Felafel in his Hand" (4,10)
16. Marvellous, awe-inspiring (9)
17. Occurs earlier in time (8)
19. Food substance prepared from cassava starch (7)
21. XChart, blueprint (7)
22. Arabic greeting (6)
24. Respond, counter (5)

CHESS by Ian Rogers
Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm
Overcoming volcano delays and jet lag, Australia's Junta Ikeda and Moulthun Ly had a successful start to their world tour, finishing tied for fourth place at last week's Philadelphia International.
They are now trying their luck in the Philly World Open, currently under way. In US open tournaments players must bring along their own chess set and clock or risk playing on the tiny green and purple pocket set that their opponent has provided.
Under such conditions, mental toughness trumps class every time, as this game extract shows.
Ikeda, playing Black against FIDE Master Miles Ardaman in the diagrammed position, has set himself up for a big attack but he saw that after 38...Rxb3+?! 39.gxh3 Nf3+ 40.Kg3 Bg5 41.e1! holds. Going for more, Ikeda gets a lot less.
38...Bxb3? 39.Rd5!!
Suddenly it is Black who is in trouble.
39...Rh5 40.Nhg3 Rh4 41.Nf5! gxf5 42.Qxh4 Qg6
'Ah - a cheapo!' said Ardaman with a smile, hoping perhaps to convince his opponent that his tricks won't work.
43.Ng3 Bg4
'Cheapo number two,' said Ardaman, making clear that he saw Black's threat of 44...Nf3+ 45.gxf5 Bg5 trapping the queen.

44.Kh1 Bf8 45.e4 Be7 46.exf5 Bxf5 47.Rxe5? 47.Nxf5 Qxf5 48.Qe1 was safe and decisive. 47...Nf3!!
'Flashy,' commented Ardaman, who thought that he was nonetheless winning a piece after 48.Qf4 Nxe5 49.Qxe5
However, he was shocked to see Ikeda reply with the simple 49...Be6!
The rest of the game was a sad decline by a demoralised and no longer so cocky Ardaman.
50.Nh5?! Qf5! 51.Qe2 Bd6 52.Kg1 Bf7 53.Qd1 Bc7 54.Ng7 Qf4! 55.Qc2 Qh2+
Short of time, as usual, Ikeda misses 55...Qe3+ 56.Kf1 Bg6! winning instantly.
56.Kf1 Qf4+ 57.Kg1 Qh2+ 58.Kf2 Bg3+ 59.Kf3 Bd6 60.Qf2 Qf4+ 61.Ke2 Qe4+ 62.Kf1 Bg6
Again, 62...Qd3+ 63.Kg1 Qxc3 64.Qxf7 Qe1+ 65.Qf1 Bh2+ 66.Kxh2 Qxf1 would have ended Ardaman's agony faster.
63.Be1 Qe5 64.Qd2 Qf6+ 65.Bf2 Be5 66.Qd5 Qxg7 67.Qxc5+ Bc7 68.Qc6 Bd3+ 69.Kg1 Qa1+ 0-1



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Saturday 5:30pm Toyota Stadium
Bulldogs v Storm
Saturday 7:00pm Adelaide Oval
Roosters v Panthers
Sunday 2:00pm SFS
Sea Eagles v Rabbitohs
Sunday 3:00pm Brookvale Oval
Knights v Cowboys
Monday 7:00pm Ausgrid Stadium

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw. Tipping a full card earns 3 bonus points – only for full rounds with no byes.

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Peter Craddock	135
Paul Taylor	127
Phil Harris	123
Greg Swift	121
Chris Holt	119
Kel Tor	111
Phillip Kelly	111
Barry Schadel	101

Pos	Team	P	Pts	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD
1	Storm	15	28	12	0	3	2	333	180	153
2	Sea Eagles	15	26	11	0	4	2	330	211	119
3	Dragons	16	25	11	1	4	1	312	197	115
4	Cowboys	15	24	10	0	5	2	354	280	74
5	Broncos	16	24	11	0	5	1	308	258	50
6	Knights	15	20	8	0	7	2	268	259	9
7	Wests Tigers	15	18	7	0	8	2	294	290	4
8	Panthers	15	18	7	0	8	2	288	285	3
9	Warriors	15	18	7	0	8	2	263	272	-9
10	Bulldogs	15	18	7	0	8	2	266	297	-31
11	Sharks	15	16	6	0	9	2	283	310	-27
12	Rabbitohs	15	16	6	0	9	2	275	324	-49
13	Raiders	15	14	5	0	10	2	293	355	-62
14	Eels	15	13	4	1	10	2	234	341	-107
15	Roosters	15	12	4	0	11	2	202	313	-111
16	Titans	15	12	4	0	11	2	223	354	-131

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Property market slows as rising household costs make home buyers more cautious

Higher food and energy bills have slowed spending by Australian consumers and discouraged them from being active in the property market, the latest Bankwest/MFAA Home Finance Index has found.

