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## Mayor urges water saving

### Deadlock over dams puts more sensible solutions on the agenda

Steve Spencer

Tweed residents have been urged to start saving water following last week's shock decision by a majority of councillors to torpedo a move to boost the shire's water storage.

Mayor Barry Longland fears a drought could be catastrophic for the shire, which now has 30,000 more people than when the Tweed last suffered a water crisis in 2002-3. Those two years of drought saw the Clarrie Hall Dam's water level drop to below 30 per cent and water restrictions inflicted on the Tweed's 60,000-odd residents.

'Now we have 90,000 people and a drought could happen to us again,' warned Cr Longland, who is still stunned by his fellow councillors' vote not to raise the Clarrie Hall Dam wall following the vote which scuttled the Byrrell Creek dam proposal.

'It's not a dead issue and I hope raising the dam wall option will come back before the council again soon.'

Cr Longland said there was an urgent need to raise the dam wall to safeguard against a prolonged drought; possibly aggravated by global warming.

Controversial Byrrell Creek dam plan after Cr Joan van Lieshout abstained from the debate citing a conflict of interest, leading to a three-all deadlocked vote. Minutes later, Cr Lieshout decided to vote against raising the Clarrie Hall Dam wall, despite telling media beforehand she believed the shire needed 'water security' and that she would probably lean towards raising the existing dam wall.

### 'Holding the shire to ransom'

Cr Dot Holdom accused the four councillors (Crs van Lieshout, Warren Polglase, Kevin Skinner and Phil Youngblutt) who voted against raising the dam wall of 'holding the shire to ransom.'

'What they did was totally irresponsible,' she said.

'In 2008 seven people were elected to the Tweed Council and were given a responsibility to secure the water supply. Four people have negated their responsibility. I find that gutless in the extreme.'

Cr Holdom said she had lived in central western NSW and knew the reality of prolonged droughts, but said

new dam projects will be needed.

'There is great merit in refusing either dam, despite the fact that the councillors opposed to the Clarrie Hall upgrade sat blankly in response to my question on whether they had received even one shred of professional advice that recommended they override the council staff preferred option of Clarrie Hall,' she said.

'We should be investigating every possibility to maximise water conservation options. The best way to save water is in new developments, but we have to get this infrastructure mandated now, before it's too late.'

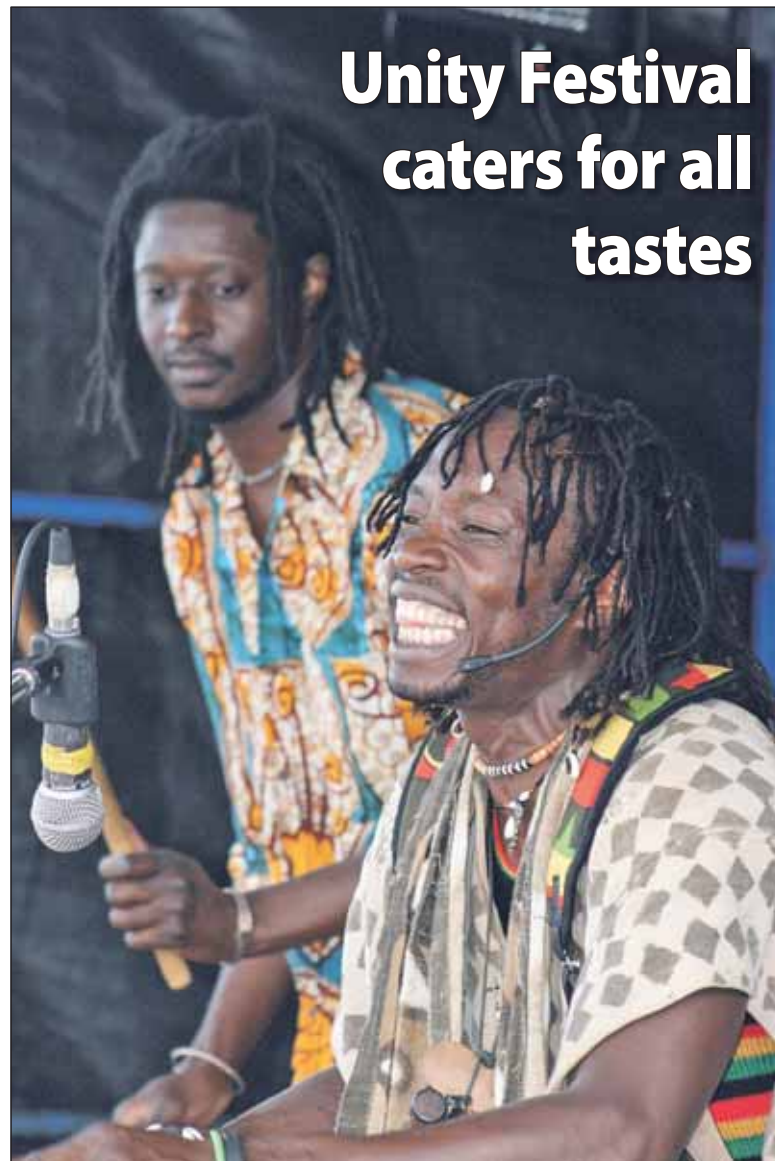
'It was extremely obstructionist of the councillors who voted down Clarrie Hall to also refuse the mayor's proposal for a workshop on dual reticulation in new developments, including recycled water for toilets and outdoor use.'

Cr Milne said it was the first time a fellow councillor has expressed interest in finding out more about dual reticulation, and the same councillors who voted against the dam upgrade voted against the workshop.

'It's time the defenders of Clarrie Hall read the reports and realise that we are not far from meeting our water demand, even with council's ultra conservation predictions. With a little extra effort it seems that avoiding either project could be entirely possible, especially with greater water technology in the future.'

'The only way to resolve this question is with a review by an organisation such as the Institute of Sustainable Futures at Sydney University that reviewed the Traveston and Tillegra dams. I will again be putting up a motion for such a review to the next council meeting. I hope councillors see that these dam projects, predicted

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## Unity Festival caters for all tastes

Hello Africa's Sunday Ali (front - from Nigeria) and Tich Mashawa (from Zimbabwe) perform Mbira music from Zimbabwe at last Saturday's Unity Festival which followed the highly successful Foodie Friday.

Photo and story Albert Elzinga

Murwillumbah's inaugural Foodie Friday provided this year's Unity Festival with the perfect support act, drawing more than 1,000 food lovers to the town's showground.

Events project manager Kerry Turner said Foodie Friday proved so popular that the bar ran out of booze several times due to the large numbers of thirsty patrons.

Kerry said the success of the Friday event had prompted organisers to think of ways to blend the two events in an even better way.

She said that although the two events proved a 'good marriage', improvements could be made but more funding and experts were needed to take the two events to the next level.

The events will remain tied, but Kerry said she hoped to add another

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# Hospital campus upgrade opened

Luis Felio

New training facilities and a lecture theatre for nurses at Murwillumbah District Hospital's education campus were officially opened on Monday.

Richmond MP Justine Elliot opened the third stage of the hospital's education and accommodation campus, in the old nurses quarters, which now includes a clinical unit for skills and simulation as well as the lecture theatre.

The facility is a collaboration of a number of universities, health authorities and various local community groups and individuals.

Mrs Elliot said the federal government was committed to training more doctors, nurses and allied health professionals 'where we need them'.

'This facility has been made possible through the more than \$500,000 investment made by the federal government in the University Department of Rural Health.'

'Through the federal government's commitment to improving health services in rural and regional areas, an additional 7,500 clinical placement days have been made available in Richmond.'

### Helping recruitment

She said the campus project has been successful in providing the services and infrastructure needed to support the needs of students, clinicians, patients, and the local community.

'Projects such as this aim at supporting the recruitment and retention of health professional by providing local education facilities. Through federal government initiatives like Health Workforce Australia and the Regional Health Strategy we are ensuring that training occurs closer to where patients live.'

The education campus was opened at the hospital in 2001, one of 11 similar centres in rural Australia providing improved access for further education for local health workers.



Murwillumbah District Hospital education and training campus students Kate Millany and Lucas Bailey show Richmond MP Justine Elliot some of the new high-tech simulation equipment.

## Casting vote 'used as proxy' - Cr Skinner

Steve Spencer

Former mayor Kevin Skinner has defended the use of his casting vote last year to push through the controversial Byrrell Creek dam project by saying he used it because he believed the councillor who ruled herself out of the vote would have voted for the dam, which he also supported.

The comments were seized on by new mayor Barry Longland, who himself was criticised by Cr Skinner last week for using his casting vote to sink the Byrrell Creek dam plan, as wading into 'dangerous territory'.

After last week's vote which left the shire's future water supply plan in limbo, Cr Skinner said he had been 'in the same situation' as the new mayor when he used his casting vote.

'The decision should not be made by one person, the decision I believe should be made at a council election,' he said.

This week, Cr Skinner said that while both deadlocked votes on the dam question were caused by Cr Joan van Lieshout ruling herself out over a conflict of interest, his decision to use the casting vote was 'different' because he believed Cr van Lieshout would have supported the Byrrell Creek project.

'When I used the casting vote I had it in my mind that Joan van Lieshout would have voted for Byrrell Creek but I wasn't certain of that,' said Cr Skinner.

'I think I was in a different situation [to last week]. I don't think there was a realistic majority [against a new dam] and the current mayor took a minority decision.'

But Cr Longland warned that by using his casting vote as a proxy vote for Cr van Lieshout's perceived intentions, 'Cr Skinner's reasoning was taking him into dangerous territory.'

'Cr van Lieshout had a conflict of interest and left the chamber. If Cr Skinner believed his use of a casting vote was a proxy vote for her intentions he has entered into that conflict of interest,' said Cr Longland.

Meanwhile, Cr Skinner said a 10-month delay in deciding which dam project to pursue would not endanger the Tweed's water supply.

'Let's go to the next election and decide this issue, and I hope every councillor states clearly during their campaign whether they are for or against Byrrell Creek,' he said.

## Mayor urges water saving measures

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to cost about \$100 million of ratepayers money by the time they are paid off, warrant such an independent review.'

Cr Longland said he wasn't an advocate of dual reticulation but wanted to know more about it.

'The purpose of the workshop was to inform me and other councillors what are the engineering problems and will they make the technology too expensive for our new housing developments,' he said.

Cr Warren Polglase, who also voted against raising the wall, predicted there would be no solution to the stalemate until a new council was elected in 10 months.

He said Cr van Lieshout had indicated her support to the Byrrell Creek proposal by voting against raising the dam wall.

'There is majority support for the Byrrell Creek dam in council but because of the perceived conflict of interest, a councillor was not able to vote for the proposal and that gave the mayor the right to use his casting vote,' said Cr Polglase.

'If three councillors are against something there must be four councillors for the other thing. Cr van Lieshout has voiced concern about needing to increase the Tweed's water supply and the potential need to supply other shires with water.'

## Unity caters for all tastes (from page 1)

Foodie Friday event to the calendar.

'We could have a spring foodie event tied to the Unity Festival and one in winter tied to such events as Tyalgum's Festival of Classical Music or maybe even Ukitopia,' Kerry said.

A corporate partnership with ANZ meant staff from the financial institution operated ticket gates and the production office during the weekend, which proved successful.

Kerry said the event would have been utterly impossible without the input of volunteers.

'An amazing group of people helped bring the entire plan together and created a fantastic atmosphere,' she added.

'Fourteen hours of great entertainment was produced on the smell of an oily rag,' Kerry said.

'When you build a festival site, you build a community,' Kerry said.

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# Couple tie the knot for sake of old church

Luis Feliu

A young Burringbar couple believe they could be the last to get married in the historic Anglican church in the village which is being sold to overcome financial problems by the Anglican diocese of Grafton.

