



Illegal holiday lets in Byron Bay to close

Fears are circulating among the tourism industry that the holiday rental market will be 'closed down' if Council enforces its policy on holiday letting. Advice from Council's lawyers and the Department of Planning have confirmed that the permanent letting of properties to holiday makers in the residential zone is illegal.

Tourism Byron have estimated that 600 out of 700 rental properties could be affected, however a tourism audit produced by Southern Cross University in 2004 counted only 17 percent of all holiday rental houses and units within the 2(a) residential zone.

The anomaly can be partly attributed, say SCU researchers, to the fact that properties along Lawson Street, Alcorn Street and the Belongil were not counted in the study as those areas are currently zoned coastal erosion (7f2) and not 2(a).

Holiday letting in the tourism strips along Shirley Street and Lawson Street will not be deemed illegal according to Mayor Jan

Barham. She points out that, if approved, the new Local Environment Plan for Byron Bay will permit holiday serviced apartments in medium density areas such as Lawson Street and parts of Shirley Street.

Asked what action Council is likely to take next, and whether it will close down all holiday rental properties which are located in residential areas, Jan Barham replied, 'We will get a report on compliance and we will certainly be putting forward that we should be writing to all those people who are doing it illegally and inform them.'

Tourism Byron's Grant Hawkins believes Council's decision could have a disastrous effect on the tourism sector.

'It will close the industry down. If they can regulate it of course. Everyone is asking how is it going to be regulated?'

Grant Hawkins says everyone needs to take a step back from the issue. 'Tourism Byron will be inviting Council and community groups to work through the issues in a

workshop to work out more sensible regulation of the industry. We're developing a range of options. We need to slow everything down and have a sensible discussion of the issues.'

While admitting that the industry does need some regulation he said he was not ready to disclose details of the options.

'Some combination of zones and much tougher noise regulation are some of the initial thoughts,' Mr Hawkins explained.

Jan Barham doesn't agree that the industry will collapse as a result of Council's decision.

'Well, the idea that it is going to impact negatively on the tourism industry is a subjective view from the real estate agents. I know that we have so many new tourism opportunities coming on line, particularly with tourism units in the centre of town which are legally allowed because they are in a business area. I also know that some of the legitimate tourism operators say they

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Such a Splendiferous outing



Kali and Astro Boy, pictured above, dancing it up at the Dance Inc tipi circle on Saturday at Splendour. Right, Kele Okereke, lead singer with eagerly awaited British band Bloc Party, who set alight the Supertop with their funky hip hop blend. Photo Jeff 'E Mood' Dawson

Mandy Nolan

After a cold and windy week the sun came out for Splendour in the Grass this weekend. Hundreds of kilos of rubber wellies will be making their way back home unmuddied as thousands of punters made contact with their inner wild child, letting loose and turning on to the strange and gutteral growls

of Queens of the Stone Age, or alternatively, slipping into the sophisticated ambience of Moby.

It was undeniably a huge weekend in Byron, with an estimated 40,000 partygoers in town, looking for a ticket to ride, some a fence to jump, and others were happy enough just to be near the action. This year



festival tickets sold out in just one hour, and after bans on ebay sales, punters were arriving hopeful that they would be able to buy a ticket in Byron. It was certainly a profitable weekend for ticket scalpers, with some tickets selling privately for almost triple their original cost.

While the mood within the festival was described as mellow, there were reports of a few threatening incidents outside the festival site.

Apart from a number of young revellers peaking too early, if the number of shirtless young men in Jester hats is anything to go by, a good time was had by all.

Although those over 30 did complain they came away feeling they needed an urgent dose of botox.

Damage bill from last month's floods could reach \$1.5 million

Alex McAuley

Byron Shire is facing an estimated \$1.5 million clean up bill in the wake of the torrential rain and floods last month.

With the majority of the damage caused to the Shire's roads by land slips and erosion, Byron Shire Council is in the process of assessing the damage and preparing a submission for the RTA in order to claim Disaster Relief

Funding for much of the cost.

Brett Lee, Director of Asset Management Services at Byron Shire Council, said an inspection last week identified 340 locations where repair work is required, including the landslip along Lighthouse Road and the adjacent boardwalk, pictured right.

'The boardwalk fell as a result of the ground beneath

it shifting,' said Mr Lee on Monday. 'We are having an on site meeting with a geotech company today to get some advice on how to proceed. We have also arranged for a demolition company to inspect the site in order to assess how to best remove the damaged sections of the boardwalk.'

'We are also working closely with National Parks

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Drug bust in c-moog

A police operation to investigate drug supply in Byron Bay nightclubs resulted in a raid on c-moog nightclub over the weekend.

At 1am on Saturday morning, around 25 police from the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command conducted a search of the Jonson Street club, arresting four men and taking them to Byron Bay Police Station after finding large quantities of drugs including ecstasy. Police have revealed that the arrests included both employees of the nightclub as well as patrons.

Following the raid the club was closed down for 72 hours and was due to reopen on Tuesday morning, but is likely to remain the subject of monitoring for further breaches. Under the Liquor

Act a temporary closure order can be issued if police suspect that staff or customers are using the premises to sell prohibited drugs.

Police were still trying to determine the street value of the drugs as *The Echo* went to press. A 30-year-old Brunswick Heads man was charged with two counts of supplying a prohibited drug, two counts of deeming to supply a prohibited drug and knowingly taking part in supplying a prohibited drug. He was refused bail and appeared in Lismore Local Court over the weekend.

A further three men were issued with field court attendance notices for drug related matters and are due to appear in Byron Bay Local Court on August 19.

Damage bill for floods rises

From front page and Wildlife as we don't want to compromise the stability of the escarpment. There is a house at the bottom that needs to be protected.

Mr Lee estimated that the single lane traffic restrictions on Lighthouse Road would remain in force for several months at least while the road is stabilised and repaired. Unconfirmed estimates put the repair bill for reinstating the boardwalk and stabilising the road at around \$600,000.

Although the damage is widespread across the Shire, fortunately there are no residential areas under threat from further land slips. Many residents are experiencing inconvenience in accessing their homes due to partial road closures along Coolamon Scenic Drive between Mullumbimby and Montecollum.

According to Mr Lee, disaster relief funding can only reinstate infrastructure to the condition it was prior to the event; should Council

deem further work is required to protect the infrastructure from severe weather events in the future, Council will need to foot the bill.

'Council will have to pay \$25 000 out of the first \$100 000 of the clean up costs,' explained Mr Lee, who is expecting the majority of the damage bill to be picked up by the state government through Disaster Relief Funding.

A report containing more details regarding the damage and repair costs will come before Council on August 23.

Residents affected by the floods have already started to receive compensation from the state government's Disaster Relief Fund with cheques being sent out this week by the Department of Community Services.

Byron Shire is not the only area facing massive repair bills; Tweed Shire is expecting to have to fork out \$750 000 to repair damage caused by landslips in Banora and Bilambil.

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Call Zen for more information on 6680 5150. Photo: Jeff 'Buttery Body' Dawson

Illegal lets

Front front page have suffered a downturn in occupancy rates because of the increase in holiday letting,' she told *The Echo*.

'The problem is that, sure we are a tourism town, but we are still a community and this has been eroding the quality of life for residents and we can't afford to lose that sense of community. It is the people who make the place and we need to make it possible for people to still live here,' said Cr Barham.

'One fifth of our residential housing stock is being holiday let which is part of the reason we have an affordable housing problem and a lack of permanent rental stock,' she added.

'It is also unfair that the people who have gained their legal approvals watch while the unlawful operators are allowed to continue.

'We need to get our house in order so that it is a level playing field. We need to get our tourism industry operating on that level playing field.'

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Wendy says goodbye after 24 years

Wendy Boyd, Director of the Bangalow Community Children's Centre (BCCC) will be leaving her work in the Byron Shire at the end of this month, when she takes on a new challenge as Associate Lecturer at the School of Early Childhood at Queensland University of Technology.

Wendy, who is pictured right with some of her charges, has been the face of childcare in Bangalow for 24 years since joining the Centre as Director in 1981. Back then the Bangalow Community Preschool looked after 26 children per week and was open the equivalent of three days a week. It now cares for 79 children five days a week and offers Before and After school care and Vacation care.

During her time at the Centre Wendy has been instrumental in working with the management committees to make sure the facility keeps up with the need for childcare services in the area. Her enormous contribution to the community will be sorely missed.

'The biggest change since I started working at BCCC has been the growth of the village and the changes in



Bangalow Community Preschool director Wendy Boyd, pictured above with some of her charges. Wendy leaves the preschool shortly after 24 years in the job to take up a post at QUT.

society as far as the need for childcare,' said Wendy. 'More women are now in the workforce and subsequently we have needed bigger premises and a wider spectrum of service provision.'

'We started out in the Anglican Hall, moved to Deacon Street to a purpose built preschool in 1985 and then moved the whole building to Raftons Road 12 years ago. The Preschool changed to being a Children's Centre

when we began catering for the needs of OOSH (Out of School Hours care).'

When asked what she'll miss most Wendy admits it will be hard to say goodbye to the daily interaction she has enjoyed with the children, families and staff.

'It has been great to be part of such a vital community and forming relationships with families, staff and local residents. Offering appropriate services to our

families and assisting in nurturing the children to grow have been of prime importance,' she said.

'Being here for so long I've been able to employ some of the children I taught all those years ago, which is pretty incredible, and have had other children's children come to the Centre.'

Wendy will officially leave the Bangalow Community Children's Centre on Friday 29 July.

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'The organisation offers professional and ongoing training and support to our aunties and encourages mutual growth within each match.'

For more information on volunteering in the Byron Bay area contact Cheryl on 6685 7177 or come along to the next orientation session on Wednesday August 17 at 5.30pm. Call Cheryl for location details.

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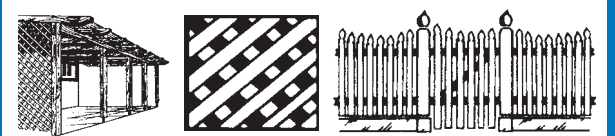
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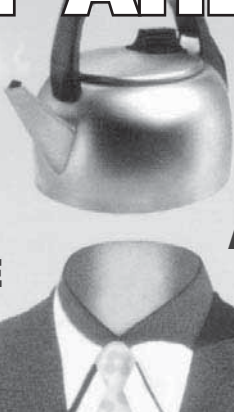
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small landholder in effectively caring for and managing our local
landscape. Trainer: Mark Evans. This workshop is funded by our Landcare
Community Support Officer. For more details and to book, phone Dave at
BSC: Tuesday, Wednesday, 6626 7028.

'Understanding how to identify and manage High Conservation
Value Vegetation', Saturday 27th August, Durrumbul, 1-4pm. This
workshop will train landholders involved in the NRCMA funded project
managed by BVL: 'Conservation of High Conservation Value Vegetation in the
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2nd Sun monthly, Brunswick Heads Dune Care 6685 0192

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1st Sat monthly Suffolk Park Dune Care 6685 4964

1st Sun monthly Pipeclay Creek Landcare Group 6684 1805

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

For information about Landcare activities and natural resource
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Shire Council: Tuesday, Wednesday, 6626 7028.

For more info or to join Brunswick Valley Landcare phone Judy MacDonald
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**Celebrate Victory
in the Pacific**

The Brunswick sub-branch
of the RSL will be celebrat-
ing the 60th anniversary of
Victory in the Pacific on
Monday August 15 at the
war memorial in Fawcett
Street, Brunswick Heads.

Participating in the cere-
mony will be local clergy,
school children, an ex-serv-
iceman and woman who
were serving at the war's end
and vocalist Phil Gander
who will entertain the audi-
ence with his collection of
wartime songs. Everyone in
the community has been
invited to attend the cere-
mony, particularly ex-serv-
ice personnel from World
War II. Only limited seating
will be provided, so bring a
folding chair.

The ceremony will start at
11am and last for approxi-
mately one hour, followed
by light refreshments and a
cuppa for those attending.
In the case of bad weather,
the ceremony will be held in
the Memorial Hall in Brun-
swick Heads.

**Byron High student
recognised for
excellence**

Former Bangalow resident
Luke Butler has received a
prestigious Charles Sturt
Foundation scholarship recog-
nising his outstanding
academic achievements at
Charles Sturt University
(CSU).

Luke is studying the
Bachelor of Arts (Communi-
cation - Theatre and
Media) course at the
Bathurst Campus of CSU
and was recently awarded
the Mitchell Emeritus Club
scholarship in recognition
of his academic perform-
ance, his contribution to
community and the motiva-
tion and leadership he has
demonstrated as a student
of CSU.

'I congratulate Luke on
his achievement in receiv-
ing a Foundation Scholar-
ship,' said Professor Bob
Meyenn, Head of CSU's
Bathurst Campus. 'In many
cases, Foundation Scholar-
ships offer a tremendous
opportunity for the student
to work with the profes-
sions and industry as well
as giving the donor organi-
sation a direct link to the
University.'

Luke was school captain
and a member of the Stu-
dent Representative Coun-
cil at Byron Bay High
School. He was highly
involved in community
activities including the
Byron Bay Theatre Com-
pany and community
forums on current social
and political issues. Luke
aims to one day be the
director of his own theatre
and education company.

Students awarded for their shorts

Dylan Wiehahn (left) and Pani Paul discuss the finer points of film making techniques.

Two year 12 film makers
from the Media Studies
course at Cape Byron Rudolf
Steiner School have each
recently won a major state
film festival award.

Dylan Wiehahn won the
senior division of the NSW
EDFEST Short Film Festi-
val. His film called *Sweet
Dreams* explores the secret
dreams of a group of young
people. Dylan's prize is a train-
ing course with the School of
Film and Television.

Pani Paul won the senior
division of the NSW Schools
Film Festival with his film

titled *Now and Then*. The
theme of the festival was
'community' and Pani's film
explored the decay of the
Epicentre combined with a
glimpse of former times.
Pani's prize is a complete
editing suite from Apple
Computers. Dylan won sec-
ond prize which included
editing software.

Both statewide competi-
tions were adjudicated in
Sydney and the judges
expressed surprise that there
could be such good film
makers in a regional school.
However it comes as no sur-

prise to senior teacher Peter
Harris who developed the
industry level Arts Media
Courses at Cape Byron
Rudolf Steiner School. Peter
believes that all teenagers
should have the opportunity
to be trained to use contem-
porary media tools, because
they have so much to say
about the world around them
and their own inner journey.

These major awards have
given Dylan and Pani a huge
boost of confidence, and
they plan to continue their
film careers when they com-
plete their year 12 studies.

Dolphin researcher visits the north coast

Dr Luciana Möller from the
Marine Mammal Research
Group and the Molecular
Ecology Lab at Macquarie
University, Sydney, will be
visiting the north coast of
NSW in the last two weeks
of August. She is the leader
of a major conservation pro-
gram aimed at providing
new and important informa-
tion on the different dolphin
species that inhabit the
coastal waters of eastern
Australia.

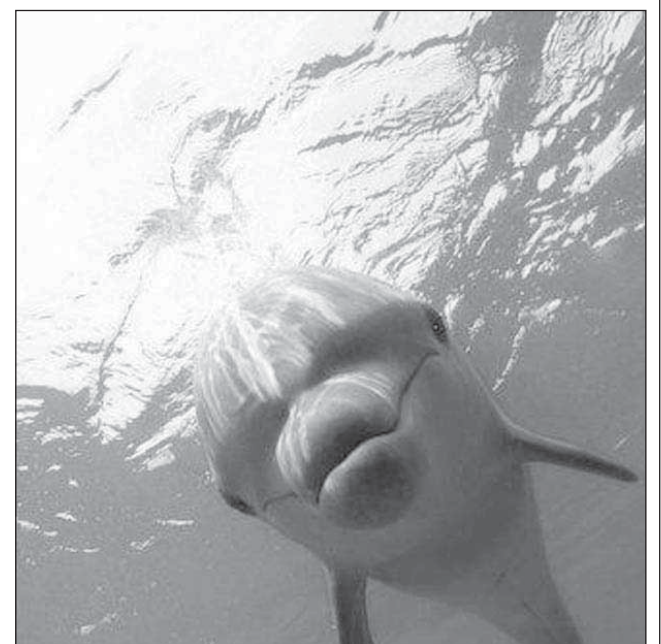
Dr Möller is working
closely with the NSW
National Parks and Wildlife
Service and the Marine Pro-
tected Species Branch of the
Federal Department of Envi-
ronment and Heritage on
whales and dolphins. Her
visit to the north of the State
is part of a larger study col-
lecting DNA from dolphins
and whales that aims to find
out important information
on the number and geo-
graphical scale of coastal
dolphin populations in NSW.
The use of DNA to discover
relationships between indi-
viduals and populations is
one of our most important
tools in the conservation of
whales and dolphins.

From aboard a boat, Dr

Möller collects tiny skin
scrapings using a biopsy sys-
tem especially designed for
sampling small cetaceans, a
very safe system that she and
others have used extensively
on dolphins and whales both
here in Australia and
throughout the world. She
has successfully sampled
bottlenose and common dol-
phins in the south and cen-
tral coast of NSW, from
Eden to Foster.

Her analyses will, for the
first time, allow us to find

out how many populations
of bottlenose and common
dolphins there are off the
NSW coast and where they
are located. In addition, it
will show whether there is a
difference in the spatial scale
of movements of male and
female dolphins and the
amount of genetic variation
in the populations. This
knowledge will then be com-
bined to propose manage-
ment units for bottlenose
and common dolphins on
the NSW coast.



Local News

Breathalyser a bonus for festival fans

Community volunteers in the new Community Drug and Alcohol Team (CDAT) were flat out breathalysing patrons at Splendour over the weekend. The team tested more than a person per minute non-stop during the evening, with many enthusiastic partygoers keen to know whether they were 'ok' to drive.

'A lot of people had no idea what their reading would be', said tester Margrette Young. 'Also, many people who had been drinking together, but had a different bodily make-up, had different readings.'

'Some people who were intending to drive but were over the limit, came back a number of times to be tested and were surprised at how

slowly their blood-alcohol level went down'.

Deb Felton from CDAT reported that '8-900 people were tested. About 50% of those said that they intended to drive, and one third of those changed their mind after receiving their results.'

'A very large number were advised not to drive the following morning, as their blood alcohol was high enough to potentially remain over the legal limit the next day. It was also an opportunity to remind P-Platers, who seemed to have forgotten, that their blood-alcohol limit is zero. Many appeared to believe it was .02. Also, interstate P-platers did not always realise that NSW laws applied.'

CDAT is a community group that formed after

April's Drug and Alcohol Forum with the aim of taking direct action to minimise harm from drug and alcohol use. Many of the punters were 'blown away' to discover that one of the team members breathalysing them was Mayor Jan Barham.

The Mayor said that she was very pleased to see how polite and respectful the festival crowd was.

'We will have a debriefing with the police and festival management, with one issue being whether broader drug education could be provided, she said.

The voluntary testing can not guarantee that a person will not blow over the limit if picked up by the police. CDAT's message is 'If you are in any doubt, don't do it'.

Students to green up on Tree Day

Volunteers from Mullumbimby High School will be working to 'green up' Mullumbimby Creek during Schools' Tree Day on Friday July 29.

The event has been organised to allow kids to be involved in the rehabilitation of the creek and the beautification of the school grounds. It will help increase environmental awareness within the commu-

nity and supports the fantastic work completed upstream by local Landcare volunteers, some of whom will be there to assist on the day.

Thirty students from Mullumbimby High School will be participating in the event and seeking sponsorship from local residents to help fund their efforts and similar projects at the school. Part of the funds raised will also go

towards rewarding students with incentive prizes and towards the non-profit Environment Education Association, which provides schools with educational material and resources on a range of environmental issues.

The day starts at midday on July 29 on the Lower Oval at the High School. For more information contact Stacey Knight on 6684 2600.

The art of noise



Local art tutor, Byron Tik, says he is breaking new ground by exploring the symbiotic relationship between musical rhythm and drawing. Soundscape Life Drawing sessions feature a musical arrangement either through a DJ or live band, together with inspired visual projections and of course a live model. Byron Tik studied at the Hague Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Holland and specialises in the human form. For details on class times visit www.motherart.com.au or phone 6685 5477.

Australia Talks Back from Byron Bay

Sample the Byron Bay Writers Festival for absolutely nothing when popular ABC Radio National presenter, Sandy McCutcheon, broadcasts Australia Talks Back live from the Lakehouse at The Byron Bay Beach Resort from 6pm on Thursday August 4.

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cialists and listeners. On this occasion Sandy McCutcheon will be in discussion with many of the decision makers in the world of the arts. Do you think the arts are important? Are they the measure of a happy, healthy society? Are you involved in their creation? Australia Talks Back will examine many of the questions raised in the Regional Arts NSW Conference taking place in Byron Bay on the same day. What policies will

support cultural development? Do the arts have real value and relevance in your world today?

This one off event requires no booking: just get yourself to the Byron Bay Beach Resort, Bayshore Drive and be seated in the Lakehouse by 5.50pm on Thursday August 4. If you are interested in the Regional Arts NSW Conference itself, check the website at www.regionalartsnsw.com.au.

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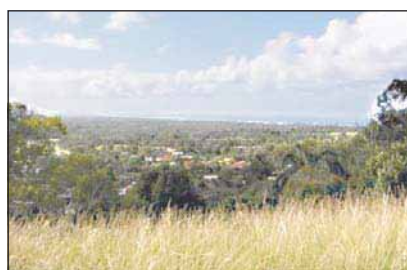
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Local News

Kyogle Council says 'yes' to fluoride

Kyogle Council has taken the first step towards the fluoridation of the far north coast water system recently when it made the decision to fluoridate its new water treatment plant servicing Bonalbo. It has asked Tenterfield Council to concur with the fluoridation of another new water treatment plant servicing Urbanville, Wodenbong and Muli Muli.

Kyogle village itself has had fluoridated water for at least forty years, so the concept is not a new one for the shire. However with the recent debate surrounding the pros and cons of fluoridation, and Byron Shire Council's rejection of Rous Water's proposal to fluoridate its water, Kyogle Council's decision perhaps

goes against the current trend.

Graham Kennett, Engineer, Asset Services at Kyogle Council says that the Council undertook extensive community consultation in the form of community meetings and presentations from NSW Health Department representatives on the benefits of fluoridation before making its decision.

'Water fluoridation is not a guarantee of good oral health, but it is a good contributing factor towards it,' said Mr Kennett.

There are groups within the community, however, who say that fluoridation is far from the medical wonder that we are being led to believe. Safe Water Action Network, or SWAN, is

working to prevent the fluoridation of the Lismore water supply and is hoping that the NSW Health Department will follow the recent Queensland state government's rejection of a proposal to fluoridate water supplies throughout Queensland when reviewing Rous Water's fluoridation policy.

SWAN will be holding a presentation 'The Truth Decay' on Wednesday July 27 at the Star Court Theatre Lismore at 6.45pm and urges all Kyogle Shire residents, particularly, to attend. Cost is a gold coin donation. SWAN action meetings are held at the Lismore Workers Club each Thursday at 7pm. For more information, please contact SWAN on 6629 5358.

State government funds skate park

There has been a major breakthrough in the planning process for the Byron Bay skate park with the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation Sandra Nori announcing that the NSW government will be providing \$68,000 towards the project.

The skate park has been in the pipeline for about eight years. Although a DA for the park to be built at the Butler Street Reserve has been approved, the possibility of relocating the park to a site at Clarkes Beach or the vacant land adjacent to the Youth Activities Centre has been discussed.

Sol Farina, who was involved with the planning and construction of the Mullumbimby skate park, is also taking a keen interest in the Byron Bay project and says he has reservations about the Butler Street site, citing its relative isolation as a major concern.

'Speaking to the community, it is clear that parents, particularly of girls, are uncomfortable about the

Butler St site because it is so isolated,' said Mr Farina. 'I have also spoken to the Byron Bay police who feel that Clarkes Beach would be a preferable location for safety reasons. I know that several councillors are also in favour of Clarkes Beach over Butler Street, especially since the land adjacent to the YAC has been earmarked for the relocation of the library.'

Byron Shire Council's Community Services Manager Greg Downes is unaware of any plans to relocate the park.

'We have an approved DA for the park to be constructed at the Butler Street Reserve. Any changes to that location will result in lengthy delays to the whole project. However, if Council want to change the site, then it is up to Council to make that decision,' he said.

The grant came as a welcome surprise to Mr Downes, who was unaware that Byron Shire Council was being considered for this particular avenue of funding.

'Last year we applied for Capital Assistance Funding for two projects, one of which was the skate park, and were informed that we had been unsuccessful. What we didn't know was that the applications were reassigned to the Regional Sports Facility Program,' said Mr Downes.

It was under this umbrella that the \$68,000 grant was awarded. Ms Nori said the government had listened to the community's needs and expected the project to be completed by December this year.

'The project has been identified by the community as a priority for the region's youth,' she said. 'We're happy to be able to support the community with this project because we know how important it is to build safer and more supportive communities.'

Despite some concern over the park's location, Mr Farina is looking forward to getting on with plans for the park now that there is sufficient money to actually make it a reality. However, he did say that a December finish date is highly unlikely.

'We haven't even got a design yet,' said Mr Farina. 'Long boards are very popular now, so we would like a slalom run in the Byron design. The Mullum park is designed for circuit skating; we'd like the Byron one to be more for street skating,' he said.

Mr Downes agrees that completion this year a little optimistic. 'Council has yet to organise tenders for the project, and that is a time consuming process,' he said.

No doubt the youth of Byron Bay will feel that it is worth the wait.

Byron's Street Cruise is back in business



Businesses who supported Street Cruise, back row: Terry (Byron Bay Taxis), Trina (Cape Byron Steiner School), Paul (Byron Youth Service), front row: Michelle (Beach Hotel), Suzie (Byron Bay Beach Resort).

Less than \$5,000 is needed to ensure that the successful Street Cruise program gets back onto the streets of Byron Bay for another year.

Paul Spooner, Director of Byron Youth Service (BYS) said, 'The Street Cruise appeal kicked off by the Splendour in the Grass donation from ticket sales at this year's festival has meant that the target of \$35,000 needed to operate Street Cruise is getting close to being realised.'

'At this point in time

Splendour in the Grass has pledged a substantial amount along with other generous donations from Byron Shire Taxis, The Beach Hotel, Byron Bay Self Storage, Heart of Byron, Cape Byron Imports, Byron Bay Beach Resort and Cape Byron Steiner School.

'All that is now needed is a few more generous business houses to step forward and realise that by donating to Street Cruise they are helping to create a safe, enjoyable and peaceful atmosphere on

the streets of Byron Bay throughout the year.'

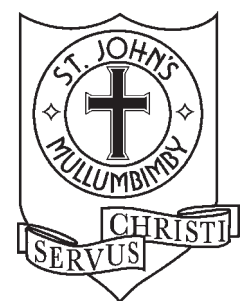
Byron Youth Service is looking forward to facilitating the continued operation of Street Cruise with the assistance of the community. If all goes well the resumption of Street Cruise could take place this Friday July 29.

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Biggest night of the year

The end of the calendar year is now only 21 weeks away and plans for the biggest party night of the year in Byron Bay are still unresolved.

The decision to step back from the format of the last few years and opt for a more low key approach that would appeal to a greater proportion of residents seemed laudable at the time. Local police agreed that the level of drunkenness had exceeded normally acceptable behaviour, even for New Year's Eve, and asked for a ban on alcohol in the streets. The BayFM dance party was deemed to be attracting the wrong element and creating a negative image.

If the people of Byron Shire want to reclaim New Year's Eve as their own, now is the time for action. This Wednesday, July 27 at 6pm the public are being asked to air their views on what they would like to see happen on December 31. What type of entertainment should be booked, who is interested in taking part in the parade, should there be fireworks? Are we talking about classical music on the beach, fire ceremonies, lantern parades, community singing or carnival drumming and acrobatics?

Another fundamental question that has yet to be answered is how will the costs of managing New Year's Eve be funded? One possible option of cancelling the whole kit and caboodle didn't get off the ground when raised by Ross Tucker, no doubt because of the fears of what might happen if revellers were left to entertain themselves.

Even if the state government coughs up a \$25,000 grant under the Community Safety Plan this will only go some way to fund the \$138,000 budget produced by Council staff. While Mayor Jan Barham says the current estimate is somewhat over the top it seems very unlikely that the ratepayers of Byron Shire will not have to foot the bill to some extent. Which makes you think that if we are paying for the party, then shouldn't we make sure we have the input so that we enjoy it.

Visiting Professor David Simmons from the New Zealand Tourism Recreation Research and Education Centre spoke at Council recently about similar events across the Tasman where pre-sold ticket sales within the community covered all expenses. A back of the envelope calculation shows that if the program for New Year's Eve can be made attractive enough to justify a \$20 ticket price, then a crowd of 6,000 will ensure the event breaks even. Influencing the make up of that crowd to largely include revellers who will respect the town, (hopefully with a major local contingent), also comes down to the content of the night's events.

The New Year's Eve community meeting is on this Wednesday at Council's Training Depot in Bayshore Drive.

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Privacy a casualty of fighting terrorism

So the dreaded Identity Card is back on the agenda, put there by John Howard of all people.