The latest Bankwest/MFAA Home Finance Index interviewed 1,139 respondents during May and found that 37.5 per cent of respondents rated themselves worse off financially than 12 months earlier.

Just 19.1 per cent of respondents intended to be active in the property market in the next 12 months, down from 21.6 per cent in January.

More households have seen their financial conditions worsen compared to those who have seen an improvement, representing the weakest level seen since November 2008, during the GFC.

Especially affected were those living in rural areas, those close to retirement and those who are self-employed.

Bankwest Head of Specialist Banking Ian Rakhit said, 'A rise in basic costs, like energy and food, is having a big impact on the household budget at the moment. Households are becoming more conservative with their spending and this is flowing through to a more cautious attitude to the housing market both in terms of whether it's the right time to enter the market and how prices will track.'

The Bankwest/MFAA Home Finance Index pointed to mixed opinions on the direction of house prices. Over a third (36.3%) of people thought prices would be steady in the coming year; 28.8 per cent looked for higher prices and 34.9 per cent saw the prospect

of lower prices.

The majority of households expected interest rates to move higher (68.7%) over the next year. Just five per cent thought interest rates would go down in the next year.

Looking at what impacts on family finances, on a scale of one to five, interest rates ranked 3.4 whereas fuel ranked 3.7 and food ranked 3.6.

'The other key message from our survey is that households are still wary of higher interest rates, despite the fact that they are already doing it tough financially,'

said the Chief Executive of the MFAA, Phil Naylor.

'It appears that people are feeling some financial pain at present but they are also anticipating things might get worse before they get better, and this cycle will need to be broken in order for the housing market to show signs of life.'

Bankwest's Ian Rakhit said, 'If rates remain at current levels over the next quarter, then it will be nearly a year of steady official rates and could somewhat break the cycle. As a result of this, consumers could become more optimistic

about home purchases if the flatter rate environment continues.'

The Bankwest/MFAA Home Finance Index also showed that the proportion of respondents struggling to meet house loan repayments (but still meeting them) grew to one in four (25.7%)

in May, from around one in seven in previous studies.

However, the majority of borrowers (68.2%) are still easily meeting their repayments whilst 5.2 per cent have repaid late while less than 1 per cent were behind on payments.



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U3A

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Tweed Coast View

Tweed Coast View Club (Kingscliff to Pottsville) will meet at the Beach Bar, Cabarita on Monday, July 11, at 11.30am for a luncheon meeting. Come along and meet other ladies, enjoy lunch while listening to our guest speaker. Bus trip to Stanthorpe and Warwick in September, info call Heather 6670 4013.

Twin Towns View

Twin Towns Evening View Club meets second Wednesday of each month at Tweed Heads Bowls Club 6.30pm. Next meeting July 13, guest speaker Mandy Wright, property stylist, will talk about presenting your home at its best. For info call Barbara on 07 5523 1057 for guests and apologies by 1pm Monday prior.

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Prostate, Breast Awareness

Prostate Awareness Twin Towns and Tweed Coast will host two cancer researchers, Professor Veronica James on July 15, and Professor Ian Frazer, who created the vaccine against cervical cancer, on August 19. Info <http://www.prostateawarenessaustralia.com>.

Nashos

The Gold Coast South-Twin Towns Branch of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia serving Tallebudgera to the Tweed will hold its next General Meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 10am in the new Anzac Room across the road in resort building. New members welcome, call John on 07 5535 2484. Tweed Valley-Murwillumbah National Servicemen's Association meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Murwillumbah Services Club. Next meeting is on July 19 at 10am. For info call Peter on 0458 060765 or Keith on 07 5524 5679.

Cancer support

Tweed Cancer Support Group meets third Wednesday of the month 10am-noon at Tweed Community Health. For people with cancer diagnosis. For info call Wendy on 07 5506 7734.

Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club

Invite all men and women over 18 years (breast cancer survivors most welcome) to come and try dragon boating free on Sunday 17 & 24 July from 9.30am at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. Contact Veda 6624 5481/0428 223 275 or John 6687 6807/0423 299 526.

Carer support

Tweed Carer Support Group meets second Wednesday of the month 10am-noon at Tweed Community Health. For people who provide care for someone with a chronic illness. For info call Casey 02 6674 9513.

End of life choices

For information about end of life choices workshops and meetings that will be held in August and November, call Elaine on 0421 796 713.

Pottsville Ball

Saturday, July 16, at Pottsville Hall. Judging for Miss Pottsville in association with Tweed Country Balls Assoc. Dance to live band from 8pm, admission adults \$10, students \$5, under 12 yrs \$2. Supper included, lucky door prizes.

