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Byron Bay sheds its party image for peaceful NYE



Love was in the air in Byron Bay as the message of peace and community got through and the town experienced its quietest New Years Eve (NYE) in over a decade. Alcohol restrictions deterred young partygoers looking for a boozy night out and attracted families creating a balanced mix of ages and a peaceful and cruisey vibe.

Local residents, who for years had avoided the town on December 31, returned bringing their children to enjoy the fairground rides and candy floss stalls. The almost complete absence of alcohol on the streets left the visible but relaxed police force with little to do but enjoy the laid back atmosphere.

'We've got our town back,'

said a delighted NYE coordinator Pavitar. 'I want to thank the community, all the locals who came into town to support us as well as all the visitors who behaved so well.'

A happy but exhausted Byron Shire Mayor described the night as 'real spirit of Byron stuff. This is what we all need, to regain the respect for the community'. Cr Barham put down the success of the night to the alcohol prohibition, lack of promotion and low key entertainment. 'The NYE Committee held to the vision of creating a safe night and stuck with the family focus and alcohol prohibition to make it happen,' commented Pavitar.

Just after 8pm a small but

A colourful and creative community parade reinforced the message of peace, love and harmony on Saturday night in Byron Bay. Residents of all ages joined in the mellow mood and bottles of alcohol were a rare sight. Photo Louise Beaumont

colourful parade, reminiscent of Byron's hippie days, left the beachfront to dance through the town, past the fenced-in drinkers at the Beach Hotel. Chai tents, organic and vegetarian food stalls and harp players all added to the mellow mood. Estimates have put the crowd at around 12,000, around a third of last year's throng, but it felt quieter with Lawson Street empty enough for a game of cricket at times.

In place of the midnight fireworks, music maestro Chris James led the celebrators in a session of community singing, a beautiful

welcome to the new year.

When Council's clean up crews arrived at 5am, there was little to do. This was a pleasant change from last year when the centre of town was trashed, broken bottles, rubbish and plastic evidence of the crowd's lack of respect.

There have been rumblings from some sectors of the business community unhappy with the drop in visitor numbers this year, however there is anecdotal evidence that while visitation is down in some areas, spending has not dropped.

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Highway route options culled

Lesley Patterson

Route options for the Pacific Highway between Tintenbar and Ewingsdale were culled to three at a pre Christmas workshop organised by the RTA with community and council representatives. All three options incorporate a tunnel through St Helena hill. A1 and A2 cut across farmland before joining the highway near Bangalow, B1 joins the highway south of Bangalow and D descends the coastal escarpment to run along flood lands near Midgen Flat and connects to the Ballina bypass at Sandy Flat. The RTA stressed that the outcome of the workshop is not a final decision, but one of several factors in choosing the final route.

'Public submissions, reports and field investigations, comments from government agencies and the results of the value management workshop will now be considered in identifying a preferred route,' said the RTA. An announcement on the final option will not be made until mid 2006.

Meanwhile the push for an inland freight road between Grafton and Tyagarah received a boost after the Parliamentary Inquiry into Pacific Highway Upgrades recommended that the state government commission a cost/benefit study.

'The inquiry has recommended that the cost/benefit study for the inland route between Tyagarah and Grafton incorporating the Summerland Way be conducted independently of the RTA and provide a basis for comparison with the RTA's current options for upgrading the Pacific Highway,' said Member for Ballina Don

Page. Details of the route the road would take between Casino and Tyagarah have yet to be released.

Of the nine recommendations made by the inquiry, four concerned failings with the RTA's community consultation process.

'Local residents claim that the RTA is not committed to community consultation. They believe that the RTA decided its preferred route before the upgrade projects even began and that the consultation processes were structured to ensure that community views would not influence the final outcome,' said Jenny Gardiner MLC, chair of the inquiry committee.

'Similarly the committee believes that the RTA lacked candour in their dealings with the committee. The committee believes that this lack of candour is indicative of the RTA's approach to community consultation,' Ms Gardiner said.

Recommendations were also made that the RTA should consider the preservation of agricultural land, protection of the environment and minimisation of property devaluation in the route selection process.

Greens MLC Ian Cohen, who was a member of the parliamentary committee, said that the recommendations also called on the state government to better handle claims for compensation for those who are affected by the highway or face compulsory acquisition of properties.

Three ALP members of the committee have labelled the report 'a political stunt'. Labor MLCs Jan Burnswoods, Amanda Fazio and

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Council takes big stick to dirty dogs

Byron Shire Council Rangers will be conducting a blitz on uncontrolled dogs during this holiday period.

Byron Shire Council General Manager, Ms Pamela Westing, said dog owners face potential fines of \$110 if their dogs are found in prohibited areas, and \$220 for failing to pick up and remove their dog's droppings.

'The compliance action against uncontrolled dogs and their owners will be increased these holidays following a spate of recent complaints about dogs in prohibited areas on local beaches,' said Ms Westing.

'Council's rangers will be targeting all Shire beaches during the Christmas/New Year holiday period. Council provides a number of dog exercise areas throughout the Shire and dog owners are encouraged to use these so as not to cause nuisance to other members of the public.'

Council's designated dog exercise areas can be found on its website www.byron.nsw.gov.au. For further information, contact Senior Ranger Gerry Burnage on 6626 7146.

Highway routes

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Greg Donnelly issued a dissenting report criticising the committee's findings as fundamentally flawed and biased against the RTA's handling of the highway upgrade.

'The report fails to acknowledge the detailed and complex processes developed by the RTA to gather and assess important community information and use it in the route assessment process,' said Amanda Fazio.

The inquiry's interim report is available at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc4 or by phoning 9230 3544.

The forgotten art of traditional weaving



If you are interested in learning some traditional craft techniques that have been largely forgotten, then the second series of workshops 'Textile Techniques' is just the thing for you.

Paula Moraes Cordeiro is running this series of workshops over January 5, 6, 7 and 8 at the South Golden Beach Community Centre, Ocean Shores Community Centre and Knit at Byron Bay, which has the added bonus of air conditioning. Paula has focused on two particular techniques for these workshops: aura pro-

The traditional craft of backstrap weaving, pictured above, will be the subject of a workshop in South Golden Beach and Byron Bay this week.

portion and backstrap weaving techniques.

Aura proportion, which is based on the mathematical theory of golden rules, is a well known technique that many artists are familiar with. However, Paula has expanded the technique to include background and colour so that it is more relevant to film makers, photographers and interior designers. It may sound advanced, but Paula insists that no drawing

skills are required.

The weaving workshop is open to anyone aged 12 years and over, and Paula is particularly interested in having young people participate in the course with a view to starting up a cultural centre in the Ocean Shores/South Golden Beach area in the future.

All workshops cost \$30 and will be held in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. For bookings, contact Paula on 6680 2795.

New Years Eve

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'I was approached by several families on holiday here who said after this year's experience they would be returning to Byron Bay because of the change in atmosphere,' said Cr Barham.

Ratepayers largely funded this year's celebrations which cost around \$135,000. Pavitar says she is hoping more businesses will come to the party next year and contribute to the organisation of a safe event.

The rest of the shire had an uneventful night, Mullumbimby and Bangalow

experienced their normal quiet New Year's Eve, although some Brunswick Heads residents reported a fair amount of drinking in the streets.

The downgrading of New Years Eve celebrations at Lennox Head also had the desired effect, according to president of the Residents Association, Brian Smith. Apart from the hotel and bowling club, which put on their usual live bands, there was no entertainment on offer after the traditional fireworks were cancelled.

'The evening was very good, successful and quiet,' said Mr Smith. 'According to the police, there were no

untoward incidents in the town, and certainly there was no mess to clean up the next day.'

Mr Smith felt that the combination of the alcohol prohibition and the fact that there was no fireworks display was responsible for the huge drop in numbers of people flocking to the town on New Years Eve.

'The majority of the locals are happy with the result. The only criticism I've heard is from the teenagers, who expect something to be organised for them. I disagree; if they want entertainment, then they need to organise it for themselves,' said Mr Smith.

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Lions keep the drivers revived

The Christmas/New Year period is the busiest time of year for Driver Reviver sites, and the Brunswick Heads site is no exception.

Despite the present location being slightly off the beaten track, site manager Trevor Watts (pictured with some of his customers) is pleased with the number of people stopping for a cuppa and a biscuit. All donations go to the Lions Club and, therefore, back into the community.

Trevor is hugely grateful to the great band of dedicated volunteers who have given up their time to work at the site; without them it couldn't function. The chooks are great company for the Lions members who work the night shift, keeping



the boys awake by crowing every hour from 3am onwards.

Next year the site will relo-

cate to the new highway interchange and will attract far greater numbers of drivers. Volunteers are always

needed; if you're interested you can contact Trevor on 6684 2622.

Photo Jeff Dawson

Becton decision to be made in Sydney

An \$80 million Byron Bay tourist resort proposed by the Becton Corporation will be approved or rejected by Frank Sartor, the State Planning Minister, after a decision to take the matter out of Byron Shire Council's hands.

Council has stuck by the view that any development application over the site at the end of Bayshore Drive should be determined in Byron Shire. In July last year, Becton lodged a revised application for its North Beach development with the NSW Department of Planning who attempted to broker a negotiated solution between Becton and Byron Shire Council.

'I am keen to see this debate brought to a head and the proposal exhibited for public comment by early

next year. It has been bogged down in dispute, negotiation and court action for three years and all the stakeholders involved deserve a decision, one way or the other,' said Mr Sartor.

Local residents and Council will be able to make a submission on the development application, however Mr Sartor's office was unable to say exactly when the DA will be exhibited for comment.

Becton has welcomed the announcement that Frank Sartor will decide its application for 117 tourist villas on the North Beach site. The resort will include 290 bedrooms, a maximum height limit of two storeys, a permanent festival space and protection of public beach access.

'The construction of the

holiday villas will be on land zoned tourism (2t) and already cleared or currently used for the Byron Bay Beach Resort. In addition 75% of the site will be revegetated and gifted to permanent environmental conservation,' said Becton CEO Hamish Macdonald.

'The DA also complies with the planning principles set out in the Byron Bay [sic] Council's DCP 18 issued for the site in April this year,' he added.

Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham is concerned that the current plans don't give a full picture of Becton's plans for the whole site and might be 'just the first bite of the cherry,' a view which is shared by local environment group, BEACON.

'This development application is only for part of the

site and leaves the way open for a doubling of the development in the near future,' says BEACON spokesperson Dailan Pugh. Mr Pugh says the current proposal omits four lots which were initially proposed for development by Becton in 2003.

'A total of two hectares of land zoned for tourism development occur on these lots. Becton have also been seeking rezoning from coastal protection to enable development of a further 3.5 hectares of these lots,' added Mr Pugh.

BEACON has criticised Minister Sartor's decision to act as the planning authority arguing Becton's application should have been submitted to Council.

Mr Pugh said the legal basis for Mr Sartor's decision was unclear.



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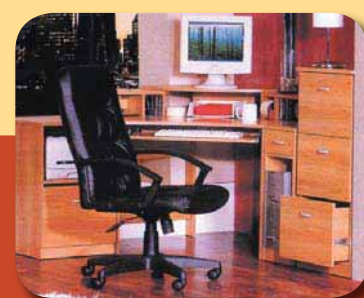
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Olympic kayaker the ambassador for Byron Shire's Australia Day

Byron Shire's Australia Day Ambassador for 2006 is Shelley Oates-Wilding, an Olympian in the sport of kayaking. Shelley was a member of the Australian Olympic Team at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. She has been an elite and diverse athlete for over 20 years, and was a member of the Australian Netball Team in 1988.

Byron Shire will be commencing its Australia Day celebrations in Byron Bay at the Surf Club at about 8am and then will move on to Brunswick Heads for Breakfast in the Park at Banner Park.

The official Mullumbimby ceremony starts at 11.30am at the Brunswick Valley Historical Museum where some 30 men, women and children will pledge their oath to Australia and become Australian citizens. These new citizens have come from all over the world, including



Israel, the USA, England, Sri Lanka, India, France, Finland, Slovakia and Austria.

In the afternoon, Australia Day events, where sausage sandwiches and damper can be enjoyed, and fun and games for the kids with lots of free giveaways, will be held at Gaggin Park at Suffolk Park, Mollar Pavillion at Bangalow Showgrounds and New Brighton Oval at Ocean Shores.

A Celebration of the Survival of Indigenous Culture will also be held at Main Beach Park, Byron Bay, commencing at 11am.

Shelley Oates-Wilding will try to attend all Byron Shire Australia Day celebrations and looks forward to meeting the Byron Shire Community.

Nominations for Australia Day Awards close Wednesday January 11. Categories for these awards include Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Senior and Junior Sports Person, Community Event of the Year and a new category to acknowledge Community Service, by a group or individual, to an international aid project.

If you have any enquiries regarding the Australia Day events or require an awards nomination form, contact Michelle Chapman at Byron Shire Council on 6626 7000.

Take care in bushfire season

With temperatures soaring into the high thirties, bushfire season is well and truly here, and the Rural Bushfire Service is urging people to take sensible precautions. Dave Cook, Far North Coast manager of the service told *The Echo* that while the current fire danger is high, it is likely to increase over the next few days as temperatures rise.

'Recent storm activity has helped keep bushfire activity down over the Christmas period,' said Mr Cook. 'However, with the likely rise in temperatures over the next few days, that could easily change. We've restricted fire permits and have refused them altogether until January 3 unless it is an agricultural emergency. We are keen to discourage people from burning off their rubbish until this hot weather has passed.'

For people who live in a bushfire zone, Mr Cook advised that they should ensure that all gutters are free of leaves and debris;

rubbish is cleared away from around the house; and grass around the house is kept short to reduce the risk of property damage. Mr Cook also advised people to be aware of the likelihood of total fire bans and to act accordingly.

Greens MLC Ian Cohen has urged extra vigilance against arsonists as the bushfire threat increases.

'Extreme weather provides the conditions for bushfires to thrive, but it is arsonists that are our real enemy,' Mr Cohen said. 'Bushfires are a potential tragedy for many families as well as posing a devastating threat to our wild bushland and the environment. Too often they are deliberately lit.'

'We need the community to be able to watch for arsonists in key areas and report any likely trouble to the police immediately,' he said.

So how hot has this December really been in comparison with years past? Well, according to the Bureau of Meteorology, statistics

show that this December has been slightly hotter than usual. The Cape Byron weather station has recorded an average temperature of 27.5C as compared with the climatological average of 26.4C, with three days above 30C (not including December 30 and 31) compared with the climatological average of 2.3.

Rainfall is down in the region for December 2005, with 100.8mm for the month compared with the average of 136.1mm.

As a point of comparison for Mullumbimby residents who are struggling with the heat, Murwillumbah has recorded an average daily temperature of 32.2C for December as against the climatological average of 29.3C; more alarmingly, the number of days above 30C has been 21 so far (not including December 30 and 31) as against the climatological average of 11.7 for the month. So no, it's not your imagination, it's been bloody hot.

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Called 'Floor Studio', the setting is intended to replace the obstetric bed for the great majority of births. According to Ms Boenigk, the setting is a creative, comfortable and safe environment that empowers labouring women and offers them childbirth with dignity. Its simplicity strikes a deep chord in couples preparing for childbirth, and they are highly motivated by the prospect of active participation in the birthing process.

For over four decades,

international midwifery experts have been advocating an holistic approach to childbirth based on three key principles: interactive engagement of a single midwife with a woman throughout pregnancy and birth; the invoking of relaxation as a powerful ally in labour; and upright positioning during childbirth whenever possible.

While many midwives would like to offer such an approach to the women in their care, the reality is that at the time of birth, the obstetric bed is all too often the only option available, so that implementing the three key principles can only be done in piecemeal fashion, if at all.

According to the national coordinator of the Australian Society of Independent



Midwives Jan Robinson, the Floor Studio 'should be the central focus of all natural birthing rooms rather than a bed'. She says that it is highly likely that pregnant women will begin to demand the choice of an upright birth once they understand the benefits to themselves

and their baby.

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Boxing Day biffa disturbs the Brunswick Heads peace

'Tis the season to be jolly. Jolly drunk that is, or so it seems to Ocean Shores resident Michele Grant. Michelle was dropping a friend home at Brunswick Heads on Boxing Day at around midnight as was shocked to find herself in the middle of a rolling brawl.

'I couldn't believe my eyes,' said Ms Grant. 'There were maybe 50 to 80 people involved in this huge brawl with about six security guards from the pub trying to break them up. They all appeared to be in their late twenties and all seemed to be completely drunk. They were peeing up against shop windows and vomiting in the parks; it was

revolting.' Ms Grant later discovered that the large rocks that had been placed along the road at Riverside Park to prevent people from parking their cars there had been ripped up so people could drive in and party by the river.

'This kind of thing has been going on for years,' said Ms Grant. 'The difference now is that there are more and more people involved and it goes on for longer; the other night there were still fights breaking out at 2am.'

'What I don't understand is why everyone is so drunk. The pub's been very helpful and their security guards do their best, but these guys [involved

in the fights] are getting their hands on way more alcohol than they should.'

Acting Inspector Greg Swindells from Byron Bay Police was aware of the incidents, but claimed that they were no worse than expected at this time of year.

'The incident was not anything significant. The police were in attendance and no persons were arrested as a result,' he said.

'Unfortunately, at this time of year there is a large volume of people in the town, many in the party mood who drink too much, which sometimes leads to brawls. Police regularly patrol the licensed premises

and ensure that alcohol is being served responsibly.

'We also identify people who are drunk and ask that they leave the premises.'

He added that extra police patrolled the town on New Years Eve, and that the rocks had been replaced to their original position.

Moon view

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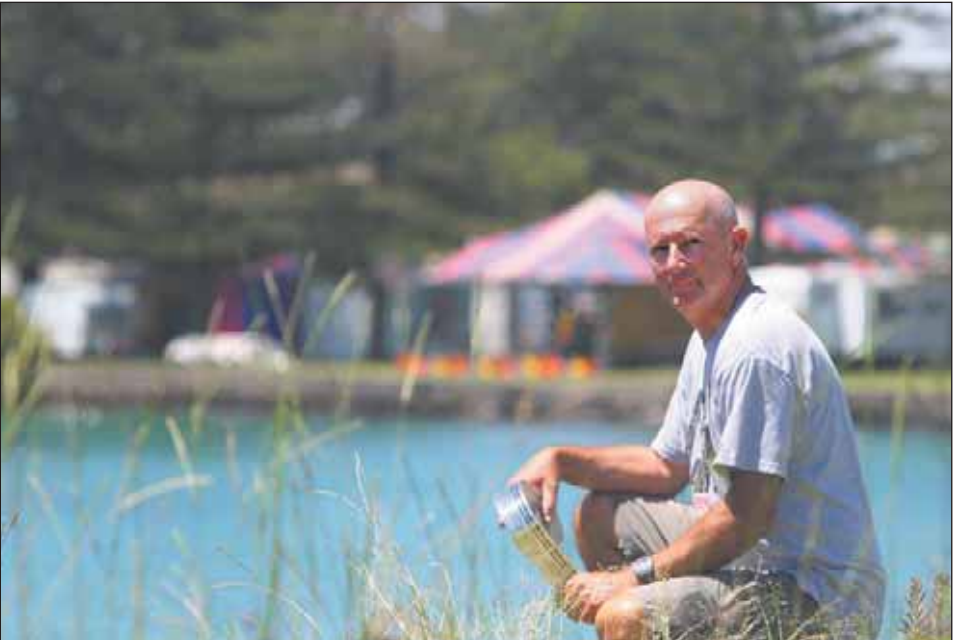


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In-tents time as chips fly at Brunswick Heads



Glen McGregor is part of the family which runs the annual carnival in Brunswick Heads in association with the Festival of Fish and Chips. The fishing comp kicks off this coming Saturday – register at the timber housie shed in Banner Park at 2pm. The Woodchop carnival, which draws the cream of Australia’s axepersons, begins on January 11 and runs until January 14. Photo Jeff Dawson

Call for federal government to invest budget surplus in Northern Rivers

The Northern Rivers Social Development Council (NRSDC) supports the call from the New South Wales Council of Social Services for tax reform to encourage investment in affordable housing and targeted spending on job creation in disadvantaged areas and expanded community care for older people and people with disabilities, to be priorities in using the massive commonwealth budget surplus, recently announced.

‘The one million disadvantaged people in NSW and the majority of the state’s ageing population would benefit much more from investment in critical services than greed from poorly targeted personal and company tax cuts,’ said

NCOSS director Gary Moore.

‘The lack of affordable housing in Northern NSW has been an ongoing issue that NRSDC has been working on, and is highlighted in our recently released Social Priorities report as an area that needs an urgent, coordinated response,’ said Tim Childs, CEO of NRSDC.

‘High unemployment rates still persist in Northern NSW, against the national trend,’ said Jenny Dowell, president of NRSDC.

‘Broader good economic conditions cannot of themselves address this deep-seated problem. The commonwealth government must directly invest in job creation, enterprise development and vocational training packages

here in Northern NSW.’

As the fastest growing area outside Sydney with an aged population of 20% expected by 2011, Northern NSW faces huge challenges and indeed the Treasurer himself has pointed to the looming issues of an ageing Australia.

‘With a massive budget surplus, he (the Treasurer) should be carefully investing in building up community care infrastructure and health promotion and prevention services so that a greater portion of the increasing numbers of older people can stay healthier for longer and use effective, lower cost at home care options for longer period of time in the future,’ said Gary Moore.

Heritage grants

Member for Richmond Justine Elliot has announced that locals can now apply for funding for projects designed to restore and conserve Australian historic heritage places.

‘Under the National Heritage Investment Initiative, grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 are available for individuals and organisations including private land owners, not-for-profit bodies, crown lease holders, schools and local governments,’ said Ms Elliot.

‘Eligible projects include preparation of conservation management plans, works to protect or stabilise the fabric of places or to reverse the causes of deterioration and works to repair, reinstate or restore the fabric of historic places.

‘To be eligible, places must be entered on the Australian Government’s National Heritage List or the state government statutory heritage register.

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In accordance with Council’s resolution, a resident parking coupon will be issued to each vehicle that is registered in New South Wales to a residential address in the Byron Shire. Residents wishing to apply for a parking coupon will be required to supply a copy of their current New South Wales vehicle registration certificate, displaying a residential address to Council for processing.

Residents who operate a business vehicle are required to submit all of the following:-

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- copy of your current New South Wales driver’s licence displaying your current Byron Shire residential address and a copy of a current utility bill displaying your current Byron Shire residential address.

Resident parking coupons will only be posted out to the address as represented on the certificate of registration, or in the case of business registered vehicles, posted to the address as represented on the driver’s licence. Please ensure address details are correct on the certificate of registration prior to applying. If you need to change your address please contact the Road and Traffic Authority prior to applying.

There are minimum requirements residents need to provide in order to receive a resident parking coupon. Please note that it is the responsibility of applicants to ensure they provide the correct paperwork for processing.

For further information please contact Council on 6626 7073 or visit the Council website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au <<http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au>> and click on the paid parking link.

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Local News

Sight for sore eyes

In 2005, nearly 100 pairs of unused spectacles (frames and lenses) were sent by Byron residents to Lima, Peru where they were checked and distributed to poor people with sight problems. Joan Doyle, a mercy nun, is a facilitator for a number of projects that support women and families amongst the poorest groups

in Peru. She will be in Byron Bay on Sunday January 8. Joan will talk about her project work with women and children in the shanty towns on the outskirts of Lima and show a short DVD.

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Jarjum Playground a step closer



Hans Lovejoy

Plans for the Jarjum Playground at Clarkes Beach, Byron Bay, have been finalised and it is one step closer to being built, according to Jarjum Association secretary Laurel Judell.

Byron Shire Council agreed at the November 22, 2005 meeting to seek approval from the Department of Lands to allocate \$200,000 from Crown Reserves towards the construction of the Jarjum Playground. Department of Lands' Susan Tracey told *The Echo* that an audit review was currently being completed before the money will be considered for allocation. The audit should be completed by early this year.

The Jarjum Association

was established in 2001 by local residents wanting a children's playground. The Council-approved site is adjacent to the Clarkes Beach car-park on Lawson Street, and in the last five years the Association has raised \$165,000, much of which has come from private donations.

Councillor Peter Westheimer told *The Echo*, 'This is an exciting project, and a good move towards making Byron more a family location for both locals and tourists.'

The playground has been highly commended by Council and Council staff, owing to the design, concept and artistic aesthetics. The playground equipment encourages interaction, is safe and manufactured to a high standard to deter vandalism. More information on the equipment can be found at the company's website www.kompan.com.

'Unlike traditional playground equipment, it chal-

lenges the user and the difficulty changes with the ability of the child,' Ms Judell told *The Echo*. 'It is self-regulating and most of all it's fun.'

The park will also feature six standalone art and sculpture projects, and includes representation by local indigenous artist Sean Kay of the Arakwal people. Artist Jørn Kramer has collaborated with indigenous artist Digby Moran to create a bronze family of sea turtles, and there will also be a rainbow serpent, created by Jennifer Black, creator of the Jonson Street roundabout feature. 'The snake is made of stone pebbles and is perfect for young kids to play on,' Ms Judell said.

She also said, 'There was a stringent process employing artists that are experienced in public art. Cultural significance, educational, historical value and the durability of the pieces were all determining factors in choosing the

artists and artwork.

'We have had advice from the Tweed Gallery about public art, and as there is none currently in Byron Shire, this will be the first instance of public art incorporated into a community space in this area.'

The landscaping will incorporate native flora specific to this region, and a perimeter fence will enclose the park with two entry points for disabled access, both with spring-loaded gates, keeping the younger children safe from Lawson Street traffic.

Ms Judell said, 'Apart from Council and Lands department funding, \$150,000 is needed to complete the job, and we are confident of achieving that through private donations and various state and federal government grants. Support through private donation has been fantastic so far and we will be embarking on a major fundraising drive in the new year.'



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Local News

New book focuses on north coast

Photographer Ian Carlson has released his first book, *Tranquil Waters Australia*.

The book features 60 photographs of locations throughout Australia, including the coastline and rivers of the Byron and Tweed regions, including Natural Arch, pictured right. The images are accompanied by 30 pieces of Chinese calligraphy from renowned artist Franz Cheung.

Carlson is a self-taught photographer who developed a passion for landscape subjects and honed his talents as a university student in Sydney. His images have featured in the prestigious Hasselblad Competition.

'I selected each image for the book for its raw emotional power,' Carlson explains. 'Each image captures the evocative element of water, from which the calligraphy is composed with the subtle, natural strokes of Franz Cheung's brush.'

Franz Cheung's hand-crafted calligraphy verses are executed in Cursive or Xing Shu. Hailing from Hong Kong, Cheung was awarded the Caran d'Ache Artist Of The Year in 1994 and now teaches calligraphy and Chinese painting at Macquarie University in Sydney. He is



also the Vice-president of the Australian Oriental Calligraphy Society.

The calligraphy pieces draw on poetry dating from various chapters in Chinese history, some dating back to the Warrior Period, as well as a selection of

Cheung's original verse.

'Each piece of calligraphy is unique to its accompanying image,' says Carlson.

Tranquil Waters Australia is available in bookstores nationally and from www.australiangallery.com for \$39.95.

Increased budget for local health research

An additional \$0.5 million budget for the Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health (NRUDRH) will bring major benefits to local health services.

The increased budget from the Australian government Department of Health and Ageing will benefit the community in the following ways:

- increase the number of medical, allied health and nursing students undertaking clinical experience in the region,

- improve education opportunities for the current health workforce with a new 70 seat

lecture theatre, tutorial rooms and video conferencing facilities to be built in Lismore, complementing the existing facilities in Murwillumbah and Grafton,

- increase the number of staff working in Aboriginal health research and education, and

- increase the number of academic and clinical appointments to the region bringing greater education and research opportunities for local health professionals and improving the profile of rural health as an attractive career option.

'The budget increase will

have major flow-on affects to the quality and capacity of health care services in the area,' said Associate Professor Jeffrey Fuller, acting head of the NRUDRH. 'Our students, local health workers and the community will all benefit. It's a real win all round.'

The NRUDRH is a partnership between the University of Sydney and Southern Cross University, funded by the Australian government Department of Health and Ageing and supported by the North Coast Area Health Service. The department opened in 2001.

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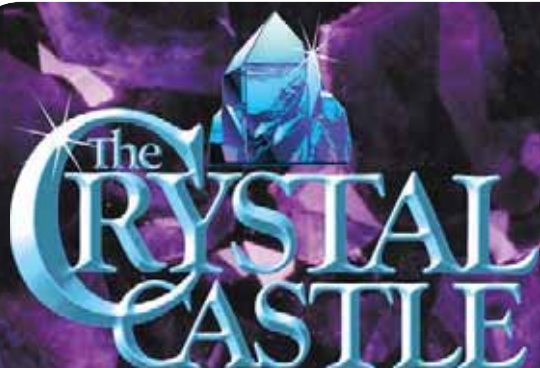
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For whom the road tolls

With the egg still fresh on its face from the fiasco of the Cross City Tunnel, you would think the state government would have vetoed any mention of the words public private partnership (PPP) or toll road for at least another six months.

Yet two days before Christmas, a suspiciously convenient time for making major announcements, the state and federal governments announced a solution to the endless delays in upgrading the Pacific Highway – a completely new road called the North Coast Motorway, which may require a toll and will probably be managed by the private sector.

Perhaps NSW roads minister Joe Tripodi thought the experience of sweating in holiday traffic for hours would convince motorists that a toll road delivered through a PPP is a palatable solution. It is a worrying development. In Australia we have come to expect free highways as a right, particularly in country areas where long distances are travelled just to visit a medical specialist, for example.

Roads are provided by government as a public service, to make the wheels of society go around and hopefully make road travel safer. The private sector operates roads to make money, it is not its job to look out for our interests.

The Cross City Tunnel illustrates a practice found overseas where private road operators pressure governments to restrict access to alternative free routes and even reduce funding for standard maintenance. Those who can't afford, or choose philosophically not to use, a tollway could be left with an unmaintained goat track as their much publicised free alternative.

Becton home and hosed?

It seems extremely unlikely that the state government will not approve Becton's revised application for its Byron Bay resort, North Beach. NSW planning minister Frank Sartor announced he would make the decision on the controversial development, despite Byron Shire Council's protestations it was their baby.

After initially seeking approval for a 370 room resort a few years ago, Becton has reduced its plans down to 290 rooms, 40 bedrooms above the limit set by Council in its development control plan for the environmentally sensitive site. Sartor could easily play Mr Reasonable by arguing Becton's latest plans are close enough to Council's desired outcome, so let's all agree and get on with it.

Mayor Jan Barham's concerns that this latest proposal is merely the first bite at the cherry and, if approved, will be followed by subsequent stages seem to be borne out by the fact that land zoned for tourism development has not been included in the DA.