Lisa and Michael Reeve said the occasion at the St Michael's and All Angels Anglican church last Saturday, attended by more than 60 friends and family members, was made all the more poignant by the presence of their one-year-old daughter Charlotte who is the fourth-generation Reeve to have been born and live in the area.

The couple said it would be a sad day for the village to see the 'beautiful old church' sold off, and the couple wanted to exchange their vows there 'to show the church full of life and celebration, as it should be'.

Kingscliff parish rector, Reverend Eron Perry, officiated at the ceremony.

The church owners, the Kingscliff Anglican Church parish, is selling the property as part of a wider bid by the Anglican diocese of Grafton to overcome financial problems.

But locals want the 100-year-old lovingly maintained church, planned to be auctioned off soon, to be put to community



Newlyweds Lisa and Michael Reeve and their one-year-old daughter Charlotte are pictured after their wedding outside St Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church in Burringbar last Saturday. The couple say their wedding service may be the last one held in the historic church which is being put up for sale. Photo Luis Feliu

use or at least heritage protected due to its historic connection with the Burringbar community. The diocese has agreed to meet with a delegation of locals tomorrow, Friday, to discuss its future.

'Like the rest of the congregation, we are heartbroken about the sale of the church and would welcome the opportunity to remind people (and possibly the church elders) that any fast financial gains from

the sale are outweighed by the loss of such a prominent piece of local history,' Lisa told *The Echo*.

'There are 100 years of births, deaths and marriages tied up in that church, in addition to a century of worship. It truly is a magical building with an incredible ambience.

'Funnily enough, I'm not religious at all but started attending church solely on the basis of the building itself.'

Michael said he, his father Jim and grandfather Stanley had all been born and lived in the area so it was only fitting that they continued a tradition by marrying at the local church to 'keep it a Burringbar thing'.

'Everytime we drove past the church, especially in the late afternoon with the sun shining on it, we thought it has to be this one that we get married in,' he said.

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# MP asked: where's the high school you promised?

Tweed MP Geoff Provest's commitment to deliver on a promise for a new high school in Pottsville has been called into question in state parliament.

Labor's spokesperson for Tweed, Walt Secord, urged the state government to honour its commitment 'as promised by Mr Provest' to build a school 'for the 305 students in Pottsville so that they do not have to travel for more than one hour by bus to attend high school'.

Mr Secord told parliament he had asked the question after the education department had 'insisted that there was no promise to create a high school at Pottsville'.

'We are talking about more than 300 students from the Pottsville area who have to travel to Kingscliff to go to high school. The community has strong views and believe they deserve their own high school.'

'It is also putting real pressure on Kingscliff High School. However, the Department of Education has thrown cold water on the plan. It is time for Tweed MP, Mr Geoff Provest to stand up to the bureaucrats and start delivering for Pottsville,' Mr Secord said.

In his pre-election 'Tweed Action Plan' Mr Provest made the commitment that the next school built in the Tweed

would be a high school in Pottsville.

At a recent Pottsville Community Association meeting, he also promised to bring education minister Adrian Piccoli to Pottsville to meet with residents.

The department maintains that they are 'constantly reviewing the educational needs of the Tweed'.

But community association member Troy Potter told media that the department should not expect parents to agree to putting their children on a bus for more than an hour to get to school.

Mr Potter said it was point-

less waiting till existing schools reached capacity as it would take years to build a new high school.

'Mr Provest needs to go in to bat for us,' he said.

Mr Provest is overseas this week on parliamentary duties and could not be contacted for comment but a spokesperson told *The Echo* he 'won't let go' of the high school issue and was still 'in discussions' with the minister over it.

'He's also hopeful that the minister will visit here by the end of the year as the high school is on his list of things to get done,' the spokesperson said.

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## Big crowd set for Mur'bah raceday

Tweed River Jockey Club (TRJC) is getting set to host one of the biggest meetings in its racing calendar, Melbourne Cup day at Murwillumbah, on Tuesday.

A total of six events will be run on course, including the regular feature of the annual Melbourne Cup day program, the Jason Birney Memorial Maiden Plate.

Jockey club chairman Bernie Quinn said he hoped many local trainers and connections entered their charges for the day 'and as many patrons too'.

'It's a great excuse for race fans to get dressed up, and the on-course entertainment planned adds to the let-down-your-hair atmosphere,' he said.

The popular Fashions In The Field will include multiple categories for fashionistas and fun-lovers alike to strut their stuff, and a live band will entertain throughout the afternoon.

Racing and cup action from Melbourne and other parts of Australia will be broadcast live to the track which also has tote facilities and a local and interstate bookies' ring.

A free return bus will run from the Murwillumbah town clock to the racecourse (no booking required), while a \$10 return bus service will be available for areas across the Tweed and southern Gold Coast (bookings 07 5524 4497).



Strapper Holly Julius rides Altai Warrior during early morning trackwork at Murwillumbah racecourse this week. Tuesday's Melbourne Cup day meeting in Murwillumbah is expected to once again draw a big crowd. Gates will open at 10am (DST) with admission costing \$20 (\$10 for pensioners). Photo Jeff 'Bad Connection' Dawson

## Camphor laurel eradication policy sought

Steve Spencer

Tweed shire councillors are considering a shirewide policy for the eradication of camphor laurel trees, which are deemed noxious.

The exotic plant, which eventually kills all other plants growing near its root system creating a monoculture, is usually dealt with by a control plan developed by the Far North Coast County Council (FNCCC).

The issue was brought to the boil recently after a developer bulldozed about 50 camphor laurel trees on a Terranora hillside without notifying council staff.

The clearing was done next to a patch of rare lowland rainforest and there were fears exposed soil would wash tonnes of soil from the steep hillside into the Terranora Broadwater.

Mayor Barry Longland said the council could help tackle the danger of erosion by developing a policy, as the Tweed was listed as one of the most infested shires in NSW.

'I'm very familiar with the

camphor laurels and we are at the epicentre of this species. Having a local policy that is more rigorous than what is coming out of the North Coast County Council could be a good thing,' he said.

'I would support getting a report or a policy document on that.'

Cr Phil Youngblutt said poisoning large trees caused limbs to crash down unexpectedly and so was not always a viable method of eradication.

### Like prickly pear

'There was no camphor laurel around here 80 years ago, but it is like prickly pear in Queensland, it cannot be eradicated,' he said.

Cr Warren Polglase opposed Tweed council developing its own plan, saying the eradication was best left in the hands of the FNCCC.

'They have restrictions so that you can't jump on a bulldozer and clear a steep hillside of the plants,' said Cr Polglase.

'I don't think Tweed council should be involved. It will just

create a duplication of government services. We don't have weed inspectors coming to council and telling us how to do rezonings.'

Chief planner Vince Connell said sometimes the need for eradication clashed with NSW government environmental legislation, leading to council staff using an 'internal policy'.

'The general rule is that if you are removing more than 20 trees you need to lodge a development application,' said Mr Connell.

'Sometimes there can be other plants among the camphor laurel trees and a bit of care may be needed.'

Following the clearing at Terranora, council staff advised that although there had been a breach of council's rules, it was not considered 'significant in ecological terms' and legal prosecution would likely fail.

Council ordered exposed soil on the site to be covered and a development application for any further clearing. A report is being prepared on options for camphor laurel clearing.

## Landfill site exempt from carbon tax

Steve Spencer

Ratepayers won't have to pay carbon tax on dumping rubbish following a federal government decision not to charge tax on smaller council-operated dumps, but are urged to keep on recycling to ensure the Tweed Shire stays below the 25,000 tonnes a year threshold.

The original draft legislation would have seen smaller landfills with direct annual emissions of between 10,000 and 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year liable under the carbon tax, if they were close enough to a dump emitting more than 25,000 tonnes.

Council's Stotts Island refuse depot currently copes with about 18,000 tonnes of rub-

bish, but is close enough to one of the Gold Coast mega-dumps and therefore could have faced a \$1 million a year tax bill.

Amendments to exempt small landfills from the Australian government's carbon pricing legislation have been welcomed by the national body for local government.

### Minister listening

President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Genia McCaffery, congratulated minister for climate change and energy efficiency Greg Combet for his 'preparedness to listen and give serious consideration to local government's concerns'.

'The government has listened

to this feedback and decided to set the prescribed distance at zero, which will mean that no landfill facilities with direct emissions of between 10,000 and 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide will be liable under the carbon pricing mechanism,' Ms McCaffery said.

'The government also amended the bill to ensure that if the prescribed distance is increased in the future, small landfill facilities are only liable for emissions from new waste and not waste deposited before the change.'

Meanwhile, many shire residents are already doing the right thing with their rubbish, with recycling having increased from 30 to 50 per cent in two years, according to council.

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# Sue's devotion to care honoured

Story and photo Luis Feliu

Sue Charlier, who has been honoured with the 2011 Tweed Shire Council Carers' Award, is a 'natural' in her caring role.

Mrs Charlier, of Mt Burrell, is a mother of four grown-up children and grandmother of five, yet has managed to foster care another seven children over the past 11 years.

'She is the most outstanding person I have ever worked with,' Anne Biddulph, who nominated her, told *The Echo* during a small celebration at council chambers last Friday.

'It's in her makeup, she's a natural, she has the ability and loves everybody,' said Anne, who worked with Sue at the Accommodation Network for over 10 years, said.

The award, part of the NSW Carers' Awards, acknowledges and celebrates the significant contribution unpaid or 'informal' carers make to the person (or people) they care for and the community.

Tweed mayor Barry Longland, who presented the award, said Sue and her husband Gary 'welcome foster children with disabilities into their home and make them feel part of their family.'

'For more than seven years, Sue has been patiently caring



Sue Charlier, standing centre, wins the 2011 Tweed Shire Council Carers' Award with (l-r) Joanne Watters (council's coordinator of Community Options), Anne Biddulph (who nominated Sue for the award), Karen Whittaker, mayor Barry Longland and (front) Laura Weston, Karen's daughter.

for Laura, whose disability means she is in a wheelchair, as a respite for Laura's family. This is all while caring for her 13-year-old foster child living at home and working at Tweed Valley Respite Service and has been working in the community care sector for 20 years,' Cr Longland said.

Mrs Charlier, who won the award in the 'Caring Parent' category in recognition of her dedication to her foster care commitments, said she was

somewhat embarrassed by being singled out for special attention.

'I feel guilty sometimes, I love caring so much,' she said.

Cr Longland said Carers Week and the NSW Carers' Awards were an opportunity for the Tweed community to raise awareness of the valuable role carers like Sue played.

'Carers spend around 40 hours a week providing care 'so their social and economic values are self evident,' he said.

'I also acknowledge the wonderful work of carer Sheryl Smith of Murwillumbah, who was also a nominee for this award.'

Joanne Watters, council's coordinator of Community Options, said carers 'remain hidden in our community because they don't want to be identified as carers,' but rather as a wife or husband or sister or brother.

Ms Watters said Community Options served over 1,100 clients and carers in Tweed shire last year alone.

# Popularly-elected mayor on agenda

Steve Spencer

Tweed residents will have two referendums to vote on next year: one for a popularly-elected mayor and the other on increasing the number of councillors from seven to nine.

If the referendums are passed they won't come into effect until 2016.

Cr Dot Holdom spoke against having a popularly elected mayor, saying she had seen them unable to work with councillors and staff.

'Be careful what you wish for. It's just political jostling,' she said. 'I have the right to elect the mayor and I'm sticking with that.'

Former mayor Warren Polglase said the mayor only had one vote and he had seen popularly elected mayors go against the wishes of their council and continue to push their own agenda in the media.

'Mayors are expected to support policies they don't agree with. But popularly elected mayors tend to continue pushing their own policies. It creates chaos,' said Cr Polglase.

Former mayor Joan van Lieshout said not everybody has leadership potential but she thought 12 months was not enough time for a mayor to get used to the top job.