Howard, of course, led the hysteria which killed off the proposal some twenty years ago when it was mooted by a Labor government. In 1984 the so-called Australia card, designed to catch tax and welfare cheats, was a sinister totalitarian device aimed at giving a remorseless government unfettered control over every detail of the lives of its hapless citizens. Now, designed to catch terrorists, it is a legitimate weapon in the hands of a caring, protective administration.

Or it least it might be; Howard, perhaps with his previous victory in mind, is playing things very cautiously and some of his colleagues have very serious reservations. ID cards are, as they all know, potential political suicide bombs. The very term conjures up pictures of bleak Eastern European regimes where people are stopped in the street by threatening men in black who demand to see their papers before dragging them off into indefinite incarceration, much as Australia treats asylum seekers in fact, but let's not go into that right now.

This is definitely not the image most people have of Australia, but that may be because they haven't given it a lot of thought. These days almost everyone has a Medicare card and a tax file number. Most people also have a driving licence and at least one credit card. Add to these passports, mortgage documents, superannuation membership, bank accounts, library cards, NRMA, frequent flyers, supermarket

discounts and dog registration, not to mention the four-yearly census form, and there really isn't much little Johnny couldn't find out about you if he set his mind to it. A universal ID card would certainly simplify the packaging, but unless it included a retina scan or a DNA sample (fiendishly expensive and not always reliable) it wouldn't add a great deal to the sum of human knowledge.

And of course, for that very reason it wouldn't be much help in the so-called

our Prime Minister has returned from yet another triumphant world tour, his pockets bulging with piss from George Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Tony Blair and, last but not least, Rupert Murdoch.

Praise from the Dirty Digger elicited the following subliterate slobber from our glorious leader: 'When speaking of citizens of the planet, few people qualify so fulsomely for that description than Rupert Murdoch.' Fulsome indeed; if Howard ever gets round to looking the word up

(perhaps even fulsomely) backed.

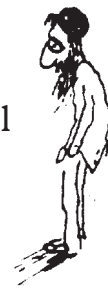
But Murdoch is just the latest conservative to attempt a rewrite of history to minimise the achievements of Labor governments. The process started with Alexander Downer's preposterous assertion that Labor's wartime prime minister John Curtin was an isolationist and an appeaser while his own hero Robert Menzies was a patriot in the Churchill mould; the records, both official and unofficial, show the reverse to have been the case.

Then Howard chimed in with the claim that it was really the Libs, not Labor, who had ended both sectarian politics and the White Australia policy. In a technical sense he was correct, but again the record shows the Libs' initial moves on both fronts to have been both grudging and political; they were far more interested in using sectarianism, in particular, as a wedge against Labor that in a commitment to social justice. It was left to Whitlam to make the real breakthroughs. Even then sections of the Liberal party resisted to the end; Howard himself, it will be recalled, continued to rail against Asian immigration for another 15 years.

It's a bit like Howard's triumphant boast that real wages have increased faster under his government than they did under Hawke and Keating. Sure they have. And they would have increased faster still if he had not argued against any increase at all at every possible opportunity. And of course, once he gets his new industrial system into place, there'll be no more of that nonsense. As always, his actions speak louder than his words, if not quite as fulsomely.

A sinister totalitarian device aimed at giving a remorseless government unfettered control over every detail of the lives of its hapless citizens.

by Mungo MacCallum



war on terror. Imported terrorists would, by definition, not carry it; locally grown ones would already be on a number of data bases, but the hard job of picking them out of the crowd would remain one for the police and intelligence services. The fact that they would now have shiny new ID cards - perfectly genuine ones - might help to identify those suicide bombers who were carrying them when they blew themselves up, but this is unlikely to be a big selling point with a suspicious public.

My guess is that the ID card will remain where it has reposed for the last generation, in the too hard basket. The benefits it could produce are strictly hypothetical but the political pain of introducing it is all too real.

in a dictionary he may find it an apt description for the whole embarrassing exercise.

Murdoch's eulogy for Howard included the observation that relations between the United States and Australia were now closer than they have ever been, which in the narrow sense is probably true, and also the claim that when Howard came to power in 1996 they were at their lowest ebb, which is definitely not true - in fact the Hawke-Keating years while by no means as grovelling as the Howard regime, produced few ripples. If Murdoch wants to go back to times when the alliance was seriously strained (or, as some might say, Australia most strongly asserted its independence) he needs to look at the early days of the government of Gough Whitlam which he had vigorously



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No Paradise

If a society is judged by how well it treats the less well off, then the letters of Joe Fay and Gwen Gould (July 19) highlight how poorly Byron Bay performs in this regard.

The 'moving on' of the people who live rough is the same in principle as the 'getting rid of the rubbish' in evicting squatters in Zimbababwe by Robert Mugabe. That is the hard truth!

So that Byron Bay will not show the less well off and those that have fallen through the cracks they are forced on. Some have found emergency accommodation in Lennox Head, Ballina, Mullumbimby but this movement also breaks up friendships and bonds made over many years.

For a local radio station to call itself Paradise FM and another day in Paradise is sickening.

Paradise is a region or state of supreme bliss. Scratch the surface of this area and it is no paradise.

For those who did have a camp in Byron Bay with no facilities it was no Splendour in the Grass.

The poor and the homeless will always be with us and it is our responsibility to urge Council to have solutions that will uphold their dignity and respect.

Denis O'Brien

North Ocean Shores

The floodplain

Should JM be an APN award recipient? Jim Mangleson has been peddling his misinformation in the local APN newspapers about flooding in the north of our shire.

If Jim had had his way, the openings in the Kallaroo Circuit Bund would have been enlarged years ago. Then, after the recent rains, the levee along Capricornia Canal would have been breached and many more cars would have been written-off, and possessions (and possibly lives) lost. Thankfully, he failed due to the efforts of local community organisation representatives on the Floodplain Committee, and to the flood consultants. So much for his credibility!

Undaunted, he shows people his maps where, in the past, the ocean has broken through the low dune system and he calls these 'flood outlets'.

Further, he claims that dredging the river will reduce flooding. This is despite flood

Refighting the Battle of Brisbane

■ Stephen Frank may not like the Battle of Brisbane lesson: that, under different circumstances, Australians could find themselves, as easily as Vietnamese, Afghans or Iraqis on the receiving end of American fire. The 'friendship' is shallow and one-way, dependent on Australia's unquestioning compliance. Tune in to the abuse New Zealand has copped for just saying 'No'.

Mainstream American culture includes a mix of permissiveness towards violence, a tendency to gross over-reaction, belligerent patriotism and self-righteous religiosity. American regimes, whether Republican or Democrat (no difference), draw on this dark brew to fuel their brutal pursuit of American interests. It's not just the regime of the day; the persistent, mainstream culture is the problem. The tragedy is that in such a privileged country, so many ordinary Americans buy the lies and willingly trade

citizenship for swill. We are fast following suit under Howard's cynical servility.

Still, the way Australian troops conducted themselves in East Timor contrasts sharply with American behaviour in Iraq. I recall just one allegation of abuse against Australians in East Timor. Compare this with America's nonchalant slaughter of unarmed men, women and children in Falluja in Iraq. From the safety of roof-tops, facing no threat, American soldiers sniped at unarmed Iraqis. For days they shot indiscriminately at anyone who fell into their sights - including English and Australian aid workers driving clearly-marked ambulances. Iraqis were found shot in the back, children shot in the head. And for good measure mighty America bombed the town's only hospital. Don't believe me, Stephen, read the account by Jo Wilding, the eyewitness, in John Pilger's collection *Tell Me No*

Lies. Then tell me what is it in American culture that permits ordinary 'mom and apple-pie GI Joes' to commit such war crimes in distant, poor countries, generation after generation? America should at least be honest about itself and spare us the reeking hypocrisy.

I invite Australians to remember that Iraq and Saddam Hussein were American allies not so long ago. We'd better not elect an independent, uppity government - ever. Lest we regret.

Adrian Gattenhof

Mullumbimby

■ Onya, Bob Ellis! Never have I witnessed such clarity in your condensation of the Muslim extremist thought process. Genius, I say. Frankly, I'm amazed the CIA doesn't kidnap you and extract your DNA to save the Earth for future generations.

Imagine tens of thousands of bespeckled fuddy-duddies tut-tutting the populace and spreading the EllisThought

wisdom. If only Bob Ellis and Mungo could form an electable alliance, then Villawood could be used for something useful, like impounding John Howard and his cabinet and throwing away the goddamn key.

Oops, forget that then Mungo wouldn't have anything to write about in his weekly tirade. Anyway, thanks, *Echo*, and remember... crackpots are the true lubricants of democracy.

Stephen Frank

Byron Bay

■ I am responding to Stephan Frank's letter rubbishing Adrian Gattenhof's informative portrayal of the Battle of Brisbane.

I lived in Honolulu all through the 1950s. During the Korean War, the situation there mirrored exactly the picture Mr Gattenhof described in his letter about the appalling behaviour of the American servicemen.

Rape was so common that the morning paper, the

Honolulu Advertiser simply listed the incidents without comment.

In 1951-53 my family lived in Waikiki. I witnessed the battles between the local men and the servicemen, especially the sailors. I can clearly remember a woman's body being removed from the apartments next door. To the men in uniform, bound for an uncertain future in Korea; the local women, mainly an Asiatic and Hawaiian mix at that time, were fair game.

The Battle of Brisbane is an historical, but little remembered fact. American and Australian sailors actually exchanged gunfire from their respective ships at the peak of the crisis.

There is no doubt that the 'over-paid, over-sexed, and over here' American servicemen helped to protect Australia from the Japanese, but that doesn't excuse their loutish behaviour.

Eric Murphy

Ocean Shores

engineers patiently sitting him down and explaining the flaws in his claims.

Conveniently, Jim ignores that his views are not supported by the SES and the historical information provided by local long-term families.

He says that Byron Council stacked the floodplain committee with community representatives that did not support his views. How can this be when the Council accepted every nomination to the Committee?

To set the record straight: No Jim, I was not a member of the Flood Committee and living in the NT! Yet another quaint twist in his credibility.

Richard Whiting

South Golden Beach

Waste corrections

What a shame the author of 'Bin there, done that, what a waste' (July 19) didn't raise his concerns directly with the Council staff, or the full Solid Waste Management Committee before whipping up such a ferment. The author would have received full and detailed responses to his concerns. It needs to be stated that the SWMC has been working on these and a whole raft of complex waste issues for years. I feel that Council has been generous, overly generous, in giving exemptions.

The paltry \$10 exemption fee could be taken by those who want to go on dumping in town and park bins as a kind of de-facto permit to go on piggy-backing off urban ratepayers - cheap for

a whole year of dumping. But if they'd bothered to ask, RRAG could have discovered that the \$10 (service availability fee for those who receive an exemption) will also be put towards waste reduction education programs and recycling initiatives. Too poor to contribute to these? Vacant blocks of land in town automatically pay a \$10 service availability fee for the reason that the garbage/recycling service goes down the street. Let's have some parity here.

Gayle Russell

Mullumbimby

Accustomed to the smell?

We are at a loss to understand the problem with the 'odour detection' and Andrew Young's [General Manager of Sunnybrand Chickens] perception of 'offensive smells'.

Perhaps he goes home at 5pm and only gets there sometime later in the morning. He may even not be there on weekends... however, the process of 'chicken slaughter' appears to be seven days a week and the odour on weekends is 'most offensive'.

Perhaps he has become accustomed to the smell or perhaps he just does not get it!

We are not impressed with all the inconvenience to our businesses when our clients and staff are 'sickened' and 'gasping for air' in the late afternoons, when our records show some process must occur at Sunnybrand that lasts into the evening

and then intermittently during the night early morning.

On weekends when families enjoy the outdoors of their Sunrise Estate homes, the smell often drives them indoors and children have been reported expressing their reluctance to attend play school in the Byron Industrial Estate, as they 'feel sick' from the smell.

Our visitors have asked how we in Byron can live with this.

I wonder how?

We are monitoring this 'putrid odour' and call the DEC complaints line 131555

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regularly. We are asking for an explanation of how this *disgusting fowl odour* is not detectible by Sunnybrand General Manager, Andrew Young.

We invite him to come and enjoy the evening air, most evenings between 5.30 and 7pm, or perhaps Saturday morning at 7am – sometimes you have to be there to appreciate it.

If Sunnybrand maintain they have done everything in their power to reduce the odour, I ask how they coped with the flood.

That was not in their power.

Evidence of the severe flooding on the Sunnybrand property and premises indicates that they would have had to consider things *beyond* their power to dispose of the water and waste as the daily water usage is reported as 'around 200,000' litres per day.

Imagine that combined with the waste and the deluge we experienced.

The odour in the air in the days following the flood was particularly strong and we were advised that it was as a result of the flood and they [Sunnybrand] had to dispose of the stock [from the flood].

So, I say it's not good enough, Mr Young.

Diane Roberts
Freedom from Foul Odour
Organisation
Byron Bay

Geography lesson

When I was at high school the geography teacher said that if the ocean temperature ever rose by just one degree the polar ice caps would melt. Well last week the North Atlantic was two degrees warmer than normal, an all time record high (source: AP, July 10).

Similarly the water off the Oregon Coast was six degrees warmer than normal (source: San Francisco Chronicle, July 12) and all the plankton disappeared there and so the sea birds are dying.

Also, 100km north of Los Angeles the ground temperature 11 feet below the surface has reached 584° F (source AP, July 12). Previously I have noticed that a volcano usually appears not too long after such an event. If a new volcano were to appear on the San Andreas Fault, it could eventually have implications for tsunami risk.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Protecting children

The advertising of the multinational junk food merchants is not aimed at adults. It's aimed squarely at little children who can barely read or write. McDonald's themselves admit this.

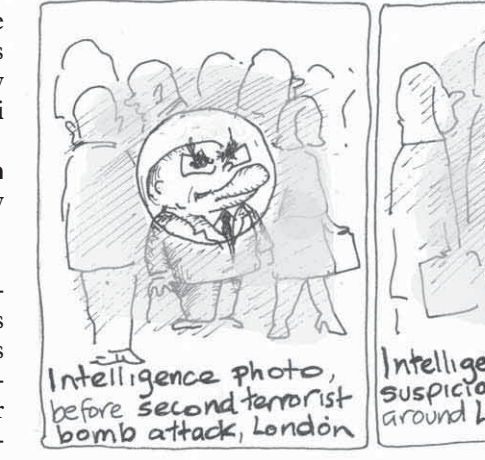
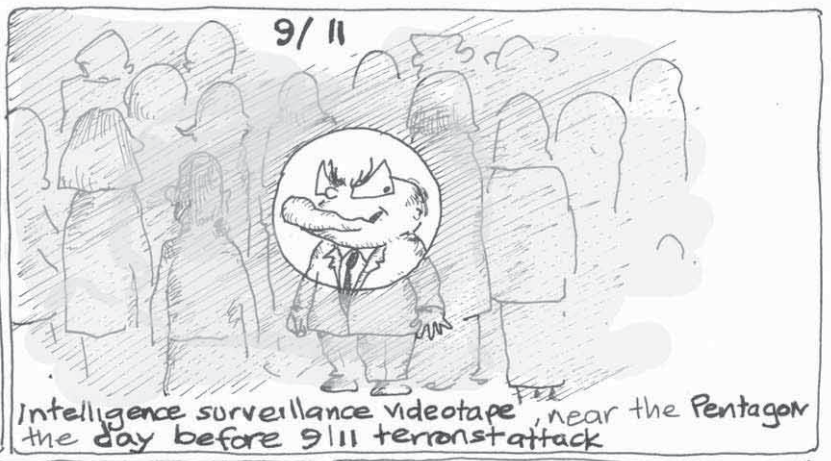
They also admit that 75% of the decisions to eat out are made by children who pester their parents.

Young impressionable children are easily beguiled by the evil leering clown and seductive offers of brightly coloured plastic toys.

One former clown, Geoffrey Guiliano, apologised to children saying, 'I brain-washed the children into doing wrong, I want to say sorry to children everywhere.'

Certainly adults may exercise freedom of choice whether or not to poison their bodies with carcinogenic junk food and join the ranks of the obese at risk from diabetes and heart disease. But young children cannot.

All the risks of McDonald's burgers and the proven



association of daily meat consumption with breast, colon and prostate cancer can be found on the McLibel website at www.mclibel.org.

Extensive studies show risk from these three cancers increases two and a half times with daily beef, pork or lamb consumption.

The Byron community exercises its right to determine whether or not developers can build 50 storey tower blocks on our beach front and should have the same right to determine whether or not our town is invaded and degraded by foreign junk food corporations.

We need to be able to

protect both our environment and the health of our vulnerable children.

Richard Jones
Possum Creek

Pro paid parking

After experiencing lack of parking in Byron over this last school holidays, mainly due to interstate and out of town cars, please bring back paid parking.

The exercise one or two years ago was fantastic for locals.

Roland Gewin
Byron Bay

Boredom or spite?

Regular visitors to Brunswick Heads beach are likely to have noticed dune restora-

tion works being carried out over the last five years.

Bitou Bush and other environmental weeds are gradually removed and replaced with endemic plants such as Lomandra, Macaranga, Tuckeroo, Brush Box, Lilly Pilly, Coastal Wattle and Coastal Banksia.

The work is carried out by Dune Care volunteers who meet for a working bee one morning per month. The area between Torakina Reserve and the Brunswick Surf Club once supported littoral rainforest (a threatened plant community), but due to past sandmining practices and other disturbances the area has become highly degraded with exotic weeds becoming

dominant at the expense of native seedlings.

The area is also home to resident wallabies which graze on native regeneration seedlings. Dune Carers enjoy the presence of wallabies, but they do create challenges when trying to establish quick canopy cover.

This leads us to the reason for writing. Unfortunately over the last two weeks, persons unknown have deliberately removed over 200 cages and tree guards, which offer protection to the native plants from wallaby predation. This act of vandalism has occurred on three separate occasions. By the time Dune Care volunteers had rectified the sit-

Mullumbimby planning concerns

I deem it very dubious that State Rail is putting untimely pressure on Byron Shire Council to rezone public land, that they caretake, for commercial/residential purposes both in Byron Bay and Mullumbimby.

It is even more cause for concern that the land in Mullumbimby was put on the market for provisional sale (any agreement entered into would be negated unless the land was rezoned within two years) inviting local business speculation, fuelling possibly unrealistic hopes of the local people involved in plans for the land's development and twisting the arms of local government councillors with the development momentum that such a tactic creates.

In relation to Mullumbimby I ask Councillors to consider the following at the August meeting dealing with the rezoning plans.

The State Rail land in Mullumbimby was never

identified, in the community-meeting-based preparation of the Mullumbimby Settlement Strategy, as being suitable for development. It has flooding and consequently liability constraints. The largescale filling of flood-prone land (in the nearby residential area new houses are now required to be raised above ground level approximately one metre high) contravenes basic sustainable development principles.

It has severe traffic constraints in relation to commercial zoning. The existing traffic conditions and volume of traffic on the unofficial ring-road of a dangerously narrowed Tincogan Street and an every-which-way roulette near the Council Chambers requires major road infrastructure, now, before even thinking of rezoning the land and making these roadways the access to a new commercial centre. Indeed without expensive and

possibly unfair resumption of houses in Tincogan Street I doubt if that is going to be possible.

The Mallams company has the deserved respect of the Mullumbimby and environs populace and I'm sure most people would prefer that such a local company could be the one to supply any other supposition-al supermarket. Also those in the community who have signed the instore petition must feel the personal need for a cheaper local supermarket. However neither of these pre-conditions are any argument to develop prematurely an unsuitable site or to include extra retail shops alongside the development.

If it's just another supermarket and parking that is the perceived need (I'm sure there are many existing retailers who would be most concerned about the effect on their own businesses of extra retail space – six shops

I believe – in a new development). I would like to suggest that a larger supermarket only might be able to be situated in the industrial area. This would avoid an increased number of delivery trucks needing to use the residential street into town and save residents of Station Street and surrounding hitherto quiet residential streets the intrusion of increased commercial traffic overflow.

Alternatively perhaps Mallams would expand the existing supermarket and extra parking for the town centre be provided on the land behind the police station. This land has for a long time been mooted by business people as land desirable for carparking, but from memory I think it being owned by three state departments has deterred efforts to make this wish a reality.

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uation nearly one hundred plants had been decimated by the wallabies. This has certainly been a setback for us as volunteers but more importantly as future habitat for many species of birds, reptiles, flying foxes and mammals.

We are perplexed at the mindset of these people. Are these actions done out of boredom or spite? We consider ourselves as a group to be pretty harmless. The work we are undertaking has many future benefits for wildlife, restoration of rainforest and public amenity. Can anyone shed any light on this matter?

Michael Maloney, Andrew Jackson, Daniel Flesch, Sue Broadbent, Greg Flint
Brunswick Heads
Community Dune Care

Kids today

As a parent of a teenager in this area I am not surprised by the article in last week's *Echo* concerning youth in Lennox Heads. Creative solutions need to be found if we want our youth to embrace a culture of mutual respect.

Teenagers are very tribal and will do anything to get together. We need to come together and resource their needs for entertainment and youth-based activities or they will resort to low-grade thrills at our expense.

Many of us are aware of the critical situation of kids on the street and the dangers they are skirting in our shadows. We need to lobby for council facilities, support local youth groups and create youth-generated projects that value the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our lives.

We are part of a fun, innovative, entertainment-based culture; let's show the kids we care and perhaps responsibility will be learnt by example.

Gina Lakosta
Baywood Chase

■ Every Thursday night up at the Brunswick Hotel there's meat raffles and pool comps. There are these young adults who are very bad mouthed and very bad with their language.

I think you need to grow up and act your age, plus you have scared all the elderly people out of the Brunswick Hotel which isn't fair cause of the bad language and yelling. You have even sworn at me for no apparent reason. So can you please keep the language down and the yelling. They are very intoxicated. Please parents who are responsible for these boys please tell them to keep it down in there. It's scaring all the elderly.

Kristy Bryant
Brunswick Heads

Passing the buck

The collapse of the National Parks Walkway at Lighthouse road is a classic example of poor design, poor engineering and lack of proper adequate street and hillside drainage.

The authorities involved here are National Parks, CBHRT, Department of Commerce NSW (project management) and Byron Council. They even had to wait 14 days just to get geotechnical engineers to look at the slip. One would think that out of all these authorities they could have produced an engineer much earlier than this. Don't they have their own engineers? Do they trust them? I wouldn't now!

It will be interesting to see the ducking and weaving on this one, and who will cop the bill for this possible million dollar repair, or will they all sweep it under the carpet and blame mother nature?

I hope the end result won't be another 'Byron band aid' which still puts the public at risk!

Terry Hudson
Byron Bay

Anti-butt funding

In response to Richard Jones letter on the 'Don't Be a Tosser' campaign (July 12). The purpose of the indepen-

dent Butt Littering Trust is to stop seven billion cigarette butts a year degrading our environment due to careless disposal.

The Trust does this through financially supporting projects, conducted by others, which encourage smokers to responsibly dispose of their butts. We have a national perspective and coordinating role specific to butt littering that complements other litter prevention agencies.

In this role we were very happy to contribute funds towards the successful 'Don't Be a Tosser' campaign run by Byron Council. One of the 20 or more Australia-wide projects that we have supported since our inception in 2003.

The establishment of a Trust is a pioneering approach to a specific litter management issue. Not a conspiracy to promote smoking as suggested by the writer!

British American Tobacco funds the Trust as the writer suggests - something we do not hide. They see the solution to butt littering as a shared responsibility between the industry, governments and the community.

Tobacco companies are not litter experts, and the Trust was set up as an organisation that can make

decisions on the best way to ensure funds are used effectively.

The Trust's focus is on dealing with a very real litter problem in our streets through education and local law enforcement.

For more information www.buttlitteringtrust.org

Ian Coles
Chair
Butt Littering Trust

Defining the loonies

This week Max Bolte and Tim Peacock lead the charge in an encouraging fightback against the relentless tide of crap that flows through the letter pages every week.

If you were inclined to believe it all, it would seem the world is awash with evil conspiracies plotting our demise. Fortunately, these authors are on the ball and have managed to discover and expose them just in time to save us all.

Government, big business, developers, chemicals, fluoride, immunisations, blah, blah, blah. You name it, they have a conspiracy to fit.

And as for their qualifications or references - who needs them. Just download someone else's crap from the web and hey presto! you're an expert.

At their best these pages provide an entertaining forum for paranoid conspir-

acy theorists. At their worst they are misinformative and harmful.

Many people read these pages and may well be influenced by them, yet most of these letters go unchallenged, which in a way only endorses their credibility.

So come on everyone - I know there are a lot of people out there who feel this way - let's take the fight to the loonies.

What's the worst that can happen - an organic tofu burger thrown through your front window - big deal. Just remember to check the tofu for bugging devices.

Qualifications and references available on request.

Chris Alexander
Bangalow

Virtues of Roundup

Thank you, Max Bolte, for your informative letter. I am pleased to know Roundup saves you so much time and hard labour before the weeds regrow. To add to your information, weeds grow back quickly because Roundup contains nitrogen which fertilises the seeds.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Arkadij Naiditsch's win this week of the elite Sparkassen tournament in Dortmund, Germany, ranks as the biggest upset in the history of top level chess.

Not only was 19-year-old Naiditsch the youngest and lowest ranked player in the field, he was also the only player in the tournament ranked outside the world's top 100. He was competing against nine of the best players in the world, including Classical World Champion Vladimir Kramnik, yet the Latvian-born teenager led for much of the tournament and, despite being under pressure in many games, was defeated only once on his way to first place.

Naiditsch's peers were restrained in their praise, unsure of whether this result might be a flash in the pan. 'He works hard but I don't know if he has an exceptional talent,' said Israel's Emil Sutovsky, who lost to Naiditsch in the game given below. 'Still, he won't be outside the top 100 for much longer!'

The closing ceremony saw Naiditsch's parents ecstatic while the man at the centre of attention seemed somewhat stunned by his achievement. Naiditsch did however accept an invitation from the tournament's second youngest player, Etienne Bacrot, to invest his winnings while continuing the celebrations and the two could be seen returning from Dortmund's casino at 6am the following morning.

Dortmund 2005

White: A Naiditsch

Black: E Sutovsky

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Nxe7! Sutovsky has only



Arkadij Naiditsch: unexpected Dortmund victor

recently started playing the Pelikan variation of the Sicilian Defence so this side-line is a sensible choice to take the Israeli out of his comfort zone. 10...Nxe7 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh5! Naiditsch's new idea. 13.Qd2 is standard. 13...d5 14.0-0-0 d4 Much criticised after the game, Sutovsky was quite content with his decision to close the centre, particularly since it caused Naiditsch to begin thinking for the first time in the game. 15.Nb1! Qa5 16.a3 b4 17.Qh6 Ng6 18.g3 Rb8! 19.f4 b3? Having placed his rook on the b file, Black should have opened up the line with 19...bxa3! 20.Nxa3 Qb4 Now White does best to cover the b2 square with 21.Nc4 since 21.f5 loses brilliantly to 21...Bxe4! 22.Bxe4 Qxb2+ 23.Kd2 Qxa3 24.fxg6 hxg6! 25.Qxh8+ Ke7 26.Qh6 Rh8!! 27.Qxh8 Qe3 mate!. 20.c4! dxc3 21.Nxc3 Rc8 22.f5! Ne7 22...Rxc3+ reduces Black's options somewhat, but after 23.bxc3 Qxa3+ 24.Kd2 White's king will run to safety while Black's kingside is about to fall apart. 23.Qxf6 Rxc3+ 24.Kb1! Rg8 25.bxc3 Qxa3 26.Qb6! Precision to the end. Naiditsch has covered all the queenside threats and now prepares his own mating attack starting with 27.Bb5+! - a mercy killing for an already short of time Sutovsky. 26... Qa2+ 27.Kc1 Kf8 28.f6! 1-0

The Sparkassen Classic Dortmund, Germany, final scores: 1.Naiditsch (Ger) 5.5/9; =2.Topalov (Bul), Svidler (Rus), Van Wely (Ned), Bacrot (Fra) 5; =6.Kramnik (Rus), Adams (Eng) 4.5; 8.Leko (Hun) 4; 9.Sutovsky (Isr) 3.5; 10.Nielsen (Den) 3.

Reflections on the London terror

■ Terrorists and soldiers are one. Both know moments of heroism when they are willing to give up their lives for their cause; and moments of cowardice, when they are willing to give up the lives of the innocent for their cause.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

■ Caution, beware of terrorists, sorry terrorists.

By gee, little Johnnie learned the big political lesson well, didn't he? No wonder he's been Prime Monster for so long.

Our adversarial political system is too harsh an environment for creativity and innovation (wouldn't we like a bit of that in our national decision-making?), leaving only one tool to scare up votes. The politicians best friend, fear. The ballot returns on fear are worth starting wars for.

A steady diet of fear will inevitably create an ever more fearful, therefore conservative, population.

Conservatism is not restricted to the Right. A recent letter about the columns of Mungo and Bob Ellis reminded me of how sad I am that I no longer want to read anything from their talented pens. Who's right in the political shit fight seems irrelevant to me.

It's highly probable that if we don't find a way to live in harmony with each other and our planet we won't have much of a future. 'Fighting for Peace' is the complete oxymoron so we probably have to find another way.

Anyway, I'm safe from terrorists; I've still got my fridge magnet.