Becton Corporation has been a major donor to the state Labor party and it could be seen to be payback time. Becton executives always said they were in for the long haul and now it seems the wait might have been worth it.

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Might as well give 2006 a miss

Since about the start of the century I have greeted each new year in a spirit of determined optimism: it couldn't possibly, I declare with total confidence, be any worse than the one that's just finished.

The problem is that I have invariably been wrong; the remorseless descent into howardian selfishness, myopia and paranoia has continued unabated. So this year I am being gloomily realistic: politically at least, there is nothing much to look forward to in 2006. There probably won't be much in 2007 either, but one dose of despondency at a time is probably enough.

The worst of it, of course, is that the age of Howard, already approaching geological proportions, looks set to continue indefinitely. The remaining handful of Costello-boosters insist that their man is still expecting the call sometime in the next twelve months, but they are clearly suffering from senile dementia; not only has the Treasurer-for-life's repeated spinelessness eroded his support to the point of risibility, but Howard has made it clear that he will not move until the party insists, and the vast majority recognise that however bizarre and disgusting they might find their Prime Minister on a personal level, he remains by far their best chance of retaining the marginal seats in 2007.

What is more, after 30 years of trying, he has finally seen his personal obsessions improbably passed into Australian law. He would hardly be human if he did not want to stick around and have some fun now that he can put them into practice. After all, there is little point in spending most of your working life constructing the perfect rack if you are going to retire

before even strapping on your first victim.

In the meantime the rest of the wild-eyed ideologues on the government benches, encouraged by Howard's own lack of restraint, can be expected to push their own fixations with increased zeal. Expect an even more pronounced lurch to the right dominated by privateers, social Darwinists, Christian fundamentalists and other punishers and straighteners.

But meanwhile, what of our very, very, loyal opposition? Well, it will continue to disappoint its supporters and

few seats to prepare the ground for 2010...

As a result, more and more true believers will shuffle across to the Greens and other political necromancers, or will drop out altogether, giving the factional bosses and the apparatchiks of the ALP even greater control. Real pessimists (unlike myself) will bemoan the end of politics as we have known it.

Actually it's not quite as bad as that. The horrors of the IR legislation could still bite, the economy could collapse, Howard's hubris could go too far. The good news is that the

As Howard has finally seen his personal obsessions improbably passed into Australian law, he would hardly be human if he did not want to stick around...

by Mungo MacCallum



confuse the general public by bouts of vigorous opposition against the industrial relations legislation interspersed with long periods of acquiescence to any measures, however fanatical, which can be subsumed under the heading of national security.

There will be times, like the present, when the polls put Labor in a winning position, but ominously the same polls will continue to show that very few people really want Kim Beazley as prime minister; and when Howard effortlessly unleashes his next scare campaign they will scurry back to the Dear Leader. And the Labor machine, with no other serious leadership contender to promote, will rationalise its defeatism by declaring that at least Beazley will minimise the size of the inevitable loss and could even pick up a

wheel will eventually turn – it always does. The bad news is that it will almost certainly not happen in 2006. Anyone for hibernation?

Kerry Francis Bullmore Packer was a subliterate thug and a bully.

He could be generous to those prepared to do his bidding but was utterly ruthless in his treatment of those who refused him. His philanthropy was considerable, but not on the same scale as the tax he avoided by employing an army of lawyers and accountants to exploit every loophole in the system. His wealth was exceeded only by his arrogance. He was, as our beloved prime minister eulogised, larger than life; he was also a great deal uglier.

But his expertise in the media – his real devotion to

television in particular – cannot be denied. Packer was the third generation of his family to be involved in the media and disproved the theory that this is the generation that wastes what the previous two have built up. For all its faults the Nine network is a considerable achievement, and the unhappy interregnum when it was run by Alan Bond (the only magnate to exceed Packer in sheer vulgarity) showed how much it depended on Packer's personal touch.

The media moguls are often seen as a destructive influence in society, but moguls like Packer bring a drive and a bravura to an industry which is in grave danger of being taken over by the grey bean counters and shiny bums who see it all as just another business to be downsized and asset-stripped.

We may not have liked Kerry much – let's face it, he wasn't that likeable – but I suspect it will not be long before we miss our last tycoon.

And finally, something to laugh about. Every member of the English cricket team which finally won a couple of games against Australia last year has been awarded an MBE. The captain, Michael Vaughan, appropriately got an OBE – Other Buggers' Efforts. On this scale of awards, for their record over their last decade the Australian cricketers deserve to be elevated to at least the rank of Squatter Commander of the Order of the Glorious St Winston, first class and bar, with pike and tuck, degree of difficulty 7.2.

Actually I probably shouldn't have mentioned that. Howard still has three weeks till the Australia Day honours list. It was a joke, John.



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Elections serve to give the appearance of democracy.

Hayo van der Woude
Byron Bay

Q and A

Q. How do you distinguish racism from ignorance, insularity, xenophobia, religious intolerance, victimism, tribalism, territorialism and fear of competition?

A. Ask a politician or a journalist.

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

Strange bedfellows

Anyone who has taken an interest in the Iraq slaughter will be familiar with the Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root – one of the principal commercial beneficiaries of that slaughter.

This is the company that Dick Cheney ran before joining the Bush Administration and from which he still reportedly receives up to \$1m per year in 'deferred compensation', the company that has paid millions to US government agencies to settle fraud charges, the company which, according to Senator Waxman, was found by all three auditing agencies of the US government to have overcharged US taxpayers for its services by untold millions – including the famous \$108 per bag laundry bill and the \$3 a gallon for petrol that was available in the street for around a dollar a gallon.

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Let slip the dogs of debate

■ I was both appreciative and disheartened to read Angela Dunlop's letter to the editor a fortnight ago regarding the invasion of our shire beaches by dogs, especially in light of the events regarding racism in Sydney last month.

While I do agree that the majority of responsible dog owner's behaviour is overridden by the disregard of a few tourists and locals, I do not subscribe to the use of shaming people as an effective enforcement tool. In my experience educating people and raising awareness is a more productive strategy if combined with the enforcement of penalties by the appropriate council officers. I would also suggest that Council puts in clearer and simple signage at all entrances to the beaches.

Surely the practice of inclusiveness where the rights of our natural flora and fauna, domestic companions and families are at stake is the only way forward in times where exclusion, anger and isolation prevail.

BARCO is a group of volunteers responsible dog owners who frequent the South Golden, New Brighton and Brunswick beaches and who

are committed to educating and raising awareness of the correct use of our leashed beach strips. Our activities involve educating locals and tourists on the respectful use of our beach strips through contact with others on the beach every day as well as regular awareness days. We promote the 'poo in lieu program' where you pick up any human rubbish or other dog poo on the beach. We are also involved in an ongoing basis the collection of statistics regarding responsible behaviours of dog owners as well as monitoring the numbers of wildlife that appear on the beach and reporting these to the National Parks Service.

I concur with Angela that it is an ongoing problem to police and enforce the no dog areas between South Golden and New Brighton strip as there are many holiday rental properties within this strip where holiday makers ignore the rules. I would suggest that the council is encouraged to up their presence in this area during holiday season and would welcome any request from the committee if they would like volunteers from BARCO to extend their awareness days

to these no dog areas.

I would hope that any discussion regarding this matter is balanced and that realistic and inclusive outcomes are continued to be worked on.

Bodhi McGee

Member, New Brighton and South Golden Barco Group
Ocean Shores

■ I would like to draw readers' attention to the fact that, at the Byron Shire Ordinary Council meeting on October 11, 2005, a report was presented on the Modification to the New Brighton Dog Exercise Area. Cr Jan Mangleson, a member of the Committee, apparently revised the Committee's original motions to include two extra motions without notice or prior consultation with the Committee or the wider community. These motions were approved by Council.

One of the Committee's original motions was that the 'New Brighton Dog Exercise Area be reduced by 500 metres from the North Wall of the Brunswick River to assist in wildlife conservation.' I applaud this motion which will serve to give something back to the fauna

of this much disturbed and fragile part of the coastline.

One of the extra motions introduced by Cr Mangleson was that 'this area be replaced by that section of the intertidal zone from the northern extremity of New Brighton to the southern end of South Golden Beach by 800 metres'. I am appalled by this motion, which seeks to cut a huge chunk out of the already-short stretch of beach which is currently designated as a beach for families and walkers at South Golden-New Brighton Beach.

It is the very same stretch where irresponsible dog-owners presently blithely exercise their dogs, in contempt of Council rules and regulations. They get away with it because the Council has thus far failed dismally in enforcing its own rules and regulations. It seems to me that by agreeing to change the designation of this section of the beach to a dog-exercise area Council is conceding defeat to irresponsible behaviour and catering to the needs of dog-owners at the expense of the rights of residents and visitors who do not want their enjoyment of the beach undermined by the presence of dogs.

Permitting Cr Mangleson's extra motion to become law will increase manifold the current problem of dogs between New Brighton and South Golden Beach, as reported by Angela Dunlop (Letters, December 13, 2005) and Karl Vockler (Letters, December 20, 2005). As for the comment by G Phillips (Letters, December 20, 2005) that 'the beach belongs to all of us', I say 'Amen', with the 'us' including dog-owners who are assigned a portion of the beach to exercise their pets; others like myself who prefer not to have dogs around when we walk or swim; and last but not least, the fauna whose habitat has been disturbed enough by dogs and humans.

If you feel as strongly as I do against permitting this further inroad into the current dog-free zone between New Brighton and South Golden Beach, please voice your opinion without delay to David Murray, the Team Leader Compliance, phone 66267133; fax: 66843018; email david.murray@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Stanley Yeo
South Golden Beach

may be surprised to learn that Byron Shire Council has chosen KBR to manage the upgrade of the Bangalow sewerage works. Or maybe they won't be surprised.

How thorough was its examination of the credentials and recent record of KBR? Should not the numerous inquiries and court cases that are under way give cause for concern? Is there really no Australian company that could manage the upgrade?

And have moral issues no weight at all? Can our elected Councillors really believe that we would wish to see our rates used to further enrich war criminal Dick Cheney by even one cent?

John Weiley
Byron Bay

■ 'Twas the eve of Christ's Mass and I was seated on the corner of my bed scanning art into my computer, naked – as is my wont – and listen-

ing to The United States of America (self-titled, 1968 – think Jefferson Airplane after they've taken the Brown Acid). It was then I had the honour of watching in stunned bewilderment as a drunken lump of dying brain-synapses fell up my stairs into the entrance of my bedsit, apologised profusely, and then allowed gravity to guide and deposit him on to the edge of my bed, right next to my naked butt. When

enquiries were tentatively ventured as to his identity and motivation, he introduced himself with a sweaty handshake and, that necessary social nicety out of the way, proceeded to wait in anticipation of my procurement of further alcohol and entertainment which should surely be forthcoming.

Every time I tendered the proposition – 'But I don't know who you are' – he would re-offer his name and

hand, and then pronounce what was obviously some kind of profound drunken epiphany he was determined to retain in order to awe others with its complex insight into the human condition: 'But what have you done for me lately? Seriously, what have you done for me?'

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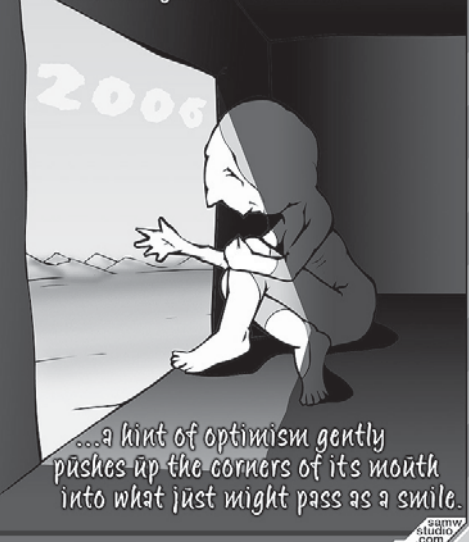
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me which usually only close acquaintances were privy to, and having received no coherent answer as to whether he needed any actual help with anything, I proceeded to broach the subject of his immediate departure from my abode, as soon as the complex negotiation of the stairs could be choreographed. He seemed quite genuinely hurt and bewildered by this request: 'Oh man, why you gotta be like that, huh?' My reply of 'Because I don't know who you are and you're freaking me out' seemed to strike him as a poor excuse for my rude behaviour.

Eventually I managed to walk him down my stairs and pointed out a nice park at the end of the street in which I suggested he pass out and enjoy the rest of his evening.

Thank God for alcohol. I'm so glad governments allow us proles to retard ourselves back to our reptilian brain-stems with drink, but have outlawed any substance or experience which might actually invite some real growth or insight.

Authority knows best, I guess.

David Brauchli
Brunswick Heads

Generous gesture

The Brunswick Heads Cruising Yacht Club has donated four pontoons to Council for installation at the Brunswick Heads boat ramp.

It is envisaged that these pontoons will be placed on both sides of the existing boat ramp and will provide two platforms approximately

nine metres by 1.8 metres.

This is a wonderful and very generous gesture by the yachties which will enable the safer boarding and alighting of personnel and patients from the Brunswick Valley & District Volunteer Rescue Association Marine Rescue Boat.

The current facilities for boarding vessels are practically non-existent and can be quite dangerous due to a slippery boat ramp and oysters on the rocky riverbank.

Apart from helping the rescue boat these pontoons will provide a much safer facility for all boaties especially those who may have a disability, small children and the elderly.

A big thank you to the members of the Brunswick Heads Cruising Yacht Club. Council is now preparing a development application and it is hoped this asset will be installed within the next few months.

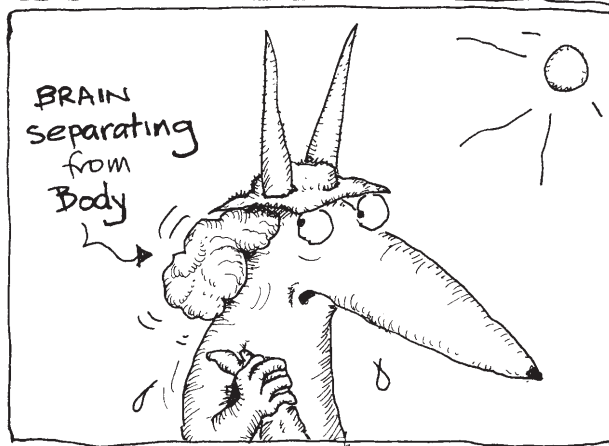
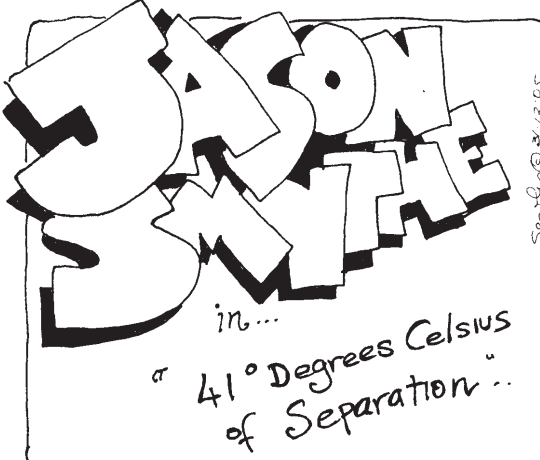
Malcolm Murray
Mullumbimby

Fools or sadists?

What a delightful article on Intelligent Design Mungo has written. He certainly makes it clear that current designs do not appear right or as good as they should be.

Reading it made me feel so sad for the penguin, toucan and many other oddities I have often gazed upon in awe. Was this designer a fool or sadist?

Then it occurred to me, Evolutionists do not believe in God. They say most emphatically that all creatures developed and chose to



be just what they are. Apparently they made this choice so they would survive in the conditions they had to exist in.

Does this make us all fools or sadists? Perhaps Mungo was just joking.

A T Downs
Byron Bay

Heavy agenda

It appears that Council has failed to assess or act in any way over the proposed service station in Shara Boulevard which is now going ahead.

It seems they had such a heavy agenda with more pressing issues that they could not deal with this sen-

sitive environmental matter.

Of course there was not much the Council could do to stop the service station once there was proof work had started in the five year period. Still, there seems to have been no local debate over this, and as a local resident it came as a bit of a shock.

I suppose the issue of the sportsfields would have used up a lot of Council's time. They are similar in a way, I mean both plots of land had been purchased and allocated for a certain use. They are both in Shara Boulevard and near the Billinudgel Nature Reserve. So why is it that the service station is

going ahead yet the Council has fought to deprive us of a sportsfield?

I voted for Jan Barham at the Council election, I would love her to show enough strength of character to do a U-turn over the sportsfields in Shara Boulevard. If she did this she would attract the popular vote at the next election and we would get a sportsfield. If she continues to pursue her crazy idea of a sportsfield out of the area I believe she will lose at the next election. In that case all she will be remembered for as mayor of Byron Shire is for providing a really good garbage disposal system.

David Holliday
Billinudgel

Apathy rules

Riots. No, I'm not talking about what happened in the suburbs of Sydney, this is about in the streets of Hong Kong. The capitalist corporations at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Summit recently got the Hong Kong police to do their dirty work again, against people protesting the summit.

These corporations don't have your best interest at heart, only their shareholders and CEOs bank balances, they are the real rulers of countries throughout the world.

Their targets for their profits is you the consumers, half the stuff you see for sale on the shelves and in big supermarkets eg Woolworths, is useless shit you are brainwashed into consuming for their benefit, not yours.

What a different world it would be if everyone boycotted big corporations' consumer items, but I for one won't be holding my breath waiting for that to happen.

Apathy rules, that's why Howard and his cronies won't protect the whales in

the Southern Ocean Sanctuary from the Japanese whaling fleet, so their trade agreement keeps ticking over.

Boycott Japan now.

Paul Brecht
Mullumbimby

Disappointed

I would like to convey my disappointment with your end of year edition.

Your cover art reminds me of a print I once had of the many faces of Spike Milligan but now we have Johnny, Marilyn, and is that Osama? Ah well, politics, sex, and terror, I suppose.

Please, where have all the letter pages gone? There was a time when you had vibrant pages of inspirational input by a wide range of community members, now it all seems to be about dog poo on the beach, along with the pros and cons of paid parking. How so bland and ordinary we all have become. We are living in a fucked time, the planet needs us to be brave, to feed the light. But we are just pussies, having given all our power away. Yes, we must be relaxed and comfortable in Howard's Australia.

Also the remainder of your letters just want to bag Johnny or George Bush.

Oh, look what they are doing now, we are all in the blaming game. We should be taking a long hard look at ourselves, and look what's going on in our own minds and hearts. *The Echo* is so neat and tidy, never a mention of the horror stories that are happening in our community, it's all about workshops, it's all so wonderful, and spiritual.

Anyway, I'll keep this short as you need the space for ads, but I just have to say how pathetic your end of year editorial comment was. Here we are, our society is in

No winners at Boxing Day bout

The simple pleasures of Brunswick Heads vanish after dark during the summer holidays, when the town is taken over by drunken yobboes partying in the parks and spilling out of the pub.

On Boxing Day a rolling brawl erupted at Torakina, later clashing with the pub crowd, the fighting continued through the carnival, across Banner Park. At midnight Park Street looked more like Iraq.

A handful of security guards battled to keep around 50 brawling men apart. Yami's new deck provided an ideal boxing ring, bottles were hurled and the pink pavers laid just a week ago are now splattered in blood and urine.

A reluctant police car finally arrived with three wary officers, they stayed around for half an hour and then left. Pub security had quelled the fighting, mates dragged the aggro away and irate parents dispersed the enthusiastic crowd of young

onlookers. An ambulance arrived to stitch up the injured and cart off the unconscious. A local doctor said 27 people were treated for alcohol related injuries during the night.

According to the pumped up, totally impressed young teenagers, the Park Street eruption was the sixth big punch-up so far that night. The main protagonists appeared to be the Mullum footy heads vs the Gold Coast visitors. Several unwitting bystanders and the carnie crew were inevitably drawn into the fracas.

At 2am another ambulance was needed at the 24 hour Caltex (ex-Ampol) and a decent crowd, maybe 30 young people were hanging out for more action. The brawling continued over five hours, with brief intermittent visits from the police to restore temporary calm. It was after 3am before the streets were safe and peaceful again.

Boxing Day was not excep-

tional, the brawling just went on longer, and more people were involved.

Brunswick residents have been tolerating the appalling behaviour of drunken idiots for decades.

The town has tried banning alcohol in the parks and empowered the police to move people on.

The partying now happens at Torakina and South Beach riverbank where alcohol is still permitted.

On Boxing Day visitors hauled away the rocks bordering the riverside park so they could drive their cars to their traditional partying spots and trash the riverbank. Council workers spent this week replacing the rocks with bigger, heavier rocks!

The pub is erecting a big fence to keep the party animals inside the cage over New Year. Perhaps it would be a good idea to keep them caged until they sober up and it's safe to let them out.

Instead these dangerous intoxicated yobos spill out

into the town and create havoc each night.

We're forced to rely on private security guards, an undermanned police force, an underfunded health system and local council to clean up the mess.

The business community may welcome the influx of visitors and the dollars they bring.

Residents simply wish a better class of people would frequent the pub! Those responsible for serving alcohol should not allow aggressive gangs of drunken men to roam free and unrestrained around our homes each night. Our four-legged visitors are far better behaved and they're required to be leashed.

For residents it's simply not a pleasure living in Brunswick Heads over Summer, unfortunately alcohol is destroying the lives of many in our community, and very few profit.

Michele Grant
Ocean Shores

We are inclined to partition 'them' and 'us', fear the actions of strangers and solve conflict by aggression. Although these hardwired learning rules are now largely obsolete, at one time, and under certain conditions, (in the jungle) they did have a biological advantage. In our relatively new state of civilisation, we must master and reduce the profound human

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tendency to learn violence. (Please take note, all violent pop-culture apologists.)

Ad van Beers
Mullumbimby

Little wonder

Little wonder that no real progress is being made in rebuilding Achenese homes destroyed in the Boxing Day Tsunami, 2005. Our very own Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, is being downright dishonest in paying some Australian aid officials over \$50,000 per month plus luxury hotel digs, the Best of F&B and top of the range German 4WDs. Silly people like the tsunami victims and Aussie taxpayers thought our \$billion gift was for actual aid relief.

John X Berlin
Maclean

Christmas message

Suffolk Park residents received a special Christmas message from management of the Byron at Byron resort this year. Local residents attempting to pass through the resort over the Christmas period were prevented from doing so by security guards placed at the beachside entrance to the resort who explained that only guests of the resort could pass through.

This is despite assurances given to the local community about access (eg press release dated December 10, 2003 – still displayed on the resort's website). Locals out for a bit of exercise, walking the dog, and mums pushing prams taking a short cut to the beach, are obviously not welcome. It's a disappointing display of community spirit by the Byron at Byron management. Appropriate security is one thing, mean spiritedness is another!

Frederick Vivian Carter
Suffolk Park

Marine spillover

I have been following the debate about the spillover effect between the two Richards (Letters, December 6th and 13, 2005).

Richard McLachlan rightly points out that the effect is of little value to fishers if all the reef is off limits.

There are two other reasons for discounting the argument. Firstly, almost all

Of highways and whorehouses

■ 'Ignorance is bliss' is the saying, and thus Daniel Fleisch of Bellingen (Letters, December 20, 2005) must be really blissed out. Ewingsdale residents *do not* 'think it's all right for a super highway to cut through Ocean Shores and dominate Brunswick Heads', as Mr Fleisch states. The Ewingsdale community was very supportive of the residents of Ocean Shores and Brunswick Heads struggle over the Pacific Highway upgrade.

On behalf of the Ewingsdale Progress Association I spoke at several community meetings and provided advice and guidance to our good neighbours, particularly on highway noise. I was one of the prime instigators to get the RTA to hold the Northern Pacific Highway Noise Task force, which recommended that new highways should be built 5km away from communities.

Mr Fleisch's Bellingen bliss must also cloud his geography – Ewingsdale already has the upgraded highway passing next to it, and is struggling to ameliorate the worst effects, including truck compression brake noise and the St Helena 'death hill'.

As for the brothel, I think that most local residents do not mean to deny the pleasures of paid 'Fleisch' to those who require it – we just wish such consumers would drive about half an hour either north or south to well estab-

lished institutions. While brothels are legal enterprises in specified areas, the Arts & Industry Estate is not a simple industrial park. It is physically contiguous with the Sunrise residential area with many young families and the about to be redeveloped Beach Resort. It has many people living in the estate and includes two churches, a preschool and childcare centre, artists studios as well as many professional offices. A much needed supermarket and shopping complex is now being constructed on the boundary of the Estate and Sunrise. The Shire's major sports fields are being planned next to the Estate. The area is currently not lit at night and a long way for our stretched police force to reach.

Perchance, I have managed two IT companies (one in the US and one in Australia) which were located within walking distance of brothels. Some unfortunate consequences that we had to deal with were lack of safety for our employees, particularly female staff after dark and the obvious drug dealing and consumption of drugs in the surrounding parking lots and doorways. We strongly prefer for Byron Shire not to have such an obvious attraction for sex tourism and its attendant problems, but if Byron Shire Council is unable or unwilling to stop this, then it should be located in

an appropriate industrial area as far distant from residences as possible.

Bernard Grinberg
Ewingsdale

■ What with the highway and various other contentious issues the Nimbies were hotly contested this year. These people/groups deserve a special mention: the entire 18,000 people who wrote submissions complaining about the RTA's eastern/coastal route options, among other things. Impressive for their number it was that factor that also ultimately undid them; too much consensus there, just too reasonable and sensible in their demands.

Strong contenders were that power couple from Ewingsdale who I feel have carried Nimbyism forward in two ways; one by expressing moral outrage on the behalf of communities they don't even reside in (I'm talking about brothels now); and two, openly embracing 'Not in my backyard but yours' – an evolution of the form to be known as 'Nimbyism' – this time in regard to tunnels and route options.

The winners though were the highway residents who wanted the highway moved from their own backyard to someone/anyone else's. Divided among themselves, displaying some beautifully spurious logic as well as an wonderful grab-bag of nasty epithets and a mastery of the

new form, nimbyism, this group still contained a couple of standouts.

Arthur de Jong
Lennox Head

■ It is entirely understandable that residents of Tugun, Brunswick Heads, St Helena and Ballina etc are anxious to be rid of the toxic fumes, noise and general mayhem of a four or six lane motorway and all the visual and ecological destruction that goes with such a colossal juggernaut. But it will do no good for each local community to complain to the Minister of Roads – either in NSW or in Queensland. The problem is a national one that must be addressed by a federal transport strategy.

Rather than put all the eggs in one basket, we need a combination of rail links and at least several major road routes to offer the necessary alternatives. Rather than one super duper motorway mixing all types of vehicles and destinations, it makes much more economic, environmental and ecological sense to consider the following five links.

1. Re-open and upgrade the railway from Casino to Murwillumbah with light rail or regular buses connecting to Robina in south-east Queensland.

2. Upgrade the existing Pacific Highway at Tugun to provide vertically separated under/over passes east of

Coolangatta Airport to replace the inadequate inter-sections currently controlled by traffic lights (eg similar to the upgrade at Nerang).

3. Modestly upgrade the highway linking Ipswich, Toowoomba, Tenterfield, West Wyalong, Shepparton to Melbourne etc known as the Olympic Way.

4. Modest upgrading of the New England Highway (Tenterfield to Tamworth and the Hunter Valley).

5. Modestly upgrade the highway between Ipswich, Beaudesert, Kyogle, Casino, Grafton and Coffs Harbour etc (known as the Summerland Way) with linkages to the coast where necessary.

There is no one simple silver bullet solution, but getting large trucks to use more direct long distance routes west of the coastal range would benefit both coastal and inland communities. However funds must also be spent on improving our east coast rail system.

We need an east coast transport strategy involving all levels of government and all relevant government departments and not just a piecemeal Pacific Motorway controlled by RTA engineers and main roads ministers. Unfortunately the Commonwealth Transport Minister appears to be a captive of the large corporate stakeholders and their financial plans.

E P Hopkins
Tyalgum

recreational species are migratory and spend little time in sanctuary zones on their travels. Secondly, ten years of extensive Queensland government research has demonstrated that the spillover effect doesn't even work for sedentary species.

Both reasons are reflected in the findings of a world wide literature survey on the effectiveness of no take areas conducted by the CSIRO in 2001 that concluded 'the fisheries benefits are theoretical and have not been demonstrated in practice'.

NSW Fisheries Minister admitted this to anglers recently when he wrote 'NSW marine parks are declared under the principle

objective of biodiversity conservation. Marine parks in NSW are not declared as a fisheries management tool nor for the purpose of protecting or enhancing specific fisheries.'

This leads us to the conservation of marine biodiversity. Another large-scale, long term Queensland government study demonstrated that low impact line fishing had no effect on biodiversity or the integrity of the broader reef community. This work was conducted on fragile coral reef.

Richard's fears are real, we are using these arguments to our advantage all over the state. Not to discredit marine parks but to discredit user

unfriendly no take zones.

Interestingly, not once has the government or any green group picked up on the science and attempted to argue the point!

Rod Burston
Spokesman, NSW
Fishing Clubs Association
Kiama Downs

Nailed

John Howard has finally got his way and is nailing the worker to the floor. Leading to this point he told electors to be relaxed and comfortable. Trust me. Never ever (no GST). I believe in a fair go for everybody. Defined a 'job' as at least one hour's work per week.

Do we need to list more

horrors to realise what a con job has been perpetrated on the electors by the Coalition?

John Howard claims greater productivity under the latest legislation and more people in the workforce. How? By having the same small 'bucket of money' shared by more workers, thus reducing an individual's rate of pay but increasing productivity for the wealthy.

When full time workers are forced to trade off, for example, overtime, penalty rates, annual leave etc and are reduced to a flat rate and rostered to work any hours in a seven day working week suffering a loss of not only family life, leisure

time, a fair go and virtually put into a cycle akin to casualisation, remember it was the Howard Federal Coalition Government which put you there.

Remember it is the Howard Federal Coalition Government that has enabled casualisation of the workforce to the detriment of full time positions.

Correct this gross destruction of Australia's society by putting the Coalition out of power at the next federal election in 2007.

Don Hains
East Ballina

■ Letter acknowledged from Solihin Millin, Ocean Shores.

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-Nyck Jeanes, Editor

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\$50 toll to Newcastle, predicts NRMA

Lesley Patterson

If a tollway is built to replace the Pacific Highway, motorists could be paying \$50 to drive to Newcastle from the Queensland border, according to research undertaken by the NRMA. The state and federal governments signed an agreement before Christmas to investigate a separate major road, the North Coast Motorway, between Newcastle and the Queensland border. The charging of tolls is one option being looked at to fund the estimated \$8 billion construction cost.

'We may be able to get the job done a lot more quickly if the private sector is involved in the financing, which would then require a toll on new or upgraded sections,' said Federal Roads Minister, Jim Lloyd.