'You wouldn't do that to a board member of a company. You may end up with a bad

mayor for four years but that is the voters' decision. It may be the only way you can get the council to work properly.'

Cr Kevin Skinner, Milne, Barry Longland and van Lieshout voted for the referendum on the issue.

## The right number

Later councillors discussed whether the council would function better with nine or eleven councillors instead of the present seven.

Before the council was sacked in 2005 there were 11 shire councillors, but administrators, including long-serving former mayor Max Boyd, dropped the number to seven.

Cr Longland opposed the increase, saying the pre-admin-

istration council had worked poorly, with a bloc of councillors controlling many of the decisions.

'There is more diversity in this council than in the one that was sacked,' he said.

Cr Polglase and deputy mayor Phil Youngblutt then both shouted 'rubbish'.

Cr Youngblutt said more is better than less. 'We have the largest population of any shire on the north coast. Some shires have just 2,000 people and more councillors than we do,' he said.

Cr Katie Milne said councillors cost each ratepayer about 20 cents a year, so money wasn't an issue.

'More councillors would help avoid tied votes,' she said.

## McMansion renovation plan deferred

Plans to gut a block of flats and create a three-storey 'McMansion' on the Hastings Point beachfront have puzzled several Tweed councillors who voted to defer any decision on the renovation.

Council planners recommended approval of the mammoth home, despite it being 0.5m higher than required by the village's development control plan (DCP). It also breaches council's coastal setback regulations, being 2.5 metres from the boundary rather than the required five metres.

Mayor Barry Longland said

he could not understand why the reconstruction plans had reached councillors for a decision. 'Let's get real, this is outside the DCP, I don't know why we are arguing about it,' he said.

But Cr Warren Polglase predicted the project would end up in an Land and Environment Court appeal if councillors voted to refuse the reconstruction.

'The DCP is only a guide document and this proposal is a restoration as the building already exists,' said Cr Polglase.

A council workshop on the matter is expected to be held next month.

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## A shameful anniversary

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the 'Children Overboard' affair, and it also marks the first sign in ten years of any serious change in refugee policy.

It is important that we not forget what happened in 2001. The then immigration minister Philip Ruddock told Australians that refugees on a leaky boat had thrown their children into the sea in order to force the navy into bringing them on to an Australian ship. There was not a skerrick of truth in this story. Ruddock may have believed it for a few hours, but the navy quickly provided him with the truth of the matter.

Ruddock made his claim the day before a general election was called, and he did not retract it. Prime minister John Howard and defence minister Peter Reith repeated the story, despite being told by their own staff that it was untrue. In the weeks leading up to the poll many Liberal and National MPs could be heard hysterically embroidering the lie. It won them the election.

What could have persuaded ordinary men and women, most of them with their own children, to believe that parents could throw their sons and daughters overboard – for whatever reason? The answer came from those Liberal and National backbenchers holding forth on radio and TV up and down the country. We were not dealing with human beings with normal feelings, they said, people with whom we could empathise; we were dealing with Muslim refugees, monsters of depravity about whom we could believe anything.

Ruddock, Howard and Reith showed by their actions ten years ago that they are cynical vermin inhabiting the lowest sewer of bigotry and racial hatred. But how many Australians have in effect now joined them in that sewer? Would another claim about refugees acting like psychopaths towards their own children be believed, or have we learned our lesson?

The high court's decision against offshore processing and the defeat in parliament of Gillard's attempt to shove refugees off to Malaysia have made a breach in the decade-long bipartisan policy of heartlessness. Now if the government were to double the refugee intake it would halve the per capita cost of setting up an onshore processing system. It might also start to obliterate that terrible ten-year-old stain.

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# Tony piles up the negatives

Tony Abbott spent the weekend telling anyone who would listen (including the Queen, who had to) that he was ready for government.

He was, he insisted, no longer the impetuous youth maligned during his university days as The Mad Monk or the political tyro christened Captain Catholic. He had matured and progressed, and anyone who had studied his career should be reassured at the way he has changed.

The implication is that he is now a moderate, a leader willing to compromise his own strongly-held convictions and beliefs in the national interest. He would not, for instance, attempt to reintroduce anti-abortion laws. So far so good – if you actually believe him.

But a great many people don't, and the Abbott sceptics include a lot of his own colleagues. They are delighted with his ascendancy in the polls and they would not dream of moving against him while he retains an election-winning lead. But there is considerable doubt, and even apprehension, about just what happens next.

About the only thing that is spelled out as firm policy is the 2010 mantra: End the waste, pay the debt, repeal the taxes, stop the boats. To this unambitious list Abbott has added a fifth negative: dismantle the NBN. It is probably the least inspiring election platform since Kim Beazley went to the 2001 poll promising to wind back John Howard's GST. And to those with a feeling for history, it looks just as unlikely to be achieved.

For starters we can forget about ending the waste; there has never been an opposition leader who has not promised to end the waste. All it means is shifting resources from his predecessor's pet projects to his own. And pay the debt? What

debt? By international standards Australia's overseas debt is minuscule. And in any case how does he propose to pay it? By raising taxes? No, because he's going to repeal taxes.

Taxes are, by definition, bad. But they are also the way we pay for everything we expect governments to provide, so repealing taxes means withdrawing benefits. It also means confusion and uncertainty: un-

Supportive colleagues and commentators have been urging Abbott to flesh out his program with more positive and appealing ideas, but so far he has resisted. He has promised not to do anything substantial about industrial relations, which has alienated many of his own hard-line supporters, but he has also gone cold on major health and hospital reform, which has disappointed the moderates.

makes good on his threat to find a lower house seat in the next election and knock off the almost invisible Warren Truss as leader of the Nationals, he would become Abbott's deputy prime minister, with a major economic portfolio and a lot of clout in the cabinet. And Joyce, as an unashamed populist, would be a powerful counter to the dries of the Treasury – not that Joe Hockey has been all that arid himself.

So on current form we could expect an Abbott government to be essentially directionless, with little if any firm policy agenda and no commitment at all to serious economic reform. And this is not what the hard-line Liberals – the ones that backed Abbott against the more moderate Malcolm Turnbull – want at all. Abbott has never been accepted by the left in his party; if he loses the right as well he could be in real trouble.

Assuming that Labor fails to make a sustained comeback in the opinion polls – a prediction that looks safe enough for the moment – Abbott will be untouchable until the next election. But after it he will be expected to deliver: slogans and general expressions of good intentions will not do. There are still enough Liberals who remember what they call the wasted years of Malcolm Fraser to make sure they do not repeat the experience.

Abbott's immediate task is to win the election, and as long as he does that, there won't be too many arguments about how he does it. But once they are back on the Treasury benches, the heavies just may conclude that their leader has done his job and can be cast aside like a worn out sock. After all, as he himself remarked to the queen just last week: 'we play our politics tough in this country, we give no quarter.'

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by Mungo MacCallum

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tangling something as complex and far-reaching as the carbon tax, even if Abbott can secure the senate numbers to do it, will be a hideously difficult procedure and will create tremendous angst for both business and populace. The mining tax may be simpler, but again entails a huge loss of revenue, some of which is to be used to lower company tax across the board. With an iron will and perfect discipline it may be achievable, but the economic, social and political cost will be immeasurable. And as for stopping the boats – well, all the legal advice says that Abbott's Nauru solution would require much the same legislation as Gillard's Malaysian solution, and after his petulant rejection of the latter, he can't expect much help in getting it passed. Which leaves rejigging the NBN – possible, certainly, but likely to be very unpopular with the voters who are told they can't have a service which has already been provided to those in neighbouring districts.

And more alarmingly, he has shown an increasing tendency to reject the free market in favour of government regulation.

In hushed tones the Neo-Liberals consider the appalling possibility that he is not, after all, an economic rationalist. Certainly there is nothing in his background to persuade them of his purity. Abbott was a disciple and admirer of B A Santamaria, the guru of the breakaway Democratic Labor Party whose eclectic brand of conservatism included an unrepentant streak of protectionism. Abbott has spoken sympathetically of the needs of both manufacturing and rural industries for support against the forces of globalisation and shown an almost Ruddian sentimentality about wanting to live in a country which actually makes things.

And there is another compelling reason to believe that an Abbott government would eschew rationalism for pragmatism: Barnaby Joyce. If Joyce

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**Where's the action?**

Following the destruction of valuable habitat in Cudgen Nature Reserve (*The Echo*, October 13) we have been waiting with interest to read of the governmental response, and the remediation measures to be undertaken. So far nothing, and – apart from your paper – a media blackout, as if this clearing in an environmentally sensitive area is an accident.

Ironically at the same time TSC is trying to get 'Koala Connections' off the ground, trying to link up the fragmented and sadly doomed Tweed Coast koala populations. The intention of the connections program is admirable, but it's too little too late.

Tweed's environmental protection seems a case of 'one step forward three steps backwards', especially when environmental vandalism is overlooked.

**Chris Core**

Friends of Cudgen Nature Reserve Landcare Group

**Council for salvage**

The ICAC investigation once again highlighting Tweed Shire's corruption is no surprise. Corruption erodes away the moral fabric of a society, as well as the landscape. Tweed Shire has an exquisite landscape and yet a perennial corrupt developer morality has lingered for decades in our council and our councillors, with the exception of a few noble souls desperately trying to keep the situation at bay.

Unless the public can correct the situation our community will become impoverished dealing with resultant environmental degradation and the social problems linked to inadequate development planning. Developers notoriously take no responsibility for their actions, nor are even remotely concerned about their effect on the community; their only concern is their bank balance, no matter what their rhetoric, and view councillors and councils as being there to assist them.

The result is that the community has to bear the costs, literally, as well as dealing with the social and environmental degradation of crime, especially theft, pollution, unemployment, youth gangs, flooding, congested roads, etc.

Unless the public can correct the situation our community will become impoverished and our landscape littered with development rather than endangered flora and fauna, with the democratic process falling to bits.

**Trevor Robertson**  
Upper Crystal Creek

# Dam: a case of hubris towards the electorate?

■ Re 'Mayor's casting vote sinks Byrrill Creek dam plan' (October, 20): Cr Youngblutt's response that he was glad Cr Holdom was keeping a dossier on him when she questioned his support at the elections for raising Clarrie Hall Dam, yet his voting for the damming of Byrrill Creek is typical of his hubris toward the electorate.

His further response that he had forgotten his election pledge simply demonstrates the rot that plagues all levels of Australian governance. The Tweed shire deserves better decision makers than the likes of this cynical councillor.

Cr Milne was right to point out to Crs Skinner, Polglase and Youngblutt that they only represent 21 per cent of the electorate.

**Peter Conde**  
Uki

■ On the afternoon of Tuesday, October 18, four of our Tweed councillors staged their own musical in the council chambers. What should have been a straightforward vote to finally kill off the incomprehensibly

stupid decision to build a dam at Byrrill Creek instead saw some great performances from the same old like-minded warblers. Here is a brief account of how 'Byrrill Creek, the Musical Comedy' unfolded.

First the audience was treated to a solo from dame Joan who attempted to make her previously declared pecuniary interest in the building of a dam disappear and become only her husband's pecuniary interest. How extraordinary an aria from this talented singer but all to no avail: she left the room when nobody was impressed by her song.

Next up came those dear old crooners, Mumbles and Smarmy, who sang a peculiar little ditty from a shared song-sheet. Just wait for the next election, they sang, when hordes of our silent admirers out there in Tweed will vote for us to waste one hundred million dollars of their taxes on a dam that this shire doesn't need. If it had not been so obviously scripted and so arrogantly sung, these councillor's rendition of the 'Nation-

al Jokers Duet' may have been an amusing routine.

The lowlight of the show was an incompetently performed piece by the recently removed ex-mayor. 'Don't Do What I Did, Barry' was so full of wrong notes and too off key for anyone of voting age to take seriously. Ex-mayor Whatsisname must learn his lines much better if he is to remain a member of the like-minded ensemble.