Robin Harrison
Coorabell

■ Post London reality check: War is the Terrorism of the Rich - and Terrorism

that we don't have to take the easy way out and poison ourselves and environment with Roundup.

There are also people I put in the same category as the camphors, who can absorb large quantities before becoming ill.

I was fascinated to learn that Roundup is good for worms; that puts the findings of scientists who say it kills soil microbes in a new light and worm farmers must be queuing up to buy it to improve their stock.

I am surprised Monsanto has overlooked this use for their product. Perhaps you should advise them that they have an alternative market when the hedonists get their way and prevent its use as a weedicide, ie. feeding worms

is the War of the Poor.

The bombings in London need to be seen as a counter-attack, not simply dismissed as the work of some 'fanatic extremists'. It is cynical of Blair, Bush and Howard to feign shock and outrage at these bombings, when they have been committing far more lethal acts of terror against Islamic States for years.

Bush may call it a crusade, and hide behind religious battle-lines, but a pre-emptive strike is no more 'Christian' than a suicide bomb is 'Muslim'.

Islam is at war with Modernism, as much as with the infidels who force modernism upon them. They are fiercely defending their moral and cultural values (even if we don't agree with them).

Howard tries to persuade us these bombers are randomly attacking any target in the 'West'. There is nothing random about any bombings since 9/11. They are deliberate, strategic acts of retaliation, targeted at the active enemies of Islam.

Howard is lying again when he says that sending another 150 troops into Afghanistan won't incite acts of retaliation. Our pre-emptive invasion and occupation of Iraq has ensured Australia is a target.

For the Australian government to invade Iraq against our wishes, ignore UN council, break international law and turn our peace-loving citizens into targets of retaliation, is itself a monstrous act of terror. Howard is as much a fanatic as any Muslim bomber, but he doesn't think he is.

They say all a psychopath lacks is conscience and empathy - the ability to imagine how another may feel. If Iraqis invaded

Australia, killed 160,000 of our citizens, turned our cities to rubble and were freewheeling around the countryside rough-handling our people, violating our sacred sites, imposing a puppet government and stealing our resources, we might be tempted to retaliate too.

The way to stop terrorism is to stop committing acts of terror. It's very simple really. If we stop invading their countries, killing their people and imposing our values on them, they will stop retaliating.

But arms-dealing nations need war, and the endless 'war on terror' will have to do till the next real War comes along.

In our so-called democracy with its 'free-press', why have the terms of reference become so skewed by propaganda, that we are only being shown a narrow and naive version of events? Even the ABC and SBS succumb to the propaganda. Sadly, psychopaths and their compliant media rule our world now.

And of course none of this talk of 'WMDs', 'Freedom and Democracy' or even the fatuous 'war on terror' would ever have happened if the Middle East wasn't sitting on top of the world's biggest oilfield.

But don't mention the oil - nobody else does.

Michael Balson
The Pocket

■ An average of 30 civilians are killed daily in Iraq!

Bush, Blair and Howard say we are at war - that being the case why the shock when one side is attacked behind enemy lines?

It is frightening to think that all parties in this dirty little war have no hesitation in slaughtering civilians in

their efforts to promote their political agendas.

Blair boasts that the terrorist attacks have nothing to do with Iraq! So what! The plan by US was well advanced by then: sanctions had reduced Iraq to a financial disaster; hundreds of thousands died because of sanctions; and there were daily bombings in no-fly zones and civilians were casualties.

Bush, without any evidence then linked Iraq to 9/11, but Iraq is not linked now! How strange! And how gullible are we meant to be?

And little Johnny follows on and is praised by that great Australian and defender of workers' rights Rupert Murdoch.

There is little to differentiate the leaders of both sides in this nasty war that threatens to engulf us all. They speak the same language, use the same tactics and treat their citizens and followers as disposable cannon fodder.

Peter McDermott
North Ocean Shores

■ Now I am smug and in the 'in-crowd.' I have joined the conspiracy theorist letter writers in *The Echo's* columns along with Peter Olson, Chris McIlrath and David Gregson.

John Howard was in London for the 21/7 bombing as well as in Washington for the 9/11. Obviously he is coordinating the attacks. He's probably the leader.

I have put this information on my website in black and white writing so it must be true.

Anyway Howard is an Aries, a sign known for warriors and secrecy so that proves it.

Ron Priestley
Byron Bay

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Mahboba's promise

Thank you to all those people who assisted and supported our Christmas in July function in Possum Creek which raised \$1700 to help build a well in Afghanistan. All money will go to help Mahboba bring water and peace to two villages who are currently in conflict over water rights.

Sunnybrand, Woolworths, Bangalow Cellars and Bangalow Hotel all donated goods in order for us to maximise our profit.

Mahboba is an Afghan-Australian lady working to

restore peace and a sense of community to the Afghan people.

She needs another \$800 to finance this project. Anyone interested in assisting her can contact me on 6687 1648 or email her at mahboba@mahbobaspromise.org. This is a non-government organisation registered for fundraising purposes.

Ruth Winton-Brown
Possum Creek

Letters also acknowledged from J Scrivener, Mullumbimby, J Inness, Mullumbimby, J Shanks, Federal, J Bamberger, Canberra, J Jenkins MLC, Sydney, G Opit, Mullumbimby, A Braidon, Mullumbimby, B King, Huonbrook, T Saunders, Suffolk Park. Some

interesting letters this week were not printed because their senders forgot to give full addresses and phone numbers. Other groundrules: deadline is Friday noon, letters sent to other papers are not considered and anonymity is not an option.

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Articles

Crop circles - are they all just a hoax or real evidence of aliens

Lesley Patterson

The fascinating phenomenon of crop circles was the topic of a talk at Southern Cross University a few weeks ago, organised by The Raelian Movement. Last year over 150 crop circles appeared world wide with 77 of those in Britain.

'The complexity and the precision of the patterns, the suddenness of their appearance and most of all the parallelism and the natural bending of the stems require a highly advanced science yet unknown to man,' said the Raelian Movement in a press release about the SCU talk.

'The Raelian Movement wishes to inform the public of a reality, which we are carefully being kept away from - the presence in our neighbourhood of an extra-terrestrial race, who is preparing an official contact with humanity on Earth.'

Little green men from outer space are just one of many theories about crop

circles with earth energies, wind vortices or hoaxers a few others. Nick Pope worked for Britain's Ministry of Defence in the 1990s investigating not just crop circles but UFOs, alien abductions and animal mutilations (I am not making this up, visit www.nickpope.net/crop_circles).

The Ministry of Defence's first involvement with crop circles was in 1985 when a farmer found an elaborate circle on his land and rang the Army Air Corps to ask them what they were up to with their helicopters.

As more circles appeared the military were accused of testing space-based lasers or directed-energy weapons. Towards the end of his stint with the MOD, Nick Pope says his attention was diverted from crop circles as he was 'now receiving ever increasing numbers of fascinating UFO and alien abduction reports'.

While stating that he believed most crop circles



Reports about the creation of this crop circle at Golden Ball Hill in Wiltshire, UK, mentioned ten shady characters from an army of darkness seen leaving the formation. Photo: Circlemakers

were man made, Nick Pope said he did not entirely rule out 'other more exotic possibilities'.

Hoaxers do not always maintain a veil of secrecy. Circlemakers.org reveal a hilarious record of crop circle fakery, particularly throughout the south of England, such as the example repeated here.

'We received a call from the top selling UK tabloid

newspaper The Sun which has a daily readership of 8.5 million people. They wanted to put together a PR stunt to help raise the profile of their campaign to have the 2012 Olympic Games held in London, so we agreed to make the Olympic logo crop circle which consists of five interlocking rings in a field in Wiltshire for them.

'The call came in on a Wednesday, and we were

able to put together a crew, find a location and complete all of the construction diagrams the same day so we could go and create the crop circle the very next day for them, being a tabloid newspaper they're used to working with very tight deadlines, so we had to as well.

'We found a great barley field at Cherhill in Wiltshire to create the 200 ft diameter formation in, and it took a team of four circle makers a sedate five hours to create. Although the design looks fairly simple, surveying the rings so that they interlocked rather than just overlapped took some planning.'

A photograph of the finished Olympic rings crop circle appeared on the front page of the Sun with the headline: Aliens Back our Bid.

Cropcirclesearch.com which concentrates on compiling research on the phenomena has this to say.

'Although there have been

many UFO sightings in the vicinity of crop circles, I have yet to find any solid evidence linking one with the other. However, I think the crop circles could be caused by some, yet undiscovered, energy field which may be a bi-product of UFO propulsion systems.

'This is just my 'gut' feeling though and although I have detected various anomalous RF effects in and around crop circles, I'm yet to be convinced there is a link.'

Make up your own mind. Are all crop circles the work of hoaxers or are some messages from outer space?

'It is an immense privilege to be part of the generation who will witness the official contact with humanity from space, who also happen to be our creators,' say the Raelians.

'The crop circles, the UFO phenomenon is here to make us aware of their presence. Now what are we going to do about it?'

Documentary to explore growing up in Australia

How do family circumstances impact on a child's development? What does it take to make a happy and successful child? How is resilience created in children? These are some of the insights a television documentary series by Northern Rivers filmmaker Catherine Marciniak aims to reveal.

'The key part of a child's development takes place in the first five to seven years of their life,' explains Catherine who is planning to follow the progress of eight children over a seven year period. Every 18 months Catherine and her crew will send two days with each family to film their everyday life and hope-

fully uncover the major factors influencing the child's development.

ABC TV has agreed to screen the first episode in the series in 2006 which will introduce viewers to the eight children and their families, with a follow up episode in 2008 and the final stage in seven years time.

Tying in with the series is the single largest national study of children in Australia which is researching 10,000 children over a seven year period about growing up in Australia.

'The study has already thrown up some surprises such as the major role that grandparents are playing in

raising children, that the majority of working mothers like working and are not finding the [work/mothering] balance too difficult, and that most people like their neighbourhoods,' says Catherine. 'The negatives include the incredible amount of television that children are watching and the high obesity levels.'

Casting for the children is still underway and over 400 families have already nominated themselves for the project which is being funded by Film Australia.

'We want to pick a range of social classes and income levels for the eight children including single parent fami-

lies, a nuclear family, step families, a family where English is the second language, a family that lives on a working farm and we would also like to find a pregnant woman who is expecting her child in August or September of this year,' explained Catherine.

Of the eight children, three must be aged 6-12 months, four between 4-5 years and the last child will hopefully be born just as filming starts.

The cut off date for applications is this Friday. To apply call 1800 077 471 or visit the Film Australia website at www.filmaust.com.au/growingup for more information.

Breakfast with Birmingham

Multi-talented author John Birmingham will be in Byron Bay to kick off the Writers' Festival at a breakfast organised by the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Byron Bay Beach Resort on Thursday August 4 from 7am-9 am.

John's books include *He Died with a Felafel in his Hand*, which was a huge cult bestseller, *How to be a Man*, *The Tasmanian Babes Fiasco*, *The Search for Savage Henry*, *Leviathan: The Unauthorised Biography of Sydney* and *Dopeland*, which were critical and commercial successes.

His most recent book,

Weapons of Choice, has been described as a gigantic, time travelling, technologically mind blowing, funny, frightening, thrilling blockbuster. John has also written for major newspapers and magazines and is a sought-after public performer.

Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce members and non members are welcome to book for the breakfast by calling Lauren on 6680 8797.

Bookings and payment in advance are essential say the organisers. The cost is \$27.50 for Chamber members and \$33.00 for non-members including a hot breakfast.



Northern Rivers filmmaker Catherine Marciniak, pictured above, is currently seeking eight children to feature in a seven year long documentary project called Growing Up in Australia.



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Articles

Byron to host whale workshop

A national campaign to stop the slaughter of whales was a major initiative to emerge from a public meeting organised by Australians for Animals (AFA) last week at the Lord Byron Resort.

'Now that Japan has focused on killing 800 Humpback Whales in its new scientific whaling program, there's a sense of urgency in getting some political and legal action to stop Japan from starting the slaughter,' said Sue Arnold from AFA.

The AFA is predicting that countries other than Japan could begin issuing themselves scientific permits to kill whales as such action is legal under the IWC Convention. 'As well, Japanese whalers could start killing Humpbacks in the coming months according to informed sources at the IWC meeting in Ulsan,' said Ms Arnold.

The newly formed Byron Bay Whale Action Group says its initial focus will be a two day Whale Strategy Workshop. 'There was much discussion about the assets Byron Bay has to offer whale conservation including: a sympathetic Green Council with a Mayor willing to take the issue to local govern-

ment throughout Australia; mega numbers of show business personalities, musicians, bands and highly talented internationally recognised visitors; mega numbers of tourists and backpackers; sympathetic media; whale watching interests; surfing and sporting heroes; an endless treasure of talent to put whales high up on the political agenda,' she added.

'As well, we have Southern Cross University Whale Research Centre experts available to help in any whale campaign. SCU has been funded to carry out an important research project on establishing the age of Humpback whales by non-lethal means.'

The AFA say that it is important for the public to pressure the state government to use its muscle at the federal level.

The Byron Bay Whale Action Group will meet on Friday August 5 at 7.30pm in the Heart Space above Santos in Mullumbimby, with planning for the Whale Strategy Workshop on the agenda. The group is keen to hear from businesses interested in sponsoring the Workshop which is planned to be held before the end of the year.

Local plumber freezes on the Riviera

Local plumber Dave Nadin (right) talks about life on Davis Base, Antarctica

Australia has three continually manned bases in Antarctica. Davis Base sits at 68°35'S 77°58'E, in the Vestfold Hills and despite being the furthest south is a unique 'ice free' area blessed with the mildest weather of all the Australian bases, hence its nickname 'the Riviera of the South'.

We have just passed the mid-Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, but on our social calendar one that is bigger than Christmas. Today, July 15, we were expecting to see our first glimpse of the sun as it appears above the horizon after an absence of just over a month, but we are into the third day of a blizzard with 80 knot wind gusts.

I'm a former South Golden Beach and New Brighton resident, and when I'm in Australia still carry out most of my work in Byron. In the Bay, I work as a plumber and gas fitter but work on Davis requires slightly more diverse skills. Plumber, gas fitter, mechanical services, refrigeration, search and rescue, fire team and gym manager are all



part of my job description, as well as being part of a science team monitoring the formation and thickness of the sea ice around Davis.

I am part of the 58th Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) and this is my second trip south. Over summer, Davis accommodates up to 80 expeditioners in its limited facilities including scientists, field assistants, tradesmen, pilots and support crew.

Summer was frantic as most of the scientific and all the building work must be completed in the warmer months. Twenty four hour daylight creates its own problems especially when it's time to grab some sleep.

To enliven our social schedule there are also regular visits from our international neighbours, the Chinese from Zhong Shan Base, Indians from Maitri and Russians from Progress 2 Base, all eager to sample some Aussie hospitality. Australia's and ANARE's reputation is second to none.

At the end of summer, all but the current 18 expeditioners returned home. Even the prolific animal population that make their home

around the base, including birds, penguins and seals, begin to move away from the continent. The majestic Emperor Penguin is the only native species to stay on and endure the blizzards, the Antarctic darkness and the minus 40°C temperatures.

Over winter the pace slows pleasantly. The ocean freezes and becomes our road and, after the relevant safety training, we head off on weekends to stay at field huts along the coast towards the ice cap.

As long day turns to long night, the Davis Space and Atmospheric Science (SAS) department comes to life. Davis is home of the Lidar, a laser that is beamed into

space obtaining information used to study the hole in the ozone layer. Davis is better placed than any other spot on the planet for this information gathering. Results of these SAS experiments are then downloaded and made available to universities around the globe.

In another 16 weeks, the ship Aurora Australis will be breaking its way through the thick sea ice to drop off this summer's staff and return home the present 18 wintering expeditioners after a year on the ice. When I get back to Byron the first thing I want to do is swim across the Bay on a Sunday morning, in a balmy 20° sea.



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Articles

Are the best interests of children being served by child support reforms?

Lesley Patterson

More than one in ten families in Australia are those with a single parent and on the Far North Coast there are over 17,000 separated parents registered with the Child Support Agency.

A review of the way that Child Support payments are calculated has divided mothers' and fathers' groups with the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children Inc (NCSMC) claiming it will reduce payments to resident parents and the Lone Fathers Association calling the review 'fair'.

The Parkinson Taskforce, which is independent from the Child Support Agency, has concluded that the current formula for calculating the cost of rearing children is 'no longer appropriate' and has recommended changes which will decrease the amount paid by those on higher incomes, adjust the rates to reduce payments for younger children and increase payments for teenagers, and take into account the amount of care or contact by the non-resident parent.

More than 40 per cent of all payers in the Child Support Scheme are paying \$5 per week or less and only half of these are on unemployment benefit of a pension. Dr Elspeth McInnes from the NCSMC estimates that the vast majority of payments are between \$5 and \$50 per week in total, although Child Support Agency figures say 80% of payments are less than \$100 per week.

'The greatest benefits of the changes will be distributed to the high income earners,' says Dr McInnes. 'The whole exercise has been geared to benefit the top 20% or so. Most of the time the resident families will get poorer.'

Shake up needed

Deb Hall, a Byron Shire sole parent, says she believes the system did need 'a shake up'. 'The percentages were very high of the non-resident parent's income. But the way they have looked at the costs of children is not realistic and not truly reflective of the cost of raising children,' she says.

'Under this formula things will shift. I'll get less for my 14 year-old and more for my four year old, but it could set up more conflict than less.'

Peak fathers' body, the Lone Fathers Association, says they provisionally agree with most of the recommendations of the Parkinson Taskforce.

'The task force couldn't have tried harder to be fair to non-custodial parents, primarily fathers, and their children,' says president Barry

Williams on the organisation's website.

'It is potentially a whole new scheme. It's not about socking non-custodial parents for money for their kids. The potential new scheme is about both mothers and fathers equally bearing the costs of raising their children after divorce.'

Federal Labor member Justine Elliott says, 'The child support policy must put the interests of children first, reduce child poverty, ensure both parents contribute to their children's well being and encourage them to maintain ongoing roles in their children's lives. Labor will seriously consider any of the review's recommendations which seek to remove anomalies and inconsistencies from the current arrangements.'

Combined income

Perhaps the most fundamental change is that the calculation of child support payments are first worked out based upon the parents' combined income, with those costs then distributed between the mother and the father in accordance with their respective shares of that combined income. The Summary Report of the Parkinson Taskforce says 'the Government is refocusing its income support and work participation policies to treat both parents as potential labour force participants with the aims of improving family wellbeing over the longer term and reducing welfare dependence'.

'The fact that both parents' incomes is taken into account, including single parent pensions, is a major change to the current system. In essence it means that both parents will have the same amount to live on prior to child support being calculated,' says the Lone Fathers Association.

Dr Elspeth McInnes from NCSMC has a different view. 'There is a relentless push to reduce the financial obligations of child-rearing on non-resident parents which disregards the research...showing that, even after child support is paid, the parent with care of the children survives on greatly reduced income, while the non-resident parents' incomes bounce back quickly.'

However Dr McInnes says there is good news for resident parents at the lowest end of the income scale (under \$20,000) who are likely to benefit by a proposal to cease splitting the family tax benefit until the level of non-resident care reaches 35%. 'What this means is that at the lowest end of the

income scale the primary carer household could keep 100% of the family tax benefit for the child,' said Dr McInnes.

Regular face to face contact will also be considered in the formula for calculating child support payments. According to the Taskforce's Summary Report, 'The current Scheme grew out of concerns about the effects of marriage breakdown on the living standards of children, especially those living in sole-parent households with their mothers. There was also concern about the increase in the numbers of separated parents dependent on welfare; the low amount of child support being paid by non-custodial parents; and the difficulties in updating and enforcing child maintenance obligations through the courts.'

'There is now a greatly increased emphasis on shared parental responsibility and the importance of both parents remaining actively involved in their children's lives after separation has gained much greater recognition.'

'In order to recognise that non-resident parents who have regular contact with their children incur significant costs in providing that contact, and relieve the other parent of expenditure on food and entertainment costs at least, the Taskforce considers that regular face-to-face contact should be recognised in the [financial] formula.'

Dr McInnes has used the Child Support Agency's calculator to estimate a case of a resident parent with one six



year old and a non-resident parent earning \$50,000 a year. Under the new formula the resident parent will be \$10 a week worse off and the non-resident parent will be \$20 a week better off. With one night a week care by the non-resident parent they will be \$47 a week better off, while the resident parent will be \$23 a week worse off.

Barry Williams from the Lone Fathers Association says he is 'pretty much in agreement' with the Taskforce's report but says that there are still cases when

Deb Hall, pictured above, a local single mother who has concerns about a review of the child support system. Photo Jeff Dawson

non-resident parents are being asked to pay too much and points to the financial and emotional distress suffered by some fathers.

While agreeing that the system did need an overhaul, local single mother Deb Hall has this to say 'With over 40% of non-resident parents paying the minimal required [\$5], how many more are paying just over the minimal rate? 80%? So what are these recommendations trying to

achieve when it is recognised that the new formula will reduce the child support assessment in most cases to resident parents?'

The federal government is currently considering the Parkinson Taskforce's report, but the Child Support Agency says there is no change to child support payments at this stage.

For a full copy of the report visit www.facs.gov.au or call 1800 050 009.

Helping to conserve frogs is only a mouse-click away

Australian frog populations are declining at a rapid rate. Many of our frogs are on the brink of extinction and some have already disappeared altogether.

A new web-based organisation called the Frogs Australia Network has been created by an Australia-wide group of frog enthusiasts ranging from teachers to scientists and community members to help everyone get involved.

The Frogs Australia Network website contains a comprehensive and easy to use database of all Australian frogs and includes the ability to listen to their unique calls. The site also clearly outlines the conservation issues affecting Australian frogs and a number of useful resources for you to use.

Dale Roberts, Chairperson of the Frogs Australia Network says: 'Becoming part of the Frogs Australia

Network will help you keep informed about what's happening to frogs across Australia and to add your voice to their conservation'.

The network has been established to help link up groups and individuals interested in frogs. You don't even have to know anything about frogs to join.

'You can add news stories and events of your frog related activities, and help build momentum for your local group, such as a local landcare, school or community event. The network aims to provide a comprehensive 'portal' to anyone interested in frogs,' Dale said.

The Frogs Australia Network is calling on you to join on-line, and create a profile of your interests no matter how big or small. Membership is encouraged for all those interested in frogs, either as an individual or as a group. Membership is free and it is easy to join.



Find out more about the Dainty Tree Frog, pictured above, on the Frogs Australia website. Photo by Craig Cleeland

'Becoming part of the network helps build the momentum to unite people who care about frogs. This can lead to a better understanding and coordination

of their conservation,' Dale said.

Check out the site at and become part of the Frogs Australia Network at www.frogsaustralia.net.au.

Television Guide

1. Keira Knightley features in the charming low-budget British hit **Bend It Like Beckham** (Prime, Friday, 8.30pm) and has since burned up Hollywood.
 2. The BBC's new series of **Dr Who** (ABC, Saturday, 7.30pm) starring Christopher Ecclestone and Billie Piper has only the theme music and the tardis in common with the series that began when the world was young, but it scores heavily for SF fans with clever stories and good special effects.
 3. **Mythbusters** Adam and Jamie were a segment in **Beyond Tomorrow** (Prime, Wednesday, 7.30pm) which got so popular it took off on its own. SBS (Monday, 7.30pm) cleverly picked it up and it is now the station's best rating program (after the Ashes cricket series). With us, so far? Now some ichthyophobe at Seven has dubbed the Lord's Day as 'Shark Attack Sunday' and at 7.30pm Prime is showing a **Mythbusters - Jaws Special** about shark fables, followed by the three hundredth screening of **Jaws** the movie. More like Moron Attack Sunday.



	6 ABC	41 SBS	7 PRIME	10 TEN	9 NBN
WEDNESDAY 27	4.30 Movie: Lost (PG, 1956) David Farrar, David Knight, Julia Arnall, Thora Hird 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 11.30 Catalyst 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Something In The Air 1.00 National Press Club Address 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 5.00 Roller Coaster 6.00 Doctor Who 6.30 Beat The Chef 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 The New Inventors 8.30 Spicks And Specks 9.00 We Can Be Heroes 9.30 The Glass House (M, sr,a) 10.00 At The Movies 10.30 Lateline 11.05 Four Corners 11.55 Media Watch 12.10 Night And Day (PG) 12.35 100 Centre Street (M, sr) 1.30 Movie: The Big Steal (PG, B&W, 1949) Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer, Ramon Navarro 2.50 Mr Bean 3.15 Table 12 3.25 National Press Club Address	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Movie: The Legend Of Speed (M, v,s,c,l, 1999) Cantonese action 2.50 Creature Features 3.00 Tales From A Suitcase 3.30 The Sea Kingdoms 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 The Food Lovers Guide To Australia 8.00 The Movie Show 8.30 Dateline 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: Satin Rouge (M, s, 2002) Tunisian romance 11.40 Movie: The Milk Of Human Kindness (MA, s,a, 2001) French drama 1.15 Close SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Playhouse Disney 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Trading Spouses 12.00 Movie: Out Of Line (M, v,s,c,l, 2001) A probation officer gets involved in her parolee's life. Starring Jennifer Beals, Holt McCallany and Michael Moriarty. 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Home Improvement 3.30 Who Dares Wins 4.00 Go Go Stop 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Beyond Tomorrow 8.30 Blue Heelers (M, v,a,d) Double episode 10.30 Coastwatch New Zealand water patrol 11.00 SCU: Serious Crash Unit (PG) 11.30 Boston Public (M) 12.30 Time Life Australia 1.00 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Totally Wild 6.30 Aerobics Oz Style 7.00 Cheez TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 11.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 11.30 Ten News 12.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Big Brother 8.30 House (M) 9.30 Law & Order: SVU (M, a) 10.30 The Shield (M) 11.30 Late Night News 12.00 Sports Tonight 12.30 Big Brother Up-Late (MA15+) 2.30 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 More religion All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Today 9.00 World Swimming Championships 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Hot Source 4.30 World Swimming Championships 5.00 The Price Is Right 5.30 Temptation 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 McLeod's Daughters 8.30 CSI: Miami (M) 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Without A Trace (M) 10.30 Comedy Inc. The Late Shift (M, cl) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 The District 1.00 Late Show With David Letterman 2.00 Good Morning Miami How about good morning Billinudgel? 2.30 All About The Andersons 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America
THURSDAY 28	4.30 Movie: The Reluctant Widow (PG, B&W, 1950) Jean Kent, Guy Rolfe, Kathleen Byron 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Something In The Air 1.00 Born And Bred 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 5.00 Roller Coaster 6.00 Doctor Who 6.30 Collectors 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 Catalyst 8.30 DNA 9.30 MDA (PG) 10.25 Lateline 11.00 Auf Weidersehen, Pet Bridge Over Troubled Water (M, du) 12.00 The Academy: Bedtime's Over 12.30 The Biographer (M, v,a) Fictionalised account of Princess Diana's collaboration with former royal journalist, Andrew Morton 2.10 Movie: Fighting Father Dunne (PG, B&W, 1948) Pat O'Brien, Charles Kemper, Una O'Connor 3.45 Table 12 (M, cl) 4.00 New Eden	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Dateline 2.00 The Way The Music Died The music recording industry from post-Woodstock heyday to mass layoffs and bankruptcy in 2004 3.00 The Mary G Show 3.30 School Torque 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Bronski & Bernstein 8.20 Hotline 8.30 Storyline Australia: Operation Baby-lift More than 3000 babies were airlifted from Saigon orphanages in the closing days of the Vietnam War in 1975 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Happy Tree Friends And Friends (M, v) 10.30 Movie: The Nameless (MAV, v,h,a, 1999) Spanish horror 12.10 Louis Malle In Camera (MA, s,n,a) 1.20 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Playhouse Disney 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Trading Spouses 12.00 Movie: Alien Abduction (M, v,c,l, 1998) Abduction story of an average American family by alien beings. Starring Benz Antoine, Kristian Ayre, Michael Buie and Emmanuelle Chriqui. 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Home Improvement 3.30 Who Dares Wins 4.00 Go Go Stop 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Las Vegas 8.30 Lost 9.30 The Amazing Race From London to Jamaica then Puerto Rico and finally to Miami Florida 10.30 Stargate Atlantis (M) 11.30 Tour Of Duty 12.30 Time Life Australia 1.00 Danoz Direct 2.00 Expo 5.00 Religion Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Totally Wild 6.30 Aerobics Oz Style 7.00 Cheez TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 11.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 11.30 Ten News 12.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Big Brother 7.30 Stooged (PG) Secretly recorded hidden cameras create a banal world of mediocrity reflecting the fact that TV excess think very little of their audience. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU (M, a) 9.30 Law & Order: Trial By Jury (M) 10.30 Late Night News 11.00 Sports Tonight 11.30 Big Brother Up-Late (MA15+) 1.30 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 More religion 5.00 Life Today With James Robison	6.00 Today 9.00 World Swimming Championships 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Hot Source 4.30 World Swimming Championships 5.00 The Price Is Right 5.30 Temptation 6.00 Evening News They are lying to us. News is not dogs on skateboards nor is it celebrity weddings. 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Getaway 8.30 This Is Your Life 9.35 The Footy Show (M) 11.05 Nightline 11.35 The AFL Footy Show (M) 1.30 Late Show With David Letterman 2.30 Stripperella (M) 3.00 Guthy Renker Australia 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America
FRIDAY 29	4.30 Movie: All Coppers Are... (PG, 1971) Nicky Henson, Martin Potter, Julia Foster, Ian Hendry 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.30 World 2000 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Gary Rhodes' Cookery Year 1.00 Classic Parkinson 2.00 The House That Jack Built 2.25 My Hero 3.00 Kid's Programs 5.00 Roller Coaster 6.00 Message Stick (G*) 6.30 How the Quest Was Won 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Staseline 8.00 Strictly Dancing 8.30 Silent Witness (M, v) 9.25 Spooks (MA, v,a) 10.20 The Memphis Trousers Half Hour With Roy & HG 10.50 Lateline 11.25 The Glass House (M, sr,a) 11.55 Rage Simulcast on Triple J (M) Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware - all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Ancient Discoveries 1.55 The Day The Earth Nearly Died 250 million years ago 2.50 Angel Food 3.00 Wine Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 The Movie Show 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Simply Ming 8.00 World Weddings DJ Ray's Big Day 8.30 Howard Hughes 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Streakers 10.50 Movie: Melvin & Howard (1980) US drama 12.30 Movie: Shock (MA, v,s,h,1977) Italian drama 2.05 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Playhouse Disney 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Trading Spouses 12.00 Movie: A Life For A Life - The True Story Of Stefan Kiszko (M, a,s,v,c,l) One of the most tragic miscarriages of justice. Starring Tony Maudsley, Olympia Dukakis, Simon Shepherd and Tony Pritchard. 2.30 Reba 3.00 Home Improvement 3.30 Short Cuts 4.00 Go Go Stop 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 Movie: Bend It Like Beckham (PG, cl,s, 2002) An 18-year-old dreams of playing football like her hero. Starring Parminder K Nagra, Keira Knightley, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Anupam Kher and Archie Panjabi. 10.45 Movie: The Abyss (M, a,v,c,l, 1989) A group of divers get involved in a rescue effort for a nuclear submarine. Starring Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Michael Biehn. 2.10 Home Shopping	6.00 Totally Wild 6.30 Aerobics Oz Style 7.00 Cheez TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 11.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 11.30 Ten News 12.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Big Brother 9.00 Haunted (M, v) Double episode 11.00 Late Night News 11.30 Sports Tonight 12.00 Big Brother Up-Late (MA15+) 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Cottonwood Christian Centre 4.30 Infomercial 5.00 Jesse Duplantis 5.30 Reverend Joyce Meyer	6.00 Today 9.00 World Swimming Championships 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Holly's Heroes 4.30 World Swimming Championships 5.00 The Price Is Right 5.30 Temptation 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Motorway Patrol 8.30 Friday Night Football St George Illawarra Dragons v Sydney Roosters 11.00 Nightline 11.15 Friday Night AFL Essendon v Geelong 2.30 Late Show With David Letterman 3.30 The Bernie Mac Show 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America First we need to establish an identity before talking about an identity card. And remember... terrorists have ID too.

