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Playground sets new standards

Luis Feliu

Tumbulgum families now have an added attraction to mix and play in after this week's official opening of an innovative new nature-based playground in the riverside village.

Tweed mayor Barry Longland told families attending Tuesday's opening the playground was a 'wonderful example of how a community can come together to work with a number of levels of government to help themselves'.

The playground, on a previously unused parcel of land on Government Road behind the community hall, has been designed, according to Tweed Shire Council, to activate a small, restricted space for a wide range of age groups.

Cr Longland said 'it may not be a large space, but there is ample opportunity here for nature-based play as

Saige Stringer enjoys the new swing at Tumbulgum, watched by her mum Tammy Richardson (right). Photo Jeff 'I Swing' Dawson

well as fun with the fixed playground equipment.

'Nature-based play is more about engaging with nature, digging around, moving rocks and logs, wandering through garden beds, where children have to make up their own games and are encouraged to be independent, all within a safe environment,' he said.

The Tumbulgum Playgroup took the running to council to build the new facility two years ago, and council in turn encouraged them to seek out government funding to help with park costs.

\$15,000 govt grant

The Tumbulgum Community Association and Tweed MP Geoff Provest also pitched in and the group was successful in its application for \$15,000 from the Community Building Partnership program.

Cr Longland said the village community then also raised over \$3,000 towards the project through trivia nights and lamington drives, and a local donation of \$10,000.

'This funding and the local groups'

dedication and motivation was the starting point for a playground design,' he said, adding the playgroup members had a major input into the design.

The playground's undulating forms allow for a small scooter track which runs the perimeter of the playground and will test children's stability and confidence as they manoeuvre up and down the pathway, avoiding the pitfalls of garden beds and large rocks.

A council spokesperson said the plantings in the playground area also reflected a move towards sustainability in playground design, with the use of fruit trees to show children where fruit comes from.

'As they watch over time, the fruit trees flower, then turn to small seeds, before producing orange edible fruit,' the spokesperson said.

Rosemary and other fragrant plants have also been used to work on the five senses, to be more tactile with nature and understand the sense of smell.

The new playground is proposed to be called 'Junction Park', after the original name of Tumbulgum village.

Push for Cudgen cop shop site under fire

Staff reporters

A slice of prime agricultural land at Cudgen is back on the agenda as a location for a new police station less than 12 months after it was vetoed by the former Labor government because of its unique farmland status.

A combined chamber of commerce deputation, including recently deposed mayor Kevin Skinner, visited Parliament on Friday to ask the police minister to consider sites other than Kingscliff for the proposed new Tweed-Byron command centre.

But Liberal Party councillor Joan van Lieshout says it appears to be another backdoor bid by local National Party figures to rezone the state significant farmland which has links to former long-serving Nationals MP Don Beck.

Cr Skinner confirmed that the Cudgen site was among the handful canvassed during the unheralded visit to the minister's office, but says he did nothing more than 'endorse' a council resolution passed last month.

The resolution, spearheaded by vet-

eran National Party councillor Warren Polglase, called on the minister to ditch the proposed Kingscliff site and to re-examine the five sites already identified by his department.

Council staff were ordered to prepare reports on four sites: the controversial Cudgen site, a nearby site at the corner of Cudgen Road and Tweed Coast Road, RTA land at Chinderah and RTA land near the Clothiers Creek interchange.

Councillors will hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday to discuss which of the four options to pursue.

The region's top cops declared four of the sites unsuitable but plumped for the Cudgen land which was acquired by the Kingscliff Land Company (KLC) in 2004 from Mr Beck's wife and her sisters for \$4.5 million.

The company, whose directors now include Mr Beck, also offered a further \$5 million if it could be rezoned for urban purposes.

The police made Kingscliff a surprise choice after Tweed planners and the former government rejected the

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New land use precedent 'already set'

Tweed Heads business chamber president Rory Curtis has rejected claims that building the police centre at Cudgen would set a precedent for further development along the prime agricultural land plateau.

Environmentalists fear any rezoning of the Cudgen land will lead to a cluster of further rezonings around it and the beginning of the end of the plateau's food-bowl future.

But Mr Curtis said it would not be setting a precedent because Kingscliff High School and the TAFE had already been built on similarly-zoned land on the Cudgen plateau.

He said the Cudgen site was 'a

mere three per cent of the actual lot size' and that 'real farmers' in that area 'left ages ago'.

'The media must take the Becks' interest out of the equation; they own 21 per cent of the land and if you want to think about it logically, based on an over-inflated price of \$5 million for the entire 38-hectare site, three per cent of the 1.15 hectare site equals \$31,500. It's not about the money, that's for sure!' he told *The Echo*.

He said the study had selected the 1.15ha site 'as it's on soil that has being identified as non-contiguous and not technically part of protected farming land even though it had a 1b1 zoning'.

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Rally calls for koala protection

Luis Feliu

The massive Kings Forest 'mini city' development for around 15,000 people will sound the death knell for the Tweed coast's remaining koalas unless proper protections are put in place.

That was the main thrust of speakers and participants at a protest rally by around 60 people at the entrance to the site last Saturday, organised by various community groups.

Plans for the 4,500-home project by Queensland property developer Leda are currently on display with submissions closing on January 23.

Tweed Greens Cr Katie Milne told the crowd the development would have huge impacts on the community and the environment, and said the whole project should be subject to a major government inquiry because of an 'erosion of public confidence in the whole planning process'.

Cr Milne said the dwindling koala colony which lived on or roamed through the site was 'on the brink of extinction' and was one of only three remaining colonies surviving on the Tweed coast, totalling around 144 koalas.

Largest koala colony

She said the Kings Forest koala colony was the largest of the three and therefore 'very significant'. Around 15 koalas lived there and 75 were known to pass through, she said. The other colonies were at nearby Round Mountain and at Pottsville.

'There doesn't seem to be enough habitat protected for their recovery,' she said.

Fencing to protect koalas from the thousands of pet dogs and cats expected to live there was inadequate, she said, because if the fences failed, 'lots of dogs' would get into the adjoining Cudgen Nature Reserve.

Ratepayers also would have to foot the bill for maintenance of the fencing, and she called for a bond to be levied



Protesters at the entrance to the proposed Kings Forest development were supported by many passing local motorists who honked their horns in support. Photo Albert Elzinga

on the developer for the upkeep of the many kilometres of fencing required.

Traffic would have a big impact with road kills, and any compensatory plantings of koala food trees 'should start now to give them time to grow, otherwise it will be too late'.

Cr Milne said buffer zones to protect wildlife were also inadequate as fire and walking trails, drains and a golf course were included as part of the buffer.

'There's been planning for bushfire protection but not environmental protection'.

Cr Milne, one of several speakers, said the development failed to 'protect the rich biodiversity of the area' and impacts on threatened species could also threaten the Tweed's world-heritage values.

There were many other issues the development raised, including a lack of recycled water infrastructure such as dual reticulation, which would impact on the shire's water supply.

'And nearly one million cubic metres of fill will be used across the site so it will no doubt impact on the native fish habitat, especially in the nearby Cudgen Lake, as well as the drainage areas required for all that housing,' she said.

But she said there was still time to improve the development as it was 'not a done deal' and the housing yield for the 4,500 homes was 'not set in concrete'. She urged concerned

locals to write submissions to the planning department.

Protester Joyce Morley, of South Tweed Heads, said the massive project was an opportunity for sustainable development 'but the plans show in no way that it will be'.

Only short-term jobs

'As for providing jobs, in the short term there may be some, but with 15,000 people expected to live here there'll be no jobs for them,' she said.

Brenda Blunden, of Tweed Heads, said the development was an overkill and the developers 'won't be satisfied till they've concreted the whole of the Tweed coast'.

Pauline Kaye, of Tweed Heads, said 'the koalas seem to count for nothing'.

Jan Howlett, of Tweed Heads, expressed doubts whether the koalas will survive.

'If there was more protection for them it would have given us more confidence in the development,' she said.

Submissions can be sent to http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_jobs&job_id=2642.

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Protesters 'intimidated' by employees

Organisers of last Saturday's rally against the Kings Forest development claim they felt intimidated by a group of employees and contractors of the developer who descended on the peaceful protest.

The small group, described as a 'rent-a-crowd' by protesters, wore vests bearing the name of the developer Leda, but rejected a claim they were put up by the developer to disrupt the community protest. Most came in Queensland-registered cars, some saying they drove from Ipswich.

Leda regional manager Reg Van Rij, who chatted with them throughout the rally, told *The Echo* they came on their own accord and that 'it's a democracy'.

They used generic pro-Kings Forest placards from a ute bearing a loadful of them.

Most refused to give media their names. Some were drinking alcohol. One of them was overheard saying 'I wish I'd brought my shotgun', while others taunted protesters, saying there were no koalas left on the site as wild dogs had got them all.

Rally participant Andrea Vickers said others linked to the group 'hooned in and out' of the protest area doing 'wheelies' as they left.

'It felt uncomfortable and intimidating, many speakers also were afraid to talk for fear they were being recorded and could be threatened with legal action,' she said.

Former mayor wants limits on growth

Former longtime Tweed mayor Max Boyd has called for a halt to further major development and a population cap to stop the Tweed becoming 'another suburb of the Gold Coast'.

Mr Boyd told media that once developments set to house tens of thousands of people proposed for Kings

Forest, Cobaki and Area E at Terranora were completed, 'that should be the end of major projects'.

'I shudder at the thought of the Tweed becoming a suburb of the Gold Coast,' said the former mayor, who was first elected to council in 1964 when the Tweed shire's population was 20,000 residents

or around a quarter of today's population.

He said it was vital to have a public debate on the future of the region because when the three major projects were completed, the shire would likely have a population of about 150,000.

'If I had my way, I'd say enough is enough,' he said.



This group of Japanese students from the Tokahu Foreign Language College based in the northern Japanese city of Sendai visited Fingal Head this week to learn about the area's Indigenous heritage and enjoy the natural beauty the head-land has to offer.

The 36 students and their chaperones come from an area

in Japan devastated by the tsunami earlier this year.

The students, who are here on an eight-day study tour as- sisted by Kingscliff TAFE, accompanied local guide Franc Krasna on an excursion in the Fingal Head area to visit the remnants of ancient caves and sacred Indigenous sites.

Photo Albert Elzinga

Flightpath changes rile Fingal Head

Steve Spencer

Fingal Head residents have denied a claim they have arti- ficially generated noise com- plaints to pressure Coolangat- ta airport management into moving flightpaths away from their village over other nearby suburbs.

The Fingal Head Commu- nity Association, which has called for an immediate sus- pension of flights over the vil- lage, says residents have been inundated with aircraft noise as a result of a steep increases in flyovers since the extension of the airport's runway in 2007.

Flights redirected

And it warns other Tweed communities that noise pol- lution will continue to rise as flights are redirected in a bid to reduce aircraft noise over southern Gold Coast suburbs.

Association president Dawn Walker says more than three quarters of flights are now heading south over the Tweed.

In the seven months to the end of July this year, Airser- vices Australia received 30,213 environment and noise com- plaints from Fingal Head resi- dents.

But Airport Noise Abate- ment Consultation Commit- tee (ANACC) member Laurie Ganter said the number of flights over Fingal Head had recently dropped slightly and

'We don't want this to happen to any community. We want an investigation into how this has happened.'

suggested there was a cam- paign by the community group to eliminate all aircraft flying over Fingal.

Mr Ganter, who is also presi- dent of the Tweed Heads Resi- dents Association, said the ma- jority of complaints were sent by 'the same people'.

'They want someone else to cop the noise,' he said. 'There has been no increase in flights over Fingal. The complaints are artificially generated,' he said.

'How else could complaints increase from about 400 a month to something like 2,000. There hasn't been a mas- sive increase in air traffic over Fingal during that time.'

Mr Ganter said he feared many legitimate complaints from other areas of the shire were being 'overshadowed' by the mass of Fingal complaints.

But Ms Walker disputed Mr Ganter's claim of no extra flights, saying there had been a 33 per cent increase in 2008, a further 70 per cent increase in 2009 and 25 per cent more flights last year.

She said the federal govern- ment and Gold Coast Airport had to 'take responsibility for dumping jet aircraft over Fin- gal'.

'We don't want this to hap- pen to any community. We want an investigation into how this has happened,' said Ms Walker.

'They cannot hide behind the airport's hand-picked vol- unteer representatives [on the ANACC].'

No satisfactory outcome

'There has been no satisfac- tory outcome and residents continue to complain. Less than 24 hours after the clos- ing of submissions for the airport's preliminary draft master plan, Airservices for- warder an environmental assessment report that the Fingal Head community had requested prior to the close of the planning process.

'The denial of this informa- tion until the day after the clos- ing date is a clear bastardi- sation of the overall process.'

Ms Walker said the report confirmed that 'the introduc- tion of 070 as the assigned heading for jet departures from Runway 14 to the north occurred in 2001 as a direct re- sult of a resolution passed at an ANACC meeting'.

Former minister Kelly corrupt says ICAC

Former lands minister Tony Kelly has been found corrupt by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

A report tabled in Parliament earlier this week also found the former chief of the Land and Property Management Author- ity Warwick Watkins had en- gaged in corrupt activity by ask-

ing Mr Kelly to sign a backdated letter giving him permission to buy a property on the central NSW coast without the gov- ernment's consent. ICAC has recommended the Director of Public Prosecutions charge Mr Watkins and Mr Kelly.

The finding comes a week after another former Labor

minister, Ian Macdonald, was accused of corruptly taking the services of an escort in exchange for setting up meetings between accused murder Ron Medich and electricity companies.

Mr Kelly approved concept plans for Leda's 'mini cities' of Cobaki and Kings Forest during his term in office.

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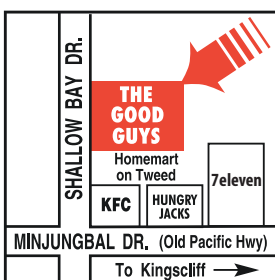
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Council backflips on brothel hours

Staff reporters

Tweed's new brothel code has fallen at its first hurdle after the council voted to reverse its earlier refusal to allow a long-standing Chinderah establishment to expand its operations. The council last April rejected an application by the owners of the Venus Room on the Chinderah industrial estate to lift a daytime curfew to allow it to stay open 24 hours and to approve a make-over of eight workrooms. Councillors cited the restricted trading hours contained in a draft brothel DCP which they had adopted just hours before in a bid to stifle the shire's sex industry. But the anti-brothel crusade collapsed without a whimper when planning staff disclosed at last month's meeting that

the owners were now planning to appeal, prompting councillors Barry Longland and Katie Milne to abandon brothel hardliners Joan van Lieshout and Warren Polglase. They joined Crs Youngblutt, Skinner and Holdom to allow it. But they did back a successful move to negotiate consent conditions after staff told them the extended trading hours would not annoy other businesses on the estate because other businesses were closed at night. The backflip comes only months after the council was left more than \$10,000 out of pocket when it failed to stop a so-called super brothel on South Tweed's industrial estate, although it curtailed its opening hours. The bid to upgrade the Venus Room to an around-the-clock pleasure palace follows competition from a revamped bordello which was opened 200 metres down the road by the millionaire father of Gold Coast gangster brothers, Jade and Dionne Lacey, amid a blaze of publicity two months ago (see panel). Ken Lacey told Brisbane media that he bought the business and turned it into a 'five-star' operation in the hope that his sons will run it when they eventually get out of jail.

Convicted killers to run new bordello

Former milk baron and Gold Coast businessman Ken Lacey is the latest player on the Tweed bordello scene. The multi-millionaire told media that 'Club Lace', at Chinderah, will be run by his sons Jade and Dionne Lacey when they get out of jail. It is the same establishment where brothel owner Victor Elliott was gunned down 11 years ago. The Lacey brothers are serving lengthy jail sentences for manslaughter, torture

and kidnapping. Their father says they helped design the brothel's business plan from behind bars. Mr Lacey, who sports a tattoo of a handgun on his neck, said he needed to earn money because of the \$6 million he spent on his sons' legal bills. He also has an approval for a brothel at Byron Bay. Mr Lacey will face a Gold Coast court later this month charged with drug-driving. He has not entered a plea.



Local historian honoured

Longtime Tweed historian Ron Johansen (pictured, left, outside Murwillumbah Museum) has been recognised and honoured for his contribution to local heritage conservation, management and promotion. Tweed MP Geoff Provest last week joined state heritage minister Robyn Parker in congratulating Mr Johansen, OAM, one of 24 individuals and groups honoured as 'heri-

tage heroes' at the tenth annual NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards. Mr Johansen is well known throughout the Tweed, especially among the older generations, for his booklet series on the European settlement and pioneers of the Tweed, called *Tales Of Our Times*. He has also been a hardworking volunteer for the Tweed historical societies and museums.