Finally, after the decision to build a dam was voted down, the four troubadours enthralled the audience with a parting medley of veiled threats and hollow words. Wait till the next election they chorused, we are determined to build a dam and send Tweed ratepayers into thirty years of debt.

And let there be no doubt in any Tweed ratepayer's mind that they will do their damndest to should any of them be re-elected next year!

**Bruce McQueen**  
Mt Burrell

■ Across the globe millions are now rallying against govern-

ments, politics, corruption and corporate greed.

What I witnessed in our dot on the globe in the council chambers last Tuesday was alarming.

It is very evident the pro-Byrrill Creek dam councillors have not reviewed the many professional expert reports and instead have been hooked by misinformation and vested interests. I acknowledge some councillors have no regard for our priceless environmental values and that is their right. However, it is most disturbing they have no regard for the geotechnical/engineering issues and the financial/legal implications. Also that they are not willing to learn lessons from our past with the better knowledge today.

With an approved DA for a village and an added bonus of water frontage increasing sale values should Byrrill Creek dam go ahead, there certainly is a conflict of interest [for Cr van Lieshout].

In the process on the decision for the Tweed shire's future

water supply, to abstain from voting on the first part of the item re 'perceived' conflict of interest but then vote on the second part of the item is of grave concern, ie the potential exists to torpedo any move to proceed with the planning of the professional/expert recommendation of the Clarrie Hall Dam option to secure the shire's future water supply.

A decision made for the future of the whole shire in the interests of just 24 landholders is mind-boggling. But what was most disturbing was the statement of the councillor that the 'Labor government is now out in NSW and will be at federal!' The implication being that with a 'wink and nod' any scientific/professional/expert knowledge and laws/legislation/regulation can be thrown out the window.

The power of the political game in that room looking after mates and treating the citizens and the future of this whole shire's water supply with contempt was revolting.

**Lindy Smith**  
Tweed Heads

A big heartfelt thanks to *The Echo* for their part in keeping us informed. Although the ICAC report is once again damning, it is heartening to know not all councils are corrupt. How can we salvage ours?

**Barbara Downes**  
Murwillumbah

**Popular mayoral vote**

Once again we're witness to disparaging remarks about the frailties of electors, this time from Jeremy Cornford (Letters, October 20). It is a constant refrain and it implies that we, the electors, are too lazy or stupid to make intelligent choices, even to choose a mayor, much less a president in the event Australia ever becomes a republic.

There is history behind this contempt for the general will of the people, of course. The major political parties are as one in their denial of the right of electors to choose a mayor (or the president of a future republic) and will cite all manner of spurious reasons to justify their opposition. The real reason is that they simply do not trust their constituencies, and never have, believing we would vote for shock jocks and rock stars, if, indeed, we bothered to vote at all without compulsion.

More power to Cr Milne for her call for a popularly elected mayoralty and let us have this democratic right at the next local government election. Whatever our choice, it will be ours to own, and we will at least be able to claim that the system has greater transparency.

**Church belongings**

Recent public comment on the projected sale of St Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church, Burringbar, needs urgent clarification.

Statements that this church and the land on which it stands was financed and built by 'members of the local community' can be easily misinterpreted. These 'members' represent a small number of people with a strong allegiance to Christianity and the Anglican Church. Their aim was to provide a place and means of worship for fellow Anglicans.

It is accepted that over the years there were many local functions and money-raising ventures where the great majority of the wider community was actively contributing to community ventures organised by the church governing authority. However, all contributors knew where the funds were being spent.

The decision to sell St Michael's and other church buildings in the diocese of Grafton has been taken only after considerable debate and consultation and with reluctance. It is in response to sad patterns which have developed across our region and nation during the last decade and is in no way limited to the Anglican Church. All mainline denominations have been forced to close churches and sell property when congregations have fallen to a single figure.

Regrettably, churches in Australia, along with all community groups have been forced to adapt to the changing needs of society.

It has been suggested that buildings such as St Michael's could be put to good use in

the community rather than being sold off as dwellings or removed and other use made of the land.

The Anglican Church is happy to respond to this idea and assist the community of Burringbar by negotiating a sale

of these buildings to a community organisation in order to contribute to a worthwhile local initiative.

**Archdeacon Greg Ezzy**  
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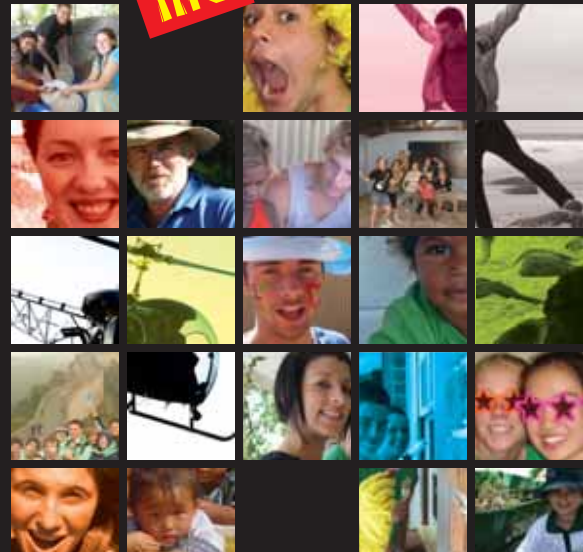


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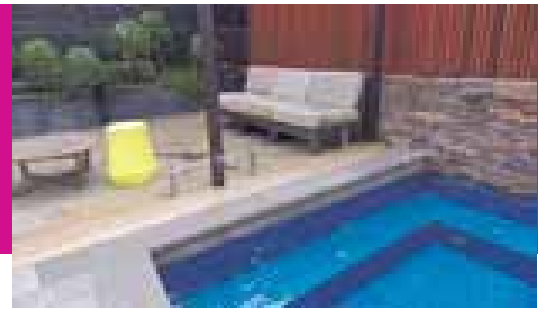
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## GARDEN IN THE SKY GETS 2 GREEN THUMBS UP



THE ROOFTOP garden oasis at Serene Living is attracting a lot of attention from Tweed residents and putting the region on the map in the world of gardening – even getting the green thumbs up from celebrity gardener Don Burke.

The innovative rooftop garden will be Australia's largest green rooftop with over a quarter of an acre of perfectly manicured, landscaped gardens. As the first over-55s development to feature a rooftop garden



of this scale, Serene Living is paving the way for rooftop gardens across Australia.

Don Burke, of *Burke's Backyard*, said the ground-breaking rooftop garden will provide the ideal environment for gardening enthusiasts, beginners and those who simply want to enjoy the benefits without lifting a finger.

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hibiscus, banksias, birds of paradise, magnolia little gem, blueberry ash and even olive trees. Combine this with the organic vegetable gardens, peaceful water features and living, growing art installations and you've got yourself a gardener's heaven.'

The design behind the rooftop garden was the artistic vision of leading landscape architect Samantha Baird from Planit Consulting and will feature three barbecue areas, separate entertaining spaces, ample lounge chairs, comfortable seating and shaded picnic areas, complemented by the panoramic, picturesque views of the Tweed surrounds.

Green Roofs Australia president Sidonie Carpenter said rooftop gardens like the one to be developed at Serene Living will support and encourage the growth of the green roof industry in Australia. 'It is great to see green roofs being designed for specific applications and in the case of Serene Living the social and physical needs of the residents,' said Mrs Carpenter. 'The social design focus for Serene Living has obviously generated a greater interest in sales to become the fastest selling over-55s development in Australia. This is a credit to Proda for including a green roof, meeting

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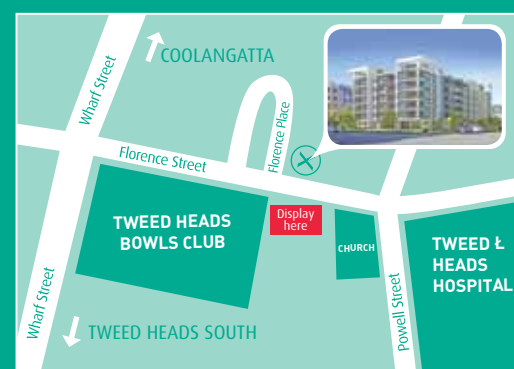


## SERENE LIVING Two Green Thumbs Up

I've seen the plans for this 1,300m<sup>2</sup> garden and think it is a fantastic design. The stunning rooftop garden oasis will be a highlight for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

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# ECHO EVENING TELEVISION GUIDE

In a generally crappy week for films, the crime thriller **Ronin** (Go!, Friday, 8.30pm) is among the best on offer. Paranoia through a small hole in the wall marks Roman Polanski's 1976 creepy thriller **The Tenant** (ABC2, Saturday, 8.30pm). Flawless skin, perfect teeth, stunning looks (Zoe Ventoura is the example here) – the commercial channels continue to romanticise petty criminals in shows like **Wild Boys** (Prime, Sunday, 7.30pm – see pic) and **Underbelly**. The real larrikin heroines are the ladies on the CWA cake stall.



Romanticising crime...

## FRIDAY 28

**ABC 1**  
6.00 Choccywoccydoodah  
6.25 The Good Cook  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30  
8.00 My Family  
8.30 Scott And Bailey (M)  
9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show  
10.05 Bored To Death (M)  
10.35 Lateline

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Spicks And Specks  
7.30 River Monsters  
8.30 Friday Night Lights  
9.20 The Slap (M)  
10.20 Crownies (M)

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45  
Weather Quarter 7.00 ABC News  
7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News  
8.30 Contact Sport 9.00 The World  
10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Letters And Numbers  
7.30 Coast  
8.30 As It Happened The

Polish Battle of Britain  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 My Big Breasts And Me (M)  
11.05 Movie: Lie (M 2009)  
Puerto Rican thriller

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Global Village  
6.30 Iron Chef  
7.30 Dateline  
8.30 Insight  
9.30 Movie: A Brand New Life  
(PG 2009) Korean drama  
11.15 Movie: One Missed Call  
(MAV 2003) Japanese horror

**TEN**  
6.30 6.30 With George Negus  
7.00 The 7pm Project  
7.30 Rules Of Engagement  
8.30 House (M)  
9.30 Movie: Catch Me If You  
Can (M 2002) US biog-  
raphy. Leonardo DiCaprio,  
Tom Hanks

**Eleven**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Neighbours  
7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 So You Think You Can Dance

## 10.00 Britain's Next Top Model

**ONE HD**  
6.00 Fishin' Trip  
6.30 Beach Patrol  
7.00 Cops  
7.30 World's Toughest Fixes  
8.30 International Rules Football

**PRIME**  
6.00 Prime News  
6.30 Seven News  
7.00 Home And Away  
7.30 Better Homes & Gardens  
9.00 Movie: Mamma Mia! (PG  
2008) US musical. Meryl  
Streep, Amanda Seyfried

**7TWO**  
6.00 Bargain Hunt  
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances  
7.30 Are You Being Served?  
8.10 One Foot In The Grave  
8.45 Escape To The Country

**7MATE**  
6.30 That '70s Show  
7.30 How I Met Your Mother  
8.30 My Name Is Earl  
9.30 Movie: Sniper 3 (AV  
2004) US action. Tom  
Berenger, Byron Mann

## NBN

6.00 Evening News  
6.30 A Current Affair  
7.30 The Celebrity Apprentice  
8.00 Two And A Half Men  
8.30 Movie: U.S. Marshals (M  
1998) US action. Tommy  
Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes

**GO!**  
6.00 Seinfeld  
6.30 Movie: Flubber (G  
1997) US comedy. Robin  
Williams, Marcia Gay  
Harden  
8.30 Movie: Ronin (M 1998)  
US action. Robert De Niro,  
Jean Reno

**GEM**  
6.00 Friends  
7.00 The Zoo  
7.30 Drop Dead Diva  
8.30 The Mentalist (M)  
9.30 Prime Suspect (AV)

**PLEASE NOTE** The Echo takes great care producing this guide, but unfortunately TV stations like to tinker with things at the last minute and sometimes make changes after we have gone to print.