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SATURDAY 30	11.55 <i>Rage</i> continues 11.00 Commonwealth Bank Trophy Netball 12.00 Stataline 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.40 Mosaic: Eyes On The World Cuba – The Queen's Gardens 2.00 Commonwealth Bank Trophy Netball 3.00 NSW Premier Rugby LIVE 5.00 Bowls Australia v England 6.00 Go Wild! 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Doctor Who 8.15 Very Little Britain 8.30 The Bill (PG) 9.30 Parkinson Interviews Lauren Bacall, Olivia Newton-John and Meera Syal 10.15 The Blues: A Musical Journey Godfathers and Sons (PG) 11.55 <i>Rage</i> (M) Simulcast on Triple J	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 6.20 Mandarin News 6.50 Filipino News 7.25 Italian News 8.00 DAS Journal 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Masterpiece On Saturday Duo 3.05 Sunrise At Midnight – Butoh Dance 3.25 Sheherazad & The Others 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Nest 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 As It Happened: Blowing Up Paradise French nuclear tests in the Pacific 8.30 Iron Chef 9.15 Fashionista 9.30 Movie: A Tout De Suite (MA, s,n,a, B&W, 2004) French romance 11.10 Eat Carpet 12.10 Movie: Death Rides A Horse (MA, v,s, 1967) Italian drama 2.05 Close	6.00 City Guys 6.30 Tractor Tom 7.00 Saturday Disney 9.00 Saturday Club 10.00 Stanley 10.30 My Dad's The Prime Minister 11.00 Saved By The Bell – The New Class 11.30 Spin 12.00 Eclipse 1.00 Beastmaster 2.00 Home Improvement 2.30 Saturday Kitchen 4.30 The Great Outdoors Harry Potter adventure in Britain, dam dropping in New Zealand, genuine Japanese experience in Victoria 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The World Around Us: Down The Line – Treasures Of The Australian Savannah Exploring remote destinations on and off the rails in Queensland's far north 7.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries (PG, v) 9.30 Crossing Jordan (M) 10.30 Rugby LIVE from Pretoria – South Africa v Australia 1.00 Danoz Direct 2.00 Expo	6.00 The Big Cheez 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Scooter: Secret Agent 8.30 Yakkity Yak 9.00 Video Hits The number one single is a ringtone and corporate music cannot die soon enough. (Thanks to Ipod and file sharing) 12.00 State Focus 12.30 Infomercial 1.00 I Fish 1.30 Seriously AFL 2.00 Saturday Afternoon AFL LIVE from the MCG – Melbourne v St Kilda 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Monk (PG, v) 7.30 Saturday Night AFL From AAMI Stadium – Adelaide v Sydney 10.30 World Poker Tour 12.15 The Fifth Quarter 12.45 Queens Supreme 1.45 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Bayless Conley 4.30 Key Of David 5.00 Hour Of Power	6.00 Danoz 6.30 Untold Wealth 7.00 Guthy Renker 7.30 Cushions Kids 8.00 World Swimming Championships 10.00 So Fresh 11.30 Fishing Australia 12.00 Destinations 12.30 Arrive Alive Cup 1.30 Snow Show 2.00 World Swimming Championships 4.00 Everwood 5.00 Getaway 5.30 Amazing Homes 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Movie: Dennis The Menace (PG, v, 1993) Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble, Joan Plowright, Christopher Lloyd 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Movie: Deep Impact (M, v,a, 1998) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, Elijah Wood, Vanessa Redgrave, Maxmillian Schell 11.50 Movie: National Lampoon's European Vacation (M, sr,cl, 1985) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Dana Hill, Jason Lively 1.40 Late Show With David Letterman 2.35 Mad TV 3.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 4.00 Guthy Renker 5.00 Danoz 5.30 Turn Round Australia
	SUNDAY 31	6.30 Kid's Programs 9.00 Insiders 9.45 Inside Business 10.15 7 Days 10.35 Asia Pacific Focus 11.00 Songs Of Praise 11.25 Compass 12.00 Landline 1.00 Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick 2.00 Sunday Afternoon Douglas Wright 3.15 Amelia 4.10 Moulin Rouge Girls 4.40 Yumi Umiuare: Butoh Dance 5.00 Mystery Of The Jurassic 6.00 At The Movies 6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Outback House 8.30 Fingersmith (M, s,cl) 10.05 Compass: Broken Open 10.35 Hollywood Inc 11.25 Movie: La Haine (MA, cl,v,sr, 1995) Due to a police bashing an ordinary housing project wakes up one morning in a state of siege. Starring Vincent Cassel. 1.05 Movie: Two Tickets To Broadway (G, 1951) Janet Leigh, Eddie Bracken, Gloria De Haven, Tony Martin 3.00 Swallow (M, cl,a) 3.55 Aftershook	6.00 Weatherwatch 7.00 Hungarian News 7.30 Italian News Weekly 8.00 Korean News 8.30 Latin American News 9.00 Maltese News 9.30 Polish News 10.00 Ukrainian News 10.30 IAAF Golden League Athletics From Norway 12.00 Speedweek 2.00 FIVB World Grand Prix Volleyball From Japan 4.00 The World Game 6.00 Thalassa 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Lost Worlds: Novgorod Letters of the year one thousand 8.30 Movie: Lagaan – Once Upon A Time In India (PG, 2001) Hindi Bollywood about the fate of a bunch of villagers resting on winning a cricket game against snooty British imperialists. 12.10 Movie: We're Not Like That (M, v,cl,a, 1997) Israeli drama based on a true story of a soldier who is confronted with a situation in which he either listens to his conscience and loses control or accepts military bureaucracy. 1.05 Close	6.00 Religion 7.00 Flipper And Lopaka 8.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Sportsworld LIVE 11.00 My Business 11.30 Cirque Du Soleil: Fire Within 12.00 The Most Extreme 1.00 Movie: Roommates (PG, a,cl, 1995) Peter Falk, DB Sweeney, Julianne Moore, Jan Rube, Ellen Burstyn 3.30 Shark Attack Sunday: Spring Break (PG, 2005) Bryan Brown, Shannon Lucio, Riley Smith, Justin Baldoni, Bianca Lishansky, Genevieve Howard, Kathy Baker 5.30 How Clean Is Your House? 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Australia's Guinness World Records 7.30 Shark Attack Sunday: Mythbusters – Jaws Special Mythbusters Jamie and Adam put some rumours to rest 9.00 Shark Attack Sunday: Jaws (M, v, 1975) Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw, Roy Schneider, Lorraine Gary 11.30 Movie: Naked Souls (MA, 1995) A woman struggles to reverse the scientific experiment her boyfriend concocted before it's too late. Starring Pamela Anderson Lee, Dean Stockwell, Brian Krause Clayton, Rochner Justina Vail and David Warner. 1.30 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion	6.00 Mass For You At Home 6.30 Meditation Medication 7.00 Fergus McPhail 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Bread 8.30 Meet The Press 9.00 Video Hits & Coke Live 12.00 Fish Net 12.30 World Superbike Championship Mallala 2.00 Trackside 3.30 RPM 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Big Brother 8.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) 9.30 Law & Order: SVU (M) 10.30 2005 Formula One Grand Prix Hungary 1.00 Moto GP Germany 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn 'Spain's new Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero announced he will soon call back Spain's 1300 troops from Iraq; meaning the coalition of the willing is fast turning into a duet of the stubborn.' Jon Stewart
MONDAY 1	4.30 Movie: Rome Express (PG, B&W, 1933) Conrad Veidt, Cedric Hardwicke, Finlay Currie, Esther Ralston 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Something In The Air 1.00 Pilot Guides 1.50 Mosaic 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Doctor Who 6.30 Talking Heads Lorraine Bayly 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Australian Story 8.30 Four Corners 9.15 Media Watch 9.30 Enough Rope With Andrew Denton 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Hell In The Pacific: Purgatory (PG) After Pearl Harbour 12.00 Night And Day 12.25 Flight For Life Flying doctor service 12.55 The Road Home (G*) Back to a boys' home where Aboriginal children were sent 1.30 Movie: 80,000 Suspects (PG, B&W, 1963) Claire Bloom, Richard Johnson, Cyril Cusack 3.25 Bowls Tri Series: women – Australia v Scotland	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 Japanese News 6.00 Weatherwatch 6.20 Mandarin News 6.50 Weatherwatch 7.25 World News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Polish News 1.00 Hitler's Women Eva Bruan 2.00 Red Lines And Deadlines Behind the scenes of Shargh, the leading reformist newspaper in Iran. 3.00 A Fork In The Road 3.30 Animated Tales of The World 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Amici Forever 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Mythbusters 8.30 South Park (M, v,cl) 9.00 Chappelle's Show (MA, s,cl,a) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Oz (MAV, v,s,cl) 11.00 Movie: Santa Maradona (MA, s,cl,a, 2001) Italian comedy 12.35 The Long Road To War (M, v,a) 2.30 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Playhouse Disney 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Trading Spouses 12.00 Movie: One Good Turn (M, v,s,cl,d) A man's attempt to repay a man for saving his life has unexpected consequences. Starring James Remer, Suzy Amis and Lenny Von Dohlen. 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Home Improvement 3.30 Who Dares Wins 4.00 Go Go Stop 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 The Great Outdoors Seven holidays to be won – Hawaii, Fiji, Thailand, Singapore, Bali, South Africa and Scotland 8.40 Desperate Housewives (M) 9.40 24 (M) 10.35 Threat Matrix (M) 11.30 The Simple Life (PG) 12.00 My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss 1.00 Time Life Australia 1.30 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion	6.00 Totally Wild 6.30 Aerobics Oz Style 7.00 Cheez TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 11.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 11.30 Ten News 12.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Big Brother 7.30 Big Brother Live Nominations 8.40 Law & Order (M) 9.40 Big Brother Uncut (MA15+) 10.40 Late Night News 11.10 Sports Tonight 11.40 Big Brother Up-Late (MA15+) 1.40 Champ Car World Series San Jose 3.40 Video Hits Up-Late 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 8.30 World Swimming Championships Includes LIVE 1500 metres final 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Hot Source 4.30 World Swimming Championships Highlights 5.00 The Price Is Right 5.30 Temptation 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 The Alice (PG, cl,a) 8.30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire 9.35 Cold Case (M, v) 9.40 Lotto 10.35 Real Crime (M) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Da Vinci's Inquest (M) 1.00 Water Rats (M) 2.00 Wanda At Large 2.30 Like Family 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Snow Show British Columbia, Canada and Queenstown in New Zealand 4.30 Good Morning America
	TUESDAY 2	4.30 Movie: The Bad Lord Byron (G, B&W, 1949) Dennis Price, Mai Zetterling, Joan Greenwood 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Something In The Air 1.00 The New Inventors 1.30 The Einstein Factor 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 5.00 Roller Coaster 6.00 Doctor Who 6.30 Second Opinion 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Dust To Dust The funeral industry 8.30 The Bill (M, a) 9.20 Foreign Correspondent 10.05 Dead Ringers 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Live At The Basement Chris Wilson and Dom Turner (M, cl) 12.05 Night And Day 12.30 Movie: Eagle's Wing (PG, 1978) Martin Sheen, Harvey Keitel 2.15 Movie: Soft Beds, Hard Battles (M, sr,s, 1973) Inhabitants of a Paris brothel help win WWII. Peter Sellers, Lila Kedrova, Curt Jurgens, Timothy West, Rula Lenska 4.00 Gimme, Gimme, Gimme (M, cl,s, sr)	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Movie: Save Me (M, s,cl,a, 2000) French drama 2.40 The Shave 2.50 Eyes 3.00 The Canterbury Tales 3.30 Mum's The Word 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Sydney At War – The Untold Story Japanese submarine attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942 8.30 Cutting Edge: Cocaine – Leo and Ze 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Hot Docs: Uri Avnery – Warrior For Peace 11.20 Movie: Film 1 – Piranha Blues (M, v,a) Flemish drama 1.05 The Nanny 1.35 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Playhouse Disney 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 The Mole 12.00 Movie: Dead Letter Office (M, s, 1998) A girl dreams of finding her absent father. Starring Miranda Otto, George Delhoyo, Georgina Naidu, Nicholas Bell and Syd Brisbane. 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Home Improvement 3.30 Who Dares Wins 4.00 Go Go Stop 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Border Security – Australia's Front Line 8.00 Medical Emergency 8.30 All Saints (M, a) 9.30 Last Man Standing (M, s) 10.30 Boston Legal (M) 11.30 Ally McBeal 12.30 Time Life Australia 1.00 Home Shopping 5.00 Crefo A Dollar 5.30 Joyce Meyer	6.00 Totally Wild 6.30 Aerobics Oz Style 7.00 Cheez TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 11.00 TTN 11.30 Ten News 12.00 Murder, She Wrote 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Big Brother 7.30 Australian Idol 8.30 The 400 (M) 9.30 Rove Live (M, cl,a) 10.45 Late News 11.15 Sports Tonight 11.45 Big Brother Up-Late (MA15+) 1.45 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn

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And that's a little what this book feels like: a start. Sitting politicians seem at a disadvantage when it comes to writing about their lives. They have to compromise; they're still in the fray, dealing with opponents and colleagues on a daily basis and facing the inevitable accounting of the next poll.

So it's harder to take risks, and there's none of the no-holds-barred revelations, or accusations, in which retired politicians can indulge.

Mark Latham's much anticipated account of his own political immolation will be a very different book to Peter Beattie's unrelenting optimism and goodwill. This book, an account of Beattie's personal and political journey from a struggling childhood in the far north to the premier's office, feels as though Ian Dury's *Reasons to*

be Cheerful should be playing as the background music.

At least Beattie has the advantage of some turbulent political times in which he can tell his tale. The current Queensland premier is both the product of, and a reaction to the long, twisted shadow of the Bjelke-Petersen years, and the faltering steps the ALP initially made to escape it.

Beattie served his political apprenticeship facing a conservative government at the height of its power. In 1983 as Joh Bjelke-Petersen's National Party achieved government in their own right, Peter Beattie was state secretary of the ALP. He witnessed the nadir of Queensland politics from a ringside seat.

But this book starts way before that. Peter Beattie did it tough as a kid, and the debt he owes those that helped him through is not forgotten in this account. Nor is his unwavering belief in the centrality of a decent education.

The youngest of seven, his beloved mother died when Peter was just five. His father, unable to cope, had no choice but to see his children divided among relatives to be cared for. Peter went from Condoblin in

western NSW to far north Queensland and the sugar town of Atherton to the care of his maternal grandmother. His 'Nana', like so many of the generation that endured depression and war, was a beacon of tough love. Firm but fair, practical, thrifty and true. Her influence, gauged by this book, is significant and it took Beattie's political epiphany to shake the relationship.

That moment came in 1971 and again owed much to Bjelke-Petersen. When the South African rugby team, the whites only Springboks, toured Australia it was only in Queensland where the local politicians decided to make the boys from the veldt feel at home.

Petersen declared a State of Emergency. Peter Beattie, a first-year university student joined a peaceful protest outside the team's hotel. That protest ended in a charge by baton-wielding police who waded into the demonstrators, belting most and arresting many, including Beattie. Then they were verbalised in the courts. Police that lied and hurt people? Something had to change. And so young Peter headed off to join the ALP.

Of course the party he joined was a decrepit, factionalised basket case, light years from the kind of attitudes and policies Gough Whitlam was advancing at the federal level. So Beattie's journey through the ALP was a trial by ordeal, locking horns with the ossified old men who ran both the organisation and the politicians.

Eventually Beattie was part of the reform group which succeeded in getting the federal party to intervene and clean the mess that was

the Queensland ALP. From then it was a steady, though not always easy, journey towards political victory. Labor just needed one more revelation to make the Bjelke-Petersen era similar to the Jurassic (ie characterised by extinction) and it came with the Fitzgerald Inquiry. Say no more.

I think this is a book that does an adequate job of detailing Peter Beattie's personal rise to the state political leadership. Deep within the second 'Ming dynasty' as we are, it's refreshing to read optimistic words about the importance of education, and that notions of fairness, equality of opportunity and decency are valued by such a senior politician.

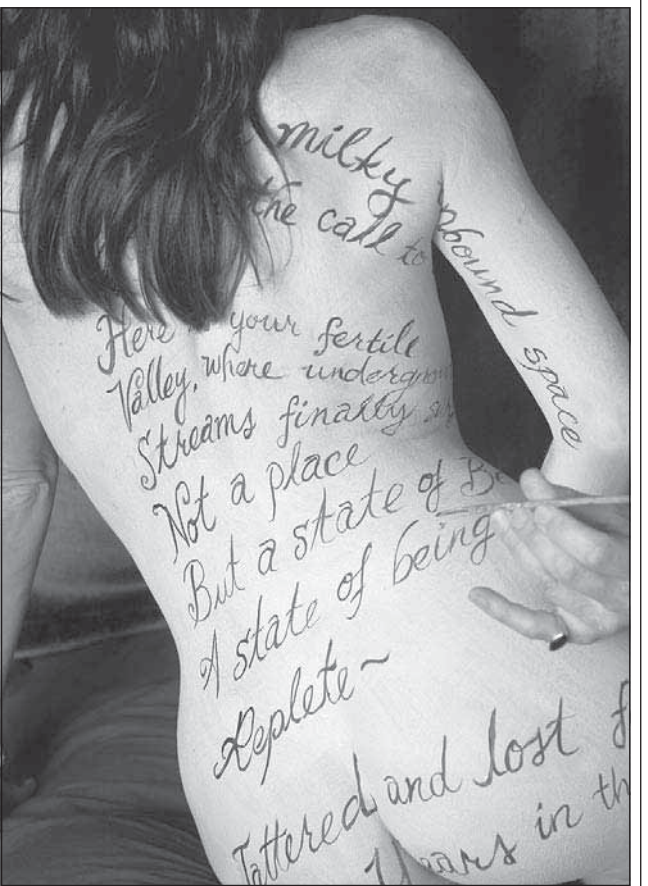
A genuine humanity emerges in this account. In other ways it's an unsatisfactory book. The lack of attention to the efforts of the non-parliamentary groups who challenged the Nationals, especially in the major civil liberties campaigns of the late 1970s, is noticeable.

And the last third of the book reads too much like a long political brochure, full of warm, embracing statements yet overly simplistic, and too much like an election speech - big on ideas, thin on detail.

Peter Beattie is a good politician, he's got the election results to prove it, and he does think about policy issues in a serious way, especially education and the future of work. Those are the strongest parts of this account.

Maybe we just have to wait for him to retire to get a more satisfying account of how politics is really played north of the Tweed.

Stretching the boundaries



Natalie Verdejo, above, provides a human canvas for some dangerous poetry. Photo Jeff 'Lust for Words' Dawson

Dangerously Poetic's fourth Beyond Boundaries poetry lunch at the Byron Bay Beach Resort's Bay Pavilion Restaurant this Saturday, July 30 from 11am.

The theme this year is Out of Bounds with local actors, musicians and writers reading poetry that takes them beyond their usual boundaries. Readers include some of the young poet finalists from the Youth Poetry Contest and Max Ryan, author of *Rainswayed Nights*.

'Expect humour and outrageousness as well as deep nourishment for the intellect and soul. Peppered with musical interludes from some of the community's finest musicians including

the Love Handles, Karl Farren and Colleen de Winton, this promises to be another stellar poetry experience,' said a spokesperson from Dangerously Poetic.

'MC for the event is the inimitable, Nyck Jeanes, host of Bay Fm's Head to Head, and coffee and lunches are reasonable and the entertainment is free.'

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MANDY

Dances with sheep



A few weeks back I was in New Zealand teaching comedy to the kiwis. Whilst I enjoyed the process it seemed a bit redundant – they're pretty bloody funny as it is, they didn't seem to need the extra coaching. In transit from Rotarua to Auckland I ducked into a servo and asked the bloke sweeping if he knew the way to Auckland. He just said 'Yip' and went back to his broom. Laconic at 5am, but not terribly helpful. The NZ accent was completely invasive. After only 2 days I was reading the newspaper pronouncing everything in my hid with a kiwi accent. I was even dreaming in NZ – I can't even tell you what happens after you count the sheep, but there's definitely no shearing involved. Speaking of sheep, that heralds one of my more embarrassing moments. My Maori class decided they wanted to give me a 'welcome'. This involved being sung into the building and having the group sing spine-tingling traditional songs. After the 20 min-

ute welcome of sensational singing, it's customary for the person being honoured to sing back, with a song that is significant to where they are from. Jesus. What's a girl to sing. I'm a white Aussie. We don't have anything significant. We're soulless. I thought about doing the Playschool Theme: 'There's a bear in there.. and a chair as well..' or the Vegemite theme, or even humming the Skippy theme. Sadly I marveled that there was no song that spoke to who we are as people. I was filled with a sense of cultural despair. I wished I'd paid more attention at the Indigenous Festival and learnt a traditional song. I know a few Warumpi Band songs but I didn't honestly think I could get away with White Fella Black Fella. The only other songs I could remember the words to was the theme to Love Boat and Lou Reed's epic descent into the maelstrom, Heroin. Neither touching, significant nor respectful. There's no way I'd even

think of mouthing Advance Australia Fair – just the thought of the song makes me want to give John Howard the finger, and so, at the end of the day I was left with Waltzing Matilda. A strange little song about a bloke who got a bit intimate with a sheep. I mean, aren't the Kiwi's the ones who are supposed to have a longstanding romance with the woolly wanderer? But here we are, proud as punch, singing for all the world to hear about our finest moment with a jolly jumbuck. I sang the stupid song about a bloke dancing around his campfire with his four legged friend, the ecstasy of their love and the agony of their separation. It was humiliating, but its idiocy, its double standard and its tuneless drone was truly Australian. My thongs pulsed with pride. Sadly, my Maori friends heard me sing and changed their mind about the welcome. Only kidding. (Greek national anthem, about a goat).

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■ WHALE OF A TIME

Right now our Whales are at risk of ending up chugging away in a sushi train. Pretty soon that will be the closest you'll get to whale watching – no more witnessing those magnificent beasts breach metres

fin to the cause is Whales Alive, a local research foundation who are doing just that. They are hosting a Blues Benefit to raise funds that will help build a case against the Japanese 'scientific whaling'. The night boasts a bill rich in grass roots groove

with singer songwriter Jeff Lang at the helm. Jeff has built a reputation for startlingly original performances, working without a set list, allowing the unique energy of each night to shape the songs. Jeff Lang is critically acclaimed as a truly great guitar player. The unusual thing is that the guitar playing never gets in the way of the music, nor

overshadows his gift for hauntingly poetic songwriting. As a live performer Lang is only satisfied when something truly inspired takes place. This restless striving for the sublime pays great dividends for audi-

ences that join him for the ride. Someone else touched by the hand of the divine is Australian Blues Vocalist of the Year (2003) Ash Grunwald. Ash combines delta blues with hypnotic, 'phat' grooves. This one-man band has played his unique songs on his resonator guitar to audiences from the Mississippi Delta to the furthest reaches of coastal Australia. More than just a powerhouse vocalist, Ash is sliding, stomping and hollering his way into the lives of fresh audiences around the globe. Ash says: 'I like try and take what's good about the early delta blues, which to me is the soulfulness of the singing and guitar playing and combine it with what's cool about modern music like some of the grooves found in a lot of rap and roots stuff. I'm trying to use these elements to make new music that's fresh and relevant.' A host of other artists from around the country all pitch in to give pods a chance including Hurst and Greene, Rob Hurst hails from Midnight Oil and ex-Olympian Paul Greene. Tim Ireland, another startling young singer songwriter also pops his head in. After the Arakwal welcome to country, the whale rider herself, Ms Mandy, (is that a humpback in your pocket) Nolan hosts the night as the MC. Be at the Byron Bowling Club this Friday. Tickets are on sale at: Music@Byron, Johnson st, Byron All Music and Vision, Woodlark St, Lismore Way Out East, Ballina Fair.

■ GETTING GYAN

It's been quite a while since we've been treated to that wild and untamed voice of Gyan. Her esoteric and quirky arrangements has seen her put voice to Leunig's wonderful poetry – creating something lyrical and precious and terribly undeniably melancholy. Gyan is an internationally acclaimed singer songwriter whose voice has been compared to the likes of Joni Mitchell or Tori Amos. She has a raw passion that will have you chilled to the bone even in your woolliest fleece – but it's the realness of it all that will turn around and warm you up again. Gyan sings at the Mullumbimby Folk Club, at the Drill Hall on Thursday. Don't miss this unique opportunity for an intimate exchange with one of the great talents on the planet. Other performers wishing to perform in the chalkboard slots can show up before 7.30pm to get their name down. 8pm start.

■ RESIN'DETRE

They should be the only reason you'll be going out on Sunday. Catch what could be the last local show for some time by the enigmatic, the eclectic, the hip hop meets electric ranting revelation of the Resin Dogs. At the Beach Hotel this Sunday.

■ THE SOUND OF WIND

The Sirocco is the hot dry wind that has been credited with bringing change, confusion and revelation all at once. It's an apt name for internationally ac-

claimed Australian group who feature at the Bangalow A & I Hall on Saturday 6 August. A Sirocco performance takes you on a voyage around the world on a magic carpet woven from their exotic instruments, and reflects the creativity, popularity, charm and humour (and a touch of larrikinism) that is the spirit of modern Australia. Their instruments range from Middle Eastern flutes to Irish drums to modern synthesis-

bones Artspace, Bangalow and Jetset Travel, Byron Bay.

■ A TRIP TO IRELAND

You can take one this weekend. A trip to Ireland and you'll be able to get a cab home. Tim Ireland delivers his melancholic meanderings in a whiskey rich voice on a bed of acoustic guitar with lyrics that poke around the dark corners of the psyche. Tim's years of song



Tim Ireland at the Chincogan Hotel, **Friday** and the Great Northern, **Saturday**

into the air above our oceans, soon there will be sightings everytime the train does a loop. To protect the whales money is needed to build a case against the Japanese. Lending a dorsal



Dubshack at the Buddha Bar, **Thursday**

ers. One minute a soft lyrical air on a Celtic flute, next a raucous infectious dance beat on didgeridoo and Turkish drums. Just like modern Australia, they distill the best from the cultures that make up our country and produce a unique Australian style. Sirocco has never lost touch with its roots nor its sense of humour and gives a great concert. Tickets (\$22) are available from Bare-

craft have culminated in the recording of his debut album, Down in the Well, a collection of enigmatic and aching tunes. But the loneliness in the songs is balanced by the organic, home grown quality that Ireland captures, giving his music the feel of a late night jam in your best friend's kitchen. He plays the Chincogan Hotel in Mullumbimby on Friday and Sunday at the Hotel Great Northern.