The NRMA says it would consider a toll option as long as an alternative free route is maintained and the toll represents value for money for road users. NRMA President Alan Evans told *The Echo* that the estimate of \$50 for a car and \$200 for a truck were ballpark figures, but gave a guideline for motorists of what to expect.

After the debacle of the Cross City Tunnel, which advantaged the private operator over the public interest, the Richmond Report laid down recommendations for public private partnerships such as toll roads.

'The government has adopted the fundamental principle that toll roads are no go if there is no alternative route. This means that what's there now will be free,' said Alan Evans, who believes the issue of a tollway is not a 'done deal' because of the significant costs involved in building a second road. He questions the economics of providing two parallel highway systems, a freeway and a tollway. In a lot of cases com-



It takes a lot of landscaping to make a highway. Photo Jeff 'Earthbound' Dawson

munities will be saddled with the impact of two highways rather than one.

'What we've also said is that we must have a facility which does not toll local traffic,' he added. However discussions between NRMA and the private sector, who would be contracted to build any new tollway, have raised worrying definitions of local trips. Alan Evans says that local journeys might be classed as remaining within a Shire therefore a fairly common trip in a country area, such as from Ocean Shores to Murwillumbah, could be subject to a toll.

If a tollway option is chosen the NRMA believes motorists would be more comfortable to see the North Coast Motorway constructed by the private sector, but then handed over to the government to operate, therefore offering more certainty about toll levels and future increases. The federal government has been reluctant to find the extra cash to fund the required upgrades to the Pacific Highway, but the NRMA says the policy of infrastructure construction without cost to government

must be abandoned. Alan Evans points to the low levels of public sector debt, a feeling which has been echoed by the Pacific Highway Taskforce president, Ernie Bennett, who described the federal treasury recently as 'awash with cash'.

Greens MLC Ian Cohen believes a new toll road would be for the benefit of the trucking industry not the travelling public or locals.

'It is time governments began looking at spreading the load by moving freight inland and onto trains rather than more plans to trample the north coast for the benefit of the trucking industry,' he said.

North coast community group, CARS, has also reacted angrily to the news of a possible tollway. 'It is a criminal waste to spent \$8 billion on a motorway which the community doesn't want and we don't need,' says Tony Gilding from CARS. 'A far better solution would be an upgrade of the existing highway.'

Member for Ballina Don Page believes there is community resistance to tollways. 'People feel that they have

already paid taxes. Many people don't understand the difference between a dual carriageway and a motorway. The coastal communities are looking for a dual carriageway. We are also looking for a separation of heavy interstate freight from local traffic.'

The Pacific Highway Taskforce, a coalition of north coast councils and the NRMA, has welcomed the signing of the new state-federal government agreement to fast track north coast road improvements but is disappointed no new money has been allocated to the road saying the government has been 'too quick to raise the spectre of tolls'.

'The federal treasury is awash with cash, that would have been a good place to start looking for the funds to speed up construction of this vital piece of infrastructure that affects millions of Australians annually,' said Taskforce chair Cr Ernie Bennett. 'Local councils are yet to be convinced about the merits of tollways and there will need to be a cast iron guarantee that local people will not be adversely affected by them.'

Northern Rivers needs a transport strategy

'If Northern Rivers' businesses and industries are to remain competitive and grow they need an integrated transport strategy that addresses all their needs as well as those of other regional stakeholders,' according to Margot Sweeny, Chair of The Northern Rivers Regional Development Board. 'This strategy needs to be inclusive and address the transport needs of the entire region.'

'The rapid growth of the Northern Rivers encompasses more than population, it also impacts significantly on the region's economic development,

environment as well as its lifestyle amenity.

'That's why we must broaden our focus and not just look at one road - as important as that may be. If the regional economy is to prosper, we must develop and implement an integrated transportation strategy - one that meets all the transportation needs of this growing region.'

While the Development Board recognises that transportation infrastructure is a key driver of regional economic growth, it also seeks to provide a holistic, integrated and long-term approach to its transporta-

tion strategy to address the key social and environmental issues that challenge the entire Northern Rivers region.

Ms Sweeny said, 'It is imperative that we develop an effective regional transport strategy to guide investment and consumption decisions for all transport stakeholders including the three tiers of government, transport operators, the business sector and just as importantly, the people who live in and visit the Northern Rivers.'

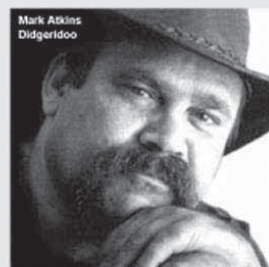
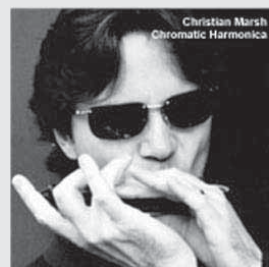
'We also welcome the input of our stakeholders and their ongoing support.'

The Northern Rivers Regional Development Board serves as the catalyst for new investment and industry development in the region. Over the past decade it has established numerous partnerships with key regional stakeholders and, in consultation with them, it is developing a long-term integrated transportation policy framework that prioritises improvements to transport infrastructure and enhances regional economic growth and employment opportunities. See more at www.investnorthernrivers.com.au.

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On 9 January 2006 (weather permitting) traffic will be diverted onto a temporary re-alignment of the Brunswick Heads Bypass, south of the Brunswick Heads North roundabout.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The early rounds of the 2005/6 Australian Championships in Brisbane have richly fulfilled the hopes of the organisers, who broke with tradition in inviting three foreign Grandmasters to compete in Australia's premier domestic tournament.

The foreign stars were invited in order to give local players a chance to achieve Grandmaster results in the event and Queensland's David Smerdon has taken the opportunity with both hands. Smerdon, 21, entered the tournament with his Olympiad place in question but his early results have confirmed that the Melbourne University student is a rare talent.

In the first three rounds Smerdon defeated NSW Champion Andrew Bird, drew with top seeded Lubomir Ftacnik of Slovakia and then outpointed third seeded German Grandmaster Roland Schmaltz in a brilliantly played endgame.

Smerdon will still need consistently strong results in the later part of the Championship to secure a performance sufficient to secure his first Grandmaster results and Australia's first for more than a decade. (Three GM results are needed to be awarded the Grandmaster title by the world body FIDE.)

Two other Australians also in the hunt for Grandmaster results suffered early set-backs; Alex Wohl losing to Australian Junior Champion Moulthun Ly in the first round and Zhao Zong Yuan

falling to Ftacnik. However both have bounced back and have everything to play for - Olympic places, Grandmaster results and even the dream of the Australian title - in the later rounds. However first prize in the tournament looks likely to be won by one of the five competing Grandmasters. New Zealand born Englishman Murray Chandler was the early leader but Ftacnik, having recovered from an early bout of jet-lag, remains favourite. The most spectacular finish of the Championship to date came from unfancied WA player Jay Lakner.

In the diagrammed position, Lakner, Black, broke through with 33...d4! 34.cxd4 Bxd4!! At first White, Sydney player Greg Canfell, did not understand Lakner's idea as he reached out to capture the knight on e7. (White has no other reasonable move in any case) As he touched the knight Canfell saw the light; the game concluded 35.Rxe7 Qg3+!! and Canfell resigned since 36.Bxg3 Rg1+ 37.Kh2 hxg3 is a beautiful checkmate.

Games from the Australian Championship can be seen live on the net from 4pm at www.ozchess2006.com



The deadly doctrine of Capitalism

Terrorism last year killed about four people a day. Capitalism, according to LiveAid, killed 24,000 children a day - by avoidable starvation, treatable pandemic, land mines, toxic water, bombed Iraqi hospitals and the social anguish, orphanhood and slumside murder that comes with global economics or, as we used to call it, intercontinental slavery.

And yet no War on Capitalism has been suggested by any Western leader, or even any Communist leader. The numerical equivalent of one Hiroshima a week is not, it seems, a good enough reason to criticise a system that spends on a war in Iraq 200 million dollars a day that might have fed, schooled and treated for AIDS thirty million children pretty lavishly.

If one were to blame the United States for most of this, and I think one can, it would mean their wilful or accidental killing of 8,860,000 children in the past year, a figure much worse than the Holocaust, adds up to a policy much like Hitler's, and American capitalism, the kind that denies AIDS drugs to African orphans who can't pay a globalised free market price for them, is as vile and vicious a doctrine as - well - Fascism, also known in Mussolini's 1920s as 'Corporatism'.

Yet no one does the numbers or joins the dots like this, preferring to see a few young flag-draped skinheads in Cronulla smashing headlights with baseball bats or a few foul-hearted Muslim clerics threatening hellfire in Lakemba - not, like Fred Nile, hellfire hereafter but hellfire now, by jihad - as a greater threat to humanity than even Halliburton.

There is no greater threat to humanity than Halliburton.

And it's clear from the current rate of human slaughter who the enemy is, and he (as Pogo memorably put it) is us.

The fascistification of *The Bulletin*; the theft of a lot of gold bullion; the buying up for top dollar of Laurie Oakes' and Ray Martin's and Jana Wendt's once worthwhile souls; the cheated Great Debates in which Howard was lit and framed and microphoned to his advantage and always mysteriously won the toss; the baseballisation of Test Cricket; the slow castration of the good television journalism of *A Current Affair*

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by Bob Ellis



and *Sunday*; the waste of twenty years of the irreplaceable talent of Patrick Cook; the impoverishing by Crown Casino of Australia's more frantic working classes; and the murder, it is said, of a female drug courier on Palm Beach, are among the known evils Kerry Packer inflicted on his grateful, fearful, cowering nation. But it is hard to think of anything good he did, unless it was the ruining of Alan Bond by selling him Channel Nine for a billion dollars he couldn't afford and, to be fair, the way Test Cricket is now with brilliant multitudinous fluidity shot and edited.

I met him only once; he was as big as a concrete mixer and showed me mountainous contempt, and he owes my wife a hundred thousand dollars for a Channel Nine mini-series, *Bush Nurses*, that he illegally cancelled. But I knew his brother Clyde quite well, a big soft kindly pot-puffing fellow who loathed the family racket and sold off his half in 1976 to Kerry for, would you believe, three million dollars?

Corporate prices have gone up a good bit since then and that sum is scarcely now a third of one's average golden umbrella; and with the tens of billions Kerry's kind now yearly steal from us we are in, I guess, the New Edwardian Age - of castles

and mansions and chefs and butlers and, in the far-off noisome cities, universal burglary, prostitution, busking, begging and drugs.

Kerry Packer helped restore that envenomed injustice to the known world, and we should spend two minutes in the next few days, I think, in silently, reverently cursing his name.

Far from spreading democracy through the Middle East the Iraq War has made it easier for the Egyptian president to arrest and gaol the opposition leader. It hasn't even brought democracy to Iraq, only - accord-

ing to the CIA's pet candidate Allawi - electoral fraud, social chaos and Abu Ghraib torture worse than in the dread days of Saddam.

Was there ever a stupider act of US foreign policy in history? It has multiplied a hundredfold the number of young men yearning to be suicide bombers (a better lifestyle choice, they judge, than working in a Pizza Haven Call Centre for twenty dollars a week), made Americans hated everywhere on earth and Saddam during his trial more admired, quadrupled the price of crude oil and made a global economic collapse worse than 1929 very likely.

Yet idiots like Henderson, Bolt, Jones, Ackerman and Shanahan still support it - and under our new harsh laws might elsewhere be gaoled for sedition, I am cheerily advised.

They've certainly endangered the nation's good governance, if Cronulla is any indication of good governance gone rancid, of a minority persecuted and the common weal endangered by printed or uttered words whose likely outcome was violent disruption by local suburban terrorists freshly encouraged to acts of massacre, arson and bad language under the blood-stained Australian flag on a sunny summer Sunday against blameless, cowering Lebanese.

Perhaps a small posse of Labor Attorneys-General could arrest them, and see how piteously they plead their stark ignorance of the law and sobbingly beg to be spared, this once, the nine years in Goulburn or Pentridge they now, under Ruddock's new demented strictures, so pleasingly deserve.

New home for House of the Future

The innovative Timber House of the Future has a new home at Southern Cross University's Lismore campus. The Timber House was one of six houses in the Houses of the Future project run by the NSW government as part of the Year of the Built Environment in 2004.

The project featured six architect-designed houses made from timber, concrete, steel, cardboard, glass and clay. Houses of the Future were required to be prefabricated, affordable, environmentally sustainable and futuristic.

The Timber House of the Future, now at the Kellas Street entrance to the Lismore campus, was on display at Sydney Olympic

Park from February to October 30 last year, and at the Sydney Opera House in October 2004.

A major sponsorship from Hurford Hardwood allowed SCU to fully purchase the Timber House following its time at Sydney Olympic Park. Hurford Hardwood is also the supplier of the Grey Box timber used for the flooring and benches in the living room of the house.

SCU also received sponsorship from Boral Timber, which assisted in setting up the house.

SCU forestry researcher Professor Jerry Vancley said it was exciting to incorporate the innovative building, transported to Lismore from Sydney, into SCU's campus

and programs. 'It's by no means a traditional design and the practical demonstration and testing of timber use in design is a progressive step,' Professor Vancley said.

The building breaks down into five modules, which can be variously configured. The surface or skin of the structure is made from timber-fibre cladding and is a water catchment, shading mechanism and solar collector. The cladding is simultaneously floor, walls and roof.

Australian hardwoods came from eco-select sustainably managed forests and timber cladding from renewable plantation pine. Architects for the house were

Innovarchi. Computer assisted geometries, cutting patterns and tolerances, and a focus on sustainable features are a significant development in prefabricated timber houses.

Mike Cooper, Director of Facilities at SCU, organised relocation of the 100-square-metre house.

It arrived in Lismore on four semi-trailers and was off-loaded by crane the following day. 'An interesting part of the design is the reed bed on the deck. It's a pond to filter rainwater from the roof before going to the solar hot water system,' Mr Cooper said.

More information on the Houses is available at www.housesofthefuture.com.au.

Articles

Terrie Wells talked to peace activist Scott Parkin, who was mysteriously deported from Australia Mad, bad and dangerous to know?

Entering into almost mythic proportions is the US peace activist, Scott Parkin, who was deported from Australia on September 15, 2005, for being deemed a threat to national security. I spoke to him on the phone while he was waiting to catch a plane at Houston Airport and put it to him that the deportation must have come as a surprise.

Yeah, it took me completely off-guard and left me completely baffled.

Then you were escorted out of the country with a guard that you had to pay for.

Two guards and I had to pay for their tickets to and from Los Angeles from Melbourne and I had to pay for their accommodation in Los Angeles.

Why did you come to Australia?

I came mostly just to vacation and backpack in your country, snorkel and surf and stuff like that. I'm an activist, an anti-war activist and I also wanted to network with local activists and give some talks about what we were doing in the US, so I did.

You refused an interview with ASIO, which I understand is your right.

Correct.

And that was when you knew they had an interest in you.

Yes, definitely, and then three days later, not ASIO but DIMIA surrounded me and

took me into detention.

Were you cut off from outside? Were you allowed to communicate?

I was able to communicate with my lawyers and I was able to communicate with the American Consulate. Although I was not allowed to call them, they would come in. I had a friend or two that were able to come in and see me.

Welcome to Australia. Then you were deported, accompanied by the two guards you had to pay for and there's been claims that the reason you were thrown out is that you were going to teach participants at workshops to throw marbles under police horses and to help protesters escape from the clutches of police. Are these claims true?

No, they are completely ridiculous. I said this a lot in the Australian media, I'd never ever harm an animal. I think these animals are abused enough by the police when they use them as crowd control. I definitely wouldn't do anything to urge protesters to hurt them and as for us uninteresting people or springing people from the clutches of the police, I have several times when I was in Australia, got up and said that was a bad idea. Certainly in the United States that leads to things like assault on a police officer.

Greens Senator Bob Brown spoke passionately about your situation, he's very concerned about what your deportation



meant to democracy in Australia and he claimed that you were espousing the values of Mahatma Gandhi.

And Martin Luther King.

What were you going to teach in the workshops?

I talk about the sort of things Gandhi and King talked about. I talk about how to de-escalate a situation where you're having to deal with amped-up police or amped-up counter protesters or delegates to a trade meeting. I talk about how to put your body on the line in the most safe and secure way, where you won't get beat or hurt or anything like that. I don't talk about how to react violently back to the police. I talk about theories of non-violence and what is violence and get people thinking and talking about that sort of thing

It has been suggested somewhere that you may have been teaching counter recruitment.

Military counter recruitment?

Yeah, military counter recruitment because there's an aggressive push in the US to get young people into the army, into the military.

Yeah, I did talk about that. That's one of the key pillars. I talked about how families and clergy go into schools and try and counter the military recruiters that come around. They talk about peace as opposed to selling these kids on war.

We've come to think that the reason you were deported is because of your work as an anti-war activist and your involvement with Global Exchange.

Actually my group is Houston Global Awareness. I've worked a lot with Global Exchange though, but I'm not part of that organisation.

You do a lot of work on Halliburton.

I've been campaigning on Halliburton for two and a half years.

Tell us about Halliburton and

their links to the Bush administration.

Well, Dick Cheney, former CEO of Halliburton, is the Vice President of the United States. Since Bush and Cheney have been in power Halliburton has received over \$30 billion (US) in no-bid contracts for the reconstruction of Iraq and the logistical support of the illegal occupation going on in Iraq. To me and many other people in the US it's just like a revolving door of corporate influence going in and out of the White House and we have worked really hard on trying to raise awareness on that issue. I think we've met some success. I mean Halliburton's still in Iraq, but Halliburton is also a household name that is synonymous with corruption and cronyism in this country at this point.

What is it that Halliburton do?

They do a number of things. They're in the oil infrastructure in Iraq, they provide services which help support that, like piping and engineering and stuff like that. They also own a company called KBR, or Kellogg, Brown & Root, which provides a lot of logistical support – they do laundry, food services and cafeteria services, and deliver things around Iraq. They are also the ones who have the contracts to help build these 14 permanent bases over there in Iraq which the US is currently implementing.

It's a growth market really, repair after warfare.

Yeah, it's like one segment of our country goes and bombs and kills and another segment comes and rebuilds and profits from it.

Would you come back to Australia, Scott?

Sure.

Do you get this kind of attention in America?

I have got a little bit of attention, but nowhere near the attention I did in Australia. A friend of mine who helped a lot when I was in jail said I was the 'Cindy Sheehan of Australia', and she was the one who did media for Cindy Sheehan so she'd be the one to know.

Cindy was the one at Camp Casey at Bush's ranch in Houston. I believe his approval rating's at an all time low.

I read somewhere that he was lower than Richard Nixon at the height of Watergate. Currently his approval rating with African Americans in the US is 2%.

Today [October 27, 2005] the 2,000th American soldier was killed in Iraq and there are protests springing up all over the US today and Cindy Sheehan, the anti-war mother, the mother of a slain soldier, is chaining herself to the White House today.

■ Terrie Wells presents *The Shakedown* as Red Terra, Fridays 9am-11am on 99.9 Bay FM. The Friends Of Scott Parkin website is at www.scottparkin.org.

HIV/AIDS crisis on our doorstep

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Papua New Guinea could rival the catastrophic situations in the very worst affected countries in Africa unless immediate and large-scale actions are taken by the international community to counter the threat. This is the stark warning from Australian Red Cross CEO Robert Tickner.

According to the UN and AusAID, HIV prevalence in PNG is now somewhere between 0.6 and 2 per cent of the adult population, with the number of people infected each year rising by between 15-30 per cent since 1997.

Even more worrying is the similarity of sexual behaviour patterns in PNG and Sub-Saharan Africa, a similarity that suggests the epidemic has the potential to reach

comparable levels. The UN estimates that 7.4 per cent of the adult population of Sub-Saharan Africa – 25.4 million people – are living with HIV.

'Under an absolute worst case scenario, experts warn that an unfettered epidemic in PNG could claim up to 120,000 lives per year,' said Mr Tickner. 'Such a scenario would have catastrophic human and economic ramifications on the country, and on the Asia-Pacific region as a whole.'

'The epidemic is currently driven by commercial and casual sex and is heterosexual in nature,' said Elden Chamberlain, Australian Red Cross HIV/AIDS advisor.

'This makes it all the more difficult to contain as it is not just isolated groups of people

who are most vulnerable to infection.'

According to Mr Chamberlain, reports by the UN indicate that people in their late teens in PNG have a high level of sexual activity and of alcohol and drug use. Though they show some awareness of HIV and AIDS, they often struggle to access information on prevention or related services.

If rates of infection continue to increase, he says, PNG's workforce could be reduced by a staggering 34 per cent by 2020, with measures of economic welfare falling between 12 and 48 per cent during that period.

In addition, a generalised epidemic could lead to large scale migrations as people return to rural areas for communal support, or cross borders in an attempt to escape

economic deprivation, an event that could strain regional resources.

'Many see HIV/AIDS as a Sub-Saharan African problem, something of concern, but removed from our own experiences. But the truth of the matter is that HIV/AIDS presents a truly global humanitarian challenge, and it affects all of us,' said Mr Chamberlain.

To support the work of Australian Red Cross in the Asia-Pacific region, you can make a donation to the Red Cross Asia/Pacific HIV/AIDS Appeal by visiting www.redcross.org.au to make a secure online donation; calling 1800 811 700 toll free; or sending a cheque to GPO Box 9949 marked 'Asia/Pacific HIV/AIDS Appeal' in your capital city.

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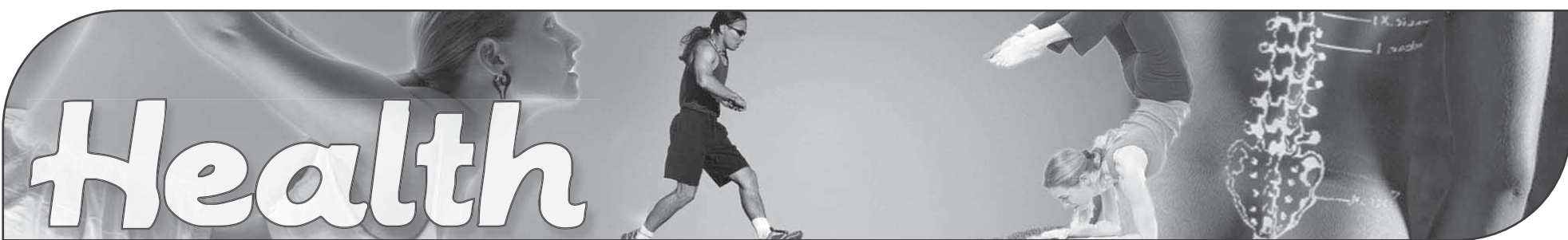
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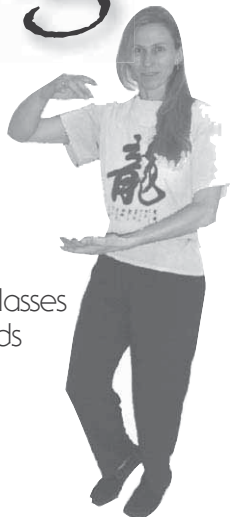
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ing at Mt Warning and Arakwal cultural walk through the Arakwal National Park with an Aboriginal guide.

For those who enjoy the water there is a canoe trip along the Evans River, a Woody Head rockpool ramble and snorkelling at both 'The Wreck' and Julian Rocks.

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For full details of tours and booking information, visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

Flickerfest comes to Bangalow



A scene from *City Paradise*, one of the films showing on the Flickerfest tour.

The Flickerfest International Short Film Festival will once again visit Byron Shire as part of its national tour. It will be held at the A&I Hall, Bangalow on January 20 to 22, from 8.30pm each night.

Now in its eighth year, Flickerfest is recognised as Australia's premier short film festival and is Australia's only Academy-accredited short film festival. Its films are eligible for Oscar consideration, and in 2006 will present the prestigious Jameson Short Film Award for the second time.

Director Bronwyn Kidd said, 'The short film is now seriously considered as an

entertaining and culturally significant art form in its own right, with people looking towards its storytelling to reveal the significant social concerns and artistic movements of our times.'

A different 100 minute Flickerfest program will screen on each of the two nights, selected from over 900 films entered from around the world and Australia. This will be augmented by a third evening, with a 50min program from multi-award-winning UK animator Phil Mulloy, following thirty five minutes of local films with a 'Best of Byron Film Club' on Sunday.

Shane Rennie, Byron

Flickerfest coordinator and president of IQ, said 'Each year we are expanding Byron Flickerfest further towards creating a signature Byron Bay International film event, probably outdoors at the amazing IQ Amphitheatre and surrounding venues.'

Here's a local film-makers opportunity – be part of the third night of local short films that will be screened in association with the Byron Film Club – get your film entered for the audience award.

Organisers are also seeking volunteers to help with the nights, so ring 6685 9999 or visit www.flickerfest.com.au or www.IQ.org.au.

Pondering materialism by the dashboard light



In the above scene, local actors Tara Haughton and recently crowned Ballina Idol Jai Luke Hastrich ponder the inevitable consequences of rampant materialism and globalisation in Larry Larstead's newly completed Film Artists Cooperative film *EBay Blues*. The film will compete for selection in this year's Tropfest short film festival.

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Television Guide

Most of the interesting movies are on late at night: 1. Halle Berry and Warren Beatty star in **Bulworth** (Prime, Friday, 10.30pm), about an American politician who gets the novel notion of telling the electors the truth. 2. Jimmy Nail and the delightful Bill Nighy are two of the band members in the hilarious **Still Crazy** (TEN, Thursday, 12am), in which an English 70s rock group reforms and hits the road. Watch out for Billy Connolly as a roadie. 3. 'I think we blew it, Billy' – Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper star in the quintessential hippie movie **Easy Rider** (TEN, Sunday, 12am), in which Jack Nicholson steals the show as a mad lawyer. **Lost Worlds: Marie Antoinette** might be worth a look on SBS on Sunday at 7.30pm.