## SATURDAY 29

**ABC 1**  
6.00 The Queen's Visit  
6.30 Gardening Australia  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 Doc Martin  
8.20 Poirot  
10.00 Penn And Teller

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Monkey Thieves  
7.30 Rome Wasn't Built In A Day  
8.15 At The Movies  
8.30 Movie: The Tenant (MA  
1976) French mystery.  
Roman Polanski  
10.30 Movie: Day Of The Triffids  
(PG 1963) UK horror.  
Howard Keel, Nicole Maurey

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story  
7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This  
Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 Big Ideas  
9.00 ABC News 9.30 State To State  
10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select

**SBS 1**  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Big, Bigger, Biggest

8.30 Mythbusters  
9.30 Rockwiz  
10.20 Movie: Hunger (MAV  
2008) Irish biography

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Wine Lovers' Guide To  
Australia  
6.30 Food Tour  
7.30 Behind The Front Door  
8.30 In Their Own Words  
British novelists  
9.35 Movie: Nikita (MAV 1990)  
French thriller

**TEN**  
6.30 Movie: Night At The  
Museum – Battle Of The  
Smithsonian (PG 2009)  
US action. Ben Stiller

**8.40 Movie: Timeline (M 2003)**  
US action. Paul Walker,  
Frances O'Connor

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 Frasier  
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9.30 Frasier  
10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
10.30 Buffy The Vampire  
Slayer (M)

**ONE HD**  
6.00 Save Point  
6.30 Cops  
7.00 Formula 1 Qualifying  
LIVE – India  
8.45 Race To Dakar  
9.45 Cops (M)

**PRIME**  
6.00 Seven News  
6.30 Islands Of Britain  
7.30 Movie: Wall-E (PG 2008)  
Animation  
9.30 Movie: Public Enemies  
(AV 2009) US biography.  
Johnny Depp, Christian Bale

**7TWO**  
6.00 Are You Being Served?  
6.30 Keeping Up Appearances  
7.00 One Foot In The Grave  
7.30 Heartbeat  
8.40 Taggart (M)

**7MATE**  
6.30 Supershops  
7.30 Air Crash Investigations  
8.30 Movie: The Spy Who

Loved Me (M 1977) 007  
action. Roger Moore

**NBN**  
6.00 NBN News  
6.30 Funniest Home Videos  
7.30 Movie: Open Season (G  
2007) Animation  
8.40 Lotto  
9.15 Movie: The Shawshank  
Redemption (M 1993)  
US drama. Tim Robbins,  
Morgan Freeman

**GO!**  
6.30 Top Gear  
7.30 Two And A Half Men  
8.30 Movie: The Lord Of The  
Rings – The Two Towers  
(M 2002) Adventure

**GEM**  
6.00 The Golden Girls  
6.30 Antiques Roadshow  
8.30 CSI: NY (M)  
9.30 CSI: Miami (M)  
10.30 CSI (M)

**PLEASE NOTE** Channel 9 –  
NBN, Gem and Go can not  
be relied on, they frequently  
change their prime-time  
movies at the last minute.

## SUNDAY 30

**ABC 1**  
6.00 Life Insects  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 Wide Open Road  
8.30 No.1 Ladies Detective  
Agency  
9.25 Grumpy Guide To  
Romance  
10.00 Compass Lincoln Hall  
10.30 Pride And Prejudice

**ABC 2**  
7.00 At The Movies  
7.30 Fake Or Fortune?  
8.30 Sunday Best (M)  
10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.30 Foreign  
Correspondent 7.00 ABC News  
7.30 One Plus One 8.00 Insiders  
9.00 ABC News 10.30 The World  
This Week

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Thalassa  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Lost Worlds King Tut  
8.30 Dateline  
9.30 Virtual JFK Vietnam if JFK

had lived  
11.00 Movie: Ship Of No  
Return – The Last  
Voyage Of The Gustloff  
(M 2008) Part 1 of German  
drama

**SBS 2**  
6.00 More Than A Fiesta  
6.35 Italian Food Challenge  
7.30 Ninja Warrior  
8.00 Unbeatable Banzuke  
8.30 Survival Stories  
9.30 Movie: The Sniper (MA  
2009) Kurt Wallander  
crime

**TEN**  
6.30 Merlin  
7.30 Junior Masterchef  
8.30 Mobb'd (M)  
9.30 Ringer (M)  
10.30 Formula 1 Grand Prix  
India

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 The Simpsons  
8.00 Futurama  
8.30 Movie: Borat (MA 2006)

US comedy. Sacha Baron  
Cohen, Ken Davitian

**ONE HD**  
6.00 I Fish  
6.30 Megastructures:  
Breakdown  
7.30 Formula 1 Grand Prix  
LIVE – India  
10.35 NBL Basketball

**PRIME**  
6.00 Seven News  
6.30 Sunday Night  
7.30 Wild Boys  
8.30 Bones (M)  
9.30 Castle (M)  
10.30 The Suspects (M)

**7TWO**  
6.30 Some Mothers Do 'ave  
'em  
7.00 Sandcastles  
7.30 Homes Under The  
Hammer  
8.45 Escape To The Country  
10.45 The World At War

**7MATE**  
6.30 American Dad  
7.00 Family Guy  
7.30 Mythbusters  
8.30 Movie: Moonraker (PG

1979) 007 action. Roger  
Moore, Lois Chiles

**NBN**  
6.00 NBN News  
6.30 Frozen Planet  
7.30 60 Minutes  
8.30 Underbelly: Razor (M)  
9.30 Person Of Interest (M)  
10.30 Prime Suspect (M)

**GO!**  
6.30 The Middle  
7.30 Two And A Half Men  
8.00 The Big Bang Theory  
8.30 Teen Mum  
9.30 Movie: Se7en (AV 1995)  
US drama. Morgan  
Freeman, Brad Pitt

**GEM**  
6.30 Antiques Roadshow  
7.30 As Time Goes By  
8.00 Yes Minister  
8.30 Movie: The Young  
Victoria (PG 2008) UK  
biography. Miranda  
Richardson

**10.40 Friends**

**PLEASE NOTE** Channel 10 and  
Seven aren't much better and  
also often make late changes.

## MONDAY 31

**ABC 1**  
6.00 Time Team America  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30  
8.00 Australian Story  
8.30 Four Corners  
9.15 Media Watch  
9.35 Q&A  
10.30 Lateline

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Spicks And Specks  
7.30 Jimmy's Food Factory  
8.00 Outnumbered  
8.30 Wide Open Road (M)  
9.30 Breaking Bad (MA)  
10.15 Psychoville Halloween  
Special (M)

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45  
Finance Quarter 7.00 ABC News 7.30  
7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Lateline  
Business 9.00 The World 9.30 Q&A  
10.30 ABC News

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Letters And Numbers  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 William Shatner's Weird

Or What?  
8.30 Kill Arman (M)  
9.00 South Park (M)  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Housos (MA)  
10.30 Skins (MA)

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Living Black  
6.30 Iron Chef  
7.30 The Ghost In Your Genes  
8.30 The Elegant Universe  
Welcome to the 11th  
dimension  
9.30 The World Game  
10.30 Movie: The Blue Kite (M  
1993) Mandarin drama

**TEN**  
6.30 The Project  
7.30 Junior Masterchef  
8.30 Undercover Boss  
Australia  
9.30 Law & Order: SVU (M)  
10.30 Good News World (M)

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Neighbours  
7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 Futurama

8.30 Supernatural (M)  
9.30 Smallville (M)  
10.30 The Late Late Show

**ONE HD**  
6.00 Jeopardy!  
6.30 Beach Patrol  
7.00 Cops  
7.30 Psych  
8.30 Burn Notice (M)  
9.30 Blue Bloods (M)  
10.30 Formula 1 Grand Prix India

**PRIME**  
6.00 Prime News  
6.30 Seven News  
7.00 Home And Away  
7.30 The X Factor  
8.30 Body Of Proof (M)  
10.30 Suits (M)

**7TWO**  
6.00 Bargain Hunt  
7.00 Keeping Up  
Appearances  
7.30 Heartbeat  
8.40 Sherlock Holmes  
Mysteries (M)

**7MATE**  
6.30 That '70s Show  
7.30 How I Met Your Mother  
8.30 Family Guy (M)

9.00 American Dad (M)  
9.30 Family Guy (M)  
10.30 American Dad

**NBN**  
6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Celebrity Apprentice  
8.25 Lotto  
8.30 The Mentalist (M)  
9.30 CSI: Miami (M)

**GO!**  
6.00 Seinfeld  
6.30 Two And A Half Men  
7.00 Australia's Funniest  
Home Videos  
7.30 Top Gear  
8.30 The Big Bang Theory  
9.00 The Inbetweeners (MA)  
9.30 Movie: Scary Movie (MA  
2000) US comedy. Anna  
Farris, Jon Abrahams

**GEM**  
6.00 Friends  
7.00 The Zoo  
7.30 Michaela's Animal Road  
Trip  
8.30 Survival  
9.30 Kitchen Nightmares (MA)  
10.30 The Big C (M)

## TUESDAY 1

**ABC 1**  
6.00 Lost Gardens  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30  
8.00 Foreign Correspondent  
8.30 Rome Wasn't Built In A  
Day (M)  
9.30 United States Of Tara (M)  
10.00 First Tuesday Book Club  
10.30 Lateline

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Spicks And Specks  
7.30 Dirty Jobs  
8.30 Good Game  
9.00 Pete Versus Life (M)  
9.30 Sanctuary (M)  
10.15 triple j presents Stonefield  
10.45 The Graham Norton Show

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45  
Environment Quarter 7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30 8.30 Lateline Business 9.00  
The World 10.00 The Drum 10.45  
Environment Quarter

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Letters And Numbers  
6.30 World News Australia

7.30 Insight  
8.30 All Watched Over By  
Machines Of Loving Grace  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Hot Docs Gaddafi (M)

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Global Village  
6.30 Iron Chef  
7.30 Lost Worlds Ancient  
discoveries  
8.30 As It Happened Outbreak  
1999  
9.30 Movie: Downfall (MAV  
2004) German drama

**TEN**  
6.30 The Project  
7.30 Modern Family  
8.30 NCIS (M)  
9.30 NCIS: Los Angeles (M)

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Neighbours  
7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 The Simpsons  
8.00 Futurama  
8.30 The Office  
9.30 American Horror Story  
(MA)

10.30 The Late Late Show

**ONE HD**  
6.00 Jeopardy!  
6.30 Beach Patrol  
7.00 Cops  
7.30 Black Gold  
8.30 Cops (M)  
9.30 Can Of Worms (MA)  
10.30 24 (M)

**PRIME**  
6.00 Prime News  
6.30 Seven News  
7.00 Home And Away  
7.30 The X Factor  
8.30 Australia's Got Talent  
9.30 Parenthood  
10.30 Dinner Date

**7TWO**  
6.00 Bargain Hunt  
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances  
7.30 Dad's Army  
8.10 Keeping Up Appearances  
9.30 Homes Under The Hammer

**7MATE**  
6.30 That '70s Show  
7.30 Mythbusters  
9.30 All Worked Up (M)  
10.30 Chaser's War On  
Everything (M)

6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Celebrity Apprentice  
8.00 The Big Bang Theory  
8.30 Two And A Half Men (M)  
9.00 Mike And Molly  
9.30 Survivor: South Pacific  
10.30 The Joy Of Sets (M)

**GO!**  
6.00 Seinfeld  
6.30 Two And A Half Men  
7.00 Australia's Funniest  
Home Videos  
7.30 Top Gear  
8.30 Movie: The Mask (PG  
1994) US comedy. Jim  
Carrey, Cameron Diaz