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Obvious sites ignored

The Echo supports the combined Tweed chambers of commerce in calling on the government to scrap plans to build a new police HQ at Kingscliff. The location is unacceptable because it's in the midst of the town's tourist strip and a long way from the highway.

But an alternative site being pursued by the chambers is even less acceptable.

Their proposal to rezone prime agricultural land at Cudgen has a host of drawbacks. It is still a long way from a highway, with the closest interchange at Chinderah subject to flooding.

But the biggest problem lies with the loss of one of the shire's last remaining areas of state-significant farmland. Property speculators have been buying up land east of Bogangar Road during the past decade in the hope of a rezoning bonanza. They include the Kingscliff Land Company which at one stage was offering a \$5 million sweetener if the land was rezoned for urban expansion.

The company was cheered on by adjoining landowners during at least four previous attempts to rezone the 39ha site, although none came to fruition under the former Labor government.

This latest attempt following the election of the Liberal-National coalition raises more questions. Why did the initial search for an alternative location only look at five sites, including four that were unsuitable, but ignore other more obvious sites? And why is the new search still confined to the same five sites?

This week's revelations that at least one senior cop was unaware of the unique status of the KLC land when he supported a rezoning is also a matter for concern.

A local government department investigation after the council was sacked in disgrace in 2005 found that the council had already zoned too much land for residential development and suggested that some of the more valuable land be back-zoned.

This of course didn't happen.

But it would be a farce to rezone what is considered among the state's best farming land for urban purposes, opening the floodgates for the rest of the land east of the road.

The council, and the combined chambers, should be calling on the government to get real and look at other sites which are far better suited for a new cop shop and other emergency services.

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Aunty triumphs in network stuffup

The result, when it was finally announced, was the right one: the ABC has been granted the right to run the Australia Network in perpetuity.

Any decision to hand the channel by which our country communicates with other countries to commercial interests would have been absurd, and to give it to Sky News – partly owned by BSkyB, which is in turn controlled by Rupert Murdoch – would have been frankly unthinkable.

No other country on earth, or at least none of those which have a national, publicly owned broadcaster, even puts its overseas service out to tender; can you imagine the Poms bypassing the Beeb to hand their window to the world over to the Dirty Digger, for him to harness it to his own business interests, not to mention his own partisan political prejudices.

Even in the United States, with no equivalent public service, the licence is given to the middle-of-the-road commercial CNN rather than to Rupert's rabid Fox News. It really is a no-brainer.

But while the outcome was both correct and inevitable, the process by which the government delivered it was a total stuffup.

And it arose from the fact that the government, as is so often the case, took the soft option and decided to follow the practice of its lamentable predecessor, rather than cutting loose and doing its own thing.

Until the Howard years, there had been no thought of putting the network out to tender at all; it was simply assumed that the job would go to the ABC. After all, this had always been the case with the other overseas broadcast network, Radio Australia; why should television be any different?

Well, because Howard and his ministers did not like the ABC: they regarded it as politically sus-

pect, and definitely on the wrong side in the culture war which the government was running against political correctness, elitism, the black armband view of history, the nanny state – oh, all right, against anything to the left of Genghis Khan.

They therefore saw the chance to give Aunty a good corrective kick in the cods by allowing its only possible rival, Sky News, to put in a bid, in the enthusiastic hope that it would be a success-

pendent assessment panel, and a strategic leak informed the public that Sky had won. So the government, in the guise of Gillard and Conroy, who had emerged as rearguard defenders of the ABC (or at least zealous opponents of Sky) amended the process on the somewhat specious grounds that events in the Middle East meant the ground rules had changed. It didn't work; Sky, as the leaks again assured us, won again.

The shemozzle has undoubtedly reinforced the impression that the government couldn't raffle a duck in a pub without losing the bird in the process.

by Mungo MacCallum



ful one. In the event it wasn't; indeed, it was so clearly inferior that even with the worst will in the world it could not be awarded the prize and the ABC ran the service for the next five years.

But Sky learned from the experience, and was eager for a second chance, in which it was prepared to pull out all possible stops to beat its more impoverished public rival. And to the surprise of many of his colleagues, Kevin Rudd, the newly created foreign minister in Julia Gillard's government, offered it the opportunity.

The matter was in his purview rather than that of communications minister Stephen Conroy because Rudd's DFAT was the one that picked up the bills; this was itself a matter of some rancour.

And it was intensified when Rudd announced sonorously: 'The government has decided that the next Australia Network contract will be put to a competitive open tender process to ensure the best possible service in return for its investment.'

The bids went to an inde-

But in the meantime Conroy had also won; Cabinet had given Rudd the flick and placed Conroy, whose antipathy to all things Murdoch rather more closely reflected the majority view than Rudd's ambivalence, in sole charge of the tender.

He promptly aborted it altogether, claiming that the leaks had irrevocably compromised the process, although it was not entirely clear how or why.

He asked for a police investigation and, for good measure, an Auditor General's inquiry into the whole tendering procedure. But then, before getting the reports of either, Conroy said what the heck, he was giving the bloody thing to the ABC anyway, and not just for the next five years, but forever.

Oh, and sometime next year Cabinet would start worrying about just what it was it actually wanted the ABC to do, and just how, if at all, it would enforce its requests. In the meantime, the cheque was in the mail.

Unsurprisingly, Murdoch's local mouthpieces have been apeshit ever since, but then, they

were pretty much apeshit already so from that narrow perspective not much political harm has been done. But the shemozzle has undoubtedly reinforced the impression that the government couldn't raffle a duck in a pub without mislabelling the tickets, fixing the draw and losing the bird in the process.

This leads to the obvious question: why on earth go to tender in the first place? And the answer appears to be a blind faith in a misguided ideology, specifically the virtues of competition above all else. The theory is that competition delivers lower prices and hence better value for the consumer.

Well, it may lower prices, at least temporarily, but there is no evidence at all that it provides better value if you take into account things like quality, public interest, or customer satisfaction.

There are times when inviting competition for institutions which are already working quite satisfactorily is not only unnecessary but positively counterproductive.

Believe me, I speak from bitter and recent personal experience: the state government insists that we open our local markets, much loved and respected community enterprises, to outside bidders, a demand which has split the council, infuriated the population and achieved – well, what? A tick from some wild-eyed free-marketeer in an office in Macquarie Street.

Okay, the Byron markets are not quite on the scale of the Australia Network, but surely the same sound conservative principle applies to both: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

And don't, whatever you do, let the politicians and the bureaucrats near it.

It will only end in tears. Yours.

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Push for Cudgen cop shop site under fire (from page 1)

rezoning attempt at Cudgen.

Cr van Lieshout said it was well known the Kingscliff chamber, whose members include Cr Skinner and Tweed National Party branch president Idwall Richards, was a de facto branch of the Nats.

Cr van Lieshout said National Party affiliates should 'give up on' the Cudgen site, which was 'not suitable'.

'I have had enough of that politics running this shire. The group that has been pushing Cudgen often comes to me because they need my support. I will not allow this group to run this shire anymore.'

'Warren Polglase and [Tweed MP] Geoff Provest are the people who are driving this. I'm all for development but not willy-nilly rezonings. I'm happy for the Cudgen land to be rezoned but not for a supermarket or police station.'

Cr Skinner said he made it clear to council colleagues he travelled to Sydney as a member of the chamber of commerce.

'I went as a long-term resident and owner of a business at Chinderah,' he said.

The Joint Regional Planning Planning Panel (JRPP) has given approval for the \$15 million centre to be built on the existing police station site in Marine Parade despite concerns by planning staff and residents that it was incompatible with its tourist-strip location and too far from the highway.

The decision to revisit only the original sites has sparked renewed calls to broaden the search to include locations apparently overlooked, with former mayor Max Boyd saying land around the Pacific Highway interchange at Clothiers Creek is an obvious pick.

'There's plenty of room, it's

flood free and it's centrally located,' said Mr Boyd, who believes it would be a folly for police to revisit the Cudgen site and possibly try a last-ditch rezoning bid in a test of the new government's stand on protected farmland.

'Other [sites] are more suitable'

'There doesn't seem to be any good reasons to restrict the site to the handful that were identified by the police. There are others that are more suitable,' Mr Boyd said.

Retired Kingscliff police sergeant Ian Spiers told the JRPP plans to plonk the centre in the middle of Kingscliff were a 'terrible mistake' and urged police to examine an RTA-owned site at the Chinderah highway interchange.

Well-placed sources say a

senior cop admitted he was unaware of the Cudgen land's unique status before \$200,000 was spent on the failed rezoning, later derided by Mr Provest as 'like tearing up \$20 bills on top of the Opera House.'

But a Labor MP accused Mr Provest of lobbying for the KLC site after the new government was elected in March, comparing him to a character from the film *Muriel's Wedding*.

Mr Beck earned a public rebuke when JRRP chairman Garry West revealed that he had phoned him to spruik the advantages of KLC's land on the eve of the determination of the Kingscliff application.

Meanwhile, Kingscliff residents and businesspeople will hold a rally outside the local police station in Marine Parade on Saturday at 11am to protest against the building of the proposed command centre there.

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Award questions

‘The Bluett Award recognises effort (what effort?), teamwork (have not seen any sign of this), good governance (is that self interest?), hard work (only two councillors can claim this) and building a better community (only for developers).’

The rest of the councils in NSW must be *really* awful if Tweed Council is getting awards. Do the people who pick recipients do any research or just draw names out of a box?

Wendy Boyle
Banora Point

Tree disagreement

A review of the Taphouse consultant’s report has found that there was no evidence from the report that such extreme pruning of at least 60 per cent was required and confirmed that this would have killed the tree.

The Taphouse report only provides two options, one for totally isolating the area and the other that ‘the tree limbs could be reduced in length considerably to reduce

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Kings Forest conurbation continues to disturb

■ It was interesting to note that Leda’s manager Reg van Rij was present at our speakers’ tent at the Kings Forest koala rally on Saturday. He is reported in the media as saying he was there to answer questions, yet at the speakers’ tent he only shook his head minimally when posed questions such as, why can’t we have an onsite inspection, why are there no public meetings offered by Leda and what about water-saving incentives at Kings Forest. One could be forgiven for getting the impression that his only purpose in being there was to sniff out another potential defamation suit.

Leda’s employees were there with mostly identical signs, some printed, some written, saying ‘we want jobs, we want medical care, we want hospitals, we want a future’. Not one wanted any environmental protection for our wildlife. In fact one of his employees said the solution was to relocate all the threatened species and koalas so Kings Forest could go ahead.

It’s frightening to think that people in the community actually believe koalas can be moved around like chess pieces to suit their purpose. Little do they know that koalas cannot be relocated successfully because they stress out when they lose their familiar trees and start trying to walk back to their origi-

nal home. In the process they starve, get hit by cars, attacked by dogs and so on.

With koalas below sustainable levels on the Tweed Coast, it’s time for serious protection. State Planning should never have approved this development, in my opinion. Our only chance is to send in our submissions. See <http://tiny.cc/oa69s> for suggestions.

Menkit Prince
Uki

■ Yes, it’s coming: our forest is to make way for a city. Henceforth to be known as ‘Forest’ in name only. It is to be taken by the King – ‘Kings Forest’ will bring over 15,000 people to 4,500 dwellings.

It is to be placed in the heart of Tweed’s natural world. Cudgen Nature Reserve – presently home to hundreds of natural species, many rare, some endangered – will be enveloped by urban living, by what is essentially a new town.

We may not be aware of what this nature reserve – *our* nature reserve – presently gives us. Anyone who simply enjoys Tweed’s marvellous variety of birds, butterflies, ground critters, even fish, owes something to the existence of Cudgen Nature Reserve.

And our lack of awareness by virtue of its seclusion is what

enables Cudgen Nature Reserve to support so much of Tweed’s stunning plant and animal life.

This is all about to change. Leda will build and build densely and intensely for ‘maximum commercial viability’. Tweed Council has made the comment that ‘the habitat of every threatened species on the site will undergo some loss.’

Leda is relying on one single line of defence to protect Cudgen’s wildlife (in particular our second-last viable koala colony): that is, by a ‘koala-proof fence’.

But fences fail, have entry points and do not keep out invasive garden weeds which devastate sensitive natural ecosystems.

And Leda’s plans are glaringly absent of any funding for their ‘environment protection plans’.

Regarding koalas alone, two of the highest causes of their current devastation are roads and dogs. Leda will introduce both with a force. Roads that will carry 20,000 cars per day and no limit on dog ownership of any size and species (with a handful of exceptions).

Traffic density is one thing but Leda’s roads are planned to go right through koala habitat and they are yet to specify speed limits and traffic-calming measures to give wildlife a fighting chance

against becoming road-kill.

But dogs... Should we be inviting this well-known koala killer into their long-standing habitat? By the thousands? And relying on fences and cattle grids to separate them?

The estate can still be made dog free as is Koala Beach, thereby protecting the many creatures that are likely to become sport for dogs just following their natural instincts.

As citizens (not subjects) and guardians of our public lands we have the right to be heard. Kings Forest is still at ‘concept stage’ and submissions are welcomed. Go to http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=2642 or come to a concerned residents’ meeting on January 11, 7–9pm at Cabarita Beach Sports Club.

Let’s not end by saying ‘The king (’s forest) is dead – long live the king...’

Marion Riordan
Condong

■ It’s great news that the Leda group has come forward and saved the ‘Carols by the Beach at Salt’. All credit to them for that. However, in the same *Daily News* article is the claim attributed to Tweed Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) that Kings Forest will add ‘\$2.526 billion to the Tweed

economy and 15,000 jobs’.

On the face of it, the figures look impressive, but it’s a bit like buying a business and only looking at the profit side of the balance sheet whilst ignoring the losses. If a prospective buyer did that they would only be getting half the story. The Tweed community are the prospective buyers of Kings Forest and Cobaki Lakes. TEDCO’s figures look impressive at first glance, but there will also be losses, both environmental and social, that the community will bear, that need to be recognised.

It is therefore intriguing to read Leda’s Reg Van Rij’s comments in the same edition of *The News* stating that the cause of a decline in koala numbers in the Tweed was ‘not development’ but ‘wildfires and road-fatality hot spots’.

I think most would understand that increases in both wildfire and road-kill hotspots are directly linked to increased populations, which is what ‘development’ brings. Reg and Leda need to understand that their developments will have negative impacts on the Tweed and they need to cast off their old-style adversarial and denialist ways and work with the community to get the balance sheet right.

Nigel Greenup
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collapse and wind throw range, but they would need to be reduced by at least two thirds.

The maximum that should be pruned is five to ten per cent of the upper third canopy and none of the major limbs, according to alternative advice. Even limiting initial pruning to 30 per cent as conceded by the report is way too much, especially in light of the previous excessive pruning last year.

After agreeing not to remove the tree last year, Taphouse refused to limit pruning of major limbs at that time, even after repeated advice from council's arborist who was present.

Another major flaw of the Taphouse report is that there was no option even discussed for bracing and cabling that would, if required, ensure that if any limb failed, it would never touch the ground.

To install bracing such as a maypole structure, designed according to proper engineering standards for weight-bearing loads, would only cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and be a solution that would

address any fears that the Taphouse or the patrons may have.

But this option may not even be necessary if proper investigation and analysis were undertaken.

Apparently the tree is worth at least \$200,000-\$300,000 minimum.

So far the owners have refused to talk to me and have not rung these specialist veteran tree consultants despite repeated offers of free advice and free tree work.

Cr Katie Milne
Carool

Leading by example

I don't think the link between pressuring children and their ensuing need to consume in adulthood is widely understood.

Children today are expected to carry the load on their shoulders of the knowledge that koalas are becoming extinct because of human doings, but the humans who attempt 'awareness' campaigns appear to be unaware of the correlation between expectation of a complex rather than simple lifestyle and koala extinction.

Memories of Kingscliff Beach flood back

Early October 1948 when I lived at 6 Marine Parade, Kingscliff, the ocean waves during the king tide season broke much further up the beach than they do nowadays. They came in a lot closer to Marine Parade, and in fact they even came into Marine Parade. These were strong waves, not little run-up-the-beach-type waves.

I remember one day in particular when the surf was really big. Just a few metres to the northeast of the current cement block toilets at Faulks Park (opposite 14 Marine Parade) there once stood another toilet block that was part of the then camping ground. These toilets were of a timber construction. No running water, sewerage or septic system in these toilets, just the old black collection tin

that we called a dunny can.

