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More runs on the board for Shire's sportsfields

Two major sports complexes in the north and south of the Shire have moved closer to construction as Council voted to proceed with plans for a site at North Ocean Shores and Ewingsdale.

Just over \$170,000 has been allocated to start work on sportsfields at Ewingsdale Road, opposite Island Quarry, and investigations are under way for grant funding opportunities for the balance of the budget.

In the north of the shire, a favourable consultant's report on a 50 hectare parcel

of land next to the highway at the Yelgun interchange has spurred Council into starting negotiations to buy the land for sporting fields.

'There is still a long way to go but it is a step in the right direction,' said Cr Jan Mangleson. 'If Council can acquire the land I think it would be excellent and would cater to the Ocean Shores catchment area and the rural north. It would be marvellous for the north of the shire.'

'The RTA are building a local access road which

would run virtually from the Brunswick River to the site. My understanding is that Council is negotiating with the RTA to provide bike paths in the road construction. It would be wonderful if that were the case,' said Cr Mangleson.

The wheels of change move slowly in Council particularly in relation to major land purchases. Cr Mangleson added that she was not sure if the land, which is owned by property developer Chum Vidgen, was still for sale and whether the asking price matched the valuation obtained by Council.

Meanwhile the decision to sell Lot 107 at Shara Boulevard, the site originally identified for sporting fields in Ocean Shores, was discussed by Council on December 20. The RTA have offered to buy the land, however *The Echo* understands that Council was negotiating over the purchase price.

While a resolution was made on December 20, the details remain confidential and a move to overturn the resolution has been lodged by Crs Tucker, Woods and Mangleson. *The Echo's* educated guess is that a wrangle is taking place between those

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Jennifer O'Neil experiences the deep relaxation of an Ayurvedic, Shiro Dhara treatment, where warm oil is dripped onto the third eye region by Eddy Macpherson from Murwillumbah's Starlight Healing Centre. Eddy's was one of 35 stalls and displays showcased in this year's Starlight Wellbeing Expo held last weekend at the Bangalow A&I Hall.

Photo Jeff 'Alittledab'ldoya' Dawson

Fire works for wet crowd



Even though the weather was less than clement, the crowd came out in force and its enthusiasm couldn't be dampened. The synchronised Ooohing and Ahhing was performed faultlessly by the assembled multitude. The annual Brunswick Heads fireworks display is put on by the McGregor Family Carnival and the Woodchop Committee. Photo Jeff 'Cracker' Dawson

Nationals oppose highway toll

Lesley Patterson

The State opposition will not support tolls on the Pacific Highway said Deputy Leader of the Nationals, Don Page on Monday. Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Minister for Roads Andrew Stoner arrived in Ballina today (Tuesday) to announce his opposition to a plan by the State Labor government to investigate tolls as a way of speeding up construction on the Pacific Highway north of Newcastle.

'We believe the road should be publicly funded, this is a more appropriate mechanism to use for the main road joining Queensland and Sydney,' Mr Page told *The Echo*.

Calculations by the Nationals indicate that tolls on motorists would have to be substantial to repay the investment by the private sector to upgrade the highway because of the low vehicle numbers in

country areas as compared to city toll projects.

'The bottom line is that in country areas traffic volumes are not as high as in the city. Whereas tolls in the city might be reasonable we would have to pay substantial tolls in the country. We don't want the country to be asked to sign a blank cheque in relation to tolls. There is no guarantee we wouldn't see motorists being charged a hefty toll.

'If the private sector operates the toll road then they have a financial dividend that they must extract for their shareholders. If the government does it [operates the road] they are producing a social dividend,' said Mr Page.

Under the new funding arrangements for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway, the state and federal governments are each contributing \$160 million a year. This

needs to be doubled, says Don Page, to deliver an upgraded highway in seven and a half years instead of the current 15 year time line.

'Three hundred and twenty million dollars per year is not a lot of money. We should double it and then we'd see some action.'

The Transport Workers Union has also announced its objection to the spectre of \$70 one way tolls raised by the Federal government.

'Although the upgrade is essential, this massive toll would mean truck drivers and the general public would be paying for this road twice over. The government is double dipping into the public's back pocket. We've already paid for it through taxes and general road charges and now we have to pay for it again. If the federal government is serious about

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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.

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Sportsfields

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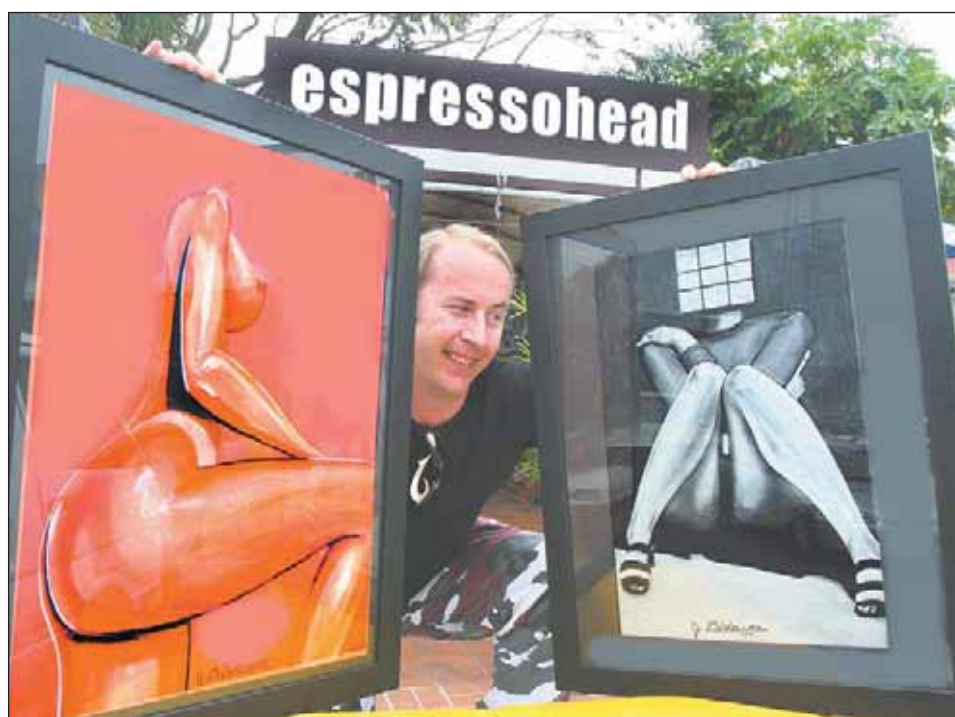
councillors in favour of selling Lot 107, particularly now that a replacement site seems to have been found, and those who want to hang on to the land, namely Crs Tucker, Woods and Mangleson.

Court action to stop the sale of Lot 107 was initiated last year by the Brunswick Valley Sports Association. The Association subsequently moved to have a caveat placed on the title for Lot 107 by the Registrar General of the Department of Lands.

Byron Shire Council's General Manager, Pamela Westing says that 'Council has commenced action to have the caveat lapse via the normal processes in the Lands Department'. Attempts to contact the Sports Association were unsuccessful.

An extraordinary meeting of Council has been called for today (Tuesday) to hear the rescission motion on Lot 107 as well as other matters not dealt with at the December 20 ordinary meeting.

Spotlight to shine on new artists



Expression head, James Dwever, one of the Smartartists hanging at Espressohead in Byron, with his Headless Nude #1 and Cube Girl#1. In a move to provide more exposure to emerging artists, artist lobby group SmArt has collaborated with local festival Forty Eight Hours of Visual Arts (FEHVA). The alliance will see the introduction of a new category into FEHVA for emerging artists. SmART is calling for submissions from new artists which will be formed into a body of work to travel through the Shire, before arriving at the FEHVA auction in June. For more information contact Chrissy at aum@aum.net.au. Photo Jeff 'One Track Mind' Dawson

Nationals oppose highway toll

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road safety they should stop deregulating the industry, provide Safe Rates and hold the client responsible,' said the NSW Transport Workers Union Secretary Tony Sheldon.

'The Pacific Highway's poor condition has long

been blamed for its high fatality average of 43 deaths a year. However a safe transport industry relies on more than good roads. It relies on Safe Rates that allow for safe driving and this toll could quickly undermine these rates.

'If the federal government genuinely wanted to decrease the number of deaths on our roads they'd increase transport regulation, not decrease it and they'd provide a safe minimum for owner-drivers and employees,' added Mr Sheldon.

SuperFreakyKinky says thank you



The organisers of the New Year's day festival SuperFreakyKinky at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club thanked the people of Mullumbimby and surrounds for their 'tolerance, understanding and support'.

'We hope that any disturbance we cause some of our neighbours is offset by the enjoyment we give to the many who come and welcome in the New Year,' said organiser Jonathan Russell.

'This year our event grew again so that almost 2,000 people, aged from seven to 70, came and experienced

some of the colourful culture for which Byron Shire has been proudly famous since the rainbow days of the 1970s. The mood was one of happy togetherness, and wonder at our beautiful natural environment as people danced and chatted the day away under the eye of Mt Chincogan.

'The day went off safely and spectacularly and gave a lot of pleasure and positivity to a lot of people. We like to think that we are responsible community members bringing some fun and creativity to the Shire and hope to con-

tinue SFK for years to come.

'We are open to any feedback or suggestions for the future by email at edgecore@mullum.com.au or online at www.superfreakykinky.info.'

On a sadder note, the organisers had four Red Bull display fridges stolen from the site, costing in excess of \$2,200. If anyone knows their whereabouts, they can be returned to the Leagues Club, no questions asked, or otherwise notify Mullumbimby Police.

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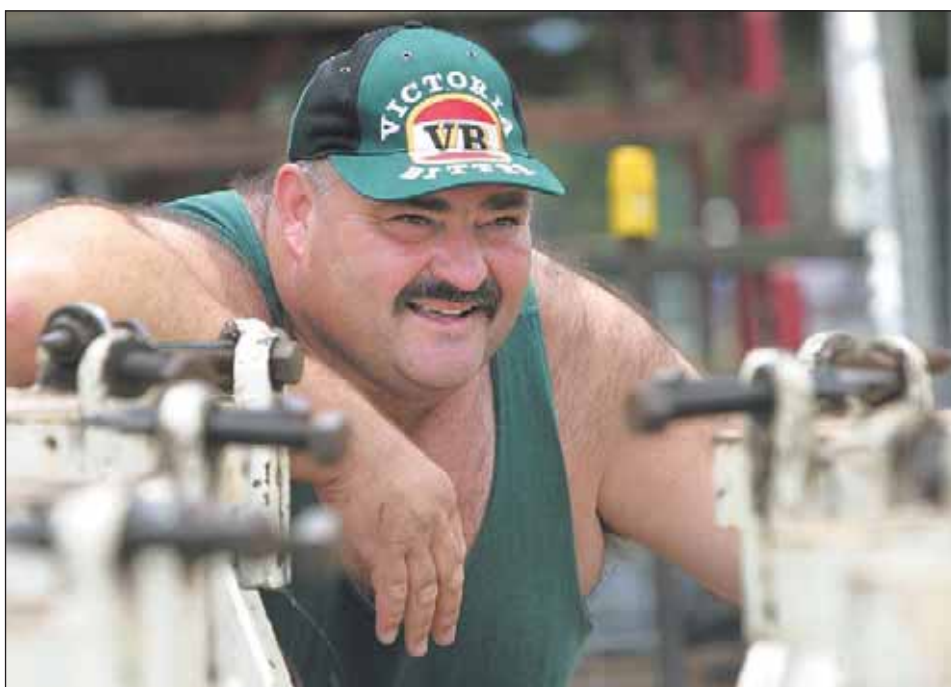
Local News

Axes sharpened for annual woodchop

The annual Brunswick Heads Woodchop Carnival is a favourite among locals and visitors alike and this year is shaping up to be even more exciting than in previous years.

The 2006 woodchop will feature many of Australia's greatest national and international champions including Tasmania's David Foster, who holds more than 1,000 woodchopping titles.

This year will also see Brunswick Heads set a new benchmark for woodchopping with the introduction of a women's competition. While women volunteers have played a key role in the organisation of the carnival, this is the first time that any carnival in Australia has featured traditional chopping events exclusively for women. In the past, women have only been allowed to compete with male partners or on a team, never before in individual events. This exciting initiative has been brought



Champion Tasmanian axeman David Foster will be back for this year's woodchop.

about by the new president of the woodchop committee Ros Hogan, the first woman ever to hold the position.

One of several champion axewomen who will compete at Brunswick Heads and

captain of the Australian women's team Kathy Munday applauded the committee's initiative.

'This is a great step forward for women's chopping,' said Ms Munday, who hopes

that women's events will become an annual feature of the carnival.

The woodchop action starts on Wednesday January 11 at 3pm and continues until Saturday January 14.

New alert for mosquito-borne diseases

With recent rains and king tides likely to result in larger numbers of mosquito hatchings, the North Coast Area Health Service's Public Health Unit has issued a public alert for residents and visitors to guard against becoming infected with the mosquito-borne Barmah Forest and Ross River Viruses.

In 2005 the north coast recorded around 300 cases of Barmah Forest Virus and 200 cases of Ross River Virus, according to the Director of the Public Health Unit, Paul Corben, who said the wetter conditions during

2005 had resulted in a significant increase in the number of cases, especially of Barmah Forest virus.

'On average over the past five years we have been notified of about 200 cases each of Barmah Forest virus and Ross River virus per year, with the North Coast having about three quarters of the state's reported cases of Barmah Forest virus and about 45 per cent of the cases of Ross River virus.

'The number of Barmah Forest infections is on the increase. In the five years to 2005, average annual numbers of Barmah Forest virus

were more than double that seen in the previous five-year period, while Ross River infections increased by about 20 per cent.'

The Barmah Forest Virus produces symptoms similar to, but usually less severe than, Ross River Virus. These include feeling generally unwell, with a fever, painful and sometimes swollen joints and a rash that may appear on the body and limbs. People with Barmah Forest virus may experience a butterfly pattern rash on the face that spreads to the rest of the body.

Mr Corben said that there

is no specific treatment for these infections but it is advisable for people suspecting infection to see their doctor who can arrange a pathology test to confirm the disease.

'The only way to avoid infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, with the recommended precautions including the use of an insect repellent that contains DEET or picaridin as active ingredients,' said Mr Corben. 'It is also advisable to use mosquito coils or vaporising mats, and wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing when outdoors.'

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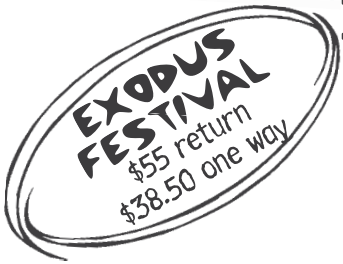
Body found at Brunswick Heads

A Sunday morning stroll for a local man, Giovanni Ebono, turned horrific when he discovered a human body washed up on Brunswick Heads beach shortly after 7am. It is thought that the body could be that of Will Banks, the pilot whose ultra-light crashed into the ocean off Tyagarah in October. Inspector King from Byron

Bay Police says it will be several weeks before an identification can be made, but added that there are no reports of anybody else missing in the area.

'The body will be sent to the morgue in Newcastle to look at extracting DNA to match with samples we have. I can't say at this stage if it is Mr Banks.'

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Have say on Lake Ainsworth plans

Alex McAuley

The time for submissions to Ballina Shire Council on the Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve (Draft) Master Plan is running out.

Closing date is Friday January 13 and Lyn Walker of the Lake Ainsworth Community Access Group is urging interested parties to give their opinions on the plan.

The Access Group was established in April 2004 in order to save the lake from overdevelopment after a redevelopment proposal for the caravan park was put before Council.

Following a public meeting between the group and Council in June 2004, Council agreed that the wellbeing of the lake needed to be a priority. Consequently, Connell Wagner, a firm of consultants, was brought in to establish the needs of the lake and modify the plan where necessary. According to Ms Walker, while some of the recommendations made by Connell Wagner, particularly where environmental issues are concerned, are very sound, in other areas she feels their recommendations are sadly deficient.

'Unfortunately, they [Connell Wagner] have no local knowledge of the infrastructure surrounding the lake, so some important issues have not been adequately addressed,' said Ms Walker. 'In my opinion, the biggest problem facing the lake is the

number of stakeholders involved and that they are not working together in the best interests of the lake.'

Matthew Wood, Strategic Planner at Ballina Shire Council, briefly explained the objectives of the master plan which aim to provide long term sustainability of the lake and comprise a number of key changes to the status quo.

New park

'The aim is to provide a new community park area in place of part of the caravan park directly in front of the surf club,' said Mr Wood. 'We also want to change road access to the lake involving part closure of the southern road and closure of the eastern road between the dunes and lake with a new road to the west.'

'There are three road options at this stage: one to the far west; one through the middle of the caravan park and one between the new community park and caravan park.'

'Rationalisation of the car-parking arrangements means there will no longer be parking on the foreshores of the lake, freeing up those areas for public use and minimising the environmental impact of cars parking on the lake. The plan also addresses the issue of untreated stormwater and sediment running into the lake which has been a major contributor to the blue-green algae problems in

the past,' said Mr Wood. 'Finally, there are plans to improve the infrastructure of the lake including boardwalks and picnic areas.'

Ms Walker explained to *The Echo* that Council has control over the southern end of the lake; NSW Department of Sport and Recreation the northern end, and the surf club, a Christian group, the Department of Fisheries and Department of Lands all have a measure of control over the rest of the area.

'Inadequate'

'The brief given to the consultants was inadequate as it only concerns the southern end of the lake which is the only part of the lake under council control,' said Ms Walker.

'An overall assessment of the sustainability and management of the lake in its entirety has not been undertaken and needs to be addressed.'

General manager of Ballina Shire Council John Christopher is aware that the issue of multiple stakeholders may be an area of weakness in the management of the lake, however he pointed out that Council cannot tell other stakeholders what they can and can't do.

'I see Council's role as one of leading by example, in the hopes that other stakeholders will see what we do to manage the lake and will follow suit,' said Mr Christopher-

son. 'The management of Lake Ainsworth is a complex issue with environmental, economic and social issues to be considered. Council is concerned with finding a plan that will lead to the long term sustainability of the lake and has undertaken the analysis required which is now open to community review. Once we have had feedback from the community, we will know better how to proceed.'

While the Access Group is supportive of the consultants' proposals of parking restrictions, more open spaces and revegetation of areas around the lake, it is concerned that several important issues have not been addressed.

These include a sustainability assessment for the whole lake and catchments; an integrated committee of all stakeholders; a detailed draft plan on public exhibition including timelines and budgets; adequate parking and public spaces have been grossly underestimated for the expanding population.

'The lake has been in trouble since 1998,' said Ms Walker. 'An integrated committee was convened in 2002 to draft the original management plan, but for some reason that was subsequently dismissed.'

'All stakeholders need to join together again to discuss the future of the lake if it is to be properly preserved.'

Bruns businessses outraged by river wall work

Several businesses operating in Brunswick Heads have been outraged by Byron Shire Council's decision to repair the river walls in the lead up to Christmas. Ilan Schnipzler, proprietor of the 'Brunswick Buccaneers', known more familiarly as 'The Pirate Ship' has been particularly put out by the work, or, in his opinion, lack of it.

According to Mr Schnipzler, several Council workers turned up at the site just in front of his boat in early December. Then a bobcat and excavator arrived on the scene and, much to his surprise, sat there unused for the next few weeks.

'There were about six Council workers turning up every day,' said Mr Schnipzler. 'Apparently, they were there to repair the small section of river wall that needed rebuilding, but they didn't do anything.'

'They sat there and watched the tide come in before saying they couldn't work in high tide and went away again. They did this

every day for about three weeks.'

According to Mr Schnipzler, Council workers did move a few rocks, which has only made the site look worse than before, and have now left it in a huge mess over the Christmas and New Year period. He claims that Council should have known that the tides were big at this time of year and left the work for a more appropriate time. The mess has also had a negative impact on his business.

Other local businessmen were similarly put out by the work, one in particular commenting that 'There was no need to start the project just before the busiest time of year. They've had all winter to do the work; why start now?'

Mr Schnipzler was also concerned about the cost of so much time wasting, stating that 'a private contractor could have got that work done in two days'.

Angelo Casagrande, Acting Director of Asset Management Services at Byron Shire Council, refuted the

claims that Council workers sat around for weeks doing nothing.

'We have started work to repair failed estuarine walls along The Terrace and Banner Park,' said Mr Casagrande. 'Unfortunately, the king high tides we have experienced recently have not been conducive to getting the project completed, so we have cleaned up the area and

barricaded off the section on which we are working in order to allow the park to be used over the holiday period.

'We will get back to work on the project in late January/early February; there is no danger of the wall collapsing,' he said. Mr Casagrande added that a budget of \$50,000 had been allocated to the project.

Bruns highway changes

The RTA has changed traffic arrangements at the northern end of the Brunswick Heads bypass as part of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Brunswick Heads to Yelgun. From last Monday traffic has been diverted onto a 200 metre temporary route for the Brunswick Heads bypass, immediately south of the Brunswick Heads north roundabout, so that the existing highway can be upgraded in both directions at this location.

The changes will remain in place for about 12 months.

Motorists are being advised to travel through the new works with care, observe any directions given by traffic controllers, and drive to the posted speed limit.

The RTA said it apologises for any inconvenience caused by this essential work.

The Brunswick Heads to Yelgun upgrade of the Pacific Highway involves the construction of 8.6 kilometres of dual carriageway between the Brunswick Heads south interchange and the southern end of the recently completed Yelgun to Chinderah freeway.

Local News

McGregors celebrate carnival's 50 years

Brunswick Heads Carnival has been on the Christmas holiday calendar for many years, and this year is a special one for the carnival owners, the McGregor family. There are three generations of McGregors involved with the carnival, Noel, Glen and Jamie, and this year is their fiftieth anniversary in Brunswick Heads.

According to Glen McGregor, Brunswick Heads hasn't changed much in his 47 years of coming here.

'It's still a beautiful spot; I've spent every one of my 47 Christmases here and I wouldn't have it any other way,' said Glen. 'Of course, there are many more people around these days, and every night a grandparent tells me that they used to come to the carnival when they were a child and now they're bringing their grandchildren. It really gives me a warm feeling of wellbeing.'

Jamie McGregor, who is



The McGregor clan takes to the dodgems: from left, Noel, Jamie and Glen. Photo Jeff Dawson

17, is the seventh generation of McGregors to be involved in the travelling amusement business. The original family members to start in the business all those years ago had a horse drawn merry-go-round as their star attraction. Things have come a long way since

then, of course, and Glen is confident that this year's carnival will be the best yet.

'We start with the fireworks on Saturday night, and this year's will be the best ever seen in the northern rivers,' said Glen. 'It's also my parents' 51st wedding anniversary

on January 15, so there's bound to be a big celebration then.'

After leaving Brunswick Heads, the carnival travels throughout Queensland for agricultural shows and festivals before returning to northern NSW next December.

\$40,000 for Screenworks

The Northern Rivers film and television industry has been boosted with \$40,000 of state government support the NSW Minister for Regional Development David Campbell has announced. Mr Campbell said the latest support for Northern Rivers Screenworks would be used to maintain two part-time jobs involving a project officer and locations liaison officer. 'Northern Rivers Screenworks has ended the year on a high note benefiting business in the region,' Mr Campbell said.

'Over the past 12 months, Screenworks has worked with the NSW government's Film and Television Office to secure features films, TV series and commercials, documentaries, video, DVD and large format productions

worth an estimated \$3.2 million for the region. This has resulted in 69 local casual jobs.'

The Member for Tweed Neville Newell has welcomed funding to promote the region's film and television industry.

'NSW government support for local creative industries has been provided under its Developing Regional Resources Program - it's another example of practical assistance being provided by the Lemna government to invest in the future of the region,' Mr Newell said.

A number of local filmmakers, supported by Screenworks, are developing a range of projects including documentaries, feature films, and various lifestyle, children's and drama series.

VSU no good for local economy, says NRDB

According to Margot Sweeny, Chair of the Northern Rivers Development Board, 'The effects of the new Voluntary Student Unionism legislation will have a negative impact on the local economy which will be felt for many years as Southern Cross University is one of the region's largest employers.'

Over the past year, universities in Australia collected about \$160 million in student fees to pay for the many amenities that students rely on such as health services, childcare, advocacy, learning support, sporting fields and equipment. However, with the passage of this legislation Australian universities will now have to queue for just \$80 million which is supposed to ease the transition to Voluntary Student Unionism. The midyear introduction of VSU will also add to the complexity and

pressures on regional universities brought about by this legislation.

Ms Sweeny went on to say, 'It is estimated that SCU will now lose approximately \$2.06 in income over the next 12 months and this will leave quite a hole in the university's already tight budget. I can't help but wonder how much of that \$80

million will be spent in just paying out staff redundancies as there will be a lot of jobs lost - especially at regional universities like Southern Cross. The Development Board intends to lobby hard to make sure SCU and other regional unis get the lion's share of this \$80 million.'

The Northern Rivers Regional Development

Board serves as the catalyst for new investment and industry development and works in close partnership with many of the region's key stakeholder groups.

Coolamon detour into February

Coolamon Scenic Drive will be closed between Goonengerry and Myocum Roads for most of January to repair landslips caused by the June 30 storms. Until January 27 all through traffic is being diverted along Myocum Road and then up Possum Shoot Road or the Pacific Highway.

Council workers are excavating the landslip area and backfilling to make the road

secure. Weather permitting the road will be open to one way traffic from the end of January and Council is estimating the works will be completed by February 24.

Beaumont's Mullumbimby to Lismore bus service is still picking up along Coolamon Scenic Drive by completing the 40 kilometre detour up Possum Shoot Road and accessing houses from the Coorabell end.

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Local News

Surf exhibition opens at Mother Art

This Saturday night the Mother Art Gallery will unveil 'Brave New Waves', a big surf art exhibition supporting SurfAid International – a grass roots organisation responsible for much of the tsunami aid in the remote islands of our closest neighbour, Indonesia. Operating for five years, SurfAid's core mission is to improve the health of people living in isolated regions connected to us by the pursuit of surfing exploration.

It has only been a year since the devastating Boxing Day tsunami wiped out thou-

sands of coastal dwellers across the Indian Ocean with the effects reaching as far as Somalia, Africa and the west coast of Sumatra, Indonesia. The doctors and disaster management teams of SurfAid conducted swift medical response and disease prevention to the worst hit areas. With the tsunami relief efforts officially over, SurfAid is now re-focusing its energy on long term community development and health programs such as malaria prevention and childhood immunisations that are the organisation's hallmark.