**GEM**  
6.00 Friends  
7.00 The Zoo  
7.30 Baboon Bandits  
8.00 Cheetah Kingdom  
8.30 Megacities  
9.45 Sensing Murder (M)

## WEDNESDAY 2

**ABC 1**  
6.30 Country House Rescue  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30  
8.00 Poh's Kitchen  
8.30 Spicks And Specks  
9.00 Gruen Planet  
9.30 The Hamster Wheel  
10.00 At The Movies  
10.35 Lateline

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Spicks And Specks  
7.30 Mega Builders  
8.30 Luke Theroux (M)  
9.30 Kill It, Cook It, Eat It  
10.35 The Graham Norton Show

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45  
Culture Quarter 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

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Letters And Numbers  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Amazon  
8.30 One Born Every Minute

9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Movie: Un Secret (M  
2007) French drama

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Global Village  
6.30 Iron Chef  
7.30 Inspector Rex  
8.30 The Killing (M)  
9.30 UEFA Champions  
League Valencia v Bayer  
Leverkusen

**TEN**  
6.30 The Project  
7.30 Glee  
8.30 Hawaii Five-O (M)  
9.30 An Idiot Abroad (M)  
10.30 White Collar (M)

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
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)  
10.30 The Late Late Show

**ONE HD**  
6.30 Beach Patrol  
7.00 Cops  
8.30 The Killing (M)  
9.30 Sons Of Anarchy (AV)  
10.30 RPM

**PRIME**  
6.00 Prime News  
6.30 Seven News  
7.00 Home And Away  
7.30 The One – Australia's  
Most Gifted Psychic  
8.30 Criminal Minds (M)  
9.30 Above Suspicion (M)  
10.30 Great Escapes (M)

**7TWO**  
7.00 Harry's Practice  
7.30 Heartbeat  
8.40 Ruth Rendell's Mysteries  
(M)

**7MATE**  
6.30 That '70s Show  
7.30 Pimp My Ride  
8.30 Hardcore Pawn (M)  
9.30 American Pickers  
10.30 Operation Repo (M)

6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Celebrity Apprentice  
8.25 Lotto  
8.30 Prime Suspect (M)  
9.30 Unforgettable (M)  
10.30 Who Do You Think You Are?

**GO!**  
6.00 Seinfeld  
6.30 The Big Bang Theory  
7.00 Australia's Funniest  
Home Videos  
7.30 Top Gear  
8.30 Two And A Half Men (M)  
9.00 The Big Bang Theory  
9.30 Movie: Mad Max III  
Beyond Thunderdome  
(M 1985) Australian action.  
Mel Gibson, Tina Turner

**GEM**  
6.00 Friends  
7.00 The Zoo  
7.30 Wild South America  
Andes to Amazon  
8.30 The Truth About Food  
9.30 The Closer (M)  
10.30 Law & Order (M)

## THURSDAY 3

**ABC 1**  
6.30 Mastercrafts  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 7.30  
8.00 QI  
8.30 The Slap (M)  
9.30 Crownies (M)  
10.30 Lateline

**ABC 2**  
7.00 Spicks And Specks  
7.30 Bad Guys Dead Ahead  
(M)  
8.30 Arrested Development  
9.00 The Bazura Project (M)  
9.30 Gruen Planet  
10.10 The Hamster Wheel  
10.40 The Graham Norton  
Show (M)

**ABC NEWS 24**  
6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Drum 6.45  
Food Quarter 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 Food  
Quarter

**SBS 1**  
6.00 Letters And Numbers

6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 My Sri Lanka  
8.00 Luke Nguyen's Vietnam  
8.35 No Reservations  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Big Love

**SBS 2**  
6.00 Global Village  
6.30 Iron Chef  
7.30 Trails From The East  
8.30 UEFA Champions  
League  
9.30 Movie: Lemming (M  
2005) French thriller

**TEN**  
6.30 The Project  
7.30 Recruits Paramedics  
8.00 Keeping Up With The  
Joneses  
8.30 Rush (M)  
9.30 Law & Order: SVU (M)

**ELEVEN**  
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch  
6.30 Neighbours  
7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7.30 The Simpsons  
8.30 Star Trek Next Generation  
10.30 The Late Late Show

**ONE HD**  
6.00 Jeopardy!  
6.30 Beach Patrol  
7.00 Cops  
7.30 Extreme Fishing  
8.30 Movie: Alien (M 1979)  
US scifi. Tom Skerritt,  
Sigourney Weaver

**PRIME**  
6.00 Prime News  
6.30 Seven News  
7.00 Home And Away  
7.30 Beauty & The Geek  
Australia  
8.30 The Amazing Race  
9.30 How I Met Your Mother  
10.30 Outsourced

**7TWO**  
6.00 Bargain Hunt  
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances  
7.30 The Royal  
8.30 Two Thousand Acres Of  
Sky  
9.30 Distant Shores  
10.30 Maisie Raine (M)

**7MATE**  
6.30 That '70s Show  
7.30 The Implovers  
8.30 Lockdown (M)

9.40 Operation Repo (M)  
10.40 Jail (M)

**NBN**  
6.00 NBN News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Celebrity Apprentice  
8.00 Young Doctors  
8.30 Unforgettable (M)  
9.30 CSI: Miami (M)  
10.30 Chase (AV)

**GO!**  
6.00 Seinfeld  
6.30 Two And A Half Men  
7.00 Funniest Home Videos  
7.30 My Dad Says  
8.00 Two And A Half Men  
8.30 My Dad Says  
9.00 The Big Bang Theory  
9.30 Movie: Eraser (MA  
1996) US action. Arnold  
Schwarzenegger, James  
Caan

**GEM**  
6.00 Friends  
7.00 The Zoo  
7.30 Mad About The House  
8.30 A Dream Home Abroad  
9.30 Embarrassing Bodies (M)  
10.30 The Truth About Food

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**Pete, tell me a little about the new album?** The main difference with *Blue Sky Blue* compared to others is that there are no acoustic songs on it. The album has an electric feel and I concentrated more on the grooves this time around. It's gone back to the days of *Feeler* in many ways.

**How is it being received?** I haven't really been reading any reviews on the album, but from what I'm hearing it's sounding quite positive. I'm getting great feedback from fans, which is the most important thing. Do you get pre-album release jitters, or are you pretty confident that your new baby will be adored? I haven't been nervous about any albums in the past but it was kind of strange with this one, as I kind of did have some jitters. I guess I've been out of the market for quite some time and I wasn't sure how things would go this time around. I also find that when you really like an album, you have that fear that others may not.

**What did you draw on as inspiration for your songs?** During the writing period I didn't listen to much music at all for the very reason that I didn't want to be influenced by anyone or any other style of music – I wanted this to be fresh and have my own flavour to it. Lyrically, the songs were drawn from life experiences.

**So why did you call it the 'Free' tour; do you think people might be turning up trying to get in going 'but it says the FREE tour!'** Look, I'm all for trying to trick as many of my fans into thinking they're getting a great deal! (wink)

**What is a perfect day for you? Do you find much inspiration in the surf/beach culture since moving to Byron Bay?**

I'm loving the beach culture. I wish I had grown up here. Surfing in this area played a big part in how this album sounds.

I would get up in the morning, have a surf and then come home and write for several hours... then I'd go for another surf or go to the gym or ride a bike and come back and write into the night. The next day I'd do it all again. I found that surfing was good for clearing my mind when I was stuck on a song.

**Why did you choose to live in a regional location rather than a capital city?** I used to live in Brisbane and I would come to Byron quite often. I've always wanted to live here, but like most people I needed a job that would allow it. I grew up in a small country town in south-west QLD so I'm used to a steady pace. I find it very hard to go back to the city these days – after a couple of days I'm dying to get out of the beast!

**When you are writing a song how does it evolve for you? Does it unravel together, lyrics and melody, all at once, or does the tune emerge before the words?** Music is first, then melody, then lyrics.

Sometimes I find the lyrics come out with the melody but in most cases it's the melody first.

**How do you want your music to make people feel?** I often get told by people that they feel like I've written a song especially for them (or about them) and I guess that's the ultimate compliment of songwriting.

**What are your major life passions? Are you living the dream?** My two boys and keeping fit, healthy and happy. Yes, I feel pretty blessed with my life.

**If there was anything you could change about your life or yourself, what would it be?** I'd become a better actor so that my video clips would be much better!

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- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM MARCO
- CLUB BANORA 6PM NICK WATERS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM PETE MURRAY
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 6PM LONEWOLF
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S - JARED ABSOLUTELY SUAVE
- TWIN TOWNS TAYLOR DAYNE

## FRIDAY 28

- BABALOU 5PM DJ FLYINGGAZ
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 TOMMY MEMPHIS
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 8 PM BROADFOOT
- CHINDERAH TAVERN DAVE MURRAY
- CLUB BANORA 7PM EMKAY
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 8PM TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB LOTHER SCHILDHORST'S POWER HOUSE QUINTET
- COOLANGATTA SANDS 9PM BRIGGS & CO
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 7PM SING STARR KARAOKE
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 6.30PM JON J BRADLEY
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE 7.30PM THE BARLEYSHAKES + L'IL FI
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM TWO R MOREELTHAM HOTEL 7PM GREG KEW
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 9PM THE JDS

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM RICK BARRON
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM SMOOTH & GROOVE
- MARTY'S @ CABA, CABARITA BEACH 7PM MARK FERRIS
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM DAVID BARRY
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB PM 4ENZIK
- THE RED PIANO BAR, UKI 8PM BILL JACOBI

## SATURDAY 29

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM THE SECRET AGENTS
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM BROADFOOT
- CHINDERAH TAVERN BILL JACOBI
- CLUB BANORA 7PM OZ LATIN BROTHERS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM PAPA VS PRETTY + THE VASCO ERA
- COOLANGATTA SANDS 9PM TYNEY CHARLES
- COOLANGATTA/TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 6.30PM THE CHRIS COOK BAND
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM SONIQ
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM PAUL ATKINS MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM GLENN BRACE
- JAKES @ KINGSCLIFF 6.30PM MR TROY
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM BRETT PATMAN
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM THE FEBS
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 8PM DELISCH

- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM SOUTH PACIFIC SOUND SYSTEM
- THE RED PIANO BAR UKI 7PM JEROME WILLIAMS
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM PIXIE JENKINS
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIAN BRASS BANDS

## SUNDAY 30

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM BONNIE & CLYDE
- CHINDERAH TAVERN JIM MCALLISTER
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM ROBBIE BALL 12.30PM MARTIN WAY
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM SUPERSONIC JAZZ + FRETFFEST
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 4PM HAVE-A-GO-KARAOKE
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM VICKY GRANT
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA EASY SUNDAYS
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB PM DAVE CAVANAGH
- SANDBAR, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10AM WALDO KNIGHT
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 4PM THE QUICK BROWN FOX
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM CHRISTINA GIORGIO & THE LAST RESORT
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN SUNDAY SESSIONS
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM DAVE CLAYTON

- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIAN BRASS BANDS

## MONDAY 31

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON MARCO
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM ALICE ANDERSON 6.30PM INDER

## TUESDAY 1

- BABALOU KINGSCLIFF, CUP DAY LIVING ROOM QUARTET
- MARTY'S AT CABA CABARITA BEACH 7PM JAM NIGHT WITH ANNETTE
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM FABIAN

## WEDNESDAY 2

- CLUB BANORA 6PM DAN HANNAFORD
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM PIXIE JENKINS 6.30PM ROY DANIELS
- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM 10.30AM LIZA BEAMISH & LACHLAN BAKER

## THURSDAY 3

- CLUB BANORA 6PM SCOTT WHATMAN
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S - SWIZZLE
- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM 8PM TONY HADLEY WITH GO WEST

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## SOAP BOX

by Mandy Nolan

See Mandy live at [www.echonetdaily.net.au](http://www.echonetdaily.net.au)

### THE JOURNEY

If I hear one more person rabbit on about their journey I'll scream. You see, I wouldn't mind if people had actually been on a literal journey. Even sent me a few postcards or posted pics of themselves on their Facebook page because they'd been to India or Bali or even Goondiwindi, but when people talk about journeys they are usually not talking about real travel. It's the psychic path they're bleating on about. It's just more quasi-spiritual psychobabble, where 'the journey' is a generic term for one's imagined forward trajectory into the realm of the unconscious. Saying you've been on a journey always makes your inner life sound far loftier and way grander than the average hitchhiker on life's lonely highway. It implies that we are grappling with the big issues like the existence and nature of God, how do

we enact our responsibility to relieve the suffering of our fellow human? And in the big picture is our life so entirely inconsequential that we will never have consequence? No, most of us are thinking? Why is my dick shrinking? Would I get more love if I had rock-hard abs and there's nothing ideologically wrong with buying a \$500 handbag, I deserve it.