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MUSIC OF ANGELS

The Seraphim Trio has developed a reputation as one of Australia's most exciting young chamber groups. They've won prizes for Best Piano Trio and Audience Choice in the 2001 Australian National Chamber Music Competition and the Trio has also been a semi-finalist in international competitions in Osaka and Trieste. The Seraphim Trio is committed to performing contemporary music and working with Australian composers as well as performing the standard masterpieces of the piano trio repertoire. This critically acclaimed piano trio perform at Lismore City Hall on Thursday July 28 at 7.30pm. Tickets available at Dymocks Lismore and at the ABC Centre Ballina. Adults \$30/\$26 Student \$15.

THE IDOL BIBLE

Are you the next big thing? Or like me are you just a big thing waiting to go next? It doesn't matter and hey champ, don't sit there weeping into your beer, you never never know if you never never give it a go. So pull on those sparkly trousers, stuff in the socks and get yourself up on stage at the Riverside Lounge for the Ballina RSL's Idol Comp. Heat two has already been run with 12 contestants giving it their all for a place in the semis. Heat Three follows up this Sunday, don't miss out for your spot in the sun. You might be the next Guy Sebastian, or just the next guy. It doesn't matter! Heats are filling fast, to secure your entry pick up an entry form at the Ballina Idol Table, located near the front reception counter, at the Ballina RSL Club in River Street. Alternatively, entry forms can be downloaded by visiting www.ballinarsl.com.au

GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY

Wildly original songwriter and chanteuse extraordinaire, Martha Wainwright hits Australia for the first time with a gig at our own funky little Bangalow A&I Hall. She's a contemporary of singers like Norah Jones and comes with warm endorsements from media and the aforementioned Ms Jones. Martha's well publicised musical heritage includes wunderkind brother Rufus, mother and aunt folk legends, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and much loved songwriter father Loudon Wainwright III. She is bold, adventurous and blazingly honest. She performs in Bangalow Thursday September 1. Tix on sale now from Barebones, Mullumbimby Bookshop, Music@Byron and Way Out East in Ballina.

ALL THAT RAZ

If it's original roots music you're after, played in the Reggae-Ragga style, then Raz Bin Sam are your strawberry jam. The official title is Raz Bin Sam

and the Lion I Band – a local configuration of musicians that is centred and lifted by Gary O'Dread from the higher (and we mean higher) bush. The dudes are sending out the call for all you dudes and dudettes to come and mash with them. BYO Banana. Buddha Bar on Saturday, 7.30pm. Free.

GO THE FRO

He's been called Africa's James Brown. This teenage star is a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist and teacher. He was born in Ghana, West



Seraphim at the Lismore City Hall, **Thursday**

Africa and is in Byron for one night only with his seven piece band bringing a powerful blend of afro beats, funk, reggae, jazz, raga, hip hop and percussion. Don't miss Afro before he heads off to Jamaica to be one of only three international artists chosen to perform at the 60th anniversary Bob Marley Festival in Montego Bay. He's at the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday 6 August. Tix on sale now www.byronbayentertainment.com

JUPITER RETURNS

Radio Jupiter are putting on another one of their series of stupendous Reggae Dance Parties at the backroom at the Hotel Great Northern on Saturday. Home grown all original North Coast reggae from Byron's longest playing reggae band (10 years of one lovin – now that's commitment). They will be filming and recording the night and this could be the last chance to catch lead vocalists Renee and Lyanne singing with the crew.

HELD IN AFFECTION

The Northern Backroom will certainly be the place to be this Friday for a night of theatrics and great original music by busy locals Scarlett Affection. The band has been gigging relentlessly over the winter months, both in Byron and in regional centres outside of the Shire, to growing crowds of excited punters. Recently returned from a showcase performance at the Sydney Opera House, Scarlett Affection is set to hit the Backroom

stage with a plethora of new songs. Edgy harmonies with more than a hint of sensuality. Catch Scarlett Affection before they begin their studio hibernation to record their full length record. Warming the stage prior to the Scarlett crew will be Brisbane singer/songwriter Andrew Chapman who will play a set of his soulful acoustic tunes from 9pm. Free Entry.

GETTING YOUR PHIL OF LEMONS

Phil Manning closes ranks with Gold Coast outfit Blind Lemon for a series of dates up and down the coast this month. Phil is one of Australia's

longest standing and greatest exponents of the guitar. Arguably the best known guitarist in Australia, Phil has turned more Australians onto the Blues than any other performer. Known to many as the guitarist from the greatest Australian blues band Chain, since the mid seventies, Phil has been a prolific solo artist whose music runs the range from delta slide, through to Celtic finger picking. Like all great artists Phil is always forging ahead with new ideas while keeping one foot planted firmly in his roots. Phil has toured the world playing his music. Phil's reputation is international, with Folk Roots magazine in the UK declaring Phil "...an Australian national treasure...can play the hell out of an acoustic instrument so good that it leaves you breathless..." Phil is very proud to be doing a series of dates in South East Queensland in July 2005 with local band Blind Lemon. Blind Lemon are rapidly garnering a reputation for their hot sets among blues fans from the Gold Coast to Coffs Harbour. Not content to regurgitate a handful of hackneyed standards, Blind Lemon seamlessly blend jazz and blues to craft music anything but bitter or sour. Phil Manning and Blind Lemon will be performing at the Beach Hotel on Thursday.

LEARNING TO SINGH

If you were lucky enough to catch the ABC's Australian Story profile on him a few years back, you'll agree that Barry Singh is a remarkable man driven by two passions: his loyalty to his family and his

music. Barry is the conductor for the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra, which will be performing a series of concerts at Seagulls, with the initial two this Saturday and Sunday. The programme includes music from the Phantom of the Opera, Chicago, Les Miserables, My Fair Lady, West Side Story and more.

BACK TO BRUNSWICK

Stoke the home fires and bring your best cardie, there's no funkier place to hang out in Brunnie for a beer and a band than the Hotel Brunswick. This week sees Big Music get the big fun thing happening on Friday with Saturdays Rock-Pool taking you for a few laps and rock from the dark side with Bad Majik on Sunday.

ON THE UP

Up are a 5 piece band that incorporates violin and mandolin. Their grooves, like their name are Up with that Celtic type sound that stretches to the Middle East. It's all about Energy, so if you require a top up come along and see them at the Rails on Thursday and at Shaws Bay Hotel in Ballina on Sunday from 1.30pm.

ME JANE

Aurora Jane are a rootsy, funky, folk act whose 2005 has gotten off to a fantastic start with the release of their highly acclaimed debut album 'what is it?', and a ridiculous number of live shows around the country. And things are only just beginning! Aurora Jane features: Jane Hole (guitar/bass/vox) – sparks fly, Tom Jones (bass) – Jimmy Willing, Corey Keem (drums) – Johnny Amigo. 'what is it?' has received rave reviews all over the Australia and in UK Guitar Techniques magazine and airplay across the country on Triple J, radio national & ABC radio. They play the Aussie Tavern in Murwillumbah on Friday and Saturday at the Rails.

SHACKED UP

The Dubsshack sound is deep and dynamic and heavily influenced by classic Jamaican Dub, ska and reggae. Their appeal lies in their unique fusion of the genres. This energetic collective deliver sweet soul inspired sounds, infectious bass driven melodies, booty shaking beats, delays and fx. Packing dancefloors and igniting the boogie wherever they go. Thursday at the Buddha Bar and Friday at the Rails.

JUICY FRUITS

Back by popular demand, the long lost cousins of the Good Ol' Boys are coming to the Poinciana Cafe. The Orange Chair combines the crooning swooning sounds of Sparks on luscious electric guitar and Ruby Tuesday's pianistic prowess with heavenly harmonies to boot. Catch them Sunday under the big tree at the Poinciana from noon.

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4pm Oly Lamas Beanbag Oliver McElligott
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12am Filthy Gorgeous

WEDNESDAY

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4pm Eastern Frequency Beaver
6pm Funkyard DJ Shuffle & Joa
8pm Into the Unknown DJ Xfakta
10pm Roots & Culture DJ Selector
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SATURDAY

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Fiona Horne at the Southport RSL, Gold Coast, **Thursday**

spect to water and feel love and gratitude and receive vibrations with a positive attitude. Then water changes, you change and I change because you and I are essentially water'. I am so writing I deserve a flat stomach on my water bottle right now. Dr Emoto will be in Brisbane on August 8 at Broncos Leagues Club, Red Hill, and the Gold Coast on August 9 at Cerum Theatre, Bond University, Robina. Tickets \$55.00. Visit www.kjpromo.com.au for info or tickets

NEW AGE ■ WATER POWERED

Most people who've seen What The Bleep came away with one particular story that had the wow factor. The dude who did the experiment on the Water. Japanese researcher, Dr Masaru Emoto has been studying the memory of water for over 10 years. Now I'm not talking about sneaking in a glass of the stuff to your uni exam after you've implanted all the formulas into the unsuspecting liquid, although it's

MAGIC ■ BEWITCHED - A NIGHT THAT GIVES YOU THE HORNE

Last time I saw her she was a hard core skater chick fronting Def FX screaming her lungs out in one of the most energetic performances I've ever seen. I marvelled how a performer could continue to

explains how real magick can work in your life by revealing the Craft of the Wise from the ground up. Fiona's personal anecdotes and vast knowledge on the fascinating subject of Witchcraft will awaken the audience to positive magick and personal empowerment that anyone can enjoy. For Fiona, being a Witch is very much a personal journey which she shares with her audience. She's even released titles like: A Handbook for Teen Witches and POP! Goes the Witch. She presents her magical show at the Southport RSL on the Gold Coast on Thursday.

ART ■ I CAN SEE THE MUSIC

Ask Martyn Fox to sit still long enough and tell you about his upcoming exhibition at Armistead's Gallery, he'd surprise you with statements like 'quirky dreamscapes drawn from the depths of my psyche; and 'I've pushed past the apocalyptic imagery of the surrealists to a more playful, almost decorative vision.' His currently illustrative style is the joyous dance of a previously restrained child within. By no means child-like in their skilful execution, each image sparkles with the freshness of a newly realised dream. Originating from a study in Judith Cornell's Jungian-style meditations, these vibrant pencil works on black paper speak to the viewer of mystery and magic. A prize-winning artist of nearly 20 years' experience, Martyn has previously completed many public/community murals and private commissions locally and in Sydney, Indonesia and the U.K. Having returned to his studio in the past three years (alongside becoming a committed father to his son Jasper), this is his first solo exhibition in Australia. Martyn's work is on show with the opening next Thursday 4 August from 6 to 8 p.m.

■ LOVE YOUR ART

There's a new gallery in town. D.Love opened it's doors last week and features the work of New Zealand born Darren Love. Darren has an extensive background that includes working as a designer for some of Australia's leading surfboard manufacturers. Darren is now absorbed in more contemporary and abstract works using different techniques and approaches. Darren's work is on show at D.Love Gallery, Fletcher Street, Byron.

POETRY ■ WHAT YOUR WORD'S WORTH

If you have a penchant for

putting pen to paper and pushing out a poem. If you can't saunter past a sonnet or get an uplift from a couplet than the Nimbin Performance Poetry Cup is for you. With prize money of over \$2000 the Poetry Cup is the People's Prize, providing an opportunity for bards all around the community to display their esoteric wares, whys and where fore thous. For those who merely want to listen in, be in Nimbin on Saturday 6, and Sunday 7 of August. To register to be part of the comp, email poetryworldcup@yahoo.com.au

TRIVIA ■ USE YOUR HEAD

Comedian Melissa James hosts the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce and Progress Association Trivia night where they will be giving a third of the proceeds to the Brunswick skatepark to get the kids off the streets and on the peaks. It's at the Brunswick Bowling Club on Saturday at 7pm. Tables of 8 constitute a team, at \$8/head so get your friends together and call Sue on 66851159. If you don't have any friends but still want to come out to play, call Sue anyway for sympathy and she might match you up with your dream team. Great Prizes, Seafood Trays, Tofu Trays, the works!!!

■ HOW MANY FINGER HOLES DOES A RECORDER HAVE?

BayFM's annual Trivia Night is on! Music - Music - Music is the theme and like BayFM community radio, diversity is the aim of the game - and the questions won't be too hard! Jazz, rock, classical, country, folk and Australian artists, and sounds, as well as general knowledge about instruments will have your team plucking the strings of finely tuned brains. If you have wide ranging music knowledge and want to be seen as the look alike of your favourite musician get your team of 8 together, and costume on, to be part of the fabulous fun night at Great Northern Back Room on Wednesday 3rd August start 6.30pm. Only \$10 per head pre-paid at BayFM or \$15 at the door.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER!

BANGIN ON FOR BOOKS
Here we are with one of the most prestigious Writer's Festivals in the country, but a Library (no offence to the workers and volunteers there) that looks like it was just bunged in on the run. It's time we had a new library, a library that could be a great resource for our community. Think of the advantages, it's not just about books, it's the people that you 'meet' when you're plodding through the self-help

section. Every year the Library Fundraising Committee cuts loose with a Library Fundraiser at the Rails. Opening with some Mayor chatter by Jan Barham, an intro performance by the tongue in Shiek, Sandy

Gandhi and readings by Shahin Shaffae, Russel Ellridge, Leigh Redhead and Mick O'Reagan. Kicking off at 5.30pm with Madam Lush, Mandy Nolan, or me as MC! Wednesday 3 August at the Rails.

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Dr Emoto at Bond Univerity, **August 9**

not a bad idea. Dr Emoto put messages on the bottles of water and then photographed the molecules. Astonishingly, the pictures of the 'thank you' and 'the chi of love' depicted beautiful crystal-like structures, whereas the 'I hate you, you make me sick' had strange distorted images. The thesis was purported, 'if this is what these thoughts do to water, imagine what they do to us??' Let's not forget that we are something like 70% water, so we may be very susceptible to such negative gearing. It's very out there stuff, but hey, believe it or not, it's always worth the mental stretch. Dr Emoto says: 'We must pay re-

leap around and sing at the top of ther lungs without passing out. Years later, Fiona Horne had undergone a complete transformation. Gone were the hard edges, instead, a stunning media friendly look was happening, but of course this time she outed herself as a White Witch. Still edgy after all. Fiona has just returned after 3 years living and working in Los Angeles, during which time she has become an accomplished author and motivational speaker. Fiona is currently in Oz, touring her new show, One Enchanted Evening - a uniquely entertaining show of stories, spells and magick! Fiona dispels the myths and

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BexStar Nights

C-MOOG

After the dramatic police raid last Friday the club was closed for the weekend. Drugs were found in the safe and the manager's been arrested (see page 2). The owner is back from Sydney and intends to reopen the club by Wednesday. With access to both ends of the dancefloor, it's now easier to move around the club; and it's no-smoking on the dancefloor. Noodles continues to bring in guests for his Wednesday hip hop session and has Mark Walton of Good Buddha (and a new member of Resin Dogs) for the next two weeks. The girls night on Thursday with DynaMo and Miss B Rockin is building a following for fun. This Friday is Lucky9, but he alternates with Tone Broker and Noodles, while Willjay continues the weekly Saturday house session. (Coming in in Springtime at c-moog are Meat Katie, Rennie Pilgrem, Elite Force and A-Skillz.)

LA LA LAND

After a mega weekend with OneLove rocking it Friday and the Bang Gang guys rolling in on Saturday, La La Land rounded off the weekend with a packed-out Sunday session. Though the queue was down the street, Jan Barham did manage to make it in on the guest list. The new air vents are now installed, making the bar/club less smoky and even more comfortable. For now, it's mixed music Monday to Wednesday – more bar than club. Then the DJs (and the dancefloor) kick in Thursday and take it through to Saturday night. Movin Marty has moved from the Gold Coast to Byron Bay and is working the decks Thursday. The weekend house starts Friday with Rock Hardson and Willjay mixing rock edged and deep tunes. Saturday builds the house vibe higher and this week it's LiveWire with Giv of Toomba Records and Timach spinning electro tech house.

BUDDHA BAR

After a mellow start to the weekend the Buddha Bar came into its own on Sunday night. The official Splendour after-party kicked off at midnight and went through till 5am. Moby was one of the last to leave. The pre-midnight venue has been making more use of its funky Backstage Room. It's non smoking everywhere inside, but with DJs on terrace it's often the funkier area. Monday is DJ Shuffle, Tuesday Dave C takes the decks and Wednesday Sol R. Thursday is reggae night with resident Itchy Brother and guests, this week it's live funk n dub from Dubshack and DJ Issah. The weekend kicks off with the Byron Funk Collective featuring Del Larkin, Saturday is covered by Dave Gravy's and this week Raz Bin Sam adds live reggae. The Sunday session is live dance beats from Cyberbase.

COCOS

After a busy Friday, Scoota took over the upstairs decks on Saturday. He'd been on the Splendour Mix-up stage with Puss, the Tipi Circle decks and was still to head to What Da Funk for the sunrise set. Open Wednesday to Saturday with DJs on both decks for the weekend nights. The upstairs lounge bar is more chilled or funky and downstairs is harder party tunes. The line-up's switched around each week, with the core regulars getting a fortnightly turn. Usually it's Nick Taylor or Scoota on Saturdays, but this week Tulip and Tripod. Tulip also starts the Cocos week on Wednesday and Noodles takes over Thursday. Friday is Noel B and Voodoo, but next week Jackie Onassid is back with electro-house.

ELSEWHERE

After the big Byron weekend, many Gold Coast residents headed back to Elsewhere to finish their weekend on the disco-dancefloor. It may be in Surfers Paradise, but it's open till 5am... so even with the hour drive there's extra dance time. Open for the weekend nights, the disco-dancefloor builds towards the Sunday session with Rock Hardson and Giv. This week launching the name Royale and bringing in special guests. Rock Hardson is also playing with Audun on Friday, adding a retro-edge to Audun's electro. Saturday is Motion Theory with Ben Abrahams and guests, joined by Katherine for this Saturday's bass driven grooves.

SPLENDOUR!

No rain! No reason to moan about a few puddles!
Puss rocked it with the best of them
The Tipi Circle was packed. Could do its own stage next year!
The Mix-up stage had its moments, like Pnau
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MovieReviews

PICK



GUERRILLA: THE TAKING OF PATTY HEARST

Before she became Monster-in-Law, Jane Fonda posed for propaganda photographs with the Viet Cong. The hippy movement had soured, US troops were moving down American students and history was being filmed as it happened. The line between art and life was blurring. In California, a cell of 'urban guerrillas' (their term) formed the Symbionese Liberation Army, aiming to bring down the fascist state. In 1973 they kidnapped the newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. This riveting doco closely tracks the ensuing events, from Hearst's first tapes assuring her family of her well-being, to her arrest following the infamous bank robbery when the poor little rich girl was caught on camera with an automatic weapon and a lot of attitude. Radicalised or brainwashed, the judgement is left to the viewer, though smart inserts from Errol Flynn's Robin Hood suggest how the gang saw itself. Jane grew up and married CNN's Ted Turner, Patty went home to the mansion and a celebrity career. Plus ca change ... **John Campbell**



MADAGASCAR

Madagascar opens with the animals at the Central Park Zoo living in pampered complacency. The chimps are cultural snobs, while the carnivores dine from silver platters. Two of the beasts are big buddies: showboating lion Alex (voiced by Ben Stiller) and fun-loving zebra Marty (Chris Rock). Neither have notions of predator and prey. Carnivore Alex is satiated by yummy red steaks. He's not just domesticated, he's urbanized, preferring street noises over ambient jungle sounds played on loudspeakers. But Marty seeks his roots. His quest is kick-started by 'psychotic' penguins who plot their escape commando style. When Marty splits, Alex races to fetch him; hypochondriac giraffe Melman (David Schwimmer) and no-nonsense hippo Gloria (Jada Pinkett Smith) go along. Somehow they wind up marooned on the island of Madagascar. It has a strong story that also looks at strained friendships, cultural assimilation and the longing to belong. But mostly it's about comic lunacy; even the slapstick gags show sparks — if not fires — of creativity. Madagascar is brilliantly written, animated and performed, it not only bridges the child-adult divide, but also makes its kid-friendly humor smart in its own way.



MONSTER IN LAW

There is a wonderful early scene where Viola (Jane Fonda), having been just told that she is to be exiled as host of a long-running talk show, is interviewing a sixteen-year old chart-topper. The penny drops for Viola and, confronted with her own outdatedness, she goes for the bimbo's jugular, metaphorically and literally. It is the highlight of this brightly coloured but standard prince-and-the-pauper MO. Jennifer Lopez is Charlie, a temp whom Viola believes is not worthy of her son's hand in marriage. As Kevin, Michael Vartan is dripping wet whilst JayLO, the future daughter-in-law, not so much acts as pulls faces and mannerisms in a performance that cranks up the annoyance factor to the max. It is Fonda's class alone that saves the movie as she goes about her shrewish way in an attempt to sabotage the nuptials. It all grinds along to the inevitable gorgeous garden wedding and, gosh, you would not believe who ends up catching the bride's bouquet. **John Campbell**

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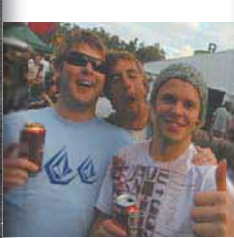
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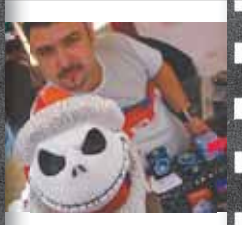


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ARIES: Trust and acceptance are tops on this week's menu: trusting yourself, accepting others. Seeing people less as adversaries and competitors, more as possible allies and potential friends. And most important: no matter what the provocation, don't be a fool – stay cool.

TAURUS: With your ruling planet Venus moving into Virgo, little things mean a lot this week. Like handsome returns for relatively small outlays – but also a lot of bother if certain seemingly insignificant, but critically important, details aren't attended to.

GEMINI: This week if you're raring to go but something says no, don't immediately override that small voice. Listen to what your intuition's telling you – which is that something you're about to do isn't in your best physical, emotional, financial or spiritual interests.

CANCER: It takes courage to acknowledge your true passion and follow it – even though the alternative could be a quasi security you're forever trying to rationalise and dreaming of leaving. Basing this week's decisions on what others want isn't going to work.

LEO: The present cosmic climate deals you lavish amounts of out-going oomph, showcasing your sterling boss qualities. Your thinking big inspires people, so reach for the stars but with four paws firmly on the ground. Pay attention to what others around you are saying and doing.

VIRGO: It's good news week (actually, make that three) for you Mercurians as Venus of the pleasing graces shines her love light on Virgovie. You know by now love flies out the window when criticism walks in the door, and with Lion energy ascendant critics risk being – well, dead meat.

LIBRA: Endless phone hold muzak, roadworks, checkout queues, snail-pace traffic, trying to figure out whether something you can't find is lost, stolen or momentarily mislaid... when the going gets tough this week, what should Librans do? You already know. Lunch, of course.

SCORPIO: Luxury must-haves and costly toys beckon temptingly this week as Leo vibes escalate expectations and nudge expenses sky high. Which could make the Life Of Scorpio somewhat fraught, but what the heck – you can balance the budget next month when Virgo kicks in.

SAGITTARIUS: This week could have you yearning to accomplish something different and adventurous, something grand and worthwhile. Which, paradoxically, can be achieved by staying exactly where you are and engaging fully in whatever's happening right in front of you.

CAPRICORN: You're likely to be judged this week not on whether you succeed or fail, but the way you play the game. How hard you try, how much of yourself you're prepared to share. Your authenticity and originality – the integrity of your intentions, the stylishness of your moves...

AQUARIUS: This week gives your problem solving abilities an extra leg up, so after you've invented a new world order and figured out your BAS, have a go at some of those trickier, more challenging little life niggles that have surfaced lately on the Aquarian horizon.

PISCES: A week of power games and egos on parade with Mercury retrograde's usual quota of irritations. Don't ruin a promising week by exaggerating mini-grievances or blowing minor upsets out of proportion – but do discuss serious issues rather than letting them brew and stew.

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Horatio Bitemark

As you will recall, gentle reader, the words carved in cedar above the dining room doorway of our clubhouse are 'Beyond Redemption'. Next to them is the beautifully carved image of a butterfly which has been there for so long that none, not even the peerless Sanders the butler can remember its meaning. It hints at ephemerality or the wayward soul, but none can be sure.

The point though is our insistence on avoiding the redemptive moment, just as a hula dancer in a grass skirt shies away from a naked flame.

Camberwell had once strayed from the path with a notion revolving around enlightenment, but the club members and Sanders had pulled him firmly into line.

'What's a chap got to do with enlightenment when he has a perfectly fine claret in front of him, what?' said Abbot-sleigh at the time, which was the most sense we had ever had from him.

The more serious threat to our psychic instability, however, occurred last week when Bosworth took up crochet. Nothing wrong with a chap having a hobby - members' interests range from underwater darts to cheeses of the 16th century - but Bosworth found a peculiar clarity in the activity. It was as if his synapses stopped working and his mind drained of all thoughts of debauchery and filled instead with, well, a perfect nothing.

'Repetitive activity's shut him down,' said Sliprail, 'dashed shame. A chap could cross over to nirvana before he knows what's going on, what?'

'Might have to have him put down,' said Tosser Digby, who was always one for the direct approach. 'I have a Beretta in the car.'

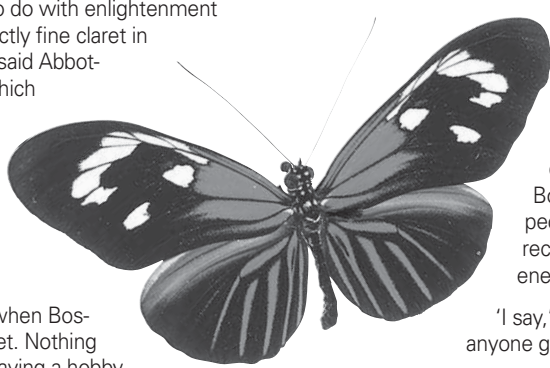
Bosworth was oblivious to our concern. He sat

in a severely stuffed armchair and concentrated absolutely on his crochet hook. He may have been creating a woollen scarf or a Birmingham train timetable cover - it was all the same to him.

'Gives the club a bad name,' offered Abbotsleigh, 'go in all serene like that. Will be talked about in some of the more disreputable dives.'

'If sirs would allow me,' said Sanders, manifesting in the room like vapour on a bathroom window. 'There is a little trick I learnt from a stage ventriloquist...'

Before we could offer an opinion one way or another, Sanders snatched the shade from a particularly fine Edwardian standard lamp and



plunged the bare bulb into Bosworth's solar plexus. As shards of glass flew skywards, some lodging themselves in the plaster lizard decorating the ceiling, Bosworth groaned in a peculiar manner, as if in receipt of a ball-bearing enema.

'I say,' he then said, 'has anyone got any cocaine?'

A sigh of relief ran throughout the clubhouse. We marvelled at the knowledge Sanders had at his disposal. A polymath of the first water.

Chef arrived to crown the moment with possum fricassee in a melange of tessellated spinach.

We toasted Bosworth's return from a tedious paradise in a Belongil Fields Sodden Camper Cabernet Merlot.

'Time for a spot of Bolivian marching powder, hey, Bosworth?,' I smiled, glad to see the sheep momentarily struck by the absolute returned to the fold. The chap had no idea of his recent peril, but so it is with all of us.

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Victoria Cosford

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meal bread. I escape to her, a weekend requiring big sisterly support, and she feeds us her dense pea and ham soup with its chunks of smoky ham hock, and hanks of bread. Afterwards I am not sure which has cheered me more: the meal or how cosy and bearable we managed to treat the theme of Badly Behaving Boyfriends.

I am so vigorous that I am inspired to bake my Onion Tart. This is quite the loveliest version of a quiche I have ever come across: sweet and creamy onions enclosed in a meltingly light yeast pastry. Discussing this with a chef friend of mine I learn something new that he was taught during his apprenticeship, namely that, before proving it, the dough should be worked – kneaded, massaged – until it feels like a woman's breast. So now we all know.



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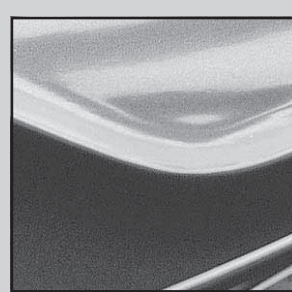
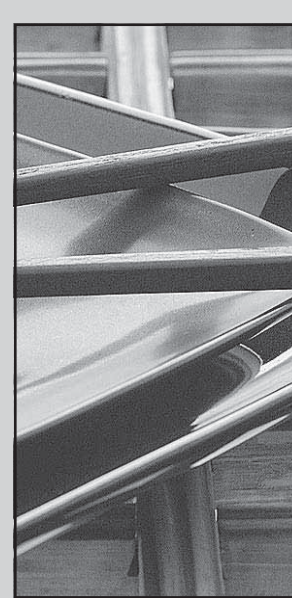
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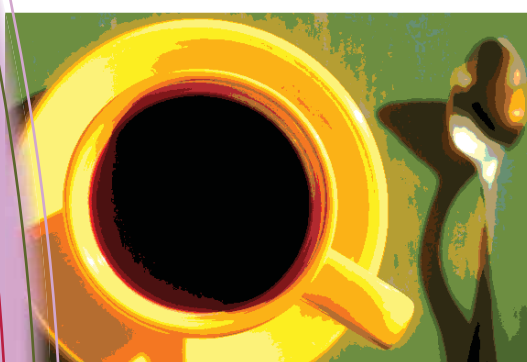
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Dining Secrets



Ate

Food as art and fabulous flavours is what Ate is all about. This tiny, stylish space in Bangalow operates both as gourmet deli/takeaway and a place to wine and dine. This is grown-up, sophisticated food from a menu which changes regularly and which currently features such offerings as sashimi roll of crab with soy jelly, seared scallops with celeriac remoulade, and roast lamb rump with shaved fennel and forme d'Ambert sauce. Great coffee and housemade cakes are available all day as well, and the Degustation Nights remain as popular as ever.