See www.surfaidinternational.org for more information.

Sponsored by Electric, Bilabong and Australia's Surfing Life and featuring artists associated with surfing culture, primarily photographers, 'Brave New Waves' is definitely going to be a show to check out. 'Brave New Waves' will open on January 14 at 7.30pm at 1/5 Wollongbar Street, Byron Arts & Industry Estate, and run until the end of February. To view the online gallery see www.motherart.com.au.

Lighthouse tour

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Local hero dies at Rockhampton



Ex resident of Byron Shire Paul Maros died in his sleep at his home in Rockhampton on December 29 aged 76 years. Paul, who lived in Tyagarah for 15 years, was best known for his courageous action in saving the life of two victims of a plane crash in 1998. Paul was driving to a council meeting in Byron Bay from his Tyagarah home when he saw something unusual in his rear vision mirror. He went back to investigate

and found that a plane had crashed and was burning with the four occupants still inside.

Pottsville Beach resident June Petersen describes what he did next as typical of him. 'Despite onlookers yelling at him to stay back, Paul went straight into the burning plane to try to save the occupants,' said June.

'He used a pen knife from his car to cut through the safety harnesses, and man-

aged to save the life of two of the occupants. He was awarded the Star of Courage for his actions, but in true Paul fashion, he didn't want any fuss; he just said that he did what he could to help someone who needed it.'

A cremation for Paul has already been held, and his remains will be returned to June who plans to scatter them at Tyagarah where she says he spent 15 of the happiest years of his life.

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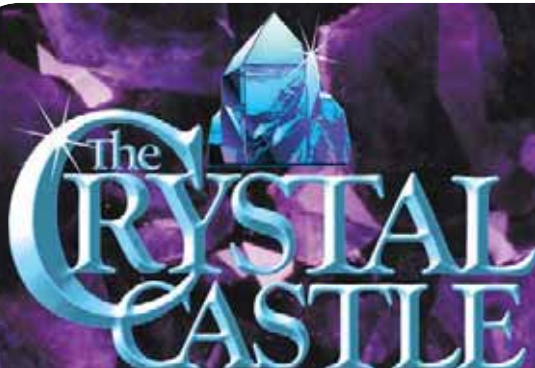
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Local News

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Dhinawan (Michael Baker) is a descendant of the Gamillaroi Bigambul tribes and learned the traditions of his culture while working on Fraser Island as a guide. His experience in didgeridoo, painting, dancing and singing has taken him all over the world, performing at festivals in the UK, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

While on tour in Australia he performed with The Wailers and Michael Franti. World travelled but well grounded, Dhinawan also teaches in schools, passing

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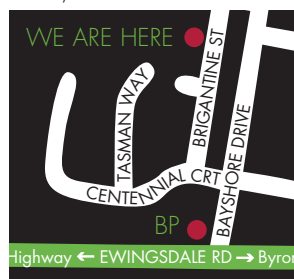
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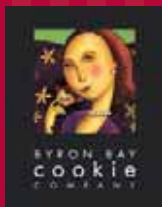
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A town reclaimed

New Years Eve in Byron Bay this year was a success.

For years we had been told that attempts to stop people coming into town would be futile. What was wrong with young people enjoying themselves on one night of the year, we were asked. We had to provide entertainment or the crowd would turn ugly, we were warned.

Of course there were also commercial interests at stake here. Many in the business community benefit financially from the influx of revellers on December 31, and while some were prepared to sacrifice their bottom line for a return to sanity, a minority was not.

We had reached the point where the price being asked of the community to 'tame the beast' was too high. Not just in what it was costing Council in hard cash, but more importantly in the effect on the local community. No longer could we stand by and watch our town being literally trashed year after year, particularly for a party that many did not feel safe attending.

Changing tack on New Years Eve was a gamble that has paid off. That it could be turned around in one year is a minor miracle and one for the greater good of the community and the town's image.

There have been losers however in all this and we are beginning to hear the rumbling from some businesses who claim their revenue has dropped and are urging a return to larger crowds. Conversely others in the commercial sector say their income is up and anecdotal evidence points to fewer tourists spending more.

Tourist numbers to Byron Bay have grown steadily over the past decade, increasing the height of the peaks in the summer and reducing the depth of the troughs in winter. We have reached a point where questions are being asked about what level of tourism the town can sustainably handle and this New Years Eve demonstrated that numbers can be successfully controlled.

There has to be a trade-off between a business's right to make money and a resident's right to enjoy a sense of peace and community. The streets of Byron Bay have been swarming with visitors for the past two weeks and those businesses who say they are struggling must not be meeting the market. In the fickle tourism game it can sometimes be hard to foretell what the successful product or service will be and in the Bay this is exacerbated by the large number of competing services. That is an obvious consequence of doing business in a hot market.

There will undoubtedly be pressure brought to bear on the New Years Eve committee to change the formula and ramp up the numbers again. This is pressure which should be resisted.

We have reclaimed our town – for at least one night – now let's make sure we hang onto it. In addition, the issue of community safety, particularly for women, on a year-round basis needs to be looked at seriously.

This will not happen without the goodwill of Council, business and a wider community intent on beating the cultural 'norms' which lead to violence.

Magnificent obsessions prove costly

The real cost of our beloved Prime Minister's obsessions is often hard to quantify.

His enthusiasm for his love-father George W Bush's excellent adventure in Iraq, for example, has clearly led to greater terrorist recruitment, increased risk of attack, greater racial and religious tension and a disproportionate loss of civil rights and liberties.

But ironically, in sheer money terms the whole thing has been done on the cheap: a token military commitment with much of the necessary infrastructure generously subsidised by Washington – as it bloody well ought to be, cynics will add.

The home-grown changes to the tax system, however, led by Howard's own GST, have cost an arm and a leg, for no apparent purpose. Since the introduction of the GST the present government has become, by any measure, by far the highest taxing government in Australian history, and yet most taxpayers would argue that they are getting less bang for their tax buck than they did in the old days.

The reason for this is that the Commonwealth, which collects the GST, hands it over to the states, which use it to fund (inadequately) their traditional responsibilities of health, education, transport, law and order and all the rest. This apparent generosity on Canberra's part allows Peter Costello to keep all the tax revenue raised from other sources, a large chunk of which was formerly distributed to the states.

As a result he can boast of huge budget surpluses; but

rather than use them for the benefit of the public at large he simply hands them back as tax cuts, usually directed as electoral bribes where they will do the government most good. What this means in crude terms is that billions are taken annually from tax payers across the country simply so Howard and Costello can distribute the loot to their own supporters. The economic and social cost is obviously immense, but no one has been game to put a figure on it.

It is thus refreshing to find

erential deals, and there was a distinct lack of agreement about how far these should go) but its economic advantage to Australia was highly dubious.

While the flag wavers on the government side were crowing about little old Oz gaining access to the richest market in the world, the realists noted that the other side of the coin was that the richest market in the world could now surge unimpeded into little old Oz. True, David did once beat Goliath, but you wouldn't want

negotiating team now want to scrap the amendment Latham insisted on to prevent the big American drug companies from artificially extending their patents and delaying the introduction of cheaper generic medicines. The government, it will be recalled, said at the time that the amendment was unnecessary because common law already prevented the practice; but if this is so, why are the drug barons so upset about it? Trade Minister Mark Vaile doesn't really know, but he seems inclined to give them their way, if only to expunge the Latham influence.

In the spirit of give and take he suggests hesitantly that the Americans might like to revisit the exemption of sugar from the agreement, an exemption that the government once declared was unAustralian but which was grovellingly accepted for the sake of getting the FTA up in an election year. 2006, of course, is also an election year – a congressional election year in the United States, where the sugar farmers are a far more effective lobby group than they are in Australia. Free trade in sugar? You've got to be joking.

It is time for Vaile and his ministerial colleagues to get real and look at the scoreboard. Yet again, the Americans have taken us to the cleaners.

And yet again, John Howard sees no need to apologise: as our Dear Leader, he can, by definition, do no wrong. After all, if he did, we wouldn't keep re-electing him, would we?

Pity about the billion, but never mind. We can always pick it up in tax.

Billions are taken annually from tax payers across the country simply so Howard and Costello can distribute the loot to their own supporters.

by Mungo MacCallum



a Howard compulsion that can be costed with some accuracy. At the end of its first year of operation, it can be stated with confidence that Australia's participation in the so-called Free Trade Agreement with the United States has cost us a round one billion dollars – with, of course, the meter still running.

It will be recalled that the FTA became one of the hot spots of the 2004 election campaign, with Howard and his hit men portraying anyone (and especially Mark Latham) who expressed doubts about its perfection as a treacherous anti-American. The doubters included many highly respected economists who pointed out that not only was the whole thing a misnomer (it wasn't about free trade but limited pref-

to put money on it happening on a regular basis.

And it hasn't. At the end of year one, Australia's exports to the US have fallen by five percent while our imports from the US have risen by the same amount – a turnaround of ten percent at a cost, as mentioned, of a neat one billion. If you think it could be worse, well it is: over the same period the Australian dollar fell by about six percent against the greenback, which should have given Australian exporters a proportional advantage. So in real terms the FTA seems to have cost us about 16 percent of our trade balance with the US, or almost one sixth.

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One step closer

The removal of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon from Israeli politics brings one step closer the prediction of nuclear war made in an unpublished letter to *The Echo* last year.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

No marine craft

This seems to be the cry at Brunswick Heads.

I have been coming here on and off for 50 years and the facilities for 'boaties' have only deteriorated. The number of river users with marine craft has increased but the Brunswick Heads boat ramp seems to be in a time warp (prehistoric).

One would think that either the Council, Chamber of Commerce or Progress Association would at least try and ensure that the 'track' into the 'facility' (that's a joke) would at least be free from giant pot holes.

The ramp should also be pressure cleaned (at low tide) to prevent the frequent accidents of people slipping on

this dangerous surface.

The facilities for parking are totally inadequate.

All this seems to imply the leaders of our community organisations couldn't care less and visitors can like it or put up with these lousy conditions.

M Murray
Mullumbimby

Stay left

To the people who drive in the Byron hinterland: although the many roads in the area don't have white lines on the road it is expected that you still should keep to your side of the road. The amount of times I must swerve out of the way to self-fish drivers just makes me bloody cross. Also many of the roads are quite windy but it isn't necessary to brake hard at each bend. Try taking your foot off the accelerator and keep an even speed. Your brake pads will love you for it!

Kylie Madden
Upper Coopers Creek

Ring-ins?

I am an avid reader of your letters column, but a 'virgin' at writing letters to the editor.

As a part time resident of the Sunrise Arts and Industry estate area, two letters from Messrs Flesch of Bellingen and de Jong of Lennox Head move me to write to

you. Clearly these guys are the 'Fine Cottons' of the letter world, and must surely be 'put-ups' by the brothel owner. It is laughable that two blokes, who don't even live here, feel entitled to write and criticise residents who do.

But what really ticks me off is that these ****heads haven't got any of their facts right. Clearly they don't know anything about the highway issues, and even less about the proposed 'Big Brother' brothel just one street over from where I live.

My advice is, stay in Bellingen and Lennox Head, you guys fit in better there than here!

Andy Foreman
Byron Bay

Missing the point

I don't expect you to print this letter but I challenge you to do so considering your implied maxim of giving anyone a fair say.

Mungo MacCallum's article about Intelligent Design misses the point and ignores the history of Creation – which of course he doesn't believe in anyway. Lack of space here forbids me from elaborating and if the Bible won't 'do it for him' I suggest he reads the recent book *The Big Argument* for a clear picture of reality. This book written by 24 highly qualified

scholars shows, with related topics, compelling evidence of a Creator and why evolution is impossible. There are many other such books etc as a growing number of academics, without religion, see no other viable alternative to an intelligent designer who of course must be God, even though many won't admit as much.

Mungo's article is a veiled and cynical attack on Christianity, especially as it

appeared in the Christmas edition of *The Echo*.

Ian Lee
Ocean Shores

Blow to freedom

Today (January 6), marks the introduction of another blow to personal freedom in the form of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Materials) Act. From today, an individual can incur a fine up to an unbelievable \$110,000 for the heinous

crime of discussing means of suicide on the telephone, fax or the internet.


About 250 Australians over 70 commit suicide each year. It is not a crime. Research indicates that for every completed suicide, there are as many as 30 failed attempts. It can be reasonably assumed that the motive for elderly suicide is failing health and/or terminal illness. Many people, approach-

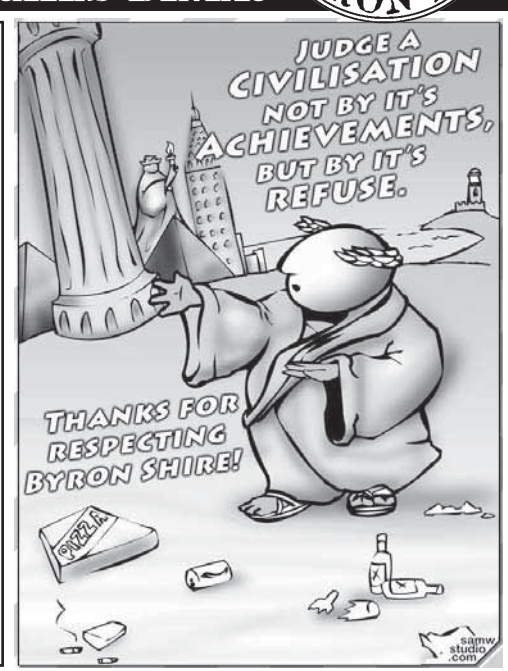
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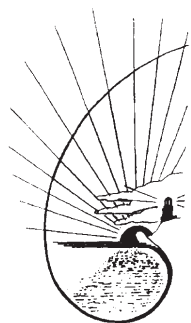
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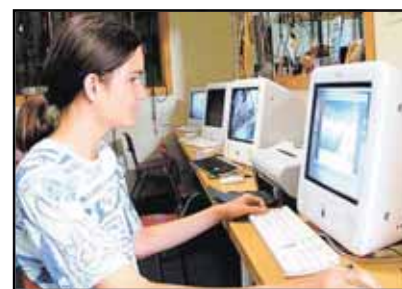


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ing death, wish to take control of matters for themselves and not be institutionalised into the system to die a pointlessly miserable and undignified death.

So from today, as many as 7,500 elderly Australians will be denied conventional means of obtaining knowledge to which they are entitled. Our politicians of the two major parties say they voted for this bill to protect 'vulnerable' people, the depressed, the lonely and youth. Of course, the bill will do no such thing. The world wide web will still contain thousands of related websites. But the one Australian provider of responsible advice to the terminally ill, Dr Philip Nitschke's Exit International, will be forced to move offshore.

It is to be hoped that today at least some of the politicians who voted for this bill will spare a thought for the thousands of sick and elderly for whom they have shown such contempt. It is also to be hoped that the elderly segment of the population will remember this shabby treatment at the next election.

Bryan Milner
Ocean Shores

The Howard file

Brian J Best's pompous letter (*Echo*, January 3) about the Howard/Hicks ad in your Christmas issue asks where the 'faceless advertiser' would live if s/he were PM. I trust that they would live at The Lodge in Canberra, like every other PM since 1926 has done. What has been good enough for all the other PMs

isn't good enough for Howard who prefers to reside at Kirribilli House on Sydney Harbour at huge extra expense for taxpayers. And, Howard does not have a majority in both houses as Mr Best asserts. The Coalition holds 38 of the 76 Senate seats. It received only 43% of the Senate primary vote and only 46% of the primary House of Representatives vote, hardly the figures to support any claim to a moral majority.

Geoff Williams
Brunswick Heads

'Selfless' service

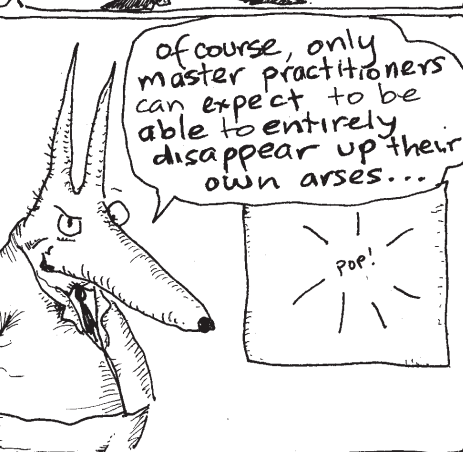
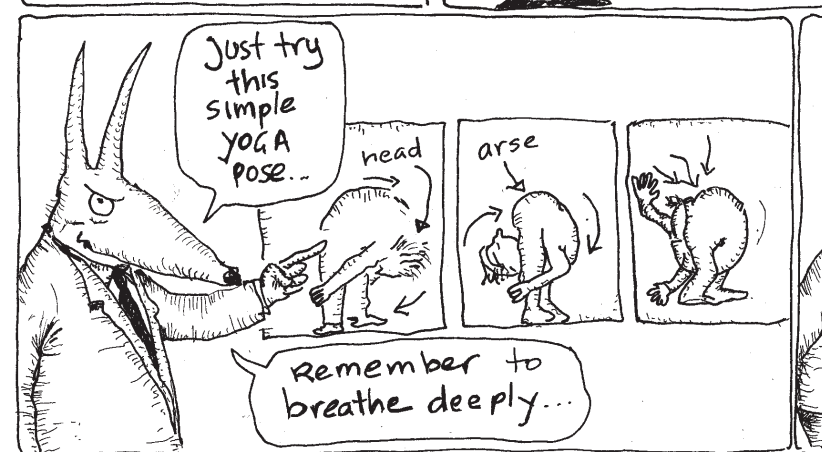
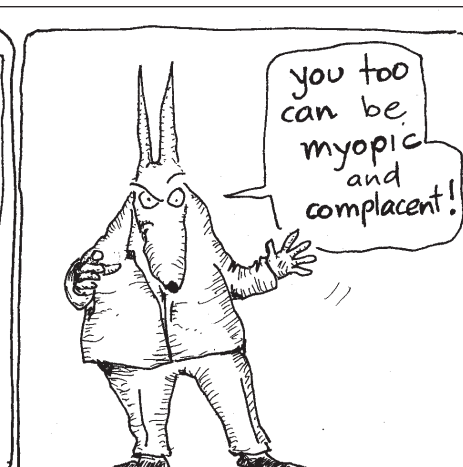
US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld told American servicemen stationed in Iraq, in his Christmas message to them, that they should be proud of themselves for what they have so 'selflessly' given to 25 million Iraqis.

Rumsfeld didn't specify, but naturally, 25 million Iraqis must include those 30 thousand innocent civilians who have so 'selflessly' been killed during the invasion and occupation.

It must also include the hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis who have been injured and maimed; and the millions of innocent Iraqis who have lost loved ones and who have lost all their lives' work in an instant as a result of the American led invasion – a gross act of international state-terrorism.

A kind of terrorism that has already produced far more innocent victims than even Bin Laden could conjure up in his wildest dreams.

And we must not forget,



that it was, and still is, an act of state-terrorism within which John Howard and many of his colleagues participated so eagerly.

There is nothing new, of course, about the shameless impudence of Rumsfeld and his fellow neo-conservatives. Once, Heinrich Himmler, the leader of the Nazi SS, congratulated and thanked the men of his death squads for their 'selfless service to humanity'.

Tom Koo
Alstonville

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A place where people look for truth and freedom of speech rules.

Right?

We have a mayor who stands for peace and her council has awarded a contract to the most corrupt corporation on the planet. The corporation that was most probably the biggest player in making sure we invaded Iraq because it had so much to gain. An affiliate of the company that is poisoning the land and the people with DU leaving a legacy that will still be there in thousands of years to come.

Right?

Her council also poisons people and the environment at home, in her own shire, indirectly supporting the second most evil company on the planet, responsible for much human misery and environmental destruction, especially when it waged war with Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Right?

A number of concerned people in this fairy story shire

are waiting for the council to begin its advertised poisoning along the roadside to Lismore on the 10th. This is scheduled to take place over the next month, and we are told it is being done to rid the roadsides of weeds.

Spraying will not kill the weeds in the paddocks which will continue to spread their seeds to the roadsides and so the cycle will continue, good for the chemical companies and not good for human and environmental health.

We have not been told why ridding the roadsides of weeds contributes to life in paradise, or how it weighs up against any human misery it causes. As roadside furniture is to be sprayed, school bus stops will be targeted and add to the chemical overload today's children have to live with, resulting in ADD, autism, asthma, etc. But what the hell, this is paradise, and we have a green mayor to prove it.

In our neighbouring shire, just outside of paradise, the slashers have been busy mowing all unwanted roadside vegetation, but the council in this neighbouring shire is not Green and has not declared that it stands for peace, so it does not

belong in paradox, I mean paradise, I mean what the f... I don't know and if the chemtrails keep blitzing paradise when I know that the Greens who take responsibility for our paradise, I mean paradox, status know about them and remain silent, does anybody out there know what I'm talking about? Will somebody please put me right? I'm confused.

Resigned to another day in paradox.

Ashiya Austin
Byron Bay

On the road again

Am I dreaming? We gave the RTA almost 18,000 submissions telling them that we do not want any of their four Pacific Highway options. And lo and behold, the selection process continues as if nothing has happened. The number of options is now reduced to three, and the 'final option' will be announced in mid 2006. I call on Mr Higgins to tell us by whose authority he has casually brushed aside the expressed wishes of 18,000 people. How dare he!

I suppose the process works like this: 'We've consulted the community. It's a bit embarrassing that a huge

Why we chose Halliburton

I note the outrage of John Weiley (Letters, January 3) regarding the Council's choice of Halliburton (per Kellogg, Brown and Root) as the contractor for the Bangalow sewerage works (easy for him).

The 'record' of Halliburton did not go unremarked at the Council meeting and reservations and 'no' votes (John Lazarus was one) were recorded.

The dilemma some of us faced in voting for the pro-

posal was that the KBR tender was the one recommended by staff as the most cost-effective and refusal on a political basis would have surely resulted in legal action against us. Also, where do you start and stop with these multinational corporations?

Sure, Halliburton with its connections to the odious Cheney neo-cons is the high-profile hate object at the moment but we can all name any number of others with track records just as vile. The

sad truth is that these corporations now control the world's political systems and until we can get governments off their corrupt teat we are going to be forced to deal with them.

On the other hand, in retrospect, I wish I had voted against the KBR tender, if it had been rejected the subsequent media furore would have made it worth the risk. Next time...

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Brunswick Heads

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majority of people don't want our road. So let's just assume their views don't matter. That should solve the problem.' This is what Labor MP Amanda Fazio thinks are 'complex processes to gather and assess community information'. Well, a process which ignores the wishes of 18,000 people is definitely not complex. And it means precisely nothing. I wonder if Mr Higgins has the courage to say how many people actually expressed a desire to see any of these monstrosities built in our shire. Were there more than a few dozen?

These are the great brains who are building their hideous super highway across the Brunswick River before they know what to do when they get to Ewingsdale. Forward planning? 'Complex processes?' Well, no. These are 'cross-city tunnel processes'. As for any coherent regional transport strategy, they

haven't a clue. Who pays the salaries of these bright sparks? You do, dear reader, you do.

D L McDonald
Byron Bay

■ Arthur de Jong has got it wrong! (Letters, January 3). To suggest that the highway issue has been dominated by NIMBYs is not exactly revelatory in its obviousness. In a relatively apathetic community, who else is going to find the time, the money and the motivation to campaign against RTA transgressions except the NIMBYs and their pet NIMBYs? What then happens to that process is that it becomes personal, prejudicial and political – and we accuse the RTA of callousness!

The result of wider community apathy is dramatically obvious in the Brunswick-Yelgun upgrade. While the rest of us yawned our way through what seemed like

years of public to-ing and fro-ing regarding options that most of us really didn't take much notice of, Council's consultant environmentalists were beaver away looking for anything that Council could use as a bargaining chip. They found it in Mitchell's rainforest snail and the resultant deal between the Greens and the NSW government forced the RTA to bang that motorway right next to Ocean Shores. Rest assured that while your mayor may not have your immediate best interests at heart, she has the benefit of foresight to look after your children's children etc.

Eighteen thousand people did *not* write submissions complaining about the RTA's coastal route options as stated by Mr de Jong. What those 18,000 people did was sign a petition whose primary stated objective was to remove heavy freight to New

England, which is an extremely appealing proposition and which belongs to an entirely different forum. Those signatures were the ill gotten gains of a reprehensible public scare campaign and while no individual or organisation was prepared to claim responsibility for that campaign, CEPS (Coastal Exclusivists Perpetuation Society?) was only too eager to formally present them to local RTA bigwigs.

Mr de Jong describes the current highway community as 'divided' and 'displaying some beautifully spurious logic'. Jesus, what poetry! Just so you really get to understand it – the *united* highway community doesn't want a six lane highway plus service roads mowing through one of the oldest intact communities on the north coast, leaving 200 people homeless. It doesn't want the most unique genuine

prime agricultural land in the state carved up and severed. It doesn't want the catchment for Ballina's water supply threatened. It doesn't want historic Newrybar village and school obliterated.

It wants the existing dangerous little piece of antiquated roadware, ie the Pacific Highway, safety upgraded as a tourist/local use road. In the absence of any genuine inland alternative, it wants the RTA to pursue option D through the lowland canefields and rightly regards it as the least socially, agriculturally and environmentally damaging option.

Of course the Greens desperately don't want option D. They have a proprietorial interest in the remotely affected Broken Head. Jan Barham lives there. Ian Cohen lives there. Their preferred environmental consultant lives there and I'll bet

he's already beaver away looking for the Midgen Flat equivalent of Mitchell's rainforest snail.

Mike Burless
Newrybar

■ One positive outcome of the Pacific Highway/Motorway debate is that there appears to be a growing acceptance that only an 'integrated transport system' is capable of delivering sustainable transport solutions for communities in the Northern Rivers.

Integration means planning for a multi modal system incorporating rail, bus, taxi, cycle-ways, walkways and private road transport that are all linked together. A number of important benefits flow from integration.

1. A significant increase in transport options become available that allow those without access to private

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road transport to not be left on the social and economic scrap heap.

2. The increase in transport options also allows those with access to private road transport to choose to leave their cars at home and travel to work, school etc by public transport.

3. The rise in public transport users brought about by 1 and 2 above makes the provision of public transport more economically viable and helps to increase the range of services.