A journey implies that we have an end destination, that we follow a planned route, and most importantly that we know what we are doing. A journey is a conscious endeavour. But life, in my experience isn't like that at all. Life is an accident. It's chaos. It's a muddied pool of emotion and reaction. Just look at how we live. We haven't evolved much past the primordial slime we once were. We're just fleshy worms with consciousness and computers.

If we were to be honest with ourselves I think it's pretty clear that most of us aren't on a journey at all; we exist like lab rats in a behaviour loop. It sounds far less sexy when someone says 'how are you' and, instead of raving on about your journey, you have to admit to being on a rat wheel. How are you? 'Oh you know, still repeating all the stupid behaviours I've been a slave to all my life without any insight or sense of self-responsibility that I'm actually the victim and the perpetrator. Still blaming the government. And my mum.'

There are even practitioners of the Journey. People who will guide you on something that doesn't exist. Life isn't a journey. It's merely a series of explained and unexplained reactions. Unpredictable predicability. You dealing with your issues is not a journey. You getting a divorce is not a journey. Packing up the kids, the kayak and the caravan and driving to Evans Head, now that's a journey. I didn't say it was going to be a particularly nice one, or remotely enlightening, but technically it is a journey. And you know what else is a journey? A rock band that came out of San Francisco in 1973 comprising former members of Santana who pumped out Top Ten hits like *Lovin'*, *Touchin'*, *Squeezin'*. (Sounds like a night spent working on someone's blackheads.)

I think it's time we started using new words for our life path, like 'roundabout' or 'cul-de-sac'. Or if you are committed to the concept of *journey*, why not make it a bit less brown bread and sandals and talk it up a bit. Rather than saying you are on a journey maybe go for something like voyage. Or maybe even something Homerific like *Odyssey*. Let's face it, if you blinded Zeus's son, set off on a ship, took up pillaging, confronted the odd Cyclops and took a good 40 years to get home, I reckon you might actually have something worthwhile to share.



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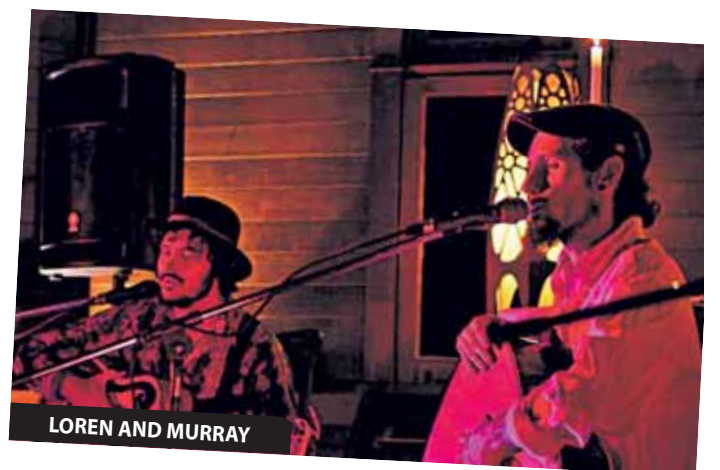
The Ukitopia Festival incorporates the Images of Uki Art exhibition, Words of Wollumbin, Songwriters on the Songline, The Aussie Oddities Emporium, the best of Uki and district's live music, Uki school performances, street performances and buskers, The Red Piano Bar and Restaurant, chalkboard acoustic space at the Lounge Lizard Café, elders storytelling space, Rockin' Sunday at the Uki Pub, Trashformers creative arts and children's workshops, youth bands, historical display, a Word Matrix, Buttery Bazaar markets stalls, the Wishing Ceremony, 1000 native trees to give away and so much more!

The music performances have been selected to feature our local musos and to give a space for young and emerging artists. Acts will include: School Children performances, The Whopping Big Band, Indigo Collins-Cook, Suavmente, Sound Cheque, The Granny Rapper and the Prodigal Son, Healing Earth, Loren, Bill Jacobi, Lifeline, Fiddlers Creek Children's Theatre, Ivy Lucille, Andrea Soler, Blue Moon Gypo, Renee Searles, Wendy Grace, Ivy Lucille, Mystic Beats, DJ Overlap, DJ Dakini, Murray Kyle, Geoff O'Mallee, My Figmant, Gillian Haylar, Off The air, In The Pubic Eye, The Maples, James T, Lil Fi and the Candy Apples, Jerome Williams and Elias Harmony.

Look out for the program booklet available shortly and stay tuned for more info at [www.ukitopiaartscollective.com](http://www.ukitopiaartscollective.com).



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Mmm - delicious - kiddy pie! Can you imagine that such terrible people really exist? Many adults will have fond and hilarious memories of this book from their childhood.

When the Roly-Poly bird flies in from Africa, escape is at hand for the Muggle-Wumps and the birds, but they want revenge as well! So the Muggle-Wumps, the birds and the Roly-Poly bird join together in a clever plan to give the Twits a well-deserved, wicked and ghastly surprise!

Murwillumbah Theatre Company will give you a unique opportunity at an after party

this Saturday following the opening night of their wacky, fun-filled family show: to bring your camera and we will provide the setting for you to be photographed with the character of your choice. The show starts at 5.30pm.

The Twits continues on **Sunday 2pm, Friday November 4** and **Saturday 5** at **7.30pm** and finally on **Sunday** at **2pm**. Tickets are available from Murwillumbah Music Shop or at the door. Enquiries Rosemary on 02 6672 1520.

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**DON'T MISS TAYLOR DAYNE AT TWIN TOWNS, FRIDAY**

### She is the diva Dayne

Dance pop diva, multi-platinum recording artist and world-class performer **Taylor Dayne** will be touring Australia in October 2011 performing all her top ten hits.

New York-born Taylor's three albums produced twelve Top 20 singles, among them the chart-topping *Love Will Lead You Back*.

On her new album *Satisfied* Taylor takes matters into her own hands. It's the culmination of a period where she concentrated on her acting, but Taylor is raring to get back out there, performing all the old and new songs live for her devoted following. **Twin Towns, Thursday.**

### Shakin' that Barley

Brewed in Ireland and distilled in Australia the **Barleyshakes** are a superb Celtic band who present both traditional Irish, original and world music in a modern format. Using fiddles, banjo, mandolin, bass, bodhran, drums, guitar and vocals the Barleyshakes new sound is hard hitting, lively and full of wild Irish dance energy.

Having worked since the early 90s the 'Shakes have emerged as a highly evolved organism, both cultured and wild. Give The Barleyshakes a line, they'll cut it to shreds and stick it back together again like a Picasso – brilliant for all the reasons you never thought could be. **Currumbin Soundlounge, Friday.**

### Broadfoot Tuning in

**Broadfoot** is a band made up of musicians from Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and Murwillumbah. They tote two electric guitars,



**CATCH THE BARLEY SHAKES AT CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE, FRIDAY**



**THE VASCO ERA AT THE COOLANGATTA HOTEL ON SATURDAY**

a bass and drums and play in a style somewhere in between late 60s psychedelic rock and early 70s guitar bands. Although Broadfoot play songs from and are highly influenced by this golden age of rock, they carry on from where these modern music greats left off, before the age of DJs, synth drums and the overuse of computers to 'aid' recorded and live music silted up the river of genuine musicianship. **Cabarita Beach Sports Club on Friday.**

### Not so little

One of the perennial stars of music festivals around the country, **Lil' Fi** has an uncanny ability to capture an audience with her dynamic performances, humour and a collection of songs that invariably hit the mark.

Lil' Fi is a singer/songwriter of Australia-wide renown. She has a unique way of electrifying an atmosphere with her enviable stage presence, wit and pizzazz.

Lil' Fi is a consummate performer, with her songwriting described by Lucky Oceans and Doug Spencer from ABC's *The Planet* thus: 'Lil' Fi is an uncommonly convincing blues mama... all the more so because she writes intelligently, understands dynamics and can eloquently express a tender thought as well as a raunchy notion'. **Currumbin Soundlounge, Friday.**

### The Ear for all that is Pretty

**The Vasco Era** and Sydney's **Papa vs Pretty** are joining forces this October and November for a special double-headline tour. Both bands will play songs fresh off their new albums in venues right across Australia. With Papa vs Pretty enjoying critical praise for their debut album *United in Isolation* (released in May) and The Vasco Era preparing to release their highly anticipated self-titled album (out October 14), the time was right for both bands to jump in the tour van together. Audiences will see two of Australia's most dynamic live bands under one roof – for the price of one. **Coolangatta Hotel, Saturday.**

### Mamma is cookin'

Byron Bay's **Pacha Mamma** have cooked up their first official release; the three-track single *Woman* is dedicated to the women of the world and contains ingredients everyone will find tasty. Already *Woman* has been selected to represent Aus at SXSW festival in Austin, Texas and Canadian music week and is already receiving airplay in more than 25 countries.

*Pacha Mamma* is a Peruvian word meaning 'Earth Mother' and is also the band name for these soulful Byron Bay, Australia-based musicians. They harness a unique and eclectic mix of styles cooking together reggae, blues, roots-rock, and funk mixed with the flavours from the lap slide and Latin percussion, whilst unleashing the timbres of more than 10 different instruments from all over the world. Contains ingredients everyone will find tasty.

**Micka** – is the writer, founding member and the soul behind the music. A multi-instrumentalist and accomplished percussionist, vocalist, songwriter and guitarist with his distinctive soulful, raspy voice that stays singing in your soul, plucking the music from the spirits in the sky, and was quoted by one magazine as 'one man with talent that needs to be heard live to be fully appreciated'.

**Nic Lemits** – on bass is a fine musical craftsman, an accomplished guitarist, bass player and sound engineer who has previously worked with Indigo Frequency and Marshall and the Fro.

**Ollly** – on drums is a flamboyant, hard hitting rhythm stylist, who is also an accomplished musical teacher. Previously of Dallas Frasca band. See them at **Babalou Kingscliff on Sunday.**

### From London to here

**Tony Hadley** is a solo artist known for his work in the original London band *Spandau Ballet*. Tony is coming to entertain you with his stunning, rich voice in which led him to early success.

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The rising costs of living are also having an impact with many people looking at more ways to capitalise on the use and the value of their home.

Archicentre South Australian State Manager Edward Lukac said, 'In the current economic climate the thought of spending on average \$50,000+ to move, with costs in estate agent fees, advertising and government taxes and charges, has seen thousands of



home owners embark on a renovation strategy to improve their existing homes and increase their equity.

'For many people, especially retirees, renovating has become

an important way to improve their lifestyle and also boost their retirement assets by increasing the value of the family home.

'One of the most popular and cost-effective ways of increasing

the liveable areas of the home is to extend out into the back garden by opening up the back wall of the home and creating an indoor – outdoor link.