WEDNESDAY 4	<div>ABC</div> <div>4.30 Movie: Diamond City (PG, B&W, 1949) David Farrar, Honor Blackman, Diana Dors, Niall MacGinnis 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.35 The Saddle Club 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Croc Country 1.00 Hopman Cup Tennis LIVE from Burswood Dome in Perth 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 Surfing The Menu 8.30 Blackpool (M, s,cl) 9.35 Bromwell High (M, cl) 10.00 Seven Periods With Mr Gormsby (M, cl) 10.35 The First World War Shackled To A Corpse 11.30 The Joel Files: A Story Of Two Families Billy Joel and his brother trace their family history back to the Holocaust 12.30 Movie: The Battle Of The River Plate (G, 1956) Factual World War II story of the British pursuit of a German pocket battleship. Starring John Gregson, Anthony Quayle, Peter Finch and Bernard Lee 2.25 Movie: Delayed Action (PG, B&W, 1954) An unhappy writer is offered a strange proposition. Stars Robert Ayres, June Thorburn and Alan Wheatley 3.30 Storytellers Of The Pacific (G*)</div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>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 Movie: Napoleon (PG) Part 1 of French drama 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Cycling Central 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 Inside Australia: Submariners 8.00 The Movie Show 8.30 The Corporation (PG) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: Beijing Bicycle (M, cl,v, 2001) Chinese drama 11.55 Movie: Bufo And Spallanzani (MAV, n,v,a, 2000) Brazilian drama 1.40 Zhang's Diner (M, cl) 2.40 Living Black 3.10 Close <div>SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)</div></div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Short Cuts 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Home Shopping 12.00 Movie: Almost Heroes (PG, v,s,cl, 1997) Chris Farley, Matthew Perry, Eugene Levy, Kevin Dunn 2.00 Movie: Frankie And Johnny (G, 1966) Elvis Presley, Donna Douglas, Harry Morgan, Sue Ann Langdon 4.00 Backyard Science 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 Headland 8.00 Will & Grace 8.30 Movie: Die Hard (M, v,cl,d, 1988) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, Alan Rickman, Robert Davi, Reginald Veljohnson 11.20 Empire (M, v) 12.20 Lost (G) 2.10 Expo 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping <div>Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</div></div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>6.00 Bright Ideas 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 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 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 7.00 Oliver's Twist 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 Charmed (M) 9.30 Blind Justice (M) 10.30 911: In Plane Site (PG) The story told on live TV that was shown once and never repeated 12.00 Late Night News 12.30 Sports Tonight 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion <div>All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</div></div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Hot Source 10.00 Third Cricket Test LIVE from the SCG – Australia v South Africa 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues 6.00 Evening News 7.00 Joey (G) 7.30 Judging Amy (PG) Amy must determine whether a disc jockey's provocative views on women are having an adverse effect on his son's personal development. Guest starring Tom Arnold 8.30 Third Watch (M) Tough Cruz gets a taste of her own medicine from Internal Affairs 8.40 Lotto 9.30 The Bachelor V (PG) 10.30 Shopping For Love (PG) 11.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, cl,sr) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 The District (M) 1.00 Late Show With David Letterman 2.00 Eve (M) 2.30 The Parkers (PG) 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America Bush Elected President Of Iraq</div>
	<div>THURSDAY 5</div> <div>4.30 Movie: Always A Bride (G, B&W, 1953) Peggy Cummins, Terence Morgan, Ronald Squire 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.35 The Saddle Club 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Something In The Air 12.30 Croc Country 1.00 Hopman Cup Tennis LIVE from Burswood Dome in Perth 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 Nigel's Place In France 8.30 Cutting It (M, a) 9.25 Teachers (M, cl,sr) 10.25 Take Me (M, s,a) 11.15 Double The Fist: High School Challenge (M, v) Public education – the source of all weakness 11.45 CNNNN (M, cl,a) 12.15 Movie: The Red Shoes (G) A ballerina is torn between passion and artistic devotion. Starring Moira Shearer, Anton Walbrook and choreographed by Robert Helpmann 2.25 Movie: Upstairs And Downstairs (G, 1959) On marrying the boss's daughter, a man takes his father-in-law's advice to hire a live-in domestic. Starring Michael Craig, Anne Heywood and Mylene Demongeot 4.05 Words With James Griffin: Hilary McPhee (G)</div>	<div>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 Robert Fortune – The Tea Thief 2.00 Welcome To The Waks Family 3.00 A Fork In The Road 3.30 Over The Fence: Liverpool 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 2006 Dakar Rally 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Inspector Rex 8.20 Hotline 8.30 RAN (M, cl,a) Drama series about a nurse who returns to the remote island in the Torres Strait where she had spent the last five years 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Ghost In The Shell (M, v) Japanese animation 10.30 Movie: The End Of Man (M, a,s, 1971) Brazilian cult movie 11.55 Movie: Lagaan – Once Upon A Time In India (PG, 2001) Indian drama 3.35 Close</div>	<div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Short Cuts 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Home Shopping 12.00 Movie: Steel Chariots (PG, 1997) NAS-CAR racing. Starring Kathleen Nolan, John Beck, Randy Travis and Ben Browder 2.00 Movie: Paradise Hawaiian Style (G, 1966) An out-of-work pilot returns to Hawaii where he starts a helicopter charter service. Starring Elvis Presley, Suzanna Leigh, James Shigeta, Donna Butterworth, Marianna Hill and Irene Tsu 4.00 Backyard Science 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 Headland (PG) 8.00 Will & Grace 8.30 Stacked (PG) 9.00 Tommy Lee Goes To College (PG) 9.30 Family Guy (M) 10.00 American Dad (PG) 10.30 Lost (M) Double episode repeat 12.30 Home Shopping 2.00 Expo 5.00 Creflo A Dollar 5.30 Home Shopping</div>	<div>6.00 Bright Ideas 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 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 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 7.00 Oliver's Twist 7.30 Smallville 8.30 Medium (M) 9.30 Threshold (M) 10.30 Late Night News 11.00 Sports Tonight 11.30 Live At The Chapel: Pete Murray 12.00 Movie: Still Crazy (M, cl,s,du, 1998) A 70s rock phenomenon try to get it together for a wild reunion tour and one last shot at the big one. Starring Stephen Rea, Billy Connolly, Jimmy Nail, Timothy Spall, Bill Nighy and Juliet Aubrey. 1.50 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion</div>	<div>6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Hot Source 10.00 Third Cricket Test LIVE from the SCG – Australia v South Africa 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues 6.00 Evening News 7.00 Joey (G) Joey must decide whether he's ready to give up his old womanising ways 7.30 Holiday Showdown: Euro Disney, Paris 8.30 Midsomer Murders: Dark Autumn (M, v) When a postman is brutally murdered in the sleepy borough of Midsomer, Chief Inspector Barnaby is called upon to track down the killer. As the question of the motive arises so too does the postman's rather questionable past. Starring John Nettles, Daniel Casey, Gillian Kearney and Adam Blackwood 10.40 Airline (G) 11.10 Nightline 11.40 Paradise Hotel (M) 12.40 Late Show With David Letterman 1.40 Il Divo 2.00 One On One (PG) 2.30 Samurai Jack 3.00 Guthy Renker Australia 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America</div>
	<div>FRIDAY 6</div> <div>4.30 Movie: Forbidden Cargo (PG, 1954) A Customs Service investigator trying to trap a drug smuggling ring, finds his adversary much too pretty. Starring Nigel Patrick, Greta Gynt and Elizabeth Sellars 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.35 The Saddle Club 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Forever Summer With Nigella 1.00 Hopman Cup Tennis LIVE from Burswood Dome in Perth 6.00 Spicks & Specks: A Very Specky Christmas (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Stateline 8.00 Return Of The Chef 8.30 Hopman Cup Tennis: Final LIVE from Burswood Dome in Perth 12.30 Age (M) <div>Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.</div></div>	<div>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 Robinson Crusoe 2.00 Sophie's World 3.00 A Fork In Asia 3.30 The Movie Show 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 2006 Dakar Rally 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Tribes: Babongo In central Africa and a rite of passage marking the transition to true manhood 8.30 Unit One (M) 9.35 World News Australia 10.05 Russian Dolls (MA, v,a) 10.50 Movie: Inspector Montalbano – A Trip To Tindari (M, s,cl,a, 2001) Italian drama 12.50 Movie: Tirana Year Zero (M, cl,a, 2001) Albanian comedy/drama about a truck driver trying to eke out an existence amid the poverty and general despair of the modern-day capital of Albania 2.25 Close</div>	<div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Short Cuts 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Home Shopping 12.00 Movie: The Colour Of Friendship (G, 2000) Carl Lumbly, Penny Johnson 2.00 Movie: Clambake (G, 1967) Elvis Presley, Shelley Fabares, Will Hutchins, Bill Bixby, Gary Merrill 4.00 Backyard Science 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 Medical Emergency 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 Movie: Out Cold (M, s, 2001) Snowboarding buddies living on Alaska's Bull Mountain save the mountain from becoming an espresso-and-tofu ski resort. Starring Jason London, Lee Majors, Wilia Garson, Zach Galifianakis and David Koehnner 10.30 Movie: Bulworth (MA, cl,d, 1998) Warren Beatty, Halle Berry, Oliver Platt, Joshua Malina, Jack Warden, Christine Baranski 12.30 Scrubs 1.30 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping</div>	<div>6.00 Bright Ideas 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 Good Morning Australia 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 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 7.00 Oliver's Twist 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 Movie: Trading Places (M, 1983) A successful commodity broker and a hustling beggar have their lifestyles switched for a bet. Starring Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis, Denholm Elliott, Don Ameche and Ralph Bellamy 10.55 Late Night News 11.25 Sports Tonight 11.55 The Big Night In With John Foreman 12.55 Tina Arena 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.30 Infomercial 4.00 Religion</div>	<div>6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Hot Source 10.00 Third Cricket Test LIVE from the SCG – Australia v South Africa 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues 6.00 Evening News 7.00 Joey 7.30 Super Nanny USA 8.30 Movie: Get Carter (M, v,cl,s,du, 2000) When Jack Carter's brother is killed it takes him home to the family he abandoned and a mystery that goes to the centre of his soul. Starring Sylvester Stallone, Michael Caine, Rachael Leigh Cook, Mickey Rourke and Miranda Richardson 10.40 Nightline 11.10 Movie: Dead Husbands (M, a,v, 1998) A man finds a list of men's names, including his own name, in his wife's possession and when some of those men are found dead, he starts to fear for his life. Starring John Ritter and Nicollette Sheridan 1.15 Late Show With David Letterman 2.15 Movie: Different (PG, a, 1997) A girl is left mentally disabled after a car accident. Starring Annabeth Gish, Lynn Redgrave and Ben Siegler 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America</div>

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	<div>ABC</div> <div>SATURDAY 7</div> <div><p>12.30 Rage continues</p><p>11.10 Degrassi: The Next Generation</p><p>11.35 Daria</p><p>12.00 Inventions From The Shed</p><p>12.30 Best Of Australian Story</p><p>1.00 The Ship</p><p>2.00 Movie: Anne Of Windy Poplars (G, B&W, 1940) Anne Shirley, James Ellison</p><p>3.30 Walking With Beasts</p><p>4.00 Sahara</p><p>5.00 Women's National League Basketball</p><p>6.00 The Blue Planet: Coral Seas</p><p>7.00 ABC News</p><p>7.30 My Family</p><p>8.00 Hardware</p><p>8.30 The Bill (PG)</p><p>9.30 Dalziel And Pascoe (M, v,a)</p><p>10.10 Sons And Lovers (M, s,a,n) DH Lawrence's novel about love, sex and family</p><p>11.45 Rage (M)</p><div><div>[s] = Sex</div><div>[a] = Adult themes</div><div>[n] = Nudity</div><div>[d] = Drugs</div><div>[v] = Violence</div><div>[*] = Could offend</div><div>[h] = Horror</div><div>[du]= Drug use</div><div>[dr] = Drug references</div><div>[cl] = Coarse language</div><div>[sr] = Sexual references</div><div>[sv] = Supernatural violence</div><div>[mp] = Medical procedures</div><div>[w] = War scenes</div></div></div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>SATURDAY 7</div> <div><p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p><p>5.25 World News</p><p>8.30 Spanish News</p><p>9.20 Le Journal</p><p>10.00 Russian News</p><p>10.30 Greek News</p><p>11.30 Arabic News</p><p>12.05 Indonesian News</p><p>12.30 Business Report</p><p>1.00 Masterpiece On Saturday In The Heart Of The Light – The Night Of The Prima Donnas</p><p>2.20 Nigel Kennedy Live At The Citadelle</p><p>3.45 Classical Inspirations</p><p>3.55 In Search Of Beethoven</p><p>4.30 The Journal</p><p>5.00 Newshour</p><p>6.00 2006 Dakar Rally</p><p>6.30 World News Australia</p><p>7.00 World Sport</p><p>7.30 As It Happened: Operation Hollywood The US's political and military entry onto the world stage</p><p>8.30 Iron Chef</p><p>9.15 Rockwiz</p><p>9.45 RAN (M, cl,a)</p><p>10.35 Movie: The Hearts Of Men (M, s,cl,a, 2002) French comedy</p><p>12.20 SOS Shorts on screen</p><p>1.20 Noise TV Music series</p><p>2.55 Close</p></div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>SATURDAY 7</div> <div><p>6.00 B'daman</p><p>6.30 Tractor Tom</p><p>7.00 Saturday Disney</p><p>9.00 Stanley</p><p>9.30 Disney's Lili & Stitch</p><p>11.30 That's So Raven</p><p>12.00 Home Improvement</p><p>12.30 Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis LIVE</p><p>2.00 Adelaide International Tennis LIVE</p><p>5.00 According To Jim</p><p>5.30 My Wife And Kids</p><p>6.00 Seven News</p><p>6.30 The World Around Us Everest – Unfinished Business</p><p>7.30 Heartbeat</p><p>8.40 Margery & Gladys (M, v,s,cl) British drama mystery</p><p>10.50 Movie: I Want You (MA, 1997) Former lovers who parted when one was sentenced to nine years in prison, but upon his release he tries to force his way back into her life. Starring Rachel Weisz, Alessandro Nivola, Luka Petrusic, Labina Mitevska, Carmen Ejogo and Ben Daniels.</p><p>12.25 Movie: Mrs Dalloway (M, a, 1997) One summer's day in London Clarissa is reunited with a man from her past. Starring Vanessa Redgrave, Natascha McElhone, Rupert Graves and Michael Kitchen</p><p>2.15 Home Shopping</p></div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>SATURDAY 7</div> <div><p>6.00 Toasted TV</p><p>7.00 Scooter: Secret Agent</p><p>7.30 Totally Wild</p><p>8.00 Yakkity Yak</p><p>8.30 Pet Alien</p><p>9.00 Video Hits</p><p>12.00 Infomercial</p><p>12.30 Discover Down Under</p><p>1.00 Movie: Close Encounters Of The Third Kind (PG, cl, 1977) Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr, Melinda Dillon, Bob Balaban</p><p>3.30 TBA</p><p>4.30 Escape With ET</p><p>5.00 Ten News</p><p>5.30 Sports Tonight</p><p>6.00 The Simpsons</p><p>6.30 The Human Body: Brain Power</p><p>7.30 Movie: Groundhog Day (PG, a, 1993) Bill Murray, Andie Macdowell, Chris Elliott</p><p>9.35 Movie: Russian Doll (M, cl,sr, 2001) Comedy about a man, his best friend and the best friend's mistress, whom he is asked to marry in order to prevent her deportation. Starring Hugo Weaving, Natalia Novikova, David Wenham, Rebecca Firth, Sacha Horler and Helen Dallimore</p><p>11.30 The Shield (MA15+)</p><p>12.30 Joker Poker</p><p>1.30 Infomercials</p><p>4.00 Bayless Conley</p><p>4.30 More Religion</p></div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>SATURDAY 7</div> <div><p>6.00 Danoz</p><p>6.30 Untold Wealth</p><p>7.00 Guthy Renker</p><p>7.30 Kid's Programs</p><p>10.00 So Fresh</p><p>11.30 Fishing North Australia</p><p>12.00 Surfsport</p><p>1.00 Celebrity Golf Shoot-Out</p><p>2.00 George Lopez</p><p>2.30 Movie: Summer's End (G, 1999) James Earl Jones, Wendy Crewson, Brendon Fletcher, Jake LeDoux</p><p>4.30 Wonderfalls</p><p>5.30 Airport</p><p>6.00 NBN News</p><p>6.30 Malcolm In The Middle</p><p>7.30 Gilmore Girls</p><p>8.40 Lotto</p><p>9.30 Movie: Blurred (M, s,cl,du, 2002) The Australian rite of passage – schoolies week in Surfers Paradise. Starring Matt Newton, Craig Horner, Jessica Gower, Jamie Croft</p><p>11.30 Movie: Poison Ivy 2 – Lily (M, s,cl,n,v, 1995) An art student decides to give up her own identity. Starring Alyssa Milano, Johnathon Schaech and Xander Berkely</p><p>1.30 Late Show With David Letterman</p><p>2.30 Mad TV</p><p>3.30 The Parkers</p><p>4.00 Home Shopping</p><p>5.30 Icon</p></div>
	<div>SBS</div> <div>SUNDAY 8</div> <div><p>6.30 Kid's Programs</p><p>9.00 Zoo's Company</p><p>9.30 Terra Australis</p><p>10.00 Amazing Grace: John Newton</p><p>11.00 Songs Of Praise</p><p>11.30 Compass: Beyond Architecture Walter Burley Griffin</p><p>12.00 Best Of Landline</p><p>1.00 Dead Easy Gardening</p><p>1.30 Message Stick</p><p>2.00 Cold Chisel: Last Stand</p><p>3.25 Oils On The Water</p><p>4.45 Ward 13</p><p>5.00 Ulysses S Grant (G*)</p><p>6.00 Pilot Guides: Pacific Northwest USA</p><p>7.00 ABC News</p><p>7.30 Dune</p><p>8.30 Carnivale (M, v,a,n)</p><p>10.10 Compass: Children Of Abraham (G) Troubled relationship between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam</p><p>11.00 Andy Warhol: The Complete Picture (M, a,n) Final</p><p>11.55 East Timor: Birth Of A Nation (PG*)</p><p>12.50 Movie: Fame Is The Spur (PG, B&W, 1947) Michael Redgrave, Rosamund John, Bernard Miles</p><p>2.50 Movie: Marry Me (PG, B&W, 1949) Derek Bond, Zena Marshall, Patrick Holt, Susan Shaw</p></div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>SUNDAY 8</div> <div><p>6.00 Weatherwatch</p><p>6.30 World News</p><p>9.00 Maltese News</p><p>9.30 Polish News</p><p>10.00 Ukrainian News</p><p>10.30 Dvorak's Te Deum</p><p>11.00 Australian Volleyball League Men</p><p>12.00 Speedweek</p><p>2.00 UEFA Champions League Soccer</p><p>3.30 Futbol Mundial</p><p>4.00 The World Game</p><p>5.30 Cycling Central</p><p>6.00 2006 Dakar Rally</p><p>6.30 World News Australia</p><p>7.00 World Sport</p><p>7.30 Lost Worlds: Marie Antoinette There's more to her story than the tale of a frivolous sovereign who helped provoke the uprising that became the French Revolution – from the splendours of her childhood in the palaces of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to her final hours in a French prison cell.</p><p>8.30 Science: The Dark Secret Of Hendrik Schoen Nanotechnology, the science of microscopically small machines</p><p>9.30 Movie: Devdas (PG, 2002) Indian drama</p><p>12.40 Movie: Days (M, s,cl,a, 2001) Italian drama</p><p>2.05 The Storm Rages Twice</p><p>2.55 Close</p></div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>SUNDAY 8</div> <div><p>6.00 Religion</p><p>7.00 Tabaluga</p><p>8.00 Blinky Bill</p><p>9.00 Stanley</p><p>9.30 Jetix</p><p>11.00 Rags To Rhapsody</p><p>12.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE</p><p>2.00 Adelaide International Tennis LIVE</p><p>4.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE</p><p>5.00 According To Jim</p><p>5.30 What Not To Wear</p><p>6.00 Seven News</p><p>6.30 Hot Property</p><p>7.30 World's Craziest Videos</p><p>8.00 World's Wildest Weather (G)</p><p>8.30 Movie: Mr Headmistress (PG, 1998) A perennial crook, attempting to hide from two thugs, assumes the identity of the new headmistress at an exclusive all girls school. Starring Harland Williams, Katey Sagal and Sharna Waldron</p><p>10.30 Movie: The Object Of My Affection (M, cl,s, 1998) A pregnant woman chooses to raise her baby with her gay roommate instead of with the baby's father. Starring Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Tim Daly, John Pankow and Alan Alda.</p><p>12.45 Scrubs (PG)</p><p>1.10 Home Shopping</p><p>5.00 Religion</p><p>5.30 Home Shopping</p></div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>SUNDAY 8</div> <div><p>6.00 Religion</p><p>7.00 Worst Best Friends</p><p>7.30 Totally Wild</p><p>8.00 Inside Franchising</p><p>8.30 Video Hits</p><p>12.00 Animal Lifeline Battling for the bears</p><p>1.00 Oceania Motocross Championship</p><p>1.30 Quit Targa West</p><p>2.30 Supermoto</p><p>4.30 Australian Fishing Championship</p><p>5.00 Ten News</p><p>5.30 Sports Tonight</p><p>6.00 The Simpsons</p><p>6.30 Brainiac</p><p>7.30 Smallville (PG)</p><p>8.30 Mini Series: Traffic (M, a,v,sr,du) The world of trafficking where drugs, weapons and people are traded all over the world. Starring Elias Koteas, Balthazar Getty, Cliff Curtis, Martin Donovan, Mary McCormack</p><p>11.00 Late Night News</p><p>11.30 Sports Tonight</p><p>12.00 Movie: Easy Rider (MA15+, du, 1969) Two bikers head off on a journey to find the real America, on the way they are jailed in Texas, visit a commune in Arizona and go to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Starring Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, Jack Nicholson, Luke Askew and Karen Black</p><p>1.50 Video Hits Up-Late</p><p>2.00 Infomercial</p><p>4.00 Religion</p></div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>SUNDAY 8</div> <div><p>6.00 Home Shopping</p><p>7.00 Untold Wealth</p><p>7.30 Nobel Awards International Highlights</p><p>8.30 Business Success</p><p>9.00 Wimbledon Record Breakers</p><p>10.00 More Than A River</p><p>11.00 Movie: Running Wild (G, 1998) Gregory Harrison, Lori Hallier, Brooke Nevin</p><p>1.00 Speed Machine</p><p>1.30 The Boat Show</p><p>2.00 Movie: Tarzan The Magnificent (G, 1960) Gordon Scott, Jack Mahoney, Betta St John</p><p>3.50 Movie: Switching Goals (G, 1999) Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen</p><p>5.30 Airport</p><p>6.00 Evening News</p><p>6.30 You Are What You Eat</p><p>7.00 I Can Change Your Life</p><p>7.30 Renovation Rescue</p><p>8.30 Movie: The General's Daughter (M, cl,v,a,sr, 1999) John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, James Cromwell, James Woods, Timothy Hutton</p><p>11.50 Movie: Moonlight Becomes You (M, v, 1998) Donna Mills</p><p>12.40 Movie: Wishmaster (AV15+, v,h,cl, 1997) Robert Englund</p><p>2.30 Spyforce</p><p>3.30 Guthy Renker Australia</p><p>5.00 Primetime</p></div>
	<div>SBS</div> <div>MONDAY 9</div> <div><p>4.30 Movie: The Brothers (PG, B&W, 1947) Patricia Roc, Will Fyfe, Maxwell Reed, Duncan Macrae, John Laurie</p><p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p><p>11.00 Best Of Landline</p><p>12.00 Midday Report</p><p>12.30 Outstanding Australia</p><p>1.00 Pilot Guides</p><p>2.00 The Bill</p><p>3.00 Kid's Programs</p><p>6.00 Doctor Who</p><p>7.00 ABC News</p><p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p><p>8.00 Dynasties: The Jones Family Australia's motor racing blue bloods</p><p>8.30 Guns, Germs And Steel: Conquest Why some people remained hunter-gatherers and others became farmers, and in turn city bankers, explorers and scientists</p><p>9.30 Punjabi Love Story (PG) In a small town in Pakistan amid a backdrop of growing political unrest</p><p>10.40 Conquistadors: Empire Of The Sun (PG*)</p><p>11.35 Fangs: Eaten Alive (G) Infectious side of international travel</p><p>12.20 Movie: The Singer Not The Song (PG, 1961) Dirk Bogarde, John Mills, Mylene Demongeot</p><p>2.40 Movie: Tiger Bay (PG, B&W, 1959) Hayley Mills, Horst Bucholtz, John Mills</p></div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>MONDAY 9</div> <div><p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p><p>5.25 World News</p><p>6.00 Weatherwatch</p><p>6.20 World News</p><p>6.50 Weatherwatch</p><p>7.25 World News</p><p>11.30 Arabic News</p><p>12.05 Indonesian News</p><p>12.30 Polish News</p><p>1.00 The Mostar Bridge (PG)</p><p>2.00 Great Battles Of The Great War</p><p>3.00 Wine Lovers Guide To Australia</p><p>3.30 The Movie Show</p><p>4.00 World Sport</p><p>4.30 The Journal</p><p>5.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia</p><p>5.30 Living Black</p><p>6.00 2006 Dakar Rally</p><p>6.30 World News Australia</p><p>7.00 World Sport</p><p>7.30 Top Gear</p><p>8.30 South Park (M, a,s)</p><p>9.00 Speaking In Tongues</p><p>9.30 World News Australia</p><p>10.00 Shameless (MA, s,cl,a)</p><p>10.55 Movie: Utopia (MA, v,cl,a, 2001) Spanish drama</p><p>12.40 The Nanny</p><p>1.10 Movie: Silent Waters (M, a, 2003) Pakistani drama</p><p>2.45 Close</p></div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>MONDAY 9</div> <div><p>6.00 Sunrise</p><p>9.00 Raggs</p><p>9.30 Backyard Science</p><p>10.00 Girl TV</p><p>10.30 Morning News</p><p>11.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE</p><p>5.00 M*A*S*H</p><p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal</p><p>6.00 Prime News</p><p>6.30 Seven News</p><p>7.00 Headland</p><p>7.30 Will & Grace</p><p>8.30 Grey's Anatomy (M) Double episode</p><p>10.30 Lost (M) Double episode repeat</p><p>12.30 Home Shopping</p><p>1.00 Danoz Direct</p><p>2.00 Expo</p><p>5.00 Religion</p><p>5.30 Home Shopping</p><p>My Helliburton shares are doing quite nicely, thanks for asking</p></div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>MONDAY 9</div> <div><p>6.00 Bright Ideas</p><p>7.00 Toasted TV</p><p>8.30 In The Box</p><p>9.00 Good Morning Australia</p><p>11.30 Ten News</p><p>12.00 Murder, She Wrote</p><p>1.00 Ready Steady Cook</p><p>2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show</p><p>3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures</p><p>3.30 Infomercial</p><p>4.00 Scope</p><p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful</p><p>5.00 Ten News</p><p>6.00 The Simpsons</p><p>6.30 Neighbours</p><p>7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond</p><p>7.30 Veronica Mars (PG)</p><p>8.30 Mini Series: Traffic (M, a,v,sr,du) The world of trafficking where drugs, weapons and people are traded all over the world. Starring Elias Koteas, Balthazar Getty, Cliff Curtis, Martin Donovan, Mary McCormack</p><p>11.00 Late Night News</p><p>11.30 Sports Tonight</p><p>12.00 Volvo Round The World Ocean Race</p><p>12.30 Movie: Half Baked (MA15+, cl,su, 1998) Three pot heads try to raise \$1m bail to get their friend out of gaol by selling dope. Starring Dave Chapelle, Jim Breuer, Adam Williams and Guillermo Diaz</p><p>2.00 Infomercial</p><p>4.00 Religion</p></div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>MONDAY 9</div> <div><p>6.00 Today</p><p>9.00 Here's Humphrey</p><p>9.30 Y?</p><p>10.00 Everwood</p><p>11.00 Danoz</p><p>11.30 Spin City</p><p>12.00 Dr Phil</p><p>1.00 Days Of Our Lives</p><p>2.00 The Young And The Restless</p><p>3.00 King Of Queens</p><p>3.30 What I Like About You</p><p>4.00 Hot Source</p><p>4.30 Frazier</p><p>5.00 Entertainment Tonight</p><p>5.30 The Price Is Right</p><p>6.00 Evening News</p><p>7.00 Joey</p><p>7.30 20/20 Cricket LIVE from the Gabba – Australia v South Africa</p><p>10.29 Lotto</p><p>10.30 The Alice (PG)</p><p>11.30 Nightline</p><p>12.00 Da Vinci's Inquest (M)</p><p>1.00 Water Rats (M) When a lawyer is reportedly taken by a shark in the harbour suspicions of foul play arise as a web of embezzlement is uncovered</p><p>2.00 Young Lions (M)</p><p>3.00 Guthy Renker</p><p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p><p>4.30 Good Morning America</p></div>
	<div>SBS</div> <div>TUESDAY 10</div> <div><p>4.30 Movie: Flame In The Streets (PG, 1962) John Mills, Sylvia Syms, Brenda de Banzie, Earl Cameron</p><p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p><p>12.00 Midday Report</p><p>12.30 Outstanding Australia</p><p>1.00 Life At The End Of The Rainbow</p><p>2.00 The Bill</p><p>3.00 Kid's Programs</p><p>6.00 Doctor Who</p><p>7.00 ABC News</p><p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p><p>8.00 Growing Up Gotti (PG)</p><p>8.30 The Bill (PG)</p><p>9.20 Creature Comforts</p><p>9.30 Lawrence Of Arabia: The Battle For The Arab World (PG)</p><p>10.30 News</p><p>10.40 Movie: The Quiller Memorandum (PG, 1966) George Seagal, Alec Guinness, Robert Helpmann, Robert Flemyng</p><p>12.20 Movie: Golden Salamander (PG, B&W, 1949) An Englishman in Tunis investigates gun runners. Starring Trevor Howard, Anouk Aimee and Herbert Lom</p><p>1.55 Movie: The Bank Raiders (PG, 1958) Peter Reynolds, Sandra Dorne, Sydney Tafler, Lloyd Lamble</p><p>2.50 Words With James Griffin: Ian Rankin</p><p>3.05 Stand Up! (M, cl,a) Comedy</p><p>3.40 Head Start (G)</p></div>	<div>SBS</div> <div>TUESDAY 10</div> <div><p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p><p>5.25 World News</p><p>6.50 Weatherwatch</p><p>7.25 World News</p><p>12.30 Business Report</p><p>1.00 Turbo</p><p>2.30 Tales From A Suitcase</p><p>3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia</p><p>3.30 Living Black</p><p>4.00 World Sport</p><p>4.30 The Journal</p><p>5.00 Newshour</p><p>6.00 2006 Dakar Rally</p><p>6.30 World News Australia</p><p>7.00 World Sport</p><p>7.30 Metropolis – The Power Of Cities Athens</p><p>8.30 Cutting Edge: The Torture Question The political firestorm ignited by the Abu Ghraid photos</p><p>9.30 World News Australia</p><p>10.00 Hot Docs: The Staircase (M, a,v) 8 part series following a criminal case from the beginning</p><p>11.40 Movie: Diapason (MA, s,cl,a, 2000) Italian drama containing two parallel stories which twist together in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Rome.</p><p>1.15 The Young Casanova (M, s) Part 2 of Italian drama series</p><p>2.00 Close</p></div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>TUESDAY 10</div> <div><p>6.00 Sunrise</p><p>9.00 Raggs</p><p>9.30 Tribe: The New Tomorrow</p><p>10.00 Girl TV</p><p>10.30 Morning News</p><p>11.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE</p><p>5.00 M*A*S*H</p><p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal</p><p>6.00 Prime News</p><p>6.30 Seven News</p><p>7.00 Headland (PG)</p><p>8.00 Will & Grace</p><p>8.30 The Ghost Whisperer (PG, a,v)</p><p>9.30 Boston Legal (M)</p><p>10.30 Less Than Perfect (PG)</p><p>11.00 Desperate Housewives (M) Double episode repeat</p><p>1.00 Home Shopping</p><p>1.30 Danoz Direct</p><p>2.30 Expo</p><p>5.00 Creflo A Dollar</p><p>5.30 Home Shopping</p><p>Nation's leading businessman Kerry Packer dead at \$16.61</p></div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>TUESDAY 10</div> <div><p>6.00 Bright Ideas</p><p>7.00 Toasted TV</p><p>8.30 In The Box</p><p>9.00 Good Morning Australia</p><p>11.30 Ten News</p><p>12.00 Murder, She Wrote</p><p>1.00 Ready Steady Cook</p><p>2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show</p><p>3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures</p><p>3.30 Infomercial</p><p>4.00 Totally Wild</p><p>4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful</p><p>5.00 Ten News</p><p>6.00 The Simpsons</p><p>6.30 Neighbours</p><p>7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond</p><p>7.30 Surface (PG)</p><p>8.30 NCIS (M)</p><p>9.30 Numb3rs (M)</p><p>10.30 Late News</p><p>11.00 Sports Tonight</p><p>11.30 Movie: In The Name Of The Father (M, cl,v,a, 1993) Fact-based account of a Belfast youth who's picked up, along with a friend and most of his family, by British police and accused of a terrorist bombing. Starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Emma Thompson, Philip King and Nye Heron</p><p>1.55 Video Hits Up-Late</p><p>2.00 Infomercial</p><p>4.00 Religion</p></div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>TUESDAY 10</div> <div><p>6.00 Today</p><p>9.00 Here's Humphrey</p><p>9.30 Y?</p><p>10.00 Everwood</p><p>11.00 Icon</p><p>11.30 Spin City</p><p>12.00 Dr Phil</p><p>1.00 Days Of Our Lives</p><p>2.00 The Young And The Restless</p><p>3.00 King Of Queens</p><p>3.30 What I Like About You</p><p>4.00 Hot Source</p><p>4.30 Frazier</p><p>5.00 Entertainment Tonight</p><p>5.30 The Price Is Right</p><p>6.00 Evening News</p><p>7.00 Joey</p><p>7.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos</p><p>8.30 Third Watch (M)</p><p>9.30 Wife Swap USA (PG)</p><p>10.30 Ultimate Force (M, sr,v)</p><p>11.30 Nightline</p><p>12.00 Race To The Altar</p><p>2.00 Late Show With David Letterman</p><p>3.00 Guthy Renker</p><p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p><p>4.30 Good Morning America</p><p>Cloned Vice President Dick Cheney Lacks Charm Of Original</p></div>

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Articles

Larry Buttrose looks at the impact of the ubiquitous tourist on a shrinking world

The homogenised face of international travel

Mass travel – the phenomenon born of the wide-bodied jet in the 1970s – is about to enter a new phase as the next generation of bigger and longer-range passenger aircraft comes into service. Travel has faced huge challenges in recent years from terrorism and escalating fuel prices, but also from the tramping of ever more remote parts of the earth by Nike-shod legions from Melbourne, Munich and Milwaukee, leaving some to feel the entire world is going under the tourist boot. Yet mass travel continues to flourish, and with the continuing economic boom in countries such as China and India, we are already seeing the first of a whole new generation of millions of travellers.

Human beings started travelling to trade. Travel was still the root travail then – work. People would journey perilously across land or sea, turn up on someone else's plot or island clutching gifts and trade goods, share a cup of kava, exchange the odd legendary dance drama and trade goods, and with any luck not end up

roasted on a spit. Back in pre-history you respected your hosts – but now the reverse is often the case.