4. In a region such as ours where there is great potential to use existing rail infrastructure for local passenger trains to substantially increase integration of transport systems within the Northern Rivers and across the Queensland border, integration provides a very real way to reduce the otherwise unrestrained demand to build ever bigger and increasingly expensive highways/motorways.

In the absence of planning for integration, public transport becomes marginalised as has happened in our region over a long period. That is why in our region we have one of the highest rates of dependence on cars and roads in the country according to ABS Census data.

The NSW government has stated it has a commitment to an integrated transport system for the region and that a plan is being developed as part of the Northern Rivers Regional Strategy. However there seems to be no consultation with the public on the development of the 'strategy' and it has been announced recently that its completion has been delayed until sometime next year. Public transport advocates are told that we must wait for the strategy, but at the same time new highway/motorway developments are constantly being financed without reference to any broader transport plan. Why?

This is pure political prag-

Differing takes on New Years Eve

■ What a lovely low-key enjoyable family night. Congratulations to our mayor for supporting it.

I was wondering though, who is Veda? Was it necessary for the New Years Eve parade to be delayed 30 minutes waiting for her? Why was she leading a 'family' parade smoking a cigarette? Did she bin her butt?

Ruth Gotterson
Byron Bay

■ Not happy, Jan! We are going from one extreme to another. We did not have any New Years Eve celebrations, we had a big children's birthday party in town and everybody who attended (they were pretty happy, yes, but there was definitely not 12,000 of them) went to bed at 11.

This is not how I and my family traditionally celebrate the New Year (I fall into *The*

Echo's 'teenage' category despite being 50 years old). Basically the Byronians who love their town and the life of it went away or stayed away and left what to me was an embarrassingly boring event. More of this and I join the jolly Ballina crowd!

Yes, Jan, you achieved that people stayed away in droves. Business was down by 25% with lots of standby accommodation deals in what is usually the busiest week of the year. The effect is that shifts get cut, jobs get lost, and our local economy goes down the drain. Children and pensioners don't have to worry about that. But people in between do.

Now that you have wound back the income clock by ten years are you willing to go the next step and bring down the council rates by those ten years as well? I doubt it! My prediction is

that these record rates will go up even more because we chase our source of income away.

I can see that the council has a very hard job to cater for everyone. But don't get rid of the life, the spirit and the strength of what makes Byron!

Rudiger Wasser
Byron Bay

■ Thank you Jan Barham and all the NYE committee for a peaceful and family orientated NYE and also for sticking to your guns and representing what essentially is a community decision.

Those who ultimately benefit as we all know are three pubs, five clubs and well, quite a number of restaurants, maybe an ice creamery or two, a few trinket shops and let's not forget accommodation brokers. It's good to know there is more diver-

sity here than just that. Personally I'd like less binge drinking yobbo Gold Coasties and more latté sipping 4WD Porsche driving sea changers. Nah, stuff the lot of them, I'll be in my yurt.

Hans Lovejoy
Tyagarah

■ I hope Brian Smith of the Lennox Head Residents Association was misquoted in your last issue. Did he really say New Years Eve in Lennox was 'very good, successful and quiet' because 'there was no entertainment on offer'? He's right that there was no entertainment, apart from the fun of watching squads of bored police walk up and down. There was nothing on at all for any age group. But surely a 'quiet' New Years Eve is far from 'successful.'

And did he really say 'The majority of the locals are

happy with the result'? If he did, he should get out more, for this is definitely not what I'm told. Finally, if he said teenagers who want entertainment 'need to organise it for themselves', then shame on him. It's precisely the absence of entertainment and facilities in Lennox which leads to bored and sometimes badly behaved kids wandering around.

Some years ago local 'youth' tried to get a skate park for Lennox. Two of the local councillors, Alan Rich and Avis Kennedy (thankfully now departed) blocked this initiative.

The lack of a skate park is still a sore point, a failure by Ballina Council similar to their success, supported by Brian Smith, in making New Years Eve a non-event this year

Michael Pearson
Lennox Head

matism. Short sighted and liable to make certain the future expansion of highways/motorways through our region.

Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

P S With regard to the *Echo* editorial of January 3, yes, a toll road sets up inequities between wealthy and not so wealthy road users, but it can also provide an economic incentive to develop a greater range of competitive public transport options that can overcome current inequities faced by those without any access to transport services.

Climate change

The wonderful writer, scientist and explorer Tim Flannery provides ample evidence of our man-made predicament – global warming climate change (*The Weather Makers* – The Text Publishing Co, 2005).

Firstly we need to under-

stand that this climate change era is man-created with our climate quality deteriorating rapidly. The year 2005 has been the hottest ever recorded in Australia with an average temperature of 23° celsius. Severe global warming has occurred before, approximately 65 million years ago, when massive atmospheric pollution, including high levels of carbon dioxide, resulted in very high temperatures on Earth's surface. Believed to be from asteroid impact with earth, the resultant global warming caused the extinction of most of our larger animals including dinosaurs.

As distinct from the above natural events, we are now experiencing similar rapid global warming directly resulting from our irresponsible practice of pumping massive amounts of pollutants, particularly carbon dioxide, into our thin, sensitive and delicate atmosphere. The abuse of our life-giving

atmospheric system is staggering with coal-fired power stations being the most damaging. Large motor vehicle emissions are also very destructive. Carbon dioxide has the property to absorb the sun's infrared radiation which would otherwise be re-radiated into space. For this reason carbon dioxide is a major player in global warming as it effectively blankets the earth's surface thereby not allowing heat to escape.

Man-made global warming is directly responsible for numerous and increasingly frequent ecological disasters occurring on Earth today. These include: bush fires with extreme heat and winds; blizzards; floods and mudslides; hurricanes and cyclones; crop failures; contaminated water supplies (Hurricane Katrina, USA); the extinction of thousands of plants and animals; long periods without rain; and the expansion of desert areas. 'Quite simply, climate change is a threat to our civilisation as we know it' (Tim Flannery).

Over millions of years, the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO²) in our atmosphere largely stabilised, providing an average earth surface temperature of less than 14° celsius. Over all these years, fluctuations in CO² concentrations varied by typically 3%, yet in only the last 40 years man-made industrial activity has increased the CO² concentration in our atmosphere by as much as 20%. Rapid increases in CO² concentration causes the earth's natural temperature control system, reacting to CO² levels, to race out of control. With

a response time of several decades the weather we are now getting results from our pollution level excesses of some 30 years ago. As we are continuing to increase our CO² discharges into the atmosphere each year, our weather in the next 30 years will be far worse than it is today.

As temperatures rise we desperately seek out shaded and cool environments to reside; this being true for all plant and animal species. Around the world the increase in air-conditioning installations is actually worsening the situation, as they are, collectively, heavy consumers of electricity, and with more coal-fired electricity generating power stations to be commissioned around the world, earth's natural temperature control system responding to atmospheric levels of CO², will spiral out of control.

CO² levels need to be kept very, very low, yet due to our ignorance and excesses we have caused a 20% rise over only a few decades. If the earth's CO² concentration level was to reach only 1%, the Earth's surface temperature would reach 100° celsius.

Greater than 1% and our surface temperature would be higher than the boiling point of water. The surface temperature of the planet Venus is 480° celsius, and both the planets Venus and Mars are barren hostile environments with above 90% levels of CO². If we continue down our current path of 'business as usual', earth itself may become barren and desolate with high levels of CO². Political leaders who are refusing to unite against

global warming (Australia is included here) will ultimately be held responsible for the sad and destructive legacy they leave the next generation.

We do need to take this matter very, very seriously, particularly as our politicians are not responding to the valid cries from eminent scientists throughout the world. Action by all of us is required immediately if we are to avert a national and global disaster. Average temperature rises in Australia will soon be as much as 5° celsius compared with the global average of 2° celsius.

Scientific facts confirm that the extreme conditions we are experiencing globally, have been created by ourselves. The circumstances today are not due to natural events. In spite of overwhelming evidence against such folly, politicians still plan more coal-fired power station installations throughout the world. Such acceleration of atmospheric pollution will have a disastrous effect on our planet.

USA and Australian politicians are some of the worst in the world in not acknowledging the seriousness of this issue. This responsibility is now more than ever on the shoulders of each and every one of us. The next generation quite rightly will never forgive the selfishness and stupidity of our political leaders.

Yes, it is time for us to get very, very real, and urgently.

I Cooper
Suffolk Park

■ Letters acknowledged from Albert J Atkins, Byron Bay, A J Innes, Byron Bay, Denis Myers, DoCS.

Health workers join GI cooking class

Leah Roland, principal of the Bangalow Cooking School, has invited local naturopath Sue Daly and local doctor Jane Refell to join her to present a cooking class with a difference – a cooking class that will create delicious food that is low GI (glycemic index) and explain the principles involved.

The class will be held in the Bangalow A & I Hall on Wednesday January 18, 6pm-9pm. The cost is \$75.

'There's a lot of theory and information out there about GI,' says Leah, who also has a strong interest in health and nutrition. 'but not much that is practical for

those who would like to change the way they eat to achieve better blood sugar control.'

Sue Daly is a local naturopath and says that 'regulating carbohydrate and sugar metabolism is the basis of many naturopathic treatments'. Sue will explain more, on the night, from a nutritional viewpoint, 'the more we can regulate this metabolism ourselves through diet and understanding GI, the healthier we can be'.

GI is the new catchphrase and 'carbs' (carbohydrates) are the latest food group to come under scrutiny. 'This is

not another fad,' says Dr Refell. 'Understanding GI is essential for losing weight, managing diabetes, hypoglycemia, polycystic ovarian syndrome, metabolic syndrome (syndrome X) and reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease. It is a healthy choice for all of us and this is a great opportunity to get a working understanding of GI.'

Leah, Sue and Jane are looking forward to getting their aprons on. 'The goal is to have an enjoyable and relaxed evening,' says Leah.

Enquiries to Leah Roland on 6687 2799 or 0427 872 830.

Australian dentists improve Tibetan smiles

Lesley Patterson

Noone likes going to the dentist, lying with your mouth open while someone prods, drills and injects is the closest most of us will come to torture. Try to imagine what the experience is like for a Tibetan child who has never been near a dentist and what's more probably doesn't even know what a dentist does.

Late last year a team of five Australian dental workers, including Mullumbimby dentist Michael Leach, visited remote villages in the foothills of the Himalayas offering dental treatment to Tibetan children. Queues of children from eight to 14 years of age patiently waited to see a man from a strange land, with a strange white face and a lot of really scary looking instruments. Many overcame their fear in return for the promise of relief from the misery of toothache.

While most Australians visit the dentist at least every few years, the majority of Tibetan children have never had any professional dental care. As a result Michael Leach saw eight or nine year old children with teeth hollowed out by decay.

'I saw decay that was much worse than what I would normally see here [in Australia], although I only saw those that needed to be treated. The high sugar content of the local diet and low oral hygiene means that when decay starts it progresses quickly,' he said.

Crammed into a truck with a portable dental unit, a compressor and sleeping bags strapped to the roof, three dentists, a hygienist and dental assistant spent two weeks on the road treating patients in makeshift surgeries such as school rooms or carpet weaving halls. Rotary International had organised the trip in a bid to provide basic dental care such as fillings and extractions to the worst affected children in the Tibetan communities in northern India.

'It was a bit of a production line as we were seeing about 300 children over a three day period. There was a sense of urgency about it so we had to work fast and be realistic about what we could achieve. Back in Australia



Operating out of an improvised dental surgery in a monastery in northern India, Mullumbimby dentist Michael Leach awaits a young Tibetan boy for his first ever dental experience. Tenzin, interpreter and driver, reassures and coaxes the patient into the room.

what would take two sessions of 45 minutes would have to be done in only 15 minutes. It was a case of doing a quick filling under adverse conditions.'

So how did these children react when faced with what is nearly always a frightening and unpleasant experience? 'Some saw the masks, gloves and equipment and were quite terrified while others were really relaxed or stoic. The older children really rallied around and acted as big brothers and sisters for those on the table. The whole Tibetan community seemed to be really focussed on looking after each other. It was really inspiring.

'In the rest of India, because of the existence of the caste system, people seem to accept their lot, the inequality between rich and poor. Among the Tibetans there seems to be real togetherness within the community. They are trying to preserve Tibetan culture and a sense

of community outside of Tibet and seem to have realised they are not going to stop China from destroying Tibetan culture within Tibet.'

Michael illustrates the point by recounting an experience during a power cut. The team downed tools, but were soon entertained by a couple of ten year old girls singing traditional Tibetan folk songs, performed without an ounce of self consciousness. He explains it is considered a perfectly natural part of life to maintain their native language and religion.

At night the visiting Australians set up camp in monasteries, which often provide guest accommodation, or were billeted with members of the Tibetan community.

'Conditions were fairly austere, with hard beds and cold water. Travelling was pretty hard, what looked like a short journey on the map often took all day driving up and down mountain passes.' This is said by way of explanation, not complaint, by someone who has long held a desire to volunteer in the third world and was rewarded by the experience. Leaving northern India several weeks later, Michael says he was enveloped with a warm and fuzzy glow.

'I guess I've spent the last 30 years working in private practice and while I have been working with the com-

munity it's not one that is highly disadvantaged. I felt [in India] I was putting something back and also making an individual gesture of apology for the way the Australian government is ignoring the Chinese treatment of Tibetans.'

New audio guide for tourists

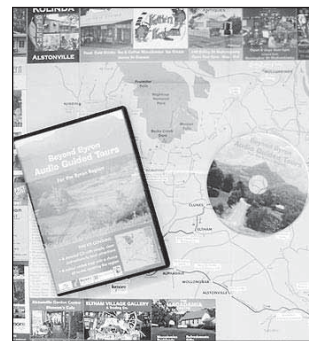
A new Audio Guide Kit for visitors to the Byron region has just been released. The kit contains a detailed map of the region which has three colour coded routes clearly marked (gold, red and blue), together with an audio CD which has easy to follow instructions to complement the map.

The CD can be played on either the car or a personal CD player. Both the map and the CD are contained in a plastic case.

The kit is available through various business outlets in and around Byron, including the Byron Visitors Centre, for \$24.95. The kit is also available at the Ballina and Lismore Visitor Information Centres.

Although the routes start and finish at Byron Bay, the kits are designed so that people can start anywhere on any of the routes. They identify the appropriate track number from the map and start the CD at that track.

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walk in Nightcap National Park, a rockpool ramble at Lennox Head, or an Aboriginal cultural walk at Fingal Head.

Bookings are required for all activities. For bookings and inquiries contact the NPWS on 6627 0200 or look at the program on www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

Articles

Ilka Nelson sends a passionate postcard from the west coast

Running shoes can be made for dancing

Eleven months ago I drove across the Nullarbor, traded my yellow and black number plates for Western Australian ones and faced the mighty WA reef break, a bloody big challenge for a Watego's Princess. I left the Bay as I have many times over the past decade, with the scent of a crushed heart and the glint of dreams in my blueberry eyes.

I've juggled themes for this story – gypsy journeys, environmentalism, communities, social reflection, cultural expression – but I think perhaps the best theme of all is love, so let us continue. Looking back to a place from a far away distance, one has the clearest view of all. From the far side of the continent

I can see the unique beauty of the Northern Rivers and its people. For me it continues to be a place of great mystery throughout its changing faces. This story is to say thank you. The world is both unusual and common and I am soul grateful to know of a land in this world where magic abounds and softness lives – your land.

It is a rare occurrence but sometimes running away can bring great freedom. Sitting in a foreign city thousands of miles from familiar faces and landscapes, there are only two choices, grow from the change or be consumed by the emptiness of loss. Initially I was overcome by the stark changes. I hated the

dryness. Byron breeds summers of steam threaded heat, southerly fronts and jungle movements. Perth welcomed me with a cracking dryness. Bleached bones and limestone. The sun burns here, it eats the green from everything, only the Indian Ocean is left to its enchanting aqua glisten. Those first months I ached for the rolling hills and water holes of the Byron hinterland.

I used my longing as a motivator. I explored every street in Perth, every suburb, every surf break. I filled my friendless solitude with all the things I've ever wanted to try, pottery, flamenco, philosophy, acting. There is no shortage of dynamic happenings in Perth. My months became jam-packed with dance, food, theatre, visual and music expressions in all their traditional, indigenous and experimental forms.

On weekends I stated exploring the rest of the state starting with the south west – Margaret River, Denmark, Pemberton, Valley of the Giants. I went out to York, along the great granite rock and wildflower trails, north to Cervantes and the Pinnacles. I indulged my passion for environmentalism, joined the Perth Bushwalkers, started volunteering at the Wilderness Society and attended lectures by David Suzuki and other inspirers of this field. All the while I'd sneak a look back to Byron, noticing the events I attended also happened in the Northern Rivers. It wasn't until I saw the Michelle Shocked gig that I realised the totality and deepness of my missing.

Michelle Shocked played in the Fly By Night Club, a huge arc shaped, rustic old airplane hanger in the heart of Fremantle. Inside the mood was candle fire warm and the vibe of the crowd was the closest I'd come all year to an alternate crew. Memories of the Epicentre and the Piggery were instantly evoked by large sun and moon sculptures hanging from the stage. Half way through the performance an older woman with wild red hair yelled out political words of affirmation. It was the last ingredient I needed to be transported back to Coorabell Hall. In this moment I saw the diversity, compassion, exploration, culture, expressions and creations of the Northern Rivers community to be unparalleled by any other town or city in Australia.

It is amazing that Byron Bay is a rural town and yet it offers a wealth of cultural and educational opportuni-



Ilka Nelson explores an illustrated bus shelter in Perth. Photo Jody Tomlinson

ties through great venues, talks, courses, groups and performances etc. Ironically I was not inspired to access these possibilities until I came to Perth. In Byron I felt pacified by beauty and longed for an edge. In the harsh landscape of WA where the people play hard and work hard, my life has billowed. Had I stayed where my heart feels most at home, in Bundjalung Land, I would not have found my freedom.

I have fallen in love with the archaic flora and vastness of Western Australia, the red tail black cockatoos and the biodiversity of this isolated place. As a surfer it feels extremely cool to be a West Coast babe for a while. It's lonely as hell sometimes being a boundary rider, gypsy, life adventurer, truth listener and heart speaker and it has taken me a long long way from the community I love. But the magic of the Northern Rivers travels with me and sometimes it

even leaks on to others who I encounter on my journey. I don't know what makes you so beautiful, it doesn't matter, I just wanted to remind you that you are and wish you boundless peace for the coming year.

In 2006 I hope you fall in love with trees again, focus on health and the small gratifying steps of practising your passion in whatever form it takes. I hope you lose yourself in thoughts of a new environmental paradigm that is in its beginnings as I write this love note to you – its potential infuses like photosynthesis.

I hope you move closer and further away at once and that you find a little seat, solely for your bum, in this world that rolls around absurdly but also reflects the timelessness of evolution. These human quarrels and desires are so abstract, the pain they induce so immediate and lasting. Creatures do not need to experience cru-

elty. Let's keep showering the world with heart rain. Let's do away with stuffy galleries and cheap TV shows where expression is fused in a monologue, instead we'll keep playing with live audiences, to friends in our bedrooms and send telephone doodles and late night tear-stained words across the country to mates in wooden houses.

Let's email musicians and tell them how beautiful they make our world. Let's build bonfires and gather and laugh and dance and sing and play charades. Let's offer little books of poems to strangers who sit on bus benches content with the clouds just floating on by. In the New Year let us flood this world with love so the fearful are distracted by the playfulness and simpleness of life.

My gypsy shoes are changing from running shoes into dancing ones – I think they will tappity tap me over many foreign shores before I find my home.

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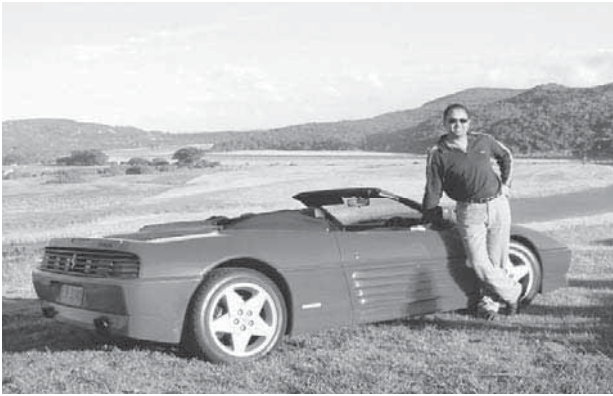
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Gerard Taylor gives his view of the sinking of the SIEV X and its consequences

The spell of the human sacrifice

Why is it that the SIEV 'X' incident, like an oyster kept a day too long, repeats, clawing and burning up my oesophagus, causing me to vomit like a dog, in public like this? Why is it that sometimes, if I listen closely on a still dark night, I hear the faint cries of children drowning from a long way off and a long time ago; terror fuelled spirits of the night? Could it be because the SIEV 'X' is unfinished business?

For me this is certainly the case and I want to tell you why.

Up until the SIEV 'X' we had all witnessed, via the box, many horrors, many human wrought nightmares: Rwanda, Sierra Leone, El Salvador and Timor. But the seeds of all these horrors were planted before us baby boomers came to power.

Take Timor for instance; when Gough Whitlam sold East Timor down the river in exchange for his thirty barrels of oil buried, pirate like, beneath the East Timor Sea (which incidentally led to the murder of half a million Timorese by Australian trained troops), us baby boomers were still a voting

minority. We can't be blamed for any of that. Back then there were still more of the old guard in power and the old guard had already sold their souls to pay for expensive cold wars and costly invasions of Vietnam and Korea. Karmically speaking the old guard had nothing left to trade. But we, the baby boomers, did.

Among the ferry disasters and children overboard distractions it's easy to miss the significant of the SIEV 'X' incident, lose it in the white noise of political lies. After all it did happen a long way off and a long time ago, in the dead of stormy night. But it's this sporadic nausea, that and the distant cries of drowning children that insists on the matter being aired.

Back then, just before the sinking, three distinct groups had interests in that particular bit of seascape. The Australian government, led of course by honest John Howard, saw it as the front-line in the repulsion of refugees. The Indonesian government saw the whole disputed nautical area as a great bargaining chip in the poker game of realpolitik. And third, the refugees from Iran,



Iraq but mostly Afghanistan, who had run as far as they could without crossing water and were propelled by fear and desperation, joined the other players on the Timor Sea. This odd cast of characters turned out to be a most unholy trinity. And yes, I am talking religion and superstition. I'm talking about the biggest spell of them all: I'm talking human sacrifice.

Ask the Toltecs or the Aztecs. Ask Caesar or Hitler or Stalin. No, damn it! You can't, those fuckers are dead. Then go ask honest John, he'll tell you. The spell of human sacrifice is the most

potent spell of them all. It always works. And it worked just fine with the SIEV 'X'.

Of the four hundred crammed aboard the SIEV 'X' only fifty survived and of those fifty most won't speak of what happened. You need to remember these people are refugees and refugees know only too well that telling tales is a dangerous game.

There are some eye witness reports however of the overcrowded vessel being crammed fuller by Indonesian police and special forces while the women clutching children struggled to disem-

bark. And there are unofficial tales of bilge pumps being trashed by Indo Special Forces before the old tub disembarked. Who knows what happened for sure? But what we do know is that an Australian frigate shadowed the SIEV 'X' as it slunk along the territorial line into Australian waters, holding the sacrifice in place, the victim's throat waiting for the knife. The frigate shadowed her until just before the storm.

Everyone knew the storm was coming. Even Australia's media warned of the rising seas and the unnamed old tub wallowing in the darkness just beyond Australian waters. When night fell and the big grey frigate disappeared below the horizon the SIEV 'X' captain took his chance and made a dash into the storm, headed for the Australian coast.

Why did the frigate choose that moment to abandon the refugee boat and sail full steam away from the area? Had the sailors become bored or distracted or was there another more sinister explanation? Had Canberra sent instructions? I'd have to go with the instruction theory and I'd have to go with it for two reasons.

Firstly frigates tend not to dag about the oceans aimlessly, most of the time the captain of the ship is following some general game plan or strategic manoeuvre, saving French sailors from drowning or sinking illegal fishing boats or some such, so to hare off into the night halfway through an operation would appear an act of negligence, dereliction of duty

even. The second reason is a little more personal. A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to speak of the disaster with one of the survivors and it's what he told me that made up my mind. He said that after the SIEV 'X' had foundered and the refugees had been in the heaving water for several hours a strange thing happened. He said the big grey frigate that had shadowed them for several days returned. The ship slowly sailed amongst the survivors and almost stopped, then she picked up speed and sailed away.

The first help the survivors received was by Indonesian fishermen next morning and by then the blood sacrifice had already been made.

And it worked, of course it worked. Word reached the dispossessed from the Middle East that approaching Australia by sea would lead to drowning and the steady stream of refugee boats dried up.

Howard looked like a man of steel, a decisive leader, especially after the refugees proved themselves subhuman by throwing their babies overboard and honest John consequently won another lying election. And the cost for all this geopolitical success? Well, not that much really, just three hundred and fifty innocent lives lost at sea, just that and the loss of our national soul, our very own Wounded Knee.

■ Gerard Taylor is the author of *Jesus Weed*, published by Random House in the UK. The SIEV X issue is kept alive at <http://sievx.com>.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

The ongoing Xstrata Australian Championship in Brisbane has turned into a David Smerdon show, with the 21-year-old International Master heading for Grandmaster performance; Australia's first such result for a decade.

Between rounds two and six of the Championship Smerdon not only took on all five Grandmasters in the tournament - he also remained undefeated, defeating Australian number two Darryl Johansen and German GM Roland Schmaltz and drawing with the top three seeds, Lubomir Ftacnik, Murray Chandler and this writer.

A win over defending Australian Champion Gary Lane in the seventh round left Smerdon tied for the lead in the tournament and needing only modest results against lower seeds in the final rounds to start on the road to becoming Australia's third Grandmaster. Smerdon has been tipped for greatness since 1999, the year when as a 15-year-old he gained the International Master title, finished third in the Australian Open and became the ACF Player of the Year.

Prior to the Australian Championships, Smerdon expressed the fear that his Olympic position was in jeopardy after modest results in 2005 but now he could be seen as challenging for the number two board on the team, a position which has been Darryl Johansen's for two decades.

The individual encounter between the two rivals in Brisbane, given below, proved a good omen for the new guard, Smerdon catching Johansen in a sharp prepared line and winning convincingly.