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 Please use your existing divided bins until the last collection in July.
 Your old divided bin should be left at the kerb after the last collection in July. This bin will be picked up in the following week.
 There will be a number of different crews delivering bins so don't be concerned if both bins are not delivered at the same time.
 For more information about this new service please phone the Customer Service Line on 6687 0455.
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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Brunswick Heads to Yelgun

Progress Update No 2 - July to September 2005

This is the second in a series of construction updates for the Brunswick Heads to Yelgun upgrade. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has engaged Abigroup Contractors to undertake the construction of this 8.6 kilometre upgrade from the Brunswick Heads South interchange to the southern end of the Yelgun to Chinderah upgrade.

Progress updates every three months will inform the community of current and upcoming construction activities.

Construction activities over the next three months will include:

July

- Clearing, piling (Brunswick River Bridge and Marshalls Creek bridges), ground improvements and earthworks.

August

- Local road construction, bridge construction of minor bridges, retaining walls and drainage structures across the highway.

September

- Retaining walls (north of the Brunswick River), bridge construction and earthworks.

Location
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MULLUM in town, huge friendly 3br home + built-in verandahs, great bush garden, no pets \$295pw + bond. Phone 66843205

LENNOX north facing house, pool, permaculture, 3brs, 4 living, garden maintained \$420pw furn/unfurn neg, 15 minute walk to beach/town. 66876226

MAIN ARM beautiful 4br, 2 storey, in bush setting, 5 min to Mullum, wooden floor, fireplace, large deck, creek frontage, veg garden, no pets, mowing incl \$370pw. Phone Frank 0402619358

OCEAN SHORES 3br house, a/c, trees, quiet, c'port \$250pw. 66867678

BYRON 2br cottage, 2 blocks to town & beach, leafy garden & deck, SLUG \$300pw. Phone 0404005190

WANTED TO RENT

ECHO ACCOUNTS POLICY: Ads in this section must be paid by credit card or in person at time of placement.

MALE looking for house, working, excellent references. Phone 66854302

MATURE COUPLE looking for clean, bright home. 66855852, 0423519776

LOOKING for fair exch, garden work for s-c accom, local refs. 66841397

LARGE INDUSTRIAL UNIT wanted for 6-8 month tenancy for fabric printer. Must be minimum 16m x 12m with water, electricity, good ventilation & light, available for occupancy mid-August. Please contact Ann 66807088, 0407030122

SUB-LET IN SPORTS INJURIES/ MEDICAL CLINIC. For info 66851977

SELF-CONT SPACE in Wilsons Creek adjacent to house, great views \$130pw. Phone 66840232, 0423640676

SELF-CONT APARTMENT att to house Ewingsdale, 5 mins drive to Byron, suit single person \$160pw incl power. 66847921, 0412140320 (5-7pm)

NEW BRIGHTON BEACHFRONT 2 bedroom unit. Phone 0421907754

BYRON CBD 1br self-cont flat, bright & airy \$175pw inclusive. Ph 66809382

COOLAMON SCENIC DR. Coorabell spectacular views, 3br cottage, lawns & pool included \$420pw. Ph 66849170

SPACIOUS STUDIO Kingsley Street precinct 1/8-1/12 \$220pw. 0439499985

SUFFOLK PARK 1 bedroom unit close to beach \$235pw. Ph 0422832044

FULLY-FURN 3brs, 4 min walk from Clarkes Beach & town, 3 months from Sept 1 \$375pw longer neg. 99093402

BYRON 1br furn studio for working single/couple \$200pw + elect. 66857945

OCEAN SHORES avail now, self-cont modern design, open-plan living & kitchen, 1br, large bathroom, near freeway & nature reserve, suit single work person, cat or small dog neg \$180pw inclusive, furn if req'd. Ph 66803012

3BR TOWNHOUSE close to beach & town \$310pw. Phone 0403997390

OCEAN SHORES clean 1br unit with leafy outlook, top floor, furn, air-con, pool \$165pw long term. 66844364

S-CONT garden studio \$135pw incl elect, suit single, Federal. 66884310

BYRON 2br semi-furnished home in van park, working people only \$200pw + bond. Phone 66857330

BEX HILL contemporary 3br house on 3/4 ac block currently being fully renovated, new kitchen &

STUDIO SPACE with phone line required for film art dept from 29/9-15/10. Phone Kaye 0413488911

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE looking for the perfect rural house to rent for long term, great references, no pets or kids, wanting to move any time in the next 3 months. Call 66872261, 0432291895

TO LEASE

CENTENNIAL CCT, BYRON - modern industrial unit 81sqm incl mezzanine, great position, suit art/media studio \$200pw incl GST. Ph 0421962090

175SQM of office style space, carpet, shower, kitchenette \$1400/month includes outgoings & GST, Byron Ind Est. Ph 0418327731, 66855539 AH.

B.BAY shop in Woolworths Plaza 61sqm, long lease. Phone 66871197

SMART NEW FACTORIES Mullum Ind Est 120sqm floors, 55sqm mezz floors upstairs, kitchen, bathroom, gantry with facing. Phone Mark 0418666839

FACTORY AT BILLINUDGEL general industry 135sqm with office. Call 66804249 or 0417774517

POSITIONS VACANT

EXP STAFF NEEDED for busy take-away. Call 0421966325, 66871426

MOVIE EXTRAS

Urgently required for immediate work. Mainly people of all Asian descent: eg Timorese, Malay, Thai, Filipino, Indonesian, New Guinean, Chinese, or mixed nationalities. Other nationalities considered for other productions.

Please post photos and details to **Looks & Models Management**, 4e Railway Street Southport QLD 4215 or email small jpegs to models@looks.com.au

WARNING
The Department of Fair Trading has warned people to be very careful about responding to advertisements offering work at home. Readers should be wary if you are asked to pay money upfront for employment opportunities and never send money to a post office box.

HERD RECORDER
To service local dairy farmers. Require suitable vehicle. Suit retired, semi-retired couple. 1 week work per month. Phone Australian Herd Recording Services 1-800-241669 Jim Norcott

PATHOLOGY COLLECTOR
Mansfield Pathology, Mullumbimby has a part-time/full-time vacancy for a pathology collector working at a busy medical practice. Previous venepuncture experience essential. For further details please contact Rachael Goodman 66809709 or 0409920762.

EXCITING NEW RESTAURANT/CAFE in Byron looking for Apprentice Chef, Barista, Waitstaff. Please send CV to: Zula, PO Box 398, Byron Bay 2481

UTOPIA CAFE BANGALOW requires a professional Chef experienced in dessert & pastry preparation. 4 days, no nights. Call Michael 66872088

OFFICE MANAGER position available, 25 hours a week, MYOB experienced preferred. Please email CV to admin@techtools.com.au

MUSIC TUTORS to work with individual and small groups of students during school time in the following areas: woodwind, keyboard, guitar. Please supply a 1-page expression of interest to Principal, Mullumbimby Public School, Morrison Avenue, Mullumbimby 2482 by Monday 1st August. For further details ring 66842373.

MODELS WANTED for bikini beach photo shoot, no exp necessary, 18+, all nationalities. Phone 0432086050

APPRENTICE CHEF
2nd year Fresca, Bangalow Hotel. Phone 0421962090

CASUAL OUTDOOR WORKER
Landclearing, labouring, gardening, painting \$15/hr. Must have ABN. Reliable, hard working only apply. Phone 0425330842

SEWER-MACHINIST contract work from home for lycra swimwear co. Phone 0432086050

WWW
bikini models
We are on the lookout for girls* to model our latest swimwear for our calendar and website.
Successful applicants love bikinis, have no tan lines, just a fun attitude.
If this sounds like you, email some photos to models@wickedweasel.com
*Byron Bay/Gold Coast region only
wickedweasel.com

STOREPERSON

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
As a supply operator you'll be responsible for a wide range of clerical, warehousing, workshop planning and supply duties. Package incl. training, healthcare, super, subsidised accommodation and a starting salary after training of over \$43,200 p.a. Apps for these Army positions must be at least 17 y.o. and meet entry requirements.
Call now on 13 19 01 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au.



PERSONAL PHYSIO & ACUPUNCTURE THERAPIST

To form part of an international entourage team
Perfect opportunity for a young, energetic female with no ties who is willing to travel almost immediately
My client frequently travels Western Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and requires a qualified therapist to be available on call to assist with daily health and fitness as well as physiotherapy and acupuncture treatments.
All travel and quality accommodation expenses paid. Must have valid passport and be ready to travel almost immediately. One month trial period. Then negotiable X months on X months off. Possible job share.
Email Short CV with passport photo to traveltherapist@hotmail.com

WORK WANTED

ECHO ACCOUNTS POLICY: Ads in this section must be paid by credit card or in person at time of placement.
RELIABLE THOROUGH CLEANER will be pleased to give your home that special Virgo touch \$18/hr - 2 hour sessions only. Phone 66843837

ABC HANDYMAN
Gardening, lawnmowing. Big smile, small rate! \$15/hr. Call George 0437170026

CLEANER/HANDYMAN/GARDENER
Conscientious high standard service for inside & around the home. Chay 66843004, 0402633693

LAWNMOWING, GARDENING, HANDYMAN. Quality work, discount rates. Phone 0427533184

LIFE DRAWING MODEL
available for class/individual artists. Phone Ben 0432477299

HORTICULTURIST Arborist, pruning, tree care, garden maintenance, tend vegies. Phone Scott 66809408

HOUSE & OFFICE CLEANING by reliable woman. Karen 66856853, 0405959759

LOOKING for fair exch, garden work for s-c accom, local refs. 66841397

3 TON TIPPER & DRIVER \$35/hour plus tip fees, bobcat available for small jobs. Phone 0431324122

EXPERIENCED REGISTERED NURSE - available for private care. Contact Corinne 0424303740

MINI TIPPER with driver needs work, rubbish removal, cartage. Anything! Anywhere! David 0427018861

CLEANER available, permanent/casual, reas. rates. 66855354, 0413711214

TUITION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUITION
Qualified ESL teachers in handy Byron location. **Byron Bay English Language School. 66808253**

MASSAGE
LEARN MASSAGE. Beg: Tues & Wed, Adv: Thurs & Fri. Phone 0417696084

MATHS
Friendly exp teacher. 66802448

PIANO TEACHER qual, exp, patient, beginners, all ages welc. 66850225

JAPANESE
Authentic vegetarian cooking classes Suffolk Park Community Hall. **Satomi 66847663**

SINGING TUITION enjoy vocal & personal development through liberating the voice. Voice problems welcome. Exp teacher. Victoria Thomson 66761695

ENGLISH TUITION wanted. Exchange for Japanese lessons. 66808562

French Lessons
Recommencing Mon 1st Aug, Wed 3rd Aug. Beginner to advanced classes.
Ph. Francoise 0417 250 600

MUSICAL NOTES

BASS AMP
Gallien Krueger 400RB VGC - have upgraded \$500. Phone 0412732465

CLARINET FOR SALE Yamaha C100 very good cond \$450 ono. 66859851

GUITAR LESSONS
Get started quickly \$20 = 45 minutes. Phone Jera 0424587612

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN CITY CHURCH
Enq 66808872 Sunday Service 10am 40 Banksia Dr, Byron Ind. Est.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beautiful **ANGEL JESSICA HOLLAND** 28.7.80 - 31.7.88
In the midst of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer. ♡X

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: brindle staffy male Friday Hut Road. 66871552, 66872006 AH

FOUND: bike Paterson St/Bangalow Rd, Byron. Call 66808415 AH.

LIVESTOCK

HORSE AGISTMENT on 15ac, shelter, green feed, near Lennox. 66878017

ECHO CLASSIFIEDS 66841777 before 2pm Monday

PETS

ADOPT A CAT from Animal Welfare League NSW. Phone 66844070

ANIMAL RIGHTS & RESCUE GROUP
Far Nth Coast urgently needs homes for many dogs, pups, cats, kittens Carers needed (food provided), volunteers, garage sales items. 66221881 or visit www.animalrights.org.au



BECKY, 7 year old female Papillon, timid but loving, needs home with gentle, patient, older person/s who has time to spend with her. Must have securely fenced yard. 66844070

FREE to good home fem cat, desexed & micro, great mouser. 66857279

BORDER COLLIE x kelpie 9 mths fem, m'ch, desex, reg, FREE. 66801551

BEAUTIFUL baby bunnies for sale now black & white/black spots. 66802284

PETS FOR LIFE CAT SHELTER



Harry is 2 yrs old and is looking for a home. Lovely nature - loves people. We have many other cats and kittens needing homes in our shelter at Ocean Shores. Ph. 6680 2097 or 0427 802 097. By appointment only.

PETS OF THE WEEK



JAKE a happy ginger & white male. You can meet him, and our other friendly cats, at our Cat Adoption Centre, 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby, Tues & Sat 9-11am, Thurs 3-5pm.

Animal Welfare League NSW (North Coast Branch) 66844070.

PERSONAL

WOMAN TEACHER seeking single male teacher between 40 & 50 (or incredibly wealthy gorgeous man who doesn't have to work) for travel companion during school holidays. Email: travelpal@linknet.com.au

ONLY ADULTS

BEST BODY MASSAGE. Guaranteed. 0415 200866 - 10am to 6pm.

DANCERS, BAR STAFF required at Players Universal Lounge. Full or part-time. Full training provided. Earn lots & lots of \$\$\$ & have lots of fun. Ph after 1pm 0732299344, Byron 0415662585

DELIGHTFUL discreet massage with Arna. Thursday-Friday. 0407163828

EROTIC MAN TO MAN massage Tweed Coast. 0419468169

SOCIAL ESCORTS

BALLINA Exclusive Company 5-star premises now open, 34 Piper Drive, Ballina, 10am till late. 66816038

BYRON BALLINA OUTCALLS. 0432418835

BYRON SENSUAL DELIGHTS. Exploring touch. Thursday in/out calls. Phone 0402169906

♥♥♥ **BYRON** empowered escorts for women by mature & nurturing Leo man. Phone 0411686050 ♥♥♥

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
Please stick this by your phone

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby	131233
Byron Bay	131233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Sea and road rescue	66851999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	66850148
MULLUMBIMBY HOSPITAL	66842266
BYRON BAY HOSPITAL	66856200
POLICE Brunswick Heads	66851277
Mullumbimby	66842144
Byron Bay	66859499
Bangalow	66871404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	66843444
AIDS Confidential Testing & Information (ACON)	66221555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	66857559, 66855142
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 Hours	66868599
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	66281358
LIFELINE	131114
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	66222240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	66807280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	66841286
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	66872520
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hr crisis line	1800 656463
WILDLIFE CARE & RESCUE	0500 882626
BAT HOTLINE	0500 888822
KOALA HOTLINE	66841213
GEORGE THE SNAKE MAN	0407 965092
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES)	66281898

WET WEATHER ECHOES

In rainy weather, bulk drops are made throughout the Shire to supermarkets, hotels, cafés and general stores. You may get your wet-weather Echo at:
Mullumbimby The Echo office, Mallams, Mullum Cellars, Mullum Ex-Services and most cafés.
Main Arm Main Arm Store
Brunswick Heads 5-Star, Pink Dot Gallery, KC's Foodbar, Hotel Brunswick, Brunswick Cellars, Video Shop, Ferry Reserve caravan park.
Ocean Shores & Northern Area Ocean Shores Shopping Centre, Simpatico, Hot Bread Shop, Gecko Deli, Tavern, Country Club, Rhonda Browning Real Estate, New Brighton Store, South Golden Beach Store, Billinudgel General Store, Humble Pies.
Byron Bay & Area Byron Bay: Byron Echo Office, Visitor Office, Public Library, Community Centre, LJ Hooker RE, hotels, motels, backpackers, cafés & takeaways, video stores, caravan parks, bottle shops, 5-Star, RSL Club, Short Stop, Top Shop, Mac's, Bay Store, Life's a Beech, Ozigo and takeaway at Arts & Industry Estate.
Suffolk Park Suffolk Park Store, Tavern, Suffolk Service Station. Broken Head Caravan Park.
Bangalow Service station.
Other Bulk Drops at Lennox Head Liquor Store, Newrybar Store, Clunes Store, Federal Store, Rosebank Store and Tyagarah Service Station.
Also available at Newsagents for \$1 per copy.

Byron Bay
FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Positions Vacant - Trainee Customer Service Officer
Like having interaction with customers? Enjoy working as a key member of an efficient and successful team?
Applicants should possess a high level of computer literacy and be willing to work flexible hours, including weekends.
Your success in this varied role will be determined by your eager and enthusiastic attitude.
Byron Bay First National Real Estate has a company culture that focuses on strong ethical business practice, high levels of client care and a passionate devotion to training and education. All our staff train regularly and have a strong work ethic.
If you want to be part of a real team with common goals and caring attitudes, people who enjoy their job and enjoy working hard, bring your CV in to Lee at Byron Bay First National Real Estate, 15 Lawson Street, Byron Bay and fill out an application form.
Applications close 5 August 2005.

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION BYRON SHIRE

ACE (Adult Community Education) is launching a range of government-funded courses to be held in the period Aug - Nov 2005.
We are looking for a number of additional part-time, EXPERIENCED TUTORS (preferably with Cert IV Workplace Assessment & Training) in the areas of:
· Information Technology
· Business Management
· Theatre Production
· Event Management
· Community Services Work
· Horticulture
· Retail Operations
Interested parties are asked to respond QUICKLY by sending an email to aceadmin@mullum.com.au. Alternatively enquiries can be made by calling 6684 3374 and the project manager will call you back.

Pin This Up Mullumbimby Chamber

Next Business After 5 will be on Wednesday July 27 at 5.30pm at the Commonwealth Bank. Everyone welcome, not just members.

Byron Probus

Meet on Thursday July 28, 9.30am at the bowling club. Visitors welcome. Further

information phone 6684 8131.

Brunswick Valley U3A

Speakers forum on Tuesday July 26 with Barry Evans, director of The Buttery talking at the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads at 10am, all welcome. Enquiries 6684 4029.

Church garage sale

At St John the Baptist

Church, Lennox Head on Saturday July 30 at 8am. Homemade cakes, jams, pickles, craft, produce, bric-a-brac, clothing and books, sausage sizzle, morning tea and raffle. See you there!

Camp Quality

Activity group in Byron Shire will hold next monthly meeting on Monday August 1 at 7pm at the Byron Bay Services Club. New members always welcome. Enquiries 6681 4482.

Brunswick Probus

Will meet on Tuesday August 2, 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker will be Les Hoffman, former editor of the Daily Telegraph. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 1748.

Poetry and writing group

Will meet at the CWA rooms, Brunswick Heads on August 2 at 10am. Enquiries 6685 1049.

Bangalow Garden Club

Next meeting on August 3 at 1.30pm at the RSL Hall. Next outing at Bob and Helen Johnston's new garden on August 6 at 1.30pm. We have a stall at the Bangalow markets on August 28. Our garden competition judging is on September 2 and 3, schedules available at Bangalow Newsagent and Foodworks or phone 6687 1417.

Brunswick Valley U3A

AGM August 9 with film, no talk August 2, August 16 Ian Bishop will talk on water and sewerage at the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads 10am. All welcome. Enquiries 6684 4029.

Byron Bay Autumn Club

Senior Citizens will host a trip to Ripples on the Creek, Kyogle Alpaca Farm on Thursday August 25. All welcome. Bookings phone Noelene 6685 1278 or Phyll 6685 7723.

Friends of Feros

Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 2, 2pm at Feros Village, Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Guest speaker Trish Blakely, coordinator of Community Care, talking about new services for Feros Care. Afternoon tea follows. All welcome.

Country Women's Assoc.

Byron Bay branch meets each Thursday morning at 10am in the SDA Church Hall opposite Woolies. All ladies welcome. Enquiries Eileen 6685 6821 or Barbara 6685 3144.

Improving relationships

Would you like to find out more about what makes you tick and why you react to certain people or issues? Would you like to improve your relationships with others and communicate more effectively with less conflict, then Gayle Russell's ACE courses Assertiveness & Improving Relationships (no.102) or Effective Communication & Managing Conflict (no.105) will help you. Gayle is an experienced teacher, facilitator and Gestalt psychotherapist. Phone ACE 6684 3374 to book, course starting soon.

Study/work skills course

Currently being run at Wollongbar TAFE with an emphasis on the childcare industry. Limited places are still available. Phone Pam 6620 4235.

Wilson's Creek Huonbrook Landcare

Is mapping any sightings of foxes, dogs and cats in the area. We would appreciate the community's input by reporting any sightings to Stuart 6684 0253.

Bangalow Sports Assoc.

Next meeting will be the AGM at Bangalow Bowls and Sports Club, 7.30pm on August 10. Everyone is welcome.

Flying fox training

Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers are holding an introduction to flying foxes training day on Sunday August 14, 10am to 3pm at Wollongbar. Cost \$5, new members welcome to join \$15. Caring for flying foxes is short term, 10 to 12 weeks, vaccination is necessary. Bookings essential, 6628 3005. Due to NRWC licensing restrictions, children under 18 are not permitted to attend.

Brun-o-bay

A roaring 20s musical will be held in the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby on Sunday

August 14 at 2pm. Admission \$5. Afternoon tea will be available for a gold coin donation. Proceeds to Quota International of Brunswick Valley and Brunswick Valley View Club. More information phone Betty 6684 2056.

Harvest Festival

Will be held by the Bangalow Uniting Church on Monday September 26 at 6pm. Hot tea will be served followed by sale of gifts.

Breast cancer support

For young women on Wednesday August 3, 10am to noon at Lismore Community Health Centre. Guest speaker Vincent Bowyer talking on remedial massage in pain and symptom management. Come along and meet the group, morning tea provided. Contact Nancy 6620 7664 or Sue 6620 2562.

Social scrapbooking

Or social stamping group - anyone interested in joining? Please phone Belinda 6685 3486 after hours.

Help the whales

By helping us to intercept Japanese whaling boats in Antarctica. We need crew, funding, helicopter, a fast boat etc. We plan to protect humpback whales that migrate up our coasts every year. Also seeking committed people to serve on new chapter of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society starting in Australia. A wonderful opportunity to make a difference. Phone Paul Brecht 6684 2272, 10am and 4pm weekdays.

Learn the basics of BASIX

Are you about to build a new home? Heard about BASIX? Come along to the ACE course, Energy Efficient House Design for the Subtropics next term with Dave Lawrence, who has been teaching the course in Byron Bay for eight years. Also looking at designing buildings in bushfire prone areas as well as the popular site visits. Course starts Thursday August 18. Call ACE 6684 3374 or Dave 6685 7713 for details.

Food for thought

Are you fun and creative and would like to offer something worthwhile to the community? Byron Youth Service is looking for a new lunchtime volunteer to work two hours every Thursday for the next nine weeks. Cook up a free feed and share your culinary tips with the young learners. Food donated by Farmers Market, Santos, Gourmet Pies and Lebanese Kitchen. Contact Renee Simone 6685 7777.

Pets for Life Animal Shelter

Urgently need saleable goods for their op shop at Ocean Shores Shopping Centre opposite FDBs. All goods can be dropped off or phone 0421 064100 or 6680 1843 for pick up. We have many cats and

kittens at our shelter and need your support to help keep them.

Bicultural relationships

Women interested in forming a support group for women living, or who have lived in, a bicultural relationship please phone Kim 6688 4529.

Are you an electronics wiz?

Byron New Energy non-profit community group will really appreciate your occasional (fee) advice to help us with our new energy inventions. Please call Sol 0403 649 994 or email sol@lovelight.org.au.

Subsidised cat and dog desexing

If you are the holder of a Centrelink pension or health care card and are struggling to afford the cost of having your pet desexed, we may be able to help you. Please ring the Animal Welfare League 6684 4070.

Breastfeeding meeting

The next Australian Breastfeeding Association meeting in the Mullum area will be on Thursday July 28 at 10am. The discussion topic is Position Position Position!! - Breastfeeding Basics. All parents, expectant parents, children and babies are very welcome. A breastfeeding counsellor will be available to answer questions. For details please phone Natalie 6684 6434.

Brunswick AM toastmasters

We meet each second and fourth Wednesdays every month. Learn communication and leadership skills in a friendly atmosphere. Whether for fun, a challenge or to advance your career, visitors welcome. 10am to 12.30pm at SDA Hall, corner Boonool and Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores. For details call Craig 6685 0165.

Catholic Faith

Special information nights will be held at 29A Queen Street, Mullumbimby at 7.30pm on Wednesday August 10 and Tuesday August 16. More info ring Fr David 6684 2106 or Sr Margaret 6684 2131. Supper will be provided. All welcome.

Byron Shire computer club

Meeting Monday August 1 from 1.30pm at the Pioneer Hall Gordon Street, Mullumbimby. Everyone welcome. Enquiries and apologies to Marcia 6680 1123.

Stolen musical equipment

Akai MPC2000XL, Roland MC505, Yamaha 01V mixing desk, mini-disc recorder & wallet from white Honda Civic early Sunday morning in the Byron A&I Estate. Please call 0405 143865 if you have any info, or leave the gear at The Echo office.

Weekly DA watch

You may not see Council's development application advertising as it is not placed in your community paper. As a free service, therefore, we regularly list all significant new DAs on public exhibition, making clear exactly what is sought in the applications and identifying the location of the land affected.

We urge readers to follow up on DAs they feel may affect them by visiting Council's office before the advised closing date and making an appropriate written submission.

19 Grays Lane Tyagarah 10.2005.135.1	D Horstmann Shed for storage of farm equipment & storage space associated with use of adjacent hangar.	Close 3/8/05
Lot 8 DP 809341 Mullumbimby Road Mullumbimby 10.2005.420.1	Mullumbimby Rugby League Football Club Place of assembly - Rodeo & live entertainment - Sunday October 8.	Close 3/8/05
44 Corkwood Crescent Suffolk Park 10.2005.382.1	SJ Packer Double-storey dwelling including double garage.	Close 2/8/05
18 Rajah Road Ocean Shores 10.2005.361.1	CB Oliver Double-storey dwelling.	Close 2/8/05
Lot 2 DP 255806 Upper Wilsons Creek Rd Upper Wilsons Creek 10.2005.355.1	BC Hill Double-storey dwelling including double garage.	Close 1/8/05
18 Beach Avenue South Golden Beach 10.2005.384.1	DL Dodgson Double-storey dwelling including tree removal & triple garage.	Close 2/8/05
24 Alcorn Street Suffolk Park 10.2005.362.1	T Nobuhara Alterations & additions to double-storey dwelling.	Close 1/8/05
15/3 Sallywattle Drive Suffolk Park 10.2005.398.1	AC Muylle Dual occupancy comprising two attached double-storey dwellings.	Close 3/8/05
26 Childe Street Byron Bay (Belongil Beach House) 10.2005.385.1	K Tyson Demolish existing double-storey dwelling, & construct single-storey demountable dwelling.	Close 2/8/05
60 Bougainvillea Drive Federal 10.2005.400.1	E & P Holt Single-storey dwelling including swimming pool, outbuildings & garage.	Close 1/8/05
4-6 Gara Court Ocean Shores 10.2005.369.1	Nakur Holdings Pty Ltd Residential flat building comprising five medium density double-storey dwellings, & tree removal (12 trees).	Close 3/8/05
2/1 Luan Court Byron Bay 10.2005.379.1	M Jamison Double-storey dwelling including single garage.	Close 3/8/05
26 Flinders Way Ocean Shores 10.2005.397.1	T Koch Double-storey dwelling including single garage.	Close 3/8/05
40 Helen Street South Golden Beach 10.2005.381.1	JA Cullen Double-storey dwelling, tree removal (2 x she oaks), swimming pool & triple garage.	Close 2/8/05
2 Phillip Street South Golden Beach 10.2005.374.1	DJ & JA Ryall Double-storey dwelling including double garage.	Close 2/8/05
176 Lighthouse Road Byron Bay 10.2005.356.1	G & J Wills Demolition of existing house & construction of double-storey dwelling including double garage, tree removal (8 x eucalypts, 4 x banksias), & swimming pool.	Close 3/8/05

The Echo's Byron Bay Office

Unit 3, No 6 (upstairs)
Julian's Café
Stairs
Jonson Street
Beach Hotel

Open Monday-Friday 9am-2pm, 2.30-5pm Ph 66855222

The Echo's Mullum Office

Stuart Street
Middle Pub
Dennetts
McGougans Lane
Village Way Arcade
MAP
Toilet
Upstairs above Dolphin Office Choice
Car Park

Open Monday 8am-5pm Tues-Fri 9am-5pm Ph 66841777

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Slater impressive at the Billabong Pro



Joel Parkinson from the Gold Coast (above) was one of the three highest placed Australians at the Billabong Pro held in Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa recently, getting as far as the quarter finals for an equal fifth place overall. Photo ASP Karen

After an extraordinary day of surfing in building two metre plus conditions, six-time Men's World Tour champ Kelly Slater from USA defeated Hawaii's Andy Irons in a very close final by 16.83 to 16.56.

