

'Classic Disneyland' sand dredging plan blown away

Lesley Patterson

Ratepayers can heave a huge sigh of relief that they do not have to dig into their pockets to find \$53 million. A scheme to dredge sand from the Bay's deeper waters to stop erosion at Belongil beach looks like it has been canned.

'The evidence is overwhelming that sea levels are rising far faster than predicted and beyond the levels previously thought,' said Dailan Pugh of lobby group BEACON during last week's Council meeting.

'I don't believe that this community can afford to spend so much money on so few houses which have been identified since 1988 that they were under threat [from coastal erosion],' he said.

Mr Pugh spoke in favour of progressing Council's existing policy of planned retreat, which since 1988 has informed landholders of the dangers of buying property in the coastal erosion zone.

We are not just talking about a few houses, explained Belongil resident John Vaughan. 'There is half a billion dollars worth of real estate. Belongil by the Sea alone sold for \$35 million. It is not just a few houses.'

'Council needs to assess the new science,' said Mr Vaughan. 'Planned retreat is silly,' he added.

Councillors were given a report by coastal geoscientist Dr Ian Goodwin which has reviewed the data on coastal erosion in Byron and Mr

Vaughan believes challenges current thinking. The report was funded by the University of Newcastle and the Belongil Preservation Group, a body of local landholders.

Councillors unanimously voted to abandon any further investigation of dredging the sand lobe off the Cape to 'nourish' Belongil beach. Cr Ross Tucker described the project as 'classic Disneyland'. 'It will never stack up,' he said.

'I am concerned about how much money will have to be spent on consultancies before one grain of sand will end up on Belongil Beach.'

'The only affordable option is planned retreat,' argued Cr Peter Westheimer. 'We are balancing real estate against natural processes

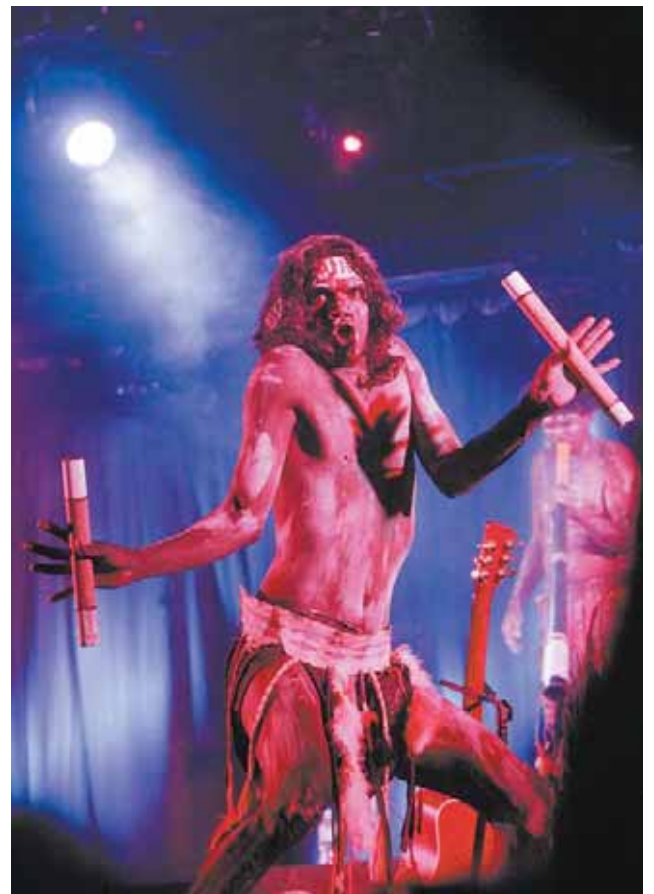
here,' he commented. 'We can't hold the sea back.'

A quick reading of Dr Goodwin's report reveals that it estimates coastal recession rates to be much less than Council's current data. Dr Goodwin also claims that half the erosion experienced at Belongil is caused by the rock wall in front of the car park by the Byron Bay pool.

'If the wall in front of the car park was removed then no protection would be needed in the short term or possibly the long term to properties at Belongil,' Mr Vaughan explained to *The Echo*.

Mr Vaughan has asked Council to refer the report to the NSW Department of Planning for comment and suggested staff prepare a report for Council and the Coastline Management Committee and *The Echo* understands Cr Bob Tardif will put up a notice of motion to that effect.

Byron digs the blues



Yothu Yindi was part of the varied line up at this Easter's Blues and Roots Festival which seems to have pleased fans of all ages and musical tastes. Jazz pianist Jamie Cullum delighted audiences when he smashed a keyboard on stage and then threw out pieces to the crowd. continued on page 2

Impermanence of life drawn in the sand



Ewingsdale Hall became the location of a sacred Buddhist practice last weekend, which until 40 years ago was rarely seen outside monasteries. Gyuto monks in exile from Tibet and living currently in Byron Shire perfected the complex and richly coloured sand mandalas which have remained unchanged for over 500 years. Sand mandalas are built from coloured sand and then poured precisely onto the mandala design using a chak-pu, a cone shaped metal funnel. Once the mandala is completed it is dismantled and traditionally carried to the nearest moving water where the sand is scattered to symbolise life's impermanence. Photo Jeff 'Sandy Bottom' Dawson

Ocean Shores lobbies for more police

Alex McAuley

Prompted by concerns over the increasing crime rate in Ocean Shores, the Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) has invited Member for Ballina Don Page and recently appointed local area police commander Superintendent Michael Kenny to speak at its next general meeting on Monday April 24 at the Ocean Shores Community Centre, to which all community members are invited.

Acting OSCA president Tina Petroff said that the community has been offering feedback about criminal

activity in the area, particularly at the Ocean Shores Shopping Village.

'It's got to the stage where people in Ocean Shores, particularly at the shopping centre, don't feel safe anymore,' said Ms Petroff.

'The perpetrators are becoming increasingly bold as they know that by the time the police arrive they are too late to see anything, let alone catch anybody.'

According to Ms Petroff, the problem lies in the understaffing of the local station at Brunswick Heads, which is often unmanned. The emergency intercom on the door

puts you through to Byron Bay, and it can take them up to 20 minutes to get to Ocean Shores.

'I understand that there is not enough manpower in the local area command, and that when the police are called out to incidents on the highway, for example, there is nobody available to man the station at Brunswick,' said Ms Petroff. 'However, I do think that we need more regular patrols to give the impression of a constant police presence.'

Ms Petroff would dearly love Ocean Shores to follow

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Erratic driver nicked after shop-crashing

Captured on camera: police arrested a 33 year old Uki man on Monday afternoon last week after he crashed his car into the front of a business in Brigantine Street on the Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate. Police were called to the area after a number of business owners reported a man walking the streets abusing passers-by.

However, when police arrived they came across the man driving a car 'in an erratic manner'. When they turned to follow him, he crashed into the roller door of one of the business premises. Police breath tested him, found him to be over the limit, arrested him and took to the police station where he was later charged with high range drink driving.

Photo Eyal Twig



Bluesfest

From front page

Apparently the keyboard had died the previous week and Cullum made a point of saving it for the music lovers of Byron Bay. His playing wasn't bad either and featured in many people's top three Blues Festival acts this year.

Japanese drummers, Gocoo and GoRo, were a big hit with festival goers, Georgian soul diva India Arie received rave reviews, as did Canadian-Australian surf roots artist Xavier Rudd. Younger fans were wowed by Adelaide hip hop band the Hilltop Hoods.

Icelandic band Sigur Ros, playing with a Kiwi string section, passed the international flavour taste test according to some festival die hards and closer to home indigenous group Yothu Yindi yet again delivered the goods.

Even Saturday night's downpour waited until the end of the evening to commence and only those unfortunate souls waiting for buses to take them home

received a drenching.

Police reported that the drink driving operation which ran for the first few days of the festival netted only 45 arrests for DUI. Not an overly concerning figure considering 4,391 people were breath tested. While they were there, local police made 15 arrests for traffic offences, two for criminal offences and handed out 76 parking tickets.

See more of Jeff Dawson's Blues Fest photos on page 26 and don't forget to check online at photocompli.echo.net.au.

Fiery day

Local firefighters will be sharing their experiences of fighting fires, assisting in storm recovery work, cleaning up chemical spills and assisting at traffic accidents at an open day this Saturday. Fire stations in the Shire will be open from 10am to 2pm with many stations lighting the barbie for a sausage sizzle. The message from fire officers will be the importance of smoke alarms, compulsory from May 1.

Ocean Village shopping centre to embrace the creek

Riverfront homes are sought after properties, however when it comes to siting shopping centres and commercial developments, so often planners turn their back on the natural beauty of waterways.

Marshalls Creek runs behind the Ocean Village Shopping Centre at Ocean Shores, but the average shopper wouldn't know it. Ocean Village owner, Ross Warburton, has plans to turn the centre's focus outwards and create an outlook over the creek and the adjacent nature reserve. By knocking out the old Kodak shop a new entrance to the centre will be created overlooking the creek. 'This gives us an orientation onto something more natural,' explained Mr Warburton.

A walkway will also be constructed on land within the existing nature reserve to connect the car park to the shopping centre and will continue through to a vacant lot to the north, on which

Mr Warburton says he plans to build a retail and residential development.

Council has been asked to support a plan to revoke the strip of land behind the shopping centre from the Marshalls Creek Nature Reserve and dedicate it to public reserve under the control of Council. Ocean Shores Properties, owners of the shopping centre, have offered to take over responsibility and cost for maintaining the 10 metre wide by 140 metre long strip of land and constructing the walkway.

'The proposal is to try to regenerate the natives and get rid of some of the weeds to open the area up,' Mr Warburton told *The Echo*.

At last week's Council meeting a majority of councillors agreed to support the plan in principle and continue discussions with the Department of Environment and Conservation which has indicated its preliminary approval.

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New home for seniors computer club

The members of the Byron Shire Seniors Computer Club Inc are 'like kids let loose in a lolly shop,' according to club secretary Marcia Harris.

Why all the excitement? Well, after operating out of the library in Brunswick Heads since 2003 under the umbrella of Adult Community Education (ACE), when the state government funding ran out in November last year, the club needed to become incorporated and financially independent.

'The library was very helpful and allowed us to stay there until the end of March,' said Ms Harris.

'Then the Ocean Shores Community Centre offered us their committee room, and we can't believe how lucky we are. The staff at the centre, particularly Pauline Kapral, have been so supportive; it's just fantastic.'

The new facility is clean and safe, carpeted, has ceiling fans, wheelchair ramps, off street parking, easy to access toilets including disabled toilets, and has a bus stop right outside the front door. Ms Harris and the club members are looking for-



From left, tutor Margaret Taylor, club president Graeme Virtue, members Robert Harcus, Margaret Francis and Gloria Lamb in their new home. Photo Jeff 'Computer Says No' Dawson

ward to holding their weekly meetings there with a view to improving their computer skills in a relaxed and friendly environment.

'We have members aged between 55 and 90 years old,' said Ms Harris.

'They all love coming to computer club and view it as a social outing rather than a lesson. We all help each other out, laugh at each other's mistakes and offer each other support.'

There is a \$20 annual fee

and each class costs \$5 which includes a cuppa and a biscuit afterwards. New members are always welcome and can contact Marcia on 6680 1123, or Corrie on 6680 1059, or Margaret on 6684 2931.

Council refuses Byron Bay brothel

Plans for a brothel on the Byron Arts and Industry Estate were refused by Byron Shire Council last Tuesday. The reasons given for refusal concerned a lack of sewage capacity at the local treatment plant (STP), however given the lifting of the development moratorium appears only months away a resubmission of plans for the brothel down the track seem likely.

Byron Shire's planning regulations currently permit brothels in industrial areas. Debate centred around the moral versus the planning reasons for approving or refusing the development application for a brothel at 15 Wollongbar Street.

Pastor Neville Strachan from the Eastgate Christian Community Centre spoke in opposition to the development application on moral

grounds. While the brothel would not be seen from the church, Mr Strachan argued that this could change when plans to extend the church buildings are complete. Mr Strachan also raised concerns about the brothel's proximity and its exposure to children attending the church. Moves to refuse the development application on more substantial grounds were not supported by the

majority of councillors. Cr Barham argued that the brothel was not in the public interest, was not suitable for the site, went against public submissions and would set a precedent for other brothels in industrial areas in the Shire. Council's planning staff said the brothel would have been recommended for approval if it could be connected to the Council reticulated sewerage system.

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Reki healer Corine Appo at last weekend's Starlight Festival in Bangalow. Photo Jeff Dawson

Ocean Shores lobbies for more police

From front page

the example of Pottsville and have a 'shopfront' which would be open during shopping hours, giving a very strong police presence to the area.

Don Page MP is aware that there are concerns, par-

ticularly regarding vandalism at the shopping centre, and echoed Ms Petroff's observation that the local area command is undermanned.

'We do need to address the resource allocation within the community, particularly at Ocean Shores where the

population is growing,' said Mr Page. 'I know that the Tweed/Byron local area command is getting additional officers, so hopefully we will be able to allocate some manpower to Ocean Shores.'

Superintendent Kenny confirmed that there will be nine new police officers allocated to the area arriving throughout May; four of whom will be in the Byron Bay area and five in the Tweed area. However, he was not convinced that a shopfront would be the most effective way to deal with the problems at Ocean Shores.

'Ideally I'd prefer cars to be responding to the calls promptly, assuming we have the manpower,' said Supt Kenny. 'However, I will wait until I hear the community concerns at the meeting before I commit to a resolution. I will be presenting statistical information on crime trends and encourage everybody to report every crime either by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or The Police Assistance Line on 131 444, or by dialling 000. If all crimes are not reported, there won't be statistical evidence to support claims that more police are needed in this area.'

On a more general note, Supt Kenny told *The Echo* that his primary focus in his new role will be tackling the drug problem, and that he will be working in close collaboration with the Richmond area command in order to effectively address this issue. And it looks as though sniffer dogs are here to stay.

'I will use every available resource at every level to deal with the drug problem,' said Supt Kenny. 'The issue of it

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Contact Renee on 6685 7777 for more information.

It is necessarily Rowe



Former 60s pop idol Normie Rowe dropped into Ocean Shores Primary School last week to give a talk on the importance of Anzac Day.

[drug use] not being so serious at the street level is irrelevant; it's still a crime. I will continue to use dogs and helicopters to eradicate this problem, but not at the expense of medium or higher level drug traffickers, I will be working to eradicate the problem on every level.'

Supt Kenny said he will also be looking closely at the problems on the roads and highway patrol resources.

Parking funds beach safety

Several drownings off north coast beaches have drawn attention to the lack of surf safety awareness among visitors to the area. The Cape Byron Reserve Trust is spending around \$40,000 a year on providing paid surf

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Reading between the lines for Shirley



Shirley Valentine's alter ego Clare Wigley taking a rest between lines. Clare has been busy learning 16,000 words of her monologue in the eponymous play by British playwright Willy Russell. The play performed by local Sweet Whispers theatre company is an amusing and affecting comedy/drama. It provides a witty,

intelligent and touching story about Shirley Valentine's mid-life crisis, or maybe more accurately her mid-life adventure in the search for happiness. If you are the first person to spot and talk to Shirley Valentine as she moves through the shire on Friday April 21 you will receive a free double pass to opening

night on May 3 at Byron Bay Community Centre. Shirley will take your details and leave your name at the door. If you don't find her then you can check out the other performances on May 5 and 6 with tickets sold at the door or advance bookings taken on 6687 2583. Photo Jeff 'Lower Case' Dawson

Mensline

Mensline Northern Rivers offers telephone based support and is now looking for men who wish to join the Mensline volunteers. The Mensline training program will begin in late April. This training will give general skills in listening to, communicating with and supporting people going through difficulties. Graduates from this course may join Mensline Northern Rivers or may be content to use their new abilities within their circle of friends of workplace. For more information about the training program contact Ron Davis on 6622 6116.

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ACE's free course for business operators

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Before taking the plunge to expand her business beyond the weekly markets Rachel completed an ACE small business course which she says taught her how to plan financially for expansion.

'A lot of people run cash businesses in Byron because they are frightened of working within the system. I found



out how to do better by working within the system because of tax breaks and putting legitimate business expenses through. It made a lot more sense financially,' explained Rachel.

The Training for Small

Business Course is a certified six month course starting on May 29 and is funded by the Department of Education and Training. Subjects include financial planning, marketing, and web site design.

ACE project manager Barrie Peters says competition for the 15 places could be tough so is encouraging people to apply early. For more information call 6684 3374 or email aceadmin@mullum.com.au.

Shire prepares for annual Anzac Day services

Dawn services are planned at Brunswick, Byron and Mullumbimby on Anzac Day this year. Bangalow RSL Sub-Branch will be holding a march at 10.45am after assembling at Memorial Park, near the roundabout, followed by a wreath laying

ceremony at the cenotaph.

Brunswick Heads members will be assembling at the club rooms in Fawcett Street to walk to the memorial for a service at 5am followed by a march. Breakfast will be served afterwards at the club rooms.

Early risers from the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club have planned a dawn service at 4.30am at the cenotaph. Later on in the morning, marchers will assemble at Apex Park for a parade at 11am finishing at the cenotaph. Meeting at the Memo-

rial Gates in Marvel Street at 4.45am, the Byron Bay RSL Club will hold a special service for Anzac Day. Marchers are asked to assemble at 10am at the Beach Hotel, or in the Scout Hall if wet, to march to the Memorial Gates for a service at 11am.

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Out of Newrybar and into Africa



Newrybar's Sarah Angus spent six weeks in Ghana, helping refugees of the civil war in neighbouring Liberia. Stallholder raffles at the local markets raised \$3,000 which Sarah spent on improving educational programs for refugees.

Lesley Patterson

Thirty dollars is not a fortune. In Australia the sum will buy you a CD or a kilo of prawns, but in Ghana it will pay a teacher's wages for three months.

Twenty two year old Sarah Angus raised \$3,000 from the generous people of Byron Shire to help African refugees. Not content to pass the money on to an aid agency, Sarah travelled to the Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana to hand over the cash in person.

Around 50,000 people live in the desperate conditions of the camp outside Accra, refugees from the long running civil war in neighbouring Liberia. The war ended recently and Liberia has once again returned to peace, however the repatriation of the refugees to their homeland is not without barriers.

'There is no infrastructure [in Liberia]. Buildings need to be rebuilt, schools need to be started and all the social services need to be reinstated,' explains Sarah.

Education is the key to a positive future for these refugees, says Sarah who worked

with the Centre for Youth Empowerment (CYE), an organisation set up by the refugees themselves. Together they allocated Sarah's \$3,000 to programs within the camp building, three new classrooms in the elementary school, employing more teachers and introducing adult literary classes.

'The school within the camp will educate the population of Liberia for tomorrow. Without an education they will turn back to war, that is why fighting has persisted all this time. One of the programs being run by

the CYE is about peace and conflict resolution which is taught throughout the camp,' Sarah said.

More work needs to be done and Sarah is hoping she can encourage other volunteers to visit Buduburam to help the refugees and bring global recognition to their plight. Those who are not as adventurous as Sarah can donate funds to help pay for further education programs. For more information call Sarah Angus on 6687 0548 or visit www.abc.net.au/northcoast and look under 'Helping hand in Ghana'.

Orphanage fundraiser night

Byron Bay Bowling Club will be the venue for a Trivia Night fundraiser in aid of Lovelight of Byron Bay Charitable Trust's Thusanang Project in Lesotho, Southern Africa. Lovelight is currently in Lesotho ready to begin construction of a care centre for vulnerable children in a village call Mt Moorosi.

Like much of Africa, the people of Lesotho are afflicted by the AIDS virus.

Official statistics estimate around 30% of the population are HIV positive. The care centre will provide a safe house for orphans to seek refuge, access food and have somewhere to sleep and bathe. Local celebrity Mick O'Regan will MC the Trivia Night which is on May 12 at 7.15pm.

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An unwelcome seachange

While Byron Shire Council seems to have knocked on the head the option of offshore dredging to protect the Belongil beachfront – it would never have found the \$53 million anyway – the battle is now well and truly on to find what options will win out in the end.

Obviously Belongil residents will be well-armed to fight Council's long-established planned retreat option, which incidentally does not mean scarping in an emergency but being prepared to remove houses when the erosion line changes.

The residents' latest weapon is a report partly funded by the Belongil Preservation Group, a group of landholders. In it coastal geoscientist Dr Ian D Goodwin puts the blame for increased Belongil erosion on the Council-built rock wall at Main Beach, a conclusion not reached by Council's own consultants WBM Oceanics. We can be sure the Byron Bay residents and the chamber of commerce will not look too kindly on the notion of removing the rock wall, apart from surfers who want to try out the break in Jonson Street.

Dr Goodwin notes the estimates of sea level rise due to climate change and due to patterns of storm systems. He notes optimistically there are no predictions of increased extreme sea levels and dune overtopping for NSW up until 2070 at least. Even so, Byron Shire has had it pretty good in the last thirty years and the chances of a storm surge overwhelming the coastline some time soon must be considered. It will be an unwelcome seachange and one which the best-laid plans will struggle to deal with.

Meanwhile, there is no easy course forward. Council has little money to spend on coastal protection, and the state government won't want to support a course of action which could be construed as admitting liability.

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All's fair in love and wheat

Commissioner Terence Cole and his trusty counsel John Agius are adamant that they are not about defending the government.

After all, they don't really have to; the government has already done a pretty good job of defending itself. Under John Howard's terms of reference Cole couldn't find Howard or any of his ministers at fault even if he wanted to, and in the course of what the public obviously regards as interminable hearings, there has never been the slightest sign that Cole would do anything to embarrass his old university buddy.

But in these sensitive circumstances justice not only needs to be done; it must be seen to be done, and a couple of incidents last week must have raised the odd eyebrow in legal circles.

The first was Cole's refusal to allow lawyers acting for members of the Australian Wheat Board to cross examine the Prime Minister; Cole maintained that all the relevant ground had already been covered by Agius's once-overlightly examination in chief. Well, perhaps; but surely, if only for the sake of appearances, counsel for those accused by Howard of deliberately deceiving him should have been given a chance to test Howard's somewhat suspect memory of events.

And more alarming still was Agius's intervention the previous day, when the AWB's lawyer asked Alexander Downer if a more robust questioning of his clients by Downer's lackadaisical officials might have uncovered more information. Agius leapt to his feet to intervene: it was clear from the start that the AWB had embarked

on a path of deception and cover-up, he thundered, and it was preposterous to suggest that they would ever have told the truth.

Hang on. Was he really saying that there was nothing Downer or anyone else could have done to find out what was going on? That the government was completely impotent in the face of the Board's denials? That it was, therefore, utterly blameless throughout the whole fiasco?

Well yes, that seems to be precisely what Agius, and

stealing money from the UN Trust Fund set up to feed the starving and slipping it over to Saddam to buy more weapons, well, all's fair in love, war and the wheat trade, but don't tell us because we don't want to know. This was understood by most in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Those foolhardy enough to try and do their duty to inform their ministers found their efforts blocked by the ministers' personal guards or, if they did get through, ignored and forgotten.

Of course this involved a

Throughout the whole affair the government has been deliberately negligent, but as already noted, Cole could not say that even if he wanted to.

by Mungo MacCallum



through him Cole, are getting ready to say. No wonder there was what was tactfully described as 'a ripple' in the public gallery when Agius proclaimed: 'I am not here to defend the government.'

Of course, to any outside observer, the government's actions (or lack of them) have been completely indefensible. In spite of the cloud of amnesia which has descended over Downer and Trade Minister Mark Vaile, it is perfectly clear that they were never greatly concerned about sanctions in the first place, and in any case neither was prepared to take any responsibility for them; Vaile said they were Downer's concern and Downer flicked it on to the United Nations.

The priority was to sell enormous amounts of wheat to Iraq, and if this involved

certain amount of doublethink on the part of all concerned. In 2003 Howard, in full warmonger mode, made a speech in which he said Saddam was 'cruelly and cynically manipulating the oil-for-food program, he's rotting it to buy weapons at the expense of his people'. Asked by Agius what his source was, he said in effect that everyone knew.

But if Saddam was rotting the program, it could only have been with the cooperation of those providing the food, and the AWB was the biggest of these by a country mile. If Howard was serious, surely he would have checked up. But no, the suspicion never crossed his mind. In the world of doublethink, it only takes one to tango.

Throughout the whole affair (and remember, it went

on for more than ten years) the government has been deliberately negligent, but as already noted, Cole could not say that even if he wanted to.

Others may be less forgiving. It is one thing to be gung-ho about keeping the wheat trade going at any cost, and a lot of Australians will not complain about that. But it is quite another to see the whole mechanism of government become seriously dysfunctional in the process.

Downer says that he thinks his department did a good job – well, he would say that, wouldn't he. But from the little evidence which has come out we know that ministerial queries were unanswered, vital documents went missing from the files, cables which unquestionably should have been drawn to the minister's attention were not and no real attempt was made to fulfil Australia's international obligations to ensure sanctions were observed.

The entire operation was slovenly, dishonest and possibly corrupt. One official said the department saw its role as that of a post box. Even on that low level of expectation it failed miserably, as did the ministers in charge of it.

The most favourable interpretation of this miserable saga is that Downer, Vaile and even Howard were feigning incompetence so they could avoid admitting to what amounts to a criminal offence under international law, as laid down in resolution 661 of the United Nations Security Council. If what we saw at the Cole Commission last week is a true indication of their abilities, then we're all stuffed. Even John Agius couldn't explain it away.

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Six day week

I was listening to the radio the other day when I heard a guy named Kevin claim that he only had time for six days in the week, not seven.

I agree. There are many things that I like to do every second day and find it hard to plan within the current format. Monday seems to be the most widely disliked of all the days, so chop it off and provide me with the circularity I need.

I don't know if council could look into this or if it needs to go further up. Anyway, thanks, Kevin.

Stephen Turner
Brunswick Heads

Give it a rest

As a new resident to South Golden Beach (approximately nine months now) and who frequents the golden sands daily, sometimes twice daily, we have *never* witnessed any of the dog probs such as dog fights, turds, aggressive behaviour etc, as described endlessly in your pages. I suspect there has to be a 'well

Community spirit alive and well

As a participant in the inaugural Bangalow/Byron Shire Relay for Life held on Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all involved for making it such a tremendous community event.

The friendly atmosphere and commitment of all participants to raise money to fight cancer was inspirational. More than 1,000 people participated – what an outstanding response.

coordinated' anti dog writers group, or dare I say it greedy residents worried about their property values, being so close to a dog friendly beach! Why doesn't this problem exist on other dog friendly beaches within the shire? Gee whizz, we should be more concerned with the 'dogs of war' (Howard), than the dogs on the beach. It's time to cock ya leg on a 'pollie' and give it a rest!

Angela Ward
South Golden Beach

Sensitive egos

Michael Malloy (Letters, April 11), your 'clear recollection' of events back in 1995 would be impressive were it not so sweeping and therefore less than accurate.

As I've already stated, I

Thanks must also be given to the countless volunteers and businesses who donated time and goods to the event. Its success would not have been possible without your contributions.

Special thanks to committee members Ann McCabe, Janene Jarvis, Wendy Grissell, Michael O'Meara, Rex Butler, Robbie Ford, Nadia Palmer, Morag Page, Russell Siwicki, Tony Hutchison, Erica Holland, Karen Ryan, Cody Butler and Liz Parks for their

won't comment further on Lot 107 but I do take exception to the accusation of 'cat-fighting'. Quite apart from the offensively sexist term, in this case there is no substance. I've no gripe with Veronica Guy even if she has one with me. I suspect that her recent exercise in letter writing was encouraged by someone out there with a big – but apparently sensitive – ego.

From cat to foot soldier; I'll take the last as a compliment.

Jenny Coman
Bangalow

Give way

Recently I witnessed a driver (too much credit) fail to yield right of way at a single lane causeway which forced two cars with the right of way to stop, one in the middle of the causeway. Not satisfied with that, the 'driver' then proceeded to force a way around the first car and in doing so had half the width of the front tyre over the edge of the concrete. That person (read idiot) was in danger of falling into the creek, which would have been a waste of a good car. Of course others would then be at risk if they decided to lend assistance.

This would be a good time to remind those types of 'drivers' that a Give Way sign is not put there by some charity seeking donations of milk products, it is simply a message to: Give Way. Next time you don't, it may be a

large truck you are facing which can't stop or even another 'driver'.

efforts and also the Far North Coast Cancer Council.

Thanks also to Foundation Committee Chairperson Kaye Hall whose own fight with cancer has added special significance to an event which I suspect will be held again for years to come.

How fortunate we all are to live a place where community spirit is real and good causes are so enthusiastically supported.

Don Page MP
Member for Ballina

Evolution which by definition is always continuing, requires that religious interpretation be constantly updated as greater human experience goes out into the world.

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The seed

What all Christian religions fear is their irrelevance, but that is built into their view that their interpretation of the holy book is the only valid one.

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Geoff Dawe
Uki

Bloody sick

The world needs nurturing – go girls. I'm so sick of this war shit with men, bloody sick of it.

Hannah Grace
Mullumbimby

Charities be warned

We hope everyone in Mullumbimby has received their telephone books now. The Mullumbimby Scouts delivered these over the last few days to raise much needed money for our group, and in particular, to help pay for our youth attending the next Australian Pacific Jamboree

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Opening 3rd May, Sunrise Beach, Byron Bay

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to be held in Victoria next January. We had to dodge dogs, navigate gates and latches, climb steps and run kilometres.

Sensis Pty Ltd, who make squillions from the Yellow Pages advertising, pay a distributor company to deliver them, who in turn pay charities to deliver in towns. We received 25c/book for 2,000 books - \$500. It turns out that we made an average of \$3.60/hour each person (after cost of fuel) - ten adults and 15 kids, driving and running around streets and delivering heavy books to doorsteps.

Now I assume a contractor would have charged a minimum of \$20/hour for each of two people (a driver and a runner), costing about \$3,200 (assuming 80 man-hours instead of our 110 man-hours). That represents a saving of \$2,700 to Sensis Pty Ltd and their distributor. Aren't Sensis and their distributor company generous in insisting that only charities undertake the phone book deliveries in town? Even for youth, the return per hour is abysmal. Until all chari-

ties and school groups stop 'bailing out' the distributors by refusing to deliver phone books for such a poor rate, Sensis will continue to 'pretend' to be helping charities while pocketing the advertising and listing revenue themselves.

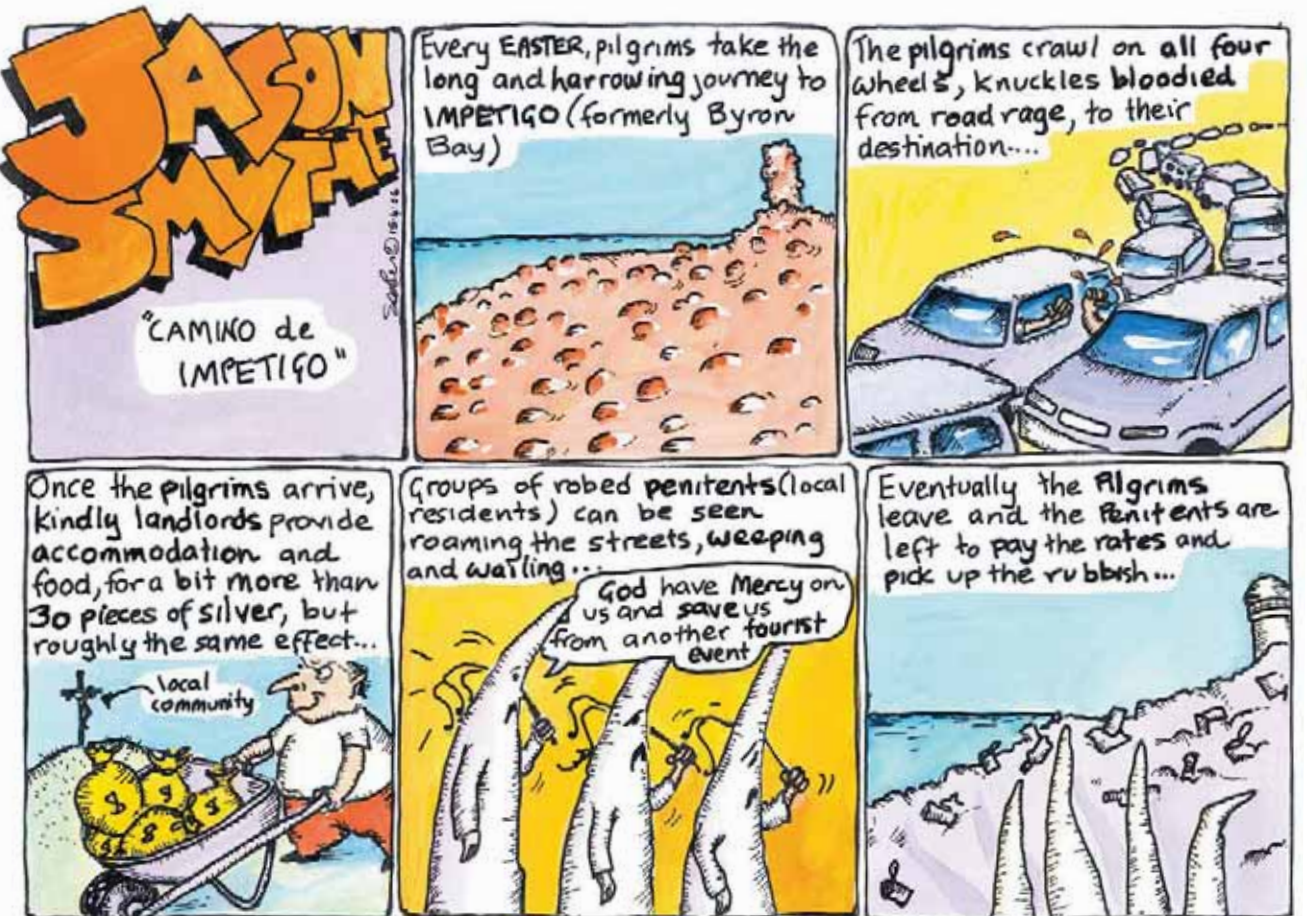
In the meantime, if anyone would like to support the scouts in their endeavours to get the local youth to the next jamboree by offering any paid local projects ('Job Scout Week' commences shortly), please ring 6684 1465. Donations can also be made to Westpac account 18-0184 (BSB 032-583).

Robyn Berrington
Mullumbimby Scouts Committee

Cycleway blues

The simple pleasures of Brunswick Heads will soon be enhanced by a proposed new development happening right along our river foreshore.

A spectacular 3m wide strip of blazing concrete will be laid beneath the Norfolk pines from The Terrace Park to Massey Greene to open up the foreshore for a new coastal cycleway.



The stunning new six lane Pacific Highway showcases the aesthetic beauty and versatility of mega-tonnes of concrete. Council's cycleway proposal will extend the concrete concept into a trendy matching mini high-

way straight through our public parklands.

Instead of ambling along the grassy foreshore, relaxed, peacefully contemplating the joys of bridge building, pedestrians will soon savour the pleasures of dodging

bike riders, skateboarders and roller bladers. Motorised wheelchairs and buggies will also be free to weave amongst the strollers and toddlers who stray from the play areas.

Panoramic views around the shrinking parklands will be revitalised by festive, tasteful lighting and encourage an ever increasing traffic flow of people on wheels. The exodus of any remaining wildlife will have little impact on our simple pleasures. Galahs wearing brightly coloured lycra will replace the noisy feathered variety that once hung out in trees.

Instead of birdsong, sleepy heads and picnickers will be revived by the sound of clacking wheels on concrete, and wretched screams as the inevitable collisions toss victims off the wall onto the oyster covered rocks below.

An attractive fence right along the riverbank from Banner Park to The Terrace has been suggested to ensure public safety. Although crash sites could provide a deeply meaningful, spiritual experience for locals and visitors alike.

Council may struggle to maintain the grassed parklands in good condition, however the project manager has reassured the community. Constructing con-

crete pathways over gnarly old roots of the Norfolk pines will not impact on the trees, the concrete, the riverbank or collapsing rock walls nor anyone or anything. The cycleway will be maintained with the same diligent care and efficiency as other Council assets like the Housie Shed and toilet blocks.

Council's asset department has secured state funding for the coastal cycleway project and is working hard to foist this bold new vision onto the Brunswick foreshore. Alternate viable 'community preferred' options do exist that can utilise these funds, and prevent the spread of concrete cancer from consuming our irreplaceable parklands.

Although the exhibition period has long closed, all interested stakeholders have been asked to share their preferred vision and send more submissions to Project Manager, Jeff Garratt at BSC. Concerned residents and visitors can also lobby local Councillors, BHPA and the Chamber's business and tourism group. Please help protect our parklands from the simple pleasures of ever constant redevelopment.

Michele Grant
Ocean Shores

Mourning the loss of the unusual

The loss of tourist business is a subject of great concern in recent issues of *The Echo*. I personally feel that one reason for the decline is that we have done so much to make the town less unusual.

The Community Centre is an excellent example. Up to 2001 it was a funky old building covered with unusual murals. I remember often seeing tourists taking photos of it.

We destroyed that, and replaced it with an ordinary building with a conventional arcade and a modern theatre just like theatres all over the world. I'm not saying the new building is better or worse, but it is certainly less unusual.

The old building was celebrated with a postcard, and ironically you can still buy this postcard in many tourist shops in town. Noone has made a postcard of the new building.

Those who have been in

Byron for a while may remember the Angel Café, a delightful spot with styro-foam angels all around and lots of tables spread out. So we destroyed that, and put in another storey for a Hog's Breath Café.

Just down the street from it was Suppertime Blues, a funky little café, which we destroyed and put in a Domino's Pizza. Once again, I'm not saying which is better, but even Mr Domino would agree, I think, that the pizza shop is not unusual. You can find them all over the world.

A really unusual feature of Byron Bay some years ago was a charming house with a small grassy yard right in the heart of town. So we destroyed it and put in Byron Pier, the sort of arcade you can find in the Gold Coast and tourist towns everywhere.

Past the second roundabout was a beautiful Thai restaurant, so we destroyed

that and put in a real estate agency. Hey, now there's an unusual attraction for a town, a real estate agency!

The Epicentre was a huge old historic building, suitable for dance parties, art shows, a museum, or all sorts of unusual attractions. So down it goes. I don't know what is planned for the site, but if it is an unusual attraction for the town, no one will be more gratified (or surprised) than I.

I used to love Basic Bitz, an amazing little shop where it seemed you could get everything, so we wrecked it and put in a chemist shop, our 17th, I believe.

It's gotten so I hesitate to admire or think well of any feature of Byron. I'm afraid that will mean it is slated for destruction.

We still have some attractive features in Byron. The Orient Café, now called The Balcony, has somehow survived, an elegant reminder

of the past. The all-night bakery survives, and Earth n Sea Pizza, though in a less attractive location than when it was by the main roundabout.

Colin Heaney gave us fine glass mosaics for our two roundabouts. We haven't wrecked the beaches, and the lighthouse and the lighthouse track are still there.

We also have this paper, *The Echo*, a highly distinctive and unusual attraction. The night spots and the many fine cafés and restaurants are keeping up a valiant struggle to attract tourists. There are still a few buskers, too, though we hassle and fine and insist on licensing them.

But as for the town itself, there's really little left that you couldn't find in hundreds of towns, especially tourist towns, all over the world.

Charles MacFarland
Ewingsdale

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Microbes given more time to work

It's time, says Cr Bob Tardif. Time to lift the development moratorium. Phil Warner, Council's director in charge of the newly upgraded West Byron sewage treatment plant (STP) didn't agree. Neither did Greens councillor Richard Staples who during last week's Council meeting explained that as a biological plant the microbes and other slime loving creatures required time to work properly.

A target of three months of tickety boo operation has been set by Mr Warner, before he is comfortable about opening the gates, and these could possibly be floodgates, to further development approvals. South Byron's STP was closed down last year and the waste transferred to West Byron,

however, the decision to approve new development is still on hold.

'I understand that there is pressure from developers to lift the moratorium,' said Cr Peter Westheimer. 'To try to jump the gun now is just to genuflect to the development and business community. There is no contention to test ad infinitum. We already have three to four weeks of compliant data here, we only have eight weeks to go. We have a responsibility to not let the ratepayers down by polluting the Belongil.'

Cr Bob Tardif put up a motion to end the Bay's development moratorium and start accepting development applications from June 1. 'How can a brand new plant fail its testing?' he asked. 'I'd love to see someone take



Cr Emily Pathogen consults with a local microbe community.

us to court and say "you knocked back my DA and yet you transferred the effluent from the South Byron STP". We should take a gamble. It's time to bite the bullet.'

The bullet was not bitten, Mayor Jan Barham used her casting vote to support a motion to lift the morato-

rium when the plant has achieved three months of continuous compliant data and the new licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation is in place.

Back on Council's agenda was the hotly debated issue of holiday letting which had

been passed to a forum of community groups, business interests, councillors and council staff at the end of last year. After several stormy meetings and working groups the forum finally arrived at a compromise solution last month. As reported in *The Echo*, the majority of the forum participants were happy with the solution including community group BRACE (Byron Residents Against Community Erosion), and the major real estate agents. Landlords group, HLO (Holiday Letting Organisation) opposed the compromise however its preferred option did not receive majority support within the forum.

Council staff recommended that Council note the first preference of the forum, which was for holiday letting to be permitted in certain precincts within residential areas such as Watergo's, and 'further examine this option as part of the analysis of submissions for the draft LEP'. What seemed like a pretty logical and fair recommendation provoked considerable resistance from the non-Greens councillors. (Cr Westheimer had excused himself from the discussions after declaring a conflict of interest.)

'The forum seems to have deteriorated into a particular group who wanted their option considered,' said Cr Mangleson. 'This is not the final pronouncement on our position on holiday letting,' she added.

Arguing for the staff recommendation, along with the three other Greens councillors, was Cr Lazarus. 'The fact of the matter is that this is what came out of the forum. It was the most supported option.' Cr Lazarus,

one of three councillors who took part in the forum, went on to say that he personally did not vote for the forum's first preference, however he was happy to accept the majority view.

Cr Kestle's motion to consider all the options put up by the forum, which ranged from no holiday letting at all to holiday letting in all residential areas, was supported by Crs Tucker, Mangleson, Tardif and Woods. The successful motion made no mention of the forum's preferred option, presumably the result of much angst, effort and hard work by the groups involved.

Council gave lukewarm approval for the state government's future plan for the region, the Draft Far North Coast Regional Strategy. Councillors agreed to tell the Department of Planning that Byron Shire Council generally agrees with the strategy which provides for an extra 60,000 residents in the region, but pointed out several rather important bits seem to have been left out.

Important bits like infrastructure planning, public transport, tourism, and a clear direction on rail services.

Mayor Jan Barham was less critical of the plan than her fellow councillors, arguing that the state government has a separate ten year infrastructure plan for the region up its sleeve. Councillors voted to ask the state government for information on when this critical piece of info might be revealed. Councillors also asked that the strategy take into account locally produced mapping for environmentally sensitive areas rather than just rely on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation.




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The BASIX Alterations and Additions scheme is due to become mandatory on July 1. This is the second stage of NSW Planning's BASIX program and to ensure that the Byron Shire community is kept informed, Council would like to invite all architects, building designers, builders (including pool builders) and other interested people to attend a free information session.

Council's Building Certification Unit Manager Wayne Bertram said that the aim of BASIX Altera-

tions and Additions is to ensure that all alterations and additions to NSW homes comprise cost-effective and practical measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and potable water consumption, as well as improve thermal performance.

This will affect anyone submitting a development proposal or complying development certificate for the alteration, enlargement and/or extension of an existing dwelling.

Places at the information session will be limited and booking should be made early to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made with Vicki Viel at Council on 6626 7050 or vicki.viel@byron.nsw.gov.au.

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Four myths of biotechnology

Miguel Altieri

Myth #1: Biotechnology will benefit farmers. Reality: Biotechnology seeks to 'industrialise agriculture' even further, converting agriculture into a branch of industry. It is capital intensive and increases concentration of agriculture production in the hands of large – corporate farms. As with other labour saving technology, by increasing productivity, biotechnology tends to reduce commodity prices and set in motion a technology treadmill that forces out of business a significant number of farmers, especially small scale. Given that time and labour saving technology have been substituted for farmers and farm workers for over 200 years, the most probable outcome is that farmers will be displaced by biotechnology. Biotechnology will further concentrate power in the hands of a few multinational corporations (MNCs), which in turn will enhance farmers' dependence and force them to pay inflated prices for seed-chemical packages

Myth #2: Biotechnology production promises will be a blessing for the poor and hungry of the Third World. Reality: Biotechnology is profit driven rather than science and need driven. Biotechnology research serves the desires of the rich rather than the needs of humanity, especially the poor. Biotechnology is primarily a commercial activity, a reality that determines priorities of what is investigated, how it is applied and who is to benefit. While the world may lack food and suffer pesticide pollution, the focus of MNCs is profit, not philanthropy. Investors design GMOs for new marketable quality or for import substitu-



Percy Schmeiser, the Canadian Farmer who stood up against Monsanto.

tion, rather than for greater food production. Biotechnology companies are emphasising a limited range of crops for which there are large and secure markets, targeted to relatively capital-intensive production systems.

Myth #3: Biotechnology will not affect the ecological sovereignty of the Third World. Reality: The Third World is now witnessing a 'gene rush' as governments and multinational corporations aggressively scour forests, crop fields and coasts in search of the new genetic gold. Indigenous people and their biodiversity are viewed as raw material for the MNCs. Corporations have made billions of dollars on seeds developed in US labs from germplasm that farmers in the Third World had carefully bred over generations. Peasant farmers go unrewarded for their millenary knowledge of what to grow, while MNCs stand to harvest royalties from Third World countries estimated at billions of dollars. Patenting of plants and animals means that farmers must

pay royalties to the patent holder each time they breed their stock (saving seed is not possible with hybrid crops, farmers must buy fresh patented seed each year). Indigenous farmers can lose rights to their own original seeds.

As bans and regulations delay tests and marketing in the North, GMOs will increasingly be tested in the South to bypass public control. The Third World will evolve from chemical and nuclear waste disposal to genetic dump site.

Myth #4: Biotechnology is ecologically safe, offering softer technologies and will launch a period of chemical-free agriculture. Reality: There are many unanswered ecological questions regarding the impact of the release of transgenic plants and microbes into the environment. Approaches must be developed and employed for assessing and monitoring future predictable risks. Biotechnology will exacerbate the problems of conventional agriculture and will also undermine ecological meth-

ods of farming such as rotation and polycultures. Transgenic crops are likely to increase the use of pesticides and to accelerate the evolution of 'superweeds' and resistant insect pest strains. Major environmental risks associated with genetically engineered plants are the unintended transfer to plant relatives of the 'transgenes' and the unpredictable ecological effects.

■ Miguel A. Altieri, PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, is a world traveller, spending six months of the year helping small farmers abroad, mostly in Latin America, the other six teaching at Berkeley. This article can be seen in full in *byronchild* magazine, March 06 edition.

To find out more about biotechnology and the market political forces around the control of our food, see *The Future of Food* screening in Mullumbimby, April 20 at 7pm at St. John's Hall. Sponsored by *byronchild* magazine and Santos – call 6684 4353 for more information.

Chloe wins scholarship



Chloe Mitchell recently became the recipient of a scholarship for \$1,000 as the winner of Quota's Hearing and Speech Award. Each year, the 24th District of Quota International offers this award to one successful applicant to further their education. Chloe has been completely deaf in her right ear since she was two years old. She has won numerous awards for her achievements within her school and community activities despite her disability. Chloe completed her HSC last year and is currently studying Fitness Certificate III and Children Services Certificate III at Kingscliff TAFE along with a correspondence course in hotel management. Chloe was nominated for the award by Quota International of Brunswick Valley. She was the guest of honour at Brunswick Valley's Changeover lunch on April 9.

NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE NSW HEALTH

Liver Clinic Support Group

Are you contemplating treatment and want to hear from others how they experienced it?
Are you undergoing treatments and would like to compare your experience with others?
Are you on, or interested in treatments?
Have you completed treatment and are prepared to share your experience and lend your support to others?

This group provides an opportunity for people contemplating treatment, undergoing treatment and for those who have completed treatment or Hepatitis C to get to know each other.

The Liver Clinic welcomes you to come and participate in a facilitated, relaxed, informal discussion and to join us for a light lunch afterwards. Groups will be held in Lismore from 12.00–1.30pm on Friday:

26 May, 23 June, 21 July, 18 August and 15 September 2006

For more information please contact the Liver Clinic on 6620 7539.

Dr Sherman pays the Bay a visit

Dr Gene Sherman, director of Sherman Galleries, will be speaking on Saturday April 22 at 10 am at the Byron Bay Community Centre. Organiser of the event Melitta Firth from Arts Northern Rivers said, 'It is a privilege for us to host Dr Sherman's first visit to Byron Bay. It is a great opportunity to share her knowledge and also for her to see the work of local artists.'

'Dr Sherman sells difficult, expensive, cutting edge contemporary art to Australian and international buyers. We are keen to find out how she does it, and any tips she may have for artists or galleries in the region.'

'We have also asked her to discuss the most significant themes she identifies in contemporary art discourse at the moment, so it



should be a really interesting morning.'

Awarded a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2003, Dr. Sherman has played an important role in the development of Australian contemporary art, both in the commercial gallery world and as an aca-

demic. As the founder and director of Sherman Galleries since 1987, she organises exhibitions at the gallery, as well as national and international touring exhibitions through the Asia-Pacific region, with the aim of promoting Australian contemporary art.

Dr Sherman will discuss what's hot in the Australian and international art markets. She will give advice to emerging artists on how the fine art market operates and will also discuss her impressions of Australian art audiences. What can be done to get the wider community more interested in buying art? How on earth do you sell difficult work?

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NOTICE TO RIVER USERS

The RTA and Abigroup wish to advise of temporary closures of the river channel between April and December 2006 in the area of the new Brunswick River bridge. These closures of up to five hours are to facilitate construction activities on the new bridge.

The first closure is scheduled for **Wednesday 26 April 2006 from 10am to 3pm.**

Further closure times will be notified on signage at the boat ramps at the Ferry Reserve Caravan Park (upstream) and the Brunswick Heads Fishermen's Co-operative (downstream) and will be advertised prior to the closure.

River users are advised to consider the possibility of these temporary closures and choose appropriate launching points, when planning activities on the Brunswick River during these times.

River users are also asked to consider safety and observe all navigational markers relating to speed zones and channel closures in the construction area.

Comments, complaints and inquiries for the project can be directed to the Abigroup community relations manager, Terry Paxton, on the number below.

Further information phone toll free 1 800 071 144
Log onto www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Brunswick Heads to Yelgun)

Abigroup
Constructing Australia's Future

Lot 107 – a conservation perspective

Environmental lobby group Conservation Of North Ocean Shores (CONOS) puts its views on Lot 107, Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores, a site of controversy for several years among residents wanting it protected, those wanting sports fields, and Byron Shire Council.

Billinudgel Nature Reserve protects a remnant of coastal lowland vegetation. The Reserve contains about 450 plant species (seven are threatened species) and more than 170 animal species (44 are threatened species). In addition there are 16 recorded Aboriginal sites in the Reserve alone. The long term viability of plant and animal populations in the Reserve are dependent upon wildlife corridors which link the remaining coastal and hinterland forest areas enabling the movement of species and assisting in the maintenance of biodiversity. Satellite photography shows that the North Ocean Shores area provides the only substantial link of native vegetation between coastal remnants and the Mount Warning hinterland. Areas of natural vegetation on private lands which adjoin the Reserve are also considered to be an important part of this wildlife corridor system.

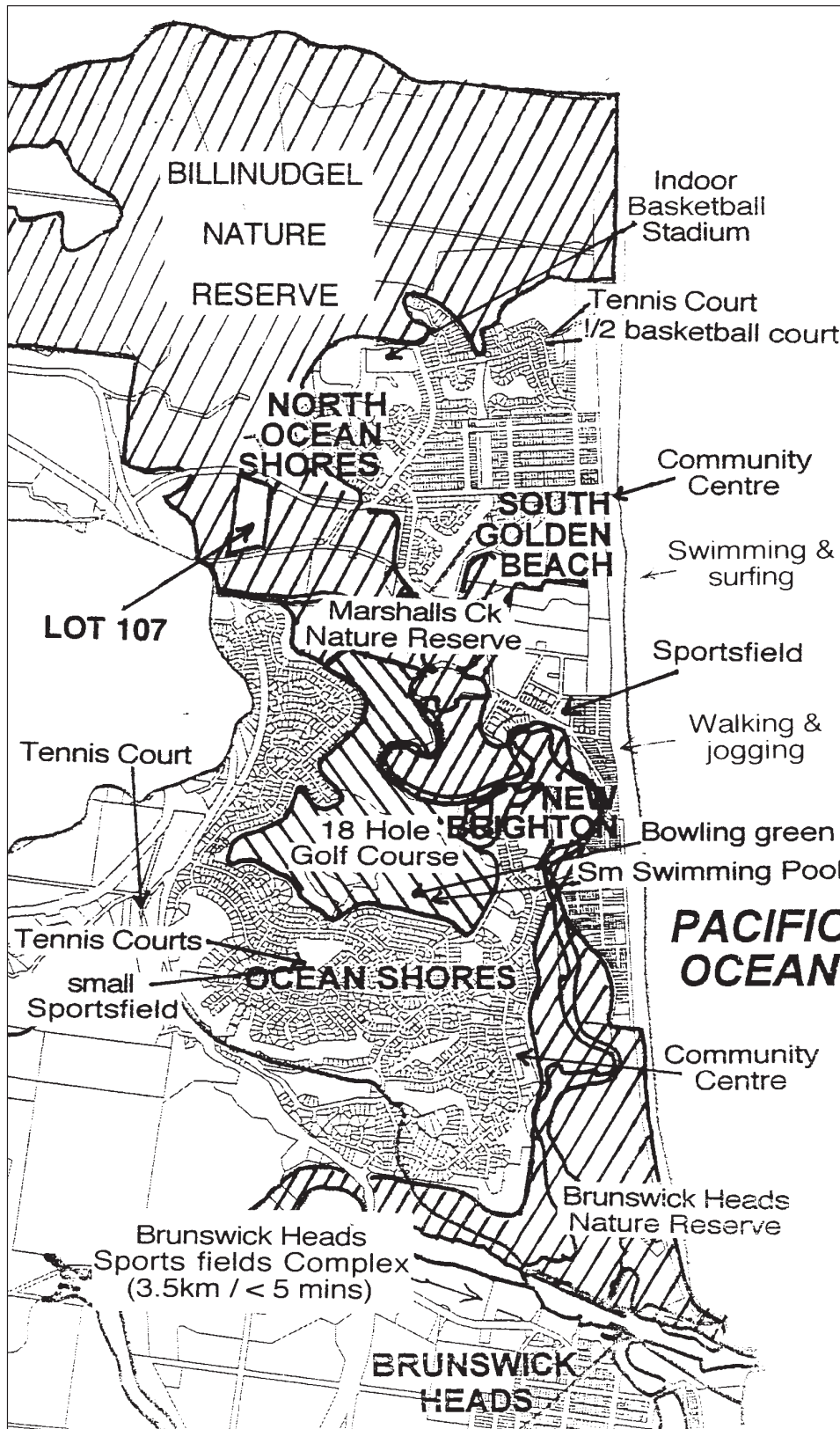
In 1987 the state government took the first step towards protecting the natural and cultural features in the greater North Ocean Shores area by placing an Interim Protection Order over much of the locality (then owned by the Bond Corporation). This prevented activities that might have degraded the area's values until the level of importance of the environmental and cultural features could be recorded and protected.

During 1990 the state government held an inquiry to rezone lands in the greater North Ocean Shores area (the Simpson Inquiry). The Inquiry recommended that the majority of the land be zoned for environmental protection. Community groups made lengthy submissions to the Inquiry in support of environmental protection.

In 1991 the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) conducted a study of the North Ocean Shores locality and recommended that various tracts of land, including Lot 107, become part of the conservation parks system. Most of the land identified by the NPWS was privately owned.

In 1995 local conservation groups presented a petition to Byron Council containing 4,000 signatures requesting environmental protection for North Ocean Shores.

Later in 1995, after extensive lobbying from far north



CONOS's map of sporting facilities around the north of the Shire.

coast environment groups, the NSW Coalition government (via member for Ballina Don Page) announced that they would purchase about 325 ha of mainly wetlands at North Ocean Shores at the cost of \$1 million. This was the first purchase towards the Billinudgel Nature Reserve.

Shortly after coming into power, the NSW Labor government placed a second Interim Protection Order (IPO) over the area identified by the NP&WS (which included Lot 107). The government then added a further 350 ha to the Reserve in 1996.

Next year (1996), the government extended the IPO for a further twelve months

while they determined the boundaries for further additions to the Nature Reserve. During these land sale negotiations, at the eleventh hour, the landowner informed the NPWS that he wanted Lot 107 excluded from the sale as he and Council were negotiating a sale.

According to Council's records their interest in Lot 107 arose at that time because they were about to lose other land zoned private Open Space at Banool Circuit and wanted to replace the loss with other public Open Space lands.

In March 1996 a Council staff report recommended rezoning Lot 107 from 1(d) Investigation to Open Space, '... for potential active or

passive recreational use'. The proposed Open Space zone was not adopted by Council. Instead Council decided to include the Lot in a study to examine the remaining environmentally sensitive areas in North Ocean Shores. This 1996 study was called the North Ocean Shores Local Environment Study (LES).

The LES study was placed on public exhibition and Council called for the community to voice their views in submissions. Lot 107 was proposed to remain 'Investigation' zone by the consultants who prepared the study. Council received 37 submissions – 32 from individuals; four from community or

continued opposite

Articles

Women's experiences and the Australian landscape

A special touring exhibition highlighting the experiences of women in the Australian landscape is on show at Cape Byron Lighthouse.

The travelling exhibit, *Making a Place for herself: Women's experience of landscapes and national parks*, is about women's landscapes – some contained in national parks, some on private lands – places that women have worked and walked in, written about and painted, and places that have shaped and been shaped by women's lives.

Reserve Manager Sue Walker said, 'In this exhibition you will meet women of diverse backgrounds, interests and experience. In their

own words they explain how they made a place for themselves in the landscape.

'The exhibition provides a new approach to understanding and promoting women's history and women's experience of landscape.

'Women were the backbone – in the pastoral landscape Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women have worked to provide for the nation and their families. They have been the quiet heroes, doing jobs that needed doing, whether on the land or in their homes, whether paid or unpaid, servants or mistresses.'

April Blair, a woman featured in this exhibition, said, 'They were the backbone of



Detail from Charles Barrett's photo at Echo Point in the Blue Mountains, circa 1930.

it when you think about it because they did the food, they kept the house clean,

kept all the kids going, and all the bookwork and also got out there when they were needed.'

The landscape provides spiritual refreshment for many

women. It is the wellspring from which they draw their identity, strength and inspiration, their 'blood's country'.

'Making a place for herself' is on display at Cape

Byron Lighthouse until the end of April 2006. Everyone is encouraged to view this special exhibition and celebrate women's experiences in our landscapes.

From previous page

conservation groups; one from NPWS; and, four from affected landowners. The idea that Lot 107 should become a sports field was not raised by any submissions.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service submission stated that if the Lot were zoned Open Space then it should only be used for 'passive' recreation (ie not active sports) so that it could '... continue to function as part of a wider fauna corridor to Marshalls Creek'. Twenty-four submissions supported conservation of the Lot 107 wildlife corridor.

In March 1997 Council adopted an 'Open Space Zone' for much of Lot 107. In a report to Council, staff sought to allay the fears of community groups and others seeking to protect the wildlife corridor by assuring that Council had not made a decision on the type of open space activities and it could involve, '...the potential for environmental plantings, community botanical gardens or walking tracks...'. In the same year the state government held yet another public inquiry to determine the zonings for mostly private lands at Jones Road, North Ocean Shores, (Cleland Inquiry). Again, the local and regional conservation movement (and Byron Council) made significant submissions to this Inquiry. Commissioner Cleland found that the Jones Road

Wildlife Corridor was of fundamental importance and should be protected.

Emphasising the level of importance that the government places upon maintaining wildlife corridors, the RTA funded a \$3.5 million dollar 'cut and cover' tunnel over the new highway to link with the Jones Road wildlife corridor to provide a safe passage for fauna movement.

In June 1997 Council staff sent a letter to the RTA offering half of Lot 107 for sale to compensate for the loss of environmentally sensitive land due to the construction of the highway ('compensatory habitat'). Negotiations for the sale of part or all of Lot 107 to the RTA has continued since that time.

Despite all this background, Council decided to exhibit a plan for sports fields on the whole site in October 1998. This attracted 20 submissions; five from community groups and 15 from individuals. Most submissions opposed the use of the land for sports fields and wanted the land protected as a wildlife corridor. Only one submission supported sports fields on the site (Mullumbimby Rugby Union Club). Other issues that were highlighted were the lack of children's safety due to the site's isolation and the threat of vandalism for the same reason.

In 1999 Council's award-winning Shire-wide Fauna

and Flora Study reinforced the view of community organisations and the NP&WS by identifying Lot 107 as part of a wildlife corridor. In 2005, Council's award-winning Biodiversity study also highlighted the Lot as a wildlife corridor.

Today the land is an island surrounded by nature reserves. No Development Application has ever been lodged to develop sports fields.

It is extremely unlikely that a sports fields Development Application would be approved by Council or the State government given the areas environmental significance and the substantial investments made to ensure the protection of this environment.

In light of the background detailed above, Lot 107 was never a likely sports field site. In fact, prior to purchase, no study had even been undertaken to investigate the suitability of the site for purchase as a sports fields site.

Most people would know that a recent attempt in Court to prevent the sale of Lot 107 to the RTA for inclusion in the Nature Reserve was unsuccessful. From the perspective of maintaining the essential wildlife corridor links and hence the viability of our coastal and hinterland reserves the addition of this land presents a rare win for our children's heritage – the environment.

Queensland Training Institute of Psychodrama

PSYCHODRAMA COMING EVENTS

Creative Living

This workshop is designed for creativity, spontaneity, and good will to flourish. Dramas will be produced to review past experience, reveal present possibilities and release future potencies.

Saturday 30th April – Sunday 1 May 9.00 am – 5.00 pm each day

Venue: **Myocum**. Details advised on application. Open to 4-16 participants. Diz has a well-earned reputation for excellence in assisting trainees expand their abilities, unify their identity and be creative and purposeful.

Leader: Don Reekie is a Trainer Educator & Practitioner, Psychodramatist and Role Trainer. He works to produce a group culture where each person can develop their abilities to be the person they want to be and are capable of being. He is a group psychotherapist and individual therapist. Supervision of individuals and teams has been an aspect of Don's work. He lives on the Sunshine Coast from May to August and in Christchurch, New Zealand the other months. In each place enjoyment of grand children is a major focus.

Fee \$330 (incl. GST) payable to QTIP, P O Box 1755, Turbot St., Coorparoo, Q. 4151. Apply by phoning the workshop organizer, Diz Synnot, on 0411 876 969 or leave a message for her to phone you on 07 3836 3665 or send in your fee and contact details to the above address.

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Open Night at Byron Community Centre run by Don Reekie

Friday 28th April from 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Using psychodrama, we will explore two or three factors that come from the group's imagination, expectation and knowing.

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Development Afternoons will commence again on Monday 8, 15, 22 and 29 May 2.00 – 5.00 pm. These afternoons are open to all those wishing to progress in their family, community and work lives. You will be acting your aspirations and deepest concerns and assisting each other in our learning and progress. The fee is \$182 including GST. Phone Diz on 0411 876 969 and let her know you are coming.

Psychodrama envisages 'able men and women all over the place expressing themselves relevantly in the ordinary here and now situations in which they live and work. This expression may be in silence, in building, in planning, in negotiation, in teaching, or in play, but it will be a responsive and creative expression, an expression that brings joy to the human spirit, that uplifts the soul, that makes us feel part of the universe again.' ANZPA Training and Standards Manual 2004.



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CHESS with Ian Rogers

FIDE World Champion Veselin Topalov has confirmed his status as the world's top player with victory in a four game contest against Romanian star Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu. Playing in Bucharest, Topalov defeated Nisipeanu, the 2005 European Champion and world number 20, 3-1; Topalov winning both his games with the White pieces and drawing both games when playing Black. The Topalov-Nisipeanu match was promoted as the most important chess event ever held in Romania and was opened by the Romanian President Traian Basescu. The match was also designed to show Europe that the countries represented by the two players – Bulgaria and Romania – were ready to join the European Union. (Their case was not helped on the first day when the host website was overwhelmed by the number of spectators and crashed midway through the game.)

For Topalov, the win kept his ranking marginally ahead of Viswanathan Anand, who had also been performing well in the German Bundesliga club competition. The two players will meet over the board next month in the MTel tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria – an event which has been scheduled to clash with the Torino Olympiad.

Bucharest 2006

White: V.Topalov

Black: L-D.Nisipeanu

Opening: Queen's Gambit Declined

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.e4!

A new idea, with the intention of reaching a promising endgame after 9...dxe4 10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.Nd4. Nisipeanu appeared unperturbed and replied quickly.

9...0-0 10.exd5 Bxc5 11.Be2 Bb4+?!

Not as dangerous for the White king as it looks. 11...Nb4 12.d6 Be6 looks satisfactory for Black.

12.Kf1 Bd6 13.Bg5 Qa5 14.a3 Nc7 15.Bc4 b5 16.b4 Qb6 17.Bb3 a5 18.Be3! Qb7

19.Bc5 Bxc5

Rather desperate, but after 19...Rd8, 20.Ng5 gives White a strong attack.

20.bxc5 a4 21.Ba2 b4 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Qd4 Na6 24.c6 Qxd4 25.Nxd4 Nb4

26.Ke2!

Outstanding play, surrendering one of his passed pawns in order to activate his king.

26...Nxa2 27.Rxa2 Ba6+ 28.Kd2 Bc4 29.Ra3 Bxd5 30.c7 Be6 31.Nb5 Bd7 32.Nd6

g6 33.Rc1 Kg7 34.Rc4 Ra6 35.Rd4!

Far stronger than 35.c8(N) Rd8! when the White knights cannot easily untangle.

35...Ra7 36.Ne8+! Rxe8 37.Rxd7 Raa8 38.Kc3 Kf6 39.Kb4 Ke6 40.Rd4 Ke5

41.Rc4 Rec8

Black's king must stay away in view of 41...Ke6 42.Kb5 Kd7 43.Kb6 Kc8

44.Re3! and White wins.

42.Kb5 Kd5 43.Rc2 1-0

A postcard from Tonga

Hugh Ermacora and his partner Joyce Lillyin recently returned from Tonga following a two month assignment on behalf of Australian Business Volunteers (ABV). They provide some impressions of life in a small South Pacific island country.

Five hours to go before Vainau does its worst to Tongatapu. All of 'Palangis' (Westerners) are trying to be super cool. Meanwhile, the locals are battenning down the hatches.

Our balcony furniture has mysteriously disappeared and the neighbours are up on their roof, in driving rain, securing various bits of iron. The heavy ropes holding down the roof corners of the three motel balconies are no longer the subject of jokes. Will they hold? We wonder. Or will the roof peel back like a banana skin? Bugger the view; we should have taken the bottom apartment!

My partner, Joyce, and I are in Nuku' alofa, the capital of Tonga, on a two month assignment for Australian Business Volunteers. Our mission is to straighten out the Tongan Customs Department's human resource management practices and survive with our sanity intact. As both 'life' and professional partners, this joint consultancy will also be a test of our relationship. Will we still be speaking to each other on the flight home?

February 19, what a day! What a week! The prime minister has resigned, the speaker of the house has been convicted of corrupt behaviour and we are sitting here in the dark with no power for almost three days, no cooling, no water and no cooking facilities. Cyclone Vainau missed our island but



The weather in Tonga can be bracing at times, especially during a tropical cyclone.

still delivered something of a glancing blow. Apart from all the power lines to be restored there is no shortage of cleaning up for the locals. Meanwhile, wed to our computer we skip between office and motel, according to where the power is likely to be on for a couple of precious hours.

One could easily get depressed in this 'down at the heel' country where rust, dereliction and cast-offs offend the eye, where seemingly simple requests disappear into a well of inaction and where the oppressive heat and humidity is inescapable, save for the sanctuary of an air conditioned cocoon.

A land of conspicuous

wealth and grinding poverty, paradoxically, every second residential block seems to contain a church, some of which are ostentatiously palatial and all of which are spotlessly clean, neat and orderly. This in stark contrast to the seemingly unloved, derelict shacks right next door, where pigs, chooks and dogs rummage through discarded waste in both back and front yards.

And then there are the cemeteries bedecked with garlands, canopies and bottles of cordial, handsome young men walking unself-consciously shading their heads with rainbow coloured children's umbrellas and outside the Saturday market the sound battle between the

church choir (with synchronised actions) telling us that Jesus is our saviour and the reggae beat pounding out from the boom box array advertising the UB40 concert next month.

Whatever else life in Tonga might be for us at this time, it sure as hell ain't dull!

■ Largely funded by the Australian government through AusAid, ABV has for over twenty years been providing assistance to businesses and organisations in developing countries within the Asia-Pacific region. Basically, the aim is to help reduce poverty and create sustainable development through capacity building and skill sharing.

6 ways to get an Echo

1. If you want to be among the first to read the newspaper on Tuesday afternoon, **BUY IT FROM A NEWSAGENT FOR ONE DOLLAR!** Please note that we have asked newsagents always to charge a dollar for The Echo even after Tuesday when free copies are available elsewhere.

2. Go to our website www.echo.net.au where the new issue appears on Tuesday morning.

3. Wait for it to be delivered to your door (on Wednesday) – this saves doubling up and wasting copies.



4. Pick a paper up from one of the bulk drops around the Shire (shops, cafés, pubs, even Echo offices). A list of these is printed in the back of the paper from time to time. Please note that you cannot get a copy this way before Wednesday, not even from our offices – refer to #1.

5. Subscribe by post (see first ad in the classifieds every week).

6. Shout loudly in a confined space.

Writers can apply for mentorship program

In its six years on offer, the Northern Rivers Writers' Centre residential mentorship has assisted some of the region's best writers to get their first novel published. Sarah Armstrong, author of *Salt Rain*, Jesse Blackadder (*After the Party*) and Leigh Redhead (*Peepshow* and now *Rubdown*) were all previous mentorship winners and all used the opportunity to help polish their manuscripts taking them one step closer towards that first publishing contract.

Recently, Emma Hardman, who completed the mentorship in 2002, announced that University of Queensland Press had accepted her novel *Nine Parts Water* for publication. Emma's novel which is expected to hit bookstores in August next year was also one of four winners chosen



Writing mentor Marele Day.

out of 900 entries in the inaugural ABC Fiction Award which was presented recently.

For the chance to follow in the footsteps of these successful young writers, the Northern Rivers Writers' Centre is again calling for entries for the annual residential mentorship.

The mentorship offers four emerging Northern Rivers writers a five-day residency, during which time they will

work extensively on developing their manuscript with assistance from acclaimed author and mentor Marele Day

The Centre is looking for writers with exceptional ability and commitment who are working in the area of fiction or narrative non-fiction. The four winning writers will stay in-residence in the Byron Bay hinterland from May 29 to June 2 and have the opportunity to receive suggestions for development of their manuscript through workshops, small group work and individual consultation.

Centre director Jill Eddington, encourages anyone with a well-developed manuscript to apply.

'This is a fabulous opportunity for local writers to receive one-on-one assistance from an experienced writer and mentor. While it is

an extremely competitive process, writers who are selected to take part in the mentorship will see real results in the development of their manuscripts,' she said.

The mentorship is funded by Arts NSW and includes tutoring, accommodation and some meals. Writers selected are asked to make a small contribution to meals.

Applicants must be Northern Rivers residents, aged 18 years or over and be a 2006 member of the Northern Rivers Writers' Centre. All applicants must complete an application form, provide 40-50 pages of manuscript, a synopsis and a statement as to why they want to be part of the scheme.

Applications close at 2pm on Thursday April 27. For an application form, visit www.nrw.org.au or phone 6685 5115.



Articles

Craig reaches new heights speaking

Craig Rosenkranz has a keen spirit of adventure and a desire to live his life to the full; the fact that he is a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair doesn't make the slightest bit of difference to him. What it has done is make him even more determined to overcome the odds and continue to do the things he wants to do.

Last November, The Echo published a story about Craig and his desire to start a business providing adventure travel information and consultation for people in wheelchairs, as well as working as a motivational speaker. Despite the setback of having his specialised trailer and camping equipment stolen, Craig has got his business up and running and is going from strength to strength. His success comes mainly from his determination and belief in himself, but he also believes that his experiences with Brunswick Toastmasters have helped him enormously.

'I found that before I went to Toastmasters I was lacking the edge to communicate effectively,' said Craig. 'Now, not only have my communication skills improved out of sight, but I have also gained so much confidence.'

Brunswick Toastmasters is

a branch of Toastmasters International which meets every second and fourth Wednesday at the SDA hall, corner of Shara Boulevard and Banool Crescent in Ocean Shores.

This group of people is committed to assisting others in broadening their communication skills, and has

enabled Craig to enhance these skills which are so important to his new business.

New members are welcome at Toastmasters; just come along to one of the meetings. For more information on Craig's adventure tours, visit www.craigros.com.



Auction something to crow about



On Sunday April 30, the Bangalow Poultry Club will be holding a poultry auction in the Bangalow Showground Poultry Pavilion.

About 500 poultry, waterfowl and pheasants will go under the auctioneer's hammer. Penning will begin at 6.30am on Sunday 30 and will be completed by 8.30am.

Viewing and inspection of birds by the public and prospective buyers will be between 8.30am and 10.00am when the auction will commence.

All bidders must be registered and display an identifying number prior to the commencement of the sale, which can be done on the day, but

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Television Guide

1. Joaquin Phoenix and Souths owner Russell Crowe get up close and personal in **Gladiator** (TEN, Saturday, 8.30pm), a sword and sandals extravaganza of the old school. 2. Comedian Judith Lucy is one of the Aussie stars in **Bad Eggs** (NBN, Saturday, 9.15pm), a comedy for those who have seen Gladiator one time too often. 3. More crime comedy with Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton in **A Simple Plan** (NBN, Sunday, 10.30pm). Sunday is a good night all round, with Robert Altman's excellent **Gosford Park** on Prime at 8.30pm and the **Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala** on TEN at 9.30pm. Night owls can hardly go past **Carry On Matron** (ABC, Monday, 4.30am), a sludge pomd of double entendre.



	ABC 	SBS 	PRIME 	TEN 	NBN 		
WEDNESDAY 19	4.30 Movie: Joy Of Living (G, B&W, 1938) Irene Dunne 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.00 Battleplan 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 National Press Club Address 1.30 Talking Heads 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Surfing The Menu: Tasmania 6.30 The Cook And The Chef 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 The New Inventors 8.30 Spicks & Specks 9.00 The Worst Week Of My Life (M, sr) 9.35 The Glass House 10.05 At The Movies 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Four Corners 11.55 Media Watch 12.10 Movie: My Forbidden Past (G, B&W, 1951) A woman seeks revenge when family interferes with her marriage plans. Starring Robert Mitchum, Ava Gardner, Melvyn Douglas, Lucile Watson 1.30 Movie: Seven Keys To Baldpate (PG, B&W, 1947) Phillip Terry, Jacqueline White, Eduardo Ciannelli 2.40 Gary Rhodes' Cookery Year December 3.25 National Press Club Address	4.00 Weatherwatch 4.30 UEFA Champions League Soccer 7.00 World News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 World News 2.00 The Storm 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Football Stars Of Tomorrow 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Living Black 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Inside Australia: Give Me A Break 8.00 The Movie Show 8.30 Dateline 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: Love + Hate (M, c,s,a, 2004) English drama 11.30 Movie: Ghost In Love (MA, a,v,h, 2000) South Korean horror 1.05 Robbie Williams (M, c,s) 2.45 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Wheel Of Fortune 11.30 According To Jim 12.00 Movie: Volcano - Fire On The Mountain (PG, a,v, 1997) Dan Cortese, Cynthia Gibb, Brian Kerwin 2.00 My Wife And Kids 3.00 North Shore 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 Wheel Of Fortune 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Beyond Tomorrow 8.30 Prison Break (M) 9.30 Air Crash Investigations 10.40 Border Patrol (M) 11.10 Forensic Investigators (M, v) 12.10 The L Word (MA, s,c,l) 1.10 Home Shopping 5.00 Creflo A Dollar 5.30 Home Shopping	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Home Life Style 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 The Biggest Loser 7.30 Thank God You're Here 8.30 House (M) 9.30 NCIS (M) 10.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.05 Threshold (M) Movie length series final 1.00 The Up-Late Game Show 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 More religion	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 New MacDonald's Farm 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Frasier 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Survivor: Panama 8.30 Without A Trace 8.40 Lotto 9.30 E.R. 10.30 Camp Dare 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Fear Factor (M) 1.00 Late Show With David Letterman 2.00 Samurai Jack 2.30 All Of Us 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America		
	THURSDAY 20	4.30 Movie: Radio City Revels (G, B&W, 1937) Robert Burns, Jacki Oakie, Kenny Baker, Milton Berle 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.00 The Edwardian Country House 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Lovejoy 1.30 Strictly Dancing 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Animal Capers 6.05 The Life Of Mammals 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 Catalyst 8.30 Battlefield Detectives The Gallipoli disaster 9.20 The West Wing (G) 10.05 Hardware 10.30 Lateline 11.10 Palace Of Dreams 12.05 Welcher And Welcher (PG) 12.30 Movie: The Devil Thumbs A Ride (PG, B&W, 1947) Lawrence Tierney, Ted North, Nan Leslie 1.35 Movie: Violent Playground (M, v, B&W, 1958) Stanley Baker, David McCallum, Peter Cushing, Anne Heywood 3.20 Movie: Flight From Glory (PG, B&W, 1937) Chester Morris, Whitney Bourne, Onslow Stevens	4.00 Weatherwatch 4.30 UEFA Champions League Soccer 8.55 World News 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Dateline 2.00 World News 3.00 A Fork In The Road 3.30 School Torque 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Inspector Rex 8.20 Hotline 8.30 Nokia: A Decent Factory Finnish electronics firm that outsources to Chinese factories 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Samurai Champloo (MA, a,v,s) Japanese animation series 10.30 Movie: Black Serenade (MA, v, 2001) Spanish horror 12.15 Movie: Leave Your Hand On My Hips (M, s,c,l, 2003) French drama 2.00 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Wheel Of Fortune 11.30 According To Jim 12.00 Movie: Model Behavior (G, 2000) A shy 16-year-old dreams of being a supermodel, while the reigning teen supermodel dreams of food. Starring Maggie Lawson, Jim Abele, Daniel Clark, Karen Hines, Jesse Nilsson, Cody Gifford, Justin Timberlake 2.00 My Wife And Kids 3.00 North Shore 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 Wheel Of Fortune 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Las Vegas (PG) 8.30 Lost (M) 9.30 The Amazing Race 10.30 American Dad (PG) 11.00 Family Guy 11.30 Scrubs 12.00 Threat Matrix 12.55 Home Shopping 5.00 Creflo A Dollar 5.30 Home Shopping	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Home Life Style 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 The Biggest Loser 7.30 Smallville 8.30 Medium (M) 9.30 Law & Order (M) 10.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.05 Sex And The City (M, c, sr) 11.30 Fat Actress (MA15+, c,l) 12.30 The Up-Late Game Show 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 New MacDonald's Farm 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Frasier 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Getaway 8.30 Amazing Medical Stories (M) 9.30 The Footy Show (M) 11.00 The AFL Footy Show 1.00 Late Show With David Letterman 2.00 Spy TV 2.30 Rock Me Baby 3.00 Guthy Renker Australia 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America	
		FRIDAY 21	4.30 Movie: Nor The Moon By Night (PG, 1958) An African game warden marries a long-time penfriend. Starring Michael Craig, Belinda Lee, Patrick McGeehan, Anna Gaylor 6.00 Kid's Programs 11.00 Jungle 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Grass Roots 1.35 Men Behaving Badly 2.00 The Wild West 2.30 Spicks & Specks 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Message Stick 6.35 A Place In Slovakia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Stateline 8.00 Collectors 8.30 Dalziel And Pascoe (M, v) 10.15 The Kumars At No.42 (PG) David Baddiel, Kelly Holmes, Donny Osmond 10.45 Lateline 11.20 The Glass House 11.50 Rage (M) Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware - all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Insight 2.00 Top Gear 3.00 A Fork In The Road 3.30 The Movie Show 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Nerds FC 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook 8.30 Unit One (M) Danish drama 9.50 World News Australia 10.20 My 100,000 Lovers (MA, a,n) English doco 11.15 Movie: Karmen Gei (M, s,a, 2002) French/Senegalese drama based loosely on the story of Carmen 12.40 Movie: Making Babies (MA, s,c,l,a, 2000) Swedish drama about alternative ways of having a baby. 2.15 Close	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Wheel Of Fortune 11.30 According To Jim 12.00 Movie: Inspector Morse - Deceived By Flight (PG, v, 1989) John Thaw, Kevin Whately, Amanda Hillwood, Norman Rodway, Sharon Maughan, Daniel Massey 2.30 Kitchen Confidential 3.00 North Shore 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 Wheel Of Fortune 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 Movie: Home Alone 2 - Lost In New York (PG, v, 1992) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara, John Heard 11.00 Movie: Fame (M, c,l,n,du, 1980) Irene Cara, Lee Curreri, Laura Dean, Paul McCrane, Barry Miller, Antonia Franceschi 1.40 Movie: The Tic Code (M, c,l,a, 1997) Gregory Hines, Polly Draper, Christopher George Marquette, Bill Nunn 3.30 Home Shopping	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Home Life Style 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Wicked Science 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 The Biggest Loser 8.00 Friday Night Games 10.00 Skating With Celebrities 11.00 Late News 11.30 Sports Tonight 12.00 Video Hits Presents Robbie Williams 12.30 The Up-Late Game Show 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Cottonwood Christian Centre 4.30 Infomercial 5.00 Jesse Duplantis 5.30 Reverend Joyce Meyer	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 New MacDonald's Farm 4.00 Maddigan's Quest 4.30 Frasier 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Super Nanny USA 8.30 Friday Night Football Parramatta Eels v Wests Tigers 11.00 Friday AFL Carlton v Hawthorn 12.15 Late Show With David Letterman 3.15 At The Movies 3.30 Spy TV 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America

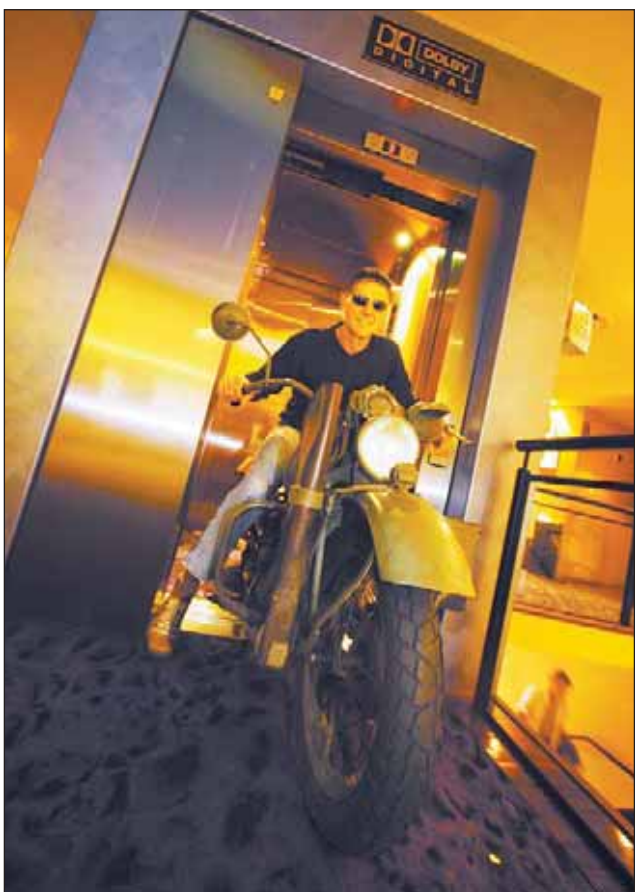
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Ralph revs up in the foyer



Ralph Faint rides (or pretends to) a 1942 WLA Harley Davidson into the foyer of the Byron Cinemas to promote the screening of *The World's Fastest Indian*, a film in which Anthony Hopkins plays a wonderfully inspiring Kiwi out to break records on his Indian motorcycle. Photo Jeff 'World's Littlest Triumph' Dawson

A tale of two Tippings

On a trip to meet up with guest artists booked to attend this year's FEHVA, coordinator of FEHVA 48 Hours of Visual Arts Dee Tipping finally met up with her long lost relative artist Richard Tipping at his studio in Newcastle.

Dee said, 'Coming into the third FEHVA event I thought I had heard so much about poet and artist Richard Tipping that it was a perfect opportunity for me to ring him up and say hey about being a guest speaker at this year's event.'

Both Richard and Dee remember vividly being taunted at school by signs that said 'Tipping prohibited' so Richard, being the maestro of sign language, found this old sign from a tip and put it up for Dee's visit to his studio.

Although neither of them



could find a distant relative between them Dee said that she was sure they were related due to their similar sense of humour.

Early bird tickets are on sale now for FEHVA three day session passes from the Byron Community and Cultural Centre or download

booking forms from www.fehva.com.

For program updates and information contact Dee on 6687 1623.

Straw bale houses feature at Maleny

For the first time, visitors to the 2006 MalenyWood Expo will have the rare chance in the EcoHousing tour to look through three different houses that incorporate significant 'green' principles for sustainability and practicality. Straw bale, rammed earth and recycled materials are the features of these three unique homes.

Joanne and David Gray built their own straw bale house four years ago. Their major motivation was to achieve a pleasant, year-round temperature without having to resort to traditional air conditioning.

The two bedroom rectangular home with an upstairs loft is near Nambour, and Joanne says the temperature sits comfortably between 23-25 degrees all year. So straw bale is a great insulator and as Joanne says, 'We also built for passive solar. So we have deep verandahs all round the house and super high (5 m) ceilings.'

Between project trips overseas David found time to design and make the steel frame for the house. Statutory approvals were trouble-free because the frame is load-bearing and the straw bales are used only for insulation.

The 130 square home cost about \$130,000 which makes a considerable saving on traditional building materials. The barley straw bales fit neatly between the steel struts of the house frame and around the windows chicken wire was used with compressed straw.

The outside of the Gray's home was rendered with several layers of Noosa white



AUSBALE president Chris Newton gets into the fun of building with straw.

sand and lime. When dry, Joanne noticed how easy it was to rub off the surface so she had Rockcote make a finish which not only firmed up the surface but retained its permeability.

And when it comes to mistakes or tips for the unwary, then straw bale building expert Chris Newton is the person to see. Brisbane-based, Chris has been involved in straw bale houses for nine years. She is the president of AUSBALE, the Australian straw bale building association. She also runs her own business, Earth-n-straw, to help people get all the knowledge they need to build with straw bales.

Chris is full of praise for the way the Grays built their house, but adds that they were pioneers - having to get all their knowledge out of books.

'These days,' says Chris, 'local governments have

had to go through rapid change to show they're supporting sustainable building practices.'

She cites her own case of shire council acceptance of straw bale when she was asked to build the Emerald Shire Tourist Centre. As far as she knows no straw bale house has been rejected by Australian councils.

Chris says straw bale is being used by two groups. 'It is popular with owner-builders because the material is flexible and is very forgiving.' The second group Chris calls the elite because they not only have the money to build a straw McMansion but they genuinely want to do something environmental.

If you still have reservations about straw bale then Chris will convince you with a fascinating two hour PowerPoint presentation at the MalenyWood Expo. She will

leave no bale unturned, covering all the most asked questions from thermal properties to cost, fire resistance, acoustic properties and render finishes.

With something as new as straw bale, a picture is worth a thousand words, and in her workshop presentation Chris will have more than 100 images of Australian and international homes built with straw bale.

Make sure you book your seat on the bus to see Joanne and David's straw bale home, the rammed earth home at Kureelipa and the Maleny 'temple'.

The EcoHousing tour is on Saturday April 30, 9am-2.30pm. Cost \$55. And don't miss Chris Newton's Straw Bale Workshops on Saturday and Sunday in the Soapbox Theatre 9am-11am. Cost: \$20. Find out more about the expo at www.malenywoodexpo.com.

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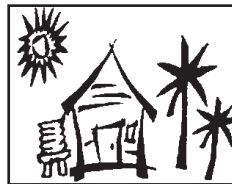
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Everyday People

Mandy shoots the breeze with Juzzie Smith



IMET Juzzie Smith years ago when he did my stand up comedy course. He was just this cute young freckle faced kid with an electric smile and an easy charm that had audiences immediately smitten. He was born funny, half man, half harmonica, he could suck and blow, and speak and breathe, in odd little segments that were more like detail snapshots of a subject, rather than a continuous narrative. Juzzie had a love of performance, and an affection for his audience that had people talking about him for weeks after his 5 minute show. In fact, he even had people offering to manage him.

His mantra is rather simple, and uncomplicated. While some perform for the love and approval of others, others do it to make someone else feel good. Juzzie's music, is very much like his comedy. Original, energetic, uplifting and always authentic. He says: 'I love to make people happy... the whole idea of my music is to make people buzz.'

Just this year he claimed himself a Golden Guitar at Tamworth Coun-

try Music Festival for Best Busker and played the big stage alongside Troy Cassar Daley. He was up against only 570 other performers! Quite an experience for this humble musician who sources some of his best beats from Op shops.

'I play percussion with my feet. I have a suitcase that I put a microphone inside. When I was doing acoustic shows, on the street, I used to use it to create a warm fat sound... It also works pretty well because I can carry all my gear in it as well.'

'Except my suitcases hate me because they keep breaking up. I go op shopping for suitcases and the grandmas think I'm crazy because I start whacking their suitcases... you go for tone. I got this really nice one from an antique shop the other day, but the hard cardboard ones are the best ones because they have the best tones.'

But it's not just luggage that Juzzie lugs all over the country, he's got a plethora of instruments that he takes on stage as well.

'I play slide guitar, normal guitar, and harmonica, didgeridoo and with the right foot I have a tambourine on a board so it gives the high hat sound.'

'When I play music I am thinking of dance styles, of the beat coming in and going out and building up, because I go from one instrument to the other. I stick to one guitar at a time – I also do harmonica singing – the last track on the album is a surprise track – it comes from a place called Tuva in Mongolia – the

'I love to make people happy... the whole idea of my music is to make people happy'

throat keeps the drone and you move your tongue to keep the harmonics. I heard it and taught myself while I was driving myself lots of places, it's peaceful and makes me feel peaceful, you can hold a note for up to a minute because it's so calming...'

Life has changed dramatically for

Mr Smith, who became a Dad three years ago. He is now a proud parent to Olive (3) and Rumi (6 months). For Juzzie having a family has focused him on his music, not taken the focus away.

'Having family is the best gift ever for me, because when Olive was born I was pretty lazy, I used to always play music myself but never realised how good it would sound if I put the effort in. I was making \$300 a week and you'd think, yeah, that will get me by

– it's so special, to know you have your own show and nothing can change that. It's hard to keep a band together, it's like joining another family, it's tricky to travel with bands,

I went to Vancouver last year, took my suitcase and my instruments, and my family...'

Juzzie's first album was made with the spirit of the street and has been his aural calling card for the past year.

'Good Vibes is where it all started, because that album sort of was what I was doing when I was performing and people really loved it. I got emails from all around the country and Xavier Rudd and he loved it...'

As we are talking, Juzzie is setting up in Johnson Street for an afternoon busking session.

'I love street performing because you are performing for everyday people. Kids who just get mesmerized by the music. My friend's little son got himself a suitcase and a little didge and he plays along to the album, he even plays a tambourine with his foot. They're the kind of little things like make you go wow!'

You can check out more about Juzzie on his website: www.juzzie-smith.com

Juzzie appears alongside Oka at Coorabell on Saturday 8pm.

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Farewell Ros!

After ten years as a greatly admired, appreciated and loved academic at Southern Cross University, Ros Mills has hung up her cap and gown.



To mark her departure a party is being held at the Winsome Hotel in the upstairs function room on Friday 21/04/06 from 8pm. **All friends, students and colleagues of Ros are invited.** Please bring a plate and a gold coin donation and feel free to prepare a speech, song or any other performance in acknowledgment of Ros and her outstanding contribution to our community.

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BOOZE FEST

EVERY YEAR, someone at the Blues Festival makes a complete fool of themselves in the VIP lounge... this year it was me! I got hammered, shitfaced, sozzled, rolling, plastered... well let's just say I had a teensy weensy bit too much to drink. I awoke early Sunday morning with the startling realisation: shit, it's Easter and I haven't delivered the eggs yet. The bunny squeezed in a 5am chockie round of the kid's easter boxes and then crawled back into bed feeling wretched. Bad Bunny. Hang on. How did I get to bed? I drank some water and tried to remember my movements. I remembered going out. I didn't remember going home. Oh dear, that doesn't bode well. I noticed a graze on my knee. Great, I've obviously taken a tumble. Thank god I was wearing undies. Hang on. Check. Yep, in place. My last memory was about 8.30pm. I took some Panadol for the brain dehydration, but couldn't find any salve for the impending onset of embarrassment. It couldn't be that bad, surely. Like a hungover detective, it was up to me to track down the missing hours. First call, the babysitter. 'What time did I get home?' Dee laughs back 'About 10.30pm, you were very funny. You came in saying "I'm very drunk, I'm going to bed", took your boots off and collapsed. I think

it was Security who bought you home.' What? I went out at 7pm, and by 10.30pm I was in an alcoholic stupor being escorted from the site? I think my drink must have been spiked. I think I might have spiked it. I called my friend from Sydney who I last remembered chatting with. At a tiny 5 feet, she was left with the overwhelming task of trying to tame a drunk and raging 6 feet banshee. I was knocking back chardonnay with the enthusiasm of Pats from Ab Fab. In fact, in the glow of the full moon, I believe I actually became Pats, my alcoholic alter ego. According to reports, I was refused service at the bar. And rightly so. If you can't open your bag, you've really lost that last drink option. I had a few goes at it, and while my friends were arranging for my departure I staggered from the tent. I felt relieved. Embarrassing, but not that bad. I must have left to get a cab or walk home. Not so. The next phone call informs me that I headed for another bar. An alcoholic homing pigeon, I couldn't walk, but I could find a bar in 30 seconds. The Blues Festival Bar staff continued to fulfil their responsible service of alcohol guidelines by refusing to serve the intoxicated. I'm not sure whether I tried to find another bar at this point, but I should inform you that it gets worse. I am asked where I live. I can't remember. The shame

is really starting to take hold now. I'm taken to Admin. By this time I've become a bit of a problem. I'm like a giant lost toddler in K-mart. Taxis won't take me because I am too pissed. I could have walked home, if I still had the ability to walk independently. They radio my husband who's busy directing the filming on the Mojo and he tells them he's too busy and they'll have to work it out. Somehow my address is tracked down (fortunately, around the corner) and I am delivered home by staff. I'd love to thank them, but I don't remember who they were. Fortunately it's a small town, and it should only be a matter of days before even more cringeworthy details are released into the public domain. Oh well, at least I didn't streak... or did I? Would have been good for the last act - 'The Fat Empire'. What happened? How did a nice well behaved Mum of three suddenly turn into Nicholas Cage in Leaving Las Vegas? Pass the Berocca. I seem to be missing something though, it's small but terribly precious, and something I've had since I was a child. I may have dropped it in the VIP lounge, I may have used it to barter for more chardy. It's my dignity. If anyone comes across it, I'd love to get it back. In the meantime, I'm heading back under the doona. Until next year.

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LIVE MUSIC

MY SWEET LLOYD
Alex Lloyd has had a charmed career. His hit song 'Amazing' saw him experience the kind of national acclaim and radio play that eludes most musicians. But it all comes through hard work. Alex is a fiercely committed singer songwriter who finds his greatest creative joys in the studio. He has just released his fourth and self titled studio album and is on the road making music with the masses.

I had a quick chat with Alex between gigs.
 Songwriting is a deep and poetic process for Alex. 'I use emotional influences, the lyrical content is based on anything, from a number of situations - the emotion is true, and the feeling, but I leave it open to the listener.' As for the spiritual aspects of song making, he admits: 'It's a subconscious experience, with this record I made myself free of any music industry obligations, but after 4 months it just started pouring out of me. I knew if I was going to make a record I'd just do it - it was great not having any obligation, to be independent, it was like making my first record again...'

The new album has been a labour of love. 'My favourite track is 'Sometimes' - something I started writing here and finished in Seattle. When I got there I was staying in this dodgy hotel - there were cops in the driveway every day and I was missing Amelia and Jake (partner and son) a lot.'

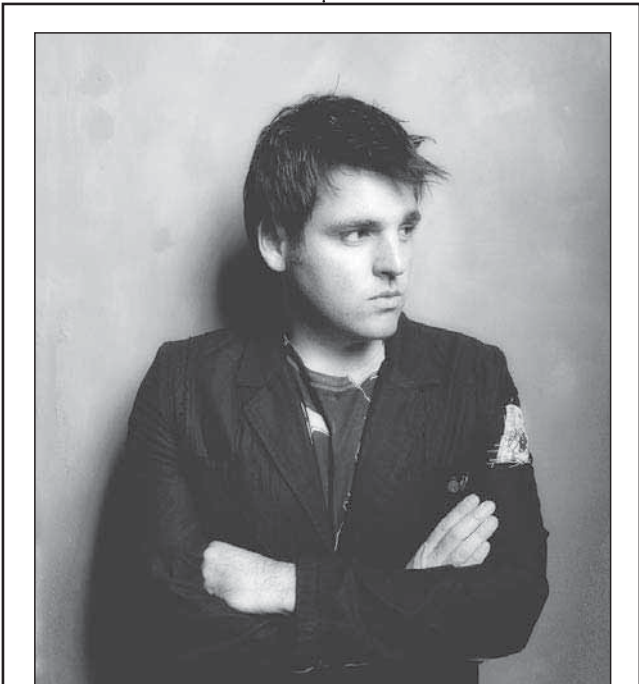
Lloyd is very proud of his new album, but he's not a critic, so he's not going to say it's the best thing he's ever done. What he does say however is: 'I think it's a great record and my expectations have been met. I'm not gonna say it's better than anything I've ever done before cause that's just one person's point of view. But I will say I'm very happy with it and I feel like I've come leaps and bounds with it to a new beginning!'

Alex Lloyd plays the Ballina RSL on Sunday.

MIGHTY GREAT!
The Mighty Pragmatics bring their enigmatic charm to the Beach Hotel this week with their huge talented line up. Funk, jazz, soul and a lot of dirty grooves, these guys are to music what permaculture is to gardening: wild, organic and very, very juicy. The place will be electric! **The Beach Hotel on Friday.**

SHAKE IT UP BABY!
 The **Barleyshakes** are an exciting five piece Celtic band who present traditional and original music in a modern format. They bring the power to the people, using fiddles, flutes, bass, drums, guitar and vocals. The band themselves are a Celtic melting pot and bring together Irish, Aussie and American performers. Their music can be soulful, gentle, at times haunting

and then explosive. They let their sonic boom Irish dance grooves loose but always in the name of the great tradition of Irish music. Remember those scenes in Lord of the Rings, when Frodo and Sam were in the Tavern cavorting and drinking ale? Well, that was the Barleyshakes with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra! They also com-



Alex Lloyd
 at the Ballina RSL, Sunday

posed a lot of the soundtrack. Based on the Sunshine Coast, this will be the Barleyshakes' second ever performance in Byron, although they are well known in Australia for their regular concerts at Woodford, and Port Fairy. **They play the Rails on Saturday.**



The Barleyshakes
 at the Rails, Saturday

ALL THAT JAZZ
 It's on again - the Northern Rivers Conservatorium once again present the **North Coast Jazz Festival**. Considering we have some of the finest Jazz players in the country, a Jazz fest was only a matter of time! And a one and a two... the great thing about Jazz, is that like the Blues, it's the backbone of a lot of more contemporary genres. Hip hop really owes

its tongue to the cheeky free-styling of the original jazz scat players...and as far as impro goes, no one does it finer than a good jazz musician. Jazz is all about leaving the path and finding yourself at a whole new destination. It's the journey without the map! This year's lineup will include **Jackie Orszarczyk trio, Badema, Circle of Rhythm, George Washingmachine** and a whole lot more. The event will take place in beautiful bodacious **Bangalow over the Queen's Birthday**

weekend 9 - 12 June. Masterclasses and workshops for aspiring musicians and vocalists will also be held over the weekend. Tickets are \$125 for the weekend pass or \$55 per day, half day pass \$40, half day conc. \$20. Tickets are on sale through

the Northern Rivers Conservatorium Lismore and several Bangalow outlets. Check out the website at www.conservatoriumarts.org and follow the links.

LAST BIG FREAK OUT!
Freaky Lou are Freaking, they're really freaking out! They're a very freaky band. The kind you don't take home to Mama. They are Super

Freaks. They are super freaking out. And then they're frigging off. It's their last gig ever! They've been going for three years and in that time have amassed a loyal following of fans, thanks to the strength and energy of their highly charged performances. If you love your reggae and you love your funk, if you want to dance, well this could be your last chance! They garner support from Brisbane jazz funksters, **The Kafka Explosion** - a mighty impressive 10 piece band and **DJ Krazy Dayv** who will be keeping the roots reggae vibes alive until 3am. **Saturday night for the full body meltdown at the Hotel Great Northern.**

THE MARTIN HAS LANDED
Jodi Martin is exactly the kind of singer songwriter that seems to resonate with our local audiences. Talented, authentic and often intense, Jodi delivers the roots rock ballad, with one foot in folk and the other in alt country. Josh Cunningham from the Waifs said of Jodi: 'Jodi Martin is one of the best singer/songwriters I have heard'.

Jodi Martin started writing songs when she was five. Noticing this trend, her Mum loaned Jodi her tape recorder. This was a momentous event and confirmed Jodi's obsession with songwriting forever. Jodi met Kasey Chambers and the Chambers family when she was sixteen. The following year, Kasey recorded Jodi's song 'Why' for the Dead Ringer Band's album 'Homefires' which took out Australia's premier music awards, winning an ARIA Award the following year for Best Country Album. Not bad for a girl who didn't even have her P's. Like Kasey, Jodi spent her formative years in the remote desert region of the Nullarbor. With the recording of 'Why', and the Chambers family encouraging her to move to the more populated East Coast, Jodi left her small coastal desert hometown of Ceduna to begin her own career as a singer/songwriter. Four critically acclaimed albums later, the sparse landscape of her childhood still resonates in Jodi's music and the legacy of a small town remains in her honest lyrics. Her songs are not afraid to tackle controversial issues, like her own childhood spent growing up in an area with a large indigenous population. Her story comes through in songs like 'Riddles' (Water and Wood) where racism is witnessed through a child's eyes. Jodi writes frankly and incisively about everything from relationships with lovers, parents, to social justice and personal issues like abuse. Jodi's has a strong sense of connection to place, and Australian imagery weaves itself into her work. These are Jodi's final farewell shows before she heads off to Canada. If you missed her at the Blues Festival, you can see her at **the Winsome on Thursday and Lennox on Saturday.**





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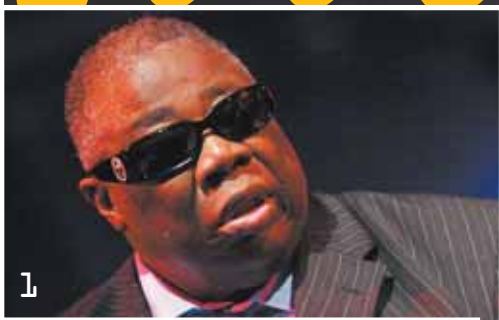
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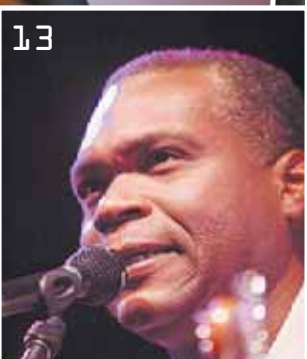
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LIVE MUSIC

▶ BABY YOU CAN DRIVE MY CARR

Hailing from the Blue Mountains in NSW, **Jimmi Carr** plays music that is both original and accessible. He draws on influences that move through folk, funk, blues, reggae, rock and hip hop to create a unique and individual style that could be described as 'Ben Harper meets Beck'. Jimmi has just released his second album, *Bright Black Sky* through Vitamin Records and will be launching at several venues in the area this week. The album is diverse and heartfelt and the vocal harmonies and delicateness of 'Told You So and Shadow of A Man' are testament to Jimmi's rootsy lyrical style. Jordie Kilby of Triple J's *Roots And All* said: 'Pretty snazzy, I've got to say' and *Drum Media* raved 'From the first chord, the slinky groove insinuates itself under your skin.' He plays *The Rails* on Thursday and *The Rainbow Café* and the *Nimbin Hotel* on Friday.

▶ GETTING SOCIAL

The much loved **Byron Vista Social Club** is back. A mix of old friends and new faces fills the program with Mark Heazlett, he of the silver voice and sensitive songs of love and life, **Nathan Petersen**... street-smart contemporary bluesy-dobro player and singer, Nimbin's hot **Hannah Pearl**... best described as cultured pop rock, a blend that combines all the sweetness of pop with lyrics of deeper wit and substance. **Sistasoul**, soul sisters Doris and Shanti sing songs from their travelling repertoire, Bangalow's pride and BVSC superstars **Melia and Nerida**... **Scarlett Affection** will wow 'em again with their edge-of-the-seat sister-act from Hell... or Heaven even! Club regulars, Celtic and traditional harp, guitar and flute, **Daeva and Elvina**... **Emerald** will play again fresh from their "Live at BVSC" CD launch... always brilliant. Special guest, **Ray Sorrenson**, is making the trip from Kyogle to make his first appearance on the coast for a decade or two. Co-founder of the now defunct Byron and Nimbin Folk

Clubs (with Mook and Shanto), Ray was the person who first got Vision into music back in



Freaky Lou
at the Great Northern, Saturday

Byron in 1977, forming a duo with him that lasted many years under different names, setting Vision well and truly on

Crue (recently described as 'like Crosby, Stills and Nash', a great compliment indeed), have been practising and are looking forward to singing their 5 part harmonies to the Club punters for the first time.

▶ WHO LET THE DOGS IN?

You've got to love them. The **Resin Dogs** are in big band mode and will be bringing the ultimate live hip hop happening to the **Northern on Friday 28 April**. It's a night jam packed with powerful rhymes and beats as the Dog's live mash up is treated by guest **MC's DNO, Abstract Rude** and LA's underground legend, **Mystro**. To top it off, **DVJ's** are hooking up with the Resin dogs to create a massive manipulated multi media show! Get your tix now! It's gonna be Hip Hop Hooray!

▶ LOVING IT LATIN!

Alison from Red Hot Salsa is celebrating her birthday and she's doing it Latin Style!!!! **This Friday night she will kick off with a Latin Dance Party** with loads of new, juicy tunes and some great door prizes. **Saturday and Sunday** the fun continues with special guests **Sky** (Picante Latin Dance, Sydney) and **Ian** (Smooth Latin Grooves, Brisbane). They will present a weekend of latin dance workshops including a Salsa intensive, Rueda, Reggaeton, Batchata and Zouk! All levels welcome. All events at the Buddha Bar Studio. ph 6680 7091 or 0415 627 458.

▶ IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE... IT'S SUPER MARIO!

They like to keep it pretty quiet, but word is on the street that **Super Mario** will be squeezing into the shiny lycra, pulling on the outside undies and harnessing the harmonious energies of an Aquarian moon at the **Bangalow Hotel on Saturday**. Intimate and acoustic, the trio perform under the moniker of **The Detectives of Love**. Now these guys are pretty clever dicks.

his musical life path. Ray is a fine songwriter and guitarist, with a totally disarming and contagious stage presence. BVSC house team the Vista

the season, as solos, duos, trios and the whole mob in a final jam with guests to take the night out. Please note: The last social club was canned



Murray Kyle
at the Drill Hall, Thursday

Martin, Ed Reid, Liz Dresden, Harold Ward, Pam Moriarty, Cate Cormack, Samaya Zakay, Jay Foley, Gina Kelly, Keith Dunstone. **The Brunswick Heads Primary School until Friday.**

▶ CIRCUS: SPAGHETTI CIRCUS GET A TOUCH OF OZ

Spaghetti Circus have a knack for keeping it fresh. This time they've brought in some outside choreographers and let them loose on the talented troupe. Over the last month the youth circus has been working with Melbourne based artist Jodie Farrugia performer with *Legs on the Wall* and choreographer for the *Flying Fruit Fly Circus* and *Circus Oz*. Jodie uses circus skills and narrative to create physical theatre performance incorporating ideas sourced from the performers.

Spaghetti Circus has an established reputation as a highly skilled performance troupe, who have been performing around Australia for the last 10 years. This new initiative marks a phase in giving a voice to these young artists ideas and motivations and recognises the awesome array of skills they have developed. Come and support the local youth!!! The **Spaghetti circus** present 'Flying High' a new exciting circus work, exploring humanity's obsession with flight and freedom. The Circus continue to push the performers into new, exciting territories of physical theatre, exploring innovative processes that connects meaning, emotion and humour to circus. **Byron Community Centre Theatre, Friday at 7pm and Saturday at 1pm and 7pm.** Tix at the door: \$15/10 and family \$40.

CULTURE EVENTS

▶ ART: SEEING BUBBLE

Why is **Robin Lind's** exhibition titled *Bubbles*? She says: 'A friend of mine once said, close your eyes and tell me what you see. When I did all I could see was bubbles. Then I was hooked... why bubbles? Since then I've developed as an artist. My style has evolved over the years and is very influenced by the environment I am in and the internal processes I'm going through. The bubbles are a representation of the human. We are all in our own bubbles. The light and dark within the bubbles is representative of positive and negative energy or outlook and the dark internal perspective. Throughout the

peaks of troughs of our lives we are in different spaces and energies.'

The exhibition is currently open to the public at Mother Art until the end of April.

▶ EXPOSE YOURSELF

The Northern Exposure exhibition brings our north based artists the chance to showcase their talent and diversity. The exhibition includes photographs, etchings, mixed media, pastels, oils, watercolours, acrylics through to prints and cards. The styles range from representational, abstract, surreal, fantasy, through to inner psychological landscapes. Artists include: Guy Morgan, Rod Giddings, Maria Paterson, Geraldine

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Juzzie Smith on Oka
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OKA on Juzzie Smith
"Raw energy! Watching Juzzie perform, you can tell this guy loves what he does, and the crowds can't sit still! His enthusiasm and tunes are infectious. Juzzie's music makes me feel, happy, alive and like stompin my feet!"

in what promises to be one of the friendliest gigs of 2006
OKA play with Juzzie Smith this Saturday 22nd April at Coorabell Hall
doors open 8pm tix \$12/\$10 conc. at the door

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OKA

OKA is a 3 piece band from the sunshine coast that blends electronic beats with traditional Aboriginal instruments, percussion and a varied assortment of other tasty treats. They've recently toured overseas and have played the major folk festivals in Australia. I had a chat with drummer, keyboarder and programmer Matt Atchison.

How do punters overseas react at the gigs?

We've always had an amazing response with crowds overseas. We've played so many varying scenarios like dance clubs, festivals, community halls and on the street. It feels great to be versatile in this way, and be appreciated everywhere we play. Right now though, we're focusing on Australian shows, and getting our name out amongst punters in Australia, who understandably may not have seen or heard us. Our latest East Coast Tour has been a huge success so far.

What are some of your favourite Australian festivals?

Splendour in the Grass is arising as one of the best festivals in Australia. Also, the Surfing the Coldstream Festival in Yamba is one to watch. We played at the inaugural last year and had a great time. Bellingen Global Carnival has a great feel. I think that Byron Blues and Roots is pretty hard to beat in terms of it's massive and diverse line-up. This year looks like the best yet!

Do you think your music is at the forefront of an evolving Australian sound?

A few notable people have said that lately. We wouldn't bignote ourselves like that, but we are excited that everywhere we're playing people love our music. It's great to be playing festivals with some great Australian bands like Blue King Brown and Afro Dizzi Act.

Your music is a combination of electronic beats and

organic world sounds, the new and the old so to speak. It must be an exciting genre to play since it takes the best of both worlds. What's your view on this fusion, are we going to see more bands take on this sound? How do you think it's going to develop in the future?

Our music is definitely hard to categorise. It's not a sound that we planned, we simply brought all our talents and influences to the music that we play. It is exciting because we feel no boundaries to our music. Mixing ancient instruments with new technology isn't a new concept, but OKA's sound and array of instruments is unique.

Sometimes it's hard to convey the energy of a live show onto an album. Do you think you've achieved it with 'Music makes me happy?'

'Music makes me happy' has definitely got plenty of energy. The thing is, it's recorded at a certain time in the band's life and the live show continues to evolve. I think that the live show and the recording can be two separate creative endeavours, but fans of our live show have always enjoyed our albums, and people who

have bought our CD have always enjoyed our live show.

What's your opinion on Australia's current political situation? Do people get the politicians they deserve?

I think it's probably always been the case that politicians underestimate the intelligence of the people. Our current federal government have been in power for such a long time because they have become masters at controlling people through propaganda and lies. Do we get what we deserve? We do vote for them, however there is not necessarily a large

DANCIN' NIGHTS

choice. Most caring, concerned citizens would not survive in politics. There are things Governments can't control like love, charity, celebration of life, music and happiness.

What can people expect at your gig in Byron?

It's our first show in Byron, so we're very excited to be playing such a great venue. People should come expecting to dance. Our show is very high-energy and it

crosses musical boundaries. OKA shows are a spontaneous and uplifting experience, for us and the punters. Come check us out.

Oka are playing at Coora-bell Hall on Saturday April 22 and their new album "Music Makes Me Happy" is out now on One World Music (www.oneworldmusic.com.au)

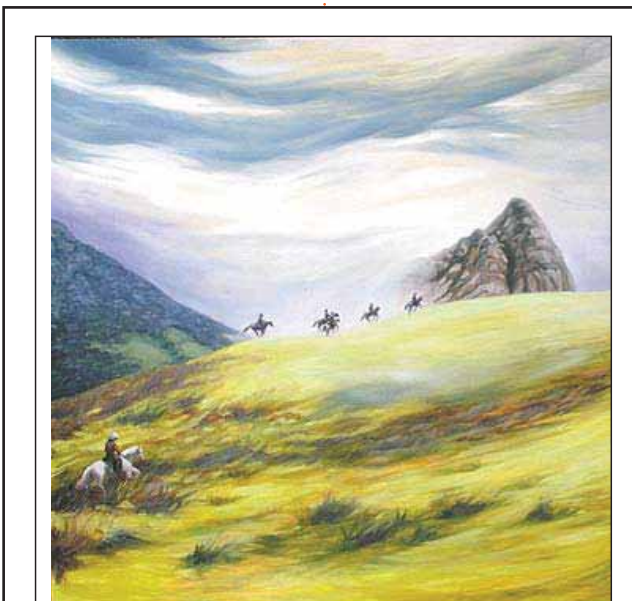


CULTURE EVENTS

COMEDY: GIVE IT A GO

The only way to get good at **Stand Up Comedy** is to keep on standing up. Acts like Jerry Seinfeld and Robin Williams owe their licks to the years they spent on the circuit learning the craft. It's a lot like learning to ride a bike, you need to fall off a few times and it's advisable to wear a helmet! You might be naturally funny, but learning how to turn it on night after night only comes with practise. Every audience is different. And every audience will expect you to handle them in a different way. And if it all goes well, everyone gets a Happy Ending! **Why Not Restaurant in Byron Bay is hosting monthly Comedy nights** for open mike comedians who want to sharpen their skills. Hosted this month by **Brendan Lovechild**, laughs aplenty are guaranteed! Brendan's irreverant and enthusiastic style has made him a popular voice on the

circuit, and it wasn't that long ago that Brendan himself was doing the rounds on the open mike. He's now a fully fledged



Northern Exposure at the Brunswick Primary School until Friday

professional performer on the national circuit. With a special appearance by yours truly and a host of up and coming talent this is a laid back night of laconic laughter! Fabulous Food is also available. The

show kicks off at 8pm and it's just \$5 entry - but why not take advantage of the gorgeous menu and take up the dinner show offer - \$25 for entry, a meal and an alcoholic beverage of your choice! **Wednesday 26 April.** Registrations for a 5 minute spot are still available: phone 6685 4045 or 6680 7994 to make a booking at the restaurant. It's an intimate venue and seats are limited. So bookings are recommended.

OPERA: THE DON

Byron is to have a brand new 'Entertainment Centre' and to launch the performance space, there will be a one night only performance by **Co-Opera of Mozart's Don Giovanni**. This is a superb comic opera about the handsome, rich, powerful and lascivious Don Juan. It begins with an attempted rape, a tragedy that's full of laughs. He's the immortal seducer who philanders himself straight to hell! **Thursday 4 May.** Tix are available by booking online www.byronentertainmentcentre.com.au or phone 0431 291 321



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FRIDAY 21 APRIL ▶ **TSUYOSHI**
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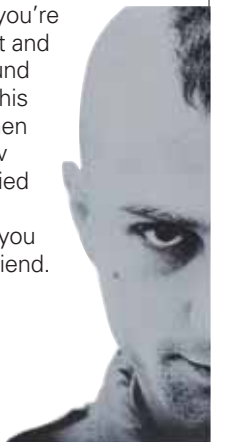


MOVIE REVIEWS

FAVOURITE MOVIE QUOTATIONS

Travis Bickle: 'I'll tell you why. I think you're a lonely person. I drive by this place a lot and I see you here. I see a lot of people around you. And I see all these phones and all this stuff on your desk. It means nothing. Then when I came inside and I met you, I saw in your eyes and I saw the way you carried yourself that you're not a happy person. And I think you need something. And if you want to call it a friend, you can call it a friend.'

~ **Taxi Driver**



I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE

I Know I'm Not Alone features Michael Franti, a world-renowned musician and human rights worker, who travels to Iraq, Palestine and Israel to explore the human cost of war with a group of friends, some video cameras and his guitar. The film is backed by a compelling soundtrack, with visual and musical montages and Franti's intimate voiceovers. A true armchair travel film pulling the audience into these war zones in the company of Michael's guitar, eloquence and wit – you feel the humanity, artistic resilience and sometimes horrific experience of what it's like to live under the bombs and military occupation. With its guerrilla style footage captured in active war zones, the documentary is unlike the many academic and politically driven pieces in the marketplace, instead offering the audience a sense of intimate travel and the opportunity to hear the voices of everyday people living, creating and surviving under the harsh conditions of war and occupation. Michael and the group are pleasantly surprised as they are welcomed with generosity and kindness by everyone from proud Iraqi families and youth, sick hospital patients to US Occupation Forces all wanting to share their stories and just hear music and take a break from the stress and suffering. **Ross Goode**



THE MARCH OF THE PENGUINS

The emperor penguins of the Antarctic have probably the most arduous mating habit of any species on Earth. Their eggs are laid at the beginning of the freezing winter, after which the females waddle off to feed while the males huddle together against the weather and try to protect the new-born chick that is nestled between their feet. It's an awesome phenomenon, and so is the feat of the French camera crew, seen only in the credits, who stuck it out to record it. Their film is spectacularly beautiful, with not nearly as much anthropomorphism as its detractors suggest – deaths through exposure and the bloody threat of predators are shown without sentimentality and, thankfully, the animals are not, as in old Disney docs, given names. A perfect counterpoint to the harshness of the environment is the warm, sage narration of Morgan Freeman, who sounds like he's sitting comfortably in a rocking chair sipping a bourbon and smoking his corn cob pipe. The movie is designed to educate and uplift and it succeeds admirably on both counts. Not as hip as Cronenberg, but only the most dour black-shirts would deride it for its hopeful spirit. **John Campbell**



A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

Two cold-blooded murderers enter Tom Stall's diner and as they are about to wreak havoc Tom goes the rat and kills them both. He becomes the focus of media attention and, consequently, is sought out by Philadelphia crims who believe that he is really Joey Cusack, an ex mobster who owes them big time. Is he or isn't he? Canadian director David Cronenberg has an acute appreciation of his southern neighbours' addiction to violence and here he unleashes a lot of it as he explores the question of identity. Whether it is in the guise of cutting edge cinema or merely pretentious exploitation depends on your personal tastes. Cronenberg's bloated cheer squad among critics raved about it, but it takes itself far too seriously and is little more than a gore fest with a message – except that the message, of the inescapability of one's nature, is overly grim and delivered with a sledgehammer. Like Sin City, the movie is based on a 'graphic novel,' with arresting imagery compensating for trite dialogue. Not helped by a gauche performance from Viggo Mortensen and an overwrought Maria Bello, the story is unrelentingly nasty, with an embarrassing Norman Rockwell ending. **John Campbell**

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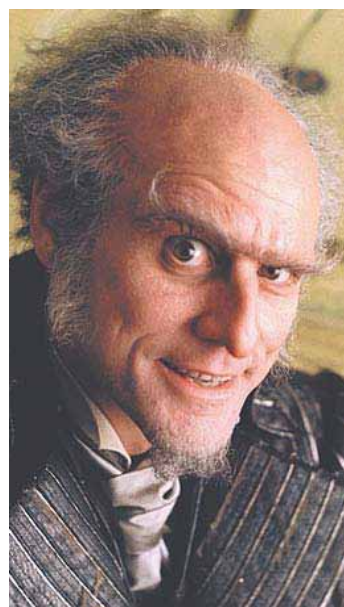
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- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ GOODWOOD + LOUNGE SHUFFLE**
- PLAY, BYRON **BLIM + POB + SARAH TONIN**
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THURSDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **EMDE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **DAVE BASEK + WILD MARMALADE**
- BYRON HIGH SCHOOL 6PM **PARKWAY DRIVE + STRONGHOLD + 50 LIONS + JUST SAY GO**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **SYMBIOSIS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **JIMMI CARR**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 8PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **FIG JAM SESSIONS**
- THE CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM **THE NEW MULLUM BERRY JAM NIGHT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM 6.30PM **PIANO BAR W/ ROSS NOBEL**

- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8PM **JAMES T**

CLUBS

- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 9PM **TALENT QUEST**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ KRISTIN + QUALITY CONTROL LOUNGE LUCKY 9**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DAVE ATKINS**
- PLAY, BYRON **KRAZY DAYV + LENNOX DREAD + JAHBLAIR + 3PLY**

FRIDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **THE MIGHTY PRAGMATICS**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **DJ AQUA + DAVE C** 8.30PM **RED HOT SALSA DANCE PARTY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS - FLYING HIGH**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **UTOPIANS**
- SUFFOLK PARK HALL, 7.30PM **DANCES OF PEACE**
- EWINGSDALE HALL, 9.30PM **LATIN LOUNGE SALSA PARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **FESTER N' THING**
- THE CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM 8.30PM **FAT ALBERT BAND**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL, 8.30PM **JAM SESSION**
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- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ KRISTIN + QUALITY CONTROL LOUNGE LUCKY 9**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **SCOOTA + WILLJAY**
- PLAY, BYRON **DJ NUMANOID (AKA TSUYOSHI) + NICK TAYLOR + JET MORE**
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SATURDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **MISSION IGNITION W/ TONE BROKER**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 9.30PM **KOLLIOPE + CRAZY CIRCUS CABARET + DAVE GRAVY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM & 1PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS - FLYING HIGH**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **FREAKY LOU**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **BARLEY SHAKES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **THE UTOPIANS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, **SUPER MARIO & THE DETECTIVES OF LOVE**
- THE URBAN BANGALOW, 6.30PM **BRYSON MULHOLLAND**
- LU LU'S, MULLUM 11AM **VASUDHA**
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- GRAND PACIFIC, K'CLIFF 9.30PM **BLIND LEMON**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8PM **SOFT MOSH**

- M'BAH HOTEL 9PM **AKASA**

CLUBS

- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **LADIES NIGHT**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **KRISTIN + GOODWOOD LOUNGE DJ E**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **LIVEWIRE**
- PLAY, BYRON **DAVE C + FOXXY + TEAPOT**
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SUNDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM **MADHOUSE** 9PM **DJ**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **CYBERBAS LIVE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 7PM **THE FUMES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **TENDER ELECTRIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **ROCKPOOL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 1.30PM **AMNESIACS**
- LENNOX HOTEL, 5PM **TWO IN A GROOVE**
- COOLAMON GARDENS, 4.30PM **GROOVE FOUNDATION**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 3PM **MATT BUGGY**
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- PLAY, BYRON **MISSION IGNITION**
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MONDAY 24

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**

- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **MATT DEVITT + DJ BRAD VORTEX**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **ROO**

CLUBS

- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **VOODOO**

TUESDAY 25

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 12-4PM **ANZAC DAY 2 UP** 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
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Mars in Cancer makes waves in the domestic sector and Mercury joins the Sun in volatile Aries – the astral recipe for a feisty, flammable, molo-tov cocktail kind of week. Exciting, ignitable, sparky... and best survived by not getting your wires fried.

ARIES: You're at your most charismatic and entertaining this week – but also demanding and argumentative, which breeds difficulties you don't need. If you want people to do what you want (and when don't you) you'll have to be very smart. And very charming.

TAURUS: Taurans rather like big helpings of everything, but taking on too much right now will only get you overcommitted, overburdened and overworked – the same goes for overindulging and overspending. This week less will definitely be more effective. Sorry...

GEMINI: With your ruling planet Mercury the Communicator rocketing into outspoken, sometimes tactless Aries, the way you say things this week is more important than what you're saying. Perhaps even consider Oscar Wilde's advice that nothing can be a brilliant thing to say.

CANCER: This is the Week of the Power Surge when teaming up with powerful ideas, people or institutions could seem like a good idea. May the force be with you – just make sure whatever force it is doesn't overshadow your own skills, talent and originality.

LEO: This week you have the Midas money-making touch – but also the easy come, easy go urge to splurge what you make even before you collect it. Will astral advice from me make you even think twice before splashing your cash? Unlikely – so go for it till next month's bills arrive.

VIRGO: Disorder, indecisiveness and inefficiency meet their match this week. You'll insist on smooth running systems and start vigilantly getting rid of whatever doesn't fit your perfect picture. But your stars suggest the opposite: accepting more into your picture than you have been.

LIBRA: Not another week of ironing out misunderstandings and sweet talking cranky, antsy types wanting their own way or else? 'Fraid so. But you'll do it so well the fraught and distraught who receive your Venusan soothing will be pleasantly – and quite generously – appreciative.

SCORPIO: This week definitely benefits from not being taken too seriously. Live and let live, laugh at yourself, be less judgmental, perhaps less possessive. Give something away – you'll probably be astonished at how much immediately floods back in.

SAGITTARIUS: Sun and Mercury in Aries is the time that Sagittarians sometimes start communicating like flame throwers. If you'd prefer others up close and personal, it's certainly worthwhile reminding yourself that the cooler you keep, the better your week.

CAPRICORN: Capricorns like being right – and while this week could see you struggling to take on board different methods or ideas than your own, it definitely pays to be flexible regarding new business or relationship strategies. You'll want to be boss of course – but so will everyone else.

AQUARIUS: As this week's astral emphasis leaves the realm of fiery interactions for earthier concerns, many of last week's unrealistic expectations begin to dissipate. Life settles into a steadier beat and the luck that's been chasing you lately finally manages to catch up.

PISCES: This whirlwind week requires a cautionary degree of chill factor. The energy's quite wild – even your receptive antennae mightn't sense which way it's heading. Rather than assume what others want, ask them what they'd prefer – the answer's likely to surprise you.

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Horatio Bitemark

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'What the deuce is that fellow doing in there?' asked Bosworth of Sanders the butler one evening as we settled with our snifters of brandy in the Hunter S Thompson Memorial Quoits Room. 'Sounds like he's building one of Heath Robinson's infernal contraptions.'

'I can explain all,' said Tosser Digby. He had spent most of the day devising cunning rope traps in the truffle paddock for a particularly persistent Dalmatian which so far had escaped the bullet. 'One afternoon, under the influence of a hashish cheroot, I was pondering the phrase "transports of delight"'. Of course it refers to transports of a sensual or metaphysical nature but I wondered if one could construct a vehicle which would have the same effect. More so than a Bugatti, that is. And thanks to Feltmallard's good offices, working most devotedly from my highly detailed plans, said transport will be ready to try out tomorrow.'

Digby was as good as his word. He had bribed the RTA to close off the St Helena hill and divert the highway traffic through Byron Bay, which seemed to make little difference to the town's ambience. We assembled at the top of the hill, looking down on the magnificent view which immediately engenders a sense of homecoming in the ardent Shire resident. A grease-streaked Feltmallard beamed proudly at his creation, which resembled a bronze lipstick container on wire-spoked rubber wheels, and which Digby had christened Eros. A filigreed silver dolphin fin protruded for effect from behind the driver's seat.

'There is no motor,' explained Digby, 'which is why we need this hill. Gravity drives not only the wheels but the various

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'But is it safe?' asked Postmarker. 'Nothing is safe,' replied Digby. 'Your toaster could kill you.'

'I remember a particularly nasty toaster on the Zambezi...' began Bosworth, but we managed to get the hypodermic in before he could go further.

We took a ballot and Abbotsleigh was selected as the test pilot, bribed into acquiescence by the promise of a night with Miss Trixie Shovelbliss of Gold Coast nightclub fame. The naked pilot inserted, Feltmallard had the honour of shoving Eros into motion. By the time Abbotsleigh hit the 60 zone, the LCD counter by the roadside was reading 83. To the outside observer his trip was relatively uneventful, apart from bouncing off the wire restrainers once or twice and swerving to avoid a duck.

Once the journey had ended, to the cheering of hitchhikers stranded on the overpass, we carefully extricated Abbot-sleigh from the vehicle. Digby's hypothesis had proven correct: our pilot was the consistency and colour of oiled blanched asparagus, and his eyes were filled with transcendental visions of delight. We wrapped him in lavender-scented cheesecloth and left him in the infirmary, where he took a week to recover with the assistance of Nurse's tender ministrations. We resolved to use Eros only on important ritual occasions and rewarded Feltmallard with a small island in the Caribbean.

'Well done, Digby,' said Bosworth, who by then had recovered from the ibogaine. We were sitting in the study celebrating with the Hayters Hill Goatcrusher Merlot. Feltmallard was once again back in the garage, lovingly polishing the already gleaming metal of Eros.



An island escape

Victoria Cosford

IT WAS a family reunion which brought me, after a twenty-odd year absence, back to Victoria.

I have often maintained that the chief reason for going somewhere is the people there; that it is friends or family who will determine a destination. About Phillip Island at the bottom of this continent of ours I knew very little apart from the fact it was the home of Fairy Penguins: it was on Churchill Island, a tiny island off the larger Phillip, where my barely-remembered cousin Maureen had arranged a gathering of a clan I never knew existed. About seventy Cosford relatives spent a soft grey Sunday afternoon reconnecting – posing for interminable photos, unearthing family secrets and surprises, poring over the carefully compiled family tree and snapshot albums, exchanging email addresses and telephone numbers, and rediscovering the great, proud chord which binds families together through all the strands of separate small histories.

And then there we all were to go our separate ways again, but meanwhile in a dimension both unfamiliar and exciting. Phillip Island begins once you have crossed the mainland bridge from San Remo over to Newhaven and apart from penguins only eleven inches tall is home to pelicans, bird life, walking tracks, outcropping rocks onto which seals sleekly flop and congregate, and more than twenty beaches which boast some of the best waves in Australia. Flung from the ethnocentricity of Byron Bay's surfing culture into the unexpectedness of this place was just one of the pleasurable shocks of my Victorian interlude; the sight of board shapers' workshops and Billabong signs reminded me all over again of that significant link between travel and a broader sense of the world.

At San Remo we had to stop the rented car outside a café called Nude Food less for the cuteness of its name than for the need for coffee. What exactly had I expected? At any rate, it was not the standard of espresso, nor the buttery, dissolve-on-the-tongue richness of the huge Melting Moments which accompanied it, nor the glassed in display of vibrant joyous deli items such as frittatas and tarts and

fishcakes and tumbling mounds of gleaming salads. I felt ashamed at my surprise. That night, drained though exhilarated by the reunion, we three sisters and those few of our accompaniments who had nobly consented to come along recovered in a restaurant called The Sandbreakers. On a Sunday night in autumn we were nearly the only diners in a large dimly-lit room whose walls were adorned with canvases of local art and surfing memorabilia. Our waitress was a beautiful bespectacled girl from California whose professionalism in that almost empty restaurant was matched by her enthusiasm as she listed the specials of the day. Most at our table ordered pizzas – the wood-fired oven had, after all, been the initial drawcard – I, who find it almost impossible to resist the coupling of the words 'crispy skinned' when applied to fish, the Ocean Trout on some sort of mash, with a citrus beurre blanc. It was heavenly, as were the several mouthfuls of puffy, light, gloriously-topped pizza I by necessity went on to sample.

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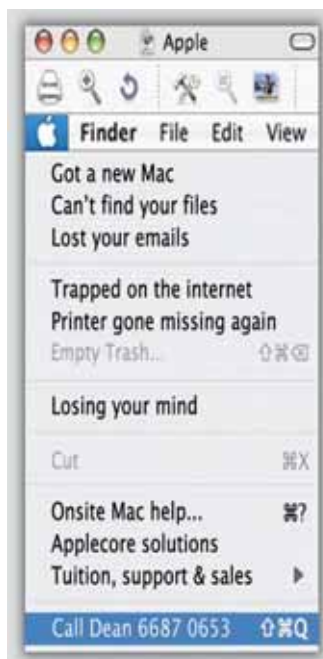
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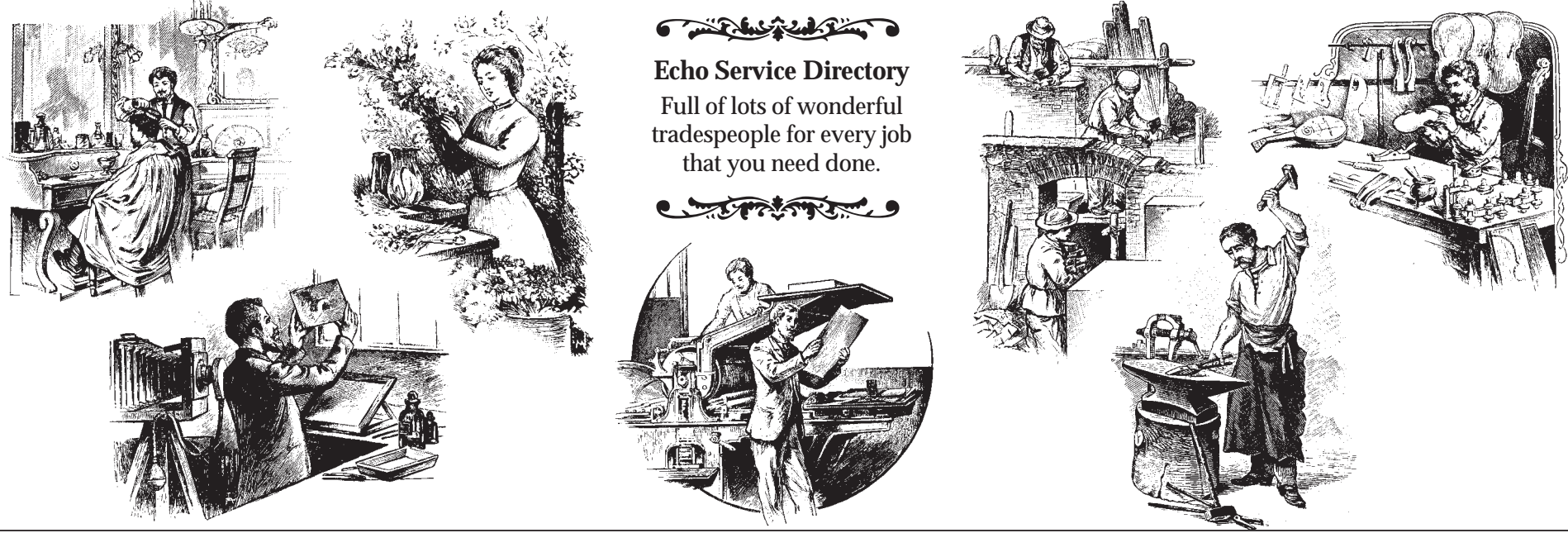
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Living without you - words cannot describe
But the memories of you are an inspiration to all.
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A fine young man, a loyal son, brother,
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Mum, Rodney, Joel, Rochelle,
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Forever loved. Forever young.

Weekly DA watch

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

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

9 Palmer Avenue Ocean Shores 10.2006.164.1	A Etournaud Double-storey dwelling.	Close 24/4/06
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Footprint too big

Humanity's ecological footprint exceeds the Earth's biological capacity by nearly 40% according to a new Footprint of Nations report by Redefining Progress, an Oakland based policy institute. The ecological footprint—a concept refined over the past decade by Redefining Progress—is a measure of the amount of nature it takes to sustain a given population over the course of a year. By comparing a population's footprint with its biological capacity, ecological footprint analysis suggests whether or not that population is living within its ecological means. If a population's footprint exceeds its biological capacity, that population is said to be engaging in unsustainable ecological overshoot. According to the new Footprint of Nations report, humanity's footprint is 57 acres per person while the Earth's biological capacity is just 41.

'The ecological footprint is becoming an increasingly accurate tool for monitoring humanity's impact on our planet's vital life support systems. Our new results should heighten concern about ecological overshoot and our new tools give the whole world the ability to understand and then to act,' said Michel Gelobter, Executive Director of Redefining Progress.

RP's new ecological footprint analysis underscores the need to act soon to curb

a runaway greenhouse effect, an extinction rate approaching nearly 1000 times the natural rate, and degradation of farmland, forests, fisheries, and pastures. The good news is that the largest single threat, climate change, is now being addressed by the Kyoto Protocol. The ecological footprint highlights the need to make even deeper cuts in our consumption of fossil fuel based energy and increase the speed of the transition to widespread renewable energy.

The latest Footprint of Nations report is available on-line at www.ecological-footprint.org. The report was based on a new approach to ecological footprint analysis - Footprint 2.0 - pioneered by Dr. Jason Venetoulis, a Research Fellow at Redefining Progress.

According to Venetoulis, 'Footprint 2.0 paints a more compelling portrait of planetary environmental stress than the standard footprint approach.'

'For the first time, our unsustainable use of fisheries and crop lands is made explicit, as is the enormous share of ecological overshoot attributable to carbon dioxide emissions.'

'The previous version of Footprint that is widely used and cited failed to capture these troublesome findings. Footprint 2.0 appears to be a step in the right direction to better science and information for decision makers.'

7pm. Express yourself in a fun, supportive environment. Contact Megan 6680 4702.

Byron Farmers Market

Invites you to Australia's biggest morning tea on Thursday April 27 at the Butler Street Reserve, 8am to 11am. Celebrity chef and food writer Belinda Jeffery will be sharing some secrets and highlighting the health benefits of a diet rich in fruits and veggies using produce fresh from the farm. All proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

Adult literacy tutor training

Would you like to help other adults to read and write better? Wollongbar TAFE is holding a free literacy tutoring course, classes 10am to 1pm on Wednesdays for eight weeks start May 10. After the course finishes you can be matched with an adult who needs assistance with their reading and writing. Please come to the information session on May 3 at 11am in room B101 at the Wollongbar campus. Further info 6620 4200.

Brun's Garden Club

AGM will be held on Thursday May 4 at Brunswick-Billinudgel RSL, Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads

commencing 9.30am. Members asked to bring a plate for the biggest morning tea for cancer. Further details contact June 6680 2855.

Star Day

Your support will help us give sick children something to smile about. Friday May 5 volunteers will be hitting the streets across Australia selling Star Day merchandise and all monies raised go towards distractive therapy programs designed to provide seriously ill and hospitalised children with much needed fun and entertainment. Info at www.starday.org.au or call 1300 727827.

U3A Brunswick Valley

On May 9 David Powell will discuss the rise and spread of Islam covering the first 1000 years at the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads at 10am. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 4268.

Byron Autumn Club

Join Byron Bay Senior Citizens each Wednesday and Thursday for carpet bowls, cards, games, morning tea and lunch for \$3.50 and \$2 to join. Bus from Brunswick Heads each Wednesday, pick up around Byron Bay bus stops also, for pick up call 6685 8247.

Pin This Up Friends of Library

Next meeting will be on Wednesday April 19 at Byron Services Club commencing at 10.30am with guest speaker Jill Eddington.

Shake it up!

Coming to grips with depression is part of the lesbian health speaker series at Byron Community Centre on Thursday April 20, 6pm to 8pm with guest speaker Joy Peters and discussion with Jill Barwick. More info phone Amber at ACON 1800 633736 or 6622 1555 on Thursdays.

Bangalow Garden Club

Will hold a street stall in Bangalow on Friday April 21 with plenty of plants and cakes. Next meeting in Bangalow RSL Hall on May 3 at 1.30pm. Next outing Ocean Shores on May 6 at 1.30pm.

Byron baby group

Meet every Wednesday 10am to 12 in the Tennyson Street Scout Hall for babies and kids to six years and parents. This parent run community group is looking for volunteers and any toy donations would be gratefully appreciated. Phone Georgia 0422 445437.

Northern Rivers Bushwalkers Club

Invites prospective members to a car camp and various walks at the Gibraltar Range National Park on Saturday and Sunday April 22 and 23. Leader Peter 6624 1766 or Mike 6621 4250.

Lennox Field Naturalists

On Sunday April 23 from 9.30am have an opportunity to learn more about how the origins and processes at Boulder Beach act on the landscape there. Local geologist Steve Walsh is well-experienced in leading groups studying the geomorphology at Boulders. Start time for walk coincides with low tide, meet at the car park opposite the Boulder Beach Resort, donation \$2 to Lennox Head Landcare. For info phone Sue 6687 5135 or Barbara 6687 5609.

Mullum Magic Toasmasters

Meet on Monday April 24 at

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Byron surfers shine at Ben King Classic



Luke Hitchings (pictured) was the outstanding performer on day two of the Ben King Memorial Classic scoring a heat total of 19.10 out of a possible 20 points. Unfortunately for Luke he was knocked out in the semi-final by the eventual winner, Yerin Brown. Photo Jeff Dawson

The Ben King Memorial Classic kicked off on Good Friday at Tallows Beach with, appropriately, Byron Bay Boardrider girls claiming victory in both the open and junior women's divisions. Carly Smith grabbed the win in the opens, while Aurora Ericson took out the juniors; both girls dedicated their wins to Ben King as they had both known Ben for as long as they can remember.

The action on day one in the open and junior divisions was intense, with stand out performances from Yamba's Matt Jones, who high scored on day one with 9.67 out of a possible 10 points for a wave he tore apart for 100 metres. Byron Bay Boardriders' Yerin Brown, Ellis Ericson, Beau Walker and Kurt King flew the flag for the locals, along with former world grommet champion James Wood from Lennox Head, and former

WCT surfer Luke Hitchings. Ellis Ericson showed up his older counterparts by progressing to the quarter-finals.

Hitchings went on to have a blinder on day two scoring the highest single wave score and heat score of the entire event in his quarter final leaving all others in the wake of his spray. Hitchings scored a 9.83 out of a possible 10 points for his second wave, and followed that with a similar wave scoring 9.27 for a heat total of 19.10 points out of a possible 20 points.

Despite such a strong quarter finals performance, Hitchings was eliminated in the semis by Yerin Brown and Gold Coast surfer Dane Hamilton. Brown went on to win the event, dominating the 20 minute final, leading from start to finish. Local 17 year old grommet Ellis Ericson scored second place, upsetting some top open

surfers on the way to the final, and although he did not make the junior final, his performance in the open final was one of a much more experienced surfer.

The cadets took on the overhead conditions like old pros, none better than local mini-grom Garrett Parkes who had a heat score of 17.34 out of possible 20 points, amazing onlookers with the skill he showed for such a young surfer. Ben King's son Kurt also ripped into the waves earning a place alongside Parkes in the semi-finals.

The Byron boys went on to take control of the division, Garrett Parkes winning in dominant fashion scoring 18.04 out of a possible 20 points; his good mate and son of Ben King, Kurt coming in second. Parkes also placed third in the junior division taking on the older surfers with ease.

Rams live up to 'cup specialists' nametag

The Byron Bay Rams have been dubbed the cup final specialists and once again they have qualified for the Anzac Cup final to be played on Anzac Day at Oakes Oval. The Rams travelled to Lennox to take on Lismore Workers in what was heralded to be a tough encounter which could go either way.

However, Byron Bay put on a vintage performance and, led by Bruce Morhaus in midfield, totally dominated the game.

The first half saw the Rams at their fluent best with wave after wave of attack, but poor finishing meant only a well constructed goal from Tom Risak, which saw the Workers' defence torn to shreds,

separated the two teams at half time.

Just after the break, Workers came out and scored off what was virtually their only penetrating forward movement of the game, tying up the scoreline and forcing both teams to surge forward looking for that elusive goal.

Patrick L'Orange was to stamp his mark on the game when given the chance to play up front, scoring two goals for the Rams, the first with a deft touch, the second with a turn of speed and a cool finish making the final score 3-1 to Byron Bay. Thanks Byron Direct Sports for its sponsorship.

The women's Callum & Macmillan Cup team could make it two out of two for the Rams if they win their semi-final, which is to be played this week.

Snapper the best catch over Easter



Dylan Steele from Lennox with his 5.316kg snapper caught off Lennox Point. It is easy to see why these larger fish are called 'nobbies'. Photo and report courtesy of Lennox Bait and Tackle

Over the Easter weekend, snapper were about in big numbers from the close-in local reefs. There were lots of fish around 2kg to 3kg boated, with a few around the 5kg size; most fish were caught using blue pilchard bait on a dropper rig. There were also plenty of squire and bream taken close in offshore, with pearl perch and an occasional mackerel taken from out wide at the 45 fathom line.

Saturday night's rain and the southerly change had little effect on fishing except to make control of casting a bit tricky. There were still bream and tarwhine along the beaches right

through from South Golden to Airforce Beach, biting on prawns and worms.

From Belongil, Tallows and Beswick Beach near the end of Empire Vale Road, anglers had a great time with some reasonable swallowtail dart which, for some reason, were not interested in any baits apart from live worm. Worms were also the preferred meal for the schools of whiting which have been coming in on the beaches after dark.

Flathead have not been in great evidence recently, with best results being on a falling tide along the edge of gutters along Seven Mile and Sharps Beaches. The boat channel at

Lennox was one of the best places to try for them in the evening with whitebait. A drift along the Porpoise wall with squid baits was also successful for a few boaties.

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First Quarter	5th May	3.14 pm	
Scorpio Full Moon	13th May	4.51 pm	
WED 19th	High 12.21 pm 1.1	Sunrise 6.05 am	Sunset 5.24 pm
	Low 6.24 am 0.5	Moonrise 9.24 pm	
			11.16 am
THU 20th	High 12.23 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.06 am	
	Low 1.33 pm 1.1	Sunset 5.23 pm	
			10.29 pm
FRI 21st	High 1.30 am 1.5	Sunrise 6.06 am	
	Low 2.50 pm 1.1	Sunset 5.22 pm	
			11.37 pm
SAT 22nd	High 2.45 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.07 am	
	Low 3.57 pm 1.2	Sunset 5.21 pm	
			1.45 pm
SUN 23rd	High 3.55 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.08 am	
	Low 4.53 pm 1.3	Sunset 5.20 pm	
			12.45 am
MON 24th	High 4.57 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.08 am	
	Low 5.43 pm 1.5	Sunset 5.19 pm	
			1.52 am
TUE 25th	High 5.52 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.09 am	
	Low 6.30 pm 1.6	Sunset 5.19 pm	
			2.59 am
			3.33 pm

Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.
Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, NSW Dept of Commerce - Brunswick Heads
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Strong start for Valley

There is a real buzz of excitement in the Mullumbimby air at the moment with Brunswick Valley Soccer club fielding strong teams in four different divisions.

A capacity crowd at Pine Ave saw all four teams drawn at home. The second division side got off to a flying start with an emphatic 5-0 win over much-fancied Goonellabah. Outstanding performances from playmaker Adam Goodhand and tireless midfielder Shane Anderton laid the foundation for the opening two goals before half time. Goodhand has returned home to the Valley in inspired form and is playing the best football of his career.

Yet again it was teenage wonderboy Aaron Duffey who was on target to put the Mullum club into the lead. Further goals from Shane Anderton, Terry Partridge and unpredictable Brazilian genius Chris de Carvalho sealed the victory. Even a late injury to defender Matt 'Hit-Man' Hughes was not enough to unsettle the Valley rearguard and keeper

Stevie Edmonds was rarely troubled.

The third division side also got away to a flyer with a 3-0 win over Tintenbar. Stand-outs were towering centreback Kirk O'Sullivan and the versatile Dean Treveton. Youngsters Jackson Sweeney and Jason Loewenthal were the goal-scorers.

The fourths had a nail biting 4-3 win over Tintenbar, built on the tough tackling and commitment of Mick and Ben Hardy. The balance of the game see-sawed back and forth and it was 3-3 with only minutes to go.

The Valley was awarded a penalty in the dying seconds which was clinically converted by 'Mr Composure' Mark Stephens. Also amongst the goals were Jake 'Speedy Legs' Duffey (2) and Bradley Warner.

A goal from 'Red' Rory allowed the fifth division side to come from behind to snatch a 1-1 draw against Goonellabah. It was a tight, hard-fought game with good performances from Quincey and Pascal.



Mullumbimby Winter Comp Sign-Ons

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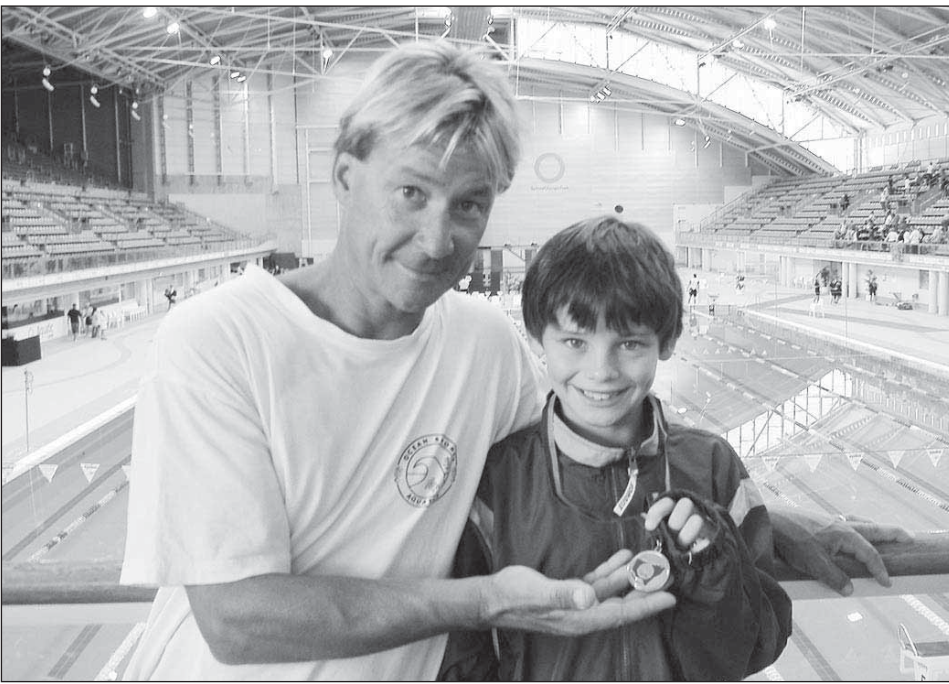
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Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Greenlaw flies into national swimming team



Lorne Greenlaw from Ocean Shores with his coach Adrian Filipic, showing off his bronze medal won in the 10 years boys' 50m butterfly at the state championships held in Sydney recently. Lorne is pictured with his coach, Adrian Filipic. Lorne has only been swimming with Adrian for two years and has earned himself a place in the NSW national swimming team. The national swimming championships will be held on June 12 in Sydney at the Aquatic Centre, Homebush. This season Lorne was junior boy champion of his school at Ocean Shores, district, zone and regional championships, and was the most outstanding male swimmer from the north coast regional meet. All of the swimmers who attended the state swim meet swam with 100% effort and most with personal best times; well done to everyone. Thanks to everyone who contributed with donations and raffles to help get all the swimmers to the state championships.

Local teams in a clash for the Ashes

Matt Alexander

Yes it's that time of the year again, when boys become men and men become gods as the two ancient teams of Byron Bay and Mullumbimby take to the field in local rugby union's own version of the State of Origin. Players from both teams who would in normal times be mates, take an almost child-like delight in attempting to maim and humiliate each other in these torrid and always passionate encounters.

It was 104 years ago when a team from Byron and a team from Mullumbimby walked onto the field against each other, took a good look and not liking what they saw on the other side of halfway, started a blood feud that has lasted to this day. With both Mullumbimby teams doing well in the main competition and Byron's one side struggling in the Village Competition, Mullumbimby is entering the match as a strong favourite despite the

game being played in Byron Bay. Byron coach Warren Fisher has described the game as second only in importance to a grand final, and assistant coach Ian 'Iggy' Melhuish's comments were deemed too inflammatory to print. For those interested in seeing this great rugby event come down the the Byron Recreation Fields at 3pm on Saturday where you will see the Ashes' home determined for another year.

Dirt Slaves tackle their masters



Two hundred and twenty riders travelled to Illingbah near Mt Tamborine for the first round of the downhill races in the Sunshine Series. A handful of slaves made it up there to represent the north coast, with the best result coming from Uki Inoue, who placed second in expert class with a time of 4.06 minutes. This was a great result in Uki's first year competing in seniors. Al Merritt (pictured) also placed well in the super competitive juniors class with a time of 4:08 mins, earning him sixth place. Ross Abbitt placed well in sport grade with a time of 4:47 minutes. Old timers Chris Webb and Norval Watson raced Masters, both placing well. For any information on mountain bike racing call Steve on 6624 8996, or Chris and Uki at Byron Bay Bicycles on 6685 6067.

Mullum High continues its sporting success

Mullumbimby High School's girls' open basketball team notched up another win in the Combined High School's knockout competition recently, their fourth and closest match to date. The whole squad combined together well to play a solid game in both attack and defence to defeat the more fancied and experienced Lismore High School team at the Lismore Basketball Stadium.

It was difficult to single out individual players in the match as it was truly a team effort, but accolades must be given to Kirsty who was a tower of strength, despite her diminutive form, controlling the opposing players and upsetting their game plan.

She was ably assisted by Carly who intercepted the ball time and time again, and Tschala, whose solid play around the baskets was outstanding.

Rechell once again played a top game scoring 18 points, with Kaitlin not far behind on 12 points. Final mention must be made of the outstanding games from Emma and Michaela. Mullum will now play a home game against Sydney school in early May to reach the finals play off in Newcastle.

After beating St Josephs convincingly in round one of the Arrive Alive Cup, Mullumbimby High School's open rugby league team played its second round game at home against Kingscliff High School. Mullum started the game very aggressively and quickly unsettled Kingscliff with some strong tackles. After only eight minutes Lindsay Beckett broke through the Kingscliff defence and ran 50 metres to score the first try of the game.

Despite missing the conversion from out wide, Mullum went on to score a second try through a clever dummy under the post from Dwayne Mosely. Mullumbimby continued to control the game making it easy for play makers Dane Chisolm and Kurt Mulcahy, who simply had too much pace and guile for the opposition.

A team with no passengers, it was a very good victory and ensures a semi final spot against Woodlawn College early in term two, where a win will ensure a regional grand final berth.

Thanks to Sturt Coleman for coaching the team, to all the parents for their support and to Bill for marking the field at short notice.

SPORTS RESULTS

BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Men
Wed 12/4 Self selected triples winners: C Mackay, G Rendell, R Barnes; r/up B O'Donnell, R Frappell, C Evans; L Lowe, D Wyborn, E O'Donnell. Fri 14/4 H'cap cut throat 2 bowls singles winner: T Hawley; r/up R Northcott. Sat 15/4 Self selected open pairs winners: R Tonkin, D Wyborn; r/up N Sharp, M Jeffreys. Sun 9/4 Congrat's G Rendell, C Marshall winning Dist Open Pairs C'ship at Condong, superb bowling both players. Note: All Bruns Hds Men Bowlers, special meeting at Club 6pm Mon 1/5 discuss suggestions to improve bowls in our Club. Sat 22/4 3rd rnd Pennants Div 1 vs M'bah at home, Div 3 vs Cudgen at home, Div 6 vs Condong away.

Brunswick Heads Women
11/4 Singles C'ship: S Curtis def M Parsons; K Peacey def S Iversen. Social: J Howell, B O'Donnell, J Kearney def M Darby, R Mills, J Loomes; Z Wagner, D Hay def D Lobb, T Rynehart. Easter Raffle: J Kearney. 6/4 No 3 Pennants: Cabarita def Bruns Heads. 11/4 Pottsville def Bruns Heads. Ladies play Thur 27/4 in lieu of Anzac Day. Check board for C'ship.

Lennox Head Men
Tue Self Selected winners: D Hickey, P Blair, B McRae 26 d I Whitehall, S Wilson, D Taylor Snr 25; r/up T Hickey, B Harrington, L Chaseling 25 d J Swain, B Perkins, M Daley 20; L Hargrave, S Prasad, B Evans 29 d B Earle, K Frampton, G Pascoe/consolation 6 pack 12. Easterly Breeze Carnival Sat winners of winners: R Ellis, R Roberts, T Mason +18; r/up of winners G Maloney, G Reynolds, G Simon +6; winner of losers M Chilcott, B Peart, W Peart +17; runner up of losers G Bowden, D Gregor, T Smith +15; best round P Wilson, J Wilson, N Wilson +14. Sun winner of winners: D Gibbon, F Paterson, P Wilson, J Wilson +14; r/up of winners M Battese, M Hanaway, G Maloney, G Simon +9; winner of losers R Kidd, S Lowry, J Lowry, T Kidd +17; r/up of losers M Gregor, D Eggins, R Gregor, N Gregor +11; best rnd R Orme, D Martin, B Martin, B Orme +42.

Mullumbimby Women
11/4 Singles C'ship winners: J Kidman 31 v B Croft 16, Marker J Towner. Social winners: S Brown, J Lee, G Henry 19 v E Jones, J Graham, J Beaumont 12. Raffle: H Sawtell; J Beaumont.

Ocean Shores Men
10/1 Triples winners: J Berry, R Campbell, R Roberts; r/up: P Henderson, M Ellis, K Hosie; F Wade, T Hawley, J Phypers; T Skelton, K McMorrow, B Gibson; D Hammond, D Lawson, R Rofe. Jackpot \$280. Thanks to Lennox for hospitality over Easter. Carnival.

CYCLING
Byron Bay Freeriders
Jay takes out the Northern Rivers Adventure Rides each Sun, contact Jay at True Wheels for more info. 6684 1959.

DARTS
Brunswick Valley
12/4 Rnd 11 WCD's 4 v Tossa's 7; Shafters 6 v Workers 5; Dilligaf 0 v OShores Tavern 11; Mullum2Pub's Bye. 19/4 Rnd 12 Tossa's v Workers; Mullum2Pub's v OShores Tavern; WCD's v Shafters; Dilligaf Bye. Position: 1. OS Tavern; 2. Shafters; 3. Workers; 4. Tossa's; 5. WCD's; 6. Mullum2pub's; 7. Dilligaf.

GOLF
Mullumbimby Ladies
8/4 Single Stab winner: G Parsons 37. NTP: R Webber; G Parsons. Pro Pin: J Towner. 13/4 Vs Par, 2BBB in Conj. Div 1: G Lynn +2cb. Div 2: J Stuart +4. 2BBB winners: J Neate, J Stuart +9. Ball run down: J Stuart; G Lynn; M Crichton; F Gannell; E Henshaw c/b. NTP: M Allan; L Riches; D Bickley. Pro Pin: G Mackay. WBC: F Gannell 35; N Carsburg 34. Red. H'cap: J Stuart 41 to 39. 20/4, 4BBB Stab, Webber Week: 1st T, 9am: B Wood, L Riches; G Mackay, M Crichton. 9.06am: H Best, J Racine; G Redman, A Moser. 9.12am: G Lynn, F Gannell; B Mules, M Allan. 9.18am: N Carsburg, M Essery; J Ball, J Stuart. 9.24am: N Dwyer, G Tilling; L Walker, S Stephenson. 10th T, 9am: L Murray, M Farqhar; A Mitchell, R Wilson. 9.06am: E Henshaw, C Roibbins; H Armstrong, G Poynting. 9.12am: J Beer, G Smith; S Kosaka, T Batson. 9.18am: J Neate, D Cole; S Slogrove, R Slogrove. 9.24am: M Trivett, D Brickley. Table Dty: B Wood, R Wilson.

Mullumbimby Men
12/4 Single Par winner: T Donnelly +6; r/up K Meehan +5; D Arnell +4; M Hardy +3cb; B Mott +3cb. NTP: B Marshall; D Arnell; J Matthews; S Hogan; C Hogan. 15/4 Single Stab winner: J Worthington 39cb; r/up D Baird Watson 39; P Towner 39; J Isaac 39. NTP: W Ferrier; M Mohler 6 balls; B Trivett; M Trivett. Gundies: D Baird Watson.

Mullumbimby Vets
20/3 Vs Par winner: M McCormack +3 def A Pilgrim +1cb. 9 Hole Event winner: R Crighton 25 def J Hunter 29cb. NTP: A Pilgrim. 27/3 4BBB winners: P Floyd, B Pankhurst 44; r/up A Berry, G De La Garde 43. NTP: R Hutton. 10/4 Stab winner: P Trafford 43; r/up C Went 42. NTP: B

Armstrong; C Went. Long Drive: W Rodgers. NAGA: J Woolbank.

Ocean Shores Men
10/4 Indiv Stab Medley winner: S Jones 42; r/up H Gould 40; K Scanlon 40cb. Balls to 35; CCR 72. NTP: D Fitzgerald; B Garrard. 12/4 winner: L Reid 46; r/up B Hurley 40; H Stephenson 39. Balls to 35. CCR 71. NTP: D Strang. 15/4 Single Stab winner: J Bartlett 42; r/up P Clatton 42cb; S Amos 41. Balls to 35; CCR 72. NTP: S Harris; I Rolls; C Tomsett; C Byron; G Walsh; R Winter.

Ocean Shores Ladies
11/4 Stroke Monthly Medal Putting Vets. Div 1 winner: V Marshall 69; r/up F Crowder 72; Gross V Marsh 78. Div 2 winner: H Henry 69; r/up S Stephenson 74; Gross H Henry 93. Div 3 winner: R Dupen 75cb; r/up M Byron 75; Gross R Dupen 108cb. NTP: J Chidlow; H Henry; M Byron. Putting: M Pratt. Vouchers to 77. Long Drive: J Slater; P Kranz; D Moran. 13/4 9 Hole Stab ball comp only. 18 Hole Stab winner: B Simons 37; r/up P Govett 35cb. Vouchers to 34. 15/4 Greg Smith W'end winner: M L Pratt 38; r/up F Crowder 37; A Slater; J Gray 35.

Ocean Shores Vets
13/4 Single Stab, Red Ts, winner: A Redmond 46cb; r/up M Haines 46; A Phillips 45. NTP: R Swinbourne; J J Willemse; K Kennedy; A Redmond. Capt Pin: M Ellis. Gorilla Award: R Swinbourne; B Roe. Chooks to 26. Balls to 40. Scrubbers Ball: S Jones. M Ellis Hole In One, 8th Hole.

SQUASH
Brunswick Heads
19/4 Rnd 3 Business Houses Comp. Bruns Blinds v Potato Works: B Staff v S Varty; T Wood v G Chandler; D Runciman v M Ottery; J Nicolson v S Page Smith; R King v S Truesdale. Bruns Smash v OS Glass: G Davis v M Page Smith; L Crandell v C Walsh; R Cameron v R James; A Li v M Stratton; B McCauley v C Johnston. Bruns Pharmacy v OS Bakery: M Underwood v B Trivett; C Sleep v I Bissett; J Gribble v P Booth; L Miller v J Heers; Jeff Heers v S Moon. Byron Trophies v Cauty Surveyors: B Jonston v S Thompson; S Koop v L Clarke; P Hill v C Staff; R Cross v W Ferrier; T Mason v B Doran. Mon 24/4 Rnd 1 Div 1: 5pm, S Sleep v B Trivett; A Brooker v M Page Smith. 6pm, L Powell v G Davis; D Bird Bye. Div 2: 5pm, M Ottery v M Cassidy; S