My family and some other locals were standing on the footpath in front of 8 Marine Parade when a big wave broke on to it. I remember seeing the spray go up over its roof and next thing it went crashing into the ocean. The old wooden toilet block went to meet its watery grave. It broke up into small pieces. I then saw the timber and the dunny cans floating in the ocean. Nothing was left.

These heavy seas left two-to three-metre high banks. My friends and I spent many hours playing on the beach and at these sand banks. We would jump off them or slide down them and have a great old time. One very dangerous thing we would do was to dig tunnels into these banks. We would have com-

petitions to see who could dig the deepest tunnel. One day when Margaret and I were trying to see who could dig the longest tunnel a man grabbed us by the ankles and pulled us out. We were almost waist deep into the bank, probably 50cm deep. The man was very angry with us and let us know that if the bank had collapsed we would have been trapped. He took us back to our parents and let them know what we were doing. We never played that game again. Nowadays we would probably also get a lecture on erosion and the environmental damage that we were causing.

Those were the days when I could go over to the beach or the creek without any adult supervision. I would say, 'Bye mum, I am go-

ing over to the beach with my friends', and she would answer, 'See you at mealtime and remember if you see the aeroplane coming, keep safe and head for the trees until it has landed.'

The aeroplane landed quite frequently on our beach. It was piloted by Bob Whittle who had come home for lunch. The Whittles lived in Murwillumbah and they had a pharmacy business there as well as another house in Kingscliff. Bob also used to train pilots at the Murwillumbah airport and if the beach, the tide and the winds were right he would fly down to his family, who were holidaying in Kingscliff, for lunch - but that is another story for another day.

Joan C James
Kingscliff

Rather than competitions for save the koala month, the people who are attempting to raise awareness of the causes of koala extinction might like to leave their lipstick, cars and shoes at home on the day they are in the presence of children, to role-model contentment with a simpler living style which is the only path that can be taken if we really wish to reverse koala extinction rather than pretend that we care about them.

Weight the lives of children and you will create half-grown adults who attempt to fill the emotional hollow of their lives with the stuff of the world, and make koalas extinct in the doing of it.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

Carbon tricks

I am very concerned over proposed changes to the Kyoto Protocol article 3.4 that Australia, among other countries, is advocating.

Currently if a country's forest management activities generate emissions that will make it harder to achieve its greenhouse reduction target, it can choose not to be part of it. That is why Australia has

never opted into article 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol.

But now there is a move to make accounting for logging emissions mandatory. So the accounting rules become paramount and every developed country including Australia is now trying to set up rules that allow them to cheat.

If a nation's logging emissions are above the baseline, it will be penalised against its target, but if it fails to achieve predicted baseline logging levels, even if those levels are higher than what was logged previously, it will be rewarded with credits against its target. It is in every nation's short-term national interests to inflate the baseline.

Australia wants to set a baseline not on historical data of what was actually logged, but rather on a projected baseline into the future, calculated on total possible emissions if every forest that could be logged under the Regional Forest Agreements were logged. That way there is no possibility of ever exceeding the baseline.

Then if logging is less than that baseline, Australia gets carbon credits and makes achieving its target easier.

Everyone already knows that the logging is likely to be less than the projected baseline figure because of the collapse in the market for native forest woodchips. So Australia is lining up to secure a fake climate saving against its target. A great big blast of 'hot air', as these credits are known globally, is coming our way.

Alternatively, if a new market emerged for native forest wood, Australia could increase logging above existing levels and the emissions would not be counted against our target because they would not exceed our projected inflated baseline. We would have avoided any commitment to reducing logging emissions

and any penalty for having done so.

These are political and technical games that undermine the integrity of the system and make constraining global warming to less than two degrees even harder.

Australia must stop undermining genuine efforts to properly account for greenhouse gas emissions and be a positive force in the negotiations. A loss for climate change is a loss for all of us, especially our children.

The Australian government needs to stand up for our children's future and do what is right in the long term not what is expedient in the short term.

Kirsten Ealand
Farrants Hill

Worthwhile goal

AUTONOMY noun, AUTONOMOUS adjective, self-regulating, self-sustaining, independent.

Autonomy is a desirable and liberating attribute of being alive which gives us mobility, freedom of choice and sustenance through time. Autonomy is an important principle of ancient Greek and Eastern philosophies. The educator and founder of Summerhill School in the UK, A S Neill, made the idea of the mature self-regulating or 'autonomous' child (and adult) the central goal of his teaching. In contemporary society, many social ills are caused by the antithesis of autonomy: paternalistic authoritarianism.

There is a modern technological aspect of autonomy which is very basic. BASIX is an attempt by the NSW government to encourage new buildings to become more sustainable and for society to reduce our collective ecological footprint. To sustain our current consumerist lifestyle, Australians will require the capital of three or four planet Earths, an obviously impossible and unsustainable

situation. By using modern technology like photovoltaic and hotwater solar panels, the commonsense deployment of roofs, gutters and rainwater tanks, the age-old technique of waterless composting of household by-products in fly-proof closets, and the 'primitive' recycling of water on to gardens and orchards, contemporary buildings can be modern, autonomous and self-sustaining. For a modest capital outlay of less than a new cheap car (after allowing for government assistance) households can be free of any outgoings and actually derive income from selling electricity back into the grid.

The wonder is why all households are not becoming self-sustaining and sustainable. Get governments off your back and out of your pocket. Become autonomous and not an automaton.

Hop E Hopkins
Tyalgum

The puppeteers

In May 2005 the Tweed council was sacked as a result of a state government inquiry which reported that many councillors had been participants in corrupt and fraudulent practices involving property developers.

At that time I lived in Sydney and so I didn't know the details until I looked into it this week. I thought I better share what I learnt with other newcomers to the Tweed.

Last week I wrote that there wasn't enough evidence to nickname Cr Polglase 'Bob's informant', but after what I discovered this week there could be enough evidence to justify calling him 'Puppet Polglase'.

Here's what I found reported in the government Hansard and the newspapers of the day.

Rich property developers used their money to help their carefully selected, pro-developer candidates get elected to council in the 2004 election.

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Not good for the image

Most of you should surely be familiar with the obvious nutritional and environmental claims against McDonald's so I won't go over them here. I am writing as a parent of three children who have been raised consciously enough to choose for themselves not to eat McDonald's for these obvious reasons but my concern is for children in our community who cannot make this choice and for the children of generations to come.

I am writing to urge councillors and the public to think beyond economic growth that favours transnational, subsidised corporations and to encourage decisions that are consistent with supporting a local economy that has a new and thriving farmers' market, local shops and cafes that make a point of buying local produce wherever possible and local schools that have been funded to grow organic gardens.

Our society is over-run with consumerism, an economic system that disconnects peo-

ple because individual units of consumption afford the greatest possibility of profit. We are living in an age where we must overcome the blind acceptance of profit over people and the environment and make a stand. In one day, speaking with local business owners, I was able to garner the support that will enable all councillors and staff to view the movie *The Economics of Happiness* in the hope that they may gain a deeper insight into why the decision to have McDonald's in Murwillumbah would be devastating. While the people I spoke with are disheartened by our governance and feel hopeless about their opportunities to make a difference, when it comes to another corporate food chain reaping profit from our local community, they have been prepared to take a stand.

The urbanisation of communities has contributed to the disconnection of people from the source of their food, amongst other things, and I urge anyone to watch this

film urgently and consider its implication for our district in the future. Let's debate the bigger picture regarding the impact of McDonald's on our local economy, environment and our people. The corporate domination of our society is destructive to our fundamental wellbeing. People have been so disconnected by corporatised consumption that they have forgotten where food comes from and where our fundamental happiness comes from.

My children can understand why McDonald's is not good for them. I believe all children given the information could also perceive this. Most adults act out of distorted truths that economic growth is necessary but I urge you to consider in this fragile economic climate where resources are depleting exponentially as fast as populations are growing that the only viable economic growth is the growth of localised economies.

Roxanne Finn
Tyalgum

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Tony Kelly, the state minister for local government who sacked the council, said that their strategy was 'an electoral fraud and a conspiracy to deceive the electorate'.

The developers hid behind a front organisation called Tweed Directions.

They coordinated about 55 candidates into nine teams of supposed 'independents' and funded their election campaigns to the tune of \$163,900.

It looks like a further \$177,299 could have been directly spent on a parallel election campaign. The inquiry stated that other ambiguous declarations suggested that the total amount spent on this election-buying strategy was between \$467,238 and \$632,970 – the most ever

spent on a rural council election and the most ever spent by any one group in any council election in Australia.

Their puppet candidates strategically directed their preferences to a handful of their candidates – who got elected.

Cr Polglase was one of the Tweed Directions supported candidates. He and his running mate, Bernie Bell, received \$22,000 from Tweed Directions (almost all their election funding.)

The Tweed Directions-supported candidates who were elected to council then voted for Cr Polglase as their mayor.

Tweed Directions received their largest funding of \$80,000 from controversial property developer Bob Ell.

When the state government released the inquiry's findings and sacked the council, Cr Polglase used what I think is the laughable excuse that he didn't know that Tweed Directions was just a front for property developers. I can only conclude that the state government also thought it a laughable excuse because they sacked him.

Where did Cr Polglase think Tweed Directions was getting all that money to fund his campaign, the other candidates' campaigns, and run their own ads in the media? Who else could possibly have the money and the motivation to fund such a campaign? The local surf life-saving association perhaps?

In my opinion only an imbecile wouldn't be able to figure

Sam touched the hearts of everyone

The Tweed adoptive family of 16-year-old Kenyan student Sam Macharia, who drowned off Cabarita Beach last week, expressed their grief and sorrow at their loss, during a brief press conference last Friday.

Bernie and Sandra Zietlow, who both work for Tweed Shire Council, were flanked by their three sons Ricky, Kurt and Ryan as they told assembled media that 'words can't express our grief at losing our beautiful son Sam'.

The Zietlows took Sam into their home and hearts soon after his arrival in Australia five years ago.

'Sam's infectious smile, gentle nature and massive capacity to give love were impossible to resist and

captivated all who came into contact with him,' they said.

'After such a tragic life in Kenya it was inspirational to watch Sam's dedication to his studies and his love, mastery and pursuit of a professional career in football.

'Sam's family here in Australia and his uncle, aunt and cousins in Kenya would like to thank everyone involved in the search for our Sam.'

The family concluded by



Sam Macharia, 'leader and role model'.

saying, 'A small boy from Kenya, Samuel Mwangi Macharia Zietlow came into our lives and touched the hearts of everyone he met forever.'

'We love you, Sammy.'

Council general manager Mike Rayner said that for five years, Sam was 'the living face of the Tweed Kenya Mentoring Program thanks to his school, soccer and wider community involvement.'

'The Tweed community and Council embraced Sam as one of our own.'

'Whilst we recognise the legacy Sam leaves behind in the Tweed, we must also remember that he was a leader and role model to young people in his community in Kenya and they too will be mourning his loss.'



The Zietlow family (l-r) Ricky, 20, Ryan, 15, Bernie, Sandra and Kurt, 17, at their press conference last week.

out that it was property developers behind the Tweed Directions campaign. Is Cr Polglase claiming to be an imbecile?

If you were running Tweed Directions and you had just spent up to \$600,000 to hijack an election, wouldn't you make sure your sponsored candidates would elect a mayor who would also behave like your puppet? Wouldn't you hope that your most loyal supporter was elected as mayor? I certainly would.

It's shocking that some voters would elect someone who behaves like either a puppet or an imbecile. Hopefully it won't happen at the next elections.

Lau Guerrero
Murwillumbah

Gnome nobbling

I would like to bring it to the attention of the local residents in Murwillumbah and districts that there is some 'low-life' around our area stealing our much-loved garden ornaments and pots.

My grey concrete birdbath and a statue of a peasant girl were presents given to me by my late husband. My guess is that they are now being sold at some market for drug money.

I hope these people are caught soon before they spoil someone else's Christmas.

Lorna Caddy
Murwillumbah

■ Please note short letters will be given preference; deadline noon, Tuesday.

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ECHO BUSINESS PROFILE

Plumber passionate about stress-free plumbing

Mike Frost from Tap King Plumbers (pictured right) understands how frustrating and stressful it can be to get a tradesperson who shows up on time.

'I've had other tradespeople work for me at home and I've waited and waited for them to turn up when they say they would, and they never arrive. They don't even give me a phone call to let me know what's happening,' said Mike.

It's been a valuable experience to 'put on the shoes of a customer'. This is what led Mike to create his family-owned business, Tap King Plumbers, so that he could look after his customers the same way he wants to be looked after by a tradesperson.

Mike insists all his staff respond to customer enquiries quickly, that they are reliable and turn up within the allocated appointment time.

It's also frustrating not knowing how much the bill will be, so Mike uses a 'fixed price' system so that you will know how much the job will cost before the work begins. This eliminates those nasty surprises.

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Piggy Banks



With their noses firmly in the trough at present, the largest banks in the country are yet to pass on the recent Reserve Bank 0.25% interest rate cut (at time of writing), 2 days after the RBA announcement. My guess is that they may cut rates before Santa arrives by about 0.15%. I hope they prove me wrong and pass on the entire 0.25% before you read this! Once one bank cuts rates, the others usually follow the first little piggy to market, like a funny 'follow the leader' game. Not so funny to those of us with mortgages. The big four Australian banks are some of the most profitable in the world and while their ratings were recently downgraded from AA to AA- by Standard & Poors, they remain in a group of very few banks globally in the AA category. It is the first time in 20 years that their ratings have been downgraded, but this was not as a result of changes to banking practices. The downgrade reflects changes to S&P's ratings criteria in light of criticism of some of their past favourable ratings of... well, not so favourable products. Similar to products sold to Byron Shire and many other local councils (by non-local financial advisers) with a AA rating that in one instance, according to the Byron council, produced a total return of -81.80%. A loss of \$1,634,000 on a \$2 million dollar outlay. Now that is a spectacular investment!

Back to the banks: some of the big four have openly stated that the ratings downgrade will have no impact on funding costs. On top of this, as a nation we are saving more because we are all (generally speaking) freaked out by doom and gloom media reporting which in turn has helped reduce bank funding requirements from approx \$150bn in 2010 to an estimated \$50bn. This has helped push the banks' profits even higher. Westpac for instance, recorded a net profit of almost \$7 billion, an increase of 10% on last year! Not bad during tough times, hey! Those facts don't sit too well when bank reps moan about increased funding costs and credit becoming scarce. Our 'BS' radars have improved since the 80s!

Having said that, it is very easy to jump on the bank-bashing wagon when times are tough, so I should also congratulate them as a whole for their proactive environmental steps, sustainable initiatives and community donations. Westpac, whom I picked on earlier, tends to be a leader in this department (correlated to profits perhaps?). I recommend

some specific bank products for the benefit of my clients, and yes, it is wonderful that our banks are well regulated and compensate shareholders with nice dividends and capital growth forecasts. However, if they don't pass on interest rate cuts in light of their astonishing economic performance while many businesses and families are facing financial heartache, it will be seen as profit gouging and arrogance in my opinion – very out of touch with community consensus. Just like the recent 30% salary increase for our 'working families' minded politicians!

PS. If you are not getting 4.3% pa interest on your transaction account or 6.11% on your cash savings, you should: 1) Not complain about bank profits; 2) Give me a call.

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Money matters – it's yours!

At time of writing it's the day before data releases out of Europe and China and the market is wondering, as always, which way it is going to go.

Australia is heavily exposed to China and tomorrow's meeting of European leaders has been described as the 'make or break' for the Euro.

What does this mean for the Aussie dollar?

I get asked daily: 'What do you think it is going to do?' and invariably answer, 'I couldn't say. I wish I knew, because I would be a billionaire by now if I could read the market. Like everyone else, we only have hindsight when it comes to currency movement.'

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The best advice you can hope for is the two options I provide to my customers:

1. If you need to travel now, the rate is largely irrelevant. You need it now, exchange it now. But get same-day quotes from providers so at least you are getting the best retail deal on that given day. For example, you specifically ask 'What will US\$2,000 cash cost me in total if I buy it today?' The answer you get should be inclusive of fees and charges, if any, and in this way you very clearly see the best deal, whoever charges you the least.

2. If you aren't travelling for a while start 'stockpiling' regularly. In this way you can spread your rate risk so no matter what the dollar 'does' you have been in the market at the time. Over the next six months until your trip if you buy \$1,000 dollars a month you have received both the up and the down in the market and also managed your exchange

budget more efficiently. Global Travel Cards with no load, reload or unload fees, that never expire, are a great option here because you are applying funds at the flat rate without the fee distorting the figure and you enjoy locked-in fx when you travel.