CATS

Computer Association Tweed Seniors (CATS) will meet on July 20 (the third Wednesday of each month) at 10.30 am in the Seagull Club. Get computer advice and learn computer skills at your own pace in a friendly social environment. All welcome. For more details phone Noelene on 5599 8939 (business hours).

Garden Club


Twin Towns and District Garden Club July meeting will be on Monday 11th in the Tweed Heads Civic Centre auditorium. Guest speaker will be Greg Pievey from Wormtec who will tell us about the wonderful world of worms. Entry \$3 which includes morning tea between 8.30 and 9.15am with the meeting starting at 9.30am. All the usual benching, library, plant sales, raffle and lucky door prize. Everyone welcome.

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Tweed internet users beware. It has emerged scam artists are attempting to dupe users with a sophisticated ploy aimed at convincing them to pay to prevent an imminent meltdown of their computer. The so-called fake Microsoft scam normally involves cold telephone calls from a person claiming to represent a well-known computer company responding to fault messages from the target's computer. The caller suggests the computer is infected with a virus and directs users to a website where they can purchase software to fix the problem. One resident targeted told *The Echo* the spiel sounded very plausible, with fault messages seemingly backing up their claims that the computer was on the verge of collapse. "They nearly had me hooked and must have sensed it because they rang back the next day to have another crack - but by then I had checked with a technician who told me the scam was rife," he said.



Thanks to Murwillumbah *Echo* reader Greg Nelson for this cartoon which takes a tongue-in-cheek swipe at rampant development at the expense of the natural environment. Greg, who runs a web design business and has been drawing on and off since he was a kid, said he was inspired to put pencil to paper after recent news stories about the plight of koalas in the Tweed. Environmentalists have repeatedly warned that controversial developments at Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes will have devastating impacts on the shire's dwindling koala population and destroy important wildlife corridors.

Now it's the rugby league clubs wanting to keep gambling addicts locked to their machines. Former Bulldogs captain Steve Mortimer will front the clubs' new 'It's un-Australian' advertising campaign against the federal government's attempts to minimise the harm from poker machine gaming. Clubs claim football will suffer from the severe loss of revenue the changes will bring. Who on Earth really thinks that impoverished addicts should subsidise well-paid footballers and their lifestyles of excess? Now that's just un-Australian.

Backburner agrees with the late playwright that Murdoch is a cancer on the body politic. Now one of his papers has made it perfectly clear what subhuman lair this ghoul inhabits. It has emerged in the UK that the *News of the World* hacked the phone of 13-year-old murder victim Milly Dowler. The hackers deleted some voice messages in order to access older ones, thus creating the cruel illusion that Milly was alive and still using her phone. Words cannot describe the anguish of her parents.

We don't think much of Rupert Murdoch. His newspapers blatantly spin the news to his commercial and political interests, and in the US Fox News has poisoned public discourse with ranting, fact-free broadcasts. Dennis Potter named his fatal tumour 'Rupert' and

had far outstripped moral and ethical safeguards. An unlikely comparison one might say, although if CSG is anywhere as insidious to the environment as Facebook has been to our free time and privacy, than we should be duly worried.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday night a public meeting in Kyogle attracted 150 people to hear about the proposed Lions Way Gas Pipeline. The Kyogle Group Against Gas invited Queensland farmers to describe their experience with the CSG industry. Dalby landholder Brian Monk travelled five hours to warn Northern Rivers residents of what could be in store for them. 'My 5,000 acre property is surrounded by gas wells. The company is dumping the saline produced water from gas wells along roadsides, with tankers to get rid of it. They want to put a compressor sta-

tion just two kilometres away that would vent toxic fumes day and night and then I'd never be able to sell my property. This is what could happen in your area if this pipeline goes ahead. We have found that where the pipelines go, gas wells follow,' Mr Monk said.

While the so-called 'high priest' of climate change sceptics continues to spread the word on his speaking tour of Australia, one company has cheekily offered to offset Lord Monckton's carbon emissions for his entire three-week tour. Yonderr is among a number of companies that sell packages to offset your carbon footprint. The money is used for activities like planting trees and developing alternative energy sources. Yonderr said it made the offer because it believed the serial denier secretly cares for the future of the Earth. 'We are offsetting his flights which are estimated to be around three tonnes and rounding that up to 10 tonnes to cover the additional hot air produced during his lectures,' the company says. Incidentally, if you want science rather than manufactured doubt try www.science.org.au/policy/climatechange.html.

The world's top seismologists are currently in Melbourne for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) conference, where they are exploring the issues of earthquakes, early warning systems and tsunamis after the Japan quake. Early findings are that Australia is much more vulnerable to tsunamis than previously thought. Trouble is, with only 200 years of written records to go by it's hard to be sure of their frequency. And with a rise in sea levels to look forward to (owing to melting polar ice that of course isn't really happening) the possibility of giant waves on top doesn't bear thinking about. Quick, let's do the Lord Monckton ostrich shuffle.

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