21 year old Chess Grand Daddy Poo Bah David Smerdon
Brisbane 2005
White: D.Smerdon
Black: D.Johansen

Opening: Sicilian Defence 1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 dxe5 9.d5! Na5 10.Nc3 Nxb3 11.Qxb3 e6 12.Nxe5 exd White's gambit is not particularly dangerous; 12...Nxd5 13.Qb5+ Bd7 14.Qxb7 Bb4 should be roughly equal. 13.Be3 Bd6 14.Qb5+ Bd7? Now, however, Black drifts into a difficult endgame. After 14...Kf8 White has compensation for the pawn but nothing more. 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.0-0 Qxb5 17.Nxb5 Rc8+ 17...Kd7! 18.Rxd5 Kc6 19.Rad1 Bc5 was a better chance. 18.Kb1 Bb8 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.Rhe1+ Kd7 21.Rxd5+ Kc6 22.Rf5! Inadvertently avoiding Johansen's devilish trap. After the game Smerdon was kicking himself for not playing 22.Rhd1 following by a4, b4 when checkmate with Rd6 is hard to stop. However after 22.Rhd1 Johansen had prepared 22...Rhe8 23.a4 Re1!! When most of Black's problems are over. 22...Rhf8 23.Rh5! h6 24.Nd4+ Kd6# 24...Kd7 25.Rd5+ is also bad but now Black's pawns fall in quick succession. 25.Nf5+ Kd7 26.Nxg7 Rc6 27.Nf5 Re8 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.g3 Rc5 30.b4 Rc3 31.Rxh6 Be5 32.f4 Bc7 33.Nd6+ 1-0

Feds urged to use surplus to boost local services

The Australian government must use part of its substantial surplus to reform federal-local government financial relations, giving local services and infrastructure a much-needed shot in the arm, the President of the Australian Local Government Association Cr Paul Bell has said.

'The current system of financial assistance grants should be replaced with one that gives local government access to a fair share of federal taxation revenue,' Cr Bell said. The call comes in ALGA's submission for the 2006-07 federal budget (www.alga.asn.au), publicly released by Cr Bell.

'Reform of federal-local government financial relations remains an outstanding item on the national reform agenda. It's unfinished business.

'Federal-state financial relations were addressed with the new tax system. We now need to see a new deal for local government - the only sphere of government in Australia that remains under severe financial pressure.

'Councils are faced with: ageing infrastructure, much of it nearing the end of its useful life; widespread cost-shifting to councils by other spheres of government; escalating demand for social services; rapidly ageing populations, putting pressure on revenue and services; significant demographic change, with many councils in areas of rapid growth; lack of real growth in core state and federal grants; and significant barriers to raising own-source revenue.

'Local government maintains infrastructure worth around \$110 billion includ-

ing about 680,000 kilometres of roads and 29,000 timber bridges, many of which are more than 50 years old and beyond their useful life.

'There has also been a strong and well documented increase in demand for human services, which has come at the cost of funding for more traditional, property-based services.

'Meanwhile, cost shifting by state and federal governments has an impact on local government estimated at between \$500 million and \$1.1 billion a year.

'We need to move away from the archaic system of financial assistance grants to a fair share - at least 1% of federal taxation revenue.

'We have seen financial assistance grants drop as a proportion of total Commonwealth revenue from

nearly 1.2% in 1993-94 to 0.8% today. And it's predicted to fall to below 0.77% by 2007-08.

'Local government recognises and applauds the specific purpose assistance provided by the Australian government for tasks such as local road maintenance through the much-needed and much-appreciated Roads to Recovery program.

But it's now time to press ahead and address the chronic under-funding of the local government grants program,' Cr Bell said.

The Australian government expects a budget surplus of \$11.5 billion in 2005-06, an increase of \$2.5 billion since the 2005-06 budget.

ALGA's Federal Budget submission for 2006-07 can be found at www.alga.asn.au/submissions/2005/.

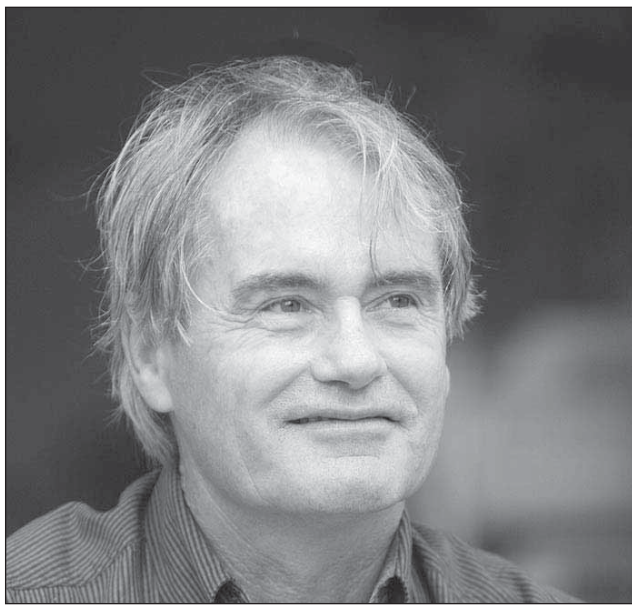
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Santos still aims high

Since 1979, Santos has been a leader in community based ethical business, dedicated to serving the community by purveying natural foods and products and giving as much back to the community as possible. With all the external pressures such as genetic modification and big business franchises, it would be understandable if over the years, compromises are made to allow the business to appear faithful to the ideal while dropping standards ever so slightly. However, managing director of Santos John Dolman, pictured right, is adamant that that will never happen.

'As time goes on, we become more resolved in our purpose,' said Mr Dolman. 'It's made so much easier by the committed staff we have who question everything that comes through the doors. As for pressure from big businesses, we don't really feel that, as our competition comes mostly from local supermarkets which are offering more and more organic products for sale, and we are very supportive of that.'

As well as offering organic, GMO free, minimally packaged products, vegetarian food and health products,



Santos has made some extremely generous donations to local groups and individuals in need. This fiscal year they have donated more than \$13,000 to worthy causes, including the Asian tsunami appeal and the tents to Pakistan initiative.

'Usually, I like to make donations to local, environmental causes, but in these two instances we made the exception as they were so needy and we had the money at the time,' said Mr Dolman. 'I love that Santos is not profit driven; we only aim to make as much money as we need to keep the busi-

ness going and return something to the community.'

Santos has retail outlets in Byron Bay and Mullumbimby as well as a warehouse on the Industrial Estate in Byron Bay selling bulk items, which is open to the public. Its most recent 'shopfront' is a website - <http://santotrading.com.au/> - which is proving to be very popular with customers in Brisbane and Sydney and will send products anywhere in Australia and New Zealand. It also offers information on foods and products, dietary advice, recipes and news from the health food field.

Billi biz grows hydro

2006 could be a breakthrough year for a new local company that has launched the FruitWise hydroponic system in Australia and New Zealand, and it is generating much interest. Based in Billinudgel, HydroGarden Australia Pty Ltd has just begun to market the system to new and existing strawberry and herb growers in both Australia, NZ as well as SE Asia.

The system was developed as a way to make strawberry production more efficient, maximising the use of space. Productivity is a key selling point, as pickers can harvest from up to 80 plants from the same position, and the design offers the grower the opportunity to pack direct into punnets, reducing handling time and fruit damage.

FruitWise only uses around 50 ml of water per plant per day, so water savings are huge. The system means there is no need to use herbicides and pesticide use can also be virtually eliminated when growing in a protective structure.

As managing director Iain Reynolds, pictured above right, explains, 'With the banning of methyl bromide as a soil steriliser many strawberry growers are looking to



alternative means of strawberry production. We even use native bees to pollinate where possible. The filled cells are used for two seasons, and the media is Coco Coir so it is an organic and renewable resource.

'In time, we will be able to grow organically in the system and we already collect and reuse all run-off, meaning we have little or no environmental impact. Growing under cover means the grow-

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Jules Dawson was only eight years of age when he watched his mother weeping with despair.

It was the traditional Sunday family lunch. Being brought up as 'coloured' in South Africa, Jules knew his fair share of discrimination and poverty. Even though it was a poor neighbourhood, the one tradition that every one shared was the big Sunday, family lunch. However - on that day Jules' mother wept with despair, not having anything to feed her children. That memory forever haunted the young eight year old. Over the years, Jules slowly began to look for ways he could gain his freedom.

After his family migrated to Australia in 1984, Jules was eventually fortunate enough to land a job as a manager with Hewlett Packard. He was finally making some good money - however his rise to corporate success was quickly dampened by the realization that he was working 70 hours a week and had no social life. He found himself on what he calls "the treadmill of a corporate career". "It all felt pointless as I did not have a life, and I had to keep working to pay the bills", Jules says. *He decided to look in another direction.*

Jules began to devour every investment book he could find. His thirst for finding the right path to financial freedom led him to staying up late, constantly studying and researching. However all his efforts met with mixed success. He even spent \$12,000 on a 12 hour course but when he applied the principles he met with complete failure. Undaunted he kept going for 12 years as a part

time investor and relentless researcher. And then in 2001 Jules found his winning formula that his students are now using to make thousands of dollars a week. That memory is burned into his brain. In his first trade, using this new, powerful, cash generating system, Jules made \$11,877 in a matter of hours.

Not long after he quit his job at Hewlett Packard and became a full time investor. It is not every day that a 36 year old can profess to running a successful home based business working only six hours a week. Seeing his incredible success, his family and friends hounded him to teach them his new system. Within a short period of time, they were making money also. The word spread and soon Jules was teaching this exciting system to people looking for an easier and faster way to make money. Today people from all walks of life are flocking to his seminars to discover his remarkable system.

Jules has never forgotten his roots. He sponsors several disadvantaged children in poverty stricken countries and is a big supporter of charitable projects.

Jules believes teaching allows him to share his gift with others. "What's different about my course is that I continually strive to deliver the course in an interesting and easy to understand format. I know that people like things to be simple, so I explain it so that anyone can follow, in a way that is fun and interesting. I offer personalised follow-up assistance and cater for my clients in a caring and nurturing way. Despite the nature of the subject,

through my jovial, light-hearted manner, my approach is entertaining and fun - and therefore makes it easier for anyone to understand and apply the information for their own benefit."

"For me, teaching these strategies allows me to share my enthusiasm with others. I enjoy meeting people and I am passionate about the hobby that has gained me a quality lifestyle. I take pride in what I teach and enjoy teaching so others too can learn to enjoy life and not stress about money." Jules says.

Jules will be hosting a 4 hour Stock Market course at **The Lord Byron Resort, 120 Jonson Street, Byron Bay** on:

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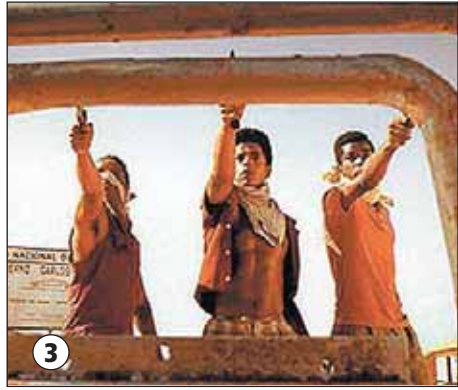
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1. Mel Gibson plays loose and free with Scottish history in the nevertheless stirring **Braveheart** (Prime, Saturday, 8.40pm). 2. Helena Bonham-Carter plays a painkiller addict and Steve Martin her dentist in the comedy thriller **Novocaine** (Prime, Wednesday, 8.30pm). 3. Based on a true story about life in one of the toughest districts of Rio, **City Of God** (SBS, Sunday, 9.30pm) is not for the faint-hearted but is richly rewarding filmmaking. **Guns, Germs and Steel** (ABC, Monday, 8.30pm) is a worthy but slow-paced series, based on the book by Jared Diamond, which examines the historic forces of change which enabled European colonialists to fuck over indigenous cultures royally and steal the future from humankind.



	ABC	SBS	PRIME	TEN	NBN
WEDNESDAY 11	<p>4.30 Movie: Hunted (PG, B&W, 1952) Dirk Bogarde, Kay Walsh, Elizabeth Sellars, Jon Whiteley</p> <p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>11.35 The Saddle Club</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Outstanding Australia</p> <p>1.00 National Press Club Address</p> <p>2.00 The Bill</p> <p>3.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>6.05 Doctor Who</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Surfing The Menu</p> <p>8.30 Absolutely Fabulous (PG)</p> <p>9.00 Wild West (PG)</p> <p>9.35 Bromwell High (M)</p> <p>10.00 Seven Periods With Mr Gormsby (M, a)</p> <p>10.35 The First World War</p> <p>11.30 The Spanish Armada</p> <p>12.20 Movie: A Town Like Alice (G, B&W, 1956) A group of women who missed being evacuated from Malaya at the outbreak of WWII suffer indignities at the hands of the Japanese army. Starring Virginia McKenna and Peter Finch.</p> <p>2.15 Movie: The Dark Man (PG, B&W, 1950) Edward Underdown, Maxwell Reed, Natasha Parry, William Hartnell</p> <p>3.30 Storytellers Of The Pacific (G*)</p>	<p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p> <p>5.25 World 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 Napoleon (PG) Part 2 of French drama series</p> <p>3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia</p> <p>3.30 Cycling Central</p> <p>4.00 World Sport</p> <p>4.30 The Journal</p> <p>5.00 NewsHour</p> <p>6.00 Global Village</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.00 World Sport</p> <p>7.30 Submariners</p> <p>8.00 The Movie Show</p> <p>8.30 France's War In Colour</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Shanghai Spell (M, cl,v,a, 2002) Spanish drama</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The South (M, cl,a, 2000) Finnish comedy/thriller</p> <p>1.30 Runaway</p> <p>2.25 Living Black</p> <p>2.55 Close</p> <p>SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<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 – featuring Roger Federer, Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick</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>8.00 Will & Grace</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Novocaine (M, v,cl,s, 2001) A man lives the American dream – blessed with a thriving dental practice and a modernist home and engaged to his dental hygienist – until a new patient with an appetite for pain-killers settles into his dentist chair. Starring Steve Martin, Helena Bonham Carter, Laura Dern, Elias Koteas, Scott Caan, Keith David and Lynne Thigpen.</p> <p>10.30 Sydney International Tennis</p> <p>12.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>5.00 Religion</p> <p>5.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<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 The Simpsons</p> <p>8.00 Futurama</p> <p>8.30 Charmed (M)</p> <p>9.30 Blind Justice (M)</p> <p>10.30 Late Night News</p> <p>11.00 Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.30 Movie: Higher Learning (M, v,s, 1994) Laurence Fishburne, Ice Cube, Michael Rapaport, Jennifer Connelly</p> <p>2.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion</p> <p>All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 Today</p> <p>9.00 Here's Humphrey</p> <p>I miss you Kerry-Anne</p> <p>9.30 Hot Source</p> <p>10.00 Everwood</p> <p>11.00 Danzon</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 (G)</p> <p>7.30 Judging Amy (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Third Watch (M)</p> <p>9.30 The Bachelor V (PG)</p> <p>10.30 Shopping For Love (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, cl,sr)</p> <p>11.30 Nightline</p> <p>12.00 Ruby Wax With... John McEnroe And Ben Stiller (M, cl)</p> <p>1.00 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>2.00 Eve (M)</p> <p>2.30 The Parkers (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p>
THURSDAY 12	<p>4.30 Movie: Wild Boy (PG*, B&W, 1934) Sonnie Hale, Gwyneth Lloyd</p> <p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>11.35 The Saddle Club</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Outstanding Australia</p> <p>1.00 Down To Earth</p> <p>2.00 The Bill</p> <p>3.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>6.05 Doctor Who</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Nigel's Place In France</p> <p>8.30 Cutting It (M)</p> <p>9.25 Teachers (M)</p> <p>10.25 Take Me (M, v,a)</p> <p>11.15 Double The Fist: High Bush Bash (M, v) Protestors and how to make their opinions heard</p> <p>11.45 CNNNN (M, cl)</p> <p>12.15 Movie: Picnic At Hanging Rock – The Director's Cut (PG, 1975) On St Valentine's Day 1900 a party of schoolgirls set out to picnic at Hanging Rock, some were never to return. Starring Rachel Roberts, Dominic Guard and Helen Morse.</p> <p>2.05 Movie: High Tide At Noon (PG, B&W, 1957) Bella St John, Michael Craig, Patrick McGookan, William Sylvester</p> <p>3.55 Making A Mark (G*) Linda Burney, first indigenous member of the NSW parliament</p>	<p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p> <p>5.25 World News</p> <p>9.55 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 My Mother India</p> <p>2.00 Autism – A Stranger In The Family</p> <p>3.00 A Fork In Asia</p> <p>3.30 Over The Fence: Maribyrnong</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 Inspector Rex</p> <p>8.20 Hotline</p> <p>8.30 RAN (M, cl,a) Drama series about a nurse who returns to the remote island in the Torres Strait where she has spent the last five years</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Ghost In The Shell (M, v) Japanese animation</p> <p>10.30 Movie: KM.0 (M, a,s,cl, 2000) Spanish comedy</p> <p>12.15 Movie: Samba Chanson (M, cl,a, 2002) Brazilian drama</p> <p>1.45 Close</p>	<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 – featuring Roger Federer, Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick</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 Stacked (PG) Double episode</p> <p>9.30 Family Guy (M)</p> <p>10.00 American Dad (M)</p> <p>10.30 Sydney International Tennis</p> <p>12.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>1.00 Danzon Direct</p> <p>2.00 Expo</p> <p>5.00 Creflo A Dollar</p> <p>5.30 Home Shopping</p> <p>There's no happy ending to cocaine. You either die, you go to jail, or else you run out – <i>Sam Kinison</i></p>	<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 Smallville</p> <p>8.30 Medium (M)</p> <p>9.30 Threshold (M)</p> <p>10.30 Late Night News</p> <p>11.00 Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.30 Live At The Chapel: Thursty Merc</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Casualties Of War (AV15+, cl,v, 1989) A soldier is determined that justice be done after a Vietnamese girl is raped. Starring Michael J Fox, Sean Penn, John Reilly and Don Harvey.</p> <p>2.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life</p> <p>4.30 Kenneth Copeland</p> <p>5.00 More Religion</p>	<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 Guthy Renker</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 (G)</p> <p>7.30 Holiday Showdown</p> <p>8.30 Midsomer Murders: Worm In The Bud (M, v, 2002) The owner of Setwale Wood plans to cut it down to raise finances. Starring John Nettles, Daniel Casey and Jane Wymark.</p> <p>10.50 Airline (G)</p> <p>11.20 Nightline</p> <p>12.00 Paradise Hotel (M)</p> <p>1.00 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>2.00 One On One (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Samurai Jack</p> <p>3.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>
FRIDAY 13	<p>4.30 Movie: Madness Of The Heart (PG, B&W, 1949) Margaret Lockwood, Paul Dupuis, Kathleen Byron</p> <p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>11.35 The Saddle Club</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Forever Summer With Nigella</p> <p>1.00 Classic Parkinson</p> <p>2.00 Fat Cow Motel</p> <p>2.30 My Hero</p> <p>3.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>6.05 Doctor Who</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 As Time Goes By</p> <p>8.30 Sex Traffic (M, s,v,cl) Based on fact about enforced prostitution in Europe</p> <p>10.05 Coupling (M, sr)</p> <p>10.45 Any Time Now (PG)</p> <p>11.45 Ali G In Da USAiii: Politics (M, cl,dr,sr) In Washington discussing America's welfare system and equal opportunity for women, at New York Fashion Week, the world of American hobbies</p> <p>12.15 Rage (M)</p> <p>Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.</p>	<p>5.00 Weatherwatch</p> <p>5.25 World 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 Robinson Crusoe</p> <p>2.00 Sophie's World</p> <p>3.00 A Fork In Asia</p> <p>3.30 The Movie Show</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 Tribe: Darhad In the Darhad Valley in Outer Mongolia – some of the last nomadic people on earth who have two obsessions, horses and wrestling</p> <p>8.30 Unit One (M)</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Russian Dolls (MA, s,v,a)</p> <p>10.45 Movie: Inspector Montalbano – The Sense Of Touch (M, s,cl,a, 2002) Italian drama</p> <p>12.35 Movie: Young Andersen (M, v,a, 2004) In Denmark in 1822 a young, unknown 17-year-old named Hans Christian Andersen tries to get his first play performed.</p> <p>2.35 Close</p>	<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 Australian Open Tennis Draw LIVE</p> <p>11.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE – featuring Roger Federer, Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick</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 Medical Emergency</p> <p>7.30 Better Homes And Gardens</p> <p>8.30 Sydney International Tennis</p> <p>10.30 AAMI Classic Tennis From Kooyong, Melbourne</p> <p>12.30 Scrubs</p> <p>1.30 Danzon Direct</p> <p>2.30 Expo</p> <p>Bureau of Meteorology correctly predicts 'Hottest Year Ever', then follows with 'Nothing like next year,' and 'Don't even ask about year after that'</p> <p>www.ironictimes.com</p>	<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 The Simpsons</p> <p>8.00 Futurama</p> <p>8.30 Sex And The City Marathon (M/ MA15+, cl,s,n)</p> <p>11.00 Late Night News</p> <p>11.30 Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Guest House Paradiso (MA15+, cl, 1999) Two guys run the worst hotel in Britain which neighbours a nuclear power plant. Starring Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson, Fenealla Fielding and Vincent Cassel.</p> <p>1.45 Video Hits Up-Late</p> <p>2.00 Infomercial</p> <p>4.00 Religion</p>	<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 Guthy Renker</p> <p>11.30 Spin City</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil</p> <p>1.00 Days Of Our Lives</p> <p>2.00 One Day Cricket Series LIVE from the MCG</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 Cricket continues</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Sample People (MA15+, v,cl,du, 2000) Australian rave culture's most extreme collection of individuals as they struggle to keep their heads straight over one weekend. Starring Kylie Minogue, David Field, Nathan Page, Paula Arundell.</p> <p>12.00 Nightline</p> <p>12.30 Movie: A Vision Of Murder (M, a,v, 2000) An 8-year-old attending her best friend's funeral receives a vision that her friend was murdered and years later as a town is in the grips of a serial killer she is the key to finding the culprit. Starring Melissa Gilbert and Rip Torn.</p> <p>2.15 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>3.15 The Parkers</p> <p>3.45 Il Divo</p> <p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>