If you're up, up and away at Christmas time we wish you safe travels, happy holidays and an adventurous New Year.

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Earlier this month federal minister for employment participation, Kate Ellis, released results of a new Australian study claiming employers continue to operate under the misconception that people with disability will be less productive.

Northern Rivers and Gold Coast businesses are bucking the trend in droves as they increase their demand for a talent pool that has traditionally been overlooked.

Despite a tough economic climate, vacancies exist throughout the region and local employers are more than willing to cast aside prejudice to embrace a valuable sector of the labour market that is willing and able to meet their needs.

We have canvassed a large number of businesses in the last three months, of which a staggering proportion had immediate vacancies; but more importantly the majority were open to employing as part of their team a person with an injury, illness or disability.

What we now know is that we are in a region full of savvy business operators who have readily identified the value of tapping into a non-traditional talent pool as a means to sustaining their business into the future.

As a result, we have a number of vacancies available and we are calling for expressions of interest from people with disability who are professional, tertiary and/or trade qualified and who are ready to embrace local employment opportunities.

Recognition is due the local business community for their vision and for becoming part of a local solution to the skills shortage by partnering with us. Hopefully more employers will follow the trend and reap the rewards.

Expressions of interest may be registered with Karen Daley at ON-Q Human Resources on 1800 761 561.

Alec Morgan, Managing Director.

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The festive season is now in full swing, with Christmas tree lights being turned on, presents stocked up and family gatherings prepared for. This can be a fun and joyous occasion watching the sparkle in your children's eyes or catching up with dear friends. It can also bring about a nasty surprise on the electricity bill in the New Year when the cost is counted for all those extra gadgets and people around the home. At Solar Wave we like to enable our customers to revel in the knowledge they won't have to worry about power bills because they've done something about it. Our Christmas Combo Deals let you put solar power and solar hot water in your home, fully installed for the one low price or you can choose a Premium European PV system with wireless monitoring for the same low price. What's more, when you choose to use our 'No Interest Ever' finance offer you may be surprised to know that from as little as the cost of a cup of coffee a day you can have solar power installed at your home. So why not put power back in your hands today and talk to us about a complete sustainable and renewable solution to your electricity needs.

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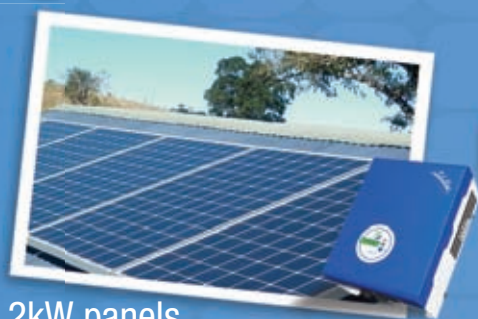
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Television Guide

1. That handy boxer and dishevelled actor Micky Rourke got a Golden Globe but should have picked up an Oscar as well for his role as a has-been pro wrestler who stages a tragic comeback in **The Wrestler** (TEN, Saturday, 9pm), definitely one of the best films of 2008. A test of a work of art is that it can take a dangerously kitschy area such as ‘championship’ wrestling and imbue it with pathos and humour, evoking a real empathy for the characters who inhabit this seedy but heartfelt half-world.

2. Julie Gayet and Michael Cohen star in the French romantic comedy **Shall We Kiss?** (SBS1, Sunday, 10.10pm). When Gabriel and Emilie meet by chance, they spend the evening enjoying each other’s company. Emilie declines Gabriel’s offer of ‘a kiss without consequences’ and in flashbacks we see her reasons for doing so, how indulging your desires can affect someone else’s life.



FRIDAY 16

ABC 1 4.00 rage (G) 5.00 Can We Help? 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Invasion Of The Crocodiles 11.00 Chopper Rescue 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Land Girls 2.10 William And Kate: A Royal Love Story 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.25 World Café Asia Yunnan 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 My Family 8.30 Midsomer Murders (M) 10.05 The Old Guys 10.35 Late Edition News 10.50 Adam Hills In Gordon St Tonight (M) 11.50 Tracey Ullman's State Of The Union (M) 11.15 rage (MA)	SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Chef At Home South America 7.00 Taste Takes Off Crete 7.30 Brick City 8.30 The Staircase (M) 9.30 Movie: Connected (M 2008) Chinese thriller 11.30 Movie: 13 (MAV 2007) Thai thriller 1.35 Weatherwatch
ABC 2 6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 River Monsters 8.30 Friday Night Lights 9.30 Wake In Fright (M) 11.15 Spellbound 12.50 Blade Of The Immortal (M) 1.15 Root Of All Evil (M) 1.40 Close	TEN 6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Huey's Kitchen 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.30 The Project 7.30 Jamie's Great Britain 8.30 Movie: The Day The Earth Stood Still (M 2008) US drama: Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly 10.35 The Late Show 11.30 Movie: Frankie And Johnny (M 1991) US drama: Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer 2.00 Burn Notice (M) 3.00 Infomercials 5.00 Religion
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PRIME 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: The Colour Of Magic (PG 2008) Part 2 of UK adventure. Sir David Jason, Sean Astin 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue 7.30 Better Homes & Gardens 8.30 Lewis (M) 10.30 Natural Mysteries 11.45 Perfect Couples 12.15 The Gibb River Road And Beyond 2.00 Home Shopping	NBN 5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Entertainment Tonight 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 Evening News 6.30 A Current Affair 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 Movie: Ocean's Thirteen (PG 2007) US crime. George Clooney, Brad Pitt 11.00 Movie: On Deadly Ground (AV 1994) US action. Steven Seagal, Michael Caine 1.00 Movie: West (AV 2007) Australian drama. Khan Chittenden, Nathan Phillips 3.00 Skippy 3.30 Entertainment Tonight 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America
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SATURDAY 17

ABC 1 5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Choccywoccy-doodah 11.30 Dance Academy 12.00 My Family 12.30 Elders: Muhammad Yunus 1.00 WNBL Basketball LIVE – Logan v Townsville 3.00 W-League Football LIVE – Melbourne v Brisbane 5.00 Bowls: Australia v RSA 6.00 Italian Gardens 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Going Postal 9.10 Tim Minchin Vs The Sydney Symphony (M) 11.30 The Graham Norton Show 12.20 rage (MA)	romantic comedy 12.25 SOS (G/M) 1.30 South Park (M) 2.30 Weatherwatch
ABC 2 6.00 Kids' Program 7.00 Monkey Thieves 7.30 The 27 Inch Man 8.30 Movie: The Misfits (PG 1961) US drama. Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe 10.30 Movie: Charade (M 1963) US comedy. Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn 12.20 Absolutely Fabulous New York Special (M) 1.20 Scrapheap Challenge 2.05 Close	SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 A Fork In The Road Japan 6.30 Food Trip 7.00 UEFA Europa League 8.30 Jerome Robbins' NY Export Opus Jazz 9.20 A Ballet In Sneakers 9.35 Movie: The Bridesmaid (M 2004) French thriller 11.30 Movie: Black Ice (MA 2007) Finnish drama 1.25 Weatherwatch
ABC NEWS 24 4.00 Big Ideas 5.00 ABC News 6.00 Tonic 6.30 Message Stick 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 Finance Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.45 Environment Quarter 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Catalyst 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Message Stick 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Foreign Correspondent 4.00 ABC News 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 5.30 One Plus One 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 Culture Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 Tonic 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Message Stick	TEN 6.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 Life Unexpected 1.00 Infomercial 1.30 Anorak Tradie Challenge 2.30 Making Tracks 3.00 Escape With ET 4.00 Sailing Highlights 5.00 Ten News 6.30 Movie: Sahara (PG 2005) UK action. Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz 9.00 Movie: The Wrestler (M 2008) US drama. Mickey Rourke, Marisa Tomei 12.05 Movie: Domino (AV 2005) US action. Mickey Rourke, Keira Knightley 2.35 Infomercials 4.00 Religion
SBS 1 5.00 World News 5.05 World News 1.00 Michael Nymman: Composer In Progress 2.00 The Question Mark Inside 3.00 Looking For Lowry 4.00 Tim Marlow Meets Ian Rankin 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Prototype This 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Big, Bigger, Biggest 8.30 Mythbusters 9.30 Rockwiz 10.20 Movie: Rabbit Without Ears (MA 2007) German	ELEVEN 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 The King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Frasier 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.30 Frasier 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.30 Star Trek: Voyager 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven
	ONE HD 6.00 NFL Total Access 7.00 National Football League 9.30 Pro Bull Riding 10.30 World Of Free Sports 11.00 X Venture Corporate Games 12.00 Ironman Series 1.30 Serie A Football 2.00 World Rally Championship 3.00 MotoGP Classic 4.00 WWE Experience 5.00 World Championship Sailing – LIVE 7.00 Cops

7.30 Fear Factor 8.30 Forensics Under Fire (M) 9.30 48 Hours (M) 10.30 NBL Basketball Gold Coast v Perth 12.30 NBL Basketball: Adelaide v Wollongong 2.30 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 3.30 Bundesliga Football 4.30 Omnisport 5.00 Lost Prophets	PRIME 6.30 Kids' Programs 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 2.00 That '70s Show 2.30 Movie: Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG 2004) US comedy. Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia 4.30 A Man And His Dogs 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 No Leave No Life 7.00 Michael Buble TV Special 8.00 The Smurfs' A Christmas Carol 8.30 Carols In The Domain LIVE 11.00 A Lion Called Christian 12.00 Movie: 48 Shades (M 2006) US comedy. Richard Wilson, Robin McLeavy 2.00 Home Shopping
7TWO 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Better Homes And Gardens 10.00 The Great Outdoors 11.00 Queensland Weekender 11.30 Great South East 12.00 Creek To Coast 12.30 The Travel Bug 1.30 Weekend Kitchen 5.00 Doctor At Large 5.30 Rising Damp 6.00 On The Buses 6.30 Doctor Finlay 7.30 Heartbeat 8.30 Taggart (M) 10.20 Rome (M) 11.20 Movie: Hide And Seek (M 2005) US thriller. Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning 1.30 Australian Open Tennis 1988: Cash v Wilander	7MATE 6.00 The Jeff Foxworthy Show 6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 V8 Utes 1.00 V8 Supercars 2.00 Zoom TV 2.30 Panic Mechanics 3.00 Monster Garage 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 Monster Fish 6.30 Mighty Structures 7.30 Mega Movers 8.30 Shockwave (M) 9.30 Mega Disasters 10.30 The Universe 11.30 Unsolved Mysteries (M) 12.30 Jeff Foxworthy Show 1.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 2.00 The Incredible Hulk 3.00 Six Million Dollar Man 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping
	GO! 6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Bewitched 1.30 Teen Mum 4.30 Dukes Of Hazzard 5.30 Total Wipeout UK 6.30 Top Gear USA 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 Movie: The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG 2005) US comedy. Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera 10.00 Movie: Mars Attacks! (M 1996) US comedy. Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close 12.10 South Park (MA) 12.30 Total Wipeout UK 1.30 Teen Mum 4.30 Reno 911 (M) 5.00 Bratz 5.30 Tamagotchi!
	GEM 6.00 Movie: Carry On Cleo (PG 1964) UK comedy. Sid James, Kenneth Williams 8.00 Infomercials 9.00 Movie: Please Turn Over (PG 1960) UK comedy. Leslie Phillips, Joan Sims 10.50 Movie: Private's Progress (G 1955) UK comedy. Ian Carmichael, Dennis Price 1.00 The Golden Girls 1.30 Movie: Rome Adventure (G 1962) US drama. Troy Donahue, Angie Dickinson 4.00 Movie: Mutiny On The Bounty (PG 1962) US drama. Marlon Brando, Trevor Howard 7.30 Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly 8.30 CSI: NY (M) 9.30 CSI: Miami (M) 10.30 CSI (M) 11.30 Conan (M) 12.30 Psychic TV 1.50 Movie: Private's Progress 3.45 Movie: The Winslow Boy (G 1950) UK drama. Cedric Hardwicke, Robert Donat

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ABC 1 5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 ABC News 9.30 The World This Week 10.00 ABC News 10.40 Christianity: A History 11.30 Songs Of Praise 12.00 Beachcomber Cottage 1.00 7.30 Select 1.30 Message Stick (M) 2.00 The Story Of India 3.00 Opera: La Boheme 5.00 Dance Academy 5.30 Sergei Prokofiev's Peter And The Wolf 6.00 Yellowstone 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Schools Spectacular 2011 8.30 Upstairs Downstairs 9.35 When Teenage Meets Old Age 10.35 Wuthering Heights (M) 11.45 Movie: Bush Christmas (PG 1983) Australian drama. Nicole Kidman, John Howard 1.10 Ten Minute Tales 1.25 Carols From St Paul's 2.25 Three Faces Of Christmas 3.00 When Teenage Meets Old Age	6.00 Thalassa 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 The Bible A History 8.30 The Promise (M) 10.10 Movie: Shall We Kiss? (PG 2007) French romantic comedy 12.15 Movie: Dhoom (M 2005) Bollywood 2.30 Weatherwatch
ABC 2 6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 A Quiet Word With Carrie Fisher 7.30 Voyage To The Planets 8.30 Sunday Best (M) 10.15 London Live Scouting For Girls 10.40 Pet Shop Boys At The BBC 11.30 Beautiful Noise: Sarah Harmer 12.30 triple j tv's One Night Stand 2008 1.00 Scrapheap Challenge 1.45 Close	SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 6.00 More Than A Fiesta 6.35 Italian Food Challenge 7.30 Ninja Warrior 8.00 Unbeatable Banzuke 8.30 Escape To The Legion (M) 9.30 FIFA Club World Cup Final 11.35 Movie: Blue Eyelids (M 2007) Mexican comedy 1.20 Weatherwatch
ABC NEWS 24 4.00 Big Ideas 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Australian Story 6.30 Message Stick 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Select 8.00 ABC News 8.30 Big Ideas 8.45 Food Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 The World This Week 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Dispatches 12.00 ABC News 12.30 Tonic 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Message Stick 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Australian Story 4.00 ABC News 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 5.30 Catalyst 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Foreign Correspondent 7.00 ABC News 7.30 One Plus One 8.00 Lake Eyre 9.30 Tonic 10.00 ABC News 10.30 The World This Week 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Australian Story 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 7.30 Select 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Message Stick	ELEVEN 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 The King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Simpsons 8.30 Movie: Election (MA 1999) US comedy. Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon 10.35 Everybody Loves Raymond 11.00 Family Ties 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven
SBS 1 5.00 World News 8.30 PopAsia 10.30 UEFA Europa League 11.00 Football Feature 12.00 Futbol Mundial 12.30 Speedweek 2.00 World News 3.00 Celtic Woman 4.00 Life On Fire 5.00 Cycling Central	ONE HD 6.00 World Cup Triathlon 7.00 Fear