This now throws an interesting spin on the ratings as Slater, on 5342 points, has lengthened his lead while Irons, on 4596 points, has leapt past Australian Trent Munro who now sits in third on 4286 points and Mick Fanning who sits in fourth on 4230 points.

It was an exciting occasion as it was the first time the

two champs had met in a man on man final and all who witnessed the event were treated to some of the most phenomenal surfing ever seen with both surfers pulling no punches in the 30 minute battle.

Despite Slater being the in form surfer of the competition, it looked as though Irons had his measure in the final right up until the dying seconds. With only 35 seconds remaining, and needing a score of 9.23 for his final wave to overtake Irons, Slater waited anxiously after the final bell for the scores to be announced. Irons believed

he had victory, but Slater's last ride won him a 9.50 in this epic final.

'I don't think I've ever had my back to the wall like that in a final,' said Slater. 'To get one up against Andy is a real feat; he's just been on it for so many years now and we've had a number of heats but I don't think I've beaten him yet. It's a little bit of redemption to get back at him!'

The Gold Coast's Joel Parkinson was one of the three highest placed Australian, getting as far as the quarter finals, while Byron Bay's Danny Wills was eliminated in the third round.

Bangalow rugby on a high

Bangalow rugby union club has clinched the minor premiership with a 24-5 away win over Richmond Range. A great opening try to Richard Allen which he converted from the sideline was followed by a planned move from the line out by Richard Kelly to Greg Cromwell finished by Blair Duignan, again converted from the sideline by Richard Allen.

Strong opposition from the Tabulam/Casino connection kept Range within reach, but Bangalow simply had too much.

A great backline movement with Adam Carroll feeding Matt Bleakley running the angles is almost unstoppable once they get the room to move. The line outs looked great with Bangalow winning most of their throws and pinching quite a few from Range. The players showed why they have a 13-1 playing record this season, supporting each other in every facet of the play. Bangalow only conceded two penalties against Range showing their committed

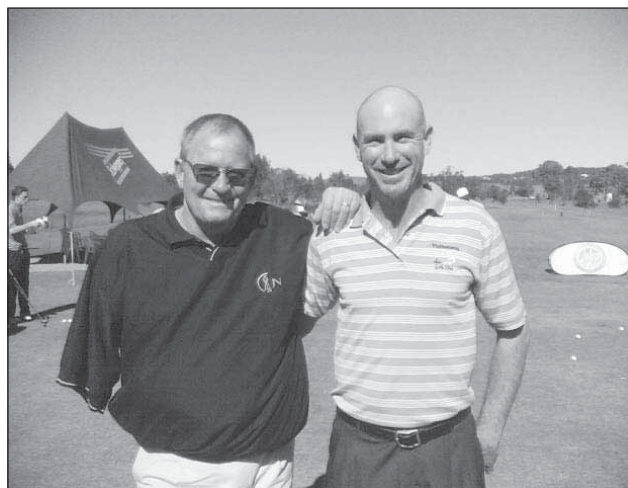
discipline during the game. The almost 100% attendance at training has paid off with the players now running moves and finding support at all the breakdowns.

With such an outstanding team performance, it's hard to pick standout players, however Richard Allen's game deserves a special mention. Points went to: Kerry Jennings, Greg Cromwell 1; Darren Gill 2; Richard Allen 3. First time kicker with four from four Richard Allen was also players player.

This weekend is the final grade game at home against arch rivals Iluka. The following weekend August 6 will be the major semi final at Evans Head kicking off at 3.15pm when Bangalow takes on Iluka; the players and club would appreciate the support of the Bangalow community at that game.

A bus will be available at minimal cost for those who wish to travel to Evans Head; please see Mike Dowd at the Hotel for details on how to be a part of this community event.

Newton supports junior golf



Jack Newton (left) visited Mullumbimby Golf Club when the club played host to the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation recently. He is pictured with the Mullumbimby Golf Pro Damien Webber.

Cudgen ends Giants winning streak

Mullumbimby's winning streak came to an end last weekend with a crushing 50-6 loss to Cudgen.

According to Steve Butler, president of the club and reserve grade coach, Cudgen just came out fast and put the Giants on the back foot from the start.

'The first ten minutes were the fastest ten minutes of football I've seen so far this year,' said Butler. 'They got away from us early in the game and we just couldn't catch them.'

'Thurston, their five-eighth, was outstanding and gave us no end of trouble. Added to that, they would have had 80% of the possession; it's hard to score when you haven't got the ball.'

Mullum scored a consolation try in the 75th minute, but on the whole showed no signs of their terrific form of

the previous week when they beat high fliers Murwillumbah. Despite the poor result, Butler was quick to name the Giants with their excellent work rate.

'Mitch Morris, Craig Abbott and Brett Archibald just tackled their hearts out,' said Butler. 'Morris has had an outstanding season; he'd be one of our best for this year.'

Next week the Giants take on South Tweed at Tweed, and although this is a game they should expect to win, Butler is expecting it to be a tough encounter.

Final score Cudgen 50 d Mullumbimby 6; reserve grade Cudgen 30 d Mullumbimby 20; U18 Cudgen 22 d Mullumbimby 14.

Byron Bay suffered another big loss, this time to South Tweed 58-26. Next week

they face top of the table Seagulls at home and will need to be at full strength for their best effort.

Final score South Tweed 58 d Byron Bay 26; reserve grade Byron Bay lost on forfeit; U18s Byron Bay 54 d South Tweed 16.

Rams climb to the top of the table

The Byron Bay Rams had a busy week with two games against Casino for both premiers and premier reserves.

Tuesday night's games were at Casino when the Rams totally outplayed their opposition winning 3-0. John Bradbury drew first blood converting a clever free kick from Tim Bird; the second goal a wonderful solo effort from Paul Bird and the third went to Patrick L'Orange who is having an excellent season. The win put the Rams into the top spot on the premier division table.

Reserves also put on a good performance, controlling the game well and coming away with a well deserved 2-1 win.

On Saturday night the rematch took place at Oakes Oval, and Byron Bay picked

up where they left off, totally dominating Casino in an impressive 6-1 victory. The Rams controlled the game from the kickoff and their all round pace could not be contained by the Casino defence.

Bruce Morhaus struck first for the Rams latching on to two superb crosses for an early 2-0 lead. Eden Robinson scored next in a similar fashion, and Patrick L'Orange finished the scoring for the first half with a right foot drive taking the Rams to the break with a handy 4-1 lead.

In the second half, the Rams continued to play their free flowing and entertaining style of football adding another two goals, a second to L'Orange and one to Adam Bostock who is just

finding his feet after his return from England. This win has kept the Rams on the top of the table, but second placed Goonellabah could leapfrog them after their mid week game against Bangalow.

Reserves had to call on over 35s and fourth division players to help them out in their game, but rose to the occasion and once again came away winners 2-1.

This Saturday the Rams will host Goonellabah in what will most likely be the match of the year so far with the winner becoming outright leader of the competition. So come down and support this winning team and enjoy some great football from 3pm on Saturday afternoon at the Rec Ground in Byron Bay.

Starter kit for Mullum Giants

Mullumbimby Giants has received a Carlton Mid-strength Rugby League starter kit following a special promotion undertaken by Carlton & United Beverages as part of its wide ranging sponsorship of the code.

Country Rugby League clubs across the state were invited by rugby league legend Laurie Daley to participate in the promotion and the response has delighted the multi beverage company. Daley said the promotion was just the beginning of Carlton's grassroots activity with CRL clubs.

'I know from my own playing days in the CRL how important this type of assistance is for country clubs and that's why I'm proud to be associated with the company and this offer,' said Daley.

'Country clubs are the lifeblood of rugby league in NSW, but it can often be a struggle to gain assistance and that's why Carlton Mid-strength's support is so important,' he added.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT	Bruns Hds	6684 4437
1st SUN	Byron Bay	6680 9703
1st SUN	L'more Car Boot ..	6628 7333
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	6672 2874
2nd SUN	OShores Carboot ..	6680 2696
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SUN	Uki	6679 5399
3rd SUN	Nimbin	6689 0000
3rd SUN	L'more Car Boot ..	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
5th SUN	Nimbin Market	6689 0000
EACH TUE	Organic L'more ...	6628 1084

FARMERS MARKET

EACH THU 8-11am	Byron	6685 9792
EACH SAT 8-11am	Bangalow	6685 9792
EACH SAT 8-1 pm	Uki	6679 5530

Byron Bay Camping & Disposals

For King Gee work clothes and Rossi Blundstone and Redback work boots
Phone: 6685 8085

TIDE TIMES

PHASES OF THE MOON			
Last Quarter	28th July	1.20 pm	
New Moon	5th Aug	1.06 pm	
First Quarter	13th Aug	12.40 pm	
Aquarian Full Moon	20th Aug	3.55 am	
WED High	12.25 am 1.5	Sunrise	6.32 am
27th Low	1.13 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.13 pm
	6.55 am 0.4	Moonrise	11.31 pm
	7.22 pm 0.6	Moonset	10.22 am
THU High	1.20 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.31 am
28th Low	2.10 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.13 pm
	7.39 am 0.4		
	8.37 pm 0.6	Moonset	10.54 am
FRI High	2.23 am 1.2	Sunrise	6.30 am
29th Low	3.08 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.14 pm
	8.26 am 0.5	Moonrise	12.32 am
	9.55 pm 0.6	Moonset	11.29 am
SAT High	3.33 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.30 am
30th Low	4.06 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.14 pm
	9.17 am 0.6	Moonrise	1.32 am
	11.05 pm 0.6	Moonset	12.07 pm
SUN High	4.42 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.29 am
31st Low	5.02 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.15 pm
	10.13 am 0.6	Moonrise	2.32 am
		Moonset	12.50 pm
MON High	5.42 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.29 am
1st Low	5.53 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.15 pm
	12.02 am 0.5	Moonrise	3.30 am
	11.07 pm 0.6	Moonset	1.37 pm
TUE High	6.32 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.28 am
2nd Low	6.38 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.16 pm
	12.48 am 0.4	Moonrise	4.25 am
	11.57 am 0.5	Moonset	2.29 pm

Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.
Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, NSW Dept of Commerce - Brunswick Heads +6 min; Byron Bay -9 min; Billinudgel, Marshalls Creek +3 hr 55 min; Mullumbimby +1 hr 10 min



Please remember to send sports results to results@echo.net.au and sports stories to alex@echo.net.au
Deadline is 1pm on Monday.

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

New season for Nick Shand Cricket



Action from last year's Nick Shand Memorial cricket grand final when Main Arm captain Johnny Bourke led his team to victory with his 'tangles' bowling style over The Geckos.

Brian Mollet

To some it is local sporting subculture's answer to the Special Olympics, to others, a rare chance to capture an ineffable moment of glory.

From the furthest reaches of Byron Shire they come, bat in hand, expectations lofty as a mis-timed pull shot, all focused on the same goal: to bring home the Nick Shand Memorial trophy.

Age, unprofessionalism, lack of ability: these things never hinder them; the focus is on getting the best of oneself and many an unlikely hero has been made and unmade on the undulating field of dreams that comprises local social cricket.

This year a team from Eureka joins the quest for the title: can they produce characters the calibre of Ray the Baron from Wilson's Creek, or Ed the Witch-doctor, Wanganui's master of the beguiling donkey-drop?

With five teams in the mix, the preliminary rounds will take on more relevance as the team with the worst record will bow out of the finals. Matches will start at Lomath Oval in Mullumbimby for the first part of the season while new carpet is laid on the pitch at the

game's spiritual home, Blanche Reynolds Oval in Wanganui.

Main Arm are the incumbent champions, and with their unique complement of recycled sporting heroes like the lionhearted Baz, Greg the surgeon and the tough as rusty nails Bourkey, are cocksure of another strong showing. Geckos puppet-master Simon has pulled out all stops to once again bring the goblet to its spiritual home (the reception desk at The Echo), and to that end has redirected a portion of their extensive free lunch fund to a recruitment drive. Mullum Drift-ins came within a hefty blow of the final last year and their policy of press-ganging anyone who knows a box from a crate could prove crucial if any travelling touring teams are within range of the resourceful Trent's mobile phone.

Now in its ninth year, the Nick Shand Series is a local tradition surviving the cultural vacuum that has claimed other events like the Chincogan Fiesta, and this year once again promises more than a Pentagon press-agent at a fraction of the cost of your average war.

The Echo will keep tabs on

the action as the grass-stained gladiators go for the goblet.

Players to be at field at 10.15 am for 10.30 am start. Players will be required to play minus 1 article of clothing for each minute late onto the field. Venue: Mullumbimby sportsgrounds near new tennis courts/netball courts off Jubilee Ave.

Draw is as follows:

Aug 7 A (Main Arm) v B (Wanganui/Wilsons); Aug 14 C (Geckos) v D (Mullumbimby Drift-Ins); Aug 21 A v E (Eureka); Aug 28 B v C; Sept 4 Fathers Day (Bye); Sept 11 E v D; Sept 18 A v C; Sept 25 B v D; Oct 2 Long weekend (Bye); Oct 9 C v E; Oct 16 D v A; Oct 23 E v B; Semifinals Oct 30 1st v 4th; Nov 6 2nd v 3rd; Grand final November 13.

Phone numbers and team contacts as follows: Main Arm Mick Lonsdale 6684 9460 and Brian Mollet 0417 667 034; Wangangui / Wilsons Creek Ed Read 6680 2410; Geckos Simon Haslam 6684 1777(w) 0409 324 724 (mob); Mullumbimby Drift-Ins Trent Morgan 6684 6871 or 0407 894 515; Eureka Hank Bower 6684 9119 (h - preferred) or 6626 7135 (w).

Crankin what's happening surfside

Byron Boardriders

Sunday morning was a cracker: slight offshore winds with a three to four foot swell at Tallow Beach for the July pointscore. Many thanks to all who helped out especially Dave Parkes and Lee Miller. Meeting this Thursday July 28 from 7.30pm at the Byron Bay Service Club. All members welcome. Results as follows: opens 1 J Abegg, 2 L Miller, 3 N Mounicy 4 S Burmister; senior men 1 P Sullivan, 2 D Jurd, 3 E Riordan, 4 G Stickley; juniors 1 N Colbey, 2 B Devon-

shire, 3 P Duncan, 4 J Nicholson; cadets 1 D Sullivan, 2 G Parkes, 3 I Darsana, 4 T O'Neill; women 1 N Briggs, 2 S Miller, 3 G Lane, 4 K McDermott; fleas 1 S Steinhauer, 2 R Docking 3 J O'Neill, 4 N Timms.

Surfing FNC

The Surfing Far North Coast team has been submitted to Surfing NSW for the masters/womens State Titles to be held in Wollongong later this year.

Masters men: SWhitby, M Perrot (Lennox Head) and M Norman; senior masters

M Perrot, K Aleckson, S Whitby.

The open womens team will have two Lennox Head ladies: L Adsett and R Bonhote-Mead; masters women Kellie O'Brien, also from Lennox Head.

SFNC is organising a bus and accommodation for junior surfers in the state titles. All team members must get in touch with the administrator before August 3 for the numbers on the bus and accommodation. If we don't hear from you we will presume you are not going and a reserve will step in.

SPORTS RESULTS

AUSSIE RULES

Byron Magpies

Magpies took on Ballina Bombers in final home and away game of the season. U12's. A great team performance, 12 from 12. Score: Byron: 18.18.126 def Ballina 0.3.3. Goals: Matt 5, Gabe 3, Cory 3, Jess 2, Kai, Sam, Ryder Shaun, Hugo, 1. U14's. Magpies went down but looked good doing it. Score: Byron 6.2.38 to Ballina 9.7.61. Goals: Matt, Seb, Isacc, Dia, Ryder, Jordan. Next Game: Sunday: Rep Footy at Ballina.

Brunswick Valley Bulldogs

Rnd 12: Brunswick v Lismore at Brunswick; U12 Brunswick 9.12.66 Lismore 11.8.74. Great last quarter, Brunswick kicked 6 goals. U14 Brunswick 2.5.17 Lismore 14.19.103.

BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Men

Wed 15/7 1st R Tonkin, B Montgomery, J Hay; 2nd G Moroney, C Marshall, D Maundrell; 3rd B Batson, E O'Donnell, D Wyborn. Versatile Fours 1st: P Valalotto, B Nixon, G Burt, D Ball; 2nd D Zorzo, V Caldwell, K Ledfelt, M Anderson; 3rd C Pav, K Hansen, K Roberts R Roberts. 1st Round: R Tonkin, M Danswan, J Hay, M Ellis; 2nd Rnd: C Marshall, R Northcott, B Montgomery, C Klavestyn. 3rd Rnd: I Saltmarsh, Bob M Petrou, J Phipers. Rnd Robin Next game 21/7 at Cabarita 12pm start. Mens Self Select Triples every Wed. Mens pairs and triples Sat. Ladies now playing Sat pm. Medley 2 bowl Pairs Sun am. Members of other clubs welcome. Entries for remaining c'ships close Wed 3/8, 5pm. Good luck to No 1, No 4 pennant sides in state finals on w'end. Keep checking notice boards.

Brunswick Heads Women

12/7 AGM Life M'ship to M Mitchell for 27yrs service. Final Minor Singles winner: S Grant 31 d B McCormick 29. Open Pairs: D Lobb, K Freeman d R Peacey, J Kearney, E Beddoes, M Caldwell d R Mills, L Proudlock; M Parsons, B Boorman d D Batson, M Allard. Social Bowls: B Goldup, P Appel 25 v B Wyborn, R Foyster 13; M Darby, D Keyes, K Hasson 19 v M Darby, E Toovey, N Phillip 9; M Torresi, A Revie, D Hay 22 v G Lunsden, E Lewis, J Loomes 13. Trophy Winners: M Torresi, A Revie, D Hay; B Wyborn, R Foyster. Raffle won by M Torresi.

Burringbah Bush Ticks

Fri. 1st first game pairs c'ships: N Philip, A Campbell d E Graham, S Ahlholm. Winners social bowls M Allard, F Charles. Euchre winner T Allard. Darts winners Jake, Cath. Sat bowls winners N Allard, D Proudlock. Sun bowls winners C Freeman, K Nilon. Friendship Force here to bowl on Fri 29/7, 1.30pm. Sun 7/8 Meeting, 1pm. 14/8 Bush Ticks go to Nimbin. Put name on sheet. Bowls Fri, Sat, Sun at 1pm.

Byron Bay Women

AGM last Tue All positions filled, thank you to ladies that nominated from the floor. New Pres: Gloria Kennedy; New Sec: Cicely Reid, Treasurer: Kym Quinnell. Social bowls results: trophy to M Phelps, J Wright, V Everingham, M Stewart. Fours final 26/7. Triples begin next Tue 2/8.

Lennox Heads Men

C'ships Minor Pairs Final: P Clarke, G Reynolds 16 d R Clarke, B Potts. Tues 19 Triples, M Berger, B Taylor, H Neill 16 d D Meaney, G Carter, K Davy 12; B Jensen, J Adams, G Pascoe r/up 13 d L Chaseling, B Harrington, C Torrens 10; B Cousins, R Lane, A Lewis 14 d P Tressidier, T Murphy, G Brook, 6 pack 10. Sat 23 Social Bowls. K Tidwell, J Moore, K Nichol 21 d G Carter, P Cawley, I Whitehall 13; A Garcia, K Clarke, D Peters, K Frampton r/up 23 d J Dudgeon, S Prasad, J Burrows, B Evans 15; E Abraham, D Hambly 6 Pack. C'ships Sat 30/7 Major Singles Semi-final: J Calandro v B McRae. Major Pairs Final D Taylor jnr, N Burgess v B Malcolm, D Kemp; Minor Singles: P Blair v Clarke. Sun 24/7 Club hosted visit from Ballina RSL Sandflies, they beat us 145 shots to 125. Results: M O'Brien, N Gregor, J Calandro winners 28 d J Griener, G Simon, K Nicol 15; G Hefferon, B Christopher, B Peart R/up on 18 d C Reynolds, B Gallaher, G Rolfe 18; D Buchan, D Higham, D Gregor 22 d G Reynolds, P Dietrich, D Hambly 6 Pack 21.

Lennox Head Women

Visit by Yamba 20/7. Afternoon winners 10all, 6 ends each, decided by a toss of the coin. R Sparre, N Smith, G Martin AM winners; I Lynch, C Casement, E Barr AM loser prize; Y Ritchie, J Burgess, M Thompson PM winners; P Andrews, M Hanaway, J Dunning PM loser prize. Raffle winners R Sparre, G Rotermund. Tea Rosters 27/7: H Burgess, B Ellem 3/8: D Gibbon, M Hanaway.

Lennox Head Mixed

Fri 22/7 Open Pairs. Mixed Pairs C'ships G Bowden, B Hall 22 d D Martin, B Martin 10; F Paterson, P Wilson 20 d O Stobart, D Taylor jnr 14; K Philp, G Simon 20 d S and I Whitehall 9; H Davy, K McGuire 23 d W Abraham, D Hambly 16; J Murphy, G Maloney 29 d J and G Brook 15.

Mullumbimby Men

16/7 C'ship Triples: R Gray, T Estreich, J McKay 25 d J Henry, S Purdie, M Holton 15; Major Pairs: P Jones, T Johnston 27 d S Condie, G Condie 17. Minor Pairs: L Henry, C McClymont 26 d R Ford, H McKenna 10; Social Triples: R Rose, R Day, B McClymont 21 d P McDonald, R Philips, D Hammond 13. 20/7 winners: M Murphy, Fab, E Batson 31 d A Bartlett, R Rose, R Gary 7. Other Results: A Pyzer, W Hampson, F Buckley 21 d R Kidby, L Henry, N James 15; F Griffin, B Coleman, R Day 26 d L Boyter, F Cornale, R Webb 16; P Jones, A Johnston, T Johnston 21 d P McDonald, S Purdie, N Philp 16. 23/7 Social: R Kidby, M Vallance, G Condie 22 d T Knott, R Ford, P Jones 18; V Orchard, N Philp 25 d R Day, S Purdie 13; S Condie, D Hammond 19 d M Murphy, B McClymont 18; Black Duk 26 d Fingers 10. C'ships: Minor Pairs: J Henry, S Smart 17 d N Coleman, B Coleman 14; R Philips, M Brown 27 d A Bartlett, R Gray 11. Minor Singles: C McClymont 31 d L Henry 20. Major Pairs: R Moore, G Collins 16 d T Estreich, J McKay 15.

Mullumbimby Women

19/7 C'ship Singles: J Towner 31 v R Thompson

28, marker J Graham. Social: E Jones, J Kidman 21 v B Reglin, G Henry 12; B James, J Taylor, B Croft 21 winners v M Gleeson A Philp, S Boyd 12; B Gray, H Robb 18 v J Nicholls, S Brown 13. Raffle winner E Jones. Ocean Shores Men 18/7 H'cap Triples winner: K Hosie, J Best, P Tomaras; 2nd C Carroll, R Roberts, K Hansen; 3rd B Parsons, R Campbell, L Hoffman. Norfolk Is Challenge Losers Shirt won by J Roberts. Trivia Night 100 winners: P Williams; K Roberts; K Hawting. AGM 22/8 after bowls.

BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at Bruns Heads Comm Centre, 12.45pm on Mon and Sat; at OShores Country Club on Wed, 6.45pm. Players of all standards welcome. Results 18/7.N.S.1st Gross and 2nd Nett J Wright, D Gall. 2nd Gross and 1st Nett P Keyte, C Welling. 2nd Nett J Murray, P Sullivan. E.W. 1st Gross and 1st Nett N Van den Heuvel, M Buckley. 2nd Gross and 2nd Nett H Champain, A Tonkin. 23/7 NS 1st Gross and Nett: D Dare, C Johnson. 2nd Gross and Nett; D Gall, I Homfray. EW 1st Gross: A and G Withey. 2nd Gross: P Baldwin, I Scown. 1st Nett: R Keyte, P Webb. 2nd Nett: N Van den Heuvel, K Westall.

CRICKET

Brunswick Valley

AGM 10/8 at Mullum RSL, 7pm, all welcome.

CYCLING

Byron Bay Freeriders

3/8 Byron Bay Freeriders Club meeting held at Hotel Great Northern Backroom, 7pm. All welcome. Byron Freeriders social road ride leaves clock tower at Byron 7am Sat. Anyone welcome to come, rides chosen to suit those who turn up on the day. Road training rides leave the clock tower in Byron 6am sharp Tues, Thurs, Sat, fast pace. Jay takes out Northern Rivers Adventure Rides each Sun. Contact Jay at True Wheels on 66841959 for more info.

DARTS

Brunswick Valley

Rnd 1, 20/7: 4 Shafers v Workers 7; 4 WCD's v Armed and Dangerous 7; 2 Who Cares v The Drifters 9; Ocean Shores Tavern Bye. Rnd 2, 27/7: Armed and Dangerous v Shafers; Workers v WCD's; The Drifters v Ocean Shores Tavern; Who Cares Bye. Rnd 3, 3/8: Shafers v WCD's; Workers v Armed and Dangerous; Who Cares v OShores Tavern; The Drifters Bye. Executive meeting Mon 1/8.

GOLF

Mullumbimby Men

20/7 Single Stab. winner: M Trivett; r/up M Duffin; NTP J Williams 6m, 2 balls. Ball run down: M Trivett, M Duffin, J Williams, K Lawler, M Hogan 35pts.

Mullumbimby Women

16/7 Single Stab. winner: S Symonds 37; r/up J Dengate 34; E Dengate 34. NTP S Symons; E Dengate. Pro Pin J Dengate. 21/7 Single Stab winner: J Ross 36. NTP J Ross, M Essery, K Mudgway. Pro Pin J Ross, M Essery, K Mudgway. WBC M Alidenes 38; L Walker 33; I Riches 32; I Siddall 31; S Kosaka 30/cb.

28/7 Single Versus Par 2 Ball Ag 1st T: 9am N Carsburg, M Crighton, L Riches; 9.06am M Allan, G Smith, N Dwyer; 9.12am G Lynn, J Beer, L Walker; 9.18am Maureen James, E Froggatt, A Moser; 9.24am B Wood, B James, C Young; 9.30am F Gannell, E Walker. 10th T: 9am G Mackay, A Mitchell, Mel James; 9.06am S Symons, L Siddall, R Wilson; 9.12am G Redman, J Ball, C Robbins; 9.18am M Trivett, J Ross, B Mules; 9.24am S Slogrove, M Essery, T Robins. Table Tty: N Carsburg, G Mackay.

Ocean Shores Men

18/7 Indiv. Medley S'ford winner: K Scanlon 36; r/up J Govett 35; R Swinburn 35; NTP S Evans, B Smith; Balls to 30. 23/7 Single Stab winner: S Harris 41; r/up R Donnelly 40; D Greg 39/cb; S Downs 39; NTP J Howard, R Gavagrivier, R Lowell, R Golden, I Miller, C Morris; Balls to 33.

NETBALL

Brunswick Byron

30/7 Equip Dty Team Bluebirds; Netta Hot Cherries; Table B/Low, Main Arm; Canteen Bryon Bay. 12.30 Ct 1: Hippy Pippys v Beach Bums, Ump E Cullen, T Nelson; Ct 3: Barnicles v Skittles, N Beattie, E Dennis; Ct 4: Bay Beauties v Seasnakes, H Glijsbers, Bay Bellas; Ct 5: Bluebirds v Funky Monkeys, Brook H, Molly; Ct 6: Byron Bondz v Clams, Brooke Wade, Narelle. Netta, Ct 7: Mermaids v Barracudas, Coaches; Ct 8 Hot Cherries v Byron Netta, Byron; Ct 9: Roxy's v Seastars, Seastars. 1.45pm, Ct 1: Bay Bellas v Taverners, Narelle, Rebecca; Ct 3: Barbies v Flames, Mel Stenner, Choc F; Ct 4: Hot Tuna v Dolphins, Jo L, Kellie G; Ct 5: Coco Crushers v Bay Boilers, Ali, Classics; Ct 6: Cocktails v Sharks, Seahorses, Lara; Bye Blades; 3pm, Ct 1: Seahorses v Classics, Emma Hughes, Danielle; Ct 3: Mby Ladies v Bay Girls, Karly, Coco Crushers; Ct 4: Joey's v Nudiibracs, Jo L, Bay Boilers; Ct 5: Choc Frogs v Shop Girls, Cocktails x 2; Ct 6: Baileys v Mullum, Lucy O'Connor, Tav; Equip Dty Mby Ladies.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Mullumbimby Juniors

Silver Thread Arts And Craft U10's defeated by a well drilled Cudgen. Zac, Lucas, James all put in good efforts and never stopped trying. Maddison hit the ball up hard. McDonald's Meats U12's lost 20 to 16 to Cudgen. A hard fought game, we fought back after being down 12 to 0 early, leveling at half time. 3 tries to Matt M, 110% award to Doug McB. Giants Byron Shire Real Estate U14's had a win and what a game! Victory was ours with a win over Cudgen 22 to 20. All of the boys played well. A big thank you to the U13s they know who they are. New Brighton Store U16's played Tugun at Tugun and lost a bruising encounter. I'd like to congratulate the team on the way they conducted themselves in a very controversial match. Three players were taken to hospital after the match, and we received many more injuries. Thanks for your commitment.

