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While the opposition continues to criticise Labor over motorway fumbling

Tripodi attacks Page on tolls

Lesley Patterson
State polities have been flinging mud at each other over Pacific Highway tolls over the past week.

Nationals leader and Shadow Roads Minister, Andrew Stoner, and state member for Ballina, Don Page, criticised the Labor government last Tuesday for plans to introduce tolls on new sections of the Pacific Highway.

Roads Minister Joe Tripodi replied, accusing Don Page of scare-mongering over claims that locals could be faced with paying tolls for what is considered a local road.

'The facts are on

December 23 last year the Federal and NSW Governments signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to investigate the development of a North Coast Motorway between the F3 [near Newcastle] and the Queensland Border,' said Mr Tripodi.

'The working party will aim to ensure the proposed motorway would have a toll free alternative route for local traffic,' he said.

Mr Tripodi's office also says a decision on the toll price has not yet been determined. 'This is one of the issues that will be considered by the working party.'

In reply Mr Page

described Joe Tripodi's track record on toll-free alternatives as 'far from impressive'.

'For example free alternative routes to the Cross City Tunnel in Sydney were closed down and motorists were forced to use the tolled road,' Mr Page said.

Mr Page added that there is no indication of the standard of the free alternative route for local traffic in the MOU.

'Mr Tripodi needs to clarify who will maintain the toll free routes and whether councils will be asked to take on the ongoing maintenance,' said Mr Page.

'There is also the issue

that if a high standard toll free route is provided, what will this do to the viability of a tolled motorway and what level of pressure will the government come under from the motorway operator to close down the toll free option?'

Asked if a tollway would be a separate road to the Pacific Highway, a spokesperson for Joe Tripodi told *The Echo* on Friday, 'In some sections it may be preferred to upgrade the existing road, and in others to build a separate new road.'

'If a new route is selected, it is likely that the existing Pacific Highway will be used as a free

alternative. If a new route is not selected, options for a free alternative route will be investigated by the working party,' the spokesperson said.

He also confirmed that a toll will not apply to projects which have already been completed such as the Yelgun to Chinderah section. On the issue of funding highway upgrades, Mr Tripodi criticised the Federal government for their level of funding.

'It will take an extra \$480 million per year from the Federal Government before the Pacific Highway is treated fairly compared to other National Network roads. Clearly Don Page and Andrew Stoner have failed to secure this extra funding out of their National Party colleagues in Canberra,' Mr Tripodi said.

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See saw champions at woodchop



Diane Lucas (facing) and Kathy Munday were the winners of the double handed sawing championship at the annual woodchop at Brunswick Heads. For details, see sports pages. Photo Jeff 'Blockhead' Dawson

Plans to protect Byron Bay from high rise

New planning regulations for Byron Bay will protect the town from high rise development and preserve native vegetation says Council's Director Planning, Development and Environment, Ray Darney.

The draft Local Environment Plan will be on exhibition from this Friday until March 17 to gauge public reaction to the new regulations.

'The draft plan covers a lot of issues. It will protect and rebuild the ecology of the area, and it will keep the low

building height limits that have protected this shire from high-rise development,' said Mr Darney.

'Exhibition of the draft plan is an important step for Council and the community. The new planning instrument for Byron Bay reflects all of the hard work Council and the community have put in over the last few years. We have strategies to conserve the natural environment and the amenity of the town and we want to put those

into effect with this new plan,' he added.

'The community has fought to protect the natural environment and a low-key built environment, and those aspects of Byron Shire have become key attractions and an important part of the economy,' said Mr Darney.

Council says the draft plan will focus larger developments in the town centre, and protect wetlands and native vegetation through zoning and other controls.

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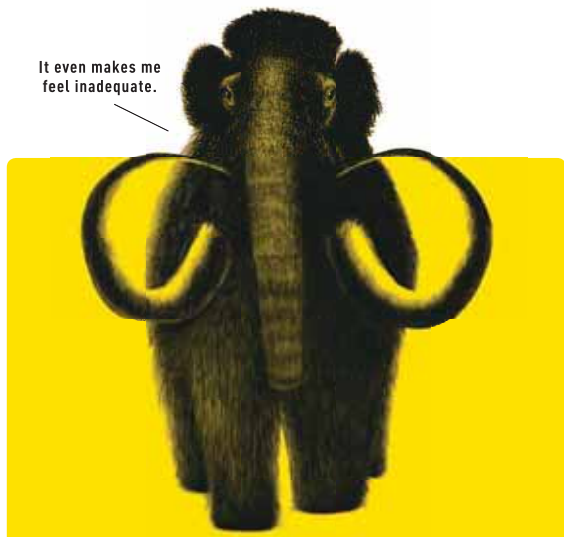
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No rest for the elected as Lot 107 beckons

Byron Shire Councillors were pulled from their summer holiday hideaways last Tuesday to attend an extraordinary Council meeting. The main item on the agenda concerned the sale of Lot 107 at Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores. Crs Tucker, Mangleson and Woods had lodged a rescission motion in the hope of overturning a pre-Christmas decision to sell the land, formerly identified as sporting fields, to the RTA.

Although some members of the local community turned out to let Councillors know their opposition to the sale, the rescission motion failed to get off the ground because not one of the three Councillors involved turned up. In fact the meeting failed to even get started as it was short the required quorum of six councillors.

'Not pulling a quorum is a common enough practice in certain situations, but when it is to avoid one's own rescission motion, it would appear that the intent is delay rather than the usual hope of reversal,' said Cr Tom Tabart.

Cr Jan Mangleson told *The Echo* she thought it was 'rather unfair to call a meeting in the holiday period' and said she had sent in an apology a few days beforehand.

'Ironically, one item passed with smiles all around at the December 20 [Council] meeting, to go ahead with plans for the North Ocean Shores (Yelgun) sports fields, but a writ and a caveat ('mis-laid' by staff for a month) seemed to indicate that this complex was not going to be enough for the controllers of the local sports lobby,' said Cr Tabart.

'This despite the sunny agreement, pictures in the papers and great breakthrough of some months ago. At this juncture the logic of the situation is evading me as the longer there is delay in progressing the North Ocean Shores (Yelgun) sportsfields plan, the more likely it is to fall into a hole.'

Byron Shire Councillors will have their holiday interrupted once again, as the rescission motion has been scheduled for another extraordinary meeting on January 24.

Amitayus thanks donors for their generous support in 2005

Amitayus Hospice Service continues to offer its 'grass-roots' local service of being of assistance to people who are dying and who want to die in their own homes, as well as their primary carers.

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'We would especially like to thank the Mullumbimby Seventh Day Adventist Op Shop who donated \$1500 in 2005,' says Amitayus.

'They have been of excellent support to Amitayus over the years, as has the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, who donated \$2,000 from their gaming profits through the Club's NSW community support scheme.

'2005 saw the training of 11 new volunteer carers, many of whom have already started to offer their time to Amitayus clients.'

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Pole sitting pays off



Jenna Christie is looking forward to being one of the 20 Mullumbimby Scouts to join thousands of scouts from around the world at next January's Melbourne Jamboree. Ten of the Mullumbimby Scouts kicked off a year's serious fundraising with a seven day, six night pole sitting marathon/relay overlooking the Bruns wood chopping festival. Several businesses have assisted the scouts among them Betta Electrical, Buon Appetito, Video Ezy and Den-net's IGA supermarket. Photo Jeff 'Splinters' Dawson

Sunrise Beach to get its fill

Residents of Sunrise Beach should take note of a development application (DA) in Bayshore Drive.

The DA is seeking approval for the transfer of 15,000 cubic metres of fill onto the site to improve drainage and estimates that it will take 2,302 truck trips. A truck trip is being classed as the journey into the site and out again, so you could read that as 4,604 actual truck movements.

Most of the fill is coming from the redevelopment behind the Hotel Great Northern, which involves excavating for an underground car park, and the balance is being drawn from the Pacific Highway upgrade works.

The five hectare site is on the western side of Bayshore

Drive, close to the Sunrise Boulevard intersection and is being developed by the Bayshore Property Trust/Brandon Saul Holdings. DA number 10.2005.705.1 is on exhibition until January 25 at Council's Mullumbimby office.

Byron Bay LEP

From front page

It also proposes the introduction of wildlife corridors to encourage revegetation to connect important habitat areas.

The draft plan will be on exhibition in Council's offices in Mullumbimby, the Byron Bay library and Council's Community Access Point at Suffolk Park (BP Service Station). You can also download a copy at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

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Push for more punch for pedal power

The Oliver family are fans of two wheeled transport. As Ewingsdale residents, the family's dream is to be able to travel into Byron Bay by bicycle, but are loathe to risk the trip along the current road, dodging trucks and coaches. For years the idea of a bicycle path adjacent to Ewingsdale Road has been talked about and the recent slashing of the verges has prompted Shobhan Oliver to renew a call for the fast tracking of what she calls an essential community asset.

As a member of both Council's Bikeways Committee and BUG, the Bicycle Users Group, Shobhan says she is pleased with the progress on bike paths in Byron Bay, but feels more money could be directed to support pedal power.

'There are projects being done, but we really need Ewingsdale Road to be done,' she said.

Byron Shire Council will spend around one million dollars on cycleways in the next three years. This includes recently completed projects in Tennyson and Cowper Streets and of course the extension of the Ewingsdale Road path which now runs continuously from the Byron Bay town centre to BP Ozigo.



The Olivers Reade, Samantha, Shiobhan and Mark in search of a cycleway. Photo Jeff Dawson

Projects in the planning stage include about \$160,000 worth of bike paths within Brunswick Heads, a path to link the Pacific Highway exit to the Brunswick Bowling Club, a bikeway along Alcorn Street, the Tincogan Street Cycleway from Station Street to Federation Bridge in Mullumbimby and a path to link Banner Park to Massey Greene Caravan Park in Brunswick Heads.

'Council has also applied for further funding under the Coastline Cycleway Projects Scheme for the establishment of a cycleway from the

Massey Green Caravan Park to the new works at the Brunswick River Bridge,' said Angelo Casagrande from Byron Shire Council. 'The aim is to tie this in with the RTA works and will complete the Coastline Links through Brunswick Heads if approved.'

Mr Casagrande says the original estimate for completing the Ewingsdale Road path from the Pacific Highway interchange to Bayshore Drive was around \$850,000. Councillors voted to put the project on hold back in September

2003 feeling that it would monopolise all the bikeway funds for several years starving funds for any other projects in the Shire.

Shobhan Oliver feels that Council's estimate for the project is too high and the path could be completed for a lot less money. However, the issue is likely to be settled by the Bikeways Committee, a group of bicycle enthusiasts from around the Shire, when they meet in the next month or so to nut out priorities for bike and pedestrian paths over the next few years.

Residents group opposes brothel plans

Sunrise Residents Action Group (SunRAG) said last week it is opposed to the proposed brothel for the Byron Arys & Industry estate, saying it will be near a busy shopping centre.

'A major, regional supermarket will soon open on the edge of a Sunrise block that borders industrial estate properties and is across the road from others. The completed structure, approved last year by Council and councillors, is intended to attract thousands of customers a day from the entire

region, including shoppers from Bangalow and Mullumbimby,' the group said in a press release.

'If Council approves a brothel in the same neighbourhood, it will be a couple of blocks and less than two minutes walk away from the shopping centre. As the centre's car parking spaces are way too few for the predicted number of shoppers, cars are likely to park where they can, the industrial estate included.

'In a ridiculous scenario, a family may potentially find

itself parked in front of or around the corner from a brothel while someone makes a dash across the road for bread and milk. In this way, the shopping centre makes the issue of a brothel in the neighbourhood an issue for everyone and your backyard doesn't have to be in Sunrise

to be worried about it. 'For Sunrise residents, Council approval of this proposal would mean the arrival of a brothel in our neighbourhood - a ludicrous, grave and potentially dangerous situation, as it would be only a few minutes walk from our homes.'

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AAPT takes the sales pitch too far

Alex McAuley

Most of us have been irritated in the past by telecommunications marketing, particularly by the fact that the calls come at the most inconvenient times. For South Golden Beach resident Margie Heggie, however, her latest experience went beyond just an annoyance.

While she was out one day, her teenaged son answered a call from a call centre in Asia offering a range of discount call rates if he changed his telecommunications company from Telstra to AAPT. After talking to two representatives of AAPT during that call, he was under the impression that they would send out further information regarding call rates and told his mother to expect a letter. What she didn't expect was a phone call a few days later with a recorded message congratulating her on choosing AAPT and informing her that they were her new phone service provider.

To make matters worse, a few days later again her son received some correspondence from AAPT informing him that the authority on the phone line had been changed from his mother's name to his and that all bills were to be viewed online and payment was by direct debit

only. There were numerous hidden costs and charges as well. Needless to say, Ms Heggie was outraged that anyone could change consent authority without consulting her, and that AAPT could take over her telephone service without her permission.

Charge-free

'I phoned AAPT straight away and told them that I wanted my Telstra service restored,' said Ms Heggie. 'I spoke to a manager there and explained that I was outraged by what they had done; my son is only a teenager and had no consent authority on my phone service. They have now restored my service to Telstra and my calls prior to restoration were free of charge.'

Ms Heggie reported the incident to the legal department at Telstra who said they would look into it. Furthermore, she spoke to the telecommunications ombudsman who was of the opinion that no law had been broken as there was no written contract entered into, however he agreed that AAPT had acted highly unethically.

The Echo contacted the Australian Direct Marketing Authority (ADMA) to find out if AAPT is a member of the association, which indeed

they are. ADMA was also uncertain whether AAPT was in breach of any laws, but was adamant that this kind of marketing is highly unethical. A spokesperson for ADMA said, 'The way they behaved [AAPT in this particular instance] is not best practice and does not fall under ADMA's code of practice. Consumers should be aware of any agreements being entered into before signing up for a new service.'

Privacy law

The Privacy Commissioner was also shocked by the methods employed by AAPT in this instance, but again was not sure that any laws had been broken. However, a spokesperson for the Commissioner pointed out that under the National Privacy Principles, an organisation must not collect personal information unless absolutely necessary, and that the person from whom the information is being collected must be aware of why that information is being collected. Furthermore, where reasonable and practical, the organisation must collect personal information about an individual only from that individual, and if that information is collected from somebody else, then the

organisation must take reasonable steps to ensure that the individual is made aware of it.

It seems unlikely that the AAPT operators who spoke to Ms Heggie's son observed all these guidelines, however rather than committing a criminal offence, they have rather circumnavigated the law in a thoroughly unethical fashion. The Echo's attempts to contact AAPT for a comment were unsuccessful.

On a more positive note, it is possible to block your phone number from pesky call centres through ADMA. If a corporation is a member of ADMA and you register your number on ADMA's 'Do Not Call Service', then that corporation is bound not to contact you. If they do, then ADMA can take steps towards that corporation on your behalf. To register, visit ADMA's website www.adma.com.au and click on the 'Do Not Call Service' link. For more information about National Privacy Principles, visit www.privacy.gov.au and type 'npps' into the search box.

In the meantime, be aware that this kind of aggressive and unethical marketing is going on and make sure you know exactly what it is you are agreeing to. Better still, just hang up.

ICAC eyes dodgy development approvals

Lesley Patterson

Should councillors make decisions on development applications and is it right for supporters or objectors to a DA be allowed to address Council meetings? These are two of the issues being mullied over by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) which is looking into the risks of corruption within local councils when approving development applications.

A recently released discussion paper examines the conflicts of interest involved in approving or rejecting DAs not just for councillors, but also council staff and state government planning ministers.

One of the more controversial options for reform discussed is to limit or remove councillor involvement in development approvals, reducing their role to strategic development such as preparing Local Environmental Plans or Development Control Plans.

'However additional corruption risks could be created if the implementation of development instruments were left solely in the hands of the council administration. Council officers are at

risk of establishing their own inappropriate relationships with developers,' says the discussion paper.

The absolute removal of councillors' role in approving developments is considered impractical and controversial, says the ICAC, who add that a more likely recommendation is ensuring only large and/or controversial developments are dealt with by council.

Panel approach

Some large Sydney councils have delegated the hard work on DAs to Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels which are supported by ICAC. Members of the panel might include solicitors, planning consultants and community reps who would make a recommendation for final determination by council.

While ICAC says this model provides 'a mechanism for the assessment of DAs based on the rules of procedural fairness', it is hard to see how the panel members would be any less open to corruption than councillors or council staff.

The creation of larger councils to 'reduce the emphasis on councillors' individual advocacy role' is

floated as an option. Fewer councillors in larger councils might lead to better pay, argues the ICAC, therefore reducing the practice of many councillors of working part time within their local government area, which can cause conflict with their public duties.

Complaints about planning matters to the ICAC represent around 17% of the overall submissions received, however the Commission notes that 'by far the majority of participants in the planning process conduct themselves in an ethical and honest manner'.

Dodgy funding

The final section of the document concerns political donations. Councillors are required to lodge electoral funding disclosures to the Election Funding Authority after every council election. Byron Shire elections have tended not to attract big advertising budgets, but recent experiences in Tweed Shire Council illustrate that there is a problem in some councils and the ICAC raise questions about options for reducing private sector donations and investigating public funding of local council campaigns.

Interestingly it is the state government which receives the greater blast from the ICAC over donations.

'While the state government has made some attempt to increase transparency between decision making and political donations at a local government level, no equivalent reforms have been undertaken at its own level. This means that the source of political donations at a state level are only identified during the four year disclosure regime. Consequently, ministers are not required to declare any political donations received by themselves or their political party when exercising their ministerial discretion to determine a development matter...' said the ICAC report.

After a period of community consultation the ICAC plans to produce guidelines for strengthening the corruption resistance of the NSW development approval processes.

The full discussion paper, 'Corruption risks in the NSW development approval process', is available from the ICAC on 8281 5999 or on their website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions close on February 28.

Local News

Beach bums enjoy the variety of life



Mullumbimby residents and long time supporters of Variety – The Children's Charity Trevor Watts (left) and Philip Batson (right) volunteered to help at the Variety Children's Christmas Party last year. They are photographed with a child on a Liberty swing designed specifically for children in wheelchairs.

The term 'beach bum' is not generally used to describe somebody one admires, however two lifetime Mullumbimby residents, Trevor Watts and Philip Batson, have changed all that with their long term involvement with Variety – The Children's Charity.

For the past six years, Trevor and Philip have taken part in the Variety Bash – that is a bash in the bush – under

the name of the 'Byron Bay Beach Bums'. It costs them \$8,500 in entry fees which go directly to Variety, much of which they fundraise locally.

Last year Trevor and Philip decided to take their involvement one step further and volunteered to help at the tenth Variety Children's Christmas Party which is held at Darling Harbour. Catering for 5000 sick, disabled or disadvantaged chil-

dren, the organisation of such an event is an enormous undertaking. Trevor and Philip were put to work unloading children from the 43 large and 130 small buses that were used to transport them to and from the party. With many of the kids in wheelchairs, with walking frames and others who are simply unable to walk, Trevor described the experience as 'absolutely brilliant; a real eye opener and very moving and rewarding'.

BYS gathering

Friends, fundraisers and super heroes of Byron Youth Service get-together 5.30pm Wednesday January 18, upstairs at Cocomangas to welcome all ideas, suggestions, volunteer, prizes etc. New friends welcome. For more information phone Fiona Hunter on 6680 7922.

Families claim rude exit from park

Three families who have been meeting in Byron Bay for over two decades were thrown out of their regular camping ground and given an hour to move, according to one family member, John Lidstone. For 22 years, Mr Lidstone and his family have been coming to Byron Bay for their annual holiday. His family meets up with two other families and share a camping site at the Byron Bay Tourist Park, opposite the Byron Golf Club.

According to Lidstone, the arrangement was that for previous years, their bookings

could be extended upon request, but this year was different. New retirement accommodation is currently being built on the grounds, and the site occupied by the three families needed to be vacated for the work to start. 'They gave us no warning and demanded that we leave immediately,' Mr Lidstone told *The Echo*. 'I was most concerned for my 91 year old mother who was under a lot of stress while we packed our tents up in the rain.'

He also claimed there was plenty of space around the park. 'My wife – a trained

negotiator, had no luck in talking management into letting our families stay.'

Park manager Dennis Werthenbach rejected the claims that the families were thrown out and rudely treated. He told *The Echo* 'He asked to stay on ten minutes before check out time and his request of extension was not granted. It's as simple as that'. He added, 'Other families elected to leave. All long time visitors who requested powered sites have known about the changes to the park for some time.'

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The competition is open to wood artists nationally. The designer of the best 'Seat for one' will receive \$1,500, with \$750 and \$500 for the second and third place winners. All prize winners will also receive quantities of sustainable harvested native timber.

Wood artists have until February 17 to get their applications into the Expo office. For more details or application forms, visit



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With Coral Crogan on the organ, Tracy Devine will lead the community singing till around 10am making it a most enjoyable morning for the whole family.

Special guest for the morn-

ing will be Byron Shire's Australia Day Ambassador, Shelley Oates-Wilding, an Olympian in the sport of kayaking at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. She will arrive at 9am with the mayor and council representatives and staff.

Brunswick Valley Coaches is providing a courtesy bus leaving the Mullumbimby Newsagents at 7.30am and returning around 10am. The driver will pick up breakfast participants along the way.

Everyone is welcome to attend, bring your own chair if you wish. Any enquiries should be directed to Margaret on 6680 1305.

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Bnei Baruch is a non-profit group that is spreading the wisdom of Kabbalah 'to accelerate the spirituality of mankind'. Kabbalist Michael Laitman PhD, who was the disciple and personal assistant to Kabbalist Rabbi Baruch Ashlag, the son of Kabbalist Rabbi Yehuda Ashlag, follows in the footsteps of his mentor in guiding the group.

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Local News

Top line-up for multicultural festival

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Bundjalung elder Bucky Robinson is opening the event and his colleague Steve Fitzgerald will have a few words to say about the Aboriginal Driver Education Project, to which funds raised by the festival will go.

The festivities kick off at midday with the Babila Ligi-lagi Aboriginal dancers and a martial arts expo in Railway Park, so expect deadly fine demonstrations from various forms such as Iaido, Aikido Muay Thai, Ju Jitsu and more. After that it's the much loved Maori Haka, and Latin dance lessons with



Ly de Angeles will demonstrate lado at the festival.

Red Hot Salsa.

The Far North Coast Sudanese Women's Group will be singing their native mourning chant from when they were in the refugee camp in Sudan. Musicians such as Tommee from Tommee and the Neighbourhood will be coming from Sydney

for the event. On the cards is the Romaniacs Gypsy Caravan with flamenco dancer and guitarist and a special guest solo appearance from Ganga Giri, who is very happy to support any gig for indigenous cultures and their preservation.

In the Cultural Sharing

Room, learn Info on Islam, Indonesian art displays and Bundjalung artists sharing culture. Try out a little Bollywood workshop or get the latest edge in stress relief with Millie O'Nair's Laughter Yoga. Short film screenings include Tristan Bancks's award winning *New Boots* and *Guri Inda Nami*, which was made by indigenous youth from the Tweed Coast, as well as a memorial screening of *Elemani* by Lorraine Mafi-Williams.

The festival is proudly presented by the Australia Indonesian Arts Alliance and Work for the Dole Training Project participants. Tickets are limited and are available at the Laughing Buddha, Polos Interiors and Byron Bay Community Centre for \$30/\$25. For further information call 66857258 or visit www.aiaa.org.au.

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present Byron Shire has no Express postal service.

Express Post from Byron Shire will usually arrive to a major city or town the next day, but sending Express Post to the Shire will not arrive the next day due to the mail sorting and airport

location. The nearest airport that provides regular flights is Casino and then it travels to the mail sorting centre in Lismore. 'Ballina airport does not provide regular flights that can be counted on for postal service,' Mr Zugajev said.

'Tweed and Murwillumbah do have this service because of the Coolangatta airport.'

Asked if there are any plans to extend Express Post to Byron Shire, Mr Zugajev replied that the service is 'under constant review'.

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Comment



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A tender evil

Egg on its face is probably an understatement for a green-leaning council which finds itself in bed with Kellogg, Brown & Root, the engineering arm of American war profiteers Halliburton. So it is for Byron Shire, which in September last year awarded KBR the project management of the Bangalow sewage treatment plant upgrade.

As Cr Tom Tabart pointed out last week, it was Councilors themselves who voted on the decision. Some of them felt legally hamstrung by the fact that staff recommended accepting the KBR tender.

Council's general manager Pamela Westing told *The Echo*, 'Staff advise me that the Halliburton issue was discussed at the time of tender assessment, and it was decided that the ownership/reputation of the parent company was not something that could be considered in assessing the tenderer's competency for the work.'

Council officers were following local government tendering regulations laid down by the state government. Price rates as 40% of the considerations to be taken into account when assessing a tender; other criteria include the tenderer's understanding of the project and the method statement (20%); experience in the activity (5%); knowledge of local conditions (5%); experience of environmentally acceptable operations (5%); and safety record (5%).

Of the criteria only the last two could be regarded as bordering on ethical considerations. It is not up to staff to set benchmarks for ethical performance of companies – that is the policy province of the Councillors, who will need to look at this issue seriously if they want to get real about which devils they are prepared to sup with.

Ms Westing said selection criteria 'could potentially address ownership of a company (or other criteria), if they were established in advance, say with a Council policy. I would seek legal advice before recommending such a position to Council, as it is potentially anti-competitive, and has been raised in relation to "buy local" policies, for example.'

It is an area fraught with legal peril. Apart from the actual selection process itself, if Council established a 'black list' of companies it will not work with, could those companies then sue for some form of commercial discrimination? And yet, KBR hardly wins prizes for – the Byron buzzphrase – 'ecologically sustainable development', unless you count war as a solution to overpopulation. Councillors need to look at the legal possibilities.

KBR has been in the war game for a long time. From 1962 to 1972 it built the roads and army bases for America's ill-fated presence in South Vietnam. It has worked alongside army engineers in Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, and now Iraq. Its invoices run into the billions of dollars. In an outrageous example of conflict of interest which would not be allowed in local government, former Halliburton CEO Dick Cheney, now US vice-president, has seen that KBR gets the lion's share of reconstruction work and logistic support in the wake of America's oil wars in the Middle East.

No doubt the folk from KBR who work on the Bangalow STP upgrade will be fine citizens just doing a job, perhaps cut from the same cloth as our own Councillors, many steps removed from the corrupt executives of Halliburton's upper echelon. But in the words attributed to English philosopher Edmund Burke (1729-97), all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. A revision of tendering policy is one area in which a small shire can take a step to resist such evil.

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The most dangerous cult of all

There are two invariable signs of a civilisation in the throes of collapse.

The first is a manic desire to construct ever larger and more grotesque monuments; the second is a growing obsession with superstitions and cults, the more arcane the better. Ideally, these should predict the end of civilisation, indeed of the world; believers take considerable satisfaction at the prospect that humankind (though not, of course, themselves) is destined for a gruesome end.

The cultists are, by definition, anti-science and opposed to rationality; in past times they were the ones who organised book-burnings and, if they were feeling lucky, people-burnings as well. At this stage in the history of our own civilisation their efforts are largely confined to a bullying and harassment, but that doesn't mean they will not take their chance when it comes.

Australia has generally bypassed its monument phase: while there have been sporadic attempts to construct the world's tallest building in one or other of our cities, the actual achievements have seldom got past the Big Prawn or the Giant Potato – edifices more suited to the style and scale of our ambitions.

But as far as cults go, we are rapidly catching up with the rest of the world. Organised religions, which for quite a while have been prepared to co-exist with science in an uneasy kind of non-aggression pact, are now reverting to a stance of angry fundamentalism. The current attempt by the creationists to smuggle their religion back into the science curriculum in the guise of intelligent design is only the best publicised of their attacks.

The wider and more worrying front is the pernicious doctrine that science, despite centuries of increasingly rigorous demands that propositions be tested and proved, is just another area of speculation with no more validity than the words of the Bible, or the Koran, or whatever text the cultist considers holy and infallible. This is clearly irrational, but since the whole argument rests on the premise that the irrational is just as cogent as the rational, it is in a sense self-vindicating.

The established religions

The so-called law of the market, for instance, is given the same unquestioning reverence as any of the ten commandments...

by Mungo MacCallum



have at least acquired a veneer of respectability, if only through simple longevity. Their more modern imitators, such as the Scientologists and the Raelians, are generally rejected even by the credulous, despite their efforts to establish plausibility by adopting some of the jargon (though none of the basic methodology) of science.

But there are many confused souls who are carefully selective in their beliefs: the other day I heard a radio announcer pouring well-merited scorn on the doctrine of intelligent design in one sentence, and using the next to mount a preposterous defence of astrology as an exact science.

And then there are the economic rationalists.

Economics is at best a pseudo-science; while it purports to be a hard analytical discipline which produces

measurable results, in fact the predictions of economists are almost invariably wrong and when they are right this is more likely to be a function of the law of averages than a verification of what even its practitioners describe as The Dismal Science.

But this does not stop economists from insisting on their own infallibility. The so-called law of the market, for instance, is given the same unquestioning reverence as any of the ten commandments, although it has been shown time after time that it fails to deliver the results

world's living experts in the field.

Economic growth, however, transcended science: this was an eternal verity. Thus there could be no question of reducing energy consumption, which in turn meant that fossil fuels would continue to be all the go: even by 2050 well over 70 percent of the big players' energy would come from coal and gas.

The most effective – indeed, the only – thing we could do about it was to try and make these products cleaner, which basically meant burying the end products instead of releasing them into the atmosphere. But this would involve new technology which would cost money, and the shareholders – the implacable high priests of economic growth – wouldn't put up with too much of that.

The very best result we could expect by 2050 was that harmful emissions would have doubled. More likely they would have trebled. But hey, we'd have had heaps and heaps of economic growth as well. And of course there would be no incentives for those who did the right thing, still less punishments for those who did the wrong thing. This would only interfere with the iron law of the market, the worst form of economic blasphemy.

This was what John Howard called a realistic approach to the environment: ignore the science (egg heads, noodle nation, intelligentsia, elitists) but kowtow forever before the mighty idol of economics. It would be interesting to know whether his predictions for 2050 are more accurate than those of the scientists – but then, he won't be around to find out.

Perhaps he could channel his grandchildren. The idea makes as much sense as his other fantasies.



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What to do with KBR

I'd like to thank Cr Tom Tabart for his letter (January 10) about the Kellogg Brown and Root (Halliburton) contract for the Bangalow Sewage works, and for reminding us once again that our councillors are also stuck within a system not of their making with rules that they have to follow, or find ways around.

I'd like to encourage Council to explore the choices available for widening the parameters they can use in choosing contractors. I know that in my own private business it is considered normal for me to consider the ethics of my suppliers - whether individuals or companies. In the Bangalow Sewage Works case it should have been possible for Council to consider the fact that KBR had over-charged governments in the US, Bosnia and Iraq, and that this makes them an inappropriate supplier to any government anywhere in the world.

Council could start the process by requesting any potential supplier to provide details of any issues relevant

to their ethics when bidding on any contract, specifically lists of any environmental violations they, or a related company (eg. Halliburton) have been charged with or convicted for anywhere in the world. Add to that anything relating to fraud, corruption, and to foreshadow potential legal action, details of any legal actions between the company and its customers or governments.

Such a request for information, while minimally impacting small, local businesses would give council a wealth of material on which to make a decision. After all, if companies can use their experience worldwide as part of their claims while tendering for a contract, why shouldn't they also be held responsible for their crimes worldwide.

Local authorities worldwide are taking the lead from their national governments, who are frequently owned by these same corporations, for example Wayne, Pennsylvania, has a 'Corporate Accountability Ordinance' which prevents companies doing businesses with the town if they have more three or more significant violations over the past 15 years. And in case we think this is not effective, in 1996 Motorola stopped selling components to make land-mines largely because many local governments stopped purchasing from them for ethical reasons.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage local businesses, small or large, that care about sustainability and ethics to join us in the Byron Sustainable Ventures Network, where we actively explore ways in which we can steer our businesses in directions that benefit the planet and our communities.

Links to the specifics of these cases are on my website www.mitra.biz/blog

Mitra Ardron
Tyagarah

Bruns horror

After experiencing the invasion of drunken young jobboes in Brunswick Heads over the Christmas break it would seem time to introduce a permanent no drinking in public places policy throughout the Shire. To allow for well-behaved picnickers perhaps this rule need only be from 5pm to 10am.

Byron managed to claim back New Years Eve as a family friendly occasion, now it is time to do the same for the whole Shire. The pub too needs to be more diligent in enforcing the rule of not serving inebriated people. I can tolerate the crowded beaches and restaurants and lack of parking in the peak season but to feel unsafe to venture out in the evening in our own, usually quiet and safe, little town is unacceptable.

Also I am surprised that

there is not some traffic management in existence for the fireworks night at Brunswick. At the last display on January 7 (I avoided New Years Eve) there were young people milling all over the bridge in various conditions (many drunk and braying at the fireworks and each other, creating an unpleasant atmosphere) and a there was a regular flow of cars through the crowd as the fireworks entertained us. Not a safe or pleasant mix and an

annoying distraction from the show.

Reclaim our town and the Shire for the peaceful enjoyment of all.

On another point, how come Byron gets nice, new stainless beach showers and Bruns gets a daggy homemade installation that manages to spray out beyond the concrete pad, wastes water and makes a mess of the ground and fails to properly clean the user? Do we not live

in the same Shire and pay the same rates?

Doug Barry-Martin
Brunswick Heads

Oppressive law

Bryan Milner is to be commended for his wonderful letter on the new Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Materials).


One can add very little to it except that two political parties, the Greens and the

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Democrats, opposed the Bill when it was submitted to both houses.

It is to be noted that at least two countries in Europe, Switzerland and Holland, and the state of Oregon in the USA showed the understanding and compassion needed to make assisted suicide legal. In Australia the Northern Territory too had passed the same legislation only to have it shamelessly over-ruled by Federal Parliament.

As Bryan correctly points out, the new horrendous and retrogressive laws will not stop the exchange of information and have forced a man of the calibre and altruism as Dr Nitschke to seek refuge for Exit International in New Zealand.

George Franco
North Ocean Shores

Gun law

Are our policy-makers determined to take us even further towards an American-like, gun-friendly nation?

Over recent years, the Federal Government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in gun buy-back schemes, yet the NSW State Government looks set to encourage a gun culture to deal with pest animal management.

Proposed full-scale recreational hunting in hundreds of areas of NSW state forest and public land will allow licensed hunters to use high-powered rifles and dogs to hunt and kill a variety of feral species to

reduce 'agricultural and environmental costs'.

It's certainly crucial we protect our environment and agricultural industries, but why pay for previous exploitative mistakes with threats of possible wildlife casualties or equally horrifying accidental shootings of humans?

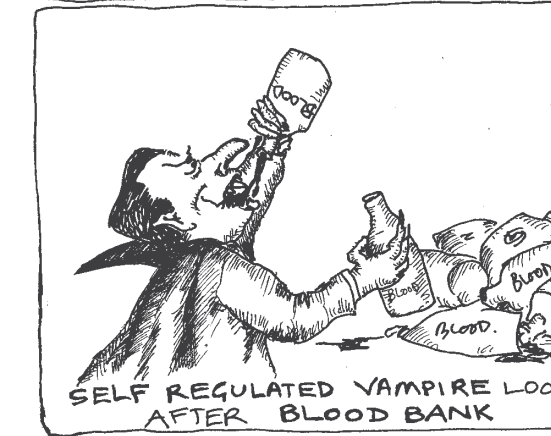
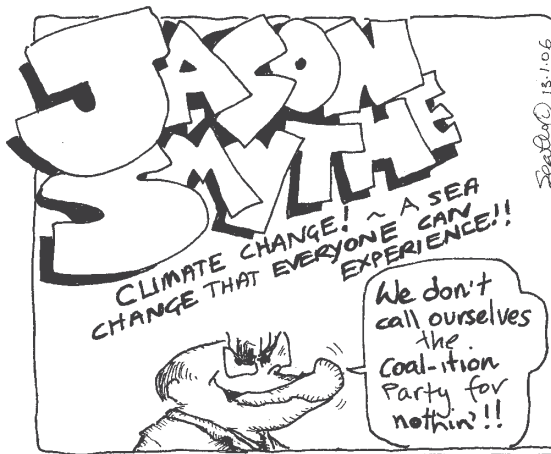
Other (traditionally hunting) countries such as England and Scotland are moving away from such practices as there are more effective, safer and long-term methods of agricultural and environmental protection.

The Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry itself states that management plans should aim to reduce pest animal impact rather than just pest animal numbers and encourages 'best practice' through humane and scientifically-based guidelines

This is a problem the State Government is responsible for and the issue should be dealt with by the State Government - and *not* by potentially inexperienced and amateur weekend shooters with easily obtained hunting licences.

As Greens MP Lee Rhannon states, this is the result of a shabby deal between shooters and the Labor government. 'The Game Council, which will issue the hunting licences, is stacked with members of shooting clubs... It's a case of hunters regulating other hunters.'

The negative consequences of such legislation seem limitless as we not only encourage



a gun culture and create a disharmonious relationship with our natural habitat, but also adopt a policy that potentially equips the wrong people to administer it.

The public has another two weeks to make comment to the State Government about the proposal: the Minister for Natural Resources, Ian Macdonald, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or macdonald.office@macdonald.minister.nsw.gov.au

Regan Harding
Byron Bay

Let us lettuce

I arrived at Thursday's Farmers' Market in Byron Bay around 9am, aghast to find no lettuce remaining, and other greens disappearing fast. Apparently it's common for all lettuce to be claimed within 15 minutes of opening, ie, by 8.15am, or even when the stallholders are actually unloading! What a joke. OK, good luck to those who know how to score. But for Federalis and other outlanders who drive downtown, it's bloody rude.

Being somewhat miffed at

why the Re-Genesis organic farm appeared to have no stall at the markets, I drove down to their Myocum farm to enquire, and to see if any lettuce existed on Earth.

Sure enough, rows and rows of gorgeous lettuce, shallots, pakchoi, bokchoi, rocket, asian greens, various herbs, great salad mixes.

When I asked Re-Genesis why they don't have a Farmers' Market stall, I was told, with good authority, that after applying for one some time ago, it was rejected, and has been at each renewed

approach. Why? The only reason given was 'there's enough lettuce growers here!' Well, not for me there ain't.

I would suggest that it's a decision based upon some sort of exclusivist protectionism, unwanted political garbage through which such markets will inevitably suffer, attitudes which themselves need immediate composting.

I also suggest that it's yet another ugly swipe at Re-Genesis; that somehow certain people have the absurd notion that R-G are a bloody 'cartel', when the truth is that these excellently motivated people are just as vulnerable to market sensitivities and petty jealousies as the next farm, but by stark contrast, are creating new soil from the town's restaurant junk, running their vehicles on bio-fuels, investing in wind energy, directly employing 15-20 local people, who are in turn learning valuable skills, in an environmentally sustainable operation of the highest calibre, which ultimately produces brilliant food.

Re-Genesis are actually 'doing it', and leaving the smallest possible footprint upon nature. Just once, take a very 'welcomed' visit to this fabulous farm, and you will see and feel why I support it so dearly.

What's your story, Farmers' Market? Have you ever visited the R-G farm yourselves?

Is not Re-Genesis a 'local organic grower'? And why no lettuce from 8.15 till closing time at 11?

Clive Lawler
Federal

The real conspiracy is by the RTA against the community

Mike Burless got it wrong in his letter (January 10) when he stated it was the Mitchells Rainforest snail that made the RTA change the location of the Brunswick bridge. The RTA had already decided where the bridge would go but the discovery of a stand of an extremely rare species of Davidson Plums by National Parks and Wildlife made it appear that this was the reason for the location of the bridge in its present position. Thus the RTA successfully divided the community and made the 'greenies' the fall guys for their decision.

Again you may be assured that the RTA has already made their decision where the motorway will go and is again playing divide and rule politics with its sham community consultation process, which is meaningless when it receives less than 300 submissions for the 'four options' and 18,000 submissions saying 'No Motorway'.

Ours and your only way forward is to remain united in opposition to the motorway.

You need to take a leaf out of the conservationists' action book and be prepared to begin a campaign of civil non-

violent action to prevent the motorway being built.

Just imagine if 18,000 people show up prepared to be human barricades and to lock on to bulldozers and heavy machinery and to do this action day after day until they (RTA) change their mind and go elsewhere.

This is what you will have to be prepared to do to stop the motorway.

Are you up for it?

Mark Parratt
Binna Burra

Mike Burless is a tad geographically confused or is it an RTA party fever. Nevertheless, everyone has a role to play. Mike you are effectively highlighting the fact that the RTA has a noise affected zone of up to 250 metres. My home is about four kilometres from option D. It is a shame that you do not put pen to paper for those who will be reduced to a nightmarish existence. Implying my 'vested interest' is a deep insult to the many truly noise affected.

By the way the RTA noise measurements are taken from inside the affected houses so affected residents, crank up the air conditioning

and forget about the evening on the verandah.

According to the RTA there is no effect on my residence and other residences in the Broken Head area. You cannot have it both ways. Self-interest is a great motivator. For the record I do not accept any of the options, other than a highway safety upgrade on the existing route.

Your Nimby suggestions are defaming both myself and the mayor. Jan Barham lives a further three kilometres away from my residence, without even a hint of impact.

I am affected by motorway madness as an assault on the local social fabric, farming community and the environment. I will continue to oppose the Government's heavy-handed approach and acute lack of imagination in planning an effective transport infrastructure - which means alternative routes, spreading the heavy transport load and upgraded rail options.

Ian Cohen MLC
Broken Head

I suppose when nearly 18,000 people from what Mike Burless calls our 'relatively apathetic community' reluctantly drag themselves out of their apathetic exist-

ences to sign submissions rejecting the RTA's road proposals, there is only one way of discrediting them. And that is to say they don't actually support what they signed.

Well, Mike, you've insulted nearly 18,000 non-apathetic people including me. And you'd have to agree yours is a pathetically silly argument, wouldn't you?

D L McDonald
Byron Bay

As predicted, the highway debate has been ugly. Mike Burless's letter is an example, drawing on the Mangleson-esque revisionism as taken up by Miranda Devine (SMH) recently postulating a 'Green conspiracy with the Labor government' over the route chosen for Brunswick to Yelgun.

I attended the Value Management Study for that project in 1997. The decision was made to stay broadly on the existing alignment.

At the completion of the workshop the late Arthur Haywood, delegate for Ocean Shores Urban Association, praised the process even though the outcome was not what he had hoped for.

Continued lobbying led

to a Supplementary Report in 1999 which reaffirmed the decision. No Green conspiracy.

Of course, there are always those who perceive an opportunity through having the highway moved. We see this manifested in that otherwise fine little journal, the *Bangalow Heartbeat*, which has been commandeered by vested interests to support an eastern option for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale project. This ignores the hugely detrimental impact such an option would have on highway access for 2479 residents.

The 18,000 people who signed the CEOS submission (me included) supported four principles and no amount of spin-doctoring can change that. The first was to do a moderate upgrade on the existing alignment.

As for the claim that Ian Cohen and Jan Barham are motivated by self-interest against an eastern corridor since they live at Broken Head - have a look at a map - they both live a good four kilometres from the extreme edge of the study area. Hardly in their backyard.

Cr Richard Staples
(an affected resident)
Talofa

Giving

I recently attended the 60th Birthday event held for Shanto, of Mook and Shanto fame. They are two renowned musicians who have over a quarter of a century given so much to this regions community. What is most remark-

Letters

Upgrading the Pacific Highway

Tintenbar to Ewingsdale



Value Management Workshop

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is identifying an upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Tintenbar to Ewingsdale.

A value management workshop was held in December 2005 with representatives from government departments, Ballina and Byron Shire councils and community interests.

The outcome of the workshop is not a final decision. No preferred option has been selected at this stage.

The consensus of the workshop participants was that the sections:

- Blue sections A1 and A2
- Green section B1; and
- Purple option D

were preferred over other sections, subject to further agricultural and noise impact investigations. That is, sections A1 or B1 could combine with section A2.

It was also agreed by workshop participants that green section B2 and orange option C should not be considered further. The C/D section should now be considered as part of the D/purple options.

The workshop also recommended that the noise impact of sections T1 and T2 be further examined.

Details of the route options can be found in the October 2005 community update. A copy can be viewed on the project website.

For more information contact the project information line
1800 232 290 (toll free)
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Evaluating New Years Eve in the Bay

■ What a surprise, as the community celebrates the fact that New Years Eve was safe and without adverse incident, those in business engage in the predictable cant of 'lost profits'. By corollary, loss of amenity and community safety must equate with increased profits.

The same rhetoric was bandied around when paid parking was introduced to ameliorate the congestion of traffic in the CBD and to collect the much needed revenue to facilitate the impact of tourism on our town's infrastructure. As a permanent resident who patronises businesses all year round, I enjoy the respite from road rage. Accordingly, the increased availability of parking, with two young children in tow, is significant.

What is always apparent is that such allegations of 'lost profits' by those in business are rarely substantiated with factual proof. Intriguing, as I have been recently informed that market research was a now a credible occupation.

Given that there are now many more commercial premises in town, rental increases and multiple businesses offering the same service or product which by all accounts may be found in any suburban mall these days, perhaps the discussion should expand to address all of the facts. Oh, and sometimes it also rains for days too.

If those in business wish to justify their right to trade off this community's safety, quality of life and amenity, then accordingly, there is a need for a less fallacious argument. Ostensibly, one which addresses a sustainable balance between community and commodity and perhaps the consideration of more appropriate business practices.

Some aspects of life do not adhere to profit loss margins.

Kate Brady
Byron Bay

■ In response to your editorial, 'A town reclaimed', success is seen in many different ways and while you may say New Years Eve was a success, as you state many people do not.

It must be so nice for the visitors to town to pick up your paper and read how unwelcome everyone is - 'we have reclaimed our town for at least one night' and 'for years we have been told that attempts to stop people com-

ing into town would be futile.'

If the theme of the party was peace and the environment, it seems a bit hypocritical to then not want people to attend. Do you and the Council understand that you live in a community and not a gated commune?

The cost to Council in cold hard cash this year was \$135,000. What exactly did we get for this money, is it possible to get a break down of cost? While I have not run a New Years Eve party before, it smells - who got all the money?

This town's major industry is tourism and thanks to people like you and the Council the town will now suffer financially. The only good thing from this will be that in any economic downturn the first industry to suffer is advertising, that will then impact on you and hopefully your avenue to promote these strange ideas.

Your second paragraph says, 'While some were prepared to sacrifice their bottom line for a return to sanity, a minority was not.' Should the Council not be catering for what the majority wants, not the minority. Hopefully I speak for the majority - so to all the visitors in town may I say welcome and please come back anytime, including New Years Eve.

Michael Scanes
Byron Bay

■ Two weeks into 2006 and the feedback is pouring in. People come up to me on the street and say thank you, and a minute later I'm told I've ruined the town.

Who should I listen to? The only answer I can come up with is to listen to myself, and even then I realise that it depends on which part I listen to as to what answer I get.

The New Years Eve Safety Committee has a job to keep our town safe on NYE. This we accomplished and as a bonus we also reignited the spirit of community.

Sustainability is important on all levels and I believe that it is not possible to be truly sustainable unless we are willing to look at all aspects of life.

I am sorry that some businesses are struggling; I certainly know what it is like to struggle financially.

With a holistic approach I believe we can support growth on all levels.

This past New Years Eve certainly proved it does not

need to take a long time to change things, I'm surprised myself at how enormous this change was.

Let's get together as a community and instead of criticising things perhaps we can look at things from our hearts and participate in the changes we would like to see.

It's easy to sit back and complain, it's more challenging but also much more rewarding to get involved.

I commend Jan Barham for having the courage to stand against all odds for what she believes in. Without her determination and passionate love of this place, who knows what we would be facing?

Yes, there are many people who are affected in ways that they do not agree with and I would like to invite those people to ask themselves, 'What is important in my life?'

I'm sure your input would be greatly appreciated, particularly if it encouraged wealth on all levels.

We live in Paradise, there is an opportunity here to sustain that and share it with others. Let's stop judging the good and the bad, and get on with making the changes we all want.

Pavitar (Debra Turner)
New Years Eve Coordinator

■ I write on behalf of Byron Shire's youth. I am disappointed and frustrated by the volume of ill sentiment directed toward 'youth' around this time of year. I am angered at the fact we were not considered when New Years Eve celebrations were planned.

As an example I'll refer to a statement published in *The Echo* (January 3) by Mr Brian Smith: 'The only criticism I've heard is from teenagers who expect something to be organised for them. I disagree; if they want entertainment then they need to organise it themselves.'

Yes, Mr Smith, as a substantial proportion of the community we do expect entertainment; we do expect to be considered with as much respect as the rest of the community.

Simply cancelling any form of entertainment does not solve the dilemma of problem youth; it leaves them standing around, bored, with nothing to do.

Veda Turner
Byron Bay

Is it any surprise that trouble ensues?

Much of the criticism directed towards young people is on account of unruly behavior and in that respect I join you in your criticism, as I don't condone drunken violent behavior either. However, this behavior is restricted to a small minority. I do not appreciate being classed by a stereotype. Yes, there is a divide between young and older generations but I fail to see, Mr Smith, how exclusion and social vilification will bridge the divide.

Alistair Schaefer
Mullumbimby

■ If you're looking for a good time next NYE, I can recommend getting into the Street Parade. For me, the best spot will be not far behind the drummers. Ahead the street will be filled with banners and tall flags fluttering in the breeze. To the side, it's all smiles from the crowd and your fellow parade-ees.

Be prepared to be overwhelmed with a sense of being part of an energetic community, and to feel positive about your social contribution.

I think Jan Barham and the 05 NYE organisers have cause to feel proud of their efforts in Byron Bay. The town felt friendly. To a large degree it felt like we had taken responsibility back from the 'mob' of previous years.

Two weeks later, the place is buzzing. My barometer of town busy-ness, the length of traffic queues in Fletcher Street, tells me that business should be good.

If the cost of escaping mayhem on NYE was to have a momentary hiccup in turnover for some businesses, the community is, I believe, most grateful to those who were disappointed.

On the other hand, maybe it was the madness of past years keeping the crowds away?

As a member of Dunecare, I'm happy to not be finding our young trees broken by drunks, or many broken bottles in the parks and dunes.

Easter will be here all too soon, can that be managed better? Any strategies out there?

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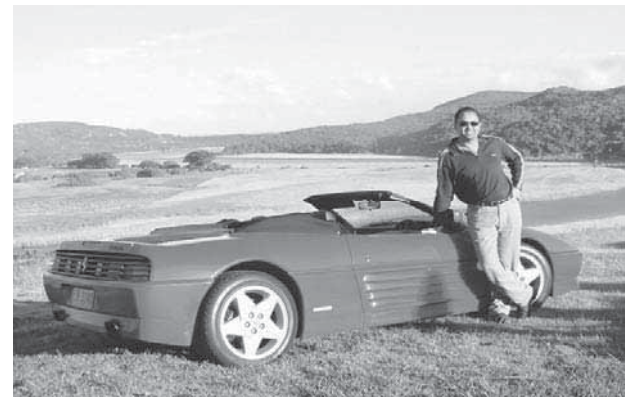
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Scanning the canny Fox's changing image

Michael McDonald

Tucked away in a corner of the CLIC Business Village at Mullumbimby is the world headquarters of the CIA-HQ (Computer Inspired Artist's Hind Quarters) and DDI (Direct Digital Imaging Lab), the brainchild of noted former photographer Stuart Owen Fox.

At the age of 63, Stuart says he's retired, abandoned photography and become a scientist. His science of applied physics involves placing on a flat bed digital scanner dead creatures and plants

– in a holding device Stuart created to vary their distance from the light source ('It's to do with Newton's Inverse Square Law') – and creating beautiful images from the resultant scan. The walls of DDI Lab are covered with vivid prints of his work – a giant orb spider with a fly, seahorses in an underwater dance, bright flowers lit up by hidden optic fibres.

'It's better than sitting in front of the television slowly rotting and drooling,' says Stuart.

What's retirement for Fox

would be an innovative career for others. Several galleries are showing his work – currently featured at The Freckled Lounge in Byron Bay, Wood Works Gallery in Bundagore and Lush Art in Sydney, among others – and several universities are intrigued. His marine life images have excited the interest of the Australian branch of Project Seahorse (<http://seahorse.fisheries.ubc.ca/australia-where.html>) operating out of the School of Zoology at the University of Tasmania.

His latest toy is also involved with making Blog Art or, as he puts it, 'Hump Free Blog Art', AKA Humphrey Bogart. Many of Stuart's DDI images and satire can be seen online at www.byronbayvisuals.blogspot.com/.

Because he's a Dane (it's a long story), Stuart was asked by the Danish Embassy to help out with the visit of Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederik to Australia. His pictures were chosen – one was auctioned for the Fred Hollows Foundation and one for the Save the Children in Tasmania, and the third was taken back to live in a big house with high ceilings in Copenhagen.



The shy Fox's self-pixelated portrait with friend Tripod.

'I wouldn't charge them,' says Fox. 'Denmark was very nice to me when I was a refugee from an earlier American war.'

Fox lived at Fox Farm in Myocum for many years before moving to Cooktown

in Queensland and thence by way of self-inflicted punishment to Canberra for a year prior to retreating back to Mullumbimby for his 'retirement'. His reputation is international, not just local – over 16,000 of his commis-

sioned images decorate the fleet of a Norwegian shipping company.

He was a leader of the anti-Vietnam war movement in Europe, Denmark Artist of the Year in 1970, and in 1980 was the only photographer chosen by Kodak to celebrate the company's centenary.

After a photographic career spanning 40 years Fox then took off on an imaginative tangent.

'In 2000 I began years of research, development and experimentation with direct digital imaging,' he says in an artist's statement. 'We are still at the beginning of an explosion of digital imaging technology. I think it will touch all our lives in ways we can't even imagine yet.'

Stuart is keen to emphasise that growing old can be creative and interesting. He is happy to share his experience with others but is more into having fun than making work – fun with the kind of dedicated and meticulous intensity which made him such a successful photographer and now a pioneering scientist in the field of digital imaging.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

With fists pumping the air, Angela Song (pictured, right) celebrated winning the Australian Junior Championships in Brisbane after a tense play-off against the only player to have beaten her in the tournament, Justin Huang.

13-year-old Song had become the first female titleholder in the event's 59 year history, as well as being the second youngest player ever to win the under 18 Championship. At the closing ceremony Song's speech was typically combative: 'I was taught chess by my brother so, for all you boys who have a problem with a girl winning the Australian Junior, take it up with my brother.'

Song's brother Raymond was also in the news in Brisbane, the 11-year-old finishing eighth in the Australian Championship tournament – the adult championship – equal with GM Darryl Johansen and IMs Stephen Solomon (whom Song beat as a nine year old!) and Zhao ZongYuan.

One adult did manage to share some of the limelight with the juniors – David Smerdon. The 21-year-old student became the man most likely to become Australia's third grandmaster with an outstanding performance in the Australian Championships, securing his first grandmaster result with three rounds to spare. [The actual winner and Australian Champion for 2006 was Ian Rogers, our modest columnist – Ed.] Smer-



don now needs two more high level performances to earn the GM title, with his next opportunity beginning this week at the Queenstown International in New Zealand.

The following game was Song's best, with the Sydney girl showing devastating form against one of Western Australia's top juniors.

Brisbane 2006 Australian Junior Ch.

White: B Slack-Smith

Black: A Song

Opening: Centre Counter

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nf3 This move and White's next do not fit together. If White wants to play d3 he should do so immediately, with the idea 5.d3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6 7.Qe2 Nbd7?? 8.Nb5! Qd8 9.Nd6 checkmate! – as played by Song with White in a key game at the Australian Schools Championship two years ago. 5...c6 6.d3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bf4? With one careless move, White finds himself in real bother. After 9.Bd2 White would have nothing to fear. 9...g5! 10.Bg3 10.Bd2 was again more prudent. 10...g4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Qe2 h5! 13.Bf4 e6 14.Ne4 h4 15.Rfe1 Qh5 16.Ned2 Rg8 Simple chess. Having opened the g file, Black points most of her pieces in the direction of White's king knowing that the king's defenders will soon be outgunned. 17.d4 Bh3 18.g3 hxg3 19.Bxg3 Bg4 20.Qe3 Bh6 21.Qb3 Bxd2 22.Nxd2 Rh8 0-1 White does not wait to see 23.f3 0-0! 24.fxg4 Qh1+! 25.Kf2 Rh2+! with a winning attack for Black.

Big show bugged by the screaming stoned

Claire Lovejoy

When I read about the Big Byron Show in last week's *Echo* I was very excited. I love Cirque du Soleil, and I also love Greg Sheehan and Matt Ledger's percussive performances. So with great anticipation we went to the show Tuesday night last week at the Byron Community Centre.

Let me write this review as if I was the sole audience member, something I was desperately trying to imagine during the performance. It is a show that celebrates Australian, and particularly Byron, culture, beginning with a native fauna sound and body expression performance. Interspersed with short comedy skits of 'The Lighthouse News', a radio station committed to representing the positive aspects of the Byron Shire, I found this part was a bit hit and miss. Having said that, there were some gems; the definite hit of the night was, 'In other news, a local found a parking space at Watego's Beach today'. You can't help but guffaw at that. Another cracker was (I've forgotten the actual wording but it was along the lines of,) 'Rosebank resident, Hawkwind, who has been having trouble with nits in her

dreadlocks, has reported success using Sassafras oil.' Yes, it is a very big, very Byron Show. Another aspect is some vox pops with locals and tourists trying to describe how they see Byron. Some were more articulate than others, some made me cringe, some made me laugh, and some made me feel a little confused and sleepy.

The comedy of the show is of the nudge, nudge, wink, wink, don't we all know Byron so well, which went over a treat with the particular audience on the night. More on that later. The drum fellas did some lovely percussion comedy pieces, the highlight being the body percussion. The switch from the Murri and Koori inspired dance to the comparison to Sydney and Nimbin was very entertaining.

The estrogen powered participants of the show demonstrated enviable flexibility and coordination, however the use of the rope three times became a little repetitive. In a place where circus performers have become a dime a dozen, including the fact that I see teenagers from Spaghetti Circus perform those same things at every art exhibition opening, I would like to see next year a bit

more variation on the circus performance side of things. I am not saying these women are not talented and artistic, hell, I can barely touch my toes, but I got the feeling they were capable of much more. I realise the space in the Community Centre is limited for that kind of stuff but that is where creative challenges are overcome.

Overall, it is an entertaining show, with some awesome drumming and comedy and circus performances. All which could have been enjoyed so much more were it not for some parts of the audience, namely the three sitting immediately to my right. Do not get me wrong, this has nothing to do with the performers, and I do not wish to detract from the show because of this but I have to say how annoying this was.

Three stoned-as-newts cackling women who did not stop screaming with laughter throughout the whole event, (and, I have to say it, who stank unbelievably. There, I said it). Even when there was nothing happening on the stage they were screaming and carrying on.

I'm sorry that I have to bitch about people having fun but they did ruin it for me, and I noticed several other people twitching as well. It's one thing to enjoy yourself but to bugger the whole night for someone else is just rude. If they'd been drunk the whole place would have tutted in disapproval, but stoned hippies get tolerated in Byron Bay. Well, not by me, buddy. It's a pity that they don't get paranoid, that'd shut them up. Here's hoping!

Gala concert tix available

The annual Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concerts will again be held in Sydney at the Entertainment Centre on Monday April 3 at 10.30am and 2.30pm, said Member for Ballina Don Page.

Mr Page said local seniors who were travelling to Sydney and would like to attend the concerts could obtain

free tickets from his electorate office.

Seniors wishing to reserve tickets need to contact Mr Page's office on 6686 7522 and provide the names and address of each individual wishing to attend.

'The concerts have proved to be very entertaining in past years,' Mr Page said.

Articles

Licensed to busk

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Hans Lovejoy

As many may not be aware, busking on the streets of Byron requires a licence. Those without can face fines of up to \$200 by police on street patrol, but this seems discretionary and usually dependent on if you start arguing with the police ('I fought the law and the law won' should be mandatory in the busking repertoire).

Not wanting to break the law, I set about getting street legal and booked in for a busking audition at Mullumbimby Council Chambers. I dragged in my double bass and the Council Ranger took me outside where I asked her what music she likes.

I was barely eight bars into 'Moondance' before I was stopped, which suited me fine; I really can't stand that

song. As I left, there was another busker waiting to be auditioned.

I was told by Council that auditions are mainly for health and occupational reasons; for example fire jugglers, knife swallows etc. They also added that it is a screening against offensive performances.

The cost for the whole procedure is \$17.50 for the audition and then \$23 per month. A yearly fee of \$88 per financial year is available, but is only valid until the end of the financial year, no matter when you got your permit. In effect it is only worth getting at the beginning of the financial year.

There was a form to complete, and it requires that you supply your tax file number as, by law, all income must be declared. Groups of

buskers only require that one member have a licence, and 10pm is the curfew.

In my experience, busking can be financially rewarding in Byron Bay; the street atmosphere is usually lively and there are many here on holidays who crave street entertainment. My last busking foray netted \$60 each between four of us (\$240 in total) in two hours. That's not bad for an hourly rate, especially around here; and it shows the generosity of the public and their willingness to pay for entertainment.

The band I was with did have amplification, which helps. I did busk once at lunchtime with one other and netted about \$4, which was OK except for the \$70 parking fine I got along with it.

Support for DV victims

The summer holiday period is a potentially high-risk time for domestic violence and those experiencing violence should seek help the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) says.

DoCS' statewide domestic violence line is a toll free 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week telephone counselling and referral service.

'For most of us, the holiday period is a happy time of year. However, in some families the stress of preparing for the festive season, an increase in alcohol consumption, additional financial pressures and family tensions can increase the risk of domestic violence,' DoCS Northern Regional Director Denis Myers said.

'While this can be a particularly stressful time of year, it in no way justifies domestic violence. It is important that people are aware that the domestic violence line is available to them all year round.

'New year is a time for resolving to make life-changing decisions. If there is only ever one new year's resolution you follow through on, make it one promising to seek help protecting people, especially children from further harm.'

The DoCS's domestic violence line is available right across NSW on 1800 656 463.

The DoCS domestic violence line is staffed by trained female caseworkers sensitive to the needs of people who have experienced domestic violence. The line helps people work towards stopping

domestic violence and increasing their safety.

In 2004-05, more than 22,000 calls were made to the DoCS domestic violence line, the majority of which related to physical, verbal or psychological violence. Of these calls, more than 11,800 children were involved.

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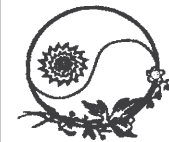
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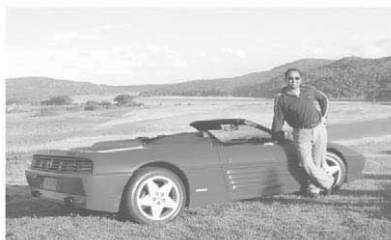
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Jules Dawson was only eight years of age when he watched his mother weeping with despair.

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,

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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:

- **Wed 1st Feb from 6:00pm to 10:30pm**
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Television Guide

1. **Absolutely Fabulous** (8.30pm) kicks off a strong comedy lineup on the ABC on Wednesday. Jennifer Saunders has the big gig with Edina, but Dawn French's **Wild West** (think counterculture Byron Bay set in England) is well worth a watch.

2. The Hat Squad investigate unusual murders in 1950s Los Angeles. A young woman is killed but one of them may be involved... Apart from the loony premise, **Mulholland Falls** (NBN, Friday, 10pm) is a respectable crime thriller in a fascinating setting.

3. George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez as criminal and cop give a good fizz to the comedy thriller **Out of Sight** (Ten, Sunday, 8.30pm).

SBS offers four hours of Wagner on Monday (1pm).



	ABC	SBS	PRIME	TEN	NBN
WEDNESDAY 18	<p>4.30 Movie: Take My Wife (PG, B&W, 1947) Hugh Williams, Greta Gynt, Marius Goring, Francis L Sullivan</p> <p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>11.35 The Saddle Club</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Walking With Dinosaurs</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) Patsy turns her attention to important things, like the celebrity book club</p> <p>9.00 Wild West (PG) Bunji jumping goes to the Cornish village of St Gweep</p> <p>9.35 Bromwell High (M)</p> <p>10.00 Little Britain (M, sr)</p> <p>10.30 ABC News</p> <p>10.45 The First World War</p> <p>11.45 Andy Warhol: The Complete Picture (M, a)</p> <p>12.30 Movie: Romeo And Juliet (G, 1954) Shot on location in Italy and starring Laurence Harvey and Susan Shentall.</p> <p>2.45 Movie: Sky West And Crooked (PG, 1965) Hayley Mills, Ian McShane, Geoffrey Bayldon</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 3 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: 27 Missing Kisses (M, cl,s,a, 2000) Georgian comedy/drama</p> <p>11.35 Movie: The Volcano (M, s,du,a, 1998) German drama</p> <p>1.30 Outcasts Of The High Seas (M, cl)</p> <p>2.15 Living Black</p> <p>2.45 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 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>6.00 Prime News</p> <p>6.30 Seven News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away</p> <p>7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>12.30 Desperate Housewives (M) Double episode</p> <p>2.30 Expo</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 One Tree Hill</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>11.30 Late Night News</p> <p>12.00 Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.30 Tour Down Under South Australia</p> <p>1.00 The Up-Late Game Show</p> <p>1.55 Video Hits Up-Late</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>9.30 Y? Why no Kerry Anne?</p> <p>10.00 Everwood</p> <p>11.00 Danzon</p> <p>11.30 I'm With Her</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 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Judging Amy (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Third Watch (M)</p> <p>8.40 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 The Bachelor V (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Shopping For Love (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, cl,sr)</p> <p>12.00 Nightline</p> <p>12.30 Ruby Wax With... Lisa Minnelli (M)</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> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>
THURSDAY 19	<p>4.30 Movie: Doctor In Trouble (PG, 1970) Leslie Phillips, Harry Secombe, Robert Morley, Joan Sims</p> <p>6.00 Kid's Programs</p> <p>11.35 The Saddle Club</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Walking With Dinosaurs</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, cl)</p> <p>10.25 Scales Of Justice (M, v,cl,sr)</p> <p>11.50 Double The Fist: Terrorism (M, v,a) The Fist team is sent to three suspected terrorist hide-outs within Australia</p> <p>12.20 CNNM (M, cl)</p> <p>12.50 Movie: The Lodger (G, 1926) A family suspect a lodger to be the killer of a young woman. Starring Ivor Novello and Malcolm Keen.</p> <p>2.00 Movie: The Ghoul (PG, B&W, 1933) An ancient Egyptian avenges those who violated his tomb. Starring Boris Karloff, Ernest Thesiger and Cedric Hardwicke.</p> <p>3.15 Movie: Bulldog Jack (G, B&W, 1935) Jack Hulbert, Ralph Richardson</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 Chinese Take Away</p> <p>2.00 East Timor: Children Of The Crocodile</p> <p>3.00 A Fork In Asia</p> <p>3.30 School Torque</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 Inspector Rex</p> <p>8.20 Hotline</p> <p>8.30 RAN (M, cl) Australian drama series</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Ghost In The Shell (M, v,a) Japanese animation</p> <p>10.30 Movie: Aaltra (2004) Belgian drama</p> <p>12.05 Movie: In Good Company (MA, cl,a,s, 2000) Greek comedy about a car crash involving a convicted bank robber on leave to attend his mother's funeral and a certified yet harmless nutcase on observational leave from an asylum.</p> <p>1.40 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 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>6.00 Prime News</p> <p>6.30 Seven News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away</p> <p>7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>12.30 Scrubs</p> <p>1.00 Danzon Direct</p> <p>2.00 Expo</p> <p>When is it time to call what is going on in Iraq a 'civil war'?</p> <p>A) When a bunch of provinces band together to secede from the union</p> <p>B) When each side picks its own song</p> <p>C) When Rumsfeld says, 'Is it a civil war? No'</p> <p>D) When the daily carnage reaches such a horrendous level that it no longer merits front page coverage</p> <p>E) Now</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 One Tree Hill</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 Tour Down Under Cycling South Australia</p> <p>12.00 Vodaphone Live At The Chapel</p> <p>12.30 The Up-Late Game Show</p> <p>1.55 Video Hits Up-Late</p> <p>2.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life</p> <p>4.30 Kenneth Copeland</p> <p>5.00 Life Today With James Robison</p> <p>5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn</p>	<p>6.00 Today</p> <p>9.00 Here's Humphrey</p> <p>9.30 Y? Kerry Anne?</p> <p>10.00 Everwood</p> <p>11.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>11.30 I'm With Her</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 Run Of The House</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 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Holiday Showdown</p> <p>8.30 Midsomer Murders: A Talent For Life (M, v, 2002) Investigating a double murder. Starring John Nettles, Daniel Casey</p> <p>10.40 Airline (G)</p> <p>11.10 Nightline</p> <p>11.50 Paradise Hotel (M)</p> <p>12.50 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>1.50 At The Movies</p> <p>2.00 One On One (PG)</p> <p>2.30 Samurai Jack</p> <p>3.00 Home Shopping</p> <p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>
FRIDAY 20	<p>4.30 Movie: Crackerjack (PG, B&W, 1938) Exploits of a gentleman thief and master of disguises. Starring Tom Walls, Lilli Palmer, Noel Madison, Leon M Lion, Edmund Breon</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, a,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 (M, cl) Attempting to solve the debate about evolution, baseball and a peace camp in Nevada</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 Global Village</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.00 World Sport</p> <p>7.30 Tribe: Sanema In the Caura region of Venezuela who believe spirits dwell in everything and that their shamans can commune with such spirits</p> <p>8.30 Unit One (M) Danish drama</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Russian Dolls (MAV, s,v,a)</p> <p>10.55 Movie: Inspector Montalbano - Rice Croquettes (M, s,v,a, 2002) Italian drama</p> <p>12.30 Movie: Fleeing By Night (M, s,a, 2001) Chinese drama set in 1930s China when an American-trained cellist returns home to marry his fiancée but falls in love with an opera singer instead</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>11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>6.00 Prime News</p> <p>6.30 Seven News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away</p> <p>7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park</p> <p>12.30 Scrubs</p> <p>1.30 Danzon Direct</p> <p>2.30 Expo</p> <p>Survey reveals 0.01% of public bought something advertised in junk e-mails last year. He reports satisfaction with new Rolex, enlarged penis</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 One Tree Hill</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 Movie: 28 Days (M, cl,dr,a, 2000) A New York writer undergoes compulsory rehab after ruining her sister's wedding. Starring Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortenson, Dominic West, Elizabeth Perkins and Steve Buscemi.</p> <p>10.35 Late Night News</p> <p>11.05 Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.35 Tour Down Under</p> <p>12.05 Cops</p> <p>12.35 The Up-Late Game Show</p> <p>1.55 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? Watch Kerry Anne on TV?</p> <p>10.00 Everwood</p> <p>11.00 Guthy Renker</p> <p>11.30 I'm With Her</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 - Australia v South Africa</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 Crickets continues</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Mulholland Falls (M, v,cl,s, 1996) In Los Angeles in the 50s, four detectives investigate the death of a woman who is linked with work at an atomic test site. Starring Nick Nolte, Melanie Griffith, Chazz Palminteri, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn, Treat Williams, Jennifer Connelly, Daniel Baldwin and Andrew McCarthy.</p> <p>12.00 Nightline</p> <p>12.30 Movie: In The Name Of The People (M, v, 2000) A man on death row for the murder of a young girl asks the parents of the girl to look after his daughter after his execution. Starring Scott Baker and Amy Madigan.</p> <p>2.30 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>3.30 The Parkers</p> <p>4.00 Entertainment Tonight</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>

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SATURDAY 21	12.15 Rage continues 11.10 Degrassi: The Next Generation 11.35 Daria 12.00 Shacks On Flinders Island 12.30 Best Of Australiana Story 1.00 The Ship 2.00 Movie: A Woman's Secret (G, B&W, 1949) Maureen O'Hara, Melvyn Douglas, Gloria Grahame, Bill Williams 3.30 Walking With Beasts 4.00 Sahara 5.00 Women's National League Basketball 6.00 The Blue Planet: Coasts 7.00 ABC News 7.30 My Family 8.00 Hardware 8.30 The Bill (PG) 9.30 Dalziel And Pascoe (PG) 10.10 Shackleton (M, a,c) 11.55 Rage (M)	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 The Faure Requiem 2.05 Martha Argerich Plays Schumann 2.55 From Mozart To Morrison 3.55 In Search Of Beethoven 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 As It Happened: The Fight Boxing 8.30 Iron Chef 9.15 Rockwiz 9.45 Movie: The Housekeeper (M, s,c,l, 2002) French drama/romance about a 50-year-old, grief stricken after his wife left him and in desperate need of a housekeeper, who meets and hires an attractive 20-year-old 11.15 SOS Shorts on screen 12.15 Noise TV Music series 1.50 Close	6.00 B'daman 6.30 Tractor Tom 7.00 Saturday Disney 9.00 Flipper And Lopaka 9.30 Disney Adventures 10.30 That's So Raven 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Headland (PG) 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 12.30 Scrubs (PG) Double episode. Probably the best show on TV is screened at a time only when the unemployed or insomniacs are up 1.30 Danoz Direct 2.30 Expo	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 11.30 Infomercial 12.00 State Focus 12.30 Movie: The Karate Kid (PG, 1984) Ralph Macchio, Elisabeth Shue, Pat Morita 3.00 Discover Down Under 3.30 The World's Strongest Boy 4.30 Escape With ET 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Movie: Billy Madison (PG, cl,v,sr, 1995) Repeats school to inherit a hotel empire. Starring Adam Sandler, Bradley Whitford, Bridgette Wilson, Josh Mostel 8.30 Movie: Happy Gilmore (M, cl,v, 1996) A hockey player turns golf pro. Starring Adam Sandler, Julie Bowen, Christopher McDonald, Bob Barker, Carl Weathers 10.25 The Shield (MA15+, v,sr,a) 11.25 Joker Poker 12.25 Tour Down Under 12.55 Infomercial 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion	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 Movie: Rome Adventure (G, 1962) Troy Donahue, Angie Dickinson, Rossano Brazzi 4.30 Wonderfalls 5.30 Airport 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Gilmore Girls 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Movie: The Pact (AV15+, v, 2002) Four thrill-seeking teenagers make a pact to give themselves 15 years to do something special with their lives. Starring Sigrid Thornton. 11.40 Movie: Blind Faith (M, v,c,l, 1998) In 1957 a black lawyer has to defend his nephew for murdering a white boy. Starring Courtney B Vance. 2.00 Late Show With David Letterman 3.00 Mad TV 4.00 Guthy Renker 5.00 Danoz 5.30 Icon
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SUNDAY 22	6.30 Kid's Programs 9.00 Zoo's Company 9.30 Terra Australis 10.00 The Life Of The Buddha 11.00 Songs Of Praise 11.30 Compass: Vipassana Insight meditation 12.00 Best Of Landline 1.00 Dead Easy Gardening 1.30 Message Stick 2.00 Billy Joel: In His Own Words 3.30 Lights On The Hill Musical tribute to Slim Dusty 4.00 Living Famously: Tammy Wynette 5.00 Ulysses 5 Grant (G*) 6.00 Pilot Guides: Southeast China 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Five Big Cats And A Camera The cheetah, lion, serval, leopard and caracal 8.30 Carnivale (M, cl,s) Double episode 10.15 Compass: Children Of Abraham Troubled relationship between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam 11.10 Visions Of Space: Albert Speer (G) 12.15 The Third World War: Al-Qaeda (M, cl) A global terrorist network uncovered prior to September 11 1.15 Movie: The Magic Bow (G, B&W, 1946) Stewart Granger, Jean Kent, Phyllis Calvert 3.05 Movie: Baroud (G, B&W, 1934) Rex Ingram, Felipe Montes, Rosita Garcia	6.00 Weatherwatch 6.30 World News 9.00 Maltese News 9.30 Polish News 10.00 Ukrainian News 10.30 European Experience 11.00 Australian Volleyball League Women 12.00 Speedweek 1.00 Australian Road Cycling Highlights 2.00 The World Game 3.30 Futbol Mundial 4.00 The World Game 5.30 Cycling Central 6.00 Classical Destinations: Salzburg Birthplace of Amadeus 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Lost Worlds: Dangerous Liaisons - Famous Mistresses Pope Alexander VI's mistress during the Renaissance 8.30 Science: Dr Tatiana's Sex Advice To All Creation (M, a,n,s) 9.30 Movie: Nowhere In Africa (2001) German drama based on a true story about a Jewish family who fled Nazi Germany for a remote farm in Kenya 11.50 Movie: Give Us A Smile (M, du, a, 2000) Italian drama about old people being adopted out to families 1.20 The Storm Rages Twice 2.20 Close	6.00 Garner Ted Armstrong 6.30 Creflo A Dollar 7.00 Stanley 7.30 Tabaluga 8.00 Tribes: The New Tomorrow 9.30 Jetix 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Hot Property 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE from Melbourne Park 12.30 Scrubs (PG) Double episode. 1.30 Danoz Direct 2.30 Expo 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping Huge iceberg B-15A breaks up into three smaller icebergs, B-15M, B-15N, B-15P. Scientists will continue naming them until they become ice cubes	6.00 Religion 7.00 Worst Best Friends 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Inside Franchising 8.30 Video Hits 11.30 Hilary Duff 12.00 The Best Of Summer Tours of 2006 12.30 Cactus Garden 1.30 Totally Australia 2.30 Tour Down Under 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: Out Of Sight (M, cl,v, 1998) A suave bank robber breaks out of jail and kidnaps a US Marshall. Starring George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez, Ving Rhames, Don Cheadle, Albert Brooks 10.55 Late Night News 11.25 Sports Tonight 11.55 Movie: The Net (M, v,c,l, 1995) A freelance computer nerd stumbles across top secret information on the internet which puts her life in danger. Starring Sandra Bullock, Diane Baker, Dennis Miller 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 More Religion	6.00 Home Shopping 7.00 Kid's Programs 8.30 Untold Wealth 9.00 Summer Sunday 10.00 A Debt Of Honour East Timor 11.00 The Champions Story: Severiano Ballesteros Goffer 12.00 Speed Machine 12.30 The Boat Show 1.00 Ocean Thunder Pro Surf Boat Series 2.00 One Day Cricket LIVE from the SCG - Australia v Sri Lanka 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Cricket continues 10.00 Movie: Bait (M, cl,v,s, 2000) A paroled thief is forced by federal investigators to help snare the criminals responsible for the theft of gold bricks from the US Reserve bank. Starring Jamie Foxx, David Morse and Jamie Kennedy. 12.20 Movie: A Murder On Shadow Mountain (M, a,v, 1999) A man who thought he had the idyllic life has his house stormed by police and is arrested for a twenty year old murder. Starring Peter Coyote. 2.00 Mad TV 3.00 Justice League 3.30 Guthy Renker Australia 5.00 Primetime TV comments brought to you this week by www.ironictimes.com
MONDAY 23	4.30 Movie: Carry On Abroad (PG, 1970) Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Hattie Jacques, Joan Sims 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.00 Landline 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Walking With Dinosaurs 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 Best Of Australian Story: Out Of The Dust The unexpected consequences of a road accident in the outback 26 years ago 8.35 Race: The Power Of An Illusion How the myth of race took hold and retains its power 9.35 The Men Who Would Conquer China (M, cl) 'Open prairie capitalism' at work in the former communist world 11.10 Harem (PG) World of the Ottoman harem 12.00 Strange Fits Of Passion (M, s,sr,d,a) 1.20 Movie: A Tale Of Two Cities (G, 1958) Charles Dickens's novel set in London and Paris at the time of the French Revolution. Starring Dirk Bogarde, Dorothy Tutin and Cecil Parker. 3.20 Movie: Double Exposure (PG, B&W, 1954) John Bentley, Rona Anderson	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 Opera: Tristan And Isolde Richard Wagner's opera from the 1998 Munich Opera Festival 5.00 The Journal 6.00 Global Village 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,c,l,a) 10.55 Movie: Unfair Competition (PG, 2000) Italian comedy 12.45 The Nanny 1.15 Movie: The Brave Of Samothrakis (M, cl,a, 2003) Greek comedy about a troop enroute to Cyprus to defend the island against the Turkish invasion of 1974 who somehow end up on the wrong island and they play on the hospitality and fear of the locals. 2.40 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Home Shopping 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 Intelligent Design trial to wrap up soon - courthouse needed for Santa Claus, Easter Bunny trials	6.00 Totally Wild 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 The Simpsons (PG) 8.00 Futurama 8.30 Supernatural 9.30 Charmed 10.30 Late Night News 11.00 Sports Tonight 11.30 Round The World Ocean Race 12.00 Nickelback 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 With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Oliver Beene 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 Run Of The House 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 Take This Job (PG) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Da Vinci's Inquest (M) 1.00 Water Rats (M) 2.00 Young Lions (M) 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America Somewhere in the world your exact double is googling you.
TUESDAY 24	4.30 Movie: The Long Memory (PG, B&W, 1952) John Mills, John McCallum, Elizabeth Sellars 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.10 The Saddle Club 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Walking With Dinosaurs 1.00 Alone Across Australia 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 The Tramp And The Dictator (G) Charlie Chaplin and Adolf Hitler 10.30 News 10.40 Movie: The Flower Of My Secret (M, a,c,l, 1995) A professional at ending romances, a romance novelist, is unable to deal with the end of her own romance. Starring Marisa Paredes, Juan Echanove 12.25 Movie: Passage Home (PG, B&W, 1955) Peter Finch, Anthony Steel, Diane Cilento, Cyril Cusack, Geoffrey Keen 2.05 Movie: The October Man (PG, B&W, 1947) John Mills, Joan Greenwood, Edward Chapman, Kay Walsh 3.35 Head Start (G)	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 Blaktrax 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 Carthage: City of Seafarers 8.30 Cutting Edge: The Last Abortion Clinic The success of the pro-life movement in the US 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Hot Docs: The Staircase (M, a,v,d) 8 part series following a criminal case from the beginning 11.45 Movie: Deadbeats (MA, s,c,l,a, 1999) Polish drama about four friends on their way to the mountains to visit an old mate and along the way a series of unfortunate events occur 1.15 The Young Casanova (M, s) Italian drama series 2.05 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Raggs 9.30 Home Shopping 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 Good economic news: unemployment down - latest report comes with fries, shake	6.00 Totally Wild 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 Video Hits Presents: The Best Pricks Of 2005 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 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Here's Humphrey 9.30 Oliver Beene 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 Adelaide - Sri Lanka v South Africa 6.00 Evening News 7.00 Cricket continues 10.00 Movie: The Missing (M, v,c,l, 1999) A Monsignor from Rome travels to Australia to help an old friend solve the case of a serial killer. Starring Emily Jade Barr, Rebecca Frith and John Moore 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 Report: TV stunts children's brain development - findings to be revealed in ten-part television mini-series.

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Generous response welcome



Soup kitchen volunteers Korben and Kristina get among the goodies. The Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre along with the volunteers at the Mullum Soup Kitchen were overwhelmed by the generous response from the community for their Christmas Hamper Drive. Donations filled 25 boxes to overflowing with goodies and helped stem the flow of requests for help that inundate the Neighbourhood Centre at this time of year.

Addictive uppers hit Byron streets

Story & photo Patrick Gray

He's six-foot-four, built like a house, has tattooed arms and drives around Byron selling uppers out of a Kombi at \$3 a pop. Local government officials and police are powerless – or unwilling – to put a stop to his roaring trade, which includes sales to minors. Meet Kahu Lewis-Clarke, co-founder of Fix Mobile Espresso, Byron's new mobile coffee business.

The business, which began trading on December 23, serves freshly made coffee from the back of Lewis-Clarke's Kombi van.

Fix was founded from scratch by Lewis-Clarke and his partner – business and other – Melissa Scott. The Kombi has been doing regular runs through the Byron Bay Arts and Industry Estate and provided desperately-needed pick-me-ups to soggy, hung-over campers through recent rainy days.

The Byron newcomer, who worked as a duty manager at the Rails prior to starting his business, says Fix is a way for his family to gain greater independence.

'We've got a small family, and we wanted a bit of freedom to do our own thing,'



Lewis-Clarke says.

Ensuring the business contributes to the local economy has been a priority for the couple. Coffee sold from the van is sourced from a supplier in Alstonville.

'We wanted to support local business, and also it's

a superior product to a lot of the big brands that are out there,' he says.

Despite most businesses in Byron Bay catering primarily to tourists, Fix wants to serve those who live and work in the Shire.

'A lot of the businesses in the industrial estate, the

staff can't get away from work, so they prefer to have it delivered,' Lewis-Clarke says.

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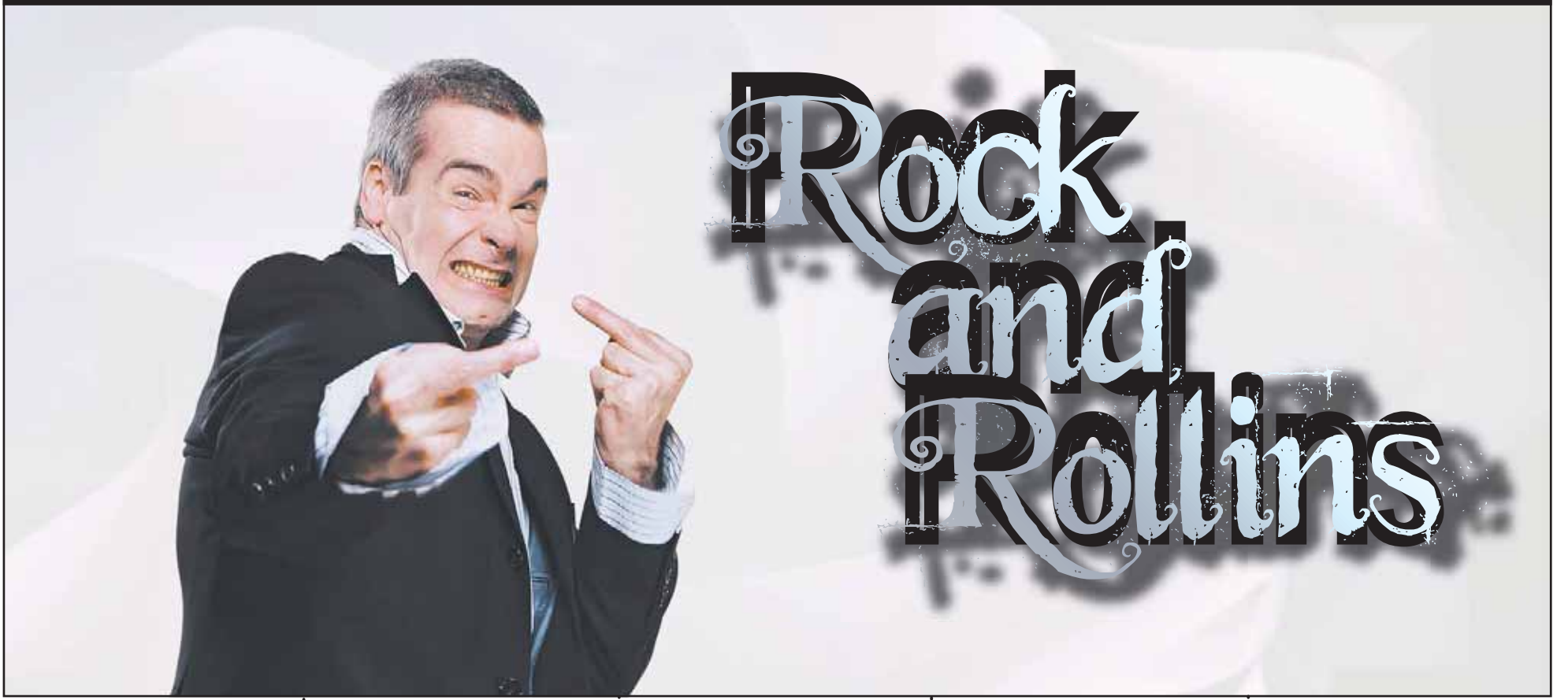
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HOW DOES a mouthy punk band front man end up touring as a spoken word artist? For Henry Rollins, it was all a bit of an accident, something he kind of fell into and not only found himself swimming, the dude found himself doing laps. Speaking is what Rollins does best. In a quick phone chat I had with him from the States I asked him just what got the big man talking.

'I've been doing spoken word since '83. A promoter in LA used to run this night where he let people on stage but they couldn't do what they usually did. These were great nights. When it was good it was good, and when it was bad it was better. But you got like \$10 for it so I was into it. I got up and told a story about band practise, how someone tried to run us over and when my time was up they didn't want me to get off. Pretty soon I started opening for poets and after

a few shows the poets were opening for me.' Rollins has gone on to hone his sharp tongued spoken performance and has even garnered a Grammy on the journey. So what does a bloke talk about up there for 75 show dates at a minimum of an hour a time?

'I usually use one or two staple stories at a time. Politics is always a bit of a stimulus. The conservatives are always doing something illegal, it keeps it interesting. The President enjoys less than a 50% approval rating and this is a country that voted him into office, but now they're seeing their sons die and their jobs go. This invigorating country is not invigorating them.' *'A lot of people are seeing the light. I don't necessarily disagree with everything the government does. I don't think the President quite gets it. It's the vice President who's really bad news.'*

Rollins goes on to lament the real lack of political choices – something echoed in our own mini America. *'With only two options, it's like only being offered vanilla or chocolate and at the end of the day a lot of people want strawberry – or they stop wanting ice cream altogether. Here in America*

'it was just the wrong war at the **WRONG** time'

we have so much freedom. I just wish it was mandatory to vote here.' Rollins has created a craft out of speaking. These days there's nothing more to lug after a gig than his tongue. *'The objective on stage is to be completely rivetting. I pick topics that I can really go off on,*

things that are unique. Like my take on Iraq having been there is going to be different to someone who hasn't. I do a lot of work with the USO performing for the troops abroad.' So how does someone so mouthy get away with speaking his mind in such a political hot spot.

'They like me and I like them. I think it was just the wrong war at the wrong time.' So what's Rollins secret to on stage savvy? *'Attitude. It's your attitude that gets you through the show. When it gets closer to show time there's no place I'd rather be. You think*

how am I going to do this, how will I survive? And by showtime it just happens. At first it's like the first round of a boxing match – except the audience tend to be more like your co-combatants. You have to gauge their speed and their mood and that's just while you're adjusting the microphone and putting your beer on the floor.' After more than 20 years of talking Rollins is looking forward to coming to Byron, somewhere that holds some nostalgic significance for him. *'It was one of the first places I played in Australia – out at the Piggery. This is my 27th trip to Australia. I could move there if America kicked me out – it's very cool!'*

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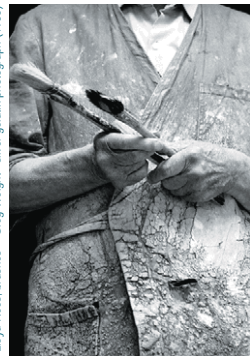
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Give us a hug

Byron Bay is renowned for its extraordinary cuddle. When I first moved here it was not unusual to see two grown heterosexual men embrace for 2 or 3 weeks. It would go on endlessly. The groaning, the rubbing of backs, the mutual appreciation. It was coffee shop karma sutra. Two people who hadn't seen each other since the day before locked in a hug celebrating an over zealous enthusiasm for a heart chakra shuffle. No wonder their latte's went cold. I never know what to do in a hug. I'm ok for the first 10 seconds, but once it goes on, I'm very self conscious and don't know whether to start dancing or breast feeding. I have mocked the Hug. But of late I've noticed that I haven't observed a good old fashioned hug in years. I think that's sad. I love hugging. It's a behaviour particular to us humans. A quick exchange of warmth and pheromones that leaves one feeling a little more loved. So what is going to happen to the hug in the future? Scientists in Singapore have developed a way to transmit the sense of touch over the internet. And no, it's not sticking the mouse where the sun don't shine. They've developed a wireless jacket for chickens that gives the animal the sensation of being touched by its owner.

I didn't even know chickens were that into hugging, but apparently they go sick for it. You haven't had a good scramble until you've met a chicken who was loved. The idea of the jacket isn't to enhance the lives of the poultry few. The jacket has been designed for us. Welcome to the world of the cyberhug. These days parents go on a lot of business trips and they are missing out on the good-night cuddle. Scientists have been perfecting the pyjama suit that responds to changes in pressure and temperature and simulates the feeling of being hugged. Either that, or the feeling of being suffocated by your jim jams. Jesus, what if your kid's a bedwetter - that could be one killer cuddle. I'm not making this shit up. People are actually spending research dollars to develop affectionate pj's. Wouldn't it be simpler just to cut the business trip short and use those two fleshy arms for a bit of old fashioned huggery? How can a jammie suit ever simulate the bad breath, the sweat and the meaty expectation of flesh? It's a sad indictment of even sadder times if your kids have to log on for love. And who the hell has time to put pj's on their chickens? Some one needs a hug...



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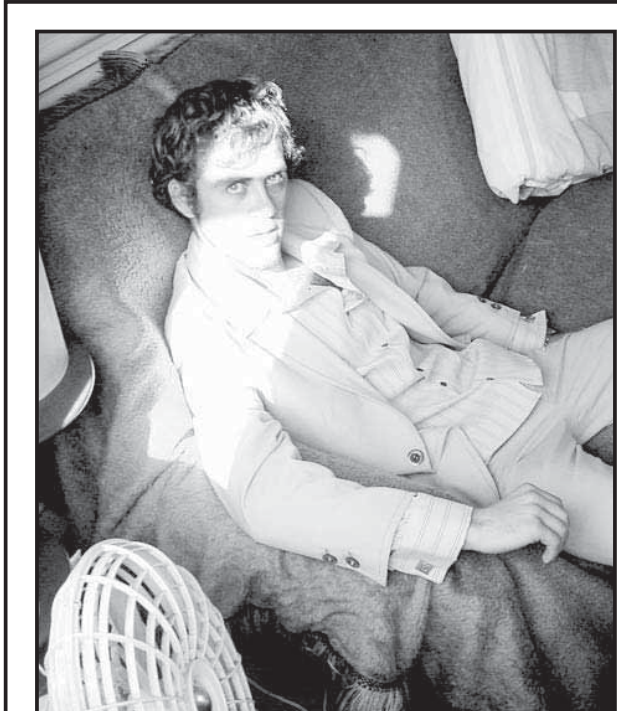
Locals don't need any introduction to groove master **Kurtis**. His soulful sounds have been a favourite round here for years. Since the release of his debut album 'Foundations' (recorded live at Kohinur Hall), Kurtis has been touring nationally to great acclaim. He's currently smack bang in the middle of recording a new album with a new band and because he loves his home town so much he has decided to do a very special gig at the **Rails on Friday** to showcase some of the new stuff for the first time in public. Not one of those people who get a taste of the success only to turn their back on their friends, Kurtis is still Mr Nice Guy. He is currently the object of a major bidding war between some of the major record companies, and he'll be announcing shortly who has won his heart. This will be a great gig, I recommend everyone shimmy on down to shimmy down to Kurtis and band's big sounds.

»» THE MAN WHO MADE ME FEEL LIKE CINDERELLA

I waited an hour and a half for my interview with **Russell Crowe** and he stood me up. I even listened to his CD in preparation. The stories are true, the man cannot be trusted with a phone. For anyone curious about his music, Mr Crowe has gone solo from his old band Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts, but has called his new band The Ordinary Fear of God so he didn't have to change the lettering on the equipment. He has released a solo album, collaborating with Canadian Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea, and has had critical acclaim from Billy Bragg and Sting (who also predicted Crowe's music wouldn't receive any airplay). Anyone who has a passing interest in celebrity knows that Russ loves his music and takes it very seriously, I guess someone who is acclaimed for portraying other people's emotions must feel the need to express themselves somehow. The album, My hand, My heart can be downloaded from the website www.myhandmyheart.com along with song lyrics, stories about the songs, photos etc. Anyone would think the bloke was famous. Russell Crowe puts his hand on his heart at the **Great Northern on Saturday**. Tix will probably sell out, you've been warned. A word of advice, only take your mobile with you if it is really small and can't cause any major injuries.

»» STARRY STARRY NIGHT

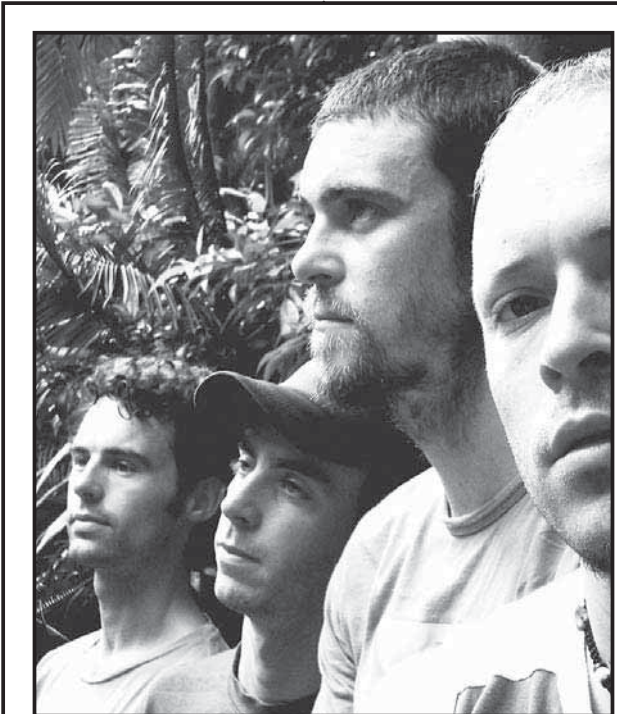
Lucinda Peters has had the honour of performing at the Opera House's 25th birthday party. Famed for her sensual, evocative, unassuming yet captivating stage presence, she is also credited as pos-



Kurtis, at the Rails, Friday

sessing an incredible voice. Her weapon of choice is the double bass which she wields with power and presence. I've had the pleasure of listening to her CD and it is divine, I strongly recommend checking out the show cause she'll be huge soon and you'll be able to say, 'I saw her when'. Check out her **CD launch at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Saturday**. Show starts 8pm and tix are available by phoning 6685 5659. \$20/16. Another quality Ku Promotion.

Deep Purple, the Pogues, and more but they create their own sound with ease, charm, and humour. These guys promise live shows full of improvisation, and at times wild energy but also with a sensitivity that is charming, memorable, and endearing. Using fiddles, flute, vocals, whistle, guitar, drums, percussion, and bass, their three studio albums to date have been described as groundbreaking and their new live album is gathering momentum both here and internationally. Recent con-



Morph, at the Beach Hotel, Thursday

»» YOU SHOOK MY BARLEY ALL NIGHT LONG

Here's something rare round these parts, Irish people in a Celtic band. Originally from Dublin this five piece have worked at transforming their Celtic sound since moving to Australia 5 years ago. **The Barleyshakes** have been compared to the likes of the Drop Kick Murphy's,

certs at this year's Woodford folk festival had the capacity audiences shaking their tails to the Barleyshakes cool and Celtic sounds. If you need any more evidence of their cred, members of the band have recorded as soloists on the Lord of the Rings soundtrack, and they have performed on stages with Kila, Lunasa, Metallica, Joe Cocker, Altan and more. This is their first appearance

in Byron Bay (another rare shock, a virgin Byron Band!), and in **the intimate setting of the Rails it promises to be a magic night. The show kicks off at 6pm, Saturday.** For more info go to www.thebarleyshakes.com

»» FROM SKINNY THINGS, FAT THINGS GROW

I'm not sure all that many people remember who Nusrat was, or the fact that he was fat. Some guys who have tried to make his memory live on are **Fatter than Nusrat**. No, they are not a tribute band, they are an original local group whose music is designed to shake your booty. Intelligently designed even. They are on at the **Hotel Brunswick on Sunday from 6.30pm.**

»» MORPHY'S LAW

In the scattagory of best trazz (trance-Jazz) artist/band/coffee blend at the 2006 Shammy awards, **Morph** won a golden sticker/encouragement award for their continuing advocacy of the growing trazz groovement. To celebrate this gold star, Morph have ventured triumphantly to the Byron area from Melbourne's buzzing Fitzroy beehives to bust out some funky dance grooves. Catch Morph launching their new Cd "Sketches" @ **the Beach Hotel Thursday from 9pm**

»» BATTEN DOWN THE CHURCH DOORS

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Russell Crowe, at the Great Northern, Saturday

Mountains, **Daniel McKay** of Guitar Trek fame, teams up with local musician, **Jillian Norton**, to present a program of contemporary Australian and foreign pieces. Serious music students will want to batter down the church doors to hear them. **St Martin's Anglican Church, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 3pm Sunday.** Tix: \$12 (Byron Music Society members: \$10); Music students: free.

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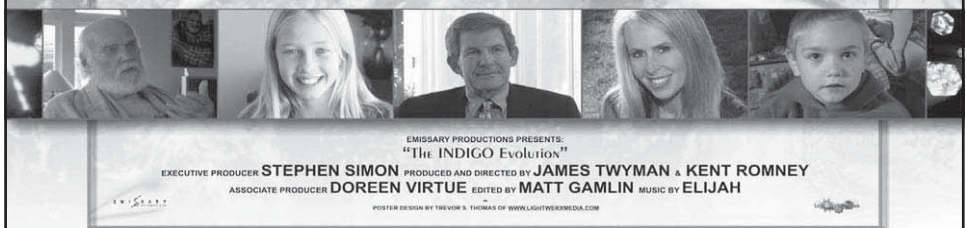
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Hussein statue in Iraq and the destruction of workers' rights in Australia. The term Vandal was originally an ethnic slur referring to the Vandals who sacked Rome in 455, but they no longer exist as a separate ethnic group. So while Vandals no longer exist, vandals still do. As for 'voyeurism', you look it up for yourselves.



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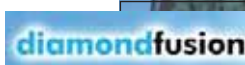
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Ripley: Ash, can you hear me? ASH?
Ash: Yes, I can hear you.
Ripley: What was your special order?
Ash: You read it. I thought it was clear.
Ripley: What was it?
Ash: Bring back life form. Priority One. All other priorities rescinded.
Parker: It's the damn company. What about our lives, you son of a bitch?
Ash: I repeat, all other priorities are rescinded.
Ripley: How do we kill it Ash? There got to be a way of killing it, how - HOW do we do it?
Ash: You can't.
Parker: That's bullshit.
Ash: You still don't understand what you're dealing with, do you? Perfect organism. Its structural perfection is matched only by its hostility.
Lambert: You admire it.
Ash: I admire its purity. A survivor... unclouded by conscience, remorse, or delusions of morality.
Parker: Look, I am, I've heard enough of this, and I'm asking you to pull the plug.
Ash: [Ripley goes to disconnect Ash, who interrupts] Last word.
Ripley: What?
Ash: I can't lie to you about your chances, but... you have my sympathies.

~ Aliens



THE FAMILY STONE

A Christmas gathering with snow falling gently in New England veers into testy self-examination as death stalks the happy family. Oldest son Everett brings his girl Meredith to meet the folks. Meredith wears a grey suit, her hair pulled back tight and is ill at ease with the compulsorily casual manners of her hosts. Worse, she has a beautiful sister (Clare Danes). Refreshingly, the acid is applied equally to the family as to the young fogey. The dynamics within the group are sharply observed and the humour crisp if not hilarious, (the crowd surrounding me clearly disagreed - but how many times can you laugh at people falling over?). Sarah Jessica Parker is at times uncomfortably good as the outsider - her foot in mouth discussion with the gay brother is brilliant - but Dermot Mulroney's permanent sneer makes it hard to warm to the questionable Everett. The father (Craig T. Nelson) is perhaps too virtuous, but Diane Keaton's matriarch is recognizably two-sided. Rachael McAdams is delightfully nasty and Luke Wilson pleasingly bear-like. Classy and provocative, until the ending's reversion to saccharine orthodoxy. **John Campbell**



MRS HENDERSON PRESENTS

Stephen Frears sets a lot of store by mis-en-scene. In the past a laundrette, a second-hand record shop and a seedy hotel have contributed significantly to his films. Here it's London's Windmill Theatre. Judi Dench is Laura Henderson, the indomitable Mayfair dowager who in 1937 purchased the decrepit building. With Vivian Van Damme (Bob Hoskins), its manager, she transformed the place into one of risqué revues and regular full-houses. Dench is at her best, ranging from the imperious to the fallible, Hoskins drops his boisterousness - and his daks - and the American Christopher Guest (Spinal Tap) does a remarkable turn as the straight-laced Lord Cromer. Period is studiously evoked, stage routines are handsomely realized and for a time it threatens to be all froth and bubble. But the pounding of the Blitz shunts the story into more poignant and ultimately tragic territory.

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **CROWDED HOUSE + SPLIT ENZ TRIBUTE SHOW**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **RAZ BIN SAM + LION 1 BAND 9.30PM DAVE GRAVY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 12 + 2PM **THE DREAM 8PM LUCINDA PETERS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **LADIES NIGHT**
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SUNDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM **CROWDED HOUSE + SPLIT ENZ TRIBUTE SHOW 9PM DJ**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **CYBERBAS LIVE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G LOUNGE DAVE ATKINS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **MOVIN MARTY + WILL JAY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **HILL BILLY BLUES BANDITS**
- ZULA CAFE, BYRON 4 - 8PM **CHILL OUT SESSIONS W/ POB**
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- FRESH, BYRON, 2PM **ANDY HOLM**
- POINCIANA 12PM **WETSUITS 2.30PM MURRAY KYLE CD LAUNCH**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 1.30PM **DRIFTWOOD**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **SOULMAN**
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MONDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
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- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **VOODOO + CRINKLE**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON 9PM **LISA LOUD + THE STAFFORD BROS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **ANDY GORDON**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL 7.30PM **SALSA CLASS + FREESTYLE**
- DEAD KENNEDYS LANE 7.30PM **HUMBLE LOAF + THE HIPPIE TITTIES**

TUESDAY 24

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **DJ DAVE C**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **TEAM TRIVIA**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BABY G + GOODWOOD LOUNGE GOODIE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **SARA TINDLEY**
- CHINCOGAN HOTEL 7.15PM **ROCK + ROLL DANCING**
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This mega-Capricorn week in the empire of the sensible is practical, ambitious and good for spotting profitable business opportunities or getting financial plans in place. But don't forget Capricorn composer Irving Mills' observation: It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing...

ARIES: If a clash of opinions gets you turning your internal living room into military headquarters this week, stop – in the name of love – because getting angry affects your immune system, circulation and a whole lot more. Do you really want anyone else controlling you to that extent?

TAURUS: This week friends or enemies from long ago and far away could be on your mind – even show up. How do they connect to your present? Is a similar situation repeating itself? This is an auspicious week for completing something that's been going on for a very long time.

GEMINI: This week's on-a-mission mob are a deadly earnest lot, and your karmic service is to lighten up their single mindedness by demonstrating more enjoyable ways of operating, helping them relax, reminding them to have fun – in return for some of their determination and staying power.

CANCER: So what if others insist on doing things their way? Let them. It will leave you more time, space and energy to do what you need to this week, which is concentrate on making some difficult but necessary decisions. Long overdue ones...

LEO: This week's know-it-all, authoritarian types might think it's all about their rules and regulations, but naturally your Majesty won't be having any of that. Put your originality, resourcefulness and sheer cheek to work on this week's limitations and restrictions.

VIRGO: This is the day Scott of the Antarctic reached the South Pole against overwhelming odds. Of course you're a superforce, but adopting the Scott approach is hell on both physical and emotional systems. Cut yourself some slack and just accept some things as less than perfect this week.

LIBRA: Librans feel unfairness keenly, and there's unexpected strength beneath your agreeable exterior – anyone pegging you as weak, wussy or gullible and trying to take advantage is in for a surprise. It's the Week of the Achiever, so whatever you have in mind this is the time to go for it...

SCORPIO: No matter how justified you might feel about spitting the dummy, losing your temper loses you respect and support. Sure, opposition is unsettling, but rising to life's challenges rather than trying to dominate your environment could make this one of the year's most satisfying weeks.

SAGITTARIUS: Retrograde Saturn in Leo is highly likely to be showing you examples of wasteful generosity, financial carelessness and needless extravagance this week – along with some new ways to get more bang for your buck from a combination of sensible spending and ethical investments.

CAPRICORN: Venus retrograde re-evaluates relationships – in Capricorn this tends to focus on business and career connections. Even if people aren't as helpful this week as you'd like, give praise generously where you can – which, as you know, often changes someone's attitude dramatically.

AQUARIUS: Aquarians like arcane bits of information so here you go: today is reputedly the anniversary of St Antony of Egypt, patron saint of pigs and basket makers. Curiously enough, the stars are strongly advising against putting all your pigs in one basket this week. Diversify.

PISCES: A taking care of business week – about as good as it gets for paying bills, following up phone calls, making appointments you've been putting off, signing contracts, house hunting, buying major appliances. Sound dull? You'll supply more than enough of the magical mystery stuff.

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In the red

Horatio Bitemark

THE HOT weather had become draining, so we shipped in an iceberg from the Antarctic, accidentally sinking the Nesshin Maru in the process, much to the delight of Captain Paul Watson and to the chagrin of federal minister for bending over and taking it painfully from behind Ian Campbell. We moored it off the surfers' wreck at Main Beach, where some entrepreneur set up a slushie franchise for thirsty grommets off its side. The berg lowered the temperature of the Bay by .02 degrees and gave the patrons of the Beachy something to gawk at. We carted pieces of the berg up to the Myocum clubhouse in our fleet of Bentley tray trucks when need required.

Normally we would buy locally, or at least no further away than Phuket, but nothing can beat Antarctic ice to soothe the thermal vicissitudes. One takes a wedge and has a valet plunge it into the spine slightly south of C5-C6 and all cares melt away or, in Abbotsleigh's case, all rational thought. It is this ice, too, which is essential in mixing the perfect Myocum Mango Margarita – you'll need a valet, half a cup of peeled sliced mango, one and a quarter ounces of tequila, half an ounce of cointreau, a quarter of a lime and just a splash of chambord (the splash based on Einstein's Unified Splash Theorem of 36 splashes per cosmic ounce). Have the valet squeeze the lime into a blender, add the mango and blend. Add the other ingredients and blend, apart from the chambord. Combine with Antarctic berg ice and top with the splash of chambord and decorate with a lime wedge. For the more adventurous, have the valet throw in a regulation capsule measure of 3,4,5-trime-thoxy-phenethylamine. Seat yourself languor-

ously on an appropriate timber deck and sip slowly until the entheogens kick in.

'Chap's father once had a chambord distillery in Tasmania,' ventured Bosworth, admiring the afternoon light through his second margarita. 'Perfect place for growing black raspberries.'

'Damn fine splash material,' noted Abbot-sleigh, who was gradually sliding down the wall into a pool of ice water. 'What's in it?'

'Well,' continued Bosworth, 'Pater kid-napped a Carthusian monk from France and chained him to a dominatrix in a dark cellar to obtain the secret recipe. I was too busy at the time with my toy soldiers and the commodi-ties market to pay much attention, but it does involve said raspberries, vanilla, honey and herbs steeped in cognac.'

'No wonder it played such a central part in Einstein's little-known cocktail cosmology,' said Tosser Digby. 'He posited that the rasp-berly is a good three dimensional representa-tion of the multidimensional space-time-love continuum, in which case the cognac would have the same background influences as the meson. It was revolutionary theory when most physicists were concentrating on the martini.'

'Patted Schrodinger's cat once,' muttered Abbotsleigh. 'Don't know where it got to after that.'

As the afternoon wore on, talk of quantum physics gave way to silence. Each of us had found our own hyperchambord portal into the roseate light tinting the clouds gathered like cherubs about the distant lighthouse, a light which whirred with angelic blender voices, tasted of raspberries and felt like vellum. The senses unchained, gentle reader, unravel the metacuisine of the stars.



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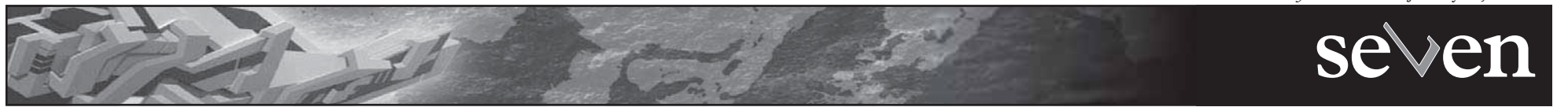
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Pancakes, flapjacks, pikelets, hotcakes, drop-scones, blinis, crepes and blintzes are all members of the same family – are often, by accident or otherwise, the same things. Basically batter composed of flour, eggs and milk, they differ from each other according to the ratio of those ingredients and the addition of others. Blinis, for example, require yeast to transform their composition into lightness and grace, whereas more liquid ensures a paper-like transparency to crepes. Pancakes and Hotcakes are I suspect the same thing though as a child tipping hot golden syrup over a buttery pile of my mother's sublime hotcakes I always understood the latter to be fatter and eggier than the former, and somehow superior. Pikelets are polite: dainty discs upon which to mount jam and whipped cream, a pot of tea nearby. Crepes should be as delicate, stylish and slender as Northern European women, and neither their simplest adornment of lemon juice and sugar nor their more substantial incarnation as parcels for heavenly fillings should overwhelm their ethereality. Blintzes, on the contrary, whose origins are the harsh unforgiving climates of Eastern Europe, are allowed to encase the warming richness of sweetened cheese, liqueurs and dried fruit within the airy lightness of their batter. Blinis derive from those parts as well, tiny vehicles for smoked fish, a daub of soured cream, a glaze of sturgeon roe, puffy and fragrant with yeast.

But back to breakfast pancakes. Armed with the basic recipe you

begin to see the endless possibilities. When stoned fruits were in season my mother would stew peaches, nectarines and apricots then fold them through the batter. In winter she might substitute softened apples and cinnamon. Mashed bananas whisk effortlessly into the mixture, requiring little more than a knob of golden butter to melt over the finished product. Substituting wholemeal or buckwheat flour makes their flavour nuttier and heartier – substituting buttermilk for the milk makes them lighter. Setting the batter aside to rest will also ensure a light result. Then, of course, there's the fun of them: the tipping of the mixture into the pan, the bubbles beginning to form, the flipping over. Allow the first one to be your experiment or your disaster – use a non-stick pan, a slick of oil and a non-stick spatula – eat while still warm. Ideally, share the experience with stray or bored children. Below is a simple recipe for Buttermilk Pancakes to make your own fluffy stack – any that you may not manage to eat can be successfully frozen.

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

In a bowl, beat together two eggs with two cups of buttermilk and 1/4 cup vegetable oil. Whisk through 1 3/4 cups plain flour, 2 tbsps sugar, 2 tspns baking powder, 1 tspn bicarb soda and 1 tspn salt. Combine well then set aside for at least half an hour. Lightly grease a frying pan and set on moderate heat till hot – ladle on the batter and cook until bubbles form on top. Flip over and cook until golden on the other side. Serve with hot maple syrup and whipped butter – ie, room-temperature butter whisked by hand until light and airy.



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CD MIXERS: Are very handy when you can't afford to buy much vinyl anymore

PRESSURE: Is that how you spell it?

SUMMER: Lovin' happened so fast. Get used to it folks, eventually it'll be summer all year round

GRAFFITI: Turning ugly, grey, council built walls into colourful, (sub)urban canvas for decades now

BRISBANE: Grew up there, know it intimately... love it and hate it in almost equal proportions

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CHRISTIANS: All religions seem pointless to me at this stage of our evolution. Can't we just all agree to be Earthist or Worldist and get on with saving our physical home and enlightening each other as we go?

FRUIT: Ever made love with a pawpaw? So ripe, so sweet, so juicy... mmmmmmmmmmm

UPCOMING GIGS: Mission Ignition at the Big Day Out, Lilly Pad stage of course! From 11am - 12pm, 1pm - 2pm, and just after sunset with the fire element added. Plus we play at the Beach Hotel every second Sunday.

DANCIN' NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 18 >>

Drum n' Bass at Play with **Mark Walton** (Good Buddha) doing a hip hop warm-up (and scratch-up) till midnight when the drum n bass crew take over. Brisbane's **Will Jackson** goes back to back with local **DJ Balance** and MCs add vibe to the mega-mash up.

THURSDAY 19 >>

Krafty Kuts, can truly be recognised as a member of the breakbeat elite. Along with other high profile figures such as Adam Freeland, Rennie Pilgrim, Freq Nasty and the Plump DJs, Krafty Kuts has been instrumental in pushing the breakbeat sound to a world wide audience. He was voted Best International DJ at the Australian Dance Music Awards and the Face of Breaks 2003 at the International Breakspoil Awards. He will rock the dancefloor tonight with support from **Dave Atkins** at La La Land. The Junkbeats crew is down at Play for live **20 for 7** performances at midnight, pushing out fresh new electro beats and uniquely funky house tracks. Also at Play is **DJ Jimi Polar**, visiting from Sydney, doing the decks along with Junkbeats founder **Basek**.

SATURDAY 21 >>

Renowned Australian **DJ Goodwill** is guesting at Play. Goodwill has been entertaining the major festivals and clubs since his early Sydney breaks days alongside Kid Kenobi. Now firmly in the house school, Goodwill delivers fresh tunes, re-mixes and bootlegs of upfront house; mixing in electro and tech beats for a chunky and funky house sound. Goodwill has held down residencies at Home, Onelove and Family; done all the festivals from Good Vibes to Big Day Out and he's played with Roger Sanchez, Fat Boy Slim, Sasha and more... and at Play he's on with **Dave C** and **Wallapalooza**. **Livewire** mash up La La while at the Buddha Bar, **Dave Gravy** takes over the terrace after Raz Bin Sam and the Lion 1 Bands show at 7.

SUNDAY 22 >>

Elsewhere in Surfers presents a Big Day Out Soiree... with residents **Giv** (Toomba Records) & **Rock Hardson** (Byron), **Scott Pullen**, **Kwerkshope** & surprise guests. Elsewhere has been invited to host the Lilyworld 'Clubtainer' at the Big Day Out, so check it out. On the local tip, Zula hosts its regular Chill out sessions with **Pob** from 4 to 8.

MONDAY 23 >>

At La La the Stafford Brothers are joined by the UK's **Lisa Loud**. Lisa Loud's love affair with house music developed when fellow DJ and friend Paul Oakenfold persuaded her to jump on the decks and learn the craft of DJ'ing. With a donation of records and Oakenfold's confidence, Lisa soon became his protégé. Nowadays Lisa is a fully fledged member of the international DJ community, playing her trade-mark sound of tribal infused tech house from Eastern Europe to South East Asia. **The Dream State Circus** launches their new weekly cabaret circus show on the terrace of the Buddha Bar. From acro-balancing, to wild juggling, sticky rope, aerial, fire and high wire, these guys can and will do it all. Stay tuned after the circus show for the seamless DJ mix of local looper, **Brad Vortex**.



Krafty Kuts playing at La La Land, Thursday

RAINBOW SERPENT FESTIVAL

The Rainbow Serpent Music, Arts and Lifestyle Festival returns to country Victoria over Australia Day long weekend, 27 - 30 January 2006. Internationally recognized as one of Australia's most spectacular outdoor events, the festival is an extravaganza of music, arts, healing and camping over four days, attracting 5000+ people. The Festival is a place where the often isolated and stressful aspects of twenty-first century living can be freed in a community of dance, love and partying!

International acts scheduled for 2006 include **Son Kite & Minilogue** (Live, Sweden), **Bamboo Forest** (Live, France), **Panick** (Live, Israel), **Frank Beckers** (Plastic Park, Germany), **Edoardo** (Neurobiotic, Italy), **Peter Didjital** (Digital Structures, Sweden)...and many more local and Australian artists still to be announced! A constantly evolving aspect of the Festival is the Village of Light, where holistic activities designed to expand the mind, awaken the spirit and heal the soul occur. A place for the wellbeing of children and adults alike, highlights in 2006 include children's workshops, art therapy, circus workshops, yoga, meditation and a healing oasis where practitioners of all disciplines will share their skills.

ARTSEVENTS

>> FLICKERING FRIDAY

Don't forget the **Flickerfest International Film Festival** kicks off this Friday at the **Bangalow A & I Hall at 8.30pm**. Here's a chance to see some innovative and relevant films that didn't need seven executive producers, assistants to the Exec Prod's and a budget of trillions that mostly went up the Prod's noses. Hooray for Hollywood. Another great reason for going along besides seeing the art of film being used for good instead of evil is that it's a fundraiser for the Island Quarry. Get more info from www.flickerfest.com.au

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>> MIDNIGHT TOKER

So what does a **space cowboy** ride? A rogue piece of space junk? Maybe part of a corpse of a blown up NASA astronaut? Just putting it out there to mull over. If your sceptical that someone

can read minds (hey, this is the Byron Shire, finding a sceptic for the supernatural is like finding a needle in a haystack), then go along to the the Space Cowboy's 'Mind Bending' performance at the Byron Bay Community Centre. Yes, **the Cowboy has put on extra shows, you can see him Thursday and/ or Friday.**



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News Extra

New health websites launch

Two new North Coast Area Health Service websites launched last week are expected to receive high-level usage by the general public because of the value of the material provided.

'LivingWith Chronic Disease' is a web link offering a diversity of easily understood clinical and personal information to the one-in-seven residents who suffer from chronic diseases such as cancer, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

The site includes information for people living with chronic diseases as well as their families, friends and carers. It also offers easy links to useful external websites with information about those diseases, along with the latest news about NCAHS pro-

grams and projects relating to Chronic Diseases.

The New NCAHS Chronic Disease website can be accessed by clicking on www.ncahs.nsw.gov.au/chronic-disease/.

'Support Groups' is a new web link dedicated to helping support North Coast Residents with long-term medical conditions and providing guidance and networking advice to their families, carers and friends who can offer strength and support through difficult situations.

Many of the contacts described and listed on the website are groups independent from North Coast Area Health Service but affiliated with well-recognised national bodies.

The new NCAHS Support Groups website can be

accessed by clicking on www.ncahs.nsw.gov.au/support/.

'While many people who access the sites will be undergoing medical treatment, for which there is no substitute for personal contact with clinicians, these new websites are a wonderful resource for both patients and their carers,' NCAHS Chief Executive, Chris Crawford, said.

'It is convenient to be able to access information in your own time, and to be able to download or print out the specific material you might need to keep.

'The launch is the culmination of many hours of design work by our highly skilled IT staff and they are to be congratulated for their efforts. Other health web links will be coming online in the near future.'

Free web presence for local groups

If you landcare, duncare, bushwalk, birdwatch or just love the natural environment of the Northern Rivers, then you may be interested in this. In order to increase awareness and involvement in environmental activities and events, Croaking Environment Resources is planning to develop a listing of environment-related community groups on its website.

The local business has recently been established to serve the environmental

needs of the community, and it believes this latest proposal will give groups the opportunity to present their interest in the environment to the rest of the community.

'We want to develop the listing so that the whole community can hear about the work and play that happens in our local environment. This community is passionate about the environment, and we want to see that passion grow. If we can assist that, then we'll be achieving

one of our goals,' says the company.

The proposal hopes to develop a permanent directory, with periodic 'spotlight' features for selected groups. Submissions will be considered from any not-for-profit group with an interest in the environment.

Expressions of interest can be emailed to community@croakingenvironment.com.au, or for further information visit www.croakingenvironment.com.au.

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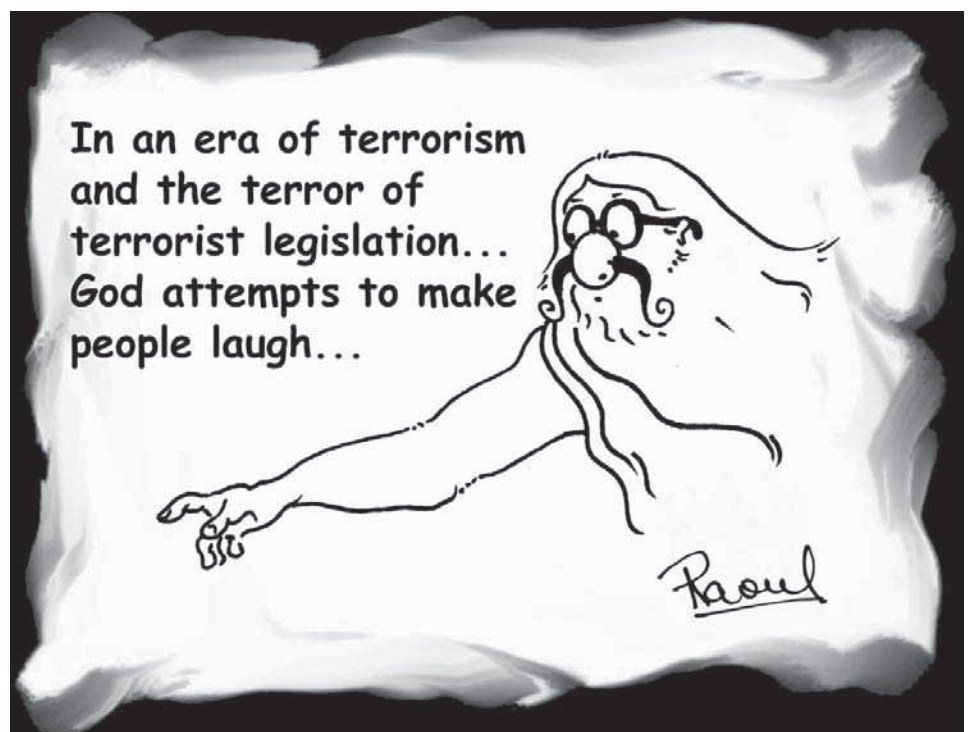
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Climate partnership a 'con job'

Friends of the Earth, Australia (FoEA) rejects the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate as a thinly-veiled attempt by some of the world's worst greenhouse polluters to destroy the Kyoto Protocol.

Michelle Braunstein, FoEA climate campaigner, said, 'The Asia-Pacific Partnership is led by the two Kyoto renegade states, the US and Australia, which are respectively the world's worst greenhouse polluter and the worst per capita polluter. The Partnership contains no binding commitments to reduce greenhouse emissions. Instead, we expect more subsidies for dubious and expensive technologies like "clean coal" and perhaps also nuclear power, while true clean solutions like renewables are left to lan-

guish. The Howard government has refused to expand the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target and it has cut funding to renewable energy research such as the complete withdrawal of funding from the Co-operative Research Centre for Renewable Energy.

'The Asia-Pacific Partnership documents vaguely refer to "development and poverty reduction" yet just last week the Howard government refused to endorse Labor's commitment to accepting climate refugees.'

FoEA nuclear campaigner Jim Green said, 'The Asia-Pacific Partnership meeting will most likely be used to promote nuclear power, the slowest, most expensive and most dangerous of all climate change abatement strategies. Nuclear power is the only energy source with

a direct connection to WMD. Australian uranium has led to the production of enough plutonium to build over 8,000 nuclear weapons and in November the so-called Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office acknowledged that there is a risk of diversion of Australian uranium for weapons production.'

An October 2005 report by the International Atomic Energy Agency revealed that the pro-nuclear propaganda to which Australians have been subjected has done little to swing public opinion. The IAEA survey of 1,020 Australians found that 60% want no new nuclear power plants or the closure of all nuclear power plants as soon as possible; and 56% of Australians consider the IAEA's 'safeguards' inspection system to be ineffective.

Pin This Up Calling all Byron Youth Service

Friends, fundraisers and super heroes thanks for a great 2005, now lets plan the year ahead. Get together 5.30pm Wednesday January 18, upstairs at Cocomangas to welcome all ideas, suggestions, volunteer, prizes etc. New friends welcome. Please pass this on to anyone who you think may like to be supportive of Byron Youth Service in a fundraising role throughout 2006. Info phone Fiona Hunter 6680 7922.

Mullum Magic Toastmasters

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Bangalow Writers Group

Is again sponsoring their annual Poets in the Park Picnic on Sunday January 29 at 5pm, opposite Heritage House off Deacon Street. Just bring blanket or chair, bottle of wine and a picnic and relax beneath the trees listening to some of the shires best poets. It's free and enjoyable. Ring us if you would like to read your own poetry. Jean Ringland 6687 8094, Paula Williams 6687 2728.

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Playtime is restarting on Wednesday January 25. 9.30am to 11.30am at the Uniting Church, Dalley St. Mullumbimby. For enquiries phone Louise 6684 1081.

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

Upper Main Arm Community Assoc

Invites you to its Annual General Meeting to be held at Kohinur Hall at 6pm on Friday February 3.

GROW Meeting

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Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Shores Utd Soccer Club needs you!

Shores Utd Soccer Club has enjoyed an excellent reputation for many years, fielding highly competitive teams in the Soccer FNC junior competition and providing much needed after school activities for kids in Ocean Shores. The 2005 season saw the club fielding 12 teams from grades six to 13 with approximately 140 boys and girls involved. This year there is an opportunity for 15/16 year olds to play if they are interested, as Mick Hardie is keen to coach a team in this age group. If you're interested, please call Mick on 6680 5734.

New strips have now been provided to all teams in the club and the much needed new storage shed is currently

being built. Furthermore, the grounds at New Brighton are in the best condition ever and have recently been fenced providing a much safer environment for the children.

Unfortunately, the 2005 committee has retired and while most positions have been filled, the club still needs a president and secretary. If these positions are not filled, the club will be unable to function and there will be no sign on this February which is only a month away.

The outgoing committee will assist all new committee members to make the transition to 2006 as smooth as possible and will continue to assist with the construction

of the new shed. As the club facilities are in the best shape ever and with Australia qualifying for the world cup this year, 2006 is looking like being a great year for soccer.

It would be very sad for the Ocean Shores community as well as junior soccer on the far north coast if this club had to fold, especially after all the hard work that has been put into it so far.

With so few sporting and recreational facilities available for kids in Ocean Shores, it would be a huge blow if they lost their soccer club as well. So please, if you can spare some time to do something worthwhile for your kids, then contact Amanda on 0411 547 478 or 6680 3547.

Byron Boardriders clean up in Burleigh



Byron Bay Boardriders dominated more fancied Queensland boardriding clubs to win the Gold Coast City Council Clean Water Teams Challenge held at Burleigh Heads recently. The Byron team won by eight points from nearest rivals Coolum Boardriders.

The raiders from the Bay took home \$3,000.00 for their win, and became the

first NSW club to win the event. Byron Bay took the lead with their first surfer to hit the water, Beau Walker, who scored 5.67, and then Jarrad Sullivan (pictured) and Yerin Brown followed the good start, both scoring 7.5s from the judges.

Coolum came back strongly as did Point Lookout, but it was not enough to reel in the Byron Bay team

who were firing on all cylinders. Team members were as follows: opens Jarrad Sullivan and Beau Walker; senior Yerin Brown; Junior Jono Riordan and cadet Dominic Sullivan.

A reminder that the Byron Bay AGM is on Tuesday January 24 at 7pm to establish our new committee and to register for the new season starting early February.

Hot to chop at Brunswick Heads



Victorian axeman Colin Wadey enjoying a moment of 'quiet reflection' during the relentless heat at the recent Brunswick Woodchop Festival. Photo Jeff 'Who's the fairest?' Dawson

The annual Brunswick Woodchop Carnival came to its conclusion last weekend and according to new committee president Rosslyn Hogan, it was an outstanding success. Ros has made very few changes to what she perceives to be a winning formula, but one big change she has made is the introduction of ladies events to the previously male dominated program.

'There was lots of excitement about the ladies events

this year,' said Ms Hogan. 'All the ladies who competed had a great time and have promised to be back next year. In fact they're confident there'll be lots more ladies next year including a team from New Zealand.'

She went on to comment on the friendliness of the atmosphere among the competitors and crowd alike despite this year being the hottest year for the carnival yet.

'The camaraderie among

the axemen is great, the workers are all wonderful and everyone gets on really well together,' said Ms Hogan. 'In fact David Foster has invited the entire ring crew to Tasmania later this year as he thinks they're such a great group.'

David Foster was the usual star attraction of the carnival, however the well planned handicapping of the carnival meant that he didn't run away with wins in all his events.

First aid kit a step in the right direction



Scott Lambert puts his best foot forward showing off his new product 'Naturalfooted' launched in collaboration with his colleague Jonathon Cole. Photo Jeff 'Just Call Me Goofy' Dawson

An exciting new partnership between two young local surfers Scott Lambert and Jonathon Cole has filled a gap in the surfing market. Named 'Naturalfooted', the boys have launched their new product targeted at the travelling surfer: The Surfer's First Aid Kit.

More than a year of research and development has seen the emergence of a product that has recently gained interest from Quiksil-

ver Australia, The SurfTravel Company, and Indo Surf & Lingo, who, along with 12 other companies, are currently stocking the Surfer's First Aid Kit.

Scott and Jonathon met while studying science at Southern Cross University, but decided to put their studies on the back burner in pursuit of their goal of developing a product that had obviously been overlooked. Both men are avid surfers

with significant travelling experience, which has helped to develop the product which was recently approved for the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) - a government funded initiative aiming at helping with the establishment of new small businesses.

For more information on 'Naturalfooted' visit www.naturalfooted.com.au or phone Scott on 0422 416 643 or Jonno on 0423 402 468.

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Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Masters carnival a great success

The eleventh annual Hotel Brunswick Masters Carnival was held on January 7 at Brunswick Heads with 17 clubs entering from as far away as Noosa Heads to the north and Lennox Head to the south. There was a record-breaking number of competitors this year at 125. The sea was rough but provided interesting conditions for the strong and fit lifesavers who competed.

Club life member Mark Quinn performed well in all

his events, winning both sprints and flags. In teams' events he came in first in the double ski and second in the taplin relay. Congratulations to all our members who competed on the day including Graeme Condie, who finished first in his swim.

The dash for cash, which has been adapted from year to year to suit the weather, was well contested in the late afternoon's trying condition. The winner was long time competitor Hubie Abbott

from Miami Beach. The final results for the carnival were Miami first with 91 points, Mooloolabah second with 88 points, Kurrawa third with 83 points and coming in fourth Cudgen, a local club in our branch, with 74 points.

The day was concluded with the Brunswick Valley Lions Club famous pig on the spit and music by steaming hot rhythm and blues band The Percolators. Thanks to all who helped.

Another chance to experience disabled surfing



The DSA will be holding a Hands On Surf Day at Clarkes Beach Byron Bay on January 21 commencing at 10:00 am. We would like to invite all participants, their families, carers and volunteers to come along for a fun filled day in the surf. The DSA caters for people with all levels of disabilities; there is no cost and a light barbecue lunch is provided. Participants are encouraged to bring drinks and plenty of sun protection. For any enquiries contact Ted Kabbout on 0427 804 480. Picture shows action from the last disabled surfing day at Clarkes Beach held in October. Photo Jeff Dawson

Australian surfing hits its peak

With the first event of the 2006 ASP WCT just around the corner, the Development Programs of Surfing Australia are reaping rewards with surfers from all mainland surfing states contesting the tour this year for the first time.

'This is a great result for Surfing Australia's Development Programs,' said Surfing Australia's CEO Mario Agius.

'Jarrad Howse is the first South Australian surfer to qualify for the tour and he joins NSW surfers Adrian Buchan and Shaun Cansdell as debutantes on the men's tour this year. Jessi Mile-Dyer is the only Australian newcomer to join the women's tour,' Agius added.

Twenty Australians have qualified for the Fosters ASP Men's WCT, while nine Australians have qualified for the

ASP Women's Tour, including Byron Bay's Danny Wills, Coolangatta's Mick Fanning, and Kingscliff youngster Stephanie Gilmore.

The first events of the WCT for both Men and Women are the Quiksilver and Roxy Pros held at the Snapper Rocks break, located on the southern end of the Gold Coast in Queensland from February 28 to March 12, 2006.

Crankin what's happening surfside

Byron Bay Malibu Club

Next club round January 22 with February round on February 12. Raffle rosters: if you can't make it, have someone fill in; need help contact Jim Rogers. This week Julie Anderson and Garry Munson. Karaoke night early February; date to be organised. Happy new year.

Surfing FNC

The Australian Pro Junior series took place at Bells Beach recently with Surfing FNC surfer Laurie Towner

winning the final in a very good start to the season.

The junior boys event saw eleven SFNC surfers compete including Stuart Kennedy (Lennox), Jamie Nicholson (Brunswick), Ellis Ericson (Byron Bay), Stephan Walsh (Lennox) and James Wood (Lennox). The Gallaz/Jetty Surf Pro Girls included Byron Bay's Aurora Ericson, Ashleigh Smith and Natalie Briggs. Congratulations to all competitors.

Important dates for your calendar: March 11-12 first round regional titles in

Yamba; April 1-2 second round regional titles in Cabarita; May 6-7 third round regional titles in Byron Bay followed by presentation afternoon at Hotel Great Northern. June 16-18 NSW state open titles in Maroubra; August 4-6 NSW state masters/ womens' titles in Coff's Harbour; September 3-9 Australian open/surf-master titles in Torquay; November 25-December 2 Australian junior titles in Ballina. Sign on days for regional clubs to be announced next week.

SPORTS RESULTS

BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Men
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Lennox Head Men
Tue 10/1 Washed Out. Wed 11/1 Twilight Bowls: B Schweitzer, G Simons winners 15 def R Adams, L Bartlett 11; E Burgess, J Burrows r/up 20 def W Saric, T McCadden 20 c/back. Sat 14/1 Club Selected Triples: K Kilby, M Knott, G Simon winners 26 def B Harland, B Jensen, L Chaseling 17; F Alcoat, J Swain, B Christopher r/up 20 def K Garrard, K Torrens, N Gregor 19. Sun 15/1 Open Triples: H Davey, W Abraham winners 27 def G Hayes, P Clarke 12; M Gregor, D Gregor, N Gregor r/up 25 def S Lewis, B Malcolm, G Maloney 13; M Campbell, L Martin, G Martin 23 def F Somerville, G Orchard, S Hunter 19 losers prize.

Mullumbimby Men
Wed winners: D Ottery, R Gray, R Webb 23 def J Henry, T Henry, L Henry 10. Other results: W Hampson, F Buckley, R Moore 20 def A Pyzer, B Gibson, S Purdie 11; P Jones, A Johnstone, J McKay 21 def R Ford, R Kidby, R Philips 10; J Snow, R Neate, S Smart 18 def T Isted, A Bartlett, T Johnston 14. Fri Night Twilight: Duck and 2 Terries def Darren, Robert, Paul 13 to 6, 4 wins in a row. Sat: P Thompson, B McClymont, S Purdie 16 def R Ford, R Philips, R Day 9. Noms C'ship Mens Fours/Triples close 28/1. Matches begin following wk.

Mullumbimby Women
10/1 Social Bowls: J Graham, J Towner 18 v S Boyd, J Kidman 9; E Jones, B Croft 17 winners v S Brown, J Beaumont 8. Raffle winner J Kidman. General Meeting 14/2. Watch Board for C'ships.

Ocean Shores Men
9/1 Triples winners: B Doherty, K Kennedy, M Ellis; r/up E Boyter, F Wade, J Phipers; R Campbell, R Tonkin, J Hay. 12/1 Norfolk Is Challenge: R Roberts minding non-winners shirt. 13/1 Precision Play: R Campbell, T Skelton, A Pyzer 18 drew L Mason, B James, C Pyzer; J Sullivan, T Mason 24 def R Roberts, Chicko 23; J Hay, R Tonkin 28 def S Pratt, J Van'son; M Ellis, L Hoffman 25 def B Priest, R Ellis 12; D Lawson, K Hansen 25 def D Whitney, K Hosie 17; L Campbell, M James, M Hosie 27 def B Gibson, M Enright, J Berry 12. Draw on Board for C'ship games.

BRIDGE
Brunswick Valley
Bruns Valley: Sat 15/1, N/5 1st gross and 1st nett C Donaldson, M Solway; 2nd gross J Wright, J Lipski. E/W 1st gross G and A Withey, 2nd gross I Homfray and R Fox; 1st nett N Van Den Heuvel and K Westall; equal 2nd nett B Powell, F Patterson, A Gray, S Easterbrook. Ocean Shores: Wed 11/1, 1st gross and nett N Van Den Heuvel, K Westall; 2nd Gross P and R Keyte, 2nd nett R Pedecine, P Sullivan.

CRICKET
Mullumbimby/Brunswick Seniors
2nd Grade: Mullum/Bruns 8/167, Goodacre 55, Butler 54 def Byron 110. 3rd Grade: v Alstonville, Mullum/Bruns batting 1st: J Batson 28, D Hardy 25, S McQueen 23, D Buckley 21, S Buchutz 12, C Mills giving total 145. A'ville scored 2/146: D

Gadowski 9/2/21. 4th Grade: def by Alstonville by 1 run. Mullum/Bruns 158: G Cook 43, J Reid 29, M Loane 19, D Ashton 16, D Wedd 11, A Cook 17; bowling: G Cook 2/16, M Kidson 2/25, J Buckley 2/27, A Cook 2/27. Draw this wk: 2nds at Bangalow; 3rds Leagues ground; 4ths Byron, all 1 day games.

CYCLING
Byron Bay Freeriders
Next race Byron Bay Criterium Series: Sun 12/2 in Arts and Industry Estate Byron. Registration 6am to 6.30am at Free to Ride in Centennial Circuit. Entry fee \$8, day licences available. Byron Freeriders meet on 1st Wed of every month, 7pm at Hotel Great Northern Backroom. Anyone interested in joining a local cycling Club is welcome to come along. Contact 6680 9590 for info. Road training rides leave the clock tower in Byron Bay at 6am sharp on Tues, Thurs and Sat. Fast pace. Byron Freeriders Club road ride leaves the clock tower in Byron Bay at 6.30am on Sat mornings. Jay takes out the Northern Rivers Adventure Rides on Sundays, for info contact Jay at True Wheel Cycles on 66841959.

GOLF
Mullumbimby Men
11/1 Single Stab winner: J Fanning 43; r/up K Maeda 41. NTP: N Farquhar, 4 Balls. Ball run down: J Fanning, K Maeda, P Jackson, P Towner, D Cawthorne, G Fairs, D Crowe, L Mills, 38pts. 14/1 Monthly Medal, A Grade winner: A Wedd 63 net; r/up P Towner 67cb. B Grade: D Donnelly 64 net; r/up J Cullen 66. C Grade: M Robinson 64; r/up J Falzon 68. NTP: H Coles; A Baldwin; D Cawthorne; T Donnelly. Gundie's: A Wedd. Ball run down: A Wedd, D Donnelly, M Robinson, J Cullen, P Jackson, L Mills, P Towner, A Baldwin, M Powell, J Falzon, J Breard, D Crowe, C Theodossiou, T Batson, D Cawthorn, R Graham, L Taylor, B Donnelly, R Ellis, R Cubis 70 cb.

Ocean Shores Ladies
Tue 10/1 Stab winner: J Chidlow 34; r/up B Crossley 28. NTP: J Chidlow. Thur 12/1 18 Hole Stab winner: J Chidlow 38; r/up B Wingad 36. Vouchers to 28cb. Sat 14/1 Stab winner: J Brown; r/up H Watt. NTP: J Bartlett. Vouchers to 32cb.

Ocean Shores Vets
5/1 Single Stab winner: I Macdonald 44; r/up A Redmond 43cb; L Wyatt 43. NTP: G Isaacs; L Stott; J McKay; B Edwards. Captains Pin: I Macdonald. Vice Capt Long Drive: B Neate; J J Willemse. Chooks to 25. Balls to 34. Scrubbers Ball: D Camplejohn. 12/1 2 Person Ambrose winners: J Thomas, R Conway 64 1/4; r/up M Brady, D Ferguson 65; I Macdonald, A Lind 66. NTP: N Adcock; P Hain. Capt Pin: R Donway. Vice Capt Long Drive: B Neate; L Stott. Balls to 72. Scrubbers Ball: F Miller, T Franks.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Mullumbimby Juniors
Mullumbimby Giants Junior RFL Club's 1st meeting of 2006 held at Mullumbimby RSL, 7.30pm Thur 19/1. All interested parties encouraged to attend.

SURF LIFE SAVING
Brunswick
Patrols Sat 21/1, 9am to 5pm, Patrol No 6 J Spinks. Sun 22/1, 9am to 5pm, Patrol No 3 A Diehm. Thurs 26/1, 9am to 5pm Patrol No 4 G Chapman. Pub Raffles 22/1 Aaron, Craig.

Byron Bay
Country Titles this weekend at Woolgoolga for Seniors and Juniors, usual huge effort will be put in trying to win the c'ship again. Results: 3rd QLD Super series for season at Tugan on w'end. Open double ski: P Yopp, D Baggeley 2nd. U/19 single ski: E Killingbeck 2nd, K Battese 3rd. U/19 ski relay: P Norton, B, Killingbeck 1st. U/19 double ski: Battese and Killingbeck 1st, Norton and B Lawrence 2nd. U/17 single ski: Lawrence 2nd. Kayak Grand Prix meet in Melbourne: K Tutt 1st 500m B final.

Patrols Sat 21/1, 9am to 5pm: J Keough PC, R Andrews APC, S Stott, J Turner, M Keough, K McCadden, T Boot, T McGrath, M Thomson, A MacTier, S O'Brien. Sun 22/1 9am to 5pm: S Hulbert PC, J Bridgeman, L Rees, N Hoeman, M McDonald, B Fife, R Potts, T Miller, C Marshall, R Brown, V Pearse.

TENNIS
Mullumbimby
Grading nights for new comps: Mens Comp, Tue 31/1, 6.30pm; Ladies Comp, Mon 6/2, 6.30pm; Mixed Comp, Thur 2/2, 6.30pm. Anyone interested in joining any of the comps please turn up for grading on approp. night if you have not played previously in a comp. Those who have played previously contact Jeanie to get name on list. Sat Mixed Social resumes 21/1, start 2.30pm. Enquiries regarding coaching Justin 0403 841 241, all other enquiries Jeanie 6680 4353w or 6680 1330h.

Rams rev up for 2006

The Byron Bay Rams are keen to defend their premiership title from 2005 and start training Tuesday January 31 at the Rec Grounds under the guidance of coach Peter Ware and his assistant Richard Harvey, and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter.

Expectations are high with all grades from over 35s to premiers asked to come to training. New players are most welcome to attend. If the club is to be as successful as it was last year, everyone needs to be at peak fitness for the start of the season, so don't wait for cooler weather to get started. This year there will be two premier sides entered into the ANZAC Cup so all players, both existing and new, can be looked at before the season proper starts.

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3rd SUN	Uki	6679 5399
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3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow.....	6687 1911
5th SUN	Nimbin Market	6689 0000
EACH TUE Organic L'more ... 6628 1084		

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New Moon	30th Jan	1.15 am
First Quarter	5th Feb	5.30 pm
Leo Full Moon	13th Feb	3.45 pm

WED High	11.26 am 1.6	Sunrise	6.04 am
18th Low	5.05 am 0.5	Sunset	7.47 pm
THU High	6.04 pm 0.3	Moonrise	10.13 pm
19th Low	12.06 am 1.3	Moonset	9.06 am
FRI High	12.44 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.05 am
20th Low	5.43 am 0.5	Sunset	7.47 pm
SAT High	6.36 pm 0.4	Moonrise	10.40 pm
21st Low	12.37 pm 1.4	Moonset	9.58 am
SUN High	6.25 am 0.6	Sunrise	6.06 am
22nd Low	7.10 pm 0.4	Sunset	7.46 pm
MON High	1.26 am 1.3	Moonrise	11.06 pm
23rd Low	1.19 pm 1.3	Moonset	10.50 am
TUE High	7.13 am 0.6	Sunrise	6.07 am
24th Low	7.46 pm 0.4	Sunset	7.46 pm
WED High	2.12 am 1.3	Moonrise	11.33 pm
2nd Low	2.08 pm 1.2	Moonset	11.43 am
THU High	8.12 am 0.6	Sunrise	6.08 am
5th Low	8.26 pm 0.5	Sunset	7.46 pm
FRI High	3.05 am 1.3	Moonrise	12.37 pm
6th Low	3.10 pm 1.2	Moonset	6.09 am
SAT High	9.25 am 0.6	Sunrise	6.09 am
7th Low	9.14 pm 0.5	Sunset	7.46 pm
SUN High	4.03 am 1.4	Moonrise	12.02 am
8th Low	4.25 pm 1.1	Moonset	1.34 pm
MON High	10.54 am 0.6	Sunrise	6.09 am
9th Low	10.11 pm 0.6	Sunset	7.45 pm
TUE High	11.26 am 1.6	Moonrise	12.35 am
10th Low	11.26 pm 1.6	Moonset	2.34 pm

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▶▶▶ 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.



▶▶▶ 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.
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▶▶▶ Special Opportunity

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a quality brick home in Brunswick Heads on a large block of 1012 square meters with rear lane access. The home is in excellent condition with three large bedrooms and very spacious living areas with a new kitchen and many quality features. This is a private sale and offers over \$780,000 will be considered.
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▶▶▶ Coopers Shoot Cottage

This fabulous three bedroom original cottage has been recently renovated and features polished timber floors throughout, French doors that open onto the generous covered east facing deck and a stylish galley kitchen. Lighthouse and ocean views can be enjoyed from this wonderful property. Situated on 2719 square metres this is a great opportunity to secure your own haven in sought after Coopers Shoot with expansion a great possibility.
So close to Byron Bay's town centre and beaches yet far enough away to escape the crowds this property offers L.J.Hooker Byron Bay. \$1,350,000.



▶▶▶ 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.



▶▶▶ Renovator Special At Terranora

This three bedroom plus study home is situated in a private location yet handy to the South Tweed area. The two storey home has spacious kitchen and dining rooms. A separate lounge area opens onto decks overlooking the garden with a rural outlook and features a large double garage.
This is great for the first home buyer or renovator. Priced at \$339,000. Contact Gail Fuller at Gail Fuller Real Estate on 0418 441 675 or 02 6685 5285.



▶▶▶ Superb Views, Private Hideaway

This pavilion style five bedroom home on 11.5 acres is nestled atop the Condong Range with magnificent views to the Pacific Ocean. The main house and guests' wing are joined by a fully enclosed walkway. A rare opportunity exists to convert to a Bed & Breakfast (with council approval). Features include three bathrooms, open plan living, huge decks, heaps of mango and citrus trees. There is also a large studio situated away from the main house. It is 10 minutes to Cabarita Beach, 20 minutes to Coolangatta Airport and 25 minutes to Byron Bay. Contact Reg Connolly from Ray White Cabarita Beach on (02) 6676 3811 or Mark Page from Prestige Properties (07) 5536 5577. \$1.2million



▶▶▶ Artist's Home In Baywood

Close to beach, near reserve in quiet cul-de-sac is this delightful artist's home on 800sqm block. Impressive five bedroom, three bathroom home set in established garden paradise including large trees, vegie and herb gardens, tropical fruit trees and manicured lawns. Features a spacious self contained granny flat with 1 bedroom, bathroom, open plan dining, lounge, kitchen, garden, patio and entrance.
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Built around 1905, the house is one of the finest originals in the region. It was restored and extended in 1997 with painstaking attention to detail. The result is a home with authentic charm, large, comfortable living spaces and wonderful light with a very livable layout.

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

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

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



Auction 2nd February 2006 | Sales Consultant Damon Rahmate 0413 884 091 or damon@bangalowprofessionals.com.au | **Website PID** 121647 | **Open House** Sun 10-11am & Thurs 6-7pm

Ultimate in Style Designed to make an Impression



283a MANSE ROAD, MYOCUM Exquisitely finished throughout this is a property for those who appreciate the finer things in life - every possible design touch has been addressed. The main home is 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sep. office, kitchen & large open plan living/dining area opening onto north facing sundecks, 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!**

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

Views Forever - Secluded Privacy 100 Acres on Federal Plateau



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

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

Nature Lovers Paradise Just 3.5km from Byron Bay



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).**

For Sale \$1,595,000 | Sales Consultant Simon Thomas 0418 223 160 or simon@bangalowprofessionals.com.au | **Website PID** 120231 | **Open House** Sat 12-12.30pm

Federation home on 1 1/3 acres Gorgeous renovated charm



44 CEDAR DR, DUNOON Gorgeous home sits proudly upon a level 1 1/3 acre parcel of fertile land

- Wide verandahs for cool summers and warm winters
- Panoramic northerly rural and mountain views
- Centrally located 30 minutes to Bangalow

Auction 2nd February 2006 | Open House Sat 2.30-3.00pm | **Sales Consultant** Damon Rahmate 0413 884 091 | **Website PID** 125130

Funky warehouse style living Panoramic northerly views



322 ARTHURS RD, DORROUGHBY North facing 35 acre parcel is nestled high on the fertile Dorroughby plateau & features 200 mature organically grown macadamias, swimming holes & tranquil mountain & rural views.

Auction 2nd February 2006 | Open House Sat 1.30-2.00pm | **Sales Consultant** Damon Rahmate 0413 884 091 | **Website PID** 125070

THE ORIGINAL POSSUM CREEK FARM 'BOOGLEGUM'

549 FRIDAY HUT ROAD 2 HOUSES ON 5 ACRES



'Boogie' on down to Booglegum. OPEN FOR INSPECTION on Saturday 21st January 12pm-1pm. Enjoy a Pimms No. 1, tasty cheeses and great jazz.

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

in creams and boaters, engaged in a friendly game of cricket. Be warned – Booglegum desperately needs your love and attention. Your reward? A totally stunning and unique piece of history – and only a stone's throw from Bangalow village. The price for the opportunity to create a fabulous future for yourself and the proud old lady?

\$980,000 ono

5 ACRES IN ROSEBANK 'BUNYA'

293 ROSEBANK ROAD, ROSEBANK
(TURN RIGHT AT THE END OF MACKIE ROAD)



Enjoy a refreshing fruit punch at the OPEN FOR INSPECTION Sunday 22nd January 2pm-3pm.

'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,

entertainment area and plunge pool. A separate attractive building contains 2 large rooms and potential bathroom area. With a huge lush tropical garden, a fabulous accessible creek and numerous inclusions, this is a great opportunity to create the perfect lifestyle for the perfect price!

\$649,000 ono

COUNTRY LIFE ON A GRAND SCALE 'COLORADO SUNSET'

296 FRIDAY HUT ROAD, POSSUM CREEK



OPEN FOR INSPECTION Saturday 21st January 10am - 11am.

From the moment you pass through the impressive entrance, you know that nothing on this beautiful 5 acre property will disappoint you. Soaring ceilings, vast living areas, expansive wrap around verandahs, stunning rock features, tumbled marble and beautifully textured and toned wood – all create a special energy. Everything from the resort style master bedroom

retreat, to the stainless steel chef's kitchen, has been designed with the utmost style. Whether you are gazing into the comforting winter warmth of the magnificent bush rock fireplace, or sipping a drink on the terrace – one thing is for sure – life at 'Colorado Sunset' is nothing short of spectacular!

\$1.8m

YOUR OWN EXCLUSIVE 5 ACRE RESORT 'BUENA VISTA'

129 GOONENGERRY ROAD



Come and join the 'SOCIAL CLUB' at the OPEN FOR INSPECTION Saturday 21st January 2pm-3pm.

- Watch whales from the expansive terraces. Gaze at koalas in your own lush garden paradise.
- Invigorate in the totally private pool after relaxing in the enormous traditional wood fired sauna.
- 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!

\$1,580,000

PROPERTY BUYERS NET

All Agents Welcome – Finance Arranged If Required
Contact: Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088 / 6687 1313

17 Ballina Road,
Bangalow

27 ACRE MOUNTAIN TOP IN FEDERAL 'SEDONA'

LOT 14 TEAK LANE FEDERAL

(turn right at Blackbean which is 2nd on right after Pogel's Wood Restaurant, then right into Teak Lane)



**OPEN FOR INSPECTION SUNDAY 22nd & SUNDAY 29th JANUARY
11am – midday, with margaritas and Mexican music.**



'Sedona' is a serene place of dreams and magic – your own totally private world, full of the wonders of nature and romantic inspiration.

This unique property, with its own sealed roadway and photosecurity electronic gate, offers the opportunity to make further improvements without risk of overcapitalising.

If you can tear yourself away from the 360 degree panorama, the house will delight!

- Four bedrooms.
- Two bathrooms.
- Huge living room with vaulted ceiling.
- Stunning kitchen featuring extensive gas cooking area, black granite, stainless steel & Silver Ash.
- Salt water pool.
- Quaint 2 bedroom apartment – with views of course!
- Massive 4 bay near new shed (26m x 9m) with machinery pit and potential large studio apartment at one end.

Whether you are a hermit or the consummate entertainer, come and see how perfect your life could be at the top of the world. **\$1.2m**



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17 Ballina
Road,
Bangalow

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Satori Place

- 14 strata title industrial units
- Offered with or without tenancy
- Approx 30sqm mezzanine, choice of floor spaces
- Most units have 2 car spaces
- Lots of open space and extra windows

\$215,000



Land in dress circle

- Opportunity to build your ocean view home
- Outlook over Suffolk Park to Broken Head
- 1324sqm of elevated land
- Located in the dress circle position of Baywood Chase
- Approved DA plans available

\$379,000



Townhouse in leafy cul-de-sac

- Freshly painted townhouse in great location
- Short walk to shops, taven, and Tallows Beach
- 3bed/1bath with spacious interior
- Attractive courtyard and balcony leading off master bedroom
- Built in wardrobes in all bedrooms, single lock up garage with internal access

\$365,000



Sunrise Boulevard

- 3 bed/2 bath family home
- Land size approximately 530sqm
- Reserve bordering the back yard and to the side
- Enjoy an extremely private lifestyle
- Short walk to new Sunrise shopping centre

\$485,000



Size matters here

- Well crafted construction and spacious living characterise this home
- 5 bed/3 baths and multiple generous living areas
- The kitchen and bathrooms are modern and well equipped
- The large covered patio will have you eating outside every night
- This home will be a joy to live in

\$595,000



Absolutely fabulous

- Wonderful timber 2 storey home with a self-contained teenage retreat downstairs, 3bed/2bath upstairs
- Stylish interiors decorated in warm earthy tones with timber detailing and soaring ceilings
- Wrap around verandah gives a sense of privacy and seclusion
- Low maintenance landscaped tropical gardens.

\$749,000



Rare house close to town

- A rare opportunity to purchase a large 813sqm block close to town
- Five minutes walk to the heart of Byron
- Original Byron Bay cottage 2bed/2bath
- Development opportunity - STCA
- Price to sell - inspect now

\$549,000



Carlyle Lane, Byron Bay

- 3bed/2bath townhouse in heart of Byron Bay
- Central location just minutes walk from beach
- Private north facing courtyard
- Decorated in neutral tasteful tones
- Lock up garage with internal access

\$549,000

15 LAWSON ST, BYRON BAY

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Inverness at Little Creek

Nothing less than spectacular!...



Situated on 25 acres in the Byron Bay-Lennox Head hinterland, a true piece of paradise that has it all – a magnificent fully-restored, light-filled c.1908 heritage Queenslander enjoying sweeping countryside views, private, peaceful and beautifully aspected, with a coastal climate, areas of open flat land, and a rare and beautiful rainforest remnant.

An absolutely exquisite master bedroom and a majestic formal sitting room herald the delights Inverness herself has to offer – four to five graceful and spacious bedrooms, plus two bathrooms, each with its own special countryside view, 12 foot high ceilings,

many spectacular original features, high quality fittings and fixtures throughout and total wheelchair accessibility. Sandstone is extensively featured around this stunning and lively home.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own a piece of Australian history – INVERNESS – historic yet timeless, elegant and beautiful.

We invite you to come and fall in love! For more photos and information please visit www.luxuryhouse.com.au or contact Morag Page 0403 498 648 or Brian Grant 0408 899 555.

AUCTION 4th FEBRUARY '06 – UNLESS SOLD PRIOR. OFFERS INVITED.



Something Different



All the hard work has been done for best block in back street with DA approval

Approved for 6 x three bedroom units each over 142sqm internally. Excellent floor plans and design with great privacy, aspect and natural light on three sides of every unit. Elevated corner lot less than 150m to the beach, 38m frontage on Zephyr Street. ocean views from second, top floor and roof decks. Features ensuite, walk in robes, large decks, pool, water features.

Price \$ 830,000

Inspect by appointment. Call Emmanuel Voinot on 0411 214 486 or emmanuel.v@profking.com.au. www.kingscliffprofessional.com.au



Plenty of room to move

This large home, located in an elevated leafy cul-de-sac is set on a 1454sqm block. Made of Western Red Cedar this is just like a country homestead in Ocean Shores. Three bedrooms, fourth or office, main with en-suite the other two bedrooms and bathroom have air-conditioning. A large sunroom, which has direct access to the master bedroom, runs the full length of the house, overlooks the large native backyard. Open plan living, dining and kitchen area with a pot-belly fireplace. Under the house is a workshop and studio, for a handy man or those who work from home. Being auctioned on Saturday 28 January.. be quick to inspect.

'OPEN HOUSE' - 14th Jan 2006, 11 - 11:45am. Call PRDnationwide Ocean Shores on 02 6680 4400.



Lifestyle and location

Luxurious in size is this well appointed three bedroom apartment in the 'Botanica' complex. Located within close proximity to Clarkes Beach this stylish property is perfect for a seachange.

The open plan living areas lead out onto intimate courtyards and there are three generous bedrooms upstairs, the master with ensuite and covered balcony. Enjoy the refreshing breezes and overlook the beautiful sparkling lap pool which is surrounded by tropical gardens. There is secure undercover parking for two cars and ample storage space. The perfect property for the perfect lifestyle.

Priced at \$895,000 this property is available through Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649 or at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay, 02 6685 7300.



Mission Beach cottage

Mission Beach cottage only moments from the Coral Sea. This is the ideal property for income, price and position. Clad in western red cedar, featuring polished floorboards, wide decks, three bedrooms and full quarter acre lot. Minutes from Mission Beach shops, restaurants and tropical beachfront with views to Dunk Island.

Contact Melissa Thurgood at Ray White Mission Beach 0414 458 846 or 07 4068 7488. \$249,000.

www.raywhitemissionbeach.com



Check this shed!

... and the house isn't bad either. This unusual property is positioned on one acre in Ewingsdale with a pleasant rural outlook. The two storey timber home has three bedrooms plus fourth/office and two bathrooms. Open plan living includes an extension designed by Greg Tollis featuring his trademark square layout and high ceiling. This lovely room which also features a fireplace and ironbark timber floor, opens onto the fabulous deck area surrounding the large inground pool - a great place to entertain or to relax in complete privacy with the family. A double garage is attached to the house.

But wait, there's more...

Also on the property is a huge timber and iron shed measuring 84sqm with loft area. Unlimited potential here for use of this space . . . large vehicle /bus/ caravan/boat storage, home business, hobby area etc. etc.

To inspect ring Matt 0428 847 482.



OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS

LJ Hookers Byron Bay. P50.

- 144 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 19 Corkwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 3 Cavanbah Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11am.
- 118 Lighthouse Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 11am.
- 26 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.
- 2 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.
- 2/3 Mackellar Court, Byron Bay. Sat 12pm.
- 9 Bottlebrush Cr, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.

Jens Krause. P51.

- 8 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Sat & Sun 11am-2pm.

PRD Nationwide Ocean Shores. P50.

- Sat 11-11.45am. Call for details on 02 6680 4400.

Property Buyers Net. P46&47.

- 'BOOGLEGUM' 549 Friday Hut Road. Sat 21st Jan 12pm-1pm.
- 'BUNYA' 293 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sun 22nd Jan 2pm-3pm.
- 'COLORADO SUNSET' 296 Friday Hut Rd, Possum Creek. Sat 21st Jan 10am-11am.
- 'BUENA VISTA' 129 Goonengerry Road. Sat 21st Jan 2pm-3pm.
- 'SEDONA' Lot 14 Teak Lane, Federal. Sun 22nd & 29th Jan 11am-midday.

AUCTIONS

Elders. P51.

AUCTION onsite at 25 Gordon St, Mullumbumby 1pm Sat 28th Jan 2006. Open Wed & Sat 12-12.45pm.

AUCTION onsite 56 Carlyle St, Byron Bay 1pm Sat 4th Feb. Open Wed & Sat 2-2.45pm.



To advertise Something Different please call
Amanda in Byron on 6685 5222 or Julie in Mullum on 6684 1777

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PROPERTIES OPEN FOR INSPECTION



144 Broken Head Road,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



26 Teak Circuit,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 12pm
Contact Sharon on 0408 659 649



19 Corkwood Close,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
Contact Liam on 0417 780 795



2 Mahr Place,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 12pm
Contact Liam on 0417 780 795



3 Cavanbah Street,
Byron Bay
Saturday 11am
Contact Sharon on 0408 659 649



2/3 Mackellar Court,
Byron Bay
Saturday 12pm
Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



118 Lighthouse Road,
Byron Bay
Saturday 11am
Contact Peter on 0411 837 330



9 Bottlebrush Crescent,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 12pm
Contact Peter on 0411 837 330

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- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- 2 Streets To Beach & Shops
- Solid Brick Home With Potential
- Well Sized Parcel Of Land
- Mature Trees Provide Privacy
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- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom + Study
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- Polished Timber Floors
- Open Plan / Raked Ceilings
- Subtle Asian Influences
- Spacious Balconies

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EXCEPTIONAL PRESENTATION



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

\$475,000

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REDUCED TO SELL!

- 4 Bed Home, Timber & Marble Floors
- Hidden Oasis Close To Town
- Large Verandahs For Relaxing On
- Separate Study Area
- Large Garden View Bathroom
- Big Double Garage & Storage Area

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BEACHCOMBER LIFESTYLE



- Fabulous 4 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Home
- Perfect Lifestyle Option
- Tastefully Renovated
- 100 Metres To Tallow Beach
- North Facing Central Entertainment Courtyard

\$1,450,000

SUPERB LOCATION, GREAT OPPORTUNITY



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

\$925,000

RURAL LIVING AT ITS BEST



- Expansive Rural Views
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- 10 Minutes To Byron Bay
- Set On 3.2 Hectares
- Sought After Location
- Neat & Tidy Property

\$700,000

BROKEN HEAD BEACHFRONT



- Beach Location With Access To Beach
- Set On Torrens Title Land
- One Of A Kind Property
- DA Approved Open Plan Beach Retreat
- Set Amongst Brush Box, Hoop Pine Trees

For Sale By Expressions Of Interest

PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



GOSAMARA APARTMENTS

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- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Unit
- 3 Levels & 2 Separate Living Areas
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- Excellent Opportunity

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▶▶▶ Leafy Rainforest Location

This tastefully renovated three bedroom house sits on a private quarter acre in Burringbar Village. Featuring polished local hardwood floors throughout, it has a new kitchen, bathroom, laundry, wiring, plumbing and insulation; plus front and rear decks. Situated at the end of a quiet lane it is surrounded by farm land on three sides. Only five minutes to pristine beaches, twenty minutes to Byron, twenty-five to Tweed and a short walk to shops and school. Call owners on 6677 1054 or 0414 096 776 or email for more photos on ikonkarving@aapt.net.au

\$565,000



▶▶▶ Beachside Lover's Cottage

Visit **Coopers Cottage at 8 Cooper Street, Byron Bay** or contact owner on **6685 8024 or 0408 456 118. Open House Sat & Sun 11am to 2pm.** This prime position in Byron Bay features a fully renovated three bedroom, one bathroom funky beach house with private backyard and handcrafted timber verandah. This centrally located jewel is five minutes from the CBD, beaches, high school and golf course, yet is an oasis of tranquility. A DA has been approved for a two-storey, five bedroom, 2 bathroom extension. Can't beat it at \$495,000 neg.

\$495,000 NEG



▶▶▶ Riverfront Apartments

These are four Tweed riverfront apartments where a timeless elegance is washed with ultra-modern sophistication. There are three bedrooms, high ceilings with magnificent plasterwork, superb polished hardwood floors and beautifully designed and crafted kitchen and bathroom. All have enormous private rear decks boasting the most dramatic views over the river to Mt Warning. The landscaped river access and secure lock up storage for the toys, facilitates a unique riverfront lifestyle in a vibrant, safe country town only 20 minutes to Coolangatta airport. Priced at \$400,000. Call Chris Hewett on 6672 2455 or 0417 777 782.

Murwillumbah
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OPEN WED & SAT 12-12.45PM

▶▶▶ Grand Old Home For Auction

Auction onsite at 25 Gordon St, Mullumbumby 1pm Sat. 28th January 2006. 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. Phone Kaye Wilkie at Elders Byron Bay on 02 6685 6222 or 0412 856 208.

Elders
Real Estate

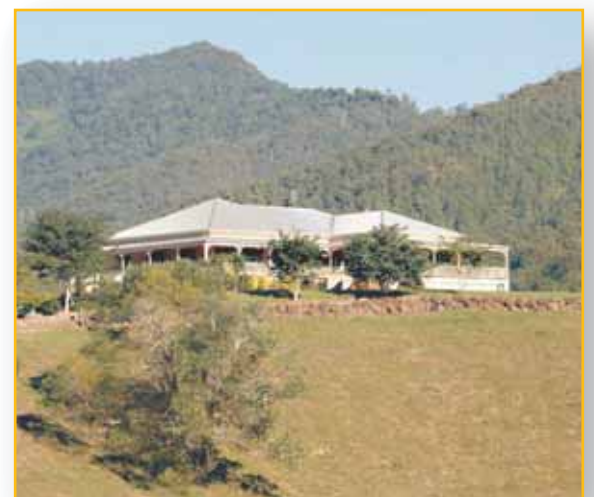


OPEN WED & SAT 2-2.45PM

▶▶▶ Deceased Estate - A Byron Original

Auctioned onsite 56 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay 1pm Saturday 4th February. 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). Prior offers considered. Phone Kaye Wilkie at Elders Byron Bay on 02 6685 6222 or 0412 856 208.

Elders
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▶▶▶ Tallebudgera Valley, Queensland

Superior country house and 20-acre estate with separate guest cottage. Spectacular 360° views, 20 minutes to Burleigh Point or Coolangatta Airport, 15 minutes to major shopping, school bus at front gate. Massive infrastructure commercial possibilities. Join Australia's creative elite in now environmentally-protected Tallebudgera Valley. For further info or email photos phone Luke Johnston 0414 339907 or 07 5576 3535. 21 Connor Street, Burleigh Heads. \$1,750,000

BURLEIGH
PROPERTY SALES



▶▶▶ Special Hinterland Retreat

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

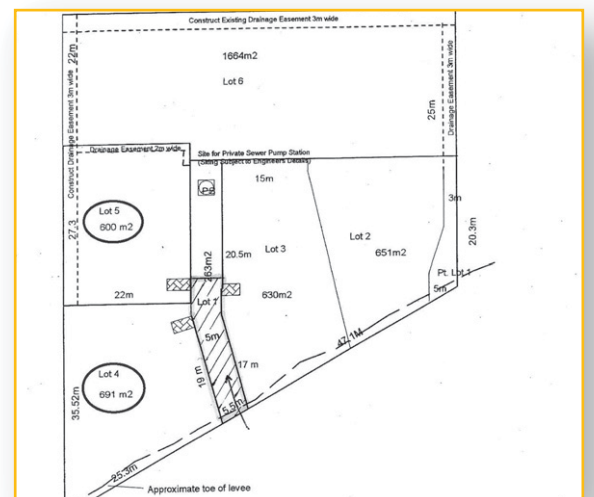
\$1M+



▶▶▶ Main Arm Magic

Enjoy a peaceful lifestyle living at Main Arm! This property features two dwellings on 46 acres. It has a beautiful outlook, numerous fruit trees, a spring, a swimming pool and is only 20 minutes from Mullumbimby and 30 minutes from Byron Bay. For private sale, please call the owner, 02 6685 0232. \$680,000.

\$680,000



▶▶▶ Vacant Blocks Near The Beach

AUCTION 4th February 2006. Lot 5 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach. A rare find; 2 vacant fully serviced blocks within a few minutes walk of the beach and situated in an enclave of modern beach style homes. You could have the ideal beachside lifestyle you've been looking for. Enquiries to Todd Buckland at Byron Shire Real Estate on 0408 966 421.

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The sentencing of boofhead Hadi Khawaja to three months jail for burning an Australian flag is a somewhat disturbing precedent, especially since some blokes get less for actual physical assault. It would have made more sense to fine him and give him a community service order perhaps including an interesting meeting with the diggers at the Cronulla RSL. Next time someone burns a flag at a protest, are they looking at a jail term too? How about an effigy of Dick Cheney, what's that worth?

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We notice the number of jobs available for unskilled male workers has decreased considerably. Just a random flux in the economy or an intentional tweaking of the job market to produce more cannon fodder for the armed forces?

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Are we still happy with our American military alliance when the CIA sends a bombing raid into a Pakistani village and kills small children for no reason at all? With friends like these...

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Unfortunately the names gremlin chewed up some of our type last week: the artist exhibiting at Espressohead should have been James DeWeaver, and the writer of the SIEV X article is actually Gerald Taylor, not Gerard. We've sent in a team of imps to correct the fault in our pandimensional compositor.

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The 2005 Psychic of the Year Awards were announced in Sydney recently (but you knew that). The Psychic of the Year was Charmaine Wilson and the late Athena Starwoman was inducted into the Hall of Fame. The organisers note in their press release, 'All the above individuals are available for interviews... The exception to the above may

be Athena Starwoman, for whom we may need to organise a medium.'

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The 'career-building' chap-pies LinkMe.com.au tell us that most Australians would prefer to walk out of a job presided over by a jerk – the website uses 'jerk' rather than the more Australian 'dick-head' – of a boss rather than complain to said jerk. According to the 520 employees surveyed, the most common attributes of a dickhead boss are arrogance (18%), too controlling (12%), always unpleasant (11%), and never giving positive feedback (9%). If you're a boss with these attributes, expect to lose an employee in the near future.


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The annual Christmas break-in season is with us and two Bangalow businesses have become the latest victims. Prepresspro and The Pharmacy in Station Street were broken into last Wednesday night, the thieves getting away with electronic equipment worth over \$20,000. Anthony Maxwell of Prepresspro thinks the thieves knew the area, were organised and professional, and knew they would get away with it. Anthony said this is a twice-a-year event, usually with two break-ins fairly close together over the Christmas period followed by further ones in the middle of the year, so if you own a business in Bangalow, be particularly vigilant over the next few weeks.

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If it didn't make you laugh it would make you cry department. Last Tuesday Council rangers besieged the entrances to Golden Beach (a dog exercising area) and issued on-the-spot \$110 fines to anyone who had an unleashed dog one step off the beach. Meanwhile, in the distance, dogs and owners frolicked on the adjacent dogs-barred beach.

legendary flying saucer attack



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