'It's all about making the outside as comfortable as the inside. This is done with a combination of landscaping, paving, decking and folding doors, retractable roofing or light wells within an energy-efficient design. A complementary style of flooring creates the illusion of seamlessness. 'The trend is resulting in the Australian backyard receiving a major makeover and a return to importance as people move to spend more time in the open and in their gardens.'

Mr Lukac said this is also placing more emphasis on housing design fitting into the environ-

ment with the blending of landscaping and building becoming an important part of the original design brief. 'However, renovating is not without its traps and through the Archicentre design service we see some projects that fail when the renovation turns out to be poorly designed or badly executed.

'Smart renovators who spend time and money at the front end of their renovation creating a well-designed project that's

costed and supervised through construction are the renovators who make money when the property is sold.'

Coming with outdoor living Archicentre architects report a trend to move away from lawn to low-maintenance gardens using the paved courtyards, drought-resistant plantings that can survive weather extremes and potted plants which can provide colour and be moved around.

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### Mobile app course

Tweed locals wanting to learn how to make mobile applications for the Android platform without any programming experience at all are being offered a basic course at Kingscliff TAFE in conjunction with Screenworks, starting this Saturday. The course starts October 29 and runs for three consecutive Saturdays and is open to the general public at \$310 or \$240 for TAFE students and Screenworks members and runs from 10am-3pm Saturday Oct 29, Nov 5 and Nov 12 at Kingscliff TAFE. For info visit [www.screenworks.com.au](http://www.screenworks.com.au) or call 02 6687 1599.

### Family history

Tweed Gold Coast Family History and Heritage Association will hold its monthly get-together Tuesday, November 8 at South Tweed Sports Club, Minjungbal Drive, 5th Tweed Heads from 1.30pm (DST). Please note

the monthly meeting is being held the 2nd Tuesday this month due to Melbourne Cup on the first. Visitors welcome, for info call Noelene 07 5599 8939.

### Unclaimed medals

Thousands of ex-national servicemen from the Gold Coast and Tweed Shires may not realise they are eligible to claim medals acknowledging their service. This year is the 60th anniversary of the first intake of post World War II National Service. During 1951-1972, around 287,000 young Australian men were called up for compulsory training in the army, navy and air force. Of these, 212 died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam. Those called up are eligible for the Anniversary of National Service Medal and the Australian Defense Medal. More than 150,000 medals are unclaimed and many thousands of these may belong to local veterans. For info call John on 07 5534 2484 or 0403 971087.

### Landcare open day

Friends of Wollumbin Landcare are holding an open day on Saturday, November 5, at 9am. Geoff Dawe will lead a guided walk and discuss non-chemical bush regeneration methods on the banks of the Tweed River, Kyogle Road, Byangum, half way between Murwillumbah and Uki. All welcome.

### Garden club

Tweed Coast Garden Association will have its last meeting for this year at the Cabarita Community Hall on November 8 from 1.30pm. All welcome. To book for our Xmas picnic on December 6, call Julie on 02 6676 4641, all other enquiries to 02 6676 4402.

### Field day

Saturday, October 29, 10am to 2pm at Terragon, Kyogle Rd (7 km west of Uki, just past Byrill Ck turnoff). Seven properties at Terragon, west of Uki, have been involved in a large 2 year project funded by the federal

government's Caring for our Country program. The project is now completed and all welcome to see the results and speak to the regenerators and landholders. Meet at 10am on Kyogle Road just past the Byrill Creek turnoff (look for the Landcare sign). We will tour four of the properties on either side of the river. Morning tea and lunch provided, but bring water, sunsafe clothing and sturdy boots. RSVP to Chris on 07 5590 7514 or Cas on 0411 471 147.

### Car boot sale

Pottsville Public School, Sunday, October 30, cars \$20 and cars with trailer \$25, 6.30am set up until noon. For info call Michelle on 6676 1194.

### Free library events

Tweed Heads Library is providing the following free community events. Understanding Shares: 9am, Saturday November 5; Mind your mind 10am, Tuesday, November 8. Studies have shown those who adopt 'brain healthy' lifestyles have a reduced risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and dementia, learn how to develop brain healthy lifestyle techniques with Jan Fitzgerald. Bookings essential on 07 5569 3150.

### Book club

Tweed Heads Friends of the Library meet every fourth Wednesday of the month in the library at 10.30am. If you enjoy reading and sharing ideas with others please come along and join in. Books are provided and lent out by the library. For info call Beverly 07 5590 7435 or Rosalind 07 5524 3342.

### Horse skills volunteers

Volunteers with horse skills or willing to learn to lead and exercise horses are needed at Riding for the Disabled, Tweed Valley Centre, Murwillumbah. Riding sessions are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings during school terms. Lots of jobs for willing workers. Make lots of friends and have fun in a caring atmosphere. For info call Sylvia 0419 437 217.

### Kindy birthday

Twin Towns Kindy in Coolangatta is celebrating its 50th birthday this year with a free family fun day on October 29 at Pioneer Country. All welcome, live music from 2pm-6pm along with lots of other free kids activities. For info call 07 5536 1940 or email the kindy at [ttk@internode.on.net](mailto:ttk@internode.on.net)

### Pottsville meeting

Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Watch next meeting is Thursday November 3 at the Sandbar meeting room, Neighbourhood Centre, 12a Elizabeth Street, Pottsville Beach from 3pm-4pm (DST). All residents welcome.

### Free concert

A free concert will be held on Monday, October 31 at 2pm (DST, 1pm Qld time) at the Coolangatta Senior Citizens Centre, visitors are welcome, featuring vocalist Bill Alexander singing Mario Lanza and Pavarotti to George Formby. BYO lunch/nibbles, tea/coffee available for \$1.50 per bottomless cup. For info and bookings call 07 5536 4050 or call into the centre at 2 Gerrard Street, Coolangatta.

### Friendship group

St Mary and Ambrose Friendship Group is an association of Tweed Coast women who get together and share a meal. We all bring a plate of food to share after our meeting and we meet at The Point, 87-89 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point on the 1st Monday of each month at 11.30am. All women welcome to join us and our next meeting is on Monday, October 31. Please bring payment for our Christmas Luncheon. We will also be conducting Sweeps for the Melbourne Cup. For info call Joan on 02 66764270.

### VIEW

**Murwillumbah Evening View Club** will meet Condong Bowls Club, November 7, 6.30pm-7pm start, guest speaker Racheal Ambler with her

baby dolls. Election of officers will also be held, apologies to Gloria on 6672 3794.

**Twin Towns Day View Club** will be holding a Melbourne Cup fashion parade on Thursday, November 3, cost \$22, at South Tweed Sports Club at 10.30 DST for 11am. Book by Nov 1 with Freda on 07 5524 1357.

**Twin Towns Evening View Club** meets 2nd Wednesday of each month 6.30pm (DST) at Tweed Heads Bowls Club. Next meeting, November 9, will have a trading table, bring and buy. Visitors welcome. Call Barbara 07 5523 1057 by 1pm Monday prior.

### Al-Anon

Family groups annual Gold Coast weekend to be held at Coolangatta State Primary School this Saturday and Sunday October 29-30. Start 10am DST, 9am Qld with a cuppa, all welcome to attend. If your family is being affected by somebody else's

drinking Al-Anon can help. For info call 07 5534 4320.

### U3A

U3A Twin Towns Melbourne Cup function at Cazy's Restaurant in the Beachcomber Resort, Coolangatta, for info call 07 5534 7333. Also call to register your attendance at table tennis on Thursday afternoons and more at our Tugun venue, visit: [sites.google.com/site/u3atwintowns](http://sites.google.com/site/u3atwintowns).

### Parkinsons

Tweed Parkinsons Support Group will be holding a Parkinsons Seminar on Nov 12. Guest speakers are Professor Peter Silburn, Dr Geoffrey Boyce and Ms Elaine Spence from Allied Health Oz Care. Registration time 9am for start at 9.30am, at Banora Point Community Centre, Cnr Leisure and Woodlands Drive, Banora Point. Entrance is by way of donation. For info call Helen 02 6676 2549.

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Friends and family of a Burringbar couple set to be married at the historic St Michael's and All Angels Anglican church last Saturday (see page 3) patiently waited for almost an hour for them to turn up for the big day. Finally, two gleaming old Holdens of the 1950s-60s era pulled up outside the old church with the beaming bridal party, and the groom was gently asked by a relative why they were running late. 'We ran out of petrol' was his answer, as they quickly made their formal entry into the church to exchange vows. Backburner reckons someone did a great job of polishing the two old cars for the occasion, but suspects the fuel gauge of one could have been faulty. At least they got them to the church, if not on time.

A curious conga line was seen heading for the exit just as the debate on the future of Tweed's water supply kicked off last Tuesday night. It was headed by Joan van Lieshout who stalked out after claiming she had been 'bullied' into not taking part by people daring to suggest she had a conflict of interest. She was closely shadowed by fellow supporters of the contentious Byrill Creek option, National Party heavyweight Warren Polglase and Cr Kevin Skinner. What transpired between the three in the small ante-room just off the council chambers is subject to much speculation but some say it could help explain why things took such a bizarre turn when Cr van Lieshout returned to vote down the other option: to increase our water storage. Strangely, the council minutes recorder managed to note Joan's departure but apparently failed to notice the mysterious disappearance of the other two councillors, which was not recorded. Council's explanation for the omission? 'It wasn't deemed necessary to note the exit and re-entry of



A Koala Beach resident took this photo recently of what they say is an ongoing hare-control problem. To us, it looks like some hares trying to imitate racing greyhounds on the track. Anyway, Tweed Shire Council says it has had a number of reports of hares roaming Koala Beach and other areas of the shire. 'Koala Beach also has a rabbit population, originally sourced from domestic pets that have been allowed (illegally) to roam,' the spokeswoman said, adding that the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee is 'currently preparing a brief for works to be undertaken on the estate to remove the wild rabbit population. These works should also achieve control of the hares.'

Cr Polglase and Skinner in the minutes, because they were only absent from the chambers for a very short period of time and discussion about the Byrill Creek dam was suspended by the mayor during their absence.

No-one wants a new police command centre inflicted on the Kingscliff breachfront, except for a few members of the constabulary who like to work in the salt air, but it does allow politicians to throw a bit of mud about. Mayor Longland's decision not to allow debate on sending another plea to the police minister to put the cop shop somewhere else has Cr Warren Polglase spitting chips. His claim that the fledging mayor showed 'a lack of leadership and no guts' prompted the mayor to suggest a cold shower was needed by some of his council colleagues. Cr Longland said council sent the same message to Macquarie Street months ago and

cut back on consumption, Cr Milne questioned whether it was a sensible use of ratepayer funds. 'I see merit in using a carrot rather than a stick but \$100,000 is a lot of money,' Cr Milne told the meeting. Cr Longland then said, 'sometimes you dazzle me Cr Milne. This is a procedure to save water, which is your baby.' Cr Milne replied that she believed 'there is nothing wrong with having a debate on the subject.' Councillors eventually voted unanimously to offer a \$5,000 rebate to the 20 top water users so they can design, construct and install water-saving changes to their business; after some advice from council staff.

They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Our 'They're All Winners!' cup promotion this week might look a bit familiar; that's partly because we've been running it for the last three years and partly because one of the other weeklies in Tweed Shire last week copied it word for word.

Almost one million dollars of ratepayer money has been wasted pursuing the failed Byrill Creek dam and other options to boost the shire's future water supply. This week we learnt the former state government squandered \$25 million on the failed Tillegra dam project in the Upper Hunter Valley and some are calling for heads to roll. Greens MLC John Kaye says the Hunter Water Corporation should be stripped of its planning powers to ensure millions of dollars are not wasted on another failed project like the Tillegra dam. A state budget estimates hearing has been told investigations into the viability of that dam, scrapped late last year, cost more than \$25 million which Dr Kaye says could have been used elsewhere in the Hunter region. He says the water authority should be held to account for the wasted money.

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