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	<div>ABC</div> <div>12.15 Rage continues 11.10 Degrassi: The Next Generation 11.35 Daria 12.00 Inventions From The Shed 12.30 Best Of Australian Story Wendy Hamner 1.00 The Ship 2.00 Movie: Father Came Too! (G, 1964) Stanley Baxter, James Robertson Justice 3.30 Walking With Beasts 4.00 Sahara 5.00 Women's National League Basketball 6.00 The Blue Planet: Tidal Seas 7.00 ABC News 7.30 My Family 8.00 Hardware 8.30 The Bill (PG) 9.30 Dalziel And Pascoe (PG) 10.10 Sons And Lovers (M, s,v,n) 11.50 Rage (M)</div> <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>SBS</div> <div>5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 10.00 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Masterpiece On Saturday Opera: Der Freischutz 3.45 JS Bach: The 48 Preludes And Fugues 3.55 In Search Of Beethoven 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 2006 Dakar Rally 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 As It Happened: The Fight The rules of the ring – heavyweight championship fighting 8.30 Iron Chef 9.15 Rockwiz 9.45 Movie: Soundless (2004) German thriller about a professional hit man who planned every job meticulously until one day his emotions got the better of him and he spared the life of a beautiful blonde. 11.25 SOS Shorts on screen 12.25 Noise TV Music series 2.00 Close</div>	<div>PRIME</div> <div>6.00 B'daman 6.30 Tractor Tom 7.00 Saturday Disney 9.00 Stanley 9.30 Disney's Adventures 11.30 That's So Raven 12.00 Sydney International Tennis LIVE 3.00 AAMI Classic Tennis LIVE from Kooyong, Melbourne – Final 5.00 According To Jim 5.30 My Wife And Kids 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The World Around Us Pelicans of the Ghost Lake – South Australia's Lake Eyre 7.30 Heartbeat 8.40 Movie: Braveheart (M, v,cl,s, 1995) Set in the late 13th century, a Scottish warrior, looking forward to farming and bringing up children, with courage and passion unites his people and inspires them all to fight for their country's freedom after the King of England seizes the Scottish throne. Starring Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau, Peter Hanly, Angus McFadyen, Catherine McCormack. 12.10 Scrubs (PG) Double episode 2.10 Danzon Direct 2.10 Expo Study reveals 11 million adults can't read english – and they all have blogs</div>	<div>TEN</div> <div>6.00 Toasted TV 7.00 Scooter: Secret Agent 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Yakkity Yak 8.30 Pet Alien 9.00 Video Hits 12.00 State Focus 12.30 Discover Down Under 1.00 Movie: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG, cl,v) Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter, George Carlin, Terry Camilleri, Dan Shor 2.40 Movie: Soccer Dog (G) James Marshall, Olivia D'abo, Jeremy Foley, Sam McMurray 4.30 Escape With ET 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 The Human Body 7.30 Movie: Twins (PG, cl,v, 1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito, Kelly Preston, Bonnie Bartlett 9.40 Movie: The 6th Day (M, cl,sr, 2000) A helicopter pilot is cloned and becomes the target of a manhunt. Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Rapoport, Tony Goldwyn and Michael Rooker. 12.05 The Shield (MA15+) 1.05 Joker Poker 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion</div>	<div>NBN</div> <div>6.00 Danoz 6.30 Untold Wealth 7.00 Guthy Renker 7.30 Kid's Programs 10.00 So Fresh 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Surfsport 1.00 Celebrity Golf Shoot-Out 1.30 Fishing North Australia 2.00 2005 Delfin Australian Fashion Design Awards 4.15 Il Divo 4.30 Wonderfalls 5.30 Airport 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Malcolm In The Middle 7.30 Gilmore Girls 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Movie: Liquid Bridge (M, s,v,cl,du) Nick's quest to master the ocean leads him on the search for the big waves he fears most. Directed by Phil Avalon and starring Ryan Kwanten, Simone Kessell, Jarrod Dean, Carmen Duncan, Tony Bonner, Nathaniel Lees and Jeremy Sims. 11.40 Movie: Virtual Obsession (M, v,s, 1998) A scientist creates the ultimate computer. Starring Peter Gallagher and Mimi Rogers. 2.10 Late Show With David Letterman 3.05 Mad TV 4.00 Home Shopping</div>
	<div>SUNDAY 15</div> <div>6.30 Kid's Programs 9.00 Zoo's Company 9.30 Terra Australis 10.00 The Cross And The Bodhi Tree 10.45 National Gallery Of Victoria 11.00 Songs Of Praise 11.30 Compass: The Big Issue A street magazine to help the less fortunate 12.00 Best Of Landline 1.00 Dead Easy Gardening 1.30 Message Stick 2.00 Beautiful Dreamer Brian Wilson and the story of Smile 3.45 Moments In Time 4.00 Living Famously: Dusty Springfield 5.00 Ulysses S Grant (G*) 6.00 Pilot Guides: Mexico 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Wild Women Of Viramba 8.30 Carnivale (M, v,a,cl,sr) 10.10 Compass: Children Of Abraham Troubled relationship between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam 11.05 Antoni Gaudi: God's Architect (G) 12.05 Movie: 49th Parallel (G, B&W) Laurence Olivier, Leslie Howard, Glynis Johns 2.05 Movie: It's Not Cricket (G, B&W, 1949) Basil Radford, Naughton Wayne 3.25 Movie: Love In Waiting (G, B&W, 1948) David Tomlinson, Elspet Gray, Peggy Evans</div>	<div>6.00 Weatherwatch 6.30 World News 9.00 Maltese News 9.30 Polish News 10.00 Ukrainian News 10.30 At The Piano With Mozart 11.00 Australian Volleyball League Women 12.00 Speedweek 2.00 Portuguese League 2.30 Futbol Mundial 4.00 The World Game 5.30 Cycling Central 6.00 2006 Dakar Rally 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Lost Worlds: Marie Antoinette How Marie Antoinette became the most hated woman in France, being blamed for France's financial problems and accused of sexual perversion. 8.30 Science: Super Flu Race against a killer 9.30 Movie: City Of God (MAV, v,cl,a, 2002) Brazilian drama/thriller based on a true story of life in a housing project built in the 60s that became one of the most dangerous places in Rio de Janeiro in the early 80s. 11.40 Movie: Missing Link (M, s,n, 1999) Dutch comedy 1.15 The Storm Rages Twice 2.15 Close</div>	<div>6.00 Garner Ted Armstrong 6.30 Creflo A Dollar 7.00 Tabaluga 8.00 Blinky Bill 9.00 Stanley 9.30 Jetix 11.00 Movie: Smiley (G, 1956) Ralph Richardson, John McCallum, Chips Rafferty 1.00 Talking Tennis 2.30 Jack Newton Celebrity Golf Classic 3.30 Movie: Meet The Deedles (PG, v, 1998) Steve Van Wormer, Paul Walker, AJ Langer, John Ashton, Dennis Hopper, Eric Braeden 5.30 What Not To Wear 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Hot Property 7.30 World's Craziest Videos 8.00 World's Wildest Weather (G) 8.30 Movie: Enigma (M, cl,s,a, 2001) In March 1943 Britain's code-breaking centre face their worst nightmare. Starring Kate Winslet, Dougry Scott, Jeremy Northam and Saffron Burrows 10.55 Movie: Red Corner (M, v,n, 1997) A man in a foreign country is forced to plead his case when he is accused of a crime he did not commit. Starring Richard Gere, Bai Ling, Bradley Whitford and Byron Mann 1.20 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping</div>	<div>6.00 Religion 7.00 Worst Best Friends 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Inside Franchising 8.30 Video Hits 11.30 Alex Lloyd 12.00 Savage Garden 12.30 Cactus Garden 1.00 Jayco Bay Cycling Classic 3.30 Beach Volleyall 4.30 Australian Fishing Championship 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Brainiac 7.30 Smallville (PG) 8.30 Movie: My Best Friend's Wedding (M, cl, 1997) A woman discovers she's in love with her best friend when he pops the question to someone else. Starring Julia Roberts, Cameron Diaz, Dermot Mulroney and Rupert Everett. 10.35 Late Night News 11.05 Sports Tonight 11.35 Movie: Jakob The Liar (M, v,a, 1999) Jakob used his secret radio to spread good news and hope in a Jewish ghetto during WWII. Starring Robin Williams, Hannah Taylor-Gordon, Eva Igo and Istvan Balint. 1.50 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Religion</div>	<div>6.00 Home Shopping 7.00 Nobel Peace Prize Concert 2005 8.30 Untold Wealth 9.00 Summer Sunday 10.00 More Than A River 11.00 Movie: The Flame And The Arrow (G, 1950) In medieval Italy, the leader of a fearless band of rebels rises up against the German conquerors. Starring Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo and Robert Douglas. 1.00 Speed Machine 1.30 The Boat Show 2.00 One Day Cricket LIVE from the Gabba – Australia v South Africa 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Cricket continues 10.00 Movie: A Better Way To Die (AV15+, cl,v,s, 2000) An ex-cop inadvertently gets between the FBI and the Chicago underworld on the highways of the US heartland. Starring Lou Diamond Phillips. 12.00 Movie: Accident (M, a, 1966) Two married Oxford professors become involved in the lives of two students, when an accident kills one of the students the other disappears. Starring Dirk Bogard, Stanley Baker, Jacqueline Sassard and Michael York. 2.00 Mad TV 3.00 Justice League 3.30 Guthy Renker Australia 5.00 20/20</div>
	<div>MONDAY 16</div> <div>4.30 Movie: Carry On... Don't Lose Your Head (PG, 1967) Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey, Joan Sims, Jim Dale 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.00 Best Of Landline 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Outstanding Australia 1.00 Pilot Guides 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.05 Doctor Who 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Dynasties: The Mora Family 8.30 Guns, Germs And Steel: Into The Tropics Why haven't the benefits of agriculture spread evenly around the world, stimulating innovation in all its quarters? 9.30 Land Mines: A Love Story (PG) An Afghani couple in a country full of conflict 10.35 Conquistadors: The Inca Rebellion (PG*) 11.30 Movie: Sister My Sister (MA, s,v,a, 1995) Julie Walters, Joely Richardson, Jodhi May 1.05 Movie: Blanche Fury (PG, 1947) Valerie Hobson, Stewart Granger, Walter Fitzgerald 2.35 Movie: Curtain Up (G, B&W, 1952) Margaret Rutherford, Robert Morley 3.55 Doctors (G*)</div>	<div>5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Polish News 1.00 Golden Globes Hollywood's dirty little secret 2.00 Great Battles Of The Great War 3.00 Wine Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 The Movie Show 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 5.30 Living Black 6.00 2006 Dakar Rally 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Top Gear 8.30 South Park (M, a) 9.00 Speaking In Tongues (M, a) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Shameless (MA, s,cl,a) 10.55 Movie: Buddy (M, s,cl,a, 2003) Norwegian comedy 12.40 The Nanny 1.10 Movie: Distance (PG, 2001) Japanese drama 3.25 Close</div>	<div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Tribe: The New Generation 10.00 Girl TV 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 12.30 Home Shopping 1.00 Danoz Direct 2.00 Expo 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping Correction: The definition of 'terrorism' as 'the deliberate use of torture, murder and other human rights abuses against some in order to intimidate a larger population' was mistakenly placed in our profile of Donald Rumsfeld. It should have been in the profile of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. We regret any confusion this may have caused www.ironictimes.com</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 One Tree Hill 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Scope 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Veronica Mars (PG) 8.30 Golden Globe Awards 11.30 Late Night News 12.00 Sports Tonight 12.30 The Up-Late Game Show 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn</div>	<div>6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Y? 10.00 Everwood 11.00 Danoz 11.30 I'm With Her 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 King Of Queens 3.30 What I Like About You 4.00 Hot Source 4.30 Frazier 5.00 Entertainment Tonight 5.30 The Price Is Right 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.30 Waking The Dead (M, v,dr) 8.40 Lotto 10.30 The Alice (PG) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Da Vinci's Inquest (M) 1.00 Water Rats (M) Investigating a phony Australian passport scam. Starring Catherine McClements, Steve Bisley and Aaron Pederson. 2.00 Young Lions (M) 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America</div>
	<div>TUESDAY 17</div> <div>4.30 Movie: Little Friend (PG, B&W, 1934) Nova Pilbeam, Matheson Lang, Lydia Sherwood, Jimmy Hanley 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.35 The Saddle Club 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Outstanding Australia 1.00 Surviving Shepherd's Pie 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.05 Doctor Who 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Growing Up Gotti (PG) 8.30 The Bill (PG) 9.20 Creature Comforts 9.30 Lawrence Of Arabia: The Battle For The Arab World (PG) 10.25 News 10.35 Movie: Bad Timing (MA, s,sr,a,n,cl) An American divorcee has a strange and unhappy affair with a psychoanalyst in Vienna. Starring Art Garfunkel, Theresa Russell and Harvey Keitel. 12.35 Movie: Carve Her Name With Pride (G, B&W, 1958) Virginia McKenna, Paul Scofield, Jack Warner, Sydney Tafler 2.30 Scars (G*) A Stolen Vision exhibition 2.55 Words With James Griffin: Bill Bryson 3.10 Stand Up! (M, cl,a) Comedy 3.40 Head Start (G)</div>	<div>5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 6.50 Weatherwatch 7.25 World News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Turbo 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Living Black 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 Metropolis – The Power Of Cities Alexandria: centre of knowledge 8.30 Cutting Edge: Al-Zarqawi Who claims responsibility for terrorist attacks since the fall of Saddam Hussein 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Hot Docs: The Staircase (M, a,v) 8 part series following a criminal case from the beginning 11.40 Movie: A House Built On Water (M, v,cl,a, 2002) Iranian thriller about a successful gynaecologist in Iran, going through midlife crisis barely aware of his wife and son in the US 1.35 The Young Casanova (M, s) Part 2 of Italian drama series 2.30 Close</div>	<div>6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Tribe: The new Tomorrow 10.00 Girl TV 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away (G) 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 12.30 Home Shopping 1.00 Danoz Direct 2.00 Expo 5.00 Creflo A Dollar 5.30 Home Shopping Housing bubble about to burst; homeless bubble in no danger www.ironictimes.com</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 One Tree Hill 1.00 Ready Steady Cook 2.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Surface (PG) 8.30 NCIS (M) 9.30 Numb3rs (M) 10.30 Late News 11.00 Sports Tonight 11.30 Tour Down Under World cycling on the roads of South Australia 12.00 Round The World Ocean Yacht Race 12.30 The Up-Late Game Show 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn</div>	<div>6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Y? 10.00 Everwood 11.00 Icon 11.30 I'm With Her 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 One Day Cricket LIVE from the Gabba – Sri Lanka v South Africa 6.00 Evening News 7.00 Cricket continues 10.00 Movie: Fat Pizza (MA15+, sr,du,cl, 2003) The delivery boys from Fat Pizza Pizzeria continue their delivering with all you can handle. Starring Paul Fenech, Johnny Boxer and Annaliese Braakesiek. 12.00 Nightline 12.30 Late Show With David Letterman 1.30 Stingers 2.30 Justice League 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America Saudi King Abdullah: 'Terrorism is the work of the devil' – doesn't say if kingdom will continue funding it. www.ironictimes.com</div>

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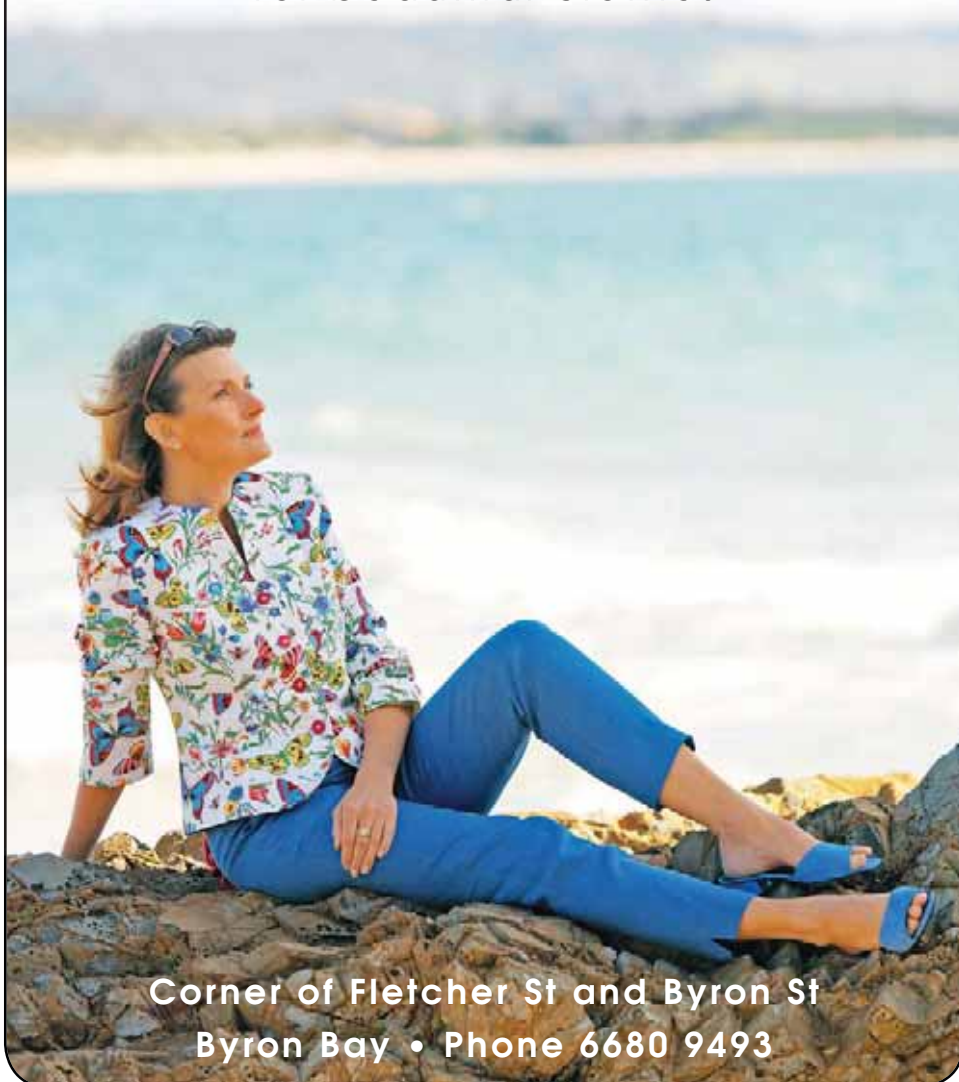
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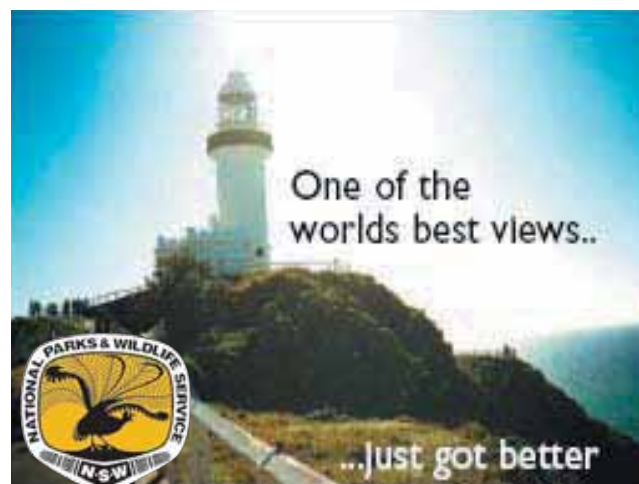
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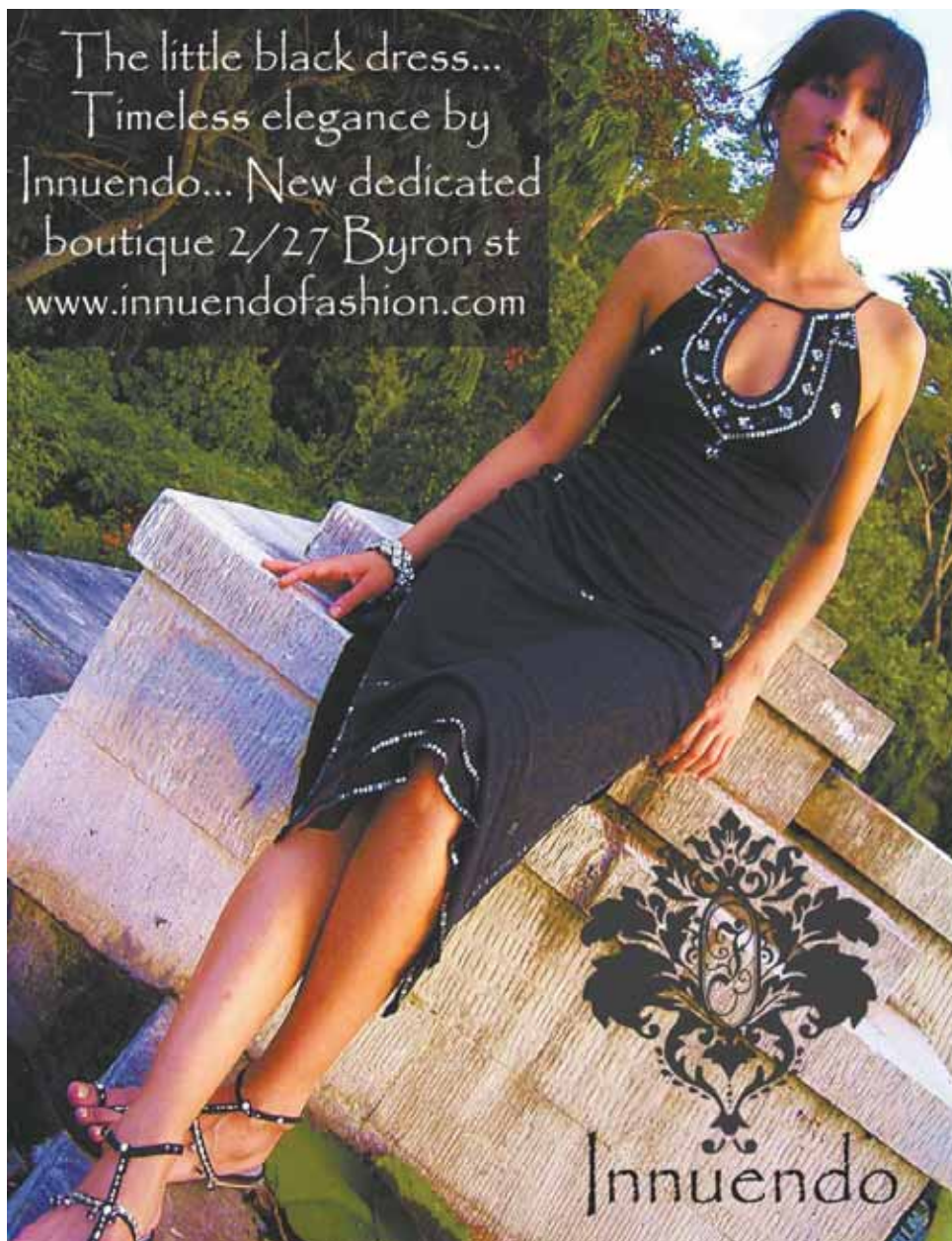


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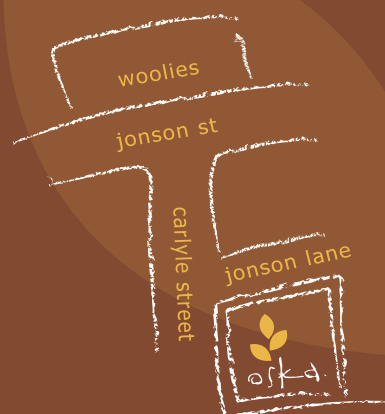
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Pulling a Swifty

MANDY NOLAN CHATS WITH CANADIAN SINGER SONGWRITER EMBER SWIFT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING INDEPENDENT.

She's got the kind of face, the kind of voice, and the kind of talent that could have seen her waltz into any record company and snap up a contract. The only thing she doesn't have is the attitude, as Ember herself puts it 'some people are drawn to buck the system.' Ms Swift is definitely a system buckner. She credits the trend towards independent artists to a world wide movement that seeks to source its own music, and not have tastes dictated by the corporate music machine. 'There's been a huge increase in respect for and credibility of independent artists. It's very much a grass roots movement. I feel really strongly about the union between art and activism and for me my art has always been hand in hand with my political perspectives, and my hope for change.'

Holocaust victim, the teenage Ann Frank scribes in her remarkable diary 'In spite of everything, I still believe people are good at heart.' A breathtaking act of optimism and compassion in the face of the darkest face of human cruelty. We can't all be as hopeful as Ann Frank, especially seeing as we know the end to her story. How does one maintain belief in positive change in a world that seems so quick to thwart it? 'I think the most important thing is to be aware of what is happening and then to become active about it, I found a quote that I really like. I might even use it in a song... 'cynics are just optimists who've given up'. How do we stay informed? That's the riddle of it all. This is an information culture, and we have the information. Yet we continue to purchase products that are bad for us and the planet. I think change is bigger, it's not enough to make change in our lives but we also have to make a change in people's hearts.'

Is this a call for a deeper more politically aware spirituality? 'I do think spirituality is growing and what we are really talking about is a world view and a consciousness that there is a global people and not just a nationality - we all know that religion has quite often divided us as people. A deeper spirituality could bind us

to the commercial industry, so I wasn't about to wait for permission to perform.' I do this because I love it. I've just finished my 9th independent album - we are here promoting the DVD at the moment - it's a documentary film. For me making music is not about being famous, or about being a celebrity - I just

But in the culture of rock and roll and popular music there seems to be an undercurrent that declares 'go home grandma' once you've reached maturity. This can be frustrating for a lot of performers because they may feel that they are really coming into their art. 'I do a lot of workshops for young singer songwriters, and it's amazing how many women buy into the thing that they have to create their work between 18-22 otherwise they won't have anything to offer the world. I think that's kind of sad. You have to realise that there is no rush, there is no time limit. I am 31 now, and I did an interview just after turning 30 and the interviewer was shocked that I was still making music! I am making better music now, writing better songs than I ever have! I will never regret growing older.'

Ember Swift performs her unique fusion of folk, jazz, funk, punk and world music at the Hotel Great Northern on Friday.

'cynics are just optimists who've given up'

together.' Ember Swift is no stranger to speaking her mind. She's fiercely independent and not about to change. 'I started performing at about 18 and started my label about the same time. I have been independent since the beginning. The music I was making was not genre specific, and it wouldn't appeal

want the music to be well known, because I believe in it... I am never going to be super famous. And if I never become famous or am ever considered a celebrity than perhaps I'll have much more longevity in my career.' Jazz and blues seem to allow their musicians to age. There's no call off stage 'Hey Mr Didley, you're too old'. That would be sacrilege.



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THE SOAPBOX with Mandy Nolan

Why women cry

I AM A CRIER. Whenever I get hot and flustered and feel personally put upon I feel that lump rise in my throat, my bottom lip quivers and my eyes start to burn. Men hate it when women cry, but let me tell you something boys, some of us girls aren't particularly impressed with the whole emotional melt down thing ourselves. There's nothing more undermining to the 'powerful woman' persona than blubbing. It's hard to get your point across mid

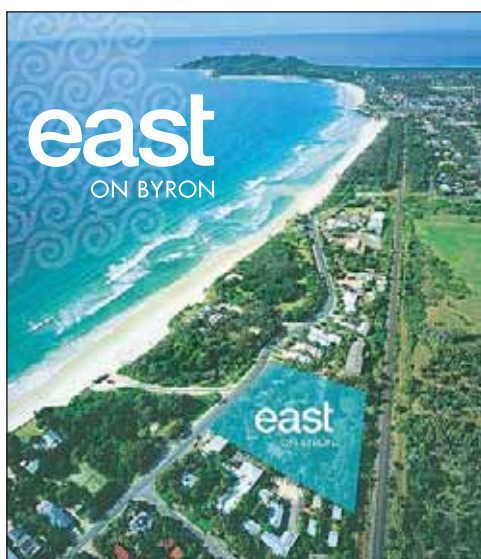
sob, as the weeping woman has never been perceived as 'rational'. Men believe we cry because we are irrational, or wrong, or weak, or worse, manipulative. That's right. Men have a very strange reaction to tears. A woman weeps and hopes for empathy, or even compassion, but blokes are generally so self-focused, they think we cry to make them feel guilty. As if! That, my testosterone laden friends, is only part of the story. We also cry for attention and to get you to buy us gifts and put the garbage out. Conflict makes me cry. It's left me with a mortifying terror of joining a debating team, I need a box of Kleenex in the car to cope with road rage, and most of the time when I discipline the kids I need to take the 10 minutes time out to get myself together and fix my panda eyes. So after feminism and decades of self-actualisation, why do we girls still tear up? It shifts me. It serves no purpose, just an old programmed response from a time when women wore corsets and got the vapours. When we were delicate and consumptive and Freud had us pegged as psychological and behavioural dependents on the uterus - hence the term 'hysterical'. Men do cry, but only when assembling furniture. And that's because men won't read the instructions. Men get brownie points for crying, they're seen as sensitive and emotional, and then they're poofa bashed. But



when women cry we're perceived as weak and neurotic. And it's at so many things. I cry when I read books, in Kevin Kostner films, in ads with children who get a good night's sleep after their cough mixture, when Oprah puts on weight and when the kids bring me home another crappy pasta necklace. Usually I cry because they make me wear it. I think they should send women into war. The girls would go into combat, and as soon as the conflict escalated, (like someone telling them the camouflage pants made their bum look fat) they'd have a good cry and instigate a sulk in. The enemy would surrender in minutes. Guilt is more powerful than any grenade. Just ask a Catholic.

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Return coach departs 9.30am Roma St. \$25 + BF in advance only available from Rockinghorse Records. Return trip departs venue at 11pm.

NORTH COAST COACH SERVICE

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LIVE MUSIC

» WHAT'S NEXODUS AT EXODUS?

It's **Exodus** time people. Time to march hand in hand into the promised land of Bald Rock, towards a better place where organic and electronic become one. If in the beginning, there was the word and the word became flesh, then what, pray tell was the word? It's been bugging me for years. What if in the beginning there actually wasn't a word, because if there had been a word there would have had to be paper or at least a rock, because you need flesh to make a word. Words don't grow on trees you know. What if in the beginning there was music. Seems more likely. Organic tribal electro funk. In the beginning I reckon there were probably drums. The beginning could have been a lot like Exodus – featuring some of the most cutting edge musos on the planet. **Wild Marmalade, Tommee and the Neighbourhood, The Bird, Greg Sheehan, Oka:** these are just some of the live acts. There's also a host of DJ's plus performances by Spaghetti Circus, spectacular art installations by Templestate, Mutoid Waste Co, and Lifeforms. The site has been carefully planned with sufficient water supplies, amenities, shady camping area apart from the stages, recycling, twice daily yoga with YOGA-SYNERGY (Sydney), body painting, drum nature workshops, Carnival Drumming, Didj circles, chai tent, and jamming, all under the first full moon of the year. A Hemp Emporium with goods and information from around the globe will inspire with info and ideas about organic health and products within the vibrant Marketplace full of crafts, party gear, herbal highs and surprises. Bring your drums and your wildest spirit. **Friday to Monday at Tenterfield's Bald Rock:** www.exodusfestival.com

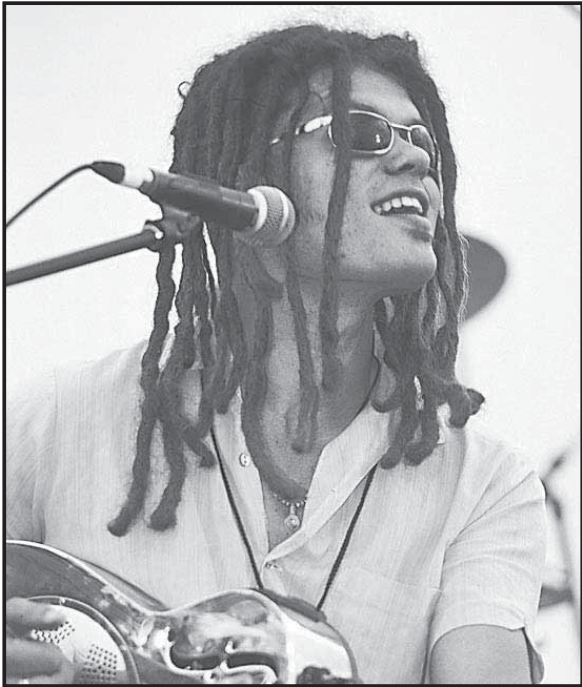
» PHOENIX FROM THE ASH GRUNWALD

2005 was a pretty momentous year for **Ash Grunwald**. He took out the coveted 'Album of the Year' at the Australian Blues Awards for 'I don't believe'; received stellar reviews across the country and picked up ARIA nominations for best Blues and Roots Album for his latest offering 'Live at the Corner'. Ash was also asked to take over the reins as host of Triple J's Roots N All show, a job which he uses to give as much exposure as he can to other Australian blues and roots performers. 2006 will include the release of a new album which Ash is trying to find time to record, with 7 tracks already written plus a return to Europe to perform at major festivals. Catch Ash while you can – **he's at the Hotel Great Northern on Thursday.**

» TEMPERING DALLAS

Tim Rogers walks the walk, albeit occasionally a stagger, but he is a consummate musician through and through. The

band bio reads curiously like a letter of recommendation and states: 'I write in praise of Tim Rogers, a man I barely know who has done a great deal to preserve my faith in rock'n'roll through troubled times. To be sure, one hears alarming reports about his behaviour of late. Threatening dreadful TV celebrities at airports is



Ash Grunwald,
at the Great Northern, Thursday

far from the worst of it. Fal-ling over on smaller artists at backstage functions is more of a concern. (Whoever expected rock and roll stars to be well behaved anyway. It's

crisp disciplined guitar work of Shane O'Mara is a great match for Rogers's appealing bloke next door tales of lapsed relationships and too much drinking. Tim and the Temp are joined by Dallas Crane in a diabolical double header. They've been hailed as one of the country's most exciting bands and champions of our rock'n'roll scene. They bring their pounding drums, thumping bass lines, unmistakable guitar riffs and catchy but uni-

que vocal melodies fresh from the studio to the road. **Tim Rogers and The Temperance Union and Dallas Crane play the Hotel Great Northern on Sunday.**



Tim Rogers and the Temperance Union with Dallas Crane,
at the Great Northern, Sunday

rock, not scouts). Apologising afterwards is clearly beyond the pale. For all these alleged transgressions, what remains beyond reproach is his capacity and determination to wring poetic substance, unflinching self-knowledge and eye-watering tunes from a life that apparently teeters between obscene privilege and outrageous misfortune. Tim Rogers and the Temperance Union release two simultaneous and contradictory albums: 'Dirty Ron' and 'Ghost Songs'. The

» GOOD KARMA

ARIA award winning **Karma County** play the **Currumbin Sound Lounge this Friday.** Their addictive blend of contemporary music can best be described as a delicate mixture of Nick Cave, Calexico, Gangajang, Bob Dylan and the Cruel Sea. They are supported by the equally mesmerising Jesse Younan and promise to take you on a journey into musical wonderland filled with seascapes, long desert roads and miles of time. Karma

County also make musical offerings at the Beach Hotel on Sunday.

» FATTER AND DAHAHOO

Coorabell Hall will be set ablaze when local luminaries **Fatter Than Nusrat** will team up with Canberra's hottest new band **Dahahoo**. Dahahoo is a four-piece band with a unique sound that is comprised of funk, rock, reggae, and ska. Dahahoo have featured in some of the best Canberra gigs over the past two years. They have played in such events as the Multicultural Fringe Festival, National Folk Festival, and National Youth Week. The Dahahoo style is hard to pin down. It has been described as everything from 'progressive funk' to 'California smooth jazz and ska' and 'funky rhythms with Eastern European melodies and lyrical prowess'. The band has no quarrel with any of these descriptions. They have a wide range of musical tastes and their creative writing and blend of styles has become a distinctive Dahahoo sound. The big dancefloor sound of Dahahoo can be compared to that of the Cat Empire. And fresh from New Year's extravaganzas and a show at Bondi's Beach Rd Hotel, the sonic warriors from Fatter Than Nusrat will be delivering their burning funkrock prayer to the heavens as only they can. **Don't miss Saturday night's Coorabell dancefest** ... doors open at 8pm, entry is \$12/10 and tasty delights will be present.

» YOU'LL LOVE LUCY

Lucinda Peters graduated from Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium to a rush of acclaim, with many critics citing her voice as out of the ordinary. She has a sensual, evocative, unassuming yet utterly captivating stage presence, and even before she had an album to her name, Lucinda managed to score a cover on the Sydney Morning Herald's Metro Entertainment Guide. She is the complete package. Her voice, her presence, her double-bass playing and a host of maturely written original songs. **She launches her CD, Desert Stars at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Saturday 21 January.** Show kicks off at 8pm and tix are available by phoning 6685 5659. \$20/16

» JIGGY JIGGY

Jigzag have been touring the folk/roots festivals for the past seven years. Their live show has captivated audiences everywhere, from intimate rooms in people's houses to standing ovations at full blown concerts in the UK, Denmark, Canada, NZ and Australia. Onstage they connect easily and openheartedly with their audience without losing any of their fiery intensity. **They play the Rails on Thursday.**

» FEELING DIZZY

Electofunk outfit, **Afrodiziact** the half Bris half Byron based band come together for their **CD launch at the Beach Hotel on Friday.** Their new CD, 'The Welcome Speech' has been brewing away in Brisbane's Air Lock Studios'

under the watchful eye and helpful ear of the infamous Jeff Lovejoy. There will also be a **prelude pre launch at the Buddha Bar on Wednesday** with CD giveaways. And for those fans who like to have the full kit, there will also be a 7 inch vinyl release which is currently being pressed in the US as a delectable collectable for those that way inclined. Check the giveaway pages for some CD's.

» MONKEY MAGIC

On the eve of the national release of their new album 'Monkey Puzzle' **Floyd Vincent and the Childbrides** bring their infectious blend of latin rhythms back to the north coast. The new album was launched at a show at the Beach Hotel on their last tour and now they have a national distribution deal so the CD will be available instores via MGM distribution from Monday or at the shows on the tour. The album was recorded and produced at Studios 301 in Sydney and at Floyd's own studio, The Blushing Pig Sonic Exploration

Facility in Scarborough. The album continues to explore the group's long standing fascination with the dance rhythms of South America and combines this with high energy vocal performances and some outstanding musicianship. Floyd has continued to write about his love of the North Coast lifestyle, with the new album featuring the Brazilian inspired 'Yamba Samba' which he hopes to be a summer classic to rival the Ballina inspired \$6 Dollar Steak and Chips. **They play the Beach Hotel on Wednesday and Friday at the Hotel Brunswick.**



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12pm Women Talk Lois, Di & Claudia
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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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Utopianism

Utopianism refers to the many various social and political movements, and a significant body of religious and secular literature, based upon the idea of paradise on earth. This of course is the most ridiculous ism we have ever printed. There is no way there will ever be free beer, food for all, legalised

drugs, no wars, safe sex, honest politicians, clean air, responsible corporations, unselfish business executives, a proper public transport system, Queenslanders who can drive, dog free zones on the beach, or an Echo letters section without any moaning whingers. AS IF!



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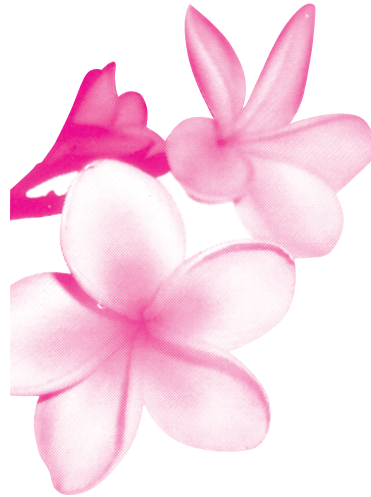


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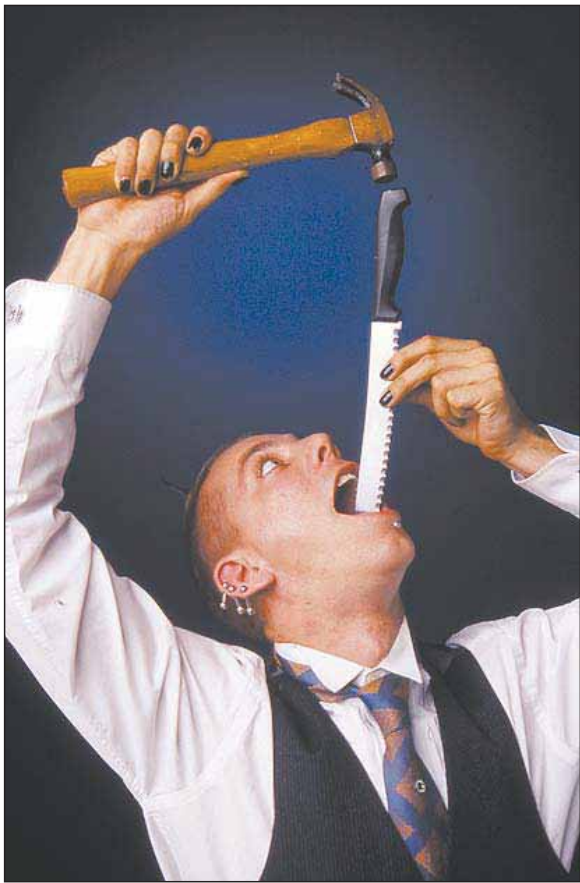
Byron Bay's **Space Cowboy**, has returned to his hometown to exhibit his extraordinary abilities in Byron's Community Centre Theatre. At just 27, this Dalai Lama of Divination has read and predicted the thoughts of countless amazed spectators, TV hosts, and radio personalities in over twenty countries to crowds of up to twenty thousand. All this from a boy who started out at the Byron Markets at the tender age of 8 with a little fold out table. He started with a bit of low key mind reading with a kind of 'guess the object' challenge, and years later has managed to teach himself the art of reading, not just books, but people. This local lad who went to Byron Primary, and Byron High has always been fascinated with how the mind works, and has been reading the thoughts, and hypnotising his fellow class mates ever since he could say 'listen to the sound of my voice'. His brain has developed such startling capacity for intense concentration, he started to bend cutlery and other metal objects. He was known to cause the classroom clock to stop, to the amazement of his teacher and peers. Since he was sixteen years old he has been touring the world, performing to sellout crowds in theatres, big tops, and massive arenas, including venues such as the Sydney Opera House (for three seasons in a row, and numerous guest appearances), the famous Spiegel tent, and he has also exhibited his skills in front of the royal throne of Italy. So how do you get a spoon to bend? The Space Cowboy's only explanation is belief that the spoon will bend, causes it to do so. You create your own reality, and your whole world by your thoughts and beliefs alone. So much for Keanu Reeves claim in The Matrix, 'There is no spoon'. There is no digital special effects, this is real life bending people. I'd love to see the havoc he could wreak in a yoga class. He also swallows swords and performs a myriad of feats that will have you convinced that there is definitely something Houdiniesque in his nature, if not his very DNA. **He has shows this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and then the following week, 26 and 27 January.** Tickets are available

at the Community Centre. Don't miss him, he's off to Japan in February to start his world tour. \$18/12 at 8pm.

>> ART: UP UP AND AWAY

Artist **Marko Koludrovic** has created a series of dioramas featured in his exhibition, 'If This Was an Airport'. Marko has drawn a series of parallels between waiting at a departure lounge at the Airport and waiting in a cinema foyer

night, hippos and elephants. Roads were closed off, bridges flooded. Schools closed. People's cars got inundated. Whole areas of the Shire disappeared under a torrent of water. Finally airports and roads closed. That was to be the day Tripod performed their sold out show. It was a wash out. The gleesome threesome return to Bangalow but not without a good solid set of floaties and a rubber ring. You can never be too careful. **Tickets have just gone on sale for this February 23 gig.** Tix are \$25 and are available at Barebones Gallery in Bangalow.



The Space Cowboy, at the Byron Community Centre, Thursday, Friday & Saturday

for your gate to open and your film to take you off to somewhere magical. He says: 'If people go to a movie they would be open to be surprised by art while they are waiting.' **Marko's work is on display at the Byron Cinemas, throughout January.**

>> COMEDY: THE RETURN OF TRIPOD

Tripod almost performed at the Bangalow A&I Hall last year. In what was to prove to be an extraordinary day of natural intervention, the skies opened and it rained. It didn't just rain cats and dogs, it rained sheep and goats as well, and then later in the

>> FILM: CITY FLICKERS Flickerfest International Film Festival is making its way to Byron with a weekend of wonder planned for Bangalow A&I Hall. With a comprehensive program that runs nightly from Friday to Sunday, be prepared to be witness to some of the best shorts on the planet. Animations, drama, comedy, claymation: this is a program not to be missed. **Kicking off at 8.30pm nightly**, catch your fill of flicks – a wonderful opportunity to soak up some of the cultural experiences and exposure that our metro brothers and sisters so readily take for granted. Check the giveaways pages for tix.

>> THEATRE: AUDITONS

Did you make a resolution this year that you should get more involved in your local theatre?? Well, here's your chance. **The Lismore Theatre Company** is seeking 6 actors, 3 men and 3 women, aged between 20 and 40 to perform in the hilarious comedy 'He died with a Felafel in his hand' by John Birmingham and adapted for the stage by Simon Bedak, Steve Le Marquand and Michael Neaylon. This production by the Company represents the World Amateur premiere of Australia's longest running professionally produced play! Tamaya Rose, who will be directing the show said that it was a bit of a coup for Lismore Theatre Company to be granted the amateur rights to the production which so far has only been performed in a professional, commercial context. The play is an adult comedy, centred around the comic happenings of life in a share house – it contains strong language, together with sexual and drug related references. The film version of the play featured well known Australian actor Noah Taylor.

Auditions will be held at the Rochdale Theatre Goonellabah on Sunday at 5pm. Further enquiries to Tamaya Rose – telephone 6621 2038 or mobile 0422 220 830

>> FILM: WAY TO GO INDIGO!!

The whole idea that our children have come to teach us has caused quite a stir. **The film Indigo Evolution** draws on the territory covered in the book, Indigo Children, presenting a new breed of evolved children, operating at a 'higher vibration' to us oldies. I'm curious to know what colour we are, I would guess some would be beige, and others most definitely red – the sports car generation. Chip Richards appears with his wife and son Josh in the film and they will be appearing for a chat at the Bay FM presented screening. Chip went on to say 'my interest is primarily as a parent. The film talks about our need to realise that we are all indigo children. They are bringing in a new heart-driven special energy. These children are free thinking, independent but also very collaborative, bringing into this world a reminder to us of a power we all have. Just being a parent it's great to be on the journey to learn as they bring this new energy into the world.' **The Indigo Evolution screens at Wednesday 18 January at the Byron Community Centre.**

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WEDNESDAY 11 >>

At Play, **Scott Hendy**, one half of Dynamo Productions along with Andy Smith, is playing Byron for the first time. Currently producing as Boca 45, Scott Hendy mixes funk and soul edged hip hop for a groovy mid-week set. On the Play decks at midnight, Scott is alongside local funk-stars **Wallapalooza** and **Ari**.

THURSDAY 12 >>

The first lady of electro breaks is back in Australia. Having played Byron's Good Vibes festival a few years ago, **10 Sui** returns to Byron to spin fresh beats at Play. The UK based DJ, remixer and producer regularly tours the States and has worked with Freq Nasty, Rennie Pilgrem, Adam Freeland and Stanton Warriors... '10 SUI adds a much needed slice of feminine charm and electronic soul into a scene dominated by 'bloke beat' DJs. She'll give any boy DJ a run for their money. All hail the First Lady of Breaks! Check out the interview below.

FRIDAY 13 >>

Afrodizziact, a great Brissie based funk outfit, play at the Beachy tonight at nine. Afterwards check out **Kaz James**, one half of BodyRockers, best known for their hit song 'I Like The Way (You Move)' He plays at La La Land with support from **Will Jay**.

SATURDAY 14 >>

Groove Terminator returns from producing in LA to play the Northern tonight. One of Australia's best known DJ's GT is backed up by local fly boys **Phil Smart**, **Scoota**, **Bulli** and **Rock Hardson**.

SUNDAY 15 >>

Beaver gets behind the decks at Zulu Cafe (Buddha Bar) this arvo playing downtempo funkiness. **Drapht** from the Hilltop Hoods and **Carlsani Optunas** from Downslyde rock the Beachy with a bit of hip hop at nine. Dave Atkins kicks the lounge at Coco's and don't forget the irrepressible **Rock Hardson** playing with **Giv** at Elsewhere in Surfers.

EXODUS FESTIVAL

13 - 16 January at Bald Rock Bush Retreat, near Tenterfield

The new EXODUS FESTIVAL, an event that will combine the best elements of an outdoor dance party with live international and national live acts, plus workshops, circus, yoga, kids' activities, international food stalls, market village, swimming, outdoor cinema, spacious shady camping, and much more.

The huge line up includes from Japan **Uni**, **Jikooha**, **Da-chambo**, plus selected top DJs and VJs. Australian headliners include **Wild Marmalade**, **Tommee and the Neighbourhood**, **The Bird**, **Greg Sheehan**, **Oka**, **One4one**, **Mantrix**, **Dubshack**, **Blissmongers Collective**, **Raz Bin Sam + Lion 1 Band**, **Gill Paradox**, **Spaghetti Circus** and **Agency Dub Collective**. The American **Pnuma Trio** will also debut at EXODUS as well as **Antix** from New Zealand. DJs booked are: **Beka**, **Pop**, **Tone Broker**, **Monsieur S**, **Shuffle**, **Launchpad**, **Tiff-On**, **Andras**, **Maximal**, **Josh Niyama**, **Sayaka** (Japan), **Hiro** (Japan), **Sister Ray**, **Krazy Dayv**, **Papa Stylee**, **Dale** (Green Ant), **Rhythm Collision Sound System**, **Dominic Hogan**, **Taya**, **Damion**, and **Mista Micha**. VJ Spike Bloom from Japan as well as Nic Touches Clouds will be on deck while spectacular art installations will be provided by Templestate, Mutoid Waste Co, and Lifeforms.

The site has been carefully planned with sufficient water supplies, amenities, shady camping area apart from the stages, recycling, twice daily yoga with Yogasynergy (Sydney), body painting, drum nature workshops, Carnival Drumming, Didj circles, chai tent, and jamming, all under the first full moon of the year. A Hemp Emporium with goods and information from around the globe will inspire with info and ideas about organic health and products within the vibrant Marketplace full of crafts, party gear, herbal highs and surprises.

Bring your drums, bring your instruments, bring your wild spirits, water bottles and sunscreen, and bring in the new year at the new EXODUS FESTIVAL.

10 SUI

10 Sui is known for her tight production skills and nu school breaks sound, she took the time to answer a few questions before her gig in Byron...

TCR records is one of the pioneering breakbeat labels. What's it like working alongside Rennie Pilgrem and co?
Rennie's been in the game for a long time, he's cool, he knows how to treat people and has that old school vibe. The rest of the boys are cool too - some colourful characters.

What's it like DJing in a male dominated genre - is talent enough?

You've gotta be able to deliver the goods if you wanna get respect. I've been doing this a long time now so I don't get phased there has definitely been some tough times but you just keep working and it pays off.

What are you working on now, production wise?

When I return to the UK I'll be doing an online mix album for Distinctive which will be available in March 06. I'm producing an Electro House 12 - which will appeal to B/beat and Electro heads - a deep groover. I've hooked up with another producer and under the name Scandal Tan, we've done a track with the Ragga Twins called 'Bring Forth the Booty' in a dancehall b/beat vibe. That will be released over here on Huddle and Busle, and there are 2 more to follow featuring vocalists.



What will you be playing in your set here?
Electro, B/beat and Electro House.

Where do you see the breaks sound evolving to?
That's a question - who knows - Breakbeat is a versatile genre and it can go in many different directions. It's up to the producers really. Breakbeat has really diversified over the last few years, I prefer the evolution of Breaks into more Electro 4/4 based arenas.

London has long been the epicentre of electronic music. Where else on the planet is breakbeat blowing up?
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10 Sui plays at Play on Thursday night with support from local breaks king Slinky.

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LEGEND OF ZORRO

For each actor there is a role in which he is allowed to achieve greatness. Antonio Banderas found his as the voice of the cat in Shrek 2. As Zorro again, in the sequel to The Mask of Zorro, he is nevertheless commendable as the masked avenger. Realizing that he might never be taken seriously, Banderas does self-parody to a nicety. It is 1850, California is on the verge of statehood and Don Alejandro de la Vega (Zorro) is finding the life of the landed gentry tough going - especially with his heroic urges being hamstrung by an estranged missus who wants him to spend more quality time with her and their swinish little boy. As his wife, Catherine Zeta-Jones combines well with Banderas - their relationship saves the movie - but the attempt to import the stresses and strains of contemporary family life into the mix is a dud. Movies like this are best when they keep the tongue in cheek and not in your face and, despite some decent swashbuckling, it's a bit much like an over-extended TV sit-com with stunts. Flabby, densely plotted and too long. **John Campbell**



RUMOR HAS IT

What might have become of the characters from The Graduate had they been based on a real Pasadena family? By inviting comparisons to a modern classic, this movie simply succeeds in highlighting its own shortcomings. Sarah (Jennifer Aniston) is engaged to be married and, though she is a little rich girl with everything, she is confused and unhappy (sigh). She also believes that her grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) is the notorious Mrs Robinson, and that she is the illegitimate daughter of Beau (Kevin Costner), the eponymous graduate, who, by bedding Sarah, will have slept with three generations of women in her family. That history will repeat itself is a given, but the story is sluggish and contrived - the coincidence at the end which confirms who is Sarah's father is simply awful. Aniston is entirely one dimensional, Shirley MacLaine and Kevin Costner walk through undemanding roles and Mark Ruffalo as the cuckolded nice guy is a gormless shadow of the sleazy cop who so impressed in In The Cut. Lacklustre and laboured, with the best moment being a glimpse of the fabulous Anne Bancroft seducing the young Hoffmann. **John Campbell**

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~ Caddyshack



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- PLAY, BYRON **MS SKY+ DAVE C + DABBY**
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ARIES: Aries don't take kindly to opposition – or as you're more likely to see it, messing with your plans. But people who disagree aren't automatically evil or obtuse – listen to their ideas and you never know, they might end up friends or colleagues.

TAURUS: As Mars continues delivering its massive attack of get up and go to Tauran energy headquarters, the stars are ripe and the time is right for this busy, information-rich, lesson-plentiful week to drop into your mind a brilliant idea that's just waiting to pop...

GEMINI: This week calls for your ability to see the whole picture rather than getting hung up on particular bits of it. For pulling together and coordinating different, even seemingly contradictory, strands of your life and work into a cohesive, cooperative unit.

CANCER: This week could take you down to the crossroads and present you with a choice: one road signposted independence, freedom and adventure – the other authority, money and security. Which is more important? Think about it, then ask your heart.

LEO: As a Leo, self-image is central to your life, so it's important to recognise when it's changing. If things that used to excite you don't seem to mean much anymore, don't keep holding on to them. Or recreate past glories – make the creative adjustments appropriate for current conditions.

VIRGO: Present planetary placements are extremely Virgo-friendly and this earthy Capricornian week featuring spunky Mars in Taurus plunges you into the pleasures of the senses. So go ahead: revel. Why not – this is a beautiful world, enjoy it while you're here.

LIBRA: Even Libran charm and persuasion probably won't be able to change people's hard-headed minds this week. But astral weather patterns soon alter, and attitudes along with them. Meanwhile it's a good booting up time for kickstarting all that stuff you've been putting off...

SCORPIO: As the links between cause and effect grow increasingly obvious, so do your responsibilities. What happens this week is nowhere near as important as how you deal with what you're dealt – whether you engage in the game of life with resistance or enthusiasm, resentment or vigour.

SAGITTARIUS: This could be one of those weeks you speak out loud and proud and take a stand, only to find out (oops) you didn't have all the facts or know quite as much as you thought you did – a situation easily remedied by more careful listening.

CAPRICORN: Maturity doesn't have to exclude playfulness, so while you're out mastering this week's material world, don't forget the soul sector. Besides taking care of basic bizniz, give equal airplay to close connections, the love department, creative adventures and spiritual exploration.

AQUARIUS: This week is auspicious for upgrading certain areas of the Aquarian life, smartening up the act, trimming down the possessions and limiting accumulation. Downshifting and streamlining – even though that may involve letting go of a cherished self image or comfortable role.

PISCES: This week the Iroquois Indians celebrate their New Year Feast Of Dreams, and as the year settles into its stride it's time to reconnect with yours: what it is you'd really love to do this year – not just shrinking your thinking to what might be economically possible.

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According to Clive, the book 'reveals how we, via the early 60s manic, reactionary shift into raw and whole foods, have since committed the serial blunder of overlooking the critical and now scientifically proven health hazard of the existence of toxic anti-nutrients in all raw and dried foods. It poses, in very plain, un-minced words, how the ancient, but mostly forgotten art of food fermentation and its almost extinct ally, the sloooow kitchen, not only form the observable counter to this unwanted invasion of naturally occurring chemicals in our foods, but also form the supreme and vital enzymatic means of converting all positive nutritional elements contained within those foods, such as proteins, starches, etc, into their desired, pre-digested states.

'Without proper fermentation practices of so-called whole foods in these last 50 years, plus the rush to fast foods and quick kitchens, we (and I also mean here, health food shoppers) are suffering a pandemic of allergies and intolerances to many anti-nutrients including phytates, as well as to gluten, starches, lactose and more, and so exposing us to related, ensuing diseases like asthma, obesity and the ravages of accordingly devastated immune systems - all of which are totally unnecessary and avoidable.'

Clive has had an interesting life, to say the least. In the early 70s, Brisbane-born Clive (aka Nirava), was road manager for Oz Hall o' Fame blues/rock band Chain, after which he became founding editor and chief writer of the Melbourne-based music magazine Daily Planet. Clive says it was the first weekly, nationally-distributed 'young' paper to discuss topics such as pollution, nature, health foods, marijuana, jazz and blues and the broader arts.

After the Nimbin Aquarius Festival, Clive

lived communally in WA for four years, where he cooked and baked bread for 120 people daily, and became a father, of two daughters. Later, at Tamborine Mountain in Queensland, he started a health food store and 'quack' herbalist practice (there were no naturopathic schools then), and authored a weekly newspaper column called 'Wild Herbs of the Hinterland'. He terminated his successful "Hinterlander" column when the editor rejected an earnest, if somewhat tongue-in-cheek article titled 'The Therapeutic Value of (leftover) Sperm as a Face Pack - Think Zinc.'

In the early 80s, he started a long and gratifying career as an Osho devotee, and sound engineer for live bands. In 1988, he went to India, with enough money and visa to stay for only three weeks. By the time they were both spent, he realized that India was his new multi-dimensional home, so he tore up his return to Oz plane ticket, and winged it instead, in the city of Pune. Clive remained in India for 15 years. He was given the soubriquet 'Dr Nerves', for his attunement to, and empathy with friends and strangers when they fell ill, and for his ability to fix them fast, with the perfect herb, or info at hand.

After almost carking it, a result of ingesting a large stew of mis-identified, neurotoxic mushrooms that popped up in his vegetable garden one fateful August day in 2002, he suddenly returned to Oz to recover and heal. 'India is absolutely the worst place on Earth to heal a severely injured nervous system, Oz possibly the best.'

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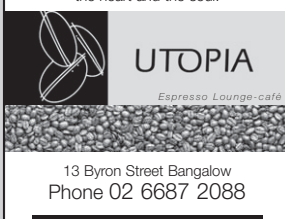
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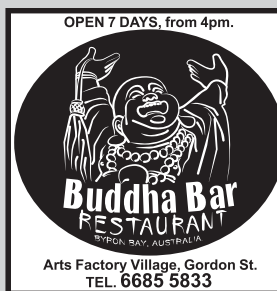
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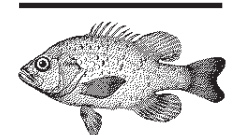


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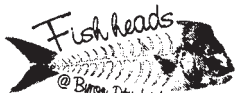
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Living life in the raw

Victoria Cosford

Regarding food, I always used to think that the world could be divided neatly into two: the people for whom it was a passion and a source of sensuous pleasures, and those for whom it was merely fuel. Now while I realise that it is more complicated than that – there are shades, overlaps, sub-categories – I still consider it a fairly accurate means of evaluating the relationships most people have with food.

All of which made challenging the notion of Raw Food. I was privileged to be invited to attend a recent Master Class, as it called itself, in the preparation of gourmet raw food. Held at the Ewingsdale Hall, it attracted about 50 people one warm and golden December Saturday, a number which impressed me considerably. As it turned out, many of them had been involved in this raw food ‘movement’ for some years, if not already converted to it.

Anshu and Anand were the presenters: lean men of an indeterminate middle age whose enthusiasm for their subject was compelling. They took turns in firstly defining raw food and its tenets then demonstrating a three-course meal as an example of its enormous possibilities and permutations. In essence, cooking food alters and deforms its molecular structure, resulting in the production of three times more white cells than normal in the human body, cells which perceive the cooked food as foreign matter. This toxicity throws our body chemistry out and gives rise to disease. In addition we are far too acidic and our consumption of sugar and processed foods results in a depletion of oxygen, bacterial build-up and the thriving of fungus and yeast which eventually leads to more possibility of disease. Raw food on the whole is alkaline; raw food is the means whereby our bodies may begin to revitalise and to heal. A list of superfoods was read out to us: bee pollen (the ‘complete’ food), spirulina (protein, vitamin and mineral powerhouse), maca (energy, libido and stamina), MSM, hempseed, brazil nuts, coconut oil and

pepitas – I made a mental note to check out Santos for the maca – and then a Super Fruit Shake was passed around for us to try, utilising all these ingredients. Notwithstanding its unappealing colour – a sludgy shade of olive green – it actually tasted gorgeous, rich and coconutty.

The demonstrations showed us how to create, not cook, pizza, stuffed capsicum and apple crumble cake. Food processors and blenders whirled and whizzed busily, breaking down ingredients like sprouted buckwheat, soaked flaxseed, almonds, raw vegetables, dates, more nuts (ideally soaked for eight hours): sure enough at the end there was a pizza, a stuffed capsicum and an apple cake. How did they taste? They all tasted of exactly what went into them – the addition of ingredients like spices, fresh herbs, grated ginger and honey meant that they also tasted good.

My particular problem is that I love precisely that deadly chemistry which occurs when food is cooked. I love the transformations, the changes, the magic that happens when heat is applied to raw ingredients. I love the smells and I love the textures, I love the practical act of creating a glorious dish from a handful of raw components. Nibbling my way through the raw apple crumble cake I found myself thinking how whacking it into an oven might have taken it to a higher level. ‘Cooking does something strange to food,’ Anand mentioned at one point – and yes it does, and to me that is the excitement of it.

I came away unconverted, but admiring. It seems like a worthy cause to pursue, and there was no doubting the bright-eyed energy and exuberance of its proponents. It’s just that I love cooking.



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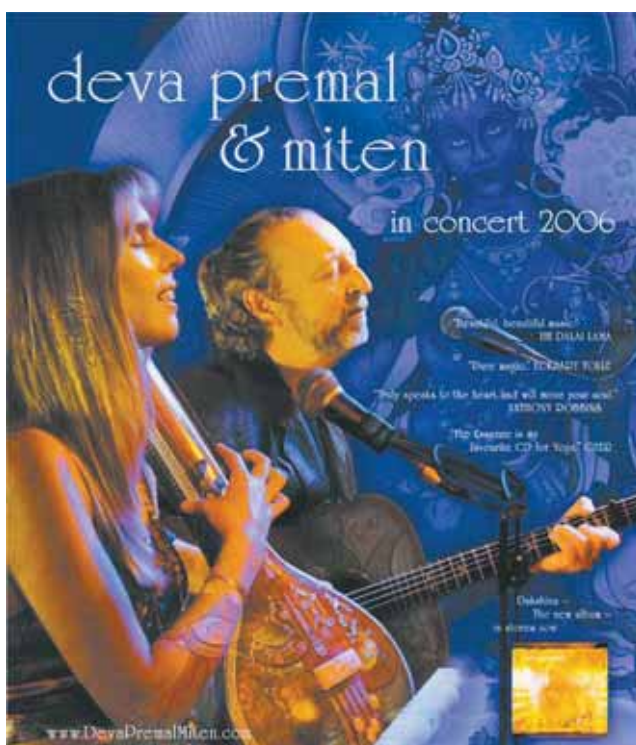
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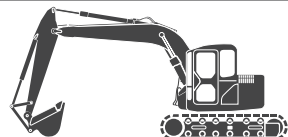
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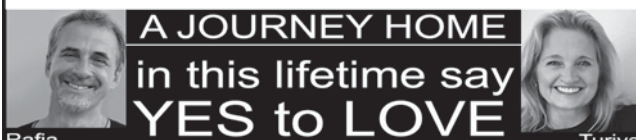
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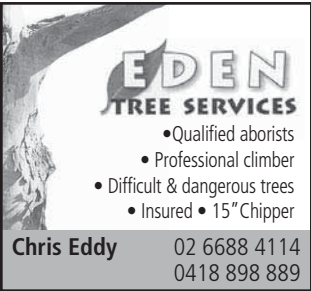
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Call Cathy on 1300 364 170 or SMS your name & NNSW FL to 0411 738 272 OR Email your application to fundraising@2evolve.com.au .

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ELECTRICIAN PART/FULL TIME Curtis Electrical requires a self-motivated person to work as an install electrician in the domestic and small commercial sectors. As our firm currently turns away a large amount of this type of work, the successful applicant will be expected to grow this side of the business and eventually be involved with the management of this work. Applicants must hold a current electrical workers licence. Please reply using a 1-page resume, include a copy of your current drivers licence and electrical workers licence to: Curtis Electrical, 9 Gulgan Road, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

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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.

• **The Byron Community Primary School** is seeking applications for an **Office Assistant** to work 21 hrs a week to begin Term 1, 2006. This is a child related position, 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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EXPERIENCED BARPERSON required for busy a la carte restaurant. Immediate start. Fax resume to: 66855695 or email: raes@wategos.com.au

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BARMAN with experience & RSA required for Sat functions. 66872288

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MESSAGE

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

CERTIFICATE 4 IN MESSAGE begins 9th Feb '06. C Carmont, Nova School of Massage, Lismore. Phone 66245011

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ENGAGEMENTS



Ian & Kathy Scott, together with Searl & Janene Browning have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of **AMANDA & BERNARD** on Christmas morning. Our love & best wishes to you both.



GRAHAM – ADAM

Family and friends would like to announce the long-awaited engagement of Chris and Yvette, 25/12/05! We wish them all the best for their future together.



LEVY – STENNER

Alia & Jeffrey, along with their families, have pleasure in announcing their engagement. Family & friends wish them a lifetime of love & happiness.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Weekly DA watch

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

We urge readers to follow up on DAs they feel may affect them by visiting Council's office before the advised closing date and making an appropriate written submission. Be aware that all submissions are deemed to be public documents.

7 Palm Avenue Mullumbimby 10.2005.715.1	MF O'Brien & KP Wendorf Additions to dwelling for use as an office & gym.	Close 23/1/06
112 Dalley Street Mullumbimby 10.2005.689.1	M Roland & J Corovious Change of use to mixed car repair station/commercial/residential development.	Close 25/1/06
36 Beachcomber Drive Byron Bay 10.2005.709.1	JE St George Alterations & additions to existing dual occupancy.	Close 18/1/06
48 Cowper Street Byron Bay 5.1998.227.2	J McAuslan Section 96 to amend consent for Bed & Breakfast to delete condition D6.	Close 25/1/06
3/50 Paterson Street Byron Bay 10.2005.734.1	P Gray Alterations & additions to existing residential flat building.	Close 25/1/06
Lot 3 DP 1004514 Bayshore Drive Byron Bay 10.2005.705.1	Brandon Saul Holdings Stockpiling of 15,000m³ of landfill over an area of 12,000m² at a height of approx 1.5m to achieve effective site drainage.	Close 25/1/06
18 Pacific Esplanade South Golden Beach 10.2005.729.1	D Osborne Alterations & additions to existing double-storey dwelling.	Close 23/1/06
8 Rajah Road Ocean Shores 10.2005.714.1	CJ O'Reilly Double-storey relocated dwelling.	Close 25/1/06

DEATH NOTICE

RICHARDS, HENRY ALBERT (Harry)
4.5.1910 - 5.1.2006
Died peacefully at home.
Husband of Phyl Richards (dec). Much loved father & father-in-law of Raelee & Bill, Noni & Ngaio. Grandfather of Karen, Matthew, Sarah & Jasmin & great grandfather of their children. Aged 95 years. Cremated 9th Jan '06

IN MEMORIAM

DEL BUTCHER
5.1.2004
Sadly missed, and remembered. Loved by all. Barry and families.

LOST & FOUND

LOST: prescription black Rayban sunglasses at Super Freaky Kinky. **Reward offered.** Phone 66891904

MISSING: white/brown shitzu pup Broken Hd Rd, Suffolk. Sue 0432406438

TOOK MY GREEN CROC & left your brown one at Coorabell Hall? To swap back phone 66875997

BEAUTIFUL friendly black cat (Toby), Paterson St, Byron Bay, dark red collar, microchipped. Ph Sally 66855106

AGISTMENT

LUSH PADDOCKS ready for agist now \$25pw per horse. F-fenced paddocks (electric) with water, quiet location, conditions apply. Phone 0431324122

PETS

ADOPT A CAT from Animal Welfare League NSW. Phone 66844070

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

PET NATUROPATH

66562829, 0401417744
JACK POODLES black, 1 fem, 1 male \$80 4 weeks. Pone 66840297

Pin This Up

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels desperately need volunteers in the Byron Bay area to deliver meals to clients. A minimum commitment of two hours a month is required. To volunteer call Colleen 6685 0166.

Breakfast in the park

It's on again this Australia Day Thursday January 26 in Banner Park, Brunswick Heads. Breakfast served from

Pets For Life cat shelter



This is one of 20 kittens and 7 adult cats we have in care in our shelter at Ocean Shores. All are desexed, vaccinated and microchipped. Kittens cost \$100 and adult cats are \$50. There is a 2 week trial period. We are open 7 days a week by appointment only. Please phone 6680 2097 or 0427 802 097

PETS OF THE WEEK



BUFFY is at our Cat Adoption Centre, 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby, Tues & Sat 9-11am, Thurs 3-5pm.



Animal Welfare League NSW
(North Coast Branch)
66844070.

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BYRON BALLINA OUTCALLS. 0432418835

BYRON AREA OUTCALLS. 0421401775

MALE ESCORT AVAILABLE. Also erotic massage. Phone 0434223526

BYRON EROTIC MASSAGE + incalls. Friday. 0402169906

7.30 till 9am. Entertainment till around 10am. Only \$3 per person. Free bus from Mullumbimby newsagents courtesy Brunswick Valley Coaches. A great morning not to be missed. More info phone Margaret 6680 1305.

U3A Brunswick Valley

On January 31 Robyn Tester will lead us on a genealogical hunt at the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads, 10am. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 4268.

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Simpson shows off her best stroke



A new swimming star is emerging from Lennox Head in the shape of 13 year old Keatyn Simpson (pictured above). *The Echo* reported on Keatyn’s meteoric rise to the world stage of junior swimming last year, however she is now treading on the toes of some of Australia’s most successful open swimmers and is loving every minute of it.

At the Pacific School Games held in Melbourne at the end of last year, Keatyn enjoyed tremendous success with gold in the 13 year 50m and 100m breaststroke, in both of which she broke the record. She also won silver for NSW in the 13 year free-style relay, bronze in the 15 year medley relay and came fifth in the open 200m breaststroke.

Keatyn recorded the fast-

est time in the 100m breast-stroke swum by any Australian female at the games; only one girl from China in the 17/18 year final produced a better time.

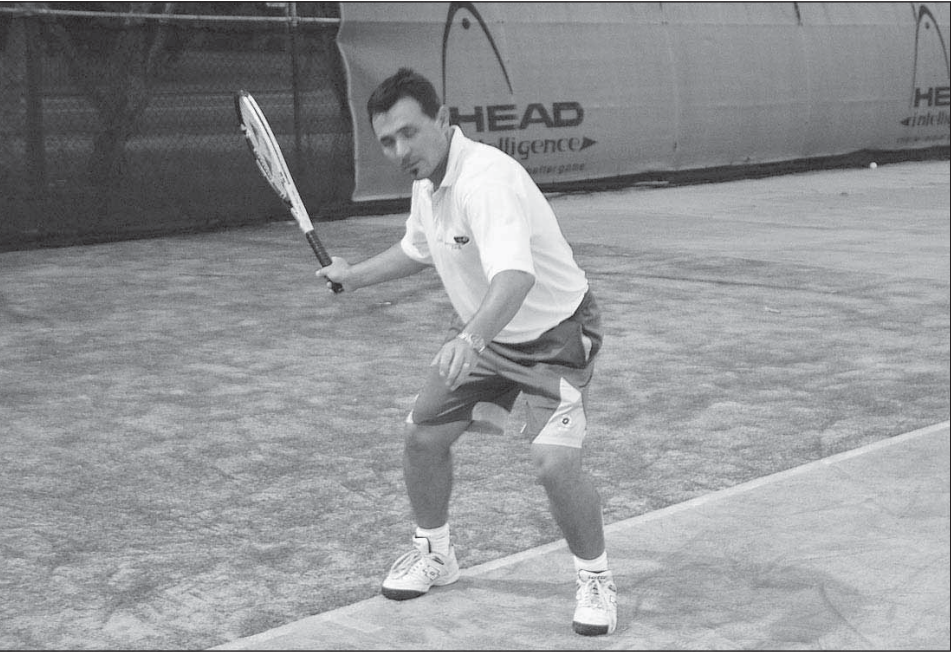
Since then, Keatyn has swum in the Queensland State Titles in Brisbane where she won gold in the 200m breaststroke, taking an incredible three seconds off the time she swam in Melbourne recording a time of 2 minutes 39 seconds. She also qualified for the final of the 50m open breaststroke where she rubbed shoulders with all the top Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) swimmers including Jade Edmonstone (who holds the world record for 50m breaststroke), Tahnee White, Sally Foster and Lana Tonks, and finished seventh.

Her latest achievements occurred at the NSW State Open Championships in Sydney where she competed in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke events where, to the amazement of the elite coaches from the AIS, she qualified for every final, and even managed to win a bronze medal for NSW.

‘People are starting to introduce themselves to me – like the head of NSW Swimming,’ said Keatyn. ‘He wanted to know about our small club Aqua Z in Lennox Aquatic Centre. Even Ian Thorpe had to say excuse me as he walked past me in the marshalling area – it’s really exciting!’

With the average age of the finalists at the meet being 20 years old, at only 13 Keatyn’s journey has just begun.

Hill hits the international tennis circuit



SHORES UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
The 2006 committee is without a Secretary and a President.

If these positions are not filled urgently, there will be no sign-on in February 2006.

In 2005 there were 12 teams (approximately 140 players)

It would be sad to see the club fold.

Please ring Amanda on **0411 547 478** or **6680 3547** (after 6.00pm)

URGENTLY if you are interested

You may remember when *The Echo* reported on Byron Bay tennis coach Craig Hill earning his world ranking last year. Craig is in Christchurch New Zealand at present, competing in the Australia and New Zealand Veterans Championships. Craig is representing NSW in the over 35’s age group. The teams event is made up of a series of doubles matches while the individual championships will begin next week. Good luck Craig.

Bangalow Rugby ready for 2006

Premiership winning coach Simon Balcon will kick off Bangalow Rugby Club’s 2006 campaign with quite a few of last year’s grand final players available for the new season. Training commences on Wednesday January 25; for more details see Bangalow Rugby’s web site www.bangalow.countryrugby.com.au. 2006 sees an expansion of the competition with Byron Bay being included with the Village Clubs.

Bangalow has entered the Crescent Head 7’s competition on February 18; strong teams from Sydney and Brisbane will ensure a great weekend. Any players new to the area or wanting to play with Bangalow will be made very welcome. Contact Mike at the hotel for details.

Stay safe on north coast waterways this summer

Boating activity on the NSW north coast is booming this summer and raising safety concerns for the state’s maritime regulator. NSW Maritime North Coast Regional Manager Jim Green said thousands of boaters would be out and about enjoying the waterways this summer.

‘The majority of boaters are safe and sensible, but there is a minority who either ignore or flout the rules for safe boating,’ he said.

According to Mr Green personal watercraft (PWC) behaviour is of particular concern. PWC includes craft such as jet skis, sea doos and wave runners and the issues of most concern are speeding in restricted zones, keeping a safe distance clear of swimmers and other boats and irregular riding.

Penalties for PWC infringements include a \$320 on the spot fine for not observing the correct distance from people in the water, and a \$800 on the spot penalty for a first offence of riding a PWC without a licence.

Skippers of vessels proceeding offshore are advised to ensure they are carrying the required safety gear and to check expiry date on distress flares. All boat operators are being reminded to ‘Go Easy on the Drink’ this summer and keep under the 0.065 blood alcohol limit or risk fines of up to \$5,500; and that it is now compulsory for all passengers on a boat to wear a lifejacket when crossing coastal surf bars.

SPORTS RESULTS

BOWLS
Brunswick Heads Men
Wed 4/1 Self selected triples winners M Myles, J Phypers, M Petrou; r/up L Torresi, S Turner, D Croft; 3rd P Solomon, P Bassington, G Rendell. Fish & Chips Carnival Sat 7/1 Two bowls triples winners A Boston, R Barnes, R Montgomery; 2nd K Hosie, L Hoffman, M. Ellis; 3rd T Fysh, R Tonkin, J Hay. Best rnd winners, 1st rnd R Allen, B Griffiths, C Klaverstyn; 2nd rnd M’bah team skiped by W Clifford; 3rd rnd P Solomon, C Mackay, B Congdon. Sun 8/1 Two bowls pairs winners S Wright, J Essex; r/up L Torresi, C Pavlovich. C’ship open 4s, 1st round Sat 14/1, pm: A Boston v W Evans; J Foster v L Wade; winners both games play in 2nd rnd Sun 15/1. C Marshall v E. O’donnell; R.Appel v R. McClelland; M. Petrou v R Montgomery. See board for future rnds. Major and Minor pair noms open, 1st rnd played Sat 4/2.

Byron Bay Women
During 5 week recess ladies have been playing Thurs pm with the men. Ladies welcome to play bowls during week on Tues, Thurs (self selected pairs/limited rinks, only 1 green) and Sat. Twilight bowls Fri, 5pm. Bowls resume, Quarterly Meeting Tue 24/1, 9.30am. All Members, please attend. Social bowls to follow. District C’ships begin Tue 17/1 with Triples at Cabarita Beach BC, Pairs to follow Tue 31/1 at Condong BC, Fours 8/2 at Mur’bah BC.

Byron Bay Men
Check notice board; Club Minor Pairs, followed by A’ Grade Pairs, commence soon. 29/1 Mixed Pairs, good prize money to be had. Results social bowls this wk: Thur, I Banfield, M Banfield winners; J Little, J Clark r/up. Sat, J Brooker, R Orth, B Lewis 1st prize; P Anderson, J Oski 2nd.

Lennox Head Men
Tue 3/1 Self Selected Triples winners: K Gallard, B McRae, T Barr 23 def J Turner, D Cullen, J Dudgeon 14; r/up J Robinson, G Grady, I Kemp 24 def F Allcoat, L Chaseling, B Harrington 16; I Hill, C Blackler, G Hickey 29 def S Wade, T Hickey, K McGuire 22, 6 pack. Wed 4/1 Twilight Bowls winners: B Saric, T McFadden 15 def C Skennar, M Daley 13; r/up G Bowen, T Murphy, G Brook 17 def R Adams, R Clarke, L Bartlett 3. Fri 6/1 Pairs winners: E and T Barr 22 def D and R Lynch 18; J Turner, J Murphy 33 def N and J Roberts, lucky losers 8. Sat 7/1 Jan Club Selected Triples winners: T Hickey, P Dietrich, L Bartlett 27 def D Cook, M Knott, J Moore 22; r/up F Whitney, J Adams, B Christopher 25 def M Pappas, P Blair, T Barr 17; J Swain, J Claes, G Simon, jackpot winners 23 def M Berger, B Fraser, L Chaseling.

Mullumbimby Men
Wed winners: R Kidby, R Day, T Johnston 20 def R Ford, P Jones, E Batson 16. Other results: S Dettman, R Webb 23 def J Estreich, R Gray 12; J Henry, S Smart 29 def J Glanville, R Neate 9; A Pyzer, S Purdie, B Gibson 18 def L Boyter, W Hampson, F Buckley 13.

Fri Twilight: Black Duck, Jeff, Gazza, Terry def P Thompson, ring in McClelland, Darryl, Darren 12 to 9 to make it a hat trick. Sat winners: S Smart, B McClymont 29 def R Gray, R Philips 7; P Thompson, R Ford 27 def R McNally, M Esau 19. C’ship Noms for Mens Fours/Mens Triples close 28/1.

Fours commence 4/2; Triples commence after completion of Fours, or during if poss. Wish to complete events before start of Pennants 1/4. Sympathies to Maimie and family on the sad loss of popular member and employee Alec Philp.

Tweed Byron Women
Triples C’ships First Round 17/1at Cabarita. 2nd and 3rd Rnds 19/1 at Pottsville. Semi Final 24/1am at Bruns Heads. Team Draws and info, read your Bowls Boards. Coming Events: State Carnival entries close 27/1. District Pairs commence 31/1: District Fours 8/2. Pennants start April.

CRICKET
Mullumbimby/Brunswick Seniors
Sat: 2nds team played Tintenbar, score: Tintenbar 167, best bowling K Meehan 2/32; G Shelley 2/35 def Mullum/Bruns 69, A Butler 19; M Hardy 13. This week 2nd grade play Byron at Thompson; 3rds Miandaas at Geoff Watt; 4ths Allsorts at Gap Rd 2. Training/team selections this Thur.

CYCLING
Byron Bay Freeriders
Wet and windy conditions greeted 20 riders starting 4th race in Byron Criterium Series Sun. A Grade: 5 starters, J McHugh 1st place, I Lake 2nd; M Pilley 3rd. B/C Grade: 9 starters, won by C King. B Cole, youngest rider in the field, took 2nd; fellow Junior A Chakos 3rd. D Grade: 6 riders, M Dayman 1st, D Lisle 2nd, M Long 3rd. Congrat’s to riders, thanks to marshalls. Club meeting at Backroom, Hotel Great Northern, 7pm Wed 1/2. All welcome.

Road training rides leave Byron clock tower 6am sharp Tues, Thurs and Sat, fast pace. Sat am Club ride leaves clock tower 6.30am all welcome, steady pace. Jay takes Nth Rivers Adventure Rides Sun. Contact Jay at True Wheels on 6684 1959.

DARTS
Brunswick Valley
AGM 16/1 at Mullum Ex-Services Club, 7.30 pm. Team and player nominations will be taken for first competition in 2006.

GOLF
Mullumbimby Men
4/1 Single Stab winner: M Hogan 42c/b; r/up R Cubis 42. NTP R Cubis. Welcome back Ogle.

Ocean Shores Ladies
Tue 3/1 Stab, Div 1 winner V Loomes 37; r/up B Wingad 36c/b. Div 2 winner C Timewell 33c/b; r/up B Simons 33c/b. NTP B Wingad; C Timewell. Vouchers to 33. Thur 5/1, 9 Hole winner B Simons; Vouchers to 17. 18 Hole winner J Selleck; Vouchers to 32c/b. Sat 7/1 Stab winner J Mitchell 36; r/up J Chidlow 33; Vouchers to 29.

RUGBY UNION
Bangalow
Training commences Wed 25/1, for details go to site www.bangalow.countryrugby.com.au, new players welcome, contact Mike at Hotel for details. Bangalow entered Crescent Head 7s on 18/2.

SURF LIFE SAVING
Byron Bay
Men’s Health Pittwater race: K Tutt 2nd again on c/back after winning sprint elimination. This w/end 3rd QLD Super series for season at Tugun. Patrols Sat 14/1, 9am to 5pm: R Marr PC, D, T and L Challis, W Crane, T Armstrong, K Pearson, J Tate, S Petrov, B Penparse. Sun 15/1 9am to 5pm: L Wood P C, A McCabe, N Hornery, J Buultjens, A Plummer, A Mashford, L Hansford, T Miller, M Knott, L Bomford, L Phelps, M Foster.

TENNIS
Mullumbimby
Enquiries regarding coaching Justin 0403 841 241, all other enquiries Jeanie 6680 4353w or 6680 1330h.

MONTHLY MARKETS

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

FARMERS MARKET

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

Byron Bay Camping & Disposals

For King Gee work clothes and Rossi Blundstone and Redback work boots
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TIDE TIMES

PHASES OF THE MOON

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
First Quarter	5th Feb	5.30 pm

WED	High 6.53 am 1.6	Sunrise 5.59 am
11th	7.35 pm 1.1	Sunset 7.48 pm
Low	12.11 am 0.5	Moonrise 5.21 pm
	1.50 pm 0.4	Moonset 2.43 am
THU	High 7.41 am 1.6	Sunrise 5.59 am
12th	8.24 pm 1.1	Sunset 7.48 pm
Low	1.02 am 0.5	Moonrise 6.19 pm
	2.35 pm 0.4	Moonset 3.31 am
FRI	High 8.25 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.00 am
13th	9.06 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.48 pm
Low	1.49 am 0.5	Moonrise 7.12 pm
	3.14 pm 0.3	Moonset 4.24 am
SAT	High 9.05 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.01 am
14th	9.45 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.47 pm
Low	2.33 am 0.5	Moonrise 7.59 pm
	3.50 pm 0.3	Moonset 5.20 am
SUN	High 9.43 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.02 am
15th	10.20 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.47 pm
Low	3.13 am 0.5	Moonrise 8.39 pm
	4.25 pm 0.3	Moonset 6.18 am
MON	High 10.19 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.03 am
16th	10.55 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.47 pm
Low	3.52 am 0.5	Moonrise 9.14 pm
	4.58 pm 0.3	Moonset 7.16 am
TUE	High 10.53 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.04 am
17th	11.30 pm 1.2	Sunset 7.47 pm
Low	4.28 am 0.5	Moonrise 9.45 pm
	5.31 pm 0.3	Moonset 8.12 am

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

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Largest range of Surf Hire

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umbrella, unchristian

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Mayberry qualifies for paralympic games



Marty in action on the slopes at Thredbo. This very popular young man has delighted his many fans with his well deserved qualification for the winter paralympics in Torino, Italy in March this year.

Photo courtesy of the Australian Paralympic Committee

Ewingsdale athlete Marty Mayberry has made his dream come true by qualifying for the Torino 2006 Winter Paralympic Games. Competing at the North American Cup (Nor AM) race series in Park City Utah, Marty smashed the qualifying mark of 160 points recording 129.08 points.

Many people will remember that Marty contracted meningococcal at 16 years old which resulted in the amputation of both his legs below the knee. A keen skier before his illness, Marty resumed the sport as a double below-knee amputee and has been competing in downhill, giant slalom and super G events. The Torino 2006 Winter Paralympic Games, will be Marty's first Paralympics, and hopefully the first

of many.

Marty's foray into Olympic competition has happened extremely quickly, as he has only been in the Australian Winter Squad for a year and competing in his first international event, the Austrian Nationals, in March 2005.

In races held in Keystone, Colorado over the weekend, Marty continued his sizzling form, again recording under the 160 point qualifying mark for the games and adding qualification in the speed events for Torino with his 145 point result in the super G event.

Steve Graham, head coach of the Australian Winter Paralympic Team is delighted that qualification is no longer an issue for Marty. 'Marty can now focus totally on his

preparation for the Paralympic Games, without the pressure of qualification hanging over his head,' he said. 'We now have eight Australians qualified for the Torino Olympic Games – one more than Salt Lake City and a record for the winter team. The squad is training extremely well and we are hopeful that the two remaining sports on the team will be filled in the coming months.'

The team will now spend three weeks in a training camp in Vail, Colorado before heading to Europe, where they will continue training prior to competing in a number of world class competitions leading up the Torino Paralympic Winter Games to be held on March 10 to 15.

Mullum Golf Club raises \$5000 for charity

Mullumbimby Golf Club was proud to host the Peter Laverty Engineering Charity Golf Day on Saturday 7 January 2006, the first major golf day of the year. Over 150 players were supplied sustenance and support by the Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad's 20 volunteers out on the course and around the clubhouse.

Our valuable volunteer organisations such as the Rescue Squad rely on their local communities for manpower and money, and the Four Person Ambrose event was a fun way for people from everywhere to provide a little towards such a fantastic cause. Summertime is a particularly busy time for

volunteer organisations like the Rescue Squad and the Boat Captain Rob Goodacre was particularly pleased to receive almost \$5,000 from the day's event.

Sydney businessman Neil Elliott took part in the event once again and made his donation of choice to the Rescue Squad, handing over \$3,300. Overall winners of the event, on a fantastic 50 3/8ths points were Ian McCrae, Ross Graham, Don Mackay and the 'Mullumbimby Bloke' Ray Essery.

The generosity of prizes going down to 10th runner up came about due to terrific support from sponsors, particularly Peter Laverty Engi-

neering, Betta Electrical, Devine Butchers, Brunswick Heads Fish Co-operative, Dennetts IGA and many others too numerous to mention.

This was the second year that Matthew Laverty of Peter Laverty Engineering had organised the event, and he is confident that it will continue to get bigger and better, with next year's date set down as January 7.

Matthew thanked Mullumbimby Golf Club Captain Joe Cullen; the greenkeeper Mick Trivett and his staff; Mullumbimby golf pro Damien Webber and staff; and John Donoghue and his staff of Roz, Brett, Greg and Jerome.

Swimming camps for indigenous kids

Around 20 young indigenous people from the northern rivers will dive into a two-day Swim Development Camp run by NSW Sport and Recreation, starting at Lake Ainsworth on Saturday January 14. Participants come from Evans Head, Cabbage Tree Island and Ballina.

Karen Howes, NSW Sport and Recreation Cluster Coordinator, said the camp was a great way to help indigenous people aged 10 and 16 years improve their swim-

ming skills.

'The kids love being in the water and they will learn a lot over the two days,' said Ms Howes. The program covers freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke drills, starts and turns and relays.

'Out of the water, we have group discussions on stretching and warm-up techniques, nutrition and setting and achieving goals. It's always a very popular camp with the kids,' she said.

The camp will be con-

ducted by Graham Lees, a qualified and experienced swimming coach, who will focus on improving the young people's strokes, techniques and stamina.

Mr Lees said that he would also be on the lookout for talented swimmers in the group.

'Our goal would be to support young people who show promise to take part in additional training programs to further develop their natural skills,' he said.

Crankin what's happening surfside

Surfing FNC

The Maddog Membership Drive event which has run by Surfing FNC successfully for many years will not be going ahead in 2006 due to insurance problems. Hopefully next year another event will take its place to give our juniors more exposure to com-

petitions in the holidays.

The Hotel Pacific Regional Titles to be held at Yamba will take place during the second weekend in March not February 4 as previously suggested. There will be more on the calendar next week as contest dates come in to SFNC.

Please send your sports news to alex@echo.net.au. Sports results to results@echo.net.au.

Properties on these pages are also listed on property.echo.net.au

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▶▶▶ Fantastic Location and Opportunity

Tastefully renovated 3 bedroom house on 3/4 of an acre in Burringbar Village. D.A approval for two lot subdivision. House on quarter acre \$389,000, half acre lifestyle lot \$199,000. Or, unsubdivided, both for \$565,000. Land zoned for multi dwelling housing or dual occupancy. 5 minutes to pristine beaches, 25 minutes Byron and Coolangatta. Leafy rainforest situation. Ten types fruit trees. Tree covered decks. Sell & profit from half acre block, or add dwellings for extended family. Contact owner 6677 1054 or 0414 096 776. Email us at ikonkarving@aapt.net.au for more photos.

\$565,000



▶▶▶ La Bohemia

An exciting business opportunity exists with huge potential for motivated person or ideal for a couple. This gourmet takeaway and catering business is situated in the heart of beautiful, thriving Mullumbimby. The building has a lovely vintage design and is one of the town's well-known buildings. La Bohemia has a great reputation for serving fresh, wholesome food and enjoys a steady local business clientele. Enjoy the good life at La Bohemia with its friendly atmosphere and low rent with long lease. Please phone Carla Dawes 6684 3840 AH or 6684 6900.

\$75,000 NEG



▶▶▶ Broken Head Beachfront

This three bedroom two bathroom beach house is set on Torrens Title land amongst tuckeroo, brush box and hoop pine trees on the beachfront at Broken Head and has access to one of Australia's top 10 surfing beaches. This unique property offers nature walks, tea tree lake swims, great fishing, surfing and private getaway relaxation. There is a DA approval for an architecturally designed open plan beach retreat with three 'pavilion style' private master bedroom suites. Make the lifestyle change and live the surf culture in this beachside paradise only 10 minutes from Byron Bay. Contact Tony Farrell on 0417 212692 or at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay.

L.J. HOOKER
Byron Bay



▶▶▶ Central Byron Position

Auction in rooms Byron Bay Services Club Saturday 21 Jan at 12 noon

How hard is it these days to find land in Byron that you can put two dwellings on? This particular block is 1012 sqm (approx) in size, it's level and located very close to town and Main Beach. Locals for a long time have regarded Little Burns St as one of the jewels in the crown and very rarely do properties in this street become available. But the real surprise with this land is that there is a quaint two bedroom cottage included. Its time to invest in Byron Bay property. Call Neil Cameron at Ray White Byron Bay 0419 274 798 or 02 6685 6588.

Ray White
BYRON BAY



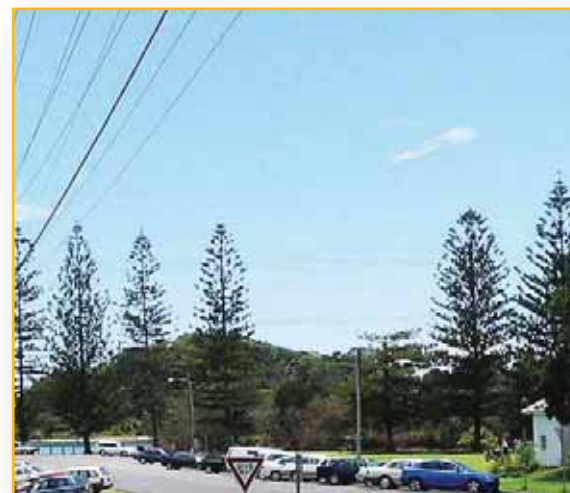
▶▶▶ Ugly Duckling – You Bet!!

Auction in rooms Byron Bay Services Club Saturday 21 Jan at 12 noon

But what a position! Worst house best street could apply here. Only two streets from the beach and just under 700 sqm in size, beauty is in the eye of the beholder with this existing 5 bedroom 1 bathroom house. No trouble renting this one until you call the house doctor to give the diagnosis. But regardless, isn't property about position, and that's what essentially you are buying here. Must be sold.

Call Neil Cameron at Ray White Byron Bay 0419 274 798 or 02 6685 6588. Agent's interest declared.

Ray White
BYRON BAY



▶▶▶ Commercial Block, D.A approved

A development application has been approved for a two bedroom residence upstairs and two retail shops located in the main business centre of Brunswick Heads. The area is expanding and is becoming a boutique township within easy reach of Byron Bay and Coolangatta. This prime level commercial site with two street access and located close to shops, river, beach, is ready for the astute investor. As there is virtually no vacant commercial land available in the immediate area this represents very good value.

Contact John Brophy at Ray White Byron Bay 0438 878 465. \$630,000.

Ray White
BYRON BAY



OPEN WED & SAT 12-12.45PM

▶▶▶ Grand Old Home For Auction

Quality built in the 1930s, four bedroom home, original spotted gum floorboards, high ceilings, open fireplace and north facing kitchen. Rear lane to 920sqm block gives access to the garage and studio. Bi-fold timber louvres back open onto the terrace and in-ground pool. A home full of richness and warmth with a 'Moroccan' influence. Auction onsite at **25 Gordon St, Mullumbumby** 1pm Sat. 28th Jan. 2006.

Phone Kaye Wilkie, Elders Byron Bay on 02 6685 6222 or 0412 856 208.

Elders



OPEN WED & SAT 3-3.45PM

▶▶▶ Vendors Serious About Selling

Spectacular 180 degree ocean and lake vista from masterbuilt builders home in one of Byron's prestige areas. Elevated 886sqm block adjacent to Golf Course. Three good sized bedrooms plus parents' retreat, marble and fossil shell bathrooms. Kitchen, dining and living areas open onto a wide tiled verandah. Large double garage workspace plus office. Will listen to prior offers. Auction onsite **7 Hoop Pine Lane, Suffolk Park** 11am Sat. 11th February 2006.

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OPEN WED & SAT 2-2.45PM

▶▶▶ Deceased Estate – A Byron Original

One owner for over 40 years, over 10 foot ceilings, 6 inch skirting, tongue and groove inside and out. Two large bedrooms plus sleepout, large lounge and 'eat-in' kitchen. Minutes walk to CBD and Main Beach. 850sqm level block, rear lane access offering development potential (STCA). Auctioned onsite **56 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay** 1pm Saturday 4th February. Prior offers considered.

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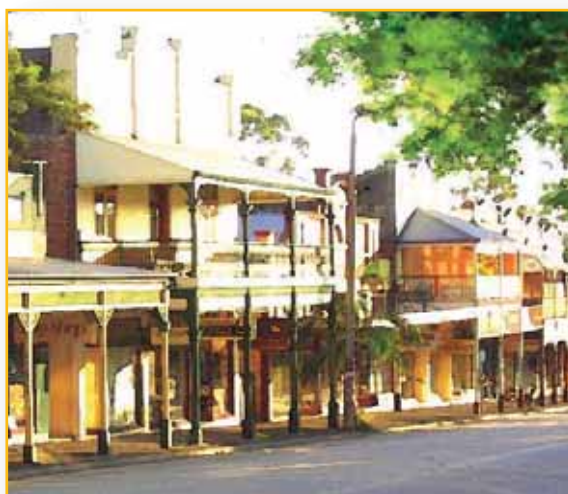


▶▶▶ Shady Grove

Tucked away down a private road off prestigious Paterson Street is this timber chalet, set in 300sqm of leafy gardens. Shrubs, ferns and mature trees make for a pretty outlook from the upstairs and downstairs verandahs, and create an atmosphere of cool serenity. The two-storey timber cottage features three bedrooms, a large living area downstairs, a chill-out space on the landing, and tall ceilings and generous windows. This is a very cute hideaway, and so close to town. \$487,500.

Contact Frances O'Connor Real Estate on 02 6685 7617.

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▶▶▶ Bangalow Shop With Investor Potential

Retail outlet in a heritage location in the heart of Bangalow, and 300sqm of developable retail/office space behind it. Preparatory work done and plans available. Shop is fully refitted with gleaming wood floors; secure tenant and healthy rental returns. \$850,000. Contact Frances O'Connor Real Estate on 02 6685 7617.

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▶▶▶ Beachside Bonanza

Just across the road from Byron's pristine Belongil Beach is this gorgeous holiday haven and excellent investment opportunity. An architect-designed, north-facing townhouse over three levels, with pool and spa in the complex, the property achieves maximum rental occupancy, giving the owner a healthy return. Part of a well maintained complex of nine units, the villa has three good-sized bedrooms, a spacious living/dining area and a large private patio garden. \$895,000. Contact Frances O'Connor Real Estate on 02 6685 7617.

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BE OUR GUEST

No expense has been spared in creating this stunning, virtually brand new residence less than 200m from Tallow Beach. Designed as a luxury B&B with four generous bedrooms, all with ensuite bathroom, the property has polished blackbutt timber floors throughout and is the ultimate beachside haven. The highly functional kitchen with its own coolroom is perfect for entertaining, either on the expansive decks or by the 9m L-shaped pool. A remote controlled double garage with internal access completes this desirable package.



\$1.4 million

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

You will be pleasantly surprised by this Paddington-style villa in the heart of Lilli Pilli reserve. Seven years old, in painted double brick with fillgree ironwork from the old Mullumbimby pub, it has two good-sized bedrooms upstairs giving out onto the front verandah and a central bathroom with claw-foot bath. Downstairs is a large dining room/ lounge and office or third bedroom with a skylight. Black and white tiled floors bring a sophisticated touch to the kitchen. The house is on a 2950sqm north-south block.



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A modern home to love, a three-minute drive to town and beach, yet tranquil and private. There is room to move here, with three large bedrooms plus an office and studio, two lounge rooms and two luxurious bathrooms, one with a spa bath. A large deck between the house and the double garage is a magical breezeway for the cooling winds that blow through it, and there are further decks all round to enjoy the gardens on the 812sqm block. Extras include an enormous amount of storage space, and an environmentally-friendly Canadian pellet heater.



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- Highly sought after area
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- Sep guest accommodation
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Booglegum is the Grand Dame of Possum Creek – a huge monument to bygone times. Soaring ceilings, great floorboards and numerous original features. The very separate self contained 'bails' building would suit use as a music studio. Go back in time – imagine the ladies in taffeta and lace, taking a sip of their Pimms on the expansive deck, while they watch their menfolk

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'Bunya' is located in Rosebank's prestigious blue belt, with fully sealed access, a 2.5k drive to the Rosebank store and Green Frog Café, close proximity to Rosebank primary schools and buses to all Lismore private schools on the doorstep. The main residence comprises 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, lounge & dining area, Tasmanian Oak kitchen,

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\$1.8m

YOUR OWN EXCLUSIVE 5 ACRE RESORT 'BUENA VISTA'

129 GOONENGERRY ROAD



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- Watch whales from the expansive terraces. Gaze at koalas in your own lush garden paradise.
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- Cook up a banquet in the fully equipped chef's kitchen.

'Buena Vista' is a totally private and unique mix of the ultra modern, the traditional, and the exotic. Four bedrooms, large study, utility room, vast open plan living areas, storage attics. As the moonlight bounces off the shimmering palms and sparkling ocean, take another sip of your Cubanita and know – you have it all!

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- The large yard is another of this home's major assets, as is the remote controlled double lock up garage

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The beach at your doorstep

- Immaculate 3bed/2bath home in sought after location
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- Tiled open plan living area and spacious kitchen
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Good looking home with extras

- 3bed/2bath home in exclusive community at Suffolk Park
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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.

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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 & Thurs 6-7pm**

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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. 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, living area & sundeck. Located at the end of a quiet country lane, just 10 mins from Mullum, Byron Bay & Bangalow. **An inspection will not disappoint!**

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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*

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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 sundeck ideal for entertaining. Includes town water, council approved 2/3 bed studio & African Safari tent. **Excellent scope for development (STCA).**

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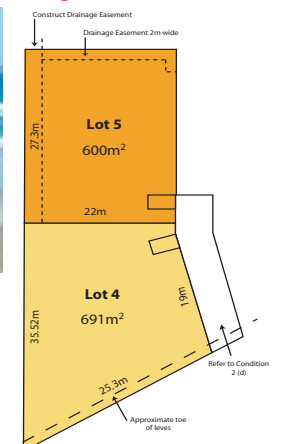
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Something Different



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'Coomera' – a unique property with privacy and seclusion assured. The perfect lifestyle getaway is extremely private nestled on an easy care 13-acre property. Architecturally designed, elevated and spacious, open plan home with new kitchen and bathrooms. Features include open fireplace, fully self-contained flat plus additional guest quarters. North-facing and water plentiful. Big decks with unique views over Skinners Creek. It is unusual to find this style of property so close to the beach. Properties of this calibre are hard to find.

Auction March 16, 2006. Open House Sat 2.30-3.00pm.

Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868001 or 6687 1500 at the Bangalow Professionals or Lois Bucket at Lois Bucket Real Estate 6687 4399 or 0428 877399.



Buy off the plan, soon

These 10 double storey dwellings will be set in downtown Brunswick Heads within an easy walk to the beach, the river, local shops and the famous hotel. The houses will be built with timber floors, they will have large decks and be open plan designs with light filled balconies.

A combination of modern materials will be used to bring an 'architectural feel' to this site. There will be nine homes with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and one single bedroom, two bathroom home. So if you are feeling the need for a lifestyle change, call now to secure your property off the plan.

Contact Gareth Donovan on 0417 237 559 or Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 at L.J.Hooker, Byron Bay.



Quiet Rosebank country lane property

This 16 acre Rosebank brick and colourbond home features three bedrooms plus loft with inground saltwater pool. The property is surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens. All bedrooms have double sliding doors onto picturesque decks. The third bedroom downstairs has a generous en-suite with a kitchenette and private access. The large open-plan kitchen and dining area adjoins a spacious lounge and formal dining area. The home has stunning cathedral ceilings and a loft that provides a great study, or fourth bedroom. Generous verandahs wrap around three sides of the home. The gardens, paddocks and fruit trees are all regularly irrigated via the property's ample dam. There is also a three-bay spacious colourbond and concrete shed with power.

This quality property can be inspected through Gail Fuller Real Estate Byron Bay, 6685 5285



New Brighton beach cottage

This charming two bedroom timber cottage is perfectly situated directly opposite the beach in our popular coastal village of New Brighton. There are separate living areas on both levels; upstairs is open plan with high ceilings, recessed lighting, air conditioning and ceiling fans, timber flooring throughout, an easterly deck with views to the ocean running off the dining room and a westerly deck from the kitchen. The master bedroom with ensuite and built-ins also has access to the rear deck overlooking the garden. Downstairs has a large guest bedroom and sitting room/office, a bathroom with separate spa sauna off the sitting room. This downstairs area is tiled and leads to the rear garden and a double lock up garage plus workshop. The property has rear lane access and right of way to the North Arm of the Brunswick River. Asking price \$695,000. Inspections are by appointment only. Contact Will Sorrell at Rhonda Browning Real Estate on 6680 1594 or 0417 653 312.



Unique house in best location

5 acres in secluded fertile valley, 20 mins Byron, 30 min Gold Coast airport, 10 min beach. Using locally selected timbers, this four bedroom home boasts these unique features: high ceilings, built-ins, natural edged teak kitchen, mezzanine level finished with built-in furniture, rumpus room overlooking the downstairs lounge complete with fireplace. Verandahs overlooking landscaped rainforest gardens, permanent spring fed creek. Paradise only two kms from village shops, school and club. Tar sealed road to front gate and fully serviced.

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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



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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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Meals on Wheels has sent out an SOS for volunteer drivers in the Byron Bay area. The service is desperately short of people to deliver meals to elderly and disabled clients and are seeking new recruits to help them out. A minimum commitment of just two hours a month is required although the kind folk at MoW would welcome as much help as they can get. For more information call Colleen on 6685 0166.

The great outdoors is wonderful antidote, or so *Backlash* is told, to all that seasonal overindulgence. You know, communing with nature and that stuff. The free 2006 Guide to NSW National Parks is now out and can be had from national parks visitors centres or by calling 1300 361 967. Otherwise you can find out about individual parks by logging on to www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

Likewise, if you're tearing your hair out with the littlies, DoCS is offering a School Holiday Parent Kit, available from www.community.nsw.gov.au. In one of the understatements of the new year, DoCS northern regional director Denis Myers notes, 'Being a parent is a tough job...' Those of us living the idle single life salute you.

Australia Post is now so multicultural it is issuing a Year of the Dog stamp range. Dog people, we are told, are honest, generous, studious, energetic with a deep sense of loyalty. Some of the examples Australia Post offers up – Winston Churchill and Bill Clinton – seem to buck some of those personality trends but at least Winston called his depression the Black Dog, which was very Lunar New Year of him.



With new Byron Bay marine park zonings coming in, the local custom of trawling for tourists will be severely restricted. Trawlers will now be counting on strong rips to take the tourists outside the park boundaries. Photo Jeff 'Anchorman' Dawson

Backlash has reached into the depths of the scrying bowl and can predict with uncanny accuracy that for the Year of the Dog there will be: more of the same. Some people will behave like complete bastards, some like angels, and some a bit of both. The environmental crises which will eventually knock the economy off the front page will continue to worsen and our governments will continue to be too stupid to do anything meaningful about them. Oh, and the sun will shine and the rain will fall. Hang on to what seems good, but not too tightly, and remember what peace may be found in laughing at guinea pigs.

January 6 is the Twelfth Day of Christmas. By tradition, it's the day where we're supposed to take down our Christmas cards and decorations. It's also the day when Planet Ark reminds Australians to recycle the 260 million Christmas cards and envelopes that we gave each other over the festive break.

To mark the day, Australia Post is giving away one million 'Cards 4 Planet Ark' recycling envelopes. While stocks last, people can pick up a free recycling envelope from their local Australia Post outlet – put your used greeting cards inside and then post it free.



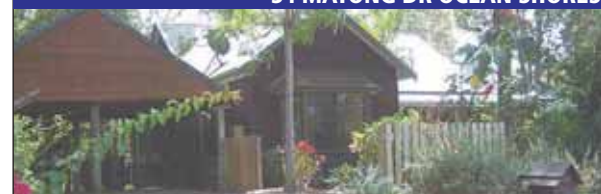
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