RUGBY UNION

Bangalow

Another solid all round performance saw

Bangalow clinch the Minor Premiership with a 24 to 5 away win over Richmond Range. Great opening try to R Allen, converting from the side line. Move from line out by R Kelly to G Cromwell finished by captain B Duignan, converted by R Allen. Strong opposition from the Tabulam Casino. Team showed why they have 13 to 1 playing record this season. The almost 100% attendance at training paid off. R Allen's game deserved special mention. Points are: K Jennings 1, G Cromwell 1, D Gill 2, R Allen 3, R Allen was Players Player. Next Week final grade game at home to Iluka.. 6/8 Major Semi Final at Evans Head , 3.15 pm kick-off, Bangalow v Iluka..Bus will be available at minimal cost for club supporters to travel to Evans Head to see Bangalow beat Iluka for a place in the Grand Final, see Mike Dowd at the Hotel.

Brunswick Valley Junior

Fri. U10s victory over Casino. Great games by Jaiden P, Alex McD, Mac D. Next game all sides away except U15s playing Lismore at home, 7.15pm. Thanks to head coaches. Fees must be paid to obtain trophies at presentation day.

Mullumbimby Ocean Shores

Sat. Running rugby defeated University 35 to 17. Win incl. bonus pt for scoring 4 tries or more. Sati S. back to top form, Cory S. scored 2 tries, Rene S. return to back line was a master stroke. Jamie S. showed strength in forwards, try to Dave D. Next Sat. Moonshiners play away against Wollongbarat 1.40pm, 3rd Grade away to Byron at 3.15pm. Club dinner 6/8 at Mooball, \$40 per head.

SOCCER

Brunswick Heads Juniors

True Value: U6 Buffalo's, Played well, unfortunate to lose. Jack E, Giorgia McD. excellent game, great effort all round. Bruns Pizza Shop: U6 Bears, Great team effort, good even game, lots of fun Luke scored, Quenton and Jacob great in goals. Bruns Pharm: U7 Bandicoots, Best team game yet. Lots of great passes. Thanks to Camille for a great game, all very sad she won't be playing anymore this year. Dominics: U7 Billy's, Super team effort against strong team Tall draw, Ashleigh P.O.M. Bruns Auto Elect: U8 Bullfrogs, Good game played by all. Strong defense by Sol, Goals from Liam, Tristan, Todd. Keep up good work. Bruns Hot Bread: U9 Barra's A solid 13 to nil win, great goals from Jamie, Todd, Jake, Zac and Kyle. M.O.M Jacob F. Well done. Newstart Train: U10 Breakers, Friday, night game a good change, for a solid 6 to nil win against Mullum Dragons. Great game from Harley, Luke, Dylan, Em manuel, Aaron B. True Value: U12 Breakers, Good game against a hard team. Joe, Zen fantastic play. Hotel Bruns: U16 Breakers, Disappointing result with a depleted team. Robbie magic first half. Tailah, Darcy, Jaiden, Ben good games Buns 2, Lismore Thistles 6. Club Meeting 7pm Wed 3/8, all coaches, managers must attend. parents welcome.

Mullumbimby Juniors

Gr 10 Seahorses faced Ballina for the second week in a row and were back on form with a great 4 to 0 win. Terrific to see the team playing so well with great effort from everyone. Great defence from Devini; excellent keeping from Pierce; MoM with three goals Louis. 8 Seahorses v Ballina Seahorses. A tough match with everyone putting in an enormous effort. Ballina played well. POM to Don and Louis for goalkeeping, preventing Ballina from scoring more. Final score 8 to 3.

SQUASH

Brunswick Heads

27/7 Rnd 2 Bus. Houses Teams Comp: Mullum Jewellers v Bruns Smash: S Varty v R Mansfield; C Sleep v L Crandell; C Walsh v J Gribble; R Cameron v I Barnes; S Truesdale v B Doran. Bruns Pharmacy v Byron Trophies: B Staff v G Davis; J Heaney v B Trivett; S Hogan v S Crandell; F King v J Nicolson; M Sylvester v A Tully. Bruns Blinds v Potato Works: M Pfeil v M Page Smith; M Underwood v C Staff; D Runciman v C Booth; S Page Smith v J Heers; R King v J Miller. Cantys Surveyors v OS Glass: S Thompson v B Johnston; S Koop v G Chandler; T Wood v R James; C Johnston v J Holmes; M Rogers v Jeff Heers. Mon 1/8 Rnd 14, Div 1: 5pm, B Staff v G Davis; M Page Smith v S Sleep; A Brooker v D Bird; R Mansfield Bye. Div 2, 5pm, S Varty v S Koop; L Clarke v M Pfeil; 6pm, B Johnston v M Cassidy. Div 3, 5pm, M Ottery v J Heaney; B Trivett v J Gribble; 6pm, R Draper v D Runciman. Div 4, 5pm, J Nicolson v C Johnston; I Barnes v F King; J Holmes v S Page Smith. Div 5, 5pm, P Carruthers v S Truesdale; B Doran v R King; G Thomas v A Ronan. Div 6, 5pm, A Brooker v M Sylvester; A Thomas v D Holmes; S Gallagher Bye. New Mon Comp Starts 15/8, to play phone 6685 1794.

TENNIS

Mullumbimby

Mens Comp Rnd 7: Minnows d Terriers; Hackers d Scams. Ladies Comp Rnd 2, Div 1: Jens Hens d Bets Jets; Chriss Misses d Renaes Rays; Sandys Dandys d Jesss Messes. Div 2: Kims Crims d Michells Belles; Anns Fans d Jickys Quickies; Sheryls Perils d Ronnies Bonnies. Mixed Comp Rnd 6, Div 1: Follies d Bashers; Munchies d Flyers; Div 2: Burners d Talons; Hoodlums d Guns. Club C'ship dates, forms available from Canteen. Singles C'ship 7/8, entries by 3/8. Social: Ladies Wed 9.15am; mixed Sat 1.30pm, all welcome, membership not needed. Enquiries regarding coaching Justin 0403 841 241, other enquiries Jeanie 6680 4353w or 6680 1330h.

VOLLEYBALL

Brunswick Heads

Tue 26/7 Rnd 1 Mullum M'cycles Letskis Comp: 6pm, Starlights v Flash; Lounge Lizards v Hit and Run; Bugs v Ring Ins; Dty Brewers. 7pm, Brewers v Rebels; Volleys v Pissies Too; Backburners Bye; Dty Starlights. Thur 28/7 Finals and Play Offs OS Hardware Comp: 6pm, Hot and Sweaty v Bob the Builder; Kit Kats v Nickies; Fudge Puppies v Pink Mailbus; What The? v Elles; Duty Exodia, Vixens. 7pm, Terminators v Court Jesters; Exodia v Chilli Twist; Triples v Vixens; Duty Hot and Sweaty. New Thurs 3 A Side Ladies Comp starts next week, to play phone 6685 1794. Beginners Welcome.

Real Estate



BYRON BAY

FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE 6685 8466 - 24 HOURS



Prestige position

- This superb 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom residence has excellent elevation which guarantees panoramic views.
- Large main bedroom, open plan and hardwood timber floors are just a few of the features.
- Relax in this excellent residence

\$598,000



Beach hideaway

- Beside the dunes at Belongil, two doors from the beach
- Unique 3bed/2bath furnished home
- Timber floors, timber and st/steel kitchen
- Air-con plus ceiling fans, bonus garden cottage
- Currently holiday let with excellent rental figures.

\$985,000



Just minutes to the beach

- Just minutes to the beach
- Hear the surf from this 3bed house
- A true beach house with timber floors
- Large backyard backing onto bushland
- Easy walk to Clarkes Beach and town
- Sought after Massinger Street location

\$985,000



360 degrees ocean views

- Enjoy magnificent, never to be built out views
- Peaceful, quiet surrounds, glorious sunny outlook
- Enjoy living in a tight - knit community
- 3 bedrooms, all with water views
- Pitched cathedral ceilings optimise natural light
- Walking distance to both the beach and trendy cafes & eateries

\$849,000



A must to inspect

- Stunning Interiors
- 3 bedrooms, main with ensuite
- 2 bathrooms, extra toilet downstairs
- North facing peaceful courtyard overlooking a reserve
- Oozes chic appeal and the comforts of home
- Well designed layout
- Internal access from garage

\$368,000



Architect designed home

- Colourful, fun homes with gorgeous lines
- Sits beautifully amongst bushy surrounds
- Featuring north facing backyard
- 3bed/2bath incl loft, sunken lounge, great decks
- Garden and rock work designed professionally
- Low maintenance grounds, lock up garage

\$565,000



Sunrise beach townhouse

- 2bed 2 storey townhouse
- North-facing entrance, sunny front patio
- Main bed upstairs filled with northern light
- New carpet, enclosed back courtyard
- Lock-up garage with internal access

\$280,000



Town / Beachside

- 3 bedroom/ 2 bathroom
- Quiet Cul-de-sac
- Level block
- Great family home
- Close to town, ocean side

\$595,000

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'LINKS' APARTMENT

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.
- Pool & tennis court on-site.
- Short walk to Tallow Beach.
- Alongside Byron Bay Golf Course.
- North aspect.

\$560,000



MODERN SOPHISTICATION

- Stylish apartment, minutes from Clarkes Beach.
- 3 bedrooms, 1 with ensuite. Private courtyard.
- North facing balcony overlooking lap pool.
- Spacious kitchen with modern conveniences.
- Security parking. Short stroll to shops.

\$985,000



BEACHFRONT TERRACE

- Walk directly across parkland to main beach.
- 3 bedrooms with built-ins, 2 large bathrooms.
- Currently used as high return holiday rental.
- Ocean views.
- All offers considered.

\$1,100,000



BEACHFRONT APARTMENT

- Recently refurbished, centrally located.
- 100m from main beach.
- Onsite managers.
- Showing solid returns.
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom.

\$925,000



BIG HOUSE SMALL PRICE

- Immaculately presented, 3 bedroom home.
- 5 mins walk to shops, 10 mins to beach.
- Air conditioning & split level living.
- 2 outdoor entertaining areas.
- Quiet & secluded at end of cul-de-sac.

\$449,000



ELEVATED IMMACULATE HOME

- Elevated 4 bedroom brick home.
- Large landscaped block.
- 2 bathrooms & 2 living areas.
- Nth aspect onto Golf Course.
- Nature reserve to one side.

\$685,000



GET IN NOW

- Solid 3 bedroom home in great location.
- Room to extend (plans available - S.T.C.A)
- Easy walk to beach.
- Gorgeous north facing landscaped gardens.
- Genuine offers considered.

\$419,000



STYLISH DUPLEX

- Spacious & light filled.
- Stylish 3 bedroom & 1 bathroom duplex.
- Stunning escarpment views.
- Single lock-up garage.
- Sunny private courtyard.

\$395,000



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Real Estate

Byron Bay

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Comfortably BEACHSIDE

- North facing Villa in small complex
- 3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms
- Large living / Dining area
- Private Courtyard / Entertaining area
- 3 min stroll to Beach or shops, Cafés and Licensed Tavern
- Excellent Suffolk Beachside location
- Lock up Garage with Internal access

\$380,000



BYRON BAY Lifestyle

- Huge fully fenced Family home on over 1100sqm
- Spacious Living with 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms & Study
- Elevated position captures Sweeping Ocean Views
- Separate Entertaining and Living areas
- Large N/East facing Decks
- Sparkling In-ground heated Pool
- D.L.U.G + separate D.L.U. Workshop

\$795,000



Coorabell Acreage

- Private 6 Acres – Rural Views
- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom Home
- 2 separate Living areas
- Double Lock-up Garage / Workshop
- End of quiet Country Lane
- Spring fed Creek & Rainforest
- 12 Minutes to Byron Bay

\$895,000



BYRON BAY CBD Freehold

- Commercial 50sqm Freehold shop
- Top in town location
- Good passing trade and plenty of parking
- Sunny aspect and reverse cycle air-conditioning
- Secure tenant in place
- Sound Investment Opportunity

\$439,000



'Beachwood' On The Beachside

- Modern 3 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom Timber home
- Landscaped & Private Beachside Setting
- Open Plan Kitchen and Living areas
- High Ceilings / Polished Timber Floors
- Short walk to Beach or Shopping Village and Licensed Tavern
- Internal access to Laundry and Remote Lock-up Garage

\$495,000

Contact Richard Ferris on 0412 317 114 or 6685 6552 for more information.

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AUCTION

Stunning Broken Head Retreat

- Stunning outlook to the Lighthouse with ocean glimpses
- Natural bushland surround ensures complete privacy
- Peaceful setting with an abundance of birdlife and wildlife
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms incorporating separate accommodation
- Short walk through bush to Taylor's lake and Broken Head beach
- Secluded, yet easily accessible to Byron Bay

AUCTION ONSITE SATURDAY
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1 BEACH ROAD, BROKEN HEAD

David Gordon 0418 856 222



Eco-Friendly Modern Design \$485,000

- Near-new eco-friendly home in Forest Glades
- 3 large bedrooms, huge ensuite & a walk-in robe
- Timber floors, large outdoor decks, solar-passive design, pool in complex
- Gorgeous forest outlook
- The beach is a walk away or swim in the pool

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Beachside Land \$259,950

- Prime opportunity to purchase a beachside block in Suffolk Park
- Enjoy a relaxed lifestyle of walks to the beach and local colourful restaurants
- The block is located in a gated estate and is ready for you to start building your dream home on
- Quality home area

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Unique Over 55s Unit \$320,000

- Gorgeous single level 2 bed unit in retirement estate close to town
- Large air-cond open plan living/dining area
- Covered outdoor entertaining patio overlooking large, private garden
- SLUG with internal access
- 10 minute walk to the beach

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Bright & Private Duplex \$360,000

- Perfect for the first homeowner or investor
- Handy Sunrise Beach location
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- Nice fenced front courtyard and good sized backyard
- Priced to sell and has a committed owner.

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Sunrise Beach Unit \$320,000

- Solid brick, north facing unit with access to Belongil Beach
- In a complex of 14 with inground pool
- 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms,
- Timber floors, bagged brick walls
- North facing courtyard

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



By The Lake \$775,000

- Enjoy beautiful lake & reserve views from the decks
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom tasteful home
- Generous proportions, high ceilings and timber floors
- Remote control double lock up garage

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Early 1900s Home \$570,000
REDUCED

- Original 3 bedroom timber home on 778sqm block in popular Newrybar
- Wrap-around verandahs
- High ceilings, french doors, timber shutters
- Ducted cool/heat Daikien system
- 15 minutes to Byron's CBD

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Affordable Brunswick Home \$368,000

- Immaculately presented family home
- Located only 3 mins from Brunswick Heads river, beaches and shops
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on 540sqm block
- Quiet cul-de-sac location backing reserve
- Ideal first home or for retirees looking to downsize

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Cheap Home Close To Town \$539,000

- Original Byron home with level backyard
- Ornate high ceilings and beautiful timber floors
- 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, sleepout
- Loads of living space
- Approximately 793 sqm block close to town

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Light, Breezy & Quiet \$629,000

- Exclusive Orara Court area
- Original timber home with lots of character on 2239sqm
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- Large decks looking out at the cape and the lighthouse
- Relax and enjoy the peace and serenity 2 mins from town

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Left Bank Road \$545,000

- Spacious brick and tile home with covered deck on fabulous 4000sqm block
- Close to schools, hospital and Mullumbimby CBD
- 4 bedrooms, 3 with built-ins, woodheater
- Renovated timber kitchen and main bathroom
- Saltwater pool, backs onto council reserve

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BYRON BAY

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Something Different



Price reduced!

This property is everything you have dreamed of if you want to escape, centrally located between Byron Bay and the Gold Coast and only a fifteen minute drive to secluded beaches of the North Coast. There are three houses set on twenty acres, six kilometres from the quiet village of Burringbar.

The main house is a three bedroom pavilion style with the fourth main bedroom separate with its own living area, ensuite and private deck which takes in the breathtaking views of the bush and surrounding hills and would be a perfect parents retreat. The other dwelling is a fully self contained studio with a spa and also has its own views. The third house needs total restoration. This property is worth a closer look. Price \$698,000 to \$650,000.

Call PRD Nationwide Ocean Shores on 02 6680 4400.



Sunny Beachside Suffolk

Just listed is this fabulous 3 bedroom beach house located just 2 streets from beautiful Tallows Beach. Recently renovated and offering raked ceilings throughout the living areas and 3 generously sized bedrooms it also features a separate studio which has been soundproofed.

This great home is North facing and surrounded by spacious, well manicured and privacy fenced grounds ideal for enjoying the outdoor lifestyle that this area offers. Be soothed every night by the breaking of waves on our white sand beaches.

For further information please Contact Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649 at L J Hooker Byron Bay.



Thirties Vogue Classic

Fall in love with the rare, elegant beauty at 5 Gorton Avenue, East Lismore. A versatile home in a proud street within easy walk to University, St Vincents Hospital, golf course and shopping centre. Originally built with no expense spared, the home has richness, depth and warmth of polished timbers, teak flooring, French doors, high decorative ceilings, open fireplace and Art Deco lighting. There are three bedrooms, two bathrooms, three toilets, reverse cycle air-conditioning, ceiling fans and covered outdoor entertaining area to ensure comfort and relaxation. The new 30s Vogue kitchen has quality appliances there is new wiring, plumbing, roof, gutters, external paint, secure car accommodation plus large colorbond shed/studio on concrete slab. It is a level 607sqm block with easy care garden and fully fenced backyard and is priced at \$349,000. The last home of this caliber and pricing sold within 24 hours, so contact Paul dos Remedios at Professionals Real Estate Alstonville on 0418 468895 or Barbara Joblin of David R. Clark Real Estate Ballina on 0438 866264.



"Verandah Life"

Just imagine relaxing on your verandah and enjoying the mountain vistas, without a care in the world! Here's a 4 bedroom, located on a irregular shaped 703.5 sqm approx block, the house has been sited to take advantage of the stunning rural views. The house has different zones for family members. 1 bedroom and study is in one wing, 2 others are in another section and the main bedroom with its large ensuite is in yet another wing. The main bedroom and another have glass doors opening onto the verandah.

The living area is very spacious and has slightly separated lounge and dining areas and very high cathedral ceilings. There are hardwood floors throughout the living area and main bedroom. The covered verandah is simply wonderful and there are lush gardens featuring a pond and mini waterfall. Only minutes to Shearwater Steiner School and Mullumbimby shops and adjoins a reserve that the locals use for getting some exercise.

To inspect this intriguing property contact Phil Spencer at Suncoast First National on 66842615 or 040200 7898



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Absolutely stunning 17 acre property with grand views from Byron Bay to Pottsville. 2.5 cleared flat acres on top of Coolamon Scenic Drive waiting to be built on. 10 - 12 acres are pristine old growth rainforest and need no maintenance. Just walk through and enjoy. Various reports to develop the site are already done, like Bushfire Management Plan, Flora & Fauna Survey, On-site Sewerage Management Report, Geo-Tech Report and SEPP 55 Report.

From here by car it is 7 mins to Mullumbimby, 20 mins to Byron Bay and 35 mins to Coolangatta.

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- Minutes From Byron Bay CBD
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- Set on 630 Sq. Metre Allotment
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162 ALCORN STREET, SUFFOLK PARK

- Fantastic Beach House
- 6 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms
- Includes Separate Granny Flat
- Quiet, Secluded End Of Street
- Large, Level 893 Sq. Metre Block
- Only Metres To Suffolk Park Beach

OPEN FOR INSPECTION SAT 12PM

\$950,000



144 BROKEN HEAD RD, SUFFOLK PARK

- Spacious 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home
- Set Amidst Tropical Gardens On A Large Block
- Minutes Walk To Beaches And Shops
- Inground Pool And 2 Living Areas
- Extensive Use Of Glass
- Fully Fenced & Private

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\$785,000



89 BEECH DRIVE, BAYWOOD CHASE

- Immaculate, Quality Home
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Living Areas
- Spacious Outdoor Area
- Inground Pool & Well Kept Grounds
- Comfortable & Nicely Appointed Interior
- Backs Onto Quiet Reserve

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\$530,000



MAKE AN OFFER!

- Walk To Town & Beach
- 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bathroom Townhouse
- Open Plan Living & Dining Area
- Cooling North Breezes
- Architecturally Designed
- Modern & Convenient To Everything

\$360,000



VACANT LAND

- Total Area 15.96 Hectares
- Surrounded By National Park
- Part Flat Lands, Part Gentle Hills
- Jones Road, Yelgun
- Located in Fast Growing Area
- Hinterland Views

\$385,000



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- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- 600m To Lennox Head Town & Beach
- DA Approved For Detached Duplex, Plans Available
- Great Investment Opportunity
- Agent Declares Interest
- Live In, Rent Out Or Redevelop

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- Located in Ocean Shores South
- Pacific Ocean Views
- Backing Onto Golf Course
- Direct Access To Golf Course
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Well Presented, Currently Permanently Let

\$450,000



SUFFOLK SURPRISE

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- 2 Streets To Beach & Shops
- Solid Brick Home With Potential
- Well Sized Parcel Of Land
- Mature Trees Provide Privacy
- High Raked Ceilings

\$650,000



MUST BE SOLD!

WALK TO EVERYTHING

- 4 Bedroom Timber Residence
- Fully Renovated, Casual Beach Style
- Large Undercover Balcony
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▶▶▶ Bangalow – Roomy, Quiet, Unique

3B Rifle Range Road. Located close to the village centre. The Balinese inspired residence, ideally positioned on a level block with a 20 metre frontage, features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study, kitchen, two large open plan living areas and terraces. Beautiful landscaping includes fountains, rare tropical plants and garden lighting. There is a grand entrance, ceiling fans, Miele appliances, marble benchtops, gas island cooktop, fab lighting, continuous gas hot water - the list goes on! Rented at \$410 per week to fastidious tenant who wishes to extend lease, this property will go very quickly for our motivated vendor. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes at Property Buyers' Net on 0418 755088. **\$550,000 ono.**

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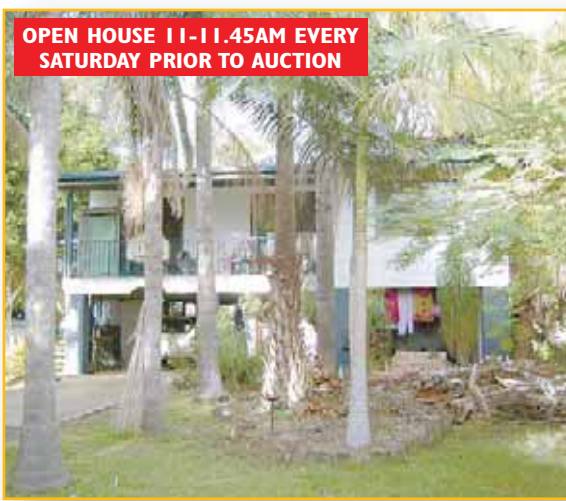
▶▶▶ Stylish Home Reduced To Sell

Highly motivated vendor. Brilliant Bangalow location and large block. Three large bedrooms plus sunroom, office, TV room and two bathrooms. Fully self-contained studio. Timber floors, French doors, two fireplaces. Phone Fran at Frances O'Connor Real Estate on 0412 522 540 or 0401 935 760. \$790,000 to \$850,000



▶▶▶ Freehold Shop In Bangalow

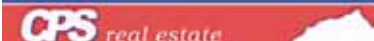
This elegant retail outlet in a top location in the heart of Bangalow has been fully refitted and features gleaming polished timber floors. It has a secure tenant and healthy rental returns. Call Frances at Frances O'Connor Real Estate, 0412 522 540 or 0401 935 760. \$660,000



OPEN HOUSE 11-11.45AM EVERY SATURDAY PRIOR TO AUCTION

▶▶▶ Sale By Public Auction

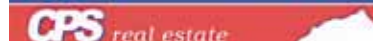
On site 16 Uki Road BRAY PARK, Sat 13 Aug. 12.30pm. OWNERS MOTIVATED FOR A QUICK SALE. 2643m² block. High set home featuring 3 bedrooms, main opening onto a front deck with ensuite, built-in robes and a nursery or parents' retreat. Polished floors, exposed rafters, rear deck off kitchen that includes a walk-in pantry. Guest accommodation or teenagers' retreat with bathroom, large lounge/dining area. DLUG and a covered entertainment area. All bidders must be registered. Inspection by appointment only, offers prior to Auction are welcome. Quick sale required. Contact Jeff Huggins 0411 055 340 or Rachele Huggins 0411 055339 at CPS Real Estate Murwillumbah. Ref R339.



OPEN HOUSE 10-10.45AM EVERY SATURDAY PRIOR TO AUCTION

▶▶▶ Sale By Public Auction

On site 32 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah Sat 27 August, 11am. Located one block from the CBD. Zoned 3c commerce & trade, its perfect for anyone looking for a residence with business premises underneath or a family home with plenty of room for the kids downstairs. The home has two bedrooms plus a sleep-out and reverse cycle airconditioning. Opposite park, tennis courts and sporting fields, and close to movie theatre and supermarkets. All bidders must be registered. Inspection by appointment only, offers prior to auction are welcome. Contact Jeff Huggins on 0411 055 340 or Rachele Huggins on 0411 055 339 at CPS Real Estate Murwillumbah. Ref: R336.



OPEN HOME SAT 12-1pm

▶▶▶ 1 Beach Road, Broken Head

For Sale by Auction - August 6 On Site. NEW TIME 2pm. This stunning original beachside house has been fully renovated and offers a spectacular outlook to the lighthouse. Original features include French doors, timber floors and high ceilings and has modern finishes including stainless steel appliances, louvre windows and wraparound decks. Separate guest accommodation with its own bathroom. The property offers complete privacy and is on a low maintenance 759sqm block. This is a rare opportunity to purchase a quality home in elite Broken Head. Contact David Gordon on 0418 856 222 or 02 6685 6222.



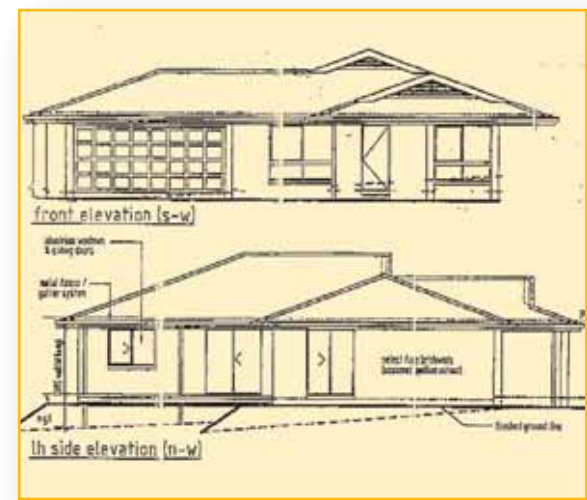
▶▶▶ Architects Own

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▶▶▶ Mountain View Acreage

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A small victory for the individual against the might of the corporation was struck this week when Justice Bongiorno ruled against the forestry giant Gunns who are suing 20 forest campaigners in Tasmania for \$6.3 million for protesting against their logging activities. "The judge described the structure of the writ as "unintelligible" and in many parts, as "at best ambiguous and at worst misleading" said the Wilderness Society, who are one of the Gunns 20 as they have become known. Gunns have been given until August 18 to lodge a new Amended Statement in their case in the Victorian Supreme Court.

You are gems. Your response to our homeless appeal for warm bedclothes exceeded our expectations. Thanks to everyone who bought in blankets and sleeping bags to *The Echo's* offices. All of your donations have now been delivered to the

Byron Bay Uniting Church and the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. It won't solve the problem of homelessness, but it is one small way of making life slightly better for those on the streets.

Riding for the Disabled in Murwillumbah is looking for a roadworthy caravan. The voluntary organisation, which arranges horse riding for local people with disabilities, needs the caravan for a mobile shed/office. Anyone with a spare caravan in their back yard which could fit the bill should give Sylvia Dosssett a call on 6672 3968.

The release of future health trends by NSW Health last week painted a rather depressing picture. While new cases of heart disease will fall slightly over the next 20 years, diabetes could increase by 176%. Almost half of the population is currently overweight or obese

enough exercise, we don't eat enough fruit and only one in six people eat enough vegetables. The good news from NSW Health is that 70% of early deaths could be avoided through a healthier lifestyle, prevention or early detection of diseases. Get on that exercise bike.

Police carried out extensive searches of bushland in thick fog on Wednesday night concerned for four bushwalkers reported missing at Protectors Falls. The media were alerted, the rescue helicopter was on standby and the local SES were ready to help with the search. Presumably after hearing media reports on Thursday morning, the group contacted local police to say they had spent the night safe and sound at a farmhouse at Coorabell unaware that friends had reported their absence. Oops.


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