Factor 8.30 Volvo Ocean Race 9.30 Pro Bull Riding 10.30 World Of Free Sports 11.00 NFL Total Access 12.00 National Football League – LIVE 3.15 Omnisport 3.30 Airline 4.00 4x4 Adventures 5.00 World Championship Sailing LIVE – Perth 8.00 Cops 8.30 Movie: 48 Hrs. (MA 1982) US action. Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy 10.35 NBL Basketball – Melbourne v Townsville 12.30 National Football League 3.00 Magic Of The FA Cup 4.00 Omnisport 4.30 World Of Free Sports 5.00 National Football League – LIVE	PRIME 6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Business Builders 10.30 Kids' Programs 2.10 That '70s Show 2.40 Movie: Miracle (PG 2004) US drama. Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson 5.30 New Zealand On A Plate 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The Vicar Of Dibley 7.30 Dog Patrol 8.00 Coastwatch 8.30 Bones (M) 9.30 Castle (M) 10.30 Royal Pains (M) 11.30 Love Bites (M) 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 Seven News
7TWO 6.30 Step By Step 7.00 Growing Pains 7.30 Head Of The Class 8.00 Perfect Strangers 8.30 The Hogan Family 9.00 Ugly Betty 10.00 Route 66 11.00 Naked City 11.30 Night Court 12.00 Movie: The Eddy Duchin Story (G 1956) US biography. Tyrone Power, Victoria Shaw 2.30 Movie: Curse Of The Pink Panther (PG 1983) UK comedy. David Niven, Herbert Lom 4.30 Movie: Santa And Pete (G 1999) US comedy. Hume Cronyn, James Earl Jones 6.30 Test Kitchen 7.00 Country Calendar 7.30 The Royal 8.30 Escape To The Country 10.30 Homes Under The Hammer 11.45 The World At War 12.50 No Going Back 1.50 Australian Open Tennis 2002: Safin v Sampras 5.30 Home Shopping	7MATE 6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 Man V Food 10.00 NWA – On Fire 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 SCU: Serious Crash Unit 12.30 Zoom TV 1.00 2011 Variety Bash 2.00 Riding With Rossi 3.00 Monster Garage 5.00 Drew Carey Show 5.30 Smash Lab 6.30 Vermintors 7.30 Mythbusters 8.30 Movie: Smokey And The Bandit II (PG 1980) US com-
	GO! 6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Take 40 Live Lounge 1.30 Married With Children 2.30 Spin City 3.30 The Bachelor 5.30 Survivor: South Pacific 6.30 Teen Mum 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.30 Movie: Teen Wolf (PG 1985) US comedy. Michael J Fox, James Hampton 11.30 Gossip Girl (M) 12.30 Ladette To Lady USA (MA) 1.30 Reno 911 (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones
	GEM 6.00 Religion 6.30 Movie: Brothers In Law (G 1956) UK comedy. Richard Attenborough, Ian Carmichael 8.30 Infomercials 9.30 Movie: Isn't Life Wonderful (G 1953) UK comedy. Cecil Parker, Robert Urquhart 11.15 Movie: Holiday On The Buses (PG 1973) UK comedy. Reg Varney, Doris Hare 1.00 Movie: Penelope (PG 1966) US comedy. Natalie Wood, Ian Bannen 3.00 Getaway 4.00 Movie: An American In Paris (G 1951) US musical romance. Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron 6.30 Antiques Roadshow 7.30 As Time Goes By 8.00 Yes Minister 8.30 Movie: Must Love Dogs (M 2005) US comedy. John Cusack, Diane Lane 10.40 Movie: Fearless (M 1993) US drama. Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rossellini 1.00 Friends 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 Adventures In Rainbow Country 5.30 Today

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Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst 11.05 The Late Late Show 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven ONE HD 6.00 National Football League – LIVE 11.15 World Of Free Sports 11.45 Omnispot 12.20 National Football League – LIVE 3.30 Jeopardy! 4.00 Beach Patrol 4.30 Airline 5.00 I Fish 6.00 M*A*S*H 6.30 Get Smart 7.00 Cops 7.30 Psych	8.30 Burn Notice (M) 9.30 Blue Bloods (M) 10.30 Movie: Streets Of Blood (AV 2009) US drama. Val Kilmer, Sharon Stone 12.35 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 2.35 Omnispot 3.00 Arsenal Football PRIME 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: All I Want For Christmas (G 2007) US romance. Jimmy Pinchak, Gail O'Grady 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Find My Family 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Megastructures 8.10 Highway Patrol 8.40 Criminal Minds (M) 9.40 Air Crash Investigations 10.40 Royal Pains (M) 11.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians (M) 12.00 Auction Squad 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News 7TWO 6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Sons & Daughters 9.00 Home & Away 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Designing Women 11.30 Beautiful Homes And Great Estates 12.00 Ghost Whisperer (M) 1.00 Hart To Hart 2.00 Five Mile Creek 3.00 Murphy Brown 3.30 Growing Pains 4.00 Mad About You 4.30 Who's The Boss 5.00 Doctor At Large 5.30 Rising Damp 6.00 Bargain Hunt 7.00 On The Buses 7.30 Heartbeat 8.30 Mistresses (M) 9.30 The Bill (M) 10.40 Six Feet Under (M) 11.40 America's Court 12.10 Mad About You 12.35 Who's The Boss 1.00 Movie: The Saint Meets The Tiger (PG 1943) UK drama. Hugh Sinclair, Jean Gillie 2.30 Hart To Hart 3.30 Shortland Street 4.00 Coronation Street 4.30 Emmerdale 5.00 Home Shopping 7MATE 6.30 Six Million Dollar Man 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 10.00 NBC Meet The Press 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 That '70s Show 6.30 My Wife And Kids 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Family Guy (M) 9.00 American Dad 9.30 Family Guy (M) 10.30 My Name Is Earl 11.00 Boston Legal (M) 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00	Quantum Leap 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Hercules 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping NBN 5.30 Today 9.00 Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Entertainment Tonight 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.25 Lotto 8.30 The Mentalist (M) 9.30 Harry's Law (M) 10.30 Extreme Makeover 11.30 Undercovers (M) 12.30 The Avengers 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 Infomercials 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News GO! 6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Seinfeld 6.30 Wipeout USA 7.30 I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 The Inbetweeners (MA) 9.30 Movie: Spaceballs (PG 1987) US comedy. Mel Brooks, Rick Moranis 11.30 South Park (M/MA) 12.30 Ladette To Lady USA (MA) 1.30 Reno 911 (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones GEM 6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Movie: A Time To Remember (PG 2003) US drama. Dana Delany, Doris Roberts 2.00 As Time Goes By 2.30 Yes Minister 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 The Golden Girls 5.00 The Ellen Denegeres Show 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Michaela's Animal Road Trip 8.30 Extreme Parental Guidance 9.30 Hell's Kitchen (MA) 10.30 Secret Diary Of A Call Girl (MA) 11.30 Friends 12.30 Murder, She Wrote 1.30 The Golden Girls 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Today	11.50 112 Emergency 1.20 Weatherwatch SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Feasts India 7.30 Inspector Rex 8.30 The Killing (M) 9.35 Movie: Optical Illusions (M 2009) Chilean comedy 11.30 Movie: Time (M 2006) South Korean drama 1.20 Weatherwatch TEN 6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Huey's Kitchen 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.30 The Project 7.30 Glee 8.30 Hawaii Five-O (M) 10.30 The Almighty Johnsons (MA) 11.30 Offspring (M) 12.30 Late Show 1.30 Infomercials 4.00 Religion ELEVEN 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Neighbours 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 The King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 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 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven ONE HD 6.00 Serie A Football 8.30 Save Point 9.00 NBL Basketball – Adelaide v Wollongong 1.00 Omnispot 11.30 National Football League 2.00 NFL Total Access 3.00 Omnispot 3.30 Jeopardy! 4.00 Beach Patrol 4.30 Airline 5.00 I Fish 6.00 M*A*S*H 6.30 Get Smart 7.00 Cops 7.30 Ice Road Truckers 8.30 Cops (M) 9.30 The Killing (M) 10.30 NFL Total Access 11.30 National Football League 2.00	Omnispot 2.30 Bundesliga Football 5.30 FA Cup Classic PRIME 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: A Grandpa For Christmas (PG 2007) US comedy. 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Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker 10.30 True CSI (AV) 11.00 Weeds (MA) 11.30 Live At The Chapel Presents Eskimo Joe, PNAU (M) 12.00 Take 40 Live Lounge 12.30 Entertainment Tonight 1.00 Skippy 1.30 Home Shopping 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News GO! 6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Seinfeld 6.30 Wipeout USA 7.30 I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here 8.30 Mike & Molly 9.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.30 Movie: Police Academy (M 1984) US comedy. Hugh Wilson, Steve Guttenberg 11.30 South Park (MA) 12.30 V (M) 1.30 Reno 911 (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones GEM 6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Movie: We Joined The Navy (G 1962) UK comedy. 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Movie: Keane (M 2004) US drama.		Kazakhstan drama				

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Live music

The height of the Haight

The crowds at the July 2011 debut of the **Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show** left in a state of ecstatic happiness, making history as the biggest crowd that Stokers Siding had ever seen. Those who could not fit inside the venue spilled out into the streets creating a spontaneous colourful festival. The **Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show** reminds us that the famous catchcry 'Make Love Not War' is as relevant today as it was in 1967 in the Haight Ashbury district of San Francisco, where crowds of disaffected youth took to the street and demanded an end to the Vietnam War. Today the crowds on the streets opposing war have dwindled somewhat, and idealism has been widely replaced with a weary cynicism. But not all hope is lost...

The **Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show** is a rallying cry to those who still believe we can change the world for the better through music and art.

The heady optimism of the show rages against the dying of the light and uplifts the audience by celebrating the musical legacy of our revolutionary forebears who were agents of change at a most critical stage of social evolution. The **Songs of the Haight Ashbury Stage Show** is a celebration of the music of Canned Heat, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Country Joe and the Fish, Grace Slick and Jefferson Airplane, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and more. These are timeless songs that encapsulate a magical era in our recent history. The psychedelic music of 1967, the *Summer of Love*, was so popular that radio enthusiastically embraced it. On the back of that magic carpet of music a wave of social and political change swept from San Francisco, across America and from there across the planet, all the way to Australia.

S Sorrensen, well known author, comedian and poet is the Ringmaster, interspersing the songs with hilarious anecdotes and stories from the era. **James T**, who spent 10 years in Canned Heat, will play the songs he knows so well, an American expat whose career highlights include sharing the stage with John Lee Hooker. Multi-award-winning Blues mama **Lil'Fi** will sing Janis Joplin with a unique authority that can



CATCH THE ANDREW SISTERS AT 'ANDREWS AND BING CHRISTMAS SWING' ON TUESDAY AT TWIN TOWNS



BILL JACOBI PLAYS AT THE 'SONGS OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY STAGE SHOW' ON FRIDAY AT NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE, THE SHEOAK SHACK ON SATURDAY AND BYRON BAY BREWERY ON SUNDAY

only come from paying her dues and living the Blues. **Jonathan Harvey** is the 19-year-old ingenue whose soulful voice is a tribute to Jimi Hendrix's. New to the show is **Connor Cleary**; hailed as one of the region's most impressive young guitarists, Connor breathes Hendrix from every cell. **Bill Jacobi's** tramp-roots style will conjure Country Joe, Arlo Guthrie and Dylan. Worldfolk songbird **Andrea Soler** will channel the sweet purity of Joni Mitchell and mystical punk diva **Diana Anaid** will sing Grace Slick as only one who has been down the rabbit hole can. They are all joined by the **Allstar-Full-Tilt-Band** who rock like it's 1967.

Get to the height of the **Haight** on **Friday** at the **Nimbin Bush Theatre** and at the **Byron Bay Brewery**.

Swamped

The **Cyril B Bunter Band** (to name a few), **Gary Lothian** (slide/acoustic/electric etc. guitars), and **Nicholas Churkin** (vocals/drums/percussion), felt the time ripe to branch out and pursue the Swamphouse project.

Originally conceived as a duo and with first release of *Swamp & Circumstance*, much critical acclaim has ensued particularly up and down the east coast of Australia.

However, a decision around early 2008 to beef up and enhance an already big sound saw **Mike Rix** (upright/electric bass), one of Sydney's finest & most in-demand players, rise to the call.

Take a unique and powerful vocalist, 'earthy' roots rhythms, superb infectious guitarwork, encased in big beautiful bass tones – no denyin' – your feet be movin'. Your smile gonna stay.

If roots, boogie, swamp, zydeco or hard drivin' Delta suits your palette – we suggest you sink a couple, strap on your dancing shoes, and brace yourself for one hell of a goodtime. **Riverview Murwillumbah, Friday.**

Just how Round is your Mountain

When **The Round Mountain Girls** last played at Caba Sports back in June it was rumoured to be the club's biggest night ever. Those mountaineers sure like to party!

A lot has happened on the mountain since then. The band is becoming a regular on the festival circuit and since June has appeared at Cooly Rocks On, Sawtell Chilli Fest, Gympie Muster, Coast Acoustics, Ballina Country Fest, Coast Out, Mud Bulls and Utes, Canberra Country Fest (where **Chris Brooker** won an award) and Mullum Music Fest as well as a whole lot of regular gigs all up and down the coast. They are also busy writing songs for the third album and as if all that is not enough, after repeated requests from the mountaineers, they recently locked themselves in the studio and will soon present them with an EP of four covers, all



HEAD ON DOWN TO RIVERVIEW IN MURWILLUMBAH ON FRIDAY FOR SOME SWAMPHOUSE



DON'T MISS VISIONS OF A NOMAD AT THE SHEOAK SHACK ON SATURDAY



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SAYING I DO TO GAY MARRIAGE

Why is there such a hullabaloo about gay marriage? Surely straight people aren't that bigoted that they can't see the obvious boon to the institution of marriage that the gay community will give it? Pardon the pun, but the whole marriage thing needs a shot in the bum. Weddings and marriage have become tired. No wonder they never last. Look what the gay community did for Kylie Minogue – they made some average and embarrassing *Neighbours* dwarf a national icon. If the gay community manage to do for weddings what they have done for street parades then weddings are about to become dynamic, exciting, incredible events. Not these tedious formulaic function-centre wedding sausages that get pumped out at \$50,000 a pop. My god, straight people will be desperate to have gay friends just for the privilege of the invitation! If *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* is anything to go by, that wedding dress is going to

get a serious makeover. Perhaps the more boganesque bride will come down the aisle in a frock made entirely from white thongs, or the party girl may have a tight-fitting sheath of white-dotted ecstasy tabs, or perhaps the white frock will be the living screen where the couples' joyous powerpoint moments can be projected for the world to see. Straight people are essentially boring. It's our default position. The gay community know how to party. They have to. Any group that's had to suffer oppression and social ridicule knows that it takes more than a few streamers and a box of fairy lights to celebrate the triumph of resilience. I just wish they'd take over Christmas. Weddings are dull. They're all the same. It's like watching the same show with a different cast. There comes a point where you want to stand up and say 'for crying out loud give us a new script!' The gay community could do this for us. They could help us re-make marriage. Straight people are so scared of breaking with tradition that we've been fronting up to declare our intentions of forever in fluffy white meringues or penguin suits without ever questioning why we are wearing something that's not only expensive and impractical, it's also unattractive. Few people ever bother to break with the wedding ritual. The bride's arrival in a flashy car. The dress. The walk up the aisle. The vows. The *I do*. The exchanging of rings. The signing of the register. The photos. The unfortunate seating plan. The set dinner. The speeches. The Bridal Waltz. The dancing. The bouquet toss. The Exit. Once we approve gay marriages I have a feeling that it won't be long before the whole program is given a much needed facelift! I mean

why walk down the aisle when you can be delivered on a giant cloud-like chariot that's held aloft by six gold men in tiny g-strings? Fundamentalist stalwarts declare that people who love other people of the same gender and want to have their commitment recognised by the institution of marriage can't do it because the Bible says that marriage is the union of a man and a woman. The Bible also says that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to get into heaven, but that hasn't caused society to declare wealthy people as depraved soulless ghouls. Leviticus tells us we can't eat shellfish; in Deuteronomy the focus is on men without dicks: 'A man whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off may never join the assembly of the Lord'. I never realised that you needed a penis to pray! And according to another verse in Leviticus, some clothing choices can see you ushered out of the house of the lord. 'You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.' Great, no polyester, that means basically no Christians can go to church ever again. It seems that some people choose to follow the bits from the bible that suit them and their narrow-minded view of the world. Next time they're eating prawns in a pair of polyester trousers they should consider the fact that were they to trip and fall ball first into the insinkerator they're just one scrotum-crushing moment away from marginalisation. For God's sake, and for all of ours, would you all just say YES to gay marriage so we can all move on?



THE GENES PLAY ON FRIDAY AT THE
SANDBAR

lovingly bent and bashed into shape with the banjo.

All this playing is making the band tighter than ever so watch out Cabarita because its RMG time again!

The Round Mountain Girls are playing at **Cabarita Sports Club** on **Saturday**.

Embracing the one-man band

As a solo artist, singer songwriter **Bill Jacobi** has embraced the role of one-man band. Using foot percussion, lap slide and open-tuned guitar, Bill has developed his own take on the roots/folk/rock genre. Laden with a down-to-earth honesty and a healthy sense of humour, his songs are an eclectic amalgamation of swamp/roots, alternative county and hillbilly funk, that somehow manage to look back at a wealth of musical tradition, have a good poke around and then turn and run the other way.

Sheoak Shack Saturday.

The Angels are Waiting for the Sun

With the recognised **Rick Brewster's Angels** combined with **Dave Gleeson** from the *Screaming Jets* they bring together a new wave of enthusiasm, as these stars join forces to create a new exciting chapter for the Angels band. Showcasing the bands new single as well as rocking the stage with all the classics as the new revitalised Angels leave you screaming for more.

With the new hit single *Waiting For the Sun* being played nationally on Triple M, fans have already experienced a taste of what to expect from their national tour which will be their first of many with Dave Gleeson up front. The tour is bound to get you going as fans new and old are set for one big Angels experience, reminiscent of gigs from the early years at the Bondi Lifesaver in 1979.