Vast numbers now fly to the tropical third world country of their holiday choice, and stay in a resort, a well-guarded enclosure on a beach or mountaintop. Upon arrival we are familiarised with the workings of our new world. As it turns out, it's much like our old one. We have our street and our number, only now it's a corridor and a door number, or a pathway and hut number. We have the same facilities, hot and cold running water, TV, video/DVD, Web, booze in the fridge. The only thing that is different is the view.

Needless to say, this palace of tourism is sucking several villages worth of water out of the local supply, and the lion's share of power from the regional grid for our hair dryers, shavers and vibrators, but who's counting? We've come here to rest, read, swim, fish, eat, drink, and, if the stars are shining propitiously, indulge in a holiday fling. To facilitate interaction between guests, there's the nightly



happy hour and the discos, and also the resort-run excursions to the mountains or the reef. With good luck you meet a new friend or confidante, but more likely find yourself getting sunburnt in a glass-bottomed boat in stilted conversation with retirees from Miami and honeymooners from Osaka.

One of the more bizarre things about resorts is the 'cultural items' they import. Each night, there they are, the choirs of singers in 'traditional native costume', the dancers, snake charmers,

carvers, tie-dyers and basket-weavers, all briefly admitted from the dusty streets outside into this gleaming lobby where for an hour or so they give us a teensy sample of their culture. Trinkets are sold, sarongs bought and worn. Salarymen start wearing shell necklaces and blowing conches. Then the locals are paid off, and that does it for the ethnic theme-park. It's back to the gin slings by the pool.

But this soupcon of local culture is de rigueur. Otherwise, what is one to say to

friends, family and co-workers on returning home? 'I went away... dunno where exactly. There were these huts and a reef. I got pissed every night and almost scored a root.'

No, it's, 'Oh, Tahiti is marvellous. The traditional dancing is fantastic. Look at my intricately carved Tiki.' Or 'Yes, I stayed out in the rice paddies in Ubud. Aren't the gamelan orchestras wonderful? I bought back a tape. It's here somewhere...'

Resorts are of course almost inevitably ugly. It's there in every detail: the gilt

lettered soap box, the tacky little bottles of French champagne in the minibar, the too-heavy paisley-print bed coverlet and the upscale bordello furnishings. Like the passenger cabin of the airliner that delivers and fetches guests, it's a brief timeshare in the realm of Chanel, Hermes and Rolex. The excess which is its putative beauty is its definitive vulgarity.

With the twin forces now of terror attacks on tourists, and all that extra carrying capacity for the international airlines – seats they will have to fill one way or the other – one can well imagine the resort of the near future will be a domain completely unto itself, a concrete-walled, blast-proofed, high-security citadel to which guests will be conveyed in armoured-plated vehicles and from which they will rarely if ever venture.

Inside will be all the usual recreational, bar and entertainment facilities, but as well perhaps a replica village from the world outside, fumigated and sanitised, inhabited by villagers with top security clearances, going about a simulacrum of the everyday existence of their relatives outside the walls and wire. One wonders whether after a cocktail or two too many, the odd paying inmate might not wonder, 'Did I really have to resort to this?'

How to become a media magnate

Claire Lovejoy

I recently spent a fleeting visit with Scottie and Cristel Simmonds, respectively inherited editor and advertising manager of *The Snowy River Echo*. For those who may not know, Carol Page lived in the Byron Shire for about twenty years, raised four kids here, worked at *The Byron Shire Echo* in almost every possible capacity, and moved down to the Snowy River region and founded *The Snowy River Echo* when she discovered a lack of community input to the local newspapers, which were not locally owned. Carol died in a massive understatement of an untimely death in September this year, and her eldest daughter Cristel and husband Scottie have taken over the reigns of our sister paper.

The local people greeted *The Snowy River Echo* with warm welcome and enthusiasm when Carol launched it in April 2004. She had

already established herself as an active and interested member of the community, which she was well known for in the Byron Shire too, and used this altruistic energy to establish the monthly free publication. In just over a year, Carol, who had had no money or resources other than her own enthusiasm and the help and support of Cristel and Scottie, had the paper so jam-packed full of advertising and contributions that she was planning to take it to a fortnightly, then weekly edition in the near future.

Cristel and Scottie have had to learn on the run to keep the paper going, as well as look after two active boys under four years old, with Cristel due with another boy in March next year. Scottie in particular, who was told by a high school teacher that he was illiterate and would never amount to much, has suddenly found himself editor of a community newspaper.

Speaking about local people who contribute articles that Scottie has to edit, he bemoans in his broad Australian accent, 'Some of them just can't write!' While the couple has taken over the paper as a tribute to Carol, it is also as recognition of the importance *The Snowy River Echo* has made to the local community in such a short time. In the brief time I spent in Dalgety and Cooma, I saw people stopping Cristel and Scottie in the streets and asking about the next edition, and congratulating them on the last one.

Because they have only produced two editions without the guiding vision of Carol they are still learning as they go, and one thing they swear is not to try and do it all in two days! The future of the paper would be certain if it weren't for one thing: Cristel and Scottie plan to move from the area. There has been interest from various contributors, and the

one graphic artist who does all their ads has expressed interest but I doubt anybody could actually come up with the amount that the paper should be truly valued at. The secret to the success of the paper is in its future prospects, and it will take a very dedicated person to levitate it to a weekly in direct competition to the Rural Press owned twice-weekly of the same distribution area.

Of course everyone hopes that whoever takes on the paper after Cristel and Scottie's departure keep up the tradition of independent community voice, but the lesson learnt here is probably this: almost every community in this country needs an independent voice, they may just not know it yet.

Scottie remarked offhandedly to me, without realising the significance I think, that they will probably will start another *Echo* wherever it is they move to. It gets into your blood.

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New Year
everyone!



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6am Just The Right Brekkie Nancy Jo
9am Head to Head Nyck Jeanes
11am Belly The Belly Sisters
12pm Women Talk Lois, Di & Claudia
2pm Mondayitis Stuey
4pm Cruizy Beatz Jenny
6pm Behind the Bikesheds Ben & Ant
8pm Jam Not Jive Max Fowler
10pm Passionate Licks DJ Ipod
12am Let's Talk About Sex Aphrovenus

TUESDAY

6am Love, Life and Laughter Pavitar
9am Who Cares Mark Purser
11am Byron Business Phil Daly
12pm Roundtable Dan Cassidy
2pm Technobabble Jean Eric
4pm 7 Second Delay
Lawrence & Lightfoot
6pm All That Jazz PK
8pm Radio Mundial Steve Snelgrove
10pm Post Modern Backlash Hudson
12am Long Strange Trip Ice Cream Kid

WEDNESDAY

6am Rising Sounds Dawn
9am Travellers Tales Greg & Rebecca
11am Go Earthcare Ros Elliott
12pm Hectic Eclectic
Tweed Training & Enterprise
2pm Suara Indonesia Dharma
4pm The Bubble Effect Chelle
6pm Planet Luv Glitter Girl
8pm Submerged Si Clone
10pm Rub A Dub Krazy Dave
12am Flames of the Dragon
Resident Bush

THURSDAY

6am Bump & Grind Elsa
9am Arts Canvass
Peter & Karena Wynn-Moylan
11am Cultural Awareness
DJ Terra Nulus
12pm Juke Joint Tony Parker
2pm Mystery Train Sister Mary
4pm Talking 2 A Stranger DJ She
6pm Shakin N' Stirred Kerry & Chezi

8pm Cruisin for a Bluesin

The Honeydripper
10pm Soul Star Sisters
DJ Rana & DJ NatStar
12am World of Yum DJ Mikey Moo
& DJ Miaow Moo

FRIDAY

6am KB on the Remix KB
9am The Shakedown Red Terra
11am Shizamm Lizzy & Michelle
12pm Feel Up Ben & Del
2pm Who's Ear? Tone Broker
4pm Folk N' Rock Mel
6pm Funkyard DJ Shuffle & Joa
8pm Into the Unknown DJ Xfakta
10pm Roots & Culture DJ Selector
12pm Weekender Bender
Shawn & The Freegirl

SATURDAY

6am Musical Kaleidoscope
Robbie McGready
9am The Generator
Giovanni & Ellabee
10am Cowboys Sweethearts Carrie D
12pm Red, Hot & Cool Anthony & Ken
2pm Tasty/Whirled Music
Michael/Phil*
4pm Sliced Grooves DJ Madhu
6pm Rotation Pob
8pm Trance Mission
TLearyus & Cam
10pm Ice Cream Truck
Rugers & Fulton
12am Graveyard Shift Nikki & Matt

SUNDAY

6am Toasted Lady Marmalade
9am Espresso Culture Rachel Cook
10am Jazz Moods Jean Brown
12pm Omnibus RG Pedicini
2pm Radio Latina Ceci Ramirez
& Yolanda Santiago
4pm Bay Lounge Aqua
6pm Fusion Martin B
8pm Chillpill Mista Micha
10pm The Wonderful Thing Lewie JPD

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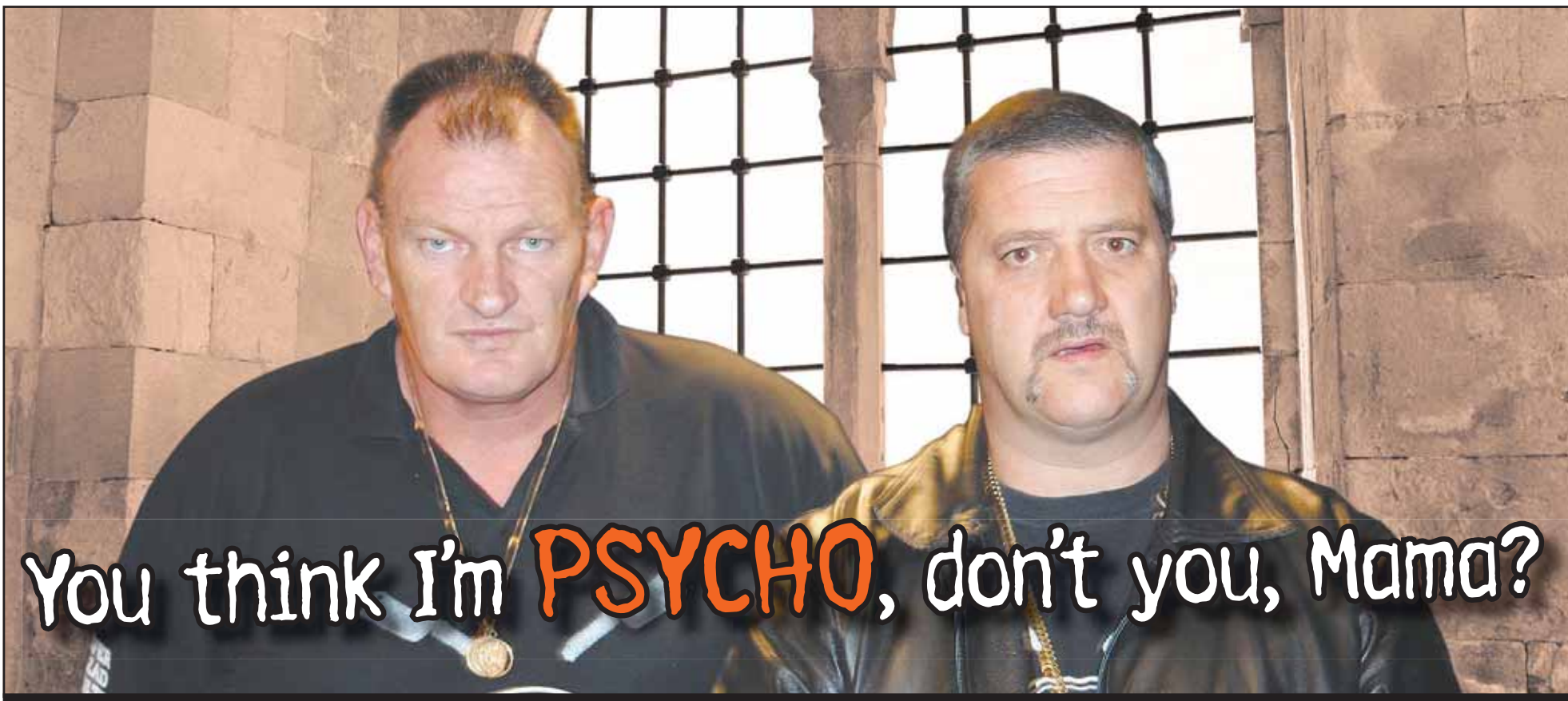
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Jacko and Chopper's testimonial on what it's like being a Wild Colonial psycho

Over the last four years, two of Australia's most well known and loved popular icons have toured the country letting the lip slip, recounting rather disturbing real life anecdotes and revealing an unlikely world perspective. Most people would need no introduction to ex AFL star turned comedian/actor/raconteur, Mark Jacko Jackson and his legendary accomplice Chopper Read, crim/author/artist/and inspiration for one of the seminal Aussie films of the nineties.

According to Jacko, their success on the live circuit has a lot to do with their ability to keep it fresh, to keep it real.

'It changes every night. I've never heard Chopper do the same show twice. He has no idea at all and a lot depends on what his food is like. As long as the food doesn't resemble prison food the show is

outstanding, but if it is he gets a little bit reserved...'

This puts a bit of pressure on the kitchen to come up with the goods, because as Mark says: 'we eat at the venue... and providing the food's really good there will be a really good show!'

'People won't be bored, I line Chopper up before he goes on and then pick up all the pieces. Now we got two comedians, Nick the hippy – he killed them there last time – we found him in Perth, and now we have another bloke, who is the MC comedian, auctioneer, The Dickster – from Fat Pizza.'

This is not a conventional show, and in saying so, some very unconventional things have happened to the blokes in the course of touring. It was traveling through the desert that Jacko recalled a particularly extraordinary event.

'We were driving out on this 10 k stretch of road and the car got hit by two 303 bullets. We were just coming out of Mt Magnet – and we hadn't seen so many dead animals, and we got hit by two shots on the

side. They pierced the side of the car and smashed into the beer, and we debated it whether we should go to the cops, but didn't because he put it down to a drunken roo shooter...'

'These shows are unique – they don't hide under the bed – it's hugely patriotic. We don't say the 'c' word, we say the 'F' word. The stories can be on the heavy side, but if people want to see some hard core stories, you only get a chance – to see one time in your life, it's like getting a chance to see Ned Kelly...'

Jacko also notes the extraordinary public fascination with the man who is Chopper Read.

'You see Chopper's paintings up against a Greg Norman golf stick (auction) you know what it will go for money... that's the Australian way, we haven't lost that appeal. I wouldn't like to do 23 years... to get a reputation like that. He owns up for what he does and corrects people about what he hasn't done.'

So why the live route?

'When I was at the peak of my luck in Australia I never sold out to any TV station, because I felt why

should I, why sell to one particular outlet, a lot of people do – you see so many sportsman that take that contract, and by doing that you burn a lot of bridges, by the same token, I am still working 25 years after I retired.

'I diversified, I wrote a book, I brought out a punk record, I did professional fights. You get to an age and you think I should have done those things, then you got to take advantage of that – if there's anything in the world that I like, it's doing comedy. I'm an anecdotal comic – I tell stories about my life about what has happened, I get infuriated with these comedians that get up and do these gags – I tell stories of things that actually happened to me, and use the language that was used.

'I've really got a story to tell, I have come from nothing and made something out of nothing... I don't do keynote talks, I refuse to do those talks, what sort of speaker does that? No one really gains anything from that unless you have the art of captivating and give people

something... Now they have this new thing of life coaches, give me a fucking break, didn't god give you a brain? You have to wonder where these life coaches have come from. And people are giving this shit to people and they're eating as much as they can!'

And Jacko's take on the violence erupting on Sydney beaches?

'You've only got to look at the politicians, what would they possibly know about what happens in the street, they wouldn't have a clue because they are not on the street... and again, it's the dogooders, because we don't have strength in our policing – saying that political correctness has to be adhered to. Politically correct people should come and listen to this show, just to get their minds right about what happens, firstly their jaws would drop, that these things actually happen, really, it's a different story... Don't be scared, we've never had any trouble.'

Jacko and Chopper are Wild Colonial Psychos – at the Hotel Great Northern on Monday.

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It's official, I am infested. My home is a 6 legged warzone. They're worse than backpackers people, I'm talking Cockroach central. I can't open a cupboard without them falling on my head, I can't brush my teeth without finding at least two straddling my toothbrush, sucking out the juice. They live on crumbs in the toaster, have taken up residence in the warm pipes of my capuccino machine, and most recently I came home to find them drinking beer and pulling Mortein bongos with the mozzies. I am a loving woman, with deep seated Buddhist tendencies, but when it comes to the roach, I become unhinged. I want to kill. I found two, or maybe three dozen involved in a bit of invertebrate wife swapping on the kitchen tiles and brought them all to simultaneous orgasm with one blow of the Dalai Lama's 'Art of Happiness'. I'm still picking bits of shiny brown exoskeleton from some of my favourite passages on compassion. The Spanish call it the 'cucaracha' to suggest the vigorous stamping of it by the homeowner in a salsa shoe. We should have called it the 'thongarcha', to infer a kind of useless pissed flapping of rubber. The other night I stapled a few of the nasty little German ones together, as a warning for their mates. They ate the staples. Now they're wandering around with an array of body piercing, a kind of Hitleresque punkthropod hard core street styling. If I lived in a dumpster then I could understand it. But I don't. My student days of leaving washing up untended for weeks on end and garbage spewing onto the floor are over. Finally, I have reached an acceptable level of hygiene and I am overrun by cockies. As I drift off to sleep I hear the soft patter of rain. I wake in horror. That's not rain, that's feet. Hundreds of thousands of tiny feet pounding through my house, my electrical goods, my food, my bed, touching all my stuff with their greasy little sticky legs. They're fucking everywhere. It's like a Kafkaesque nightmare, I keep checking the fridge lining for any signs of Gregor. They repulse me. I try to humanise them, to make them less repulsive. A friend suggested a visualisation which gave them a face. Now I'm in complete fricking terror. I still have thousands of cockies, but now they all have John Howard's head. Having small kiddies, I've been a bit reluctant to using poisons around the house (other than the odd drop of arsenic in the cupcake), and nature's little brown bullets can survive 16000 rad of Radiation. The odd squirt of DDT ain't even gonna touch the sides, man these guys do napalm with sarin chasers. I've tried affirmations - 'I love and accept my vermin. Now fuck off' - I've chanted, ranted, threatened and begged. I've set the sticky hotels, which only kill a handful, but provide such satisfaction watching them suffer. I am afraid to sleep. I woke up the other night with some gentle biting on my earlobe, giggling, 'Stop it, go away.. oh alright then Tiger', only to discover it wasn't my husband, but a big brown Gigantis, shagging my ear. I felt so cheap. Totally used. He hasn't even called. Disgusting Vermin.

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» BIG DAY OUT A SELL OUT

If you haven't got your ticket yet for January 22's **Big Day Out** at the Gold Coast Parklands, it looks like it's going to be a big day in. **Tickets have just sold out.** There are still some available for the Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth event, so if you feel like popping onto a plane for a wild day, it might be your only chance. Featuring Kings of Leon, Iggy Pop, Beasts of Bourbon and Franz Ferdinand to name just a few, this is the one day event that showcases the who's who and the who's almost who of alternative music. Log onto the website for a bit of a squiz: www.bigdayout.com

» LIOR LIOR, PANTS ON FIOR

I have a sneaking suspicion that I've used that header before, but, no doubt it will slip through the net unnoticed. Unlike **Lior**. He ain't gonna slip through anything without causing a stir. His album 'Autumn Flow' was my favourite listen of 2005, with a vocal toning and simple songwriting reminiscent of Paul Simon. Lior was nominated for three Arias this year but got pipped at the post by the bloke who ironically I reckon looks and sounds a lot like Art Garfunkel, Ben Lee. Gees, put Lior and Lee together and we've got the Sounds of Silence. **Lior is joined by grungey rock chick extraordinaire Mia Dyson at Seagulls, Tweed Heads.** Check the gig guide page for our ticket give aways.

» A TUMMEE FULL OF TOMMEE!

It's been a big year for **Tommee and the Neighborhood**, who've just closed the door on 2005 with a kick butt gig at the wondrous Woodford Fest. The crew return to Byron to **play their only local show at Coorabell Hall on Friday.** The guys are looking forward to reconnecting with the great people and vibes they found here last time. Hailing from Sydney, Tommee and the Neighborhood combine their variety of influences: including reggae, blues, jazz and African and Latin beats into an exotic mix that transcends all boundaries to provide an uplifting sense of wellbeing for all. Tommee was born in a small village called Bima in the Indonesian jungle before growing up in Bali and moving to Australia. His music reflects strongly on his past and provides a unique perspective on the world. His guitar playing and soulful voice rank among the most lyrical and passionate in the country and he is ably accompanied by the dynamic Neighborhood. Catch the Hood at the hall on Friday.

» BLOODY MARVELLOUS

I managed to Catch The **Bloody McKennas** at Joyfest recently. The Bloodies hit Queensland running this summer launching their new instrumental single and

filmclip at The Woodford Folk Festival as well as a string of special shows in Brisbane and surrounds supporting the super talented Fruit. Convinced by the hordes of fans after each concert screaming 'What was that Bloody Song?' 'The Bloodies' decided to cut to the chase and release a special version of their 'Grace Emily Jam' (a song taken from their 2004 EP release 'Time and Tide') delivering the goods in a tasty little treat for their obsessed punters. The single offers some special bonuses, including a powerhouse 10 minute live version recorded at The Espy in Melbourne (featuring a blistering 3 minute distorted mandolin solo) a swinging yet cruisy new-wave house remix by stalwart Melbourne DJ Bubble N Squeak, and an enhanced component – a tucked away music video for Grace Emily Jam that features some super cool retro game CGI sequencing. Currently in form, on fire and likely to go bloody off this summer, get off your arse and get to a show to see the new tunes and inspired grooves of **Those Bloody McKennas. The Rails, Monday.**

» STRAIGHT TO THE HEART

lannah has been in the process of defining and refining their purpose as performers of sacred music, and developing their artistic skills to best represent this endeavour. lannah returns to Ambaji in the heart of Byron Bay where singer Colleen de Winton and guitarist Eddie Blatt first performed concerts as a duo two years ago. They have since greatly matured both spiritually and musically, and would love to share the results of that process with people to begin the New Year. lannah has also expanded to include Jera Sansom (violin/viola/vocals) and Robbie Farrar (cello). They have both added dimensions of musicality that have greatly enhanced the combined intentions of the group. **Thursday, at Ambaji, 6 Marvel Street in Byron.** \$15/12 with doors open from 7.30pm.

» GET INTO THE GROOVE

Dé Jah Groove – (Pro-nounced day jar groove) is one of the freshest bands on the Melbourne music scene. They hit the circuit September 2004 exploding with a powerhouse of rhythm and groove. The project title: 'Live AUSSIE music to the Rescue'. They reckon that Australia's airwaves are dominated by foreign artists and they intend to do something about it! Armed with fierce percussion, fat drum-beats and bass lines, raunchy Sax playing, rock-steady guitar riffs and a flipped-out trombone player, De Jah Groove are out to rock the Sunburnt Land! The style is often referred to as 'An Australian fusion of Reggae, Hip-hop and Latino grooves' but is usually summarised as 'Party Music'. The lyrical content focuses on the Aussie

party culture, music and travel, good-times with good-vibes and is sung with a refreshing Australian accent. **They rock the Beach Hotel on Thursday and Friday.**

» WAITING FOR A REASON TO BREATHE

Ever wondered why you even bother breathing? Well time to inhale people, **the Reason To Breathe concert** is soon to hit town. The concert tour includes a musical repertoire exploring classical, jazz, folk, world music and much more. This unique concert has combined four exceptionally talented musicians from totally different musical styles and backgrounds – **Mark Atkins** (Didgeridoo), **Christian Marsh** (Harmonica), **Parris Macleod** (Piano), and **Wu Pu-Yu** (Flute and Piano). Wu Pu-Yu, originally from Taiwan, was the principal flute player in the Taoyuan Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of 12. After completing a Bachelor of Art degree with a double major in classical piano and flute, she moved to Australia with husband Parris Macleod. She now performs regularly throughout Australia with many wellknown artists, and has gained great respect within the music industry for her musical aptitude and delightful personality. Parris Macleod is an established and well-recognised recording producer, engineer, composer, arranger and multi-instrumentalist. Christian Marsh is the three times winner of the Gold Harmonica. Mark Atkins is acknowledged as one of Australia's finest didgeridoo players, being internationally recognised for his collaborative projects with some of the world's leading composers and musicians, including Philip Glass, Peter Sculthorpe, Led Zeplins, Robert Plant and Jimmy Page and many more. The program includes pieces from many great classical and modern composers as well as original compositions. There will be solo performances from each member of the group, as well as the full ensemble and combinations in between. A truly breathtaking experience. **Friday at 7.30pm at the Byron Bay Community Centre.** Tix \$25 and can be booked on 6685 5659.

» BIG BYRON SHOW!

There are days when I think the Byron I used to love is gone forever. Just a crinkle in the sheets of where she once slept, my dancing pierced feral has taken her drums and nicked off. In her place lies a couple of property developers, who are shocking doona hogs. They've squeezed me out of my own bed, so now I sleep on the floor. Affordable bedding. Where is it? This place is renowned for it's incredible creative talent and diversity, our local players are invited to perform and work alongside the world's best and the world's best has always ended up gravitating here. And so we see the birth of what is to be an annual event: **The Big Byron Show.** After a year performing with the Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas, and a few months playing Ibiza, **Mat**

Ledger and Si Mullumby return to the North Coast with a plan. To create a show that reflects the spirit and the positive aspects of Byron. They are joined by master percussionist, **Greg Sheeha** and **Avishar Ba-natan** in a musical and percussive collaboration that has been 2 months in the making. The guys wanted to create the Cirque feel here, and have invited **Hamilton Barnett** to perform as well as two international stars of the high wire, **Arnel**, an aerial artist from Israel and Spain's **Marina Cardona** from Lanonima Imperial, also an ex Cirque du Soleil performer. This is going to be the biggest little show in town – original, dynamic, comic, thought provoking and moving, prepare yourself for a journey to a metaphysical landscape of sound and vision. The crew have also developed a one hour kid friendly matinee.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Byron Community Centre, nightly at 8.30pm with 2pm matinees on the Monday and Tuesday. Ticks for the evening show are \$18/22 and the day show just \$8 for kids, \$12 for adults and \$25 for a family. Bookings to: 6685 5659.

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WEDNESDAY 4 >>

At Play, fresh breakbeats from Sydney's cult Breaking Point Records producer **Bass Kleph** who joins regular **Noodles**. At Cocos **Gravy** gets funky upstairs while at the Northern **Endorphin** rocks it tonight and promises a visual feast and bangin' beats.

FRIDAY 6 >>

Tonight at Play **Sugar Ray** and **Phil Smart** from legendary Sydney club *Tweekin* for one night only. Sugar Ray has been living in Canada and had claimed to have 'retired' from DJing, but hearing that Phil Smart had realised a dream that started at Club 77, he insisted on a comin' to Byron to tear shit up. At the ol' Buddha Bar regular **Del Larkin** will be on the terrace while **Aqua** will play downtempo grooves in the bar area. Up the coast at Elsewhere, you can hear **Anakin Skywalker's** bass heavy jazz electro rock followed by **Audun** delivering his interpretation of unconventional electro. At La La, supported by **Will Jay**, **The Glimmers**. Mo Becha and David Fouquaert, once known as The Glimmer Twins, will play a dizzying blend of disco, punk, funk, electro, & house. In Leonnox check out **Mission Ignition** as they heat things up at the Lennox Hotel.

SATURDAY 7 >>

At Cocos DJ/Producer **Abel el'toro** is in the upstairs lounge. Abel has played alongside some of the best including Chemical Brothers, Fatboy Slim, Sasha & Carl Cox to name but a few. **Craig Delmo** plays at La La with resident **Live Wire**. Elsewhere serves it up with their feature guest for January, **Thomas J** showcasing his house/electro/mash up style followed by **DJ Ben Abrahams** with his signature brand of new school acid house. At Play, DJs **Scoota**, **Dave C** and **Foxy** spin big room house and electro beats.

SUNDAY 8 >>

Three Ways Cafe at Wilsons Creek has local breaks gurus **Pob** and **Slinky** behind the decks in the arvo. **Dave Atkins** plays hip hop and funk upstairs at Co Co's, while La La has regulars **Movin Marty** and **Will Jay**. Northward at Elsewhere, **Abel el'toro** is joined by residents **Giv** and **Rock Hardson**.



More people turned up at Baba's after party than expected.

SUMMAFIELDAYZE 06

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LIVE MUSIC

>> PARKWAY DRIVE HIT THE (TEAK) CIRCUIT

Who would have believed that one of the most successful hardcore punk bands to hit the ipods of Aussie kids would emerge not from a grotty bedsit in Newtown, but from the lush and privileged Ewingsdale. **Parkway Drive**, whose name is also their mailing address are hitting stages across the country in the To Die For Boys of Summer Tour! Fresh off their debut album tour for Killing with a Smile, Parkway Drive are set to tear you a new one in January as they team up with **Evergreen Terrace**, **Carpathian** and **The Getaway Plan**. After wowing Australian audiences on their debut tour in 2004, Evergreen Terrace will be showcasing tunes from their latest album on Eulogy recordings 'Sincerity is an easy disguise in this business' plus all the oldies and goldies from their extensive back catalogue. Carpathian will also be showing off new tracks on this tour, and then heading into the studio shortly after to record their debut album for Resist Records. And relative newcomers The Getaway Plan will no doubt

build on their reputation for a blistering live show on Boys of Summer after appearances on The Destroy Music tour back in July and August, as well as memorable shows with Anberlin, Silverstein, Unwritten Law among many others. Start growing those fringes my friends and you might even end up with a bit of recreational Rex. **Byron High School, Thursday**. All ages, with the doors opening at 6pm. Tickets from All Music and Vision, Byron, 6685 7611.

>> MUSIC THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU

As if flying across the Pacific was a regular bus commute, Australian power trio **Fruit** bounce between hemispheres, bringing their soulful, harmony-driven, horn-laden sounds to a seriously devoted and growing fan base. This summer Fruit squeezed eight festivals and some 20 concerts into a two month North American tour in such fine voice, these harmony divas took the record for highest CD sales at every festival they played. Fruit's music is powered by the distinctive vocal harmonies of the three frontline female vocalists, two

wielding guitars while the other commands an arsenal of horns. Their exquisite harmonies hint at a musical bloodline that embraces everyone from Dave Matthews to Joni Mitchell, Ani DiFranco to George Harrison, Prince and Ste-

a penchant for crafting tell-all songs that make the listener feel intimately connected with the singer. Expertly wielded vocal harmonies give this band an impressive full sound. **Get your daily dose of Fruit at the Coorabell Hall on**



Those Bloody McKennas, at the Rails, Monday

Wendy Wonder, Fruit's music has been described as 'sensitive, embracing and disarming'. With

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>> THE DA VINCI CODA

Entropic make great moves with their unique approach to dance floor music. There are no samplers, sequences or turntables under the hood instead you'll find double bass, fender rhodes, drums and jazz guitar coming together to create and improvise styles such as breaks, drum'n'bass, house and two step. On this tour they are joined by the chief dub technician Deep Child. Unleashing a refined yet raw energy through their instruments, tweaked and unmodified with the likes of latex, plastic and metal debris, Entropic's engaging live show creates a space for the acoustic in the electronic world of dance music. Electronica for your soles!! **Coda** on the other hand, elegantly mix strings with electronics, groove with folk, pop with classical to create soaring harmonies, laid back beats and a chilled out mood. Coda recently put out their second release for Silent Recordings. They appeal to a diverse and savvy listening audience, from classical to urban electronic heads. It is impossible to pigeonhole this artist collective and that is the beauty and appeal of Coda. The energy they generate on stage and in the music is special!

Pitch your tent at Coorabell, because these guys play on Thursday, with tix at the door for \$15/18 from 7.30pm.

>> HAVING AN EPIPHANY

Get close to God with another **Epiphany at Stoker's Siding Hall on Friday**. With Jig Zag direct from Woodford festival, this three piece high energy band from Sydney combine Celtic snap, heartfelt ballads and punchy folk. A perfect blend of instrumental skills and voices. Meals served at 7pm, vego or meat – a meal and a show for just \$18, and kids are just \$6.

>> I SEE RED

What a year it has been for **Scarlett Affection!** After playing the Blues Festival, the Opera House and just last week the Woodford Folk Festival – Scarlett Affection are kicking off 2006 with a show at the Rails. For those of you unfamiliar with their sibling synergy, Scarlett Affection is sisters Melia and Nerida who weave magic with their haunting harmonies, their emotive lyrics and their sultry stage show. In short – edgy piano rock meets acoustic folk, with a dash of genetic affection. **Their charisma is contagious so catch the show at the Rails this Saturday at 7pm.**

ARTSEVENTS

>> COMEDY: NATURE GLOVER

Alan Glover is a stand-up comedian who strongly identifies with the ethos of what it means to be part of a small town community. This Internationally successful comedian has performed all over the world, but has chosen to call Wollumbi, a small Australian country town home. 'I grew up in Sydney, well I had this place (in Wollumbi) as a weekendender and I went off to live and work in the USA and ended up in San Francisco. I came back and realised I didn't want to live anywhere but Australia, but I didn't want to live in the city. I moved here without realising the kind of community that you become a part of, you become part of a whole community – it was a revelation – I had no idea – I always went to the bush as a kid but I was always a city guy, I thought you couldn't have a career as a comedian unless you were in the city which is bullshit – I've just come back from a meeting about a job for a whole lot of wineries and am just back from performing at the Port Fairy Folk Festival, and the National and Yackandah Folk Festival.' Much of the comedy industry is celebrated in the metropolitan areas, but regional areas are proving to be thriving areas of cultural growth. For Alan who has been performing stand up for over 20 years, it's a lifestyle that he credits with keeping him 'real and grounded: 'Having lived in London for a year, that's where I'd be, if I was going to be in a city I wouldn't fuck around with Sydney I'd go to London, but I'm glad I've been able to travel, but wherever I go I seem to be there so I might as well be in a nice

place... being in a community is very grounding, I'm very environmentally active but I still have to drink in the same pub as the loggers and the sawmillers. You can't pretend that they don't exist, it's in your face we have to face up to each other, but I can talk to those people, if I was city based they'd be the enemy.' Alan Glover, real, funny and in your face. He performs with me as MC, **Liam Holm** and **Delores** as support. This is a Starlight Wellbeing Expo and **Mandy Nolan** (Me) presentation. Blue Healers: A night of healing laughter – laugh yourself well! **Bangalow Bowling Club on Thursday** at 8pm. Tix are \$10/15 and bookings can be made on 6685 4045 or 6687 1235

>> THEATRE: A TALENT THAT'S HARD TO SWALLOW

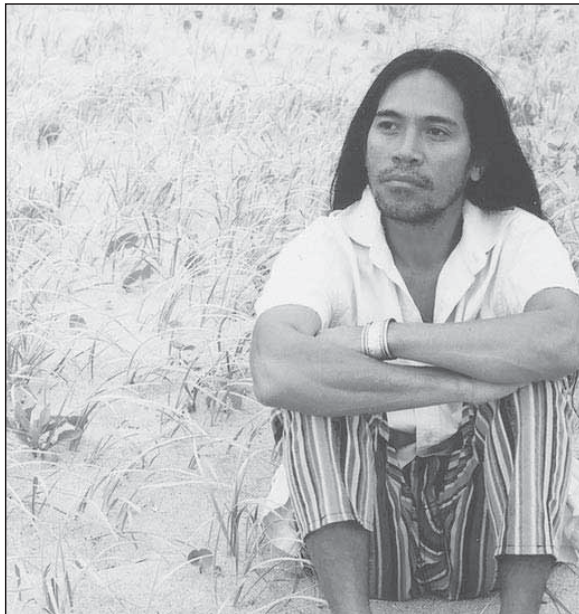
Space Cowboy has me freaked. He's the real deal. There's a touch of the twenties vaudeville about him. A spooky Houdinesque quality that has you either totally believing while at the same time thinking he's a damn clever trickster. In his show 'Mind Bending', Space Cowboy reads people's thoughts and sketches them down. The guy should work for customs! He's an extraordinary performer – **at the Byron Community Centre on January 12, 13 & 14**

>> BOOKS: SURFING THE HUMAN WAVE

Dr Pee Tek Chan has written a very simple, but compassionate and consuming book. In 'Sacred Surfer, Eternal Wave' the good Doctor reveals some of his universal

understandings that see man as Master of the Waves and Woman as the Ocean of Love. I would say just try dropping in on me buddy and you'll get yourself well and truly dumped! Dr Pee Tek Chan is a medical practitioner, acupuncturist, Chinese herbalist, healer and meditation teacher. He is well known for assimilating Eastern and Western Heal-

messages. 'One day in my meditation, I (the observer) noticed that I had to move very fast to keep up with the speed of the present moment. This speed is an illusion, as it is the speed of letting go.' **Dr Pee Tek Chan launches his book, 'Sacred Surfer, Eternal Wave' at Abraxas Bookshop, Lawson Street in Byron on Saturday at 7pm.**



Tommee and the Neighborhood, at the Coorabell Hall, Friday

ing Arts into one wholesome practise that he conducts in suburban Brisbane. This is not so much a self help book but a guide, or a kind of spiritual reminder about the need for stillness, oneness and meditation. Dr Chan explores the location of the 'true heart', wrapped in an onion skin of delusions and reveals that Betrayal is a gift to understanding the true nature of self. This is a very gentle book and one which should be read deliberately and slowly, leaving the reader with plenty of time to consider its spiritual

>> TALKING BACKWARDS Mandy Nolan has a quick chat with Starlight Festival speaker David Oates about the curious field of Reverse Speech.

According to David Oates, it's not what you say, or how you say it, it's what you say when you play it backwards. David Oates has pioneered Reverse Speech, a unique therapy that apparently pinpoints the hidden truths. Gees, I'm nervous just asking the questions. I've done a reverse strip, and I've

got no idea what I really meant to do.

So how does a bloke into electronics suddenly get into decoding banter?

'I came across this 22 years ago. I heard about backward messages in rock and roll and I started to look at it in verbal communication, and I was the first person to look at this. Once every 20 seconds we say something in reverse – there's a bi-level language – forwards as well as backwards – that's the real self, that's the truth, if you are lying forwards we get the truth in reverse.'

I imagine suspicious wives lining up their wayward husbands, hoping that the tape declaring 'No love, I didn't root her. That lipstick on my collar is actually from the waitress. She had an epileptic fit' reveals 'I am fucking Marjorie'.

According to David, there's always the odd client interested in uncovering their partner's secrets, but 'currently it's in the alternate field, going with high level business solutions, to personal development – the whole basis is that most people have the answers that they just don't admit it... often the last thing you want to be there is what's there.'

So what kind of secrets has the Reverse Speech uncovered?

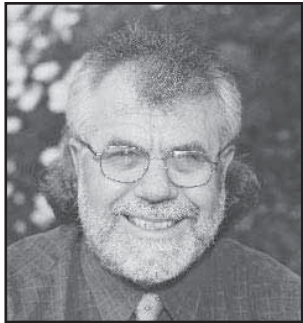
'A young woman came to me once with boyfriend issues, she couldn't keep one for longer than 2 months, in the reversal it came out, 'I have been molested', she broke down in tears, and hadn't told anyone, and it came out in reverse speech. 'People love this technology so much, it's a direct short

cut to the problem. Changes depend entirely on the person, I have some people who get some changes overnight, others, over three or four weeks. It can be life changing.'

Alright, I can't help myself, what has our great dictator, Heil Howard been up to, are there any snippets that say 'I am an evil Nazi'? 'John Howard was talking about the terrorist threat, one reversal said 'Dark Fear', one in Bali that said, 'They will fuck the tourists' – meaning we are going to have more terrorist threats overseas.'

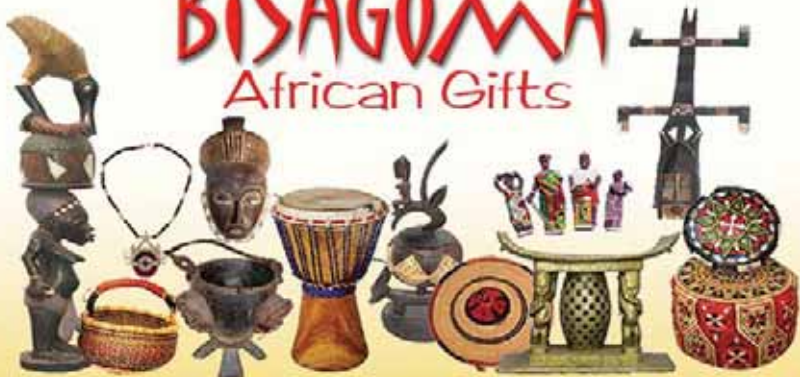
But my favourite was David's reversal on Bob Hawke's election victory. Honestly, I nearly wet myself. When asked how the teetotalling Hawke would celebrate his '87 election victory he is reported to have said 'With several cups of tea', but the reversal comes up with 'used to smoke the best marijuana'.

Better watch your P's and Q's because god knows what you're saying. **David will be speaking at the Starlight Wellbeing Expo – on Saturday from 2pm. The Wellbeing Expo runs over Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday** with workshops, practitioners, meditations and an all out healathon for just \$10/day. **Bangalow A&I Hall 5-8 January.**



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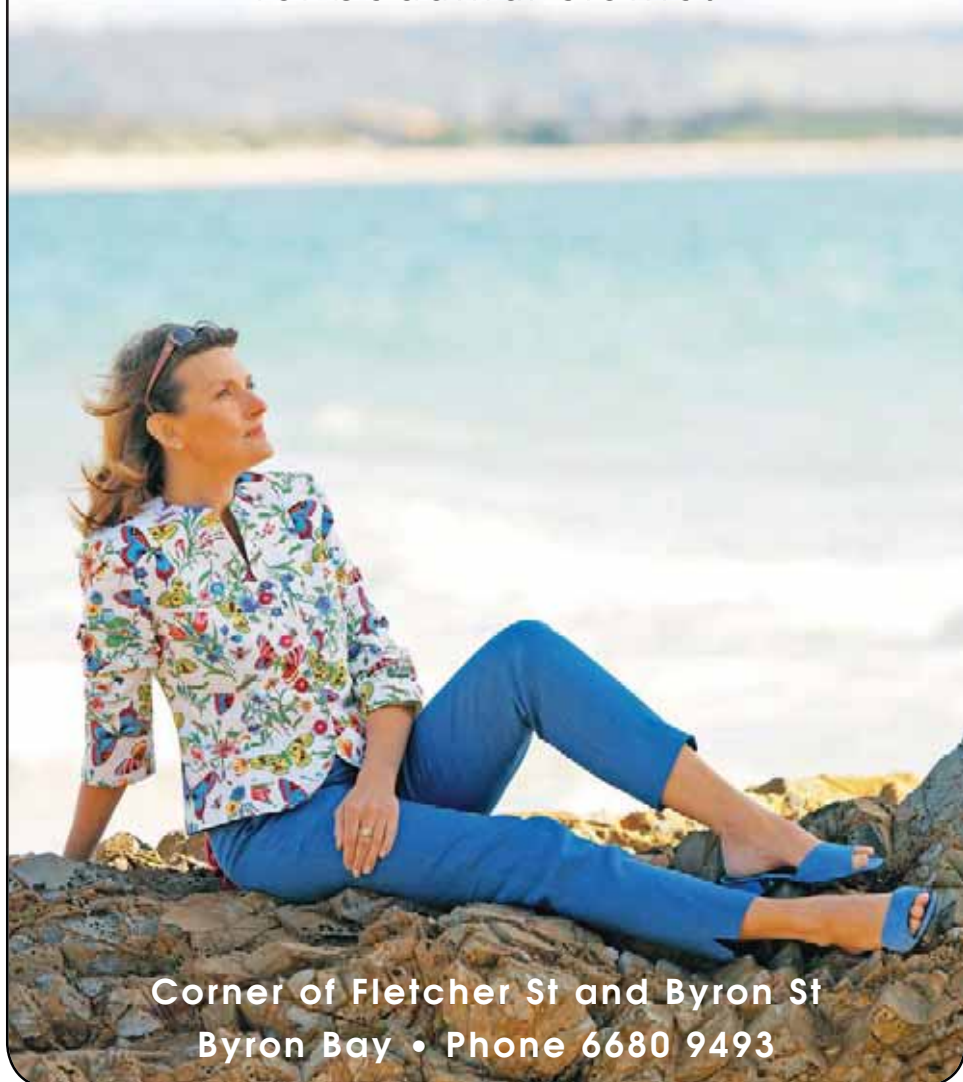
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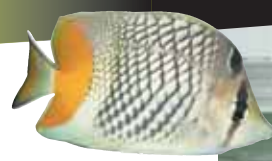
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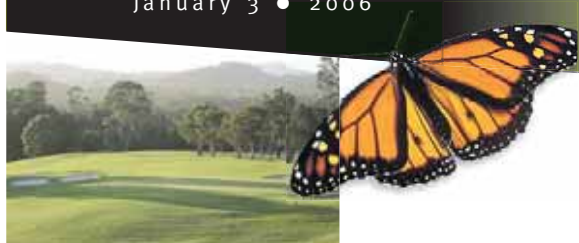
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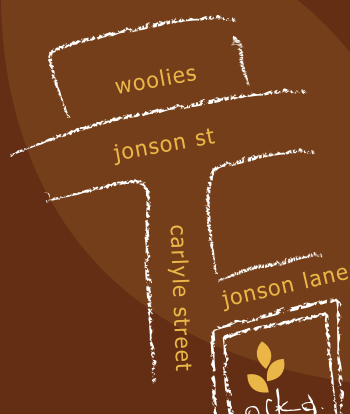
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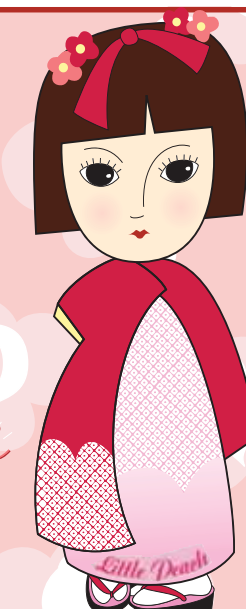


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Hollywood's social conscience has not yet resulted in an outraged expose of how actors like Jim Carrey are paid more for making a movie than most of his audience will earn in a lifetime. Was it a millionaire who said 'imagine no possessions?' The greed of corporate America is a topical but less challenging target, as Dick plummets from the heights to struggle street, his company gone bust after its directors' illegal asset stripping. Having lost their goods and chattels, he and wife Jane attempt a career of cute crime before planning the scam that will recoup the money owed to the company's former employees. Carrey is not so much an acquired as a rammed down your throat taste, but here he is mostly restrained and nearly likeable, whilst Alec Baldwin oozes avarice as the loathsome Texan who absconded with the loot - his 'now watch this shot,' an allusion to Bush's flippant dismissal of reporters in Farenheit 911, is a moment of brutal irony. There are some sharp gags but no surprises, with the genie of feral capitalism inevitably put back in its bottle, 'til next time.

John Campbell

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

Lewis Carroll's Alice plunged through the looking glass into a land of tricksters and riddlers. Narnia, at the back of a wardrobe, is a more troubled kingdom. As in the 'real world,' where the Luftwaffe is bombing London, the barbarians are at the gate and C S Lewis's child heroes, whose coming has been prophesied, will oppose the White Witch and her murderous rabble. Plenty has been made of the film's Christian iconography - there is even a resurrection - but it is primarily a king and country epic, with no room to doubt the rightness of war. The concluding battle is redolent of Shakespeare's Henry V and it is more rousing for it. It's a visual treat throughout but, at a time of breathtaking SFX, it's good to see a director (Andrew Adamson) not too proud to utilise the elementary day-for-night technique in one nocturnal scene - which in itself exemplifies what is a curiously old fashioned movie. Concerned with loyalty, truth and courage, and featuring fauns, centaurs and talking animals (the cockney Mr and Mrs Beaver are standouts), it is less imposing than the Rings but much more intimate.

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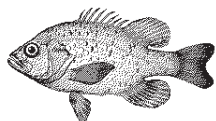
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Horatio Bitemark

THE NEW year is another country. As hinted upon last year, the members of the Myocum clubhouse headed north into the wilds of Queensland – its flat landscape dotted with salt bush and biker gang amphetamine factories – to help kill off 2005 and give birth to 2006 at the annual Feast of the Underworld, presided over by an appointed Persephone.

Baker's Gap is not well known to the general public. It is reached through a secret staircase in the floor of the amphitheatre at Carnarvon Gorge. Sunlight filters down vast columns of stone and illuminates the phosphorescent sigils of necromancy on the Gap floor.

'I say,' said Abbotsleigh as a valet extracted him from the wicker basket which had lowered him to the cavern floor, 'that sort of thing puts the wind up a chap's vitals.'

Which was exactly the point. Immersion in the preternatural is not for the faint-hearted or those who prefer a cup of cocoa to an absinthe slammer.

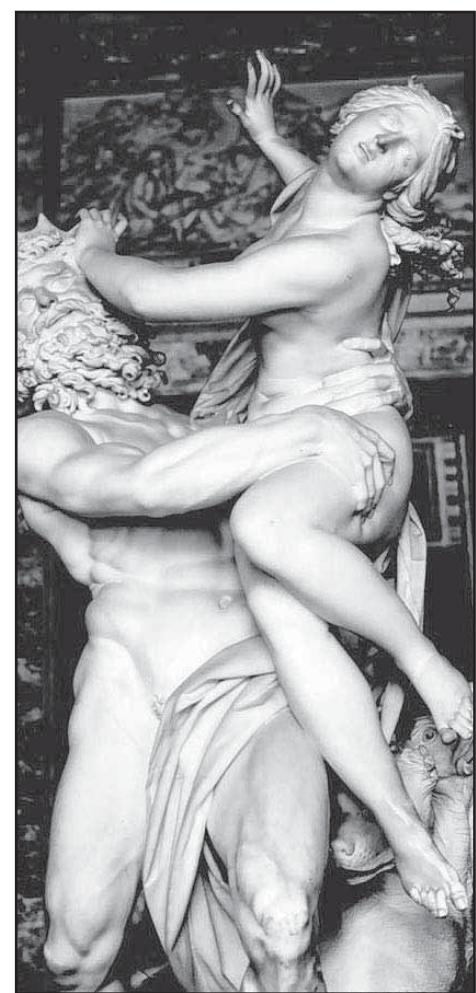
The witch chosen this year to be Persephone was Cynthia Worsted-Grippetalon, born into an impeccable Double Bay family and turned to the dark side by an itinerant Gypsy called Boboko with a remarkable talent for scrying and patisserie. His cocaine-and-chocolate torte was known to reduce strong merchant bankers to tears, women to unexpected orgasm and chrysalids to instant butterfly state. Cynthia and Boboko regularly held seances at their Red Hill mansion, seducing all with their smouldering looks and the quality of their ectoplasm.

Cynthia's shout of triumph as she set fire to the beards of the hog-tied shamans was an act of virtuosity, ringing off the walls of the cavern like the judgement call of Ragnarok. All but Trevor The Unsteady managed to extinguish their hairy blazes by force of will, and he had to be rescued by members of the local bushfire brigade, several of whom were given to lucid dreaming as well as sausage sizzles.

The common myth surrounding Persephone is that she was a sweet thing cruelly abducted by Hades. The truth is she grew weary of her vanilla youth and sought strange attractions in the Underworld. So too at each new year do we seek to shuck off the shell of our old life and begin again as new magical creatures or, in Abbotsleigh's confused case, as an umbrella stand. It took all of Sanders the butler's persuasive powers to convince the deluded chap that life as an

inanimate object was not viable and, further, would put his club membership in jeopardy.

If I told you, gentle reader, of all the secret rituals that occurred at the Feast of the Underworld, I would have to kill you, and with a circulation of 23,000 that would put an unconscionable dent in the club's assassination budget for 2006/07. Suffice it to say that it gave me new resolve to bring you further glowing accounts of the life of debauchery and excess as practised at the clubhouse – not to mention the occasional recipe – and earned me a crate of Bollinger for my skilful manifestation of Paracelsus's pet parrot while dancing backward through a field of whirling dervishes.



Story of a muffin man

Victoria Cosford

A FEW weeks before Christmas, the Byron Muffin Men became the Byron Muffin Man.

Shane Kennedy was the brother I never had, my landlord, my flatmate, my close friend in addition to having been half of this small local business which supplies markets and cafés with more than just muffins. Shane always supplied more than just love, to so many people. I first met him about four years ago when his film star looks, as my mother would have described them, disarmed me. Mid-thirties, low-voiced, courteous and utterly charming, he disarmed me more by the fact that he was the only gay man I was actually attracted to.

Shane was Barry's partner, their home a large sprawling property just out of Byron Bay where they would throw lavish parties, with designated parking lots for the scores of people who would cluster around the swimming pool or the bar area with its strands of fairylights. Generosity was the keynote in all their soirees: the endless succession of platters, drinks topped up, long table under the stars set with beautiful linen, the air perfumed with barbecued meats and fish. Shane: batik kerchief, frangipani behind one ear, drifting from group to group, a kind word to everyone, his laugh ringing out into the night.

I moved into the cottage on their property and began to better know him. The most gentle man, he spent much of his time on the property maintaining the extensive subtropical gardens, plant life and trees whose splendour is our medium. Animals and plants responded to him in the same way that humans did: gardens most glorious sprung up under his delicate fingers; dogs, horses, chooks, cats, ducks, peacocks his children, ranging freely across the ten acres of well-cropped lawns and vegetable beds. Shane used to leave flowers on the windscreen of my car. Or curl a glamorous floral arrangement around the door handle of my cottage. The night I nearly died because a mosquito coil had dropped, still smouldering, on to an old fabric bag then filled the cottage with smoke, it was Shane's voice calling me out of a semi-asphyxiated sleep at midnight then his hand hauling me out into the night and back into life.

It was Shane who lit a hundred tea-light candles all around the swimming pool to greet me late one night I arrived home. I parked the car, walked through the garage and into a fairyland, a kidney-shape of tiny lights describing the glossy silent pool then

the short path which leads to my cottage. It must have taken him so long to light the candles, set an inch apart, to create this magical homecoming. He called me Gorgeous and Beautiful when I was at my most frumpishly dull. He left homemade biscuits, muffins still warm, a packet of soft ginger sweets on my dining table.

Shane really needed a new liver in order to turn forty. Too ill, finally, for the operation, he decided that he just wanted to come home from the hospital where he had spent several twisted, tortured weeks, and be there for as long as it lasted. We were all waiting for the ambulance to bring him home: his family and his closest friends – we were all there when the bed he had travelled in had manoeuvred him into his own bedroom – we were all there for him to take in, one final beautiful image of love so fierce it charged the air, before giving up, sliding away. He was making cards – magazine cuttings pasted on to bright card-board – for all his friends the week before he died, and one of the several he made for me says, 'We are all so lucky to live where we do. Just waking up is a beautiful thing, all the birds. I love it.' I am incapable of reading this without crumpling.



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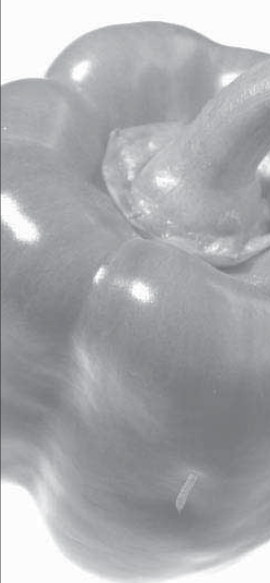
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- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **COCKATOO PAUL LIVE + SOL CARROLL + STEVO EXTREMO FIRESHOW** BUDDHA BAR STUDIO 6PM **RED HOT SALSA**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **DIDGE SHOW**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **TULIP + GOODWOOD LOUNGE GRAVY**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 8.30PM **ENDORPHIN**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **DJ SHUFFLE**
- PLAY, BYRON **BROKEN: BASS KLEPH + NOODLES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **JIMMY WILLING + THE REAL GONE HICCUPS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **SUPER FREAKS**
- COORABELL HALL 8PM **FRUIT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 7.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**

THURSDAY 5

- AMBAJI, BYRON 7.30PM **IONNAH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DE JAH GROOVE**

- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **DAVE BASEK + ABEL EL TORO**
- BYRON HIGH SCHOOL 8PM **PARK WAY DRIVE + EVERGREEN TERRACE + CARPATHIAN + THE GETAWAY PLAN**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 9PM **TALENT QUEST**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G LOUNGE POB**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **UNIFIED GECKO + NIKKI BOMBA**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **SOUL OF MAN + DAVE ATKINS**
- PLAY, BYRON **SFK PLAYS ON: DISCO PUSSY VS SLACK + N ZED**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **BARON SAMADHI**
- BANGALOW BOWLS 8PM **STAND UP COMEDY FEATURING + ALAN GLOVER + LIAM HOLM + MC MANDY NOLAN**
- BANGALOW A & I, 9.30 - 6.30PM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **PURPLE DRIPPERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **OCKEROCK**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL, MULLUM 8.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- POINCIANA, MULLUM 12PM **JAZZ WITH THIERRY + CARL + BEN**

- COORABELL HALL 8PM **ENTROPIC + CODA**

FRIDAY 6

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **DE JAH GROOVE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **DEL LARKIN + DJ AQUA**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 10AM **BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES 7.30PM REASON TO BREATHE CONCERT TOUR**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **ADRENALIN PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **VOODOO + CRINKLE LOUNGE TULIP**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **MARSHALL CD LAUNCH**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **THE GLIMMERS + WILL JAY**
- PLAY, BYRON **DIRTY: SUGAR RAY + NICK TAYLOR + PHIL SMART**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **NEO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **ANDREW COX BAND**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL, MULLUM 8.30PM **BYRON INYA BACKGROUND**
- COORABELL HALL 8PM **TOMMEE + THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- BANGALOW A & I, 9.30 - 6.30PM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- THE URBAN, BANGALOW 6.30PM **DAVID ADES TRIO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **MISSION IGNITION**
- BALLINA RSL, 9.30PM **LISA HUNT**
- C-VUE BAR + GRILL, CABARITA 7PM **SOULMAN**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **JASPER VINE**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **EPIPHANY**
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **ANAKIN + AUDUN**

SATURDAY 7

- ABRAXAS BOOKSHOP, BYRON 7PM **DR PEE TEK CHAN'S BOOK LAUNCH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **DIRTY LAUNDRY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **RAZ BIN SAM + LION1 BAND 9.30PM DAVE GRAVY**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **LADIES NIGHT**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G + GAZ LOUNGE DJ ABEL**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **ROLL LIKE THAT**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **CRAIG DELMO + LIVE WIRE**
- PLAY, BYRON **SCOOTA + DAVE C + FOXXY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **SCARLETT AFFECTION**
- BANGALOW A & I, 9.30 - 6.30PM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **THE HENCHMEN**
- THE URBAN, BANGALOW 6.30PM **BRYSON MULHOLLAND**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **THE REMAINS**
- LU LU CAFE, MULLUM, 11AM **SPARKS**
- MULLUM RSL 8.15PM **ANGRY PENGUINS**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL, MULLUM 6PM **SOULMAN + DJ**
- MIDDLE PUB 8PM **DELISCH**
- BALLINA BOWLS 7.30PM **CHERRY STREET**
- GRAND PACIFIC, K'CLIFF **THE LOVE BUS**
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **THOMAS J + BEN ABRAHAMS**

SUNDAY 8

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM **STICK** 9PM **TONE BROKER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 8.30PM **THE BIG BYRON SHOW (CIRQUE DA BYRON STYLE)**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **CYBERBAS LIVE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G LOUNGE DAVE ATKINS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 8PM **AFTER THE FALL**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **MOVIN MARTY + WILL JAY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 2PM 6.30PM **THOSE BLOODY MCKENNAS**
- ZULA CAFE, BYRON 4 - 8PM **CHILL OUT SESSIONS W/ POB**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **UTOPIANS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL, 2PM **SOULMAN**

- BALLINA RSL, 9.30PM **SHANE ST JAMES**
- BANGALOW A & I, 9.30 - 6.30PM **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **CHARLIE**
- THREE WAYS, WILSON CAFE, 4-10PM **POB + SLINKY**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL **PERCH CREEK FAMILY**
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **ABEL EL TORO + GIV + ROCK HARDSON**

MONDAY 9

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **PABLO DISCOBAR**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **LIVE ACOUSTIC**
- BYRON CINEMAS 5PM **BILLABONG JACK MCCOY SURF FILM FESTIVAL**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2 & 8.30PM **THE BIG BYRON SHOW (CIRQUE DA BYRON STYLE)**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **VOODOO + CRINKLE LOUNGE DYNAMO**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **CHOPPER + JACKO**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **MARK KNIGHT + THE STAFFORD BROTHERS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **SOULMAN**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL 7.30PM **SALSA CLASS FREESTYLE**
- THE CHICKEN SHACK, EWINGSDALE 7.30PM **DAVE MARR AND THE SUNNYBRANDS**

TUESDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **VOCAL DANCE SHOWCASE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **DJ DAVE C**
- BYRON CINEMAS 5PM **BILLABONG JACK MCCOY SURF FILM FESTIVAL**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2 & 8.30PM **THE BIG BYRON SHOW (CIRQUE DA BYRON STLE)**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **TEAM TRIVIA**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G + GOODWOOD LOUNGE SHUFFLE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 8PM **THE MARTINI CLUB**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **SAVIDOS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **BRIAN WATT**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL 7.15PM **ROCK + ROLL DANCING**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS + JAM**

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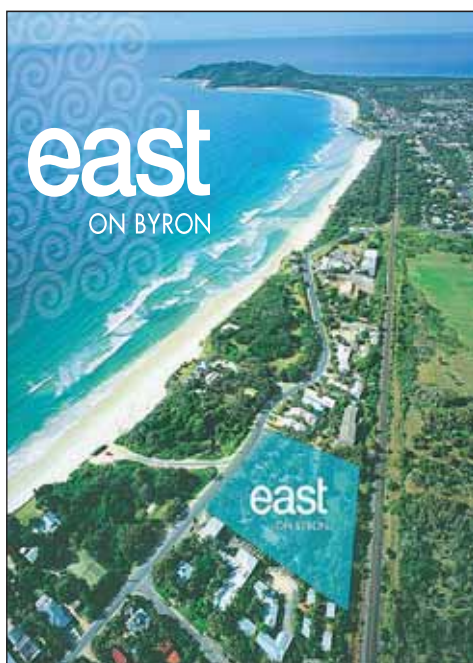
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This week Mercury joins the Sun and Venus in Capricorn and Io! a great sense of quiet calm descends on the biosphere. Finally you can hear yourself think. Now where were you again...?

ARIES: You're always at your best at the beginning of things – years, relationships, projects – and with a panorama of new possibilities unfurling into the future like the yellow brick road, you're rearing to go and ready to leap tall buildings... No stopping you this week.

TAURUS: With Venus retrograde in Capricorn, the material world makes its present felt in relationships. Money, comfort and security all seem more important. And they are – but not at the cost of your peace of mind. Take a good look this week at the tremendous amount you've already been given.

GEMINI: The baby year's all fresh and new, you're gung ho ready to go and this week makes it obvious that where certain things from last year are concerned, you're best off cutting your losses and moving on. But you already knew this, so what's stopping you?

CANCER: No need to hit the spin cycle because others are determined as the Terminator to move ahead. Agreeing to delete even a few outdated programs from your personal file would make them ecstatic – although you just never know when something from that collectible stash will come in handy...

LEO: Presentation's important this week, and if anyone knows how to put on a show and play the part it's your Maj. Right now even those defects and shortcomings – the ones you don't believe you have – are working for you. Though friendships which have frayed a little lately do need a repair job...

VIRGO: You really don't have to prove anything this week by taking on killer responsibilities. It's the new year – about quality of life, remember? Return problems to sender. Isn't this the year you promised you weren't going to do that all work and no play makes a dull Virgo thing?

LIBRA: Venus retrograde in Capricorn could turn you into the style police – but hey, there's way too much of that stuff happening already. Even the most dreary, annoying person has some unique quality or fascinating peculiarity, so try and find everyone's inner artist this week.

SCORPIO: Don't be surprised if whatever you put together this week changes, rearranges and slip-slides around: including work plans, relationships and income. But there's no need to fret when fortune-bringing Jupiter just won't stop presenting you with new booty and opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS: Things are powering along of their own accord this week, so no need to push them. Let things and people come to you. They will... If you feel like taking the credit card for a walk, wait till next week when things are cheaper. Pay full price – what were you thinking?

CAPRICORN: It's January 3 and you're already contemplating the year's goals and compiling wish lists, even if you're on holidays. Capricorn Isaac Asimov wrote over 500 books – a book a week in his last year – but do you really want to be that kind of Cap? Enjoy your month in the sun.

AQUARIUS: Isaac Newton who discovered gravity and Louis Braille the inventor of, yes, braille were both born this week. Which happens to be a corker for giving intangible ideas solid, practical applications in everyday reality – for making wild ideas actually work.

PISCES: There is life after the season of unreason and this is it. If you're feeling a bit of a flat Piscean pancake or suffering those low down, no enthusiasm, back to work blues, hook up with a fun someone for a reviving rendezvous this week – and keep doing it till you feel better.

LOVING A LIOR

We have some double passes and CD giveaways to see Lior at Seagulls on Wednesday. It's a double header with Mia Dyson, so email mandypow@echo.net.au with subject header 'Lior tix'.

TWEEKIN PLAYS DIRTY

The gig reunites Sugar Ray and Phil Smart from legendary Sydney club Tweekin for one night only, anywhere, and sees Sugar Ray touch down in Byron Bay once again. (At Play). He's been living in Canada and had claimed to have 'retired' from DJing, but hearing that Phil Smart had realised a dream that started at Club 77, Sugar Ray insisted on a Tweekin Plays Dirty. Email mandypow@echo.net.au with subject header 'Free Tweek'.

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Surf with the locals, frolic with the dolphins, splash with the kids at Torakina Beach, lap the river at dawn, go to the gym for swimming lessons or aqua aerobics.

Walking the dog.

Walk the dog at any time with Hugo, Madge, Martha, Leo, Reuben, Victor, Brody, Brody jnr. and meet their owners.

Push the boat out.

Hire a tinny and meander up to Mullumbimby. Canoe or kayak the creeks, sail the river, take your boat or cruiser beyond the breakwater where the whales watch you.

The world on a string.

Fly your kite on the beach, in the park or try kite adventure sports on the beach.

Use your legs.

Walk the beach to Byron. Stroll breakwater and river to the boat harbour. Promenade the village; join the locals for a drink at the pub or for coffee at the many cafes and window shop after dinner.

On yer bike.

Cycle mercifully flat, wide streets and lanes to your legs' lament.

Bird watching.

Sea eagles swoop the beach. Play tennis to the cheers of rainbow bee-eaters. Admire the pelican, whose beak holds more than his belly can. Count the varieties of riverbank and nature trails.

Crafty art.

Adorn your walls with the work of Aboriginal and other local artists, or pick up some local craft or jewellery.

The one that didn't get away.

Collect pippies and worms on a dawn beach and join the locals for beach fishing. Sunset means rock wall, boat harbour and bridge fishing. Or be game and hire a deep-sea charter.

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Festivals and events.

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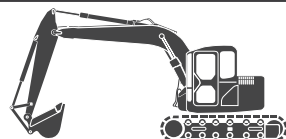
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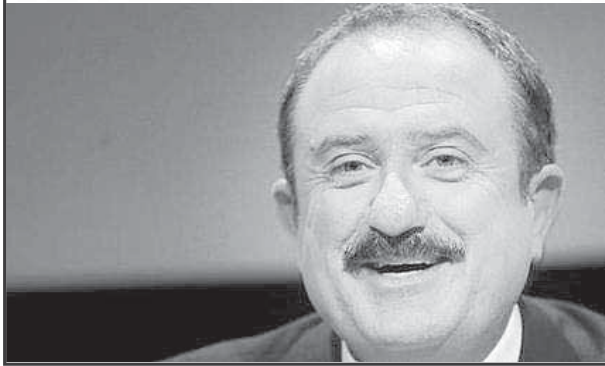
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• **The Byron Community Primary School** is seeking applications for the role of **Learning Support Assistant K-2**, 7 hrs a week and **Learning Support Assistant 3-6**, 7 hrs a week – to begin January 30, 2006. These are child related positions, subject to the Working With Children Check. For an info package including job description, please call Jodie on (02) 6685 8208 or email byroncps@norex.com.au. Address correspondence to The Management Team, BCPS, 53 Tennyson Street, Byron Bay, NSW 2481.

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Check your travel docs are right for overseas

NRMA Motoring & Services warns that only 10 - 15 per cent of people in New South Wales are travelling overseas with the appropriate international driving documentation.

International Driving Permits (IDP) allow motorists to drive in overseas countries without further testing or application, however approximately 90 per cent of travellers intending to drive on holiday are failing to organise this document before their departure. This document can also double as a verified source of international identification sanctioned by the United Nations.

NRMA Head of Travel & Touring, Mr Michael Leary,

said that it is important for travellers who are planning on hiring or driving a vehicle overseas to realise that an Australian driver's licence is often not recognised.

'As travellers plan their 2006 holidays it important to remember that they may be denied the opportunity of hiring or driving the vehicle they have reserved for their trip if they do not have the correct documentation,' Mr Leary said.

According to Mr Leary, 'In this security-sensitive climate even international travellers not intending to drive are also purchasing International Driving Permits as a second form of photo identification.

'Tourists are keeping their passports safe and using their IDP document to change cash, cash traveller's cheques or when making credit card purchases that require photo verification.'

Mr Leary also said that travellers should be wary of

purchasing an IDP from an unauthorised vendor.

'Only Australian motoring clubs are authorised to issue IDPs and suspect vendors on the internet lure customers through gimmicks and offers that could leave travellers without an official document,' said Mr Leary.

NRMA Motoring & Services is the only organisation in NSW and ACT registered to issue IDPs, which are available in nine languages and recognised in over 150 countries.

'To get an IDP you only need to bring your current and valid drivers licence, a recent passport size photo and the \$50 application fee, half of which is discounted for NRMA members, into any NRMA branch,' Mr Leary said.

The IDP will be issued over the counter and is valid for up to one year.

NRMA members have access to many - and in some cases all - services that

overseas motoring clubs offer to their members.

Further details on overseas licence requirements and motoring clubs offering NRMA members benefits

can be obtained from any NRMA branch, online at www.mynrma.com.au or by contacting NRMA Travel on 13 11 22.

MBF funds depressionNet service

In one of its first major funding initiatives, the recently formed MBF Living Well Foundation has agreed in principle to provide significant support to the online 'depressionNet' service.

Mr Eric Dodd, Managing Director of the MBF Living Well Foundation said that depressionNet's availability as a comprehensive and easily accessible resource for people living with depression was a valuable response to a growing health concern.

Mr Dodd said the Foundation's in principle support, involving up to \$500,000 over three years, would enable depressionNet to establish a community support module devoted to helping people and families coping with depression and mental health issues in the workplace.

'The depressionNet online service is innovative and its interactive nature helps people who are dealing with depression to understand that they are not alone and

that help is available,' Mr Dodd said.

'In addition to providing a wide range of information on depression, the service is all the more relevant because it was created by people who have had personal experience with the condition.

'The support of the MBF Living Well Foundation will help assure depressionNet's future and will allow the service to expand into new and specialised areas.'

depressionNet founder and Chief Executive, Ms Leanne Pethick, welcomed the MBF Living Well Foundation's in principle agreement to support the service.

'The Foundation's funding is important because it gives us the ability to focus on the specific needs of people in the workplace,' Ms Pethick said. 'The timing is perfect for depressionNet.com.au, providing an opportunity to build a specialised service that meets a growing need in the Australian community.'

Festival organisers agree to work together

At a forum in Ballina on Tuesday November 22, organisers of over twenty festivals and events from the Clarence to the Tweed agreed to work together to get to know their audiences better. The forum, which was organised by Arts Northern Rivers, focussed on audience development and audience research, aiming to improve the festival experience for local audiences and visitors alike.

Guest speakers included Barry McNamara, Winter-sun Festival, Tweed/Gold Coast; Jyllie Jackson, Lis-more Lantern Parade; Jill Eddington, Byron Bay Writers Festival; Dom Ferry, Surfing the Coldstream Yamba, Liz Shepherd representing Ballina Rivafest and Lisa Andersen, Audience Development specialist from Regional Arts NSW in Sydney who flew in for the forum.

Over 40 people attended the event, which was held in the Richmond Room in Ballina. Organiser Lois Randall said that she was 'thrilled that so many festivals - from the large and established to the emerging and community based - had agreed to work together to share infor-

mation about research and marketing.

'A better understanding of who goes to festivals in the region and their response to the experience will help make programming more relevant to the audience as well as assist festival organisers deal with logistical issues and promote their events to the right people,' she said.

Audience development expert Lisa Andersen said that 'some great outcomes of the event are that Regional Arts NSW and Arts Northern Rivers will work together with the festival organisers to compile a summary of existing survey results and produce a regional snapshot of audience profiles, research methods and marketing strategies.

'As well as this we will develop a pro-forma survey template for organisers to adapt for their own uses, which ensures key common data is collected at all events.'

Ms Randall said that 'Arts Northern Rivers has also agreed to build an on-line cultural events calendar on its website next year to assist with planning and promotions'.

WET WEATHER ECHOES

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News Extra

Alert but not alarmed



Local surfers endure another difficult day at the beach. Photo Jeff 'Purple Haze' Dawson

Call to cherish the coast

Coastcare highlights Australia's unique species, unique spaces and urges people to cherish the coast and the care will come.

Coastcare's latest campaign has the backing of marine legends Ron and Valerie Taylor who say more marine reserves need to be established because many marine creatures are under threat as a result of pollution, coastal developments and negligence.

Coastcare campaign is urging people to cherish the extraordinary underwater wonderland that surrounds our magnificent coastline. Coastcare says that whether people in NSW live near or far from the beach they should support this initiative, which will run throughout the summer months.

Ron and Valerie Taylor are eager to stress that many of our most precious marine creatures are facing an almighty struggle to avoid extinction.

Valerie, a recipient of the Australian Centenary Medal for her work in conservation said, 'I've been diving for over 50 years, and while people's appreciation for coastal and marine issues is certainly improving, many of our most precious creatures are already seriously threatened.

'If our unique species are

to survive and thrive we must preserve the unique spaces in which they live. We need to establish more marine reserves and "no-take" zones to give these creatures a chance to replenish and breed. And we must remember that with our enjoyment comes a responsibility to protect and preserve this paradise for future generations.'

Ron says that land clearing, coastal development, pollution and general neglect has decimated many of our coastal and marine habitats, while plastic bags, cigarette butts and other debris continue to choke hundreds of thousands of marine animals every year.

'Valerie and I have spent the best part of our lives enjoying our incredible marine paradise,' said Ron, who was recently inducted into the Order of Australia. 'If we can remind Australians how lucky we are to have such a coast, we hope that the care for the coast will inevitably follow.'

'From the remarkable seadragon to the majestic grey nurse shark to the adorable little penguin, we have a diversity of flora and fauna in our coastal waters which is nothing short of breathtaking. But we must look after it - which is what

Coastcare is all about,' said Ron.

Minister for the Environment and Heritage Senator Ian Campbell, said the Australian government was proud to support Coastcare.

'Australia has over 2000 Coastcare groups regularly volunteering time to care for Australia's beaches, harbours, bays and estuaries,' Senator Campbell said. 'From revegetating foreshores, to constructing eco-friendly accesses, to removing plastics and other harmful debris, these volunteers form a formidable coast guard protecting one of the truly remarkable environmental features of our world, the Australian coast,' he said.

Coastcare is highlighting one iconic marine species from each state as a snapshot of Australia's diversity, but is eager to point out that every species has its own role to play in our complex and fragile coastal ecosystem.

For further information about Coastcare's campaign, or Coastcare in general, go to www.coastcare.com.au; if you want some practical hints about how you can help to care for our coast, go to www.nht.gov.au/nht1/programs/coastcare/50-ways.html; or if you want to get involved with your local Coastcare group call 1800 151105.

Paul Watson comments on hijinks on the high seas Govt must act on whale crimes

It is time for the government of Australia to act responsibly in the Australian Antarctic Territory.

Australia needs to send a naval ship to keep the peace and to observe for themselves what is going on down in the Southern Ocean instead of believing every lie that Japan fabricates to defend their bogus research commercial whaling operations.

The Japanese whaling fleet is in flagrant violation of numerous international and Australian laws by killing whales off the coast of Antarctica in waters claimed by Australia. They have rammed a Greenpeace ship and attempted to ram my ship the *Farley Mowat* on Christmas day.

Prime Minister John Howard said that at a recent meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi that 'I do not support action which endangers lives or breaks the law.'

He was referring to those of us defending the whales when it is the Japanese breaking the laws and endangering human life and inhumanely killing whales.

When I warned that the Japanese were armed and were planning to damage our ship, Environment Min-

ister Ian Campbell spun the story to suggest that it was the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society that were the bad guys and said, 'There appears to be a prima facie case that they may be setting out to break the law.'

He has asked the Ministry of Justice to investigate Sea Shepherd yet Japan is openly breaking Australian law without any action by Australia.

What is curious about this is that Campbell is acknowledging that Australia has the right to investigate and lay charges against a Canadian flag vessel and non-Australian citizens over a Japanese complaint coming from the Australia Antarctic Territory. Yet he claims that Australia has no right to enforce conservation laws against Japan.

Australia must send a naval vessel down here to see what is going on and to keep the peace. What if the Japanese kill or injure one or more of the whale defenders? Will Australia intervene then, or will they intervene to appease Japan by arresting those defending the whales?

This is a highly dangerous situation down here. Volunteers from around the world are here to do the job that the world's governments

should be doing. The Japanese are aggressive, violent and arrogant. The whale defenders are determined, courageous and bold. This is a recipe for disaster, Mr John Howard and Mr Ian Campbell.

You will not be very popular if the Japanese kill one of us because Australia did nothing to keep the peace.

The government says that the Japanese do not recognise the Australian claim to the Antarctic treaty. In 1942 they did not recognize Australia's claim to Australia. Australians fought them and won yet today's leaders bow and surrender to Japan.

Japanese money has succeeded today where Japanese military might failed in the past.

We who Howard and Campbell consider the bad guys are asking for the Navy to sail south to protect the lives of whales and people. If our intentions were criminal, would we be requesting the navy?

Send the navy to keep the peace. That is the responsible thing to do. If Australia has eyes down here, Australia will have the facts and then the Australian government can stop acting like a public relations firm hired by Tokyo.



Farley Mowat crew members observe Japanese whaler Nisshin Maru.

Review of landscape vegetation plans

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has released an Issues Paper and called for submissions into its review of landscape or multi-farm vegetation plans.

The Minister for Natural Resources has asked the NRC to provide advice on the potential for landscape or multi-farm vegetation plans to produce better economic and environmental outcomes than single-farm, or small-scale property vegetation plans.

The minister has also

sought the NRC's advice on how these potential benefits could inform Catchment Management Authorities when assessing landscape scale vegetation management plans.

Landscape vegetation plans would cover multiple properties or single farms that are large enough to envisage landscape scale management actions and trade-offs not available within the boundaries of most properties.

The NRC will conduct a public review of these issues

between now and the end of May 2006.

The NRC welcomes submissions from interested parties.

The issues paper and terms of reference may be downloaded from the NRC's website at www.nrc.nsw.gov.au or can be obtained by calling the NRC on 02 8227 4300. More relevant information can also be found on the site.

Submissions in response to the issues paper should be made by February 17.

Pin This Up Cultural Care au pair program

Will hold an annual interview and information session in Ballina for 18 to 26 year olds at the Ballina CWA Hall, River Street on Saturday January 7 starting at 11am. Cultural Care is a not for profit program to promote cultural exchange work.

Bangalow CWA

Will hold a street stall in

Byron Street on Thursday January 26 at 8am. Plenty of cooking and other products will be appreciated. Proceeds will be donated to the Westpac helicopter appeal.

Free 1st quarter moon view

The Cosmic Couple welcome all locals and visitors to view the moon close up through their large telescope. There will also be a free night sky tour where they will point out the currently visible planets, stars and constellations.

From 7pm at the Byron Bay Beach Resort on Saturday January 7. Details www.starrynight.com.au or 0413 779223.

Mullum Magic Toastmasters

Is launching into 2006 on Monday January 9 at 7pm. Got something to say? We would like to hear it. Express yourself with ease and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. Contact Megan 6680 4702 for more information.

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Kurt Tutt in cracking form in Collaroy



Kurt Tutt showed all his strength, stamina and speed when he won the sprint series of the Men's Health Ocean Racing Series held at Collaroy recently. Photo Donna Dunn

Local kayaker Kurt Tutt has experienced some outstanding success recently at the Men's Health Ocean Racing Series held in Collaroy. The race comprised an 18km paddle across Narrabeen Lakes and an ocean paddle at Collaroy. Kurt was delighted to finish fourth in the long race which qualified him, as a top ten finisher, for the sprint series.

Not for the faint hearted, the sprint series is a knock out event involving a 400m paddle out to sea and back to the beach followed by a sprint up the beach. The

reward for winning each heat is to get the chance to do it again, and again, and again, until you win the event.

Proving his endurance beyond a doubt, Kurt won the sprint series, putting him overall second in on the day. He has been competing in as many of the races as he possibly can, but as he has no sponsor, he has had to miss three of them due to work commitments and financial constraints. Despite that, he is sixth in the field after competing in only three of the six races so far.

'I'd love to find a sponsor

so I could compete in the whole series next year,' said Kurt. 'At the moment I'm focusing on selections this month for the Australian kayaking team to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, and hopefully the world championships in August.'

For an athlete of this calibre to be missing out on races due to lack of sponsorship seems absurd; if there are any local businesses that would be interested in helping Kurt, please contact Alex McAuley at the Echo on 6684 1777.

Sport and Rec holiday activities

NSW Sport and Recreation is offering a wide range of activities for children over this school holiday, giving youngsters the opportunity to develop their skills in a number of different sports. Included in the program are surfing, mountain biking, kayaking and cricket, to name a few.

The surfing program will commence on January 23, with clinics starting at 8.30am and finishing at 4.30pm. Experienced accredited instructors from Surfing Byron Bay will provide professional advice on safe surfing, skill development, rips and currents plus the etiquette of surfing. Clinics are aimed at beginners and intermediate surfers and cost \$105 for two days.

Mountain bike tours will give children an opportunity to discover the magic of Nightcap National Park with spectacular views of Minyon Falls, Mount Warning and Rocky Creek Dam. They will also learn aspects of bike safety and historical information about the park and surrounding area.

The tours will be run by Martin Miller, an experienced cycle coach who has

managed a tour company in the UK before setting up Mountain Bike Tours in this area, winning both the NSW Tourism Award and the Northern Rivers Regional Tourism Award in 2004.

The program will run on Thursday January 19 from 9.30am to 4.30pm, commencing from Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre and costs \$105 including all equipment, transport, morning tea and lunch. Bookings are essential; get in early to avoid disappointment.

If water sports are more your thing, the river eco kayaking tour in Ballina should appeal to you. For young people aged nine to fifteen years, the tour will run on January 19 from 9am to 12.30pm and will give kids some kayaking skills while learning about seabirds and the local marine estuary environment. The tour, which is conducted by Ballina Kayak Tours, will include a visit to the Ballina

Seabird Rescue Centre. Cost is \$44.

For the cricket enthusiasts, Sport and Rec has teamed up with Stan Gilchrist, father of Adam, to provide a coaching clinic in Lismore. Stan is a level 3 coach and will provide excellent professional instruction on ways to develop cricket skills.

The camp will be conducted from Friday January 20 to Sunday January 22 at St John's College, Woodlawn and costs \$249 including all accommodation, food and instruction.

In addition to these short camps, there are some overnight camps being held over the course of the summer with a host of fun activities on offer.

So, there really is no excuse for not getting out and about this January; there is something here for everybody. For more information or enrolment forms for any of these activities, contact the NSW Sport and Recreation on 6687 7168.

Mullum Golf Club to hold charity day

This coming Saturday January 7 Mullumbimby Golf Club will host the Peter Laverty Engineering Charity Golf Day in support of the Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad. The event has been organised by Peter's brother Mathew Laverty, a professional golfer and owner/operator of Mathew Laverty Corporate Golf, one of Australia's major corporate golfing event managers.

The golf day is a major fundraising exercise for Brunswick Valley Rescue and features some \$3000 of prizes to be won during tincourse of the day. Featuring a shotgun start from 7am and 12pm, the event will take the format of four ball ambrose, with the allowance for a non-golfing participant or complete novice in each four ball.

Players and visitors are requested to ring the pro shop and book their time. A drinks cart will be on the course at all times, manned by volunteers from the Rescue Squad, and food will also be available during the day. Players from Sydney and the Gold Coast will be taking part, as well as at least three pros, including a current Asian tour player. Cost is \$15 per player and \$20 for non-members of a golf club.

For more information and bookings, phone the pro shop at Mullumbimby Golf Club on 6684 1688.

Big wave surfing to feature big in movie festival

The Australian Surf Movie Festival will arrive in Byron Bay on January 9 and 11, and festival director Tim Bonython is as enthusiastic about this year's festival as he has been in previous years.

Working in the surfing film trade since 1978 using a super eight camera, Tim has progressed from showing his footage in pubs and clubs with a projector, tape recorder and amplifier to the slick productions of today. What hasn't changed, however, is Tim's passion.

'Surfing is different from other sports,' said Tim. 'Everywhere you go there's a whole different horizon; you never know what's around the corner. My goal is to show off as much as I can of what surfing is about today. There are so many different genres: perfect waves; crazy waves; the life and death element. I want to put them all together into a two hour package for the big screen.'

The festival will include a number of productions including 'Horrorscopes - The Cape Of Storms' which gives a unique perspective into the life of a big wave surfer and follows an expedition to surf the Cape of Good Hope on the southern tip of Africa.

There will be a look at the history of Australian surfing in 'That's Surfing', which



If big wave surfing is your thing, then don't miss this year's Australian Surf Movie Festival, directed by the ever enthusiastic Tim Bonython.

unlocks the Australian passion for the sport and chronicles of the country's rise from board riding backwater to a world surfing superpower, using rare archival footage of the early days and interviews with surfing legends.

And of course there will be Tim Bonython's latest movie 'May Dayz: Blackwater 2, The Story Continues', a documentary of two amazing days in May 2005 when the world's heaviest wave opened its jaws. It also includes foot-

age from Teahupoo in September 2005 when the waves reached an enormous 20 to 30 feet.

As with any surf movie festival, music plays a big part in this one, and Tim's involvement in the music industry in previous years has given him a unique perspective into marrying the two art forms into a spectacular package. The key to it all is Tim's obvious love of what he does.

'There has to be plenty of passion,' said Tim. 'To create

a painting, for example, you can have the oils, the canvas, everything you need, but if there's no passion you won't have a work of art.'

There will be two showings on January 9 at the Arts Factory: 4.30pm and 7.30pm, and one on Wednesday night for over 18s only at the Great Northern Hotel.

Tickets cost \$15 if purchased in advance, or \$20 at the door. For information and bookings, go to www.volatile.com.au.

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Cancer Full Moon	14th Jan	8.50 pm	
Last Quarter	23rd Jan	2.15 am	
Chinese New Year	29th Jan		
New Moon	30th Jan	1.15 am	
WED High	12.17 am 1.3	Sunrise	5.53 am
4th	12.20 pm 1.8	Sunset	7.47 pm
Low	5.53 am 0.4	Moonrise	10.03 am
	7.08 pm 0.2	Moonset	11.12 pm
THU High	1.11 am 1.3	Sunrise	5.54 am
5th	1.13 pm 1.7	Sunset	7.47 pm
Low	6.52 am 0.4	Moonrise	11.09 am
	7.55 pm 0.2	Moonset	11.45 pm
FRI High	2.07 am 1.3	Sunrise	5.55 am
6th	2.09 pm 1.5	Sunset	7.47 pm
Low	7.58 am 0.5	Moonrise	12.12 pm
	8.43 pm 0.3		
SAT High	3.06 am 1.4	Sunrise	5.56 am
7th	3.11 pm 1.3	Sunset	7.47 pm
Low	9.12 am 0.5	Moonrise	1.14 pm
	9.32 pm 0.4	Moonset	12.16 pm
SUN High	4.05 am 1.4	Sunrise	5.56 am
8th	4.21 pm 1.2	Sunset	7.48 pm
Low	10.32 am 0.5	Moonrise	2.15 pm
	10.23 pm 0.4	Moonset	12.48 am
MON High	5.05 am 1.5	Sunrise	5.57 am
9th	5.32 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.48 pm
Low	11.49 am 0.5	Moonrise	3.18 pm
	11.17 pm 0.5	Moonset	1.23 am
TUE High	6.01 am 1.5	Sunrise	5.58 am
10th	6.38 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.48 pm
Low	12.26 pm 0.4	Moonrise	4.20 pm
		Moonset	2.00 am

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'Free As A Dog' features local youngsters with bright futures



James Wood from Lennox Head getting some air during the filming of Jack McCoy's 'Free As A Dog'. Photo courtesy of Billabong.



Ellis Ericson from Suffolk Park shows why he is considered to be one of the hottest young talents in surfing during the shooting of 'Free As A Dog'. Photo courtesy of Billabong.

This summer, surf film maestro Jack McCoy has cast two local boys to star alongside Joel Parkinson in the new film 'Free As A Dog' – a true dogs tale' which is headlining at this year's Billabong Jack McCoy Film Festival. Ellis Ericson from Byron Bay and James Wood from Lennox Head, both of whom are earmarked to be the bright young future of Australian surfing, have been lucky enough to be chosen for this project.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Jack grew up as the eldest of three kids in Kailua. At the age of eight, his father pushed him onto his first wave at Waikiki, and from there the obsession began. While still in junior school, Jack met filmmakers Jim Freeman and Greg MacGillivray and began working for MacGillivray Freeman Film straight after high school. He came to Australia in 1970 with the Hawaii surf team for the world surfing contest at Bells Beach and fell in love with the place.

In a 30-year career, Jack has produced promotional programs for the surfing giants Rip Curl and Quiksilver, and in 1989 formed what has become a 16-year working relationship with Gordon Merchant, the founder of Billabong. In that

time McCoy's films have become the benchmark for all surf films. He is known for picking good surfers, however he also knows good waves, light colour, composition, and timing – which are a few core ingredients he's turned into his trademark.

Narrated by Parko's faithful hound Trey, 'Free As A Dog' follows the duo on a mission to help get a couple of lovesick grommets – James Wood and Ellis Ericson – back on track after they've fallen for a beautiful dark-haired beach beauty. For the past year, Jack, Parko, Woody and Ellis have been chasing waves all over the Australian coastline and beyond, capturing some never-before-filmed breaks.

The film festival will be screening in Byron Bay on Monday and Tuesday January 9 and 10 at the Byron Cinemas and then will tour 12 countries over eight months, giving these two boys huge exposure normally only given to world champions. An estimated 55, 000 people will see 'Free As A Dog' over the eight month period.

Screenings at Byron Bay will take place at 5pm and 6:45pm both nights and tickets are available from Ticketek or Byron Cinemas costing \$15 each.

Rams prepare for 2006

Byron Bay Soccer Club has not been resting on its laurels over the summer break, rather planning for another successful season in 2006. The number one priority for the club has been to secure the services of successful coach Peter Ware for the new season.

This has been accomplished, with Ware delighted to return in 2006 while he is mindful of the challenges ahead. He has enlisted Lismore surgeon Richard Harvey to keep and eye on the fitness of the squad and will appoint his own assistant to focus on the premier squad in due course. Manager Graham Packham will also return as an integral part of the team.

Once the coach and staff had been decided, the club turned its attention to the facilities. Byron Shire Council in collaboration with the Byron Catchment/Sporting and Recreation Working Group has facilitated a new playing surface for the existing number one field, giving the club one of the finest playing surfaces in the Soccer Far North Coast area.

There are further plans to upgrade the lighting for use at training and night fixtures, which have been

pledged by Council and the working group.

Of course the team is only as good as the sum of its players, so the club is delighted that most of last seasons' players are returning, with a whisper of some new talent joining to make the Rams a formidable side once again.

Training will start in the last week of January or the first week of February, and Ware is looking forward to working with last year's young guns such as Eden Robinson, Joel Bradford and Tom Rhul, all of whom showed great promise last year. He is also looking forward to working with some of the more experienced players again, such as Bruce Morhaus, Aaron Richter Steers, Todd Knaus, Shaun Packham and Kai Connell, who combine so well to make the Rams such a strong outfit.

So, 2006 is looking promising for the Rams and their major sponsor, the Byron Bay Bowling Club. Anyone interested in joining the club should keep an eye on the sport pages for information. For any other information, please phone the senior vice president Vlad Knaus on 6685 6676.

Winning smiles from Bruns microfleas



Brunswick Boardriders Club finished its season on a high note with a presentation for all members, including the girls microflea winners for 2005 pictured left to right: Georgia Matheson 2nd, Azi Currie 3rd, Jade Cody-Ward 1st, and Emily Morrell 4th. Brunswick Boardriders has a strong membership made up of both boys and girls of all ages. With the popularity of surfing continuing to grow, especially among girls, it is gratifying to see sporting organisations such as Bruns Boardriders putting so much effort into encouraging young girls in their endeavours. The Boardriders will be back after a short break over Christmas and the New Year celebrations and, as always, the club welcomes newcomers, be they experienced surfers or beginners. All you need is lots of enthusiasm and a good sense of humour.

SPORTS RESULTS

BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Men

21/12 Self selected triples winners: J Lonard, L Torresi, M Petrou; r/up: C Pavlovich, K Hanson, K Roberts; 3 A Hawthorne, M Dansawn, W Chisholm. 24/12 Self/club selected pairs winners: S Curtis, L Wade; r/up: R Montgomery, C Marshall; 3 J Howell, M Danswan. 28/12 Self selected triples winners: B Batson, G O'Donnell, D Wyborn; r/up: C Pavlovich, K Hanson, K Roberts; 3 E Marks, R Frappell, C Evans. 31/12 Self selected pairs winners: F Parkes, R Apple. 1/1 Self selected 2 bowls medley pairs winners: J Grandville, M Danswan. Winners of the Louie T vintage prize: P Bassington, N Condon. Fish and Chips Holiday Time Bowls 7/1, 2 bowls triples, 3 x15, start 12 noon. 8/1, 2 bowls pairs, 27 ends, start 9.30am Both days open to men and women bowlers. To enter teams phone club 6685 1328.

Lennox Head Men

20/12 Self Selected Triples winners: K Torrens, L Chaseling, B Harrington 18 def T Hickey, R Stock, P Wilson 16; r/up: B Jensen, M Knott, G Pascoe 26 def D Hickey, L Bartlett, P Blair 13. Consolation 6 pack: B Saric, J Moore, S Wilson, A Meagher 20 def B Cousins, D Lewis, G Brook, I Kemp 14. 21/12 Twilight Pairs winners: K Pringle, K McGuire 15 def D Smith, N Tancred 10. r/up: S Lewis, G Maloney 25 def B Schweitzer, L Martin 8. 23/12 Mixed Pairs winners: D Pappas, M Pappas 25 def D Lynch, R Lynch 10 losers prize; M Battese, J Turner 29 def M Hanaway, A Dunder 16 jackpot winners.

Mullumbimby Men

27/12 Self Selected Triples: J Armstrong, J Claes, B Bateman winners 16 def J Swain, B Perkins, M Daley 14; B Jensen, B Christopher, G Pascoe r/up 25 def R Guist, G Burgess, L Martin 17; K Torrens, L Chaseling, K Nicol 17 def B Harland, M Pappas, J Turner 16 6 pack. 30/12 Mixed Pairs: B Saric, T McFadden winners 30 def B Fraser, J Calandro 13 dead chooks. 31/12 Club Selected Triples: B Bowen, M Berger, B McRae winners 23 def R McCarthy, B Porteous, K Nicol 15; J Turner K Torrens & M Daley r/up 21 def J Swain, K Clark, J Lowry 16; F Whitney, S Prasad, B Christopher Jackpot winners 21 def K Kilby, G Carter, L Chaseling 17.

Ocean Shores Men

19/12 Ham and Chicken Day: Winner: K Danswan, E Boyter, G Rowland 2W + 26; P Henderson, D Croft, T Mitchell 2W + 20; K Hansen, R Campbell, L Campbell 2W + 10; L Findlater, R Tonkin, T Fysh 2W + 7; B Doherty, K McMorrow, G Collins 2W + 7; B James, S Claus, R Roberts 1W 1D +5. 24/12 XMas Cup Final: Winner: A Pyzer, D Lawson, K Roberts 19 def C Pyzer, R Roberts, T Mason 13. 26/12 Final New Years Pairs winners: A Pyzer, R Roberts; 2 P Wood, K Roberts; 3 D Whitney, D Lawson; 4 C Arthur, W Sprengel. 31/12 Precision Pairs: R Tonkin, J Hay 24 def K Roberts, R Roberts 19. M Enright, B Gibson 22 def A Pyzer, W Sprengel 16. D Lawson, K Hansen 32 def K Hosie, D Whitney 10. W Priest, T Mason 30 def J L'Anson, Chicko 22. Nominations closing for Carsburg Singles and Doubles. No Report as yet on the Norfolk Island Challenge.

BRIDGE

Byron Bay

6-8 tables now playing Fridays at Bangalow Bowling Club. Bridge re-commences 6/1 visiting players most welcome. Phone Brian 6687 2427. Lessons for anyone wishing to learn this great game commence the second week in February.

CYCLING

Byron Bay Freeriders

Race 4 Byron Bay Criterium Series will be held 8/1 Arts & Industry Estate, Byron Bay. Reg 6am to 6.30am at Free to Ride in Centennial Circuit, entry fee \$8. Day licences available, contact Byron Bay Freeriders for more info on 6680 9590. Centennial Cct, Wollongbar Dve & Brigantine St closed between the hours of 6am-8am. Saturday morning Club road ride leaves clock tower at 6.30am every Saturday, contact BBFI for more information. Jay takes out the Northern Rivers Adventure Rides each Sun, contact Jay at True Wheels for more info. 6684 1959.

GOLF

Mullumbimby Ladies

24/12 2 Man 2 Club Ambrose winner: D Webber, M Trivett; r/up: R Johnston, G Brown. NTP: R Graham, D Mackay.

Mullumbimby Men

21/12 Stab winner: N Farquhar 44 c/b; r/up B Acton 44. NTP: D LeClerc. 28/12 Single Stab winner: N Emmanolidis 43; r/up G Brown 42. NTP W Jirzik. 31/12 Single Stab winner: S Cooper 41; r/up: R Ellis 40 c/b, B Kingdom 40. NTP: T Batson; S Martin; J Cullen; W Gregg. McRaes not won.

Ocean Shores Ladies

20/12 Stab winner div 1 winner: S Dixon 38; r/up K Jensen 37 c/b. Div 2 winner: S Andrew 38; r/up R Dupen 35. NTP 1 B ingad; 2 R Rogers; 3 C Timewell. Vouchers to 34 c/b. 22/12 9 hole Stab winner: C Blacker 17; r/up M Hosie. 18 hole Stab winner: J Gray 40; r/up L McGowran 35. Vouchers to 33. 24/12 Stab div 1 winner: B Allen 42; r/up J Chidlow 37. NTP J Jensen. Vouchers to 35. 27/12 Stab winner: J Jensen 40; r/up M Hosie 38. NTP L McGowran. Vouchers to 32. 29/12 18 hole Stab winner: L McGowran 30 on c/b. Vouchers to 30 on c/b. 31/12 Div 1 winner: E Roe 41; r/up M Byron 37 on c/b. NTP L McGowran. Vouchers to 33 on c/b.

Ocean Shores Vets

22/12 Single Stab winner: P Fleming 41; r/up J Willemse 38 on c/b; 3 H Gould 38. NTP: M Brady; T Martin; G Cole; P Thorley. Cap pin: P Fleming. VC longest: B Neate; J Willemse. Scrubbers Ball: M Easton. 29/12 4BBB Stab winner: T Martin, J Bramall 49; r/up J Conqueror, C Delahunt 46. NTP J Conqueror; B Smith. VC Longest: R Bartlett; T Martin.

SURF LIFE SAVING

Brunswick

Brun Masters Surf Carnival 7/1/06 at Brunswick Beach. This great carnival for the over 30's starts at 10am with a range of events for everyone including mens and womens surf, beach and craft events. Proficient surfers can register at the club house between 8.30am-9.45am. After the carnival at 4.30pm competitors, family, friends and members of the public can enjoy, drinks, pig on the spit and a band at the clubhouse all for \$5. Then over to the Bruns Hotel for fireworks at 9pm. Helpers are needed on the day please call Kris 66851624.



▶▶▶ 100 acres on Federal Plateau

Views are what this property is all about. The perfectly placed home was designed to capture the winter sun and the summer breeze. The sensational outdoor and indoor living areas capture the ranges and valleys perfectly. Five bedrooms allow enough room for the family and guests. Only 20 minutes to Byron, this large acreage has the potential for crops, or holiday cabins (S.T.C.A.)*. Three creeks, irrigation licence and patches of remnant rainforest complete this property.* Subject to Council approval. Contact Mark Kinneally on 0429 868 001 or 6687 1500 at the Bangalow Professionals.



▶▶▶ Designed To Make An Impression

Auction February 2, 2006. Open House Sat 12.30-1pm. 283A Manse Road, Myocum. Exquisitely finished, this property features 4 outdoor entertaining areas, pool and spa, bi-fold doors and surround sound throughout. Located at the end of a quiet country lane, the main home comprises 4 beds, 2 baths, sep. office, kitchen and large open plan living/dining area opening onto north facing decks with mountain views. A separate 2/3 bedroom studio features bathroom, lounge and sundeck. Just 10 minutes to Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and Bangalow – an inspection will not disappoint. Contact Simon Thomas 0418 223 160 or 6687 1500 at the Bangalow Professionals.



▶▶▶ Hinterland Classic

The Channon Rd Dunoon. Open House Sat 7th Jan. 11.00-11.45am

Delightful homestead on small acreage (approx 1200m²). Surrounded by green hills, glorious rural views to Mt Nardi. 3 b/rms, eat-in-kitchen, verandahs, 11ft ceilings, hardwood walls & ceilings & stunning brush box floors. Mature gardens. Town water. Vendor keen to sell. Will be sold on the day if not sold prior to Auction on Sat. 28th Jan. 2005 on site 11.00am. Bidding to begin mid \$200,000's. Contact Sonia Jervis on 6687 1306 or 0409 033 250.



▶▶▶ Excellent Family Home

Fabulous elevated five bedroom home located an easy walk to Tallow Beach, downtown Byron and schools. The house faces north and is able to capture refreshing cross breezes all through summer and is ideal for entertaining with generous areas both inside and out. There is also a great area downstairs which is ideal for a workshop/studio. This family home has ample off street parking, in addition to the double lock up garage, is solar heated, fully insulated, has timber balconies and floors. The features are endless. Contact Sharon McInnes on 0408 659649 or Peter Yopp on 0411 837330 or at L.J. Hooker Byron Bay. \$690,000.



▶▶▶ Retirees' Dream

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a quality brick home in Brunswick Heads on a large block with rear lane access. The home is in excellent condition with three large bedrooms and very spacious living areas with a new kitchen and many quality features. This is a private sale and offers over \$780,000 will be considered. Phone 6680 4320 or 6684 1763. www.users.bigpond.net.au/brunthouse

\$780,000



▶▶▶ Special Hinterland Retreat

50 beautiful north east facing acres, very private, cannot hear or see a neighbour. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms timber home with self contained parents retreat and large paved undercover entertaining area, double carport, workshop, garage and hobby room. There is an inground pool with timber deck and pool house, permanent creek, 20,000 gallon water tank and landscaped tropical gardens. There are resident koalas and abundant bird and wildlife. Peaceful, serene and a joyful place to live. Regretfully for sale. Expressions of interest over a million. Agent declares interest. Phone 6688 2237.

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▶▶▶ Byron Hinterland Business

This well established and highly regarded business covers a large area of the North Coast, providing equipment and facilities for festivals, events, weddings and parties. There are great opportunities to expand the business into other fields which would improve the already significant turnover. Currently based near Lismore it could operate from any central location. Call Steve Blackmore on 02 6687 8899 or 0427 778 910. Price is just \$265,000



▶▶▶ Quality Plus At Brooklet

From the granite and rosewood kitchen to the glass-roofed ensuite, this home has been built with care and style. The four bedrooms and three bathrooms flow through to the informal and formal living areas and to the billiard room with attached study. There is even a wine cellar. The surrounding private 23 acres are bounded by the sparkling Emigrant Creek with its resident platypus family. There is plenty of room for the horses and a good shed for the handyman. To be auctioned February 4, 2006 but prior offers welcome.



▶▶▶ Federation Masterpiece

Crawford Lane, Rous Mill. This home has it all. Set on 100 private acres, it not only has outstanding ocean and rural views and the 12ft ceilings, large airy rooms with french doors and timber floors of the period, it has the modern touches of ensuite etc. With 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and two studies, it would be ideal as a B&B or large family home with room for the horses. The landscaped gardens and pool are a special feature. While there are a few finishing touches required, this property deserves your inspection. Contact Steve Blackmore on 6687 8899 or 0427 778 910.



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Built around 1905, the house is one of the finest originals in the region. It was restored and extended in 1997 with painstaking attention to detail. The result is a home with authentic charm, large, comfortable living spaces and wonderful light with a very livable layout.

The four bedrooms and two bathrooms, include a large master bedroom with ensuite and dressing room. Kitchen, living room, dining room and TV room/study all adjoin to form a large central living area.

The house is surrounded by an acre of gardens - bunya pines, foambark, blackbean, frangipani, poinciana, mango, citrus, palms and many more. There's a kitchen garden and chook yard. Around 7 acres are taken by the commercial coffee plantation. There are large paddocks suitable for horses and cattle, broken up by large stands of eucalypts, pines and local rainforest species. There's potential for further horticulture - coffee, macadamias, wildflowers, fruit trees, nut trees and many others.

All this is just 20 minutes from Bangalow or Lismore, 30 minutes from Byron's main beach, just over an hour to the Gold Coast and two hours to Brisbane.



Auction 2nd February 2006 | Sales Consultant Damon Rahmate 0413 884 091 or damon@bangalowprofessionals.com.au | **Website PID** 121647 | **Open House Sat 12-1.00pm**

Ultimate in Style Designed to make an Impression



283a MANSE ROAD, MYOCUM Exquisitely finished throughout this is a property for those who appreciate the finer things in life. Every possible design touch has been addressed including surround sound and heated floors in the bathrooms. The main home is 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sep. office, kitchen & large open plan living/dining area opening onto north facing sun decks, landscaped gardens, inground pool & spa. Views to Mt Warning & Mt Chincogan. A separate 2/3 bedroom studio features bathroom, lounge room & sun deck. Located at the end of a quiet country lane, just 10 mins from Mullum, Byron Bay & Bangalow.

Auction 2nd February 2006 | Sales Consultant Simon Thomas 0418 223 160 or simon@bangalowprofessionals.com.au | **Website PID** 106024 | **Open House Sat 1-1.45pm**

Views Forever - Secluded Privacy 100 Acres on Federal Plateau



193 FEDERAL DRIVE, EUREKA Views are what this property is all about. The perfectly placed home was designed to capture the winter sun and the summer breeze. The sensational outdoor & indoor living areas capture the ranges & valleys perfectly. 5 bedrooms allow enough room for the family & guests. Only 20 mins to Byron this large acreage has the potential for crops, or holiday cabins (S.T.C.A)*. 3 creeks, irrigation licence and patches of remnant rainforest complete this property. **subject to Council approval*

Auction 2nd February 2006 | Sales Consultant Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001 or mark@bangalowprofessionals.com.au | **Website PID** 124307 | **Open House Sat 3-3.30pm**

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294 SKINNERS SHOOT ROAD, BYRON BAY "TE MARAE" is a 5 acre north facing property situated just 3.5 km from the town centre and beaches of Byron Bay. Enjoy the large entertaining deck and listen to the abundant bird and wildlife surrounds. The main residence has 3 bedrooms, home office, lounge/dining with open fireplace, parking for 4 cars and a large covered sun deck. Includes town water, council approved 2/3 bed studio & African Safari tent. **Excellent scope for development (STCA).**

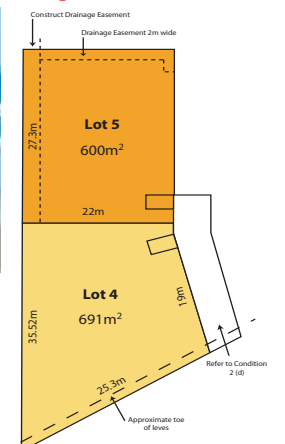
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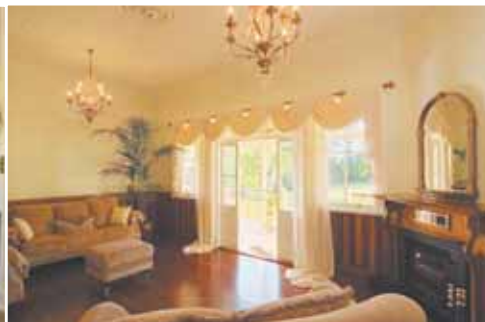
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Peaceful location – 5 mins to beach

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Contact Gavin Barclay on 0431 028 926 for an inspection.

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Happy new home

Indeed, located only 15 min cycle to the beach, this three bedroom rendered brick and tile house in Ocean Shores has a bright and colourful free flowing feel that inspires casual living. Galley kitchen with separate dining area are joined by the family room and the rumpus leads towards the covered outdoor entertaining area. Kids will love the built in trampoline, sandpit & mighty swing set all in a secure, private, tropical park like setting and complimented with an inground pool, and you can keep an eye right from the kitchen sink!

You can drive straight into the double auto garage unload shopping through internal access to the kitchen and the second shower and toilet are handy too when visitors stay. Freshly painted inside and out, this house with its lush gardens are easily maintained and located 5 min drive from New Brighton beach & Brunswick Valley Nature Reserves, and also an 18 hole golf course is across the road. A 2006 happy home and only \$410,000.

To arrange an inspection call 0427 805 515.



Absolutely fabulous

This wonderful timber two storey home makes great use of its two levels. Upstairs comprises three bedrooms and two bathrooms, the master with walk-in robe. Downstairs is a self-contained retreat with two bedrooms and one bathroom, perfect for teenagers or guests. Both levels have stylish, comfortable living areas. The decor is characterised by well crafted timber detailing and soaring ceilings.

The wide, wrap around verandah is partially enclosed, creating extra living space and imparting a sense of privacy and seclusion. The low maintenance landscaped tropical gardens and a pebbled path with handmade mosaic tiles further complement this lovely home. This immaculately presented property is located in a quiet street, just a short walk to Tallow Beach and shops.

For more information call Ian Daniels at Byron Bay First National Real Estate on (02) 6685 8466 – 24 hours – open 7 days a week.



Corys on Cooper

Built in 1903, Corys on Cooper is one of the Bay's grandest home. The only two storey turn of the century home in the area to have a 4½ star rating, it has featured in many magazines and is situated amongst three quarters of an acre of lush tropical gardens. There are five luxurious bedrooms in total, each individually decorated and complemented with its own ensuite. Polished floors flow throughout this elegant guesthouse and lead upstairs to the warm, country style kitchen and dining room. Roaring open fires can be enjoyed from the large lounge room with its own unusual fretwork ceiling. Spend an afternoon on one of the shady verandahs or relax around the 15 metre sparkling inground salt water swimming pool, which is complete with cabana and BBQ.

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- Set On 700sq Meters Of Land
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Galley Kitchen
- Double Lock-Up Garage + Storage Shed
- Undercover Outdoor Entertaining Area
- Walking Distance To Shops & Beach

\$559,000

SUPERB LOCATION, GREAT OPPORTUNITY



- Ocean Views
- Easy Care Block
- Close To The Beach
- Three Bedroom, Two Bathroom Home
- Ideal Home Or Investment
- Leisurely Stroll To Town Centre

\$925,000

LUSH LILLI PILLI



- Private, Modern & Tasteful
- Beautiful Timber Home
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 2 Living Areas
- 870 Sq. Metre Allotment
- Tranquil Bush Setting In Quiet Cul-de-sac
- High Ceilings, Plenty Of Natural Light

\$679,000

CORYS ON COOPER



Offers over \$2,500,000 will be considered

- Five luxurious bedrooms and ensuites
- Timber floors, fireplaces, French doors
- Shady verandahs, roaring open fires
- Magnificent saltwater pool and Cabana
- Warm country style kitchen
- Approval for separate two bedroom cottage
- Endless development potential

- Elegant, Elevated & North Facing
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Pavilion Style, Cathedral Ceilings
- Gourmet Granite & Timber Kitchen
- Treed Reserve At Rear
- Simply A Pleasure To Inspect

\$795,000

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS



- In Town Position
- Operate A Business From Home
- Minutes Walk To Beach
- Existing 3 Bedroom Residence
- Separate 2 Bedroom Residence
- Approved For Dual Occupancy

\$1,145,000

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- 3 Bedroom Family Home
- Polished Timber Floors Throughout
- Separate Guest Quarters
- 557 Sq. Metres Of Secured Yard
- Walk Distance To Tallows Beach

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STUNNING TIMBER HOME



- Located In Lennox Head
- 3 Bed, 2 Bath 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

\$550,000

CLASSIC EWINGSDALE COTTAGE



- Timeless, Elegant Country Home
- 3 Bedrooms On Over An Acre
- Timber Floors And Modern Kitchen
- French Doors Open Onto Wide Verandahs
- Flowing Open Plan Living Area
- Minutes Drive To Byron Bay Centre

\$720,000

LIFESTYLE IN MIND



- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom residence
- Louvre-Enclosed Outdoor Area
- Contemporary & Comfortable Interior
- Downstairs Retreat W/ Kitchenette & Courtyard
- Centrally Located, Walk To Beach and Town
- Agency Declares Interest

\$995,000

WALK TO BEACH



- 4 Spacious Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Immaculate Gardens
- Fully Fenced Yard
- North East Facing, Freshly Painted
- Close To Beach And Shops
- Ideal Family Home
- Great Area To Live In

\$475,000

CITY CHIC



- Stylish 3 Bedroom Townhouse
- Located In Small Complex
- Generous Private Courtyard
- Open Plan Living Areas
- Refreshing Tiles Throughout
- Easy Walk To Beach & Shops

\$365,000

FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST



- 4 Bedrooms + Huge Media Room
- Quiet Positioning In Quality Area
- Expansive Formal/ Informal Living Areas
- Wrap-Around Balconies
- 798 Sq. Metre Corner Block
- Easy Care Living

\$595,000

EXCEPTIONAL PRESENTATION



- 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Luxury Apartment
- Highest Quality Furniture/Fittings
- 17m Inground Pool, Championship Tennis Court
- Lush Tropical Gardens/ BBQ Area
- Adjacent To Golf Course
- Minutes Drive To Town

\$560,000

SPOIL YOURSELF



- 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Home
- Covered Outdoor Area
- Quiet Neighbourhood
- Backs Onto Reserve
- Fully Secured Property
- Immaculately Presented

\$525,000

ELEVATED HOME



- 3 Bedroom Architect Designed Home
- Set In Elevated Position
- Timber Windows, Wrap-Around Balcony
- Open Plan Living Area With High Ceiling
- Private & Well Landscaped
- Walking Distance To Beaches & Shops

\$550,000

LUXURY 'LINKS' APARTMENTS



- Fabulous Beach House
- Stunning Ocean Views
- Extensive Decks
- Easy Walk To Central Byron Bay
- Views Back Over The Bay
- Excellent Opportunity

\$899,000

IT'S A LIFESTYLE CHOICE



- Quiet Street In Suffolk Park
- Northern Rear Yard
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Excellent For BBQ's & Entertaining
- Close To Bus Stops, Shops & Beach
- Great Family Home

\$540,000

SUFFOLK SURPRISE



- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
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Vue causes a stir for all the right reasons

Vue Byron Bay offers exclusive Byron Bay living, secluded from the tourist hub, yet still just minutes from the centre of this unique coastal town. Warm, contemporary villas marry architecture with nature, in one of Australia’s premier lifestyle retreats. The final opportunity now exists to secure a sophisticated beachfront address in the heart of Byron Bay.

Byron Bay continues to boom

Byron Bay is, without doubt, one of Australia’s most popular coastal destinations. With extremely high property demand, limited availability, strong holiday income and continued capital growth, investment opportunities in Byron Bay are becoming progressively less.

Bernard Salt, author of the best-selling book, ‘The Big Shift’ and leading commentator on consumer and demographic trends made the following observations at an East Coast Mortgage Seminar on 6th December.

There has been a definite change from rural to coastal living - up from 8% to 19%, underpinned by lifestyle-seeking baby boomers.

The Tugan Bypass and Southern extension on the Pacific Highway have pushed the ‘sea change’ further down the east coast of Northern NSW.

High growth is still apparent in the Northern Rivers area such as Nambucca Heads, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Ballina and Lismore, with between a 1 and 3% increase in population growth in 2003-2004.

A sophisticated lifestyle investment for a fortunate few

Comprising just seven luxurious double-storey oceanfront villas, Vue is perched amongst the treetops on an elevated, peaceful beachfront location. Within two weeks of launch, Vue Byron Bay was almost sold out, with only one home now remaining for sale.

Villa 4, Vue Byron Bay boasts magnificent views over the Pacific Ocean to the east and down to Broken Head in the south. It also features three bedrooms, three bathrooms, luxury fixtures and finishes, smart wiring (touch panel dimming and lighting), a double walk-in garage, and is fully air-conditioned. The complex is security gated with remote entry.

The main living space on the upper level opens onto an oversized balcony offering uninterrupted ocean views - the perfect vantage point for watching whales migrate.

“The elevated position and spectacular view over the Arakwal National Park to Tallow Beach and the Pacific Ocean make Vue a very special piece of real estate,” said Project Architect, Mark Pulham of MSP Architects.

“3.25 metre high windows fill the wall of the eastern living room to bring the view right into Villa 4.”

“Each Vue villa is orientated to the beach, with private gardens facing the ocean and a choice of open plan living spaces. Recreational facilities including swimming pools, two tennis courts, spa and sauna are provided by the adjacent Oasis Resort,” explained Mr Pulham.

Sustainable living at its finest

“Internal, open-air courtyards create an environment that works with the sun and ocean shore breezes to cool and light the interiors. As a result, these villas are more than twice the size of a typical local development, by far the largest in Byron Bay,” added Mr Pulham.

Melding harmoniously with its natural surrounds, Vue Byron Bay demonstrates that developer needs can be met, without overcrowding. According to Council controls, the Vue site could have developed up to 14 apartments. However, Rod Lambert of Tallow Views Pty Limited and the Lambert Property Group limited the number of apartments to just seven, proving that sustainable architecture can be embraced.



Enjoy uninterrupted panoramic views from your oversized balcony



High ceilings and multiple open plan living spaces feature on both levels of Villa 4



Villa 4 is priced at \$1.8 million. Contact Tony Farrell of L.J. Hooker Byron Bay on 0417 212 692 or 6685 7300 for inspection.

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* Villa 4 not pictured



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This 60 metre high scaffold-clad Buddha is being constructed post-haste for the arrival this week of the Dalai Lama and 100,000 others in Amaravati, near Hyderabad in southern India. We note this event because *The Echo's* IT wizard, Michael Kelly-Gleeson, is in said town organising live TV feeds, FM translations in six languages, and a registration database for the gig, along with the usual networking technology, as well as consulting for us via iChat. It's an exciting world out there for a former Casino boy.

real opposition to Japan's so-called 'scientific' ambitions.

Local panelbeater Martin Bondor loves his *Echo* so much that each year he brings in at Christmas two fine bottles of red for the toiling drudges. Your kindness is much appreciated, Martin, and we hope it encourages the others! Those who do not love *The Echo* can always express themselves via the letters pages which, as Kurt Vonnegut once noted of critics of science fiction, they sometimes mistake for a urinal.

You've probably made all your new year resolutions not to stick peas up your nose or drink so much alcohol next December 31, but you also might want to consider what Australian Red Cross describes as the 'uber resolution' – to give blood. Blood is always in great demand and it's a heart-

warming thing to do. Find out on 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au.

The Eros Association, the lobby group of the Australian adult services industry, is getting serious about the right of adults to have X-rated lives if they so wish and has set up a free speech website at www.voting.org.au. One of its bumper stickers, 'I fuck and I vote', might be a tad hardcore for some but at least it's a change from 'I love the ABC'. (Then again, B1 and B2 have a certain thrusting magnificence about them.)

Spare a thought for the sensitive ears of your dog, says the Australian Veterinary Association. Create a comfortable hiding place from thunder or fireworks but do not give your dog sedatives – they can make dogs more noise sensitive.

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Congratulations to Mayor Jan Barham and all the volunteers for getting the mix right for a peaceful NYE in Byron Bay. A large part of that success was separating young men from alcohol in the streets.

Local filmmaker John Weiley noticed that Kellogg Brown & Root is overseeing the management of the Bangalow STP upgrade. This may not seem remarkable but for the fact KBR is an engineering arm of war profiteers Halliburton – see John's letter page 9. We missed the connection when Council announced the news on October 15 last year. It is rather rude company for Council to find itself in, given the oft-declared peaceful intentions of the majority of our Councillors, and demonstrates how far the stain of multinational greed and corruption can spread. Read more about Halliburton's shameful record at www.publicintegrity.org/wow and in Terrie Wells's interview with Scott Parkin on page 15.

Paul Watson, captain of the *MV Farley Mowat*, currently bothering the Japanese whale slaughter fleet in the Southern Ocean on behalf of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is a feisty bloke and says in no uncertain terms what he thinks of the whalers and the federal government's response to them – read more at <http://media-antarctica.seashepherd2.org/>. He's made a good point – does Australia expect Japan to recognise Australia's claim to Antarctic territory or not, or is it free to invade at will to kill whales? Despite their fine rhetoric in favour of whales, our ministers have been pissweak in mounting any

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- L-shaped verandah, NE aspect
- Extensive views over Ocean Shores Golf Course
- 2 car parking + room for workshop and storage space

BEACH COTTAGE

- Directly opposite beach at New Brighton with ocean views
- 2 storey, separate living areas + east and west verandahs
- 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms + sitting room + sauna
- Large DLUG rear lane access
- Access to north arm Brunswick River



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\$395,000

REFRESHING ASPECT

- 3 bedroom Ocean Shores home
- Easterly aspect enjoys district views from extensive verandah
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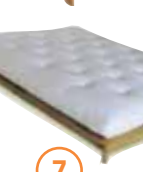
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