Paul Chrisite from the Party Boys says 'I thought it was quite interesting, it took you back to the grunt they had in the early 70s and 80s and seemed more focused.' With songs such as *Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again*, *We Gotta Get Out Of This Place* and *Take a Long Line* to surely get you rocking on a Saturday night.

The Angels are also planning to head to Japan in September to support Jimmy Barnes in a benefit concert to help build a future for the locals whose lives were adversely affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami. With years of experience the Angels know how to give to you an amazing and pumped-up show.

In the launch of their *Waiting for the Sun Tour*, The Angels have continuous surprises for their fans with the release of their first video since *Caught In The Night* in 1997. The new video clip *Waiting For The Sun* is soon to be released alongside their tour in December. **Twin Towns, Saturday.**

Country rock blues wrapped in a Bo

Whether you are a country/rock/blues or music lover don't miss the chance to sample some foot-stomping tunes with legendary guitarist **Bo Jenkins** and his band. If you like your music authentic then Jenkins music reflects the richness of a life playing on river boats and in the bars and clubs of the famous Mississippi Delta including Billy Bob's and B.J.'s Honkey Tonk to name a few. This region has bred legends including Sonny Boy Williamson, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Charlie Rich...

Bo has toured with and opened for BB King, Reba McEntyre plus many other country, rock'n' blues acts while touring the south. **Seagulls, Saturday.**

Tim buk where?

Tibet2Timbuk2 is a free-spirited cross-cultural trio. Together they weave strands of melody, string and percussion into a cultural journey of enlightened grooves.

Tenzin Choegyal was born in Tibet, escaped to Nepal and was raised in exile in Dharamsala, India. As a child, Tenzin would listen to his mother singing in the nomadic style of Tibet. Now living in Queensland, Tenzin is the founder and organiser for the *Brisbane Festival of Tibet*. Tenzin uses soaring vocals and chants to blend his traditional roots with his modern life. He plays traditional Tibetan instruments including the long-necked lute, the dranyen and the lingbu, a transverse flute.

Marcello Milani is a singer, songwriter and guitarist. He is renowned as the lead vocal and front man for the popular Brisbane band The Toothfaeries.

Marcello has performed and recorded with the Afro/roots groups **Zimbira** and **Masala Music**. Marcello is a favourite performer at the Woodford Folk Festival, Livid Festival and Big Day Out.

Shen Flindell plays the tabla. He is celebrated in Indian classical and world music circles. His early days of studying the tabla were spent with Sri Debapriya Bhattacharya in Melbourne and later in India under the tabla master of the Benares Charana. Shen has learnt to use his clear, beautiful tabla sounds to open the pathways for transcendence. Shen has facilitated many cross-cultural collaborations; Tibet2Timbuk2 is his most recent. **Sphinx Rock Café, Sunday.**

Salt Carols

For the seventh year **Salt Village** will host the **2011 Saltbar Carols by the Beach**. **John Stevens** has been announced as the headline act. **Frankie J Holden** and **Michelle Pettigrove** to headline the Carols alongside Jon Stevens.

Frankie J Holden and **Michelle Pettigrove** are one of Australia's most popular homegrown

showbiz couples. Michelle is best known for her three-year, regular lead role as 'Kate Bryant' in the well-loved Australian drama series *A Country Practice* and numerous television appearances.

Frank has created some of Australian television's most memorable characters through leading roles in some of Australia's favourite shows and has also played guest roles in virtually every drama and sit-com on Australian television. The couple have been performing, singing and dancing together since 2001 and many baby boomers will remember Frankie as the frontman for the *OI '55*.

Carols by the Beach at Salt Village is proudly presented by NBN Television and Leda Group. Carnival rides start from midday, pre show entertainment from 6pm and the main concert from 7pm. As well as Frankie and Jon and Michelle, a special visit will be made by Santa arriving in a helicopter and there will be a fireworks spectacular. This is a free community event and everyone is invited. **Salt Village, Sunday.**

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- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **DAVID LEE**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES **ALICE**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **JEFF CAMILLERI**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS **HOTEL JAM NIGHT**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- SHEOAK SHACK **RAPSKALLION**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **VEENIE'S - SWIZZLE**

FRIDAY 16

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 **MICHAEL**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 8PM **SPARKZ** 7.30PM
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 8PM **MR TROY**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ROSE TATTOO & THE POOR**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL LOUNGE BAR 7.30PM **CLAY BLYTHE**

Gig Guide

- FRONT BAR 8PM **RICK BARRON**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 7PM **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS VARIETY NIGHT**
- CUDGEN SLSC KINGSCLIFF 6PM **JOHN J BRADLEY**
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE 7.30PM **FRANK FAIRFIELD WITH LANEWAY + ANONYMEYE**
- JAKES @ KINGSCLIFF **BENNY D WILLIAMS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **BIG MUSIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8.30PM **MIDNIGHT BLUES BAND**
- MARTY'S @ CABA, CABARITA BEACH 7.30PM **MARK FERRIS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **CHRIS COOK**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE **THE SONGS OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY STAGE SHOW**

- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **LOOSE TALK**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **SWAMPHOUSE**
- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF **NITESTAR**
- SANDBAR & GRILL CASUARINA 6.30PM **THE GENES**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 8PM **SARAH POTTER**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM **INDER** 7.30PM **GREG DOOLAN**

SATURDAY 17

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **CAPTAIN WOW**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 3PM **BO JENKINS**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **CATFISH & THE DEEJAYS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **WOLFMOTHER**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **ABBA**

REBJORN AND PUNCHLINE

- JAKES @ KINGSCLIFF **DANIEL CHAMPAGNE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **HIGH NOON**
- MARTY'S @ CABA, CABARITA BEACH 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY-V**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 10.30AM **PHIL GUEST**, 6.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **RICHARD O**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **DJ CHARLIE K**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **BLACK PEARL**
- SHEOAK SHACK 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 8PM **BO JENKINS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **TROY ORBISON TRIBUTE**
- TWIN TOWNS 8PM **THE ANGELS**

SUNDAY 18

- BABALOU KINGSCLIFF **TWO RIVERS BLUES DUO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY **THE SONGS OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY STAGE SHOW**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM **UPSTAGE**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **DEB AND JO'S CHRISTMAS SHOW** 12.30PM **GLENN BRACE**

- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 5PM **PAUL ATKINS**
- CUDGEN SLSC KINGSCLIFF **MARK FERRIS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **CHEVROLETS**
- GREENHILLS ON TWEED, MURWILLUMBAH 1PM **MICKDALEY & SPECIAL GUEST**
- JAKES @ KINGSCLIFF **NO SECRETS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM **CHRIS BOINZ**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 4PM **HAVE-A-GO-KARAOKE**
- NEVERLAND **COOLANGATTA EASY SUNDAYS**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH **SPORTS CLUB CLAY BLYTH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **BROADFOOT**
- SALT VILLAGE 6PM 2011 **SALTBAR CAROLS BY THE BEACH**
- SHEOAK SHACK 4PM **VISIONS OF A NOMAD**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE MT BURRELL 1PM **TIBET2TIMBUK2**
- SOUTHERN CROSS TAVERN BILINGA 2PM **CASHVILLE**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 2PM **RAY BEADLE**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **ROY DANIELS**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS 2.30PM

MR TROY

MONDAY 19

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON **ROBBIE ROSENLUND**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM **JARED ABSOLUTE SUAVE** 6PM **ROBBIE ROSENLUND**

TUESDAY 20

- MARTY'S AT CABA **CABARITA BEACH** 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT WITH ANNETTE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **PETER JOHNSON**
- TWIN TOWNS 10.30AM **ANDREWS AND BING CHRISTMAS SWING**

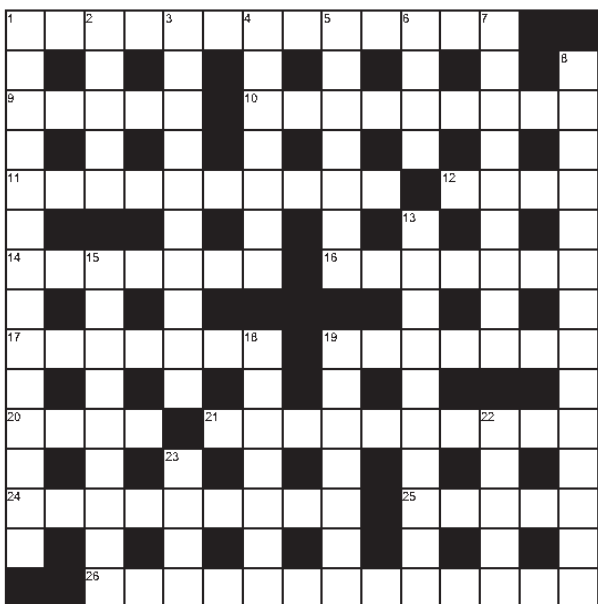
WEDNESDAY 21

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **TREVOR RIX**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 11AM **PIXIE JENKINS** 6PM **CRAIG SHAW**

THURSDAY 22

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **MARCO**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **MICHAEL KING**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **RHYDIAN LEWIS**
- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM 8PM **THE CHURCH**

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
- The only two certain things, according to Benjamin Franklin (5,3,5)
 - Wheat or rice for instance (5)
 - Type of nut used to flavour ice cream (9)
 - Idiots, fools (10)
 - Fire, dismiss (4)
 - Compound containing water, usually in crystal form (7)
 - Resident, inhabitant (7)
 - Bullfighter (7)
 - Pantomime hero, lover of Columbine (7)
 - Negative votes (4)
 - Declare, affirm (10)
 - Output, often as radiation (9)
 - Melbourne underworld figure Mick (5)
 - Aesop's fable involving mice proposing an unworkable defence against the enemy (7,3,3)
- DOWN
- Aesop's fable involving one who begrudges others what he cannot enjoy himself (3,2,3,6)
 - Warning, fright (5)
 - Upside-down acrobatic positions (10)
 - Roman god of the sea (7)
 - Fought, struggled (7)
 - Photography used by doctors (1-3)
 - Rough coated terrier breed (German) (9)
 - Proverbially causing a disturbance, risking trouble (7,3,4)
 - Description of long shorts, like Bermudas (4-6)
 - Wildly enthusiastic writing or music, originally hymn to Dionysus (9)
 - Composer of "The Barber of Seville" (7)
 - Old German penny (7)
 - Absurd trick or stance (5)
 - Child's plaything (4)

Last week's solution



Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
- Texan had dates worked out - two certainties! (5,3,5)
 - Corn? Broad smile hides a ... (5)
 - ...wild hip coat's nut! (9)
 - Deadens and selects proclaimed imbeciles (10)
 - Container for fire (4)
 - "Arid odium" said Spooner, requesting a water-based compound (7)
 - Resident study: singular branch of Buddhism (7)
 - Spanish idol turns around staff at morning (7)
 - Pantomime character? Wharf rubbish! (7)
 - Negative utterances from Arab, perhaps (4)
 - Declare donkey - woman to assess (10)
 - Measure a country's output (9)
 - Get Yank's gun to gangster Mick! (5)
 - Let giant belch unrestrained - it's a task none of the mice wanted! (7,3,3)
- DOWN
- One might, unfortunately, be in peril - but he's just begrudging others what he doesn't want himself! (3,2,3,6)
 - Warning: Capone with gun! (5)
 - Worker gets rises for acrobatics! (10)
 - Write up melody - divine to the Romans (7)
 - Fought - time America (South) went ahead (7)
 - Take a picture of unknown Charles (1-3)
 - Shun craze - wild for this dog (9)
 - Weird chattering book - well, its stirring up trouble (7,3,4)
 - Ken Glen - the maker of Bermuda shorts, perhaps (4-6)
 - Myth - rabid, mad hymn to Dionysus! (9)
 - Garnaut - popular with one composer! (7)
 - Pig iron, two atoms of nitrogen inside, used to make old German coin (7)
 - A new twitch - absurd posture (5)
 - Round dance (4)

Mungo's Crossword first published in *The Week*.

Stars

WITH LILITH

After the weekend full moon's total eclipse with its tidal dips and swells in human moods, Mercury finally moves out of retrograde and this week surrenders to serious festive frenzy...



- ♈ **ARIES:** In a holding pattern since July, Uranus moving forward in Aries ignites enough tonic optimism and psychic adrenalin to fuel you through the seasonal hit list. Regarding zigzagging plans and arrangement alterations: in the same way rolling stones gather no moss, closed lips gather no feet.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** They tease you for being cautious, but who's laughing this week because they have backup contingency plan B in place? But you still need Tauran self-improvement guru Wayne Dyer's motivational mantra: *When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change...*
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Sure, your planetary ruler Mercury in Sagittarius wants to have fun, but the backwash from Gemini full moon total eclipse's emotional king tide is still rippling through personal - and particularly partnership - interactions. It's a sobering thought that one person's fun can be another's nightmare. Tread gently.
- ♋ **CANCER:** Right now the joker's wild and anything can happen: good, bad or right off the Richter. But no matter how bizarre or downright mean-spirited people are, be guided by that wise, ever-quotable Cancerian, the Dalai Lama: *Choose to be optimistic, it feels better.*
- ♌ **LEO:** Note to self: losing it and making a wrong move this week could be financially and emotionally expensive. Meanwhile, midweek Leo moon teamed with Mercury's giant leap forward sees you in fine furry form party planning, charming the crowd, working the room, ruling the roost...
- ♍ **VIRGO:** So this week's people are inconsistent and unreliable. Aren't you, variable Virgo, always busy improving things and making changes for the better? Especially with red hot chilli pepper Mars activating you to clean up your act on so many different levels? That's yours, not someone else's.

- ♎ **LIBRA:** With money too tight to mention and even shopping sports getting tense and edgy, it's time to call in your resources, get those art skills pumping and summon up the wow factor for your seasonal festivities without it costing a wad. Because if Librans can't, who can?
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Following the full moon total eclipse in your house of personal transformation, this week offers a dazzling chance for one of your phoenix-like growth spurts if you're up to the challenge. Keep it real even if you have to proceed by feel. And most importantly, drive carefully.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** With Mercury jetting out of retrograde in Sagittarius with all the clarity and speed you need to power through the festive agenda, this week you're moving fast, thinking big and talking up a storm. Just don't make the mistake of believing people really want your honest opinion.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** Pluto's button-pressing and Mercury's introspection haven't been much fun lately, but Venus in Capricorn brings this week some sweet heat. Take the occasional breather for inspiration that arrives when your mind's not flat chat - they say if you don't go within, you might go without.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** With communicator Mercury moving forward in your house of friends, family and community, and planetary boss Uranus exploding out of its half-year hibernation in action sign Aries watch out, because you won't be able to hide. But you will be able to finally make those overdue changes.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Piscean Einstein believed our most important decision is whether our world is hostile or friendly. Choose friendly and you could rack up karmic flybys playing fence-mender in this week's family frictions, office factions and social politics, using words of praise and appreciation as super glue.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6pm

The Australian Schools Teams Championships, held in Sydney last weekend, ended in triumph for the Victorian teams, after the fancied Sydney Grammar team finished dead last in the Primary Open division, having dropped their best players and sabotaged their and NSW's chances.

The school had effectively expelled Kevin and Rowan Willathgamuwa for honouring their selection as Australian representatives at the World Age Championships in Brazil. The school had not granted the boys permission to go and emailed the parents while they were in Brazil that they should find a new school next year.

The email also said that the boys could take part in all school activities until the end of the year. However, Sydney Grammar later reneged on this commitment and dropped the boys from the competition. The rest of the team was hopelessly outclassed and, instead of challenging for the title, lost every match.

The story has a happy ending;

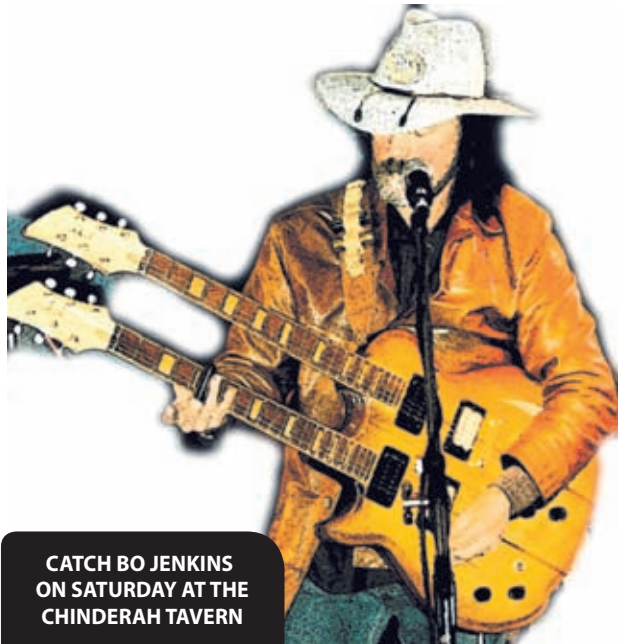
several top schools are jostling to enrol the Willathgamuwa boys in 2012.

■ This week came shocking news that player and administrator Mos Ali has died, aged only 40. He will be sadly missed.

ANU Open 1996
White: L Jones
Black: M Ali
Opening: Dutch Defence
1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.a3 f5 Ali was famous for his use of his f pawn, often starting games with 1.f4. 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.Bd2 Jones has already decided to castle queenside but 8.0-0 was more sober. 8...Qe8 9.Qc2 d6 10.h3 Nbd7 11.0-0-0 e5 12.g4? Ne4! 13.Rh2 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Be4 15.Qa4? (See diagram) 15.Qb3 was necessary, although ugly after 15...exd4! 16.exd4 fxd4 17.Nd2 Bg5! 15...Nc5!! 0-1 A dramatic finish. 16.Qxe8 walks into 16...Nb3 checkmate, while 16.Qb4 a5 is equally hopeless.



Black to play and win



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TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY

There is so much to see and enjoy in December at the Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah.

Portraits and landscapes in 'Robert Hannaford: Open Studio'; cutting edge jewellery in 'Contemporary Wearables'; dynamic portraits in Jenny Sage's 'Paths to Portraiture'; beautiful drawings in 'New Skin' Shayle Flessler; and delightful paintings created by John Lennox for *Seven Little Australians*.

The latest exhibition to be opened is 'Bessie Gibson: An Artistic Life'. This exhibition showcases Gibson's exquisite miniatures alongside accomplished larger portraits in oil, and watercolours that exemplify her flair for colour and fluidity of line.

The Gallery Gift Shop stocks many unique handcrafted gifts, including jewellery, silk scarves, ceramics, glass, felt, woodwork, small artworks and gifts for children. A small selection of good-quality art books, including works on Robert Hannaford and Euan Macleod, and the beautifully illustrated *Seven Little Australians*, also make excellent gifts.

To finish your visit enjoy the glorious views from the Gallery Café while having a light lunch or coffee. Gallery and café open Wednesday to Sunday 10am–5pm (closed on Christmas Day).

2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah. Phone 6670 2790, www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweedart

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

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143 Summerland Way, Kyogle. Phone 6632 3518.

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Bessie Gibson Untitled (lady with pearls)

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New Skin: Shayle Flessler

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Four eyes are better than two



David Solano

Saturday morning I was supposed to go out with a couple of mates. I got down to the shed around 3am. It was raining a little but not too much. I put my rain coat on over the top of my other gear and that did the job. My friends? I don't think they like the rain so my calls went unanswered. Off I went on my own, in the dark, trying to

reach my spot before daylight. I had a nav light on the back of my head blinking a bright blue strobe and a big spotty on the front of my head. This was the one that attracted the prawns; in one particular spot they were jumping out of the water seemingly trying to find the source of light. I couldn't believe it. Prawns everywhere! They were getting crunched

by the occasional predator but mostly they went unscathed. At one point a nice-size prawn went flying by my nose. That's it. Off with the lights and I was safe again. Though I must say it would be cool to turn up to Tweed Hospital with a prawn stuck in my cheek! A good story alright.

When I got to the spot I was pretty excited as I haven't seen so much bait fish in the river for a while.

It's hard to plastic fish in the dark so what I did was to line myself up parallel to the shore line, point my head light up onto the shore-line but not on the water; this way I could see where my lures were landing while not spooking the fish with the light. It worked a treat as I caught two and lost two mullaway on Saturday and got another bigger one Sunday.

I'm pretty happy to be catching these fish week in and week out – I've never hooked onto four before – a great weekend. I do put in the hard yards and I reckon it pays off.

PS: the spare glasses are left-overs from the night before.

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS
Cabarita Beach
Congratulations to Joh Turner,Abdul Latif and Charles Klaverstyn for finishing first, second and third in the Tweed Byron District Player Of The Year Award.To further top off thegreat effort by Cabba bowlers,Julian Richards won the junior title. Presidents handicap: Mick Morgan defeated Glen Searle 121 to 79. Mick was on Saturday beaten by Charles Klaverstyn 101 to 79.
Saturday Dec 10 Winners: Archie Campbell, Ron Lee and Neil Ambrose. Consolation prize for the day went to Pat Little, Betty Oldmeadows and Pam Kennedy.
Monday December 12: Winners for the day: Bernie Lamberton and Abdul Latif with a score of 22 plus 10. Runners Up were Wayne Blackwood and Peter Jones-score 22 plus7. Consolation winners were Gary Coustley and Pat Glancey who amassed a fantastic 26 plus 14 scoreline.
Cabarita Beach Women
December 11: Raffle winners were (from 1st to 7th prize) J. Macted, Cameron Dunn, D. Hails, G. Roach, Les Elms, Brad Skiller and Col Small.
December 13: Social Bowls: Random Rink Winners were Fay Jones, Roy King, Lorraine Rice and Janet Auchettl. Random Consolation prizes went to Robyn Darling, Clare Hill, Valerie Edwards and Joan Griffiths. Congratulations everyone. Lucky raffle winners were Jo Fletcher, Estelle Crabb, Liza Morris, Kate Potter, Robyn Wickbold and Joan Griffiths. Monthly raffle was won by Marion Thompson.
The Club now goes into recess and will resume again on Tuesday 10 January 2012.

Condong Ladies
Tues 6/12/11 Mufti end of year Xmas breakup and Presentation of Championship Trophies. Congratulations to all the 2011 winners who are Singles Champion K Edmunds, R/up J Glasby. Pairs Champions P Flack, M Sweetnam, R/up M Hinde, J Glasby. Triples Champions J Glasby, P Flack, M Sweetnam, R/up M Hinde, R Thorley, K Edmunds. Fours Champions A Tonel, M Dobie, N Worthy, J Glasby, R/up E Elvy, R Thorley, B Mullan, H Ross. Consistency Champion K Edmunds, R/up P Flack. Special mention to Diane Dawes this year, if there was a most improved award she would of won it hands down.

Kingscliff Men
The Club Presentation Night, held on Sunday December 4. Congratulations to all the prize winners and especially Bob Raeburn, Clubman of the Year and Michael Turner the winner of the Artie Booth Memorial trophy for the A Grade Singles. David from All About Travel presented Mary and Andy Brown with the trip to Palm Cove.
Social Bowls Results: Tuesday 29th November Amcal Open Pairs: Winners: P Crompton, T Abraham. Runners Up: B Raeburn, D Smith. Plate Winners: M & M Van Runt. Saturday 10th December: Highest Winning Margin: F McNamara, J Julius, M James. Second Highest Winning Margin: B Morrow, J Findlay, R McLeay. Lowest Winning Margin: H DeVries, J Reardon, D Roughley.
Kingscliff Women
Wednesday, Nov 9: Winners: D. Abraham, J. Bonett, B. Miris; Runners-Up: A. Smith, B. Lane, R. Fuller. Nov 16: Winners: D. Harris, A. Grahame, R. Clarke; Runners-Up: N. Parfitt, A. Shipway, D. James. Nov 23: Winners: J. Siering, W. Butler, L. Willoughby; Runners-Up: R. Clarke, B. Sheehy, M. Brown. December 7: Winners: D. Hallett, W. Butler, M. Lincoln; Runners-Up: D. Jones, J. Siering, B. Jack.

South Tweed
Wednesday AM Pairs: 1st D Russell & B Forbes. 2nd K McMahon & C Hawkins.
Tweed Heads Ladies
Ladies Pairs: S. Asper, P. Southern def. S. Lusby, J.

Roche * M. Purcell, W. Wilson def. P. Griffith, M. Dare * J. Gilroy, D. Duncan def. A. Morrissey, K. Robinson * S. O'Toole, R. Griffin def. V. Moore, R. Curtis * L.A. French, A. Plowright def. N., Bell. J. Wilson *K. Figura, J. Lyon. def. R. Quinlan, G. Gorgenti
Ladies Fours: J. Redman, H. Reid, B. Orchard, P. Govett def. E. Titmarsh, V. Pridham, J. Ryman, S. Taylor * N. Craig, D. Evans, V. Philpot, V. Robinson def. S. Lusby, B. Rodger, M. Jarick, S. Rushton * D. Stewart, K. Mahaffey, D. Duncan, N. Bell def. M. Baxter, D. Kerwitz, J. Wilson, E. Carter M. Benson, A. Nash, N. Ward, J. Roche def. T. Congdon, S. Wilson, N. Wise, B. Sydenham.
Ladies Triples: B. Makin, S. O'Toole, R. Griffin def. K. Thatcher, J. Smith, C. Hawkins * K. Figura, E. Hunt, C. Graver def. L. Rayward, L. Robins, L.A. French * G. Gorgeny, D. Hunt, N. Wise def. N. Ward, P. Govett, V. Philpot.
Ladies Pairs: H. Bardsley, R. Quinlan def. S. Hanlon, J. Green * K. Henshaw, I. Muldoon def. S. Asper, B. Bitmead * B. Jacobsen, S. Goldsmith def. C. Davis, P. Houghton.
Ladies Social Fours: B. LeBouef, J. Gilroy, B. Sydenham, M. Gunton def. P. Mann, D. Kerwitz, J. Withington, S. Goldsmith * K. Sieben, N. Bell, M. Heydt, P. Henderson def. R. Ash, B. Bitmead, J. Webster, J. Smith * D. Stewart, S. Jackson, J. Green, P. Houghton def. R. Laycock, M. Marquis, R. Wallis, D. McNamara.
Ladies Tuesday Pairs: S. O'Toole, R. Griffin def. S. Lusby, R. Quinlan * L. PPrima, B. Bryant, def. S. Taylor, G. Gorgeny * A. Morrissey, K. Robinson def. J. Smith, L. Hodsdon * V. Moore, R. Curtis def. C. Martin, M. Dare * S. Hanlon, H. Ramsay def. J. Wilson E. Hunt * K. Figura, B. Makin def. N. Wise, J. Hoffman.
Ladies Championship Winners
Consistency Winner - Di Cunningham
'B' Grade Fours Winner - L. Robins, D. Kendall, M. Gunton, R. Reiter
'B' Grade Triple Winners - F. Hewitt, K. Figura, L. Rayward
'B' Grade Pairs Winners - E. Simpson, M. Cooper
'B' Grade Singles Winner- L. Wilson
Veteran Triples Winners - A. Plowright, F. Martin, L.A. French
Veteran Singles Winner - D. Cunningham
Indoor Pairs Winners - B. Gates, T. Dixon,
Indoor Singles Winner - B. Gates
Open Fours Winners - A. Ebsworth, M. Wright, S. Hanlon, K. Thatcher
Open Triple Winners - L. Hodsdon, B. Bradley, S. Hanlon
Open Pairs Winners - A. Plowright, L. A. French
Open Singles Winner - L. Cuthbertson.
Tweed Heads Men
Social Results
Sun Dec 4: Green 1: Joan Lyon, Tony and Pam Govett, Ken Calvert; r/up: John and Marie Purcell, Andrew and Wendy Wilson
Green 2: Stephanie and Peter Goldsmith, David Nelson; r/up: Daisy and Mario Matteucci
Tues Dec 6: Winners Men: Don Shoobert, Jack Barnes, Allen Jackson, Russell Luland; r/up: Ken Withington, Norman Hoffman, John Craig, Kerry Woolacott
Winners Ladies: Joan Wike, Maureen Blagbrough, Irene Muldoon, Eileen Hunt; r/up: Carolyn Davis, Betty Graham, Beth Jacobson, Colleen Graver
Wed Dec 7: Random Rink Draw Green 1: Tony Muldoon, John Strachan on c/b; r/up: Eddie Vuik, Bill Hagen
Green 2: Don Shoobert, Terry Sullivan; r/up: Brian Bitmead, Roger Graf
Green 3: Roy Barwick, John Heath; r/up: John Reardon, Dennis Freeman
Fri Dec 9: Green 1: Gordon Wright, John Brabham, Jim A. Smith; r/up: John LeBouef, Tom Wotton, Ian Irvine
Green 2: Ramsay MacDonald, Sam Ramsay, George

Hanlon; r/up: Bob Trinder, Rod Stebbins, Kim Stephenson
Green 3: Ron Hodsdon, John Burden, Rob Henshaw; r/up: Mike Goddard, Enrol Perkins, John Sieben
Sat Dec 10: Jackpot Saturday Green 1: Gary and Francis Hewitt; r/up: John Strachan, Bernie Fletcher
Green 2: Bernice Bryant, Terry Sullivan; r/up: Stephanie and Peter Goldsmith
Green 3: Ken Withington, George Vlisma, Robert Foster; r/u: Barry Milburn, Roger Graf
The Jackpot of \$1,000.00 was not won again and there is now only 7 envelopes left on the board with the second Jackpot now reaching \$824.00. The consolation prize of \$100.00 went to Leigh and John Rayward.

DARTS
Tweed Valley
Presentation: In round 1 A Grade Kirra Blues def Condong Jokers. B Grade Courthouse Tigers def Condong Misfits. Individual trophies in A Grade were won by Janelle Norris with 36 and Bill Aitken with 154 Tons. High Scores were won by Vicki Dos Remedios and Terry Baker both with 174. High pegs were won by Donna Bodley with 120 and Bill Aitken with 137. In B Grade High Scores were won by Katrina Purcell, Samantha Rasmussen, Michelle Fearnance, Anne McDowell, Marie McKinnon and Joanne Bulluss who all threw 140. Tony Dow and Pat Buccilli both threw 174. Most Tons were thrown by Michelle Fearnance with 36 and Ron Fearnance with 12. High Pegs were thrown by Samantha Rasmussen with 82 and Eric Rudman 110.

In Round 2 A Grade winners were Condong Jokers def Kirra Blues, B Grade were Courthouse Tigers def Ozzie Ramsey's Heroes and C Grade Courthouse Moon Guppies def Chinderah Chuckers. Individual Trophies in A Grade were Janell Norris with 33 and Bill Aitken with 174 being the most tons. The High Scores were Loma Williams with 174 and Phil Whalan with 171. The High Pegs were thrown by Jayne Ross with 113 and Brett Atkinson with the highest possible peg of 170. He is the first person to throw this in our Monday night competition. B Grade Most Tons were thrown by Katrina Purcell with 14 and Leon Giacopazzi with 34. High Scores were Leigh Boorman with 162 and Michael Brown with 174. High Pegs were Katrina Purcell with 123 and Leon Giacopazzi with 140. C Grade Most Tons were Joanne Bulluss and Tracey Wright with 9 and Barry Jones and Ben rogers both with 18. High Scores with 140 were Tracey Wright, Joanne Bulluss, Marie McKinnon and Carmel Hall. The men also threw 140 and they were Barry Jones, Ben Rogers, Ray Riddle, Peter Campbell, Alan Rogers, Steve Read, Clive Martin, Mark Curran, Troy Bailey, Nigel Grafton, Mark Farrell and Neville Luxton. High Pegs were Marie McKinnon with 82 and Barry Jones 113. In the club championships High Scores were thrown by Loma Williams with 171 and Bill Aitken with 160. High Pegs were thrown by Jenny Woods with 100 and Michael Goodwin with 133.
The Best and Fairest Award went to Janelle Norris for A Grade and Marie McKinnon in B/C Grade. The Triers Award went to Alan Rogers and Mark Curran. Woody's High Peg Award went to Brett Atkinson for his 170.

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Results for 5/12/11 Stableford – Winner A grade Jim Robertson 41 points(c/back) new h/cap 5, R/up Howard Guest 41 points new h/cap 9.
Winner B grade Geoff Lennon 42 points new h/cap 16, R/up Lillian Charlton 41 points –= new h/cap 19.
Winner C grade Bob Meekings 43 points(c/back) new h/cap 22, R/up Paul Fisher 43 points new h/cap 23.
Ball rundown to 38 points (c/back). Hole-in-one 8th hole Paula Forster
Christmas break until 9/1/2012 Ball comp each Mon & Thurs.

Underwater hockey heads to nationals



The Bullrouts are the official Underwater Hockey Team of the Gold Coast. The club will be sending a team to the National Championships in Perth from January 21 to 26, 2012.

In previous years the team has placed as high as third and are hoping to better this next year. Some of the competitors have played for Australia and will trial to be part of the

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Scope: A Glover 107.4, 15, 122.4; P Loxley-Lewis 118.7, 4, 121.7; P Weeks 114.6, 7, 121.6; G Morris 114.2, 7, 121.2; W Sunderland 114.6, 5, 119.6; S Routledge 97.4, 18, 115.4. Visitors: R Millingen 105.2; A Maloney 92; P Turner 98.2. Smallbore: F Binding 396, 8, 404; P Turner 397, 6, 403; G Morris 393, 8, 401; A Cronk 399, 1, 400; W Sunderland 397, 2, 399; R Millingen 390, 9, 399; A Glover 389, 9, 398; N Williams 380, 18, 398; A Turner 388, 9, 397; D Williams 357, 40, 397.

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☐ First quarter December 2 20:52					DECEMBER 2011 Astronomical data and tides	
○ Full moon December 11 01:36						
☾ Third quarter December 18 11:48						
● New moon December 25 05:06						
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 T	0540	1929	1120		0145,1.27; 1340,1.53	0722,0.62; 2027,0.44
2 F	0540	1929	1215	0018	0241,1.27; 1432,1.41	0821,0.68; 2115,0.49
3 S	0540	1930	1308	0051	0336,1.30; 1530,1.31	0927,0.71; 2201,0.52
4 S	0540	1931	1400	0122	0430,1.34; 1630,1.25	1034,0.70; 2247,0.53
5 M	0540	1932	1452	0153	0520,1.41; 1730,1.23	1141,0.66; 2333,0.52
6 T	0540	1932	1545	0226	0606,1.48; 1824,1.23	1238,0.59
7 W	0540	1933	1638	0300	0649,1.56; 1913,1.25	0015,0.51; 1326,0.52
8 T	0540	1934	1731	0337	0729,1.62; 1957,1.26	0056,0.51; 1408,0.45
9 F	0540	1935	1825	0418	0808,1.68; 2038,1.28	0134,0.50; 1447,0.40
10 S	0540	1935	1918	0504	0845,1.73 ; 2117,1.29	0213,0.49; 1525,0.35
11 S	0541	1936	2009	0554	0922,1.77 ; 2157,1.29	0250,0.48; 1601,0.32
12 M	0541	1937	2056	0648	1000,1.78 ; 2237,1.30	0330,0.48; 1640,0.31
13 T	0541	1937	2141	0745	1041,1.78 ; 2319,1.30	0410,0.48; 1720,0.31
14 W	0541	1938	2222	0844	1122,1.76	0454,0.50; 1801,0.31
15 T	0542	1939	2300	0944	0005,1.31; 1205,1.71	0542,0.52; 1845,0.32
16 F	0542	1939	2337	1043	0055,1.32; 1252,1.64	0634,0.55; 1932,0.34
17 S	0542	1940		1144	0148,1.35; 1345,1.55	0732,0.57; 2022,0.36
18 S	0543	1941	0013	1245	0245,1.40; 1445,1.46	0839,0.59; 2115,0.38
19 M	0543	1941	0050	1347	0345,1.47; 1553,1.39	0952,0.57; 2211,0.39
20 T	0544	1942	0129	1452	0445,1.56; 1704,1.35	1109,0.51; 2308,0.40
21 W	0544	1942	0213	1559	0545,1.67; 1814,1.34	1220,0.42
22 T	0545	1943	0301	1706	0642,1.78 ; 1917,1.35	0005,0.39; 1325,0.31
23 F	0545	1943	0355	1811	0737,1.88 ; 2015,1.37	0100,0.38; 1422,0.22
24 S	0546	1944	0454	1912	0830,1.94 ; 2110,1.38	0153,0.37; 1515,0.17
25 S	0546	1944	0557	2007	0920,1.97 ; 2200,1.39	0245,0.36; 1603,0.15
26 M	0547	1944	0701	2055	1008,1.94 ; 2248,1.39	0335,0.38; 1649,0.17
27 T	0547	1945	0804	2137	1054,1.88 ; 2334,1.37	0425,0.41; 1733,0.22
28 W	0548	1945	0905	2215	1137,1.77	0513,0.46; 1815,0.29
29 T	0549	1946	1003	2249	0020,1.36; 1219,1.64	0600,0.52; 1855,0.37
30 F	0549	1946	1058	2321	0105,1.34; 1300,1.51	0648,0.59; 1934,0.44
31 S	0550	1946	1151	2353	0151,1.34; 1342,1.38	0739,0.66; 2014,0.49
Times Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Highway Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 30 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.						





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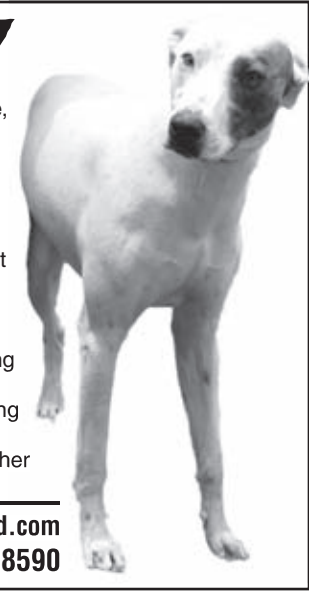
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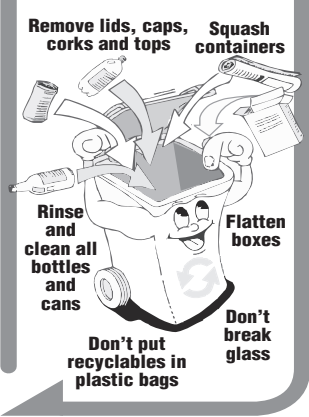
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Beachside market

The Kingscliff Lions beachside markets which were due to be held on Christmas Eve have been rescheduled as twilight markets beginning at 3pm on Thursday, December 22, in Marine Parade. The profits from this market are to go towards helping the rehabilitation of Kingscliff man Duncan Sawyer who became a quadraplegic following a bicycle accident.

Book sale

Murwillumbah Leukaemia and Cancer Research Society is holding its bi-monthly second-hand book sale in the Undercroft of the Anglican Church, Riverview Street, on Friday, December 16, from 8am-5pm and Saturday, Dec 17, until noon.

Xmas dances

Lions Club of Tweed Coast South Christmas dance with Darryl Honeyman's Biggish Band at Burringbar Hall, Saturday, December 17, 7.30pm till late. Adults \$10, children \$5, tea, coffee and supper included. Tumbulgum Hall, Saturday, December 17, at 8pm, oldtime and new vogue dancing, door prizes, raffle, supper, music by Trilogy, families welcome.

Xmas cantata

St Cuthbert's Church Choir will present the cantata, 'The Night of Miracles', this Sunday, December 18, at the church, cnr Florence/Powell Streets, Tweed Heads beginning at 2pm (DST). Afternoon tea provided, for info call Ann on 07 5522 5838.

Xmas carols

Lions Club Park, Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**, adjacent to Cudgen Surf Club, on December 15 from 7pm-8.45pm (DST), a talented line-up of various singers plus the children from Cudgen, Kingscliff and St Anthony's schools. Drinks and food stalls. **Murwillumbah** churches and Tweed Valley College present 'Carols at the College', this Sunday, December 18, at 4.30pm. Gold coin donation, family fun activities. From 5pm-7pm the 'Road to Bethlehem' pageant will be held, plus jazz band and main program starts at 8pm with carol singing, fireworks finale at 9.30pm.

Dance workshop

A professional dance workshop for people with or without disabilities will be held December 17 and 18 at Murwillumbah High School from 9.30am-5pm. Presented by Restless Dance Theatre from Adelaide. Tomorrow, December 16, a masterclass is on offer to any dance teacher or participants, cost for both is \$50, for info call Leanne on 02 6672 6965.

Garden club

Murwillumbah and District Garden Club next meeting Monday, January 23, at the Jesse McMillan Hall, Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah. New members welcome. AGM on Monday, February 27.

Red Cross

Tweed Heads Red Cross gift wrapping is being carried out at Tweed City shopping centre every day until Christmas, donation a gold coin.

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U3A

U3A Twin Towns in recess from tomorrow and returns January 16. Anyone wishing to join can call 07 5534 7333.

Friends of the Hound

Fundraising sausage sizzle at Best Friends Pet SuperCentre in Machinery Drive, South Tweed on Sunday, December 18, from 10am-2pm.

Library storage need

Friends of Tweed Heads Library need storage space for books accumulated by donations for our annual book sale. An unneeded lockable, easily assessable dry garage would be ideal. All profits from our book sale are spent on improving library facilities. Friends of Library meet 4th Wed of the month at 10.30am at library to discuss recently reads books. New members welcome. If you can help call Rosalind on 07 5524 3342.

Banora Pt community

Banora Point Community Centre senior program has various groups available on Tuesday afternoons and all day Fridays. If you are interested in card playing, Stretch your Mind, Tai Chi, Mah Jong, scrapbooking, art, Scrabble, gentle exercise with weights call Lyn on 07 5523 2030. The centre is on the corner of Leisure and Woodland Drives, Banora Point.

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.

Volunteers

NORTEC Volunteering's Five Most Wanted positions this week: Pottsville, site assignor; Tweed Heads, food assistant, boating assistant; Murwillumbah, administration assistant; Tweed Heads South, artist. For info call 02 6672 8288.

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Sofa so good on environment

Cabarita Beach furniture designer Greg Lawson was one happy man recently after his sustainable sofa was exhibited at a major Melbourne design show.

Greg's sofa, called 'Atlantis', was exhibited to much interest at the recent 2011 Fringe Furniture Design Exhibition as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival.

The theme of the exhibition was 'Dancing in the Dark: small solutions to big problems'. Greg's sofa is made from all sustainable materials such as bamboo plywood, natural latex foam and an eco-wool/bamboo blend fabric.

Greg, of Green Room Consulting, has been designing furniture inspired by nature since his early twenties and was thrilled to be part of an exhibition that celebrates the diverse and unique talents of emerging designers.

He said he was elated to be



Cabarita Beach furniture designer Greg Lawson relaxes on his sustainable sofa recently exhibited at Melbourne's Fringe Furniture Design Exhibition.

accepted into the exhibition and is keen to make more furniture along the same sustainable lines.

Greg grew up surfing on the

north coast and and then travelled to London to work with a number of architectutral firms as a designer where he said he was 'disheartened by the lack of

sustainable design'. The Atlantis sofa is his response to the growing need for furniture to be sustainable and well designed.

Toastmasters convention to be held at Twin Towns in May 2013, are urged to visit www.high-tevents.zoomshare.com.

Computers for seniors

Computer Association Tweed Seniors meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am in the Seagulls Club. Get computer advice and learn computer skills at your own pace in a friendly social environment. All welcome. For info call Noelene on 07 5599 8939 bh.

Lifeball

Lifeball is an exercise sport similar to netball but played at walking pace by senior men and women. At **Chinderah**: sessions held every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am at Tweed Supersports Centre, Chinderah, for info call Jill 02 6674 0636 or George 02 6624 4558. At **Pottsville**: men and women players needed, sessions every Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am at Pottsville Community Hall, Coast Road, Pottsville. For info call Ruth 02 6676 0411.

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Museum

Tweed River Regional Museum (Tweed Heads) closed till Tuesday, January 13.

Nashos

Tweed Valley Murwillumbah branch meets the third Tuesday of every month except January at our new location Murwillumbah Sports (bowling club), cnr Brisbane and Condong Streets, Murwillumbah at 10am. We have guest speakers, activities and welcome new members. For info call Peter on 0458 060 765.

The **Gold Coast South-Twin Towns branch** next general meeting Sunday, January 15, at 11am (DST) 10am (Qld) in the new Anzac Room, Twin Towns Services Club. For info call John on 07 5535 2484.

Breast cancer

The 2012 YWCA Encore Program, an innovative and inspiring approach to recovery from breast cancer surgery, starts in Murwillumbah in February and runs for

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Dragons Abreast

Mt Warning Dragons Abreast aims to improve the quality of life of its members, who are breast cancer survivors and their supporters. Dragon Boat paddling with the club provides a sense of purpose and support for breast cancer sur-

vivors. They paddle on the Tweed River, Condong. For info call Robyn on 0427 368 819.

Justices of the Peace

Tweed Justices of the Peace returning on January 19 at Tweed City and Centro on January 17. For info call Donna on 0414 894 368. Also, JP witnessing at Red Monkey Cafe, Kingscliff, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-midday, call Norman on 0412 473 575.

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An *Echo* journalist overheard Leda's Reg van Rij address one of the company's staffers at last Saturday's protest at Kings Forest. When the Leda employee welcomed Reg at the site, Mr van Rij responded, 'you're not supposed to know me, mate'. Some more proof Leda staff's orchestrated presence at last weekend's protest was anything but spontaneous.

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Lismore MP Thomas George, who represents the Murwillumbah and surrounding rural villages, is in a spot of bother over his son Stuart's profiteering from coal-seam gas (CSG) mining after it was revealed the Richmond Valley councillor had taken a position with mining company Metgasco as a land administration officer. Opponents of CSG mining, which the company intends to exploit on the Northern Rivers, say it's a huge conflict of interest and have called for him to stand down from the council as he will have to deal with landowners to gain access for CSG mining exploration. At a recent community meeting to discuss the gas-mining issue, the Lismore MP ducked protesters and questions on his son's links and conflict. If his son doesn't see it as an albatross around his neck, his dad certainly will come the next election, with hundreds of rural landowners and farmers in his electorate dead against any mining exploration on their turf.

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Meanwhile, Mr George's political colleague, the Nationals' Richmond candidate at the last federal election, Alan Hunter, is being pursued by Byron Shire Council for illegal construction at his Myocum property near Mullumbimby. Mr Hunter, who is also the Nationals' current chairman of the Richmond electorate, is alleged to have placed 18 shipping containers on his property joined together to form a storage facility. Mr Hunter entered a plea of not



Maebh Hamilton, a year 5 student at the Aetaomah School, plays at the recent summer fair and open day held at the Steiner school on Kyogle Road south of Uki. Photo Howard Melder

guilty in Byron Local Court last week and the matter will be heard in February.

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Things got a bit nasty as Cr Kevin Skinner told fellow councillors on Tuesday about his trip to Sydney to push alternative cop-shop sites. When he mentioned a site on the Tweed Coast Road opposite the rural fire station, Cr Joan van Lieshout whispered something to Cr Skinner which caused the former mayor to erupt. 'I am not interested in your aside,' he told her. 'It intimates I have a prior association with somebody, that was so rude.' Cr van Lieshout later confirmed that her inaudible comment to Cr Skinner referred to the owner of the land, property developer and former Kingscliff Chamber of Commerce president Alan McIntosh, and went something like, 'we all know who owns that site.'

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Then it was a case of 'yes you did, no I didn't' after Cr Dot Holdom asked Cr Skinner if he had, minutes earlier, suggested the delegation to the police minister also represented the Kingscliff Progress Association, along with the chamber of

commerce. Cr Skinner replied, 'I never did,' but later qualified his denial, saying if he did it had been a mistake.

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As councillors approved a costly revamp of the Clarrie Hall Dam spillway, Cr Holdom couldn't help but have a dig at her colleagues who recently voted against raising the dam wall. 'This project is like a gin and tonic, it would go much better with the raising of the dam wall.'

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After councillors debated what to do about deafening aircraft noise blighting sections of the shire, mayor Barry Longland lightened the mood just before councillors voted to have a workshop on the issue. 'We are called to vote for a total ban on international passengers flying into the Gold Coast airport,' joked the mayor.

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Formerly a self-professed and proud philistine, Cr Phil Youngblutt has learnt to appreciate the finer things in the shire since becoming a councillor. When newly elected four years ago, Cr Youngblutt was dead against any council funding for art galleries, even

putting up a rescission motion in an attempt to stop ratepayer cash being spent on Murwillumbah's art gallery. But the 76-year-old deputy mayor has seen the error of his ways and this week admitted his change of heart to council colleagues, before voting to support the Margaret Olley Art Centre. His mate, gallery supporter Cr Warren Polglase, was later heard to say 'at last he has an appreciation of art. You can teach an old fossil [his nickname for Phil] new tricks'.

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After 123 years of reporting on Tweed Shire Council matters, the *Tweed Daily News* appears to have thrown in the towel, despite still publishing both paid and free weeklies. The paper's former veteran Muwillumbah reporter Peter Caton finished up last week after the daily was downgraded to a Saturday-only newspaper, with some website coverage. However, it appears he has not been replaced on his council round and the *Echo* hack was the only reporter at Tuesday's council meeting and last Thursday's community access session, which does not augur well for broad local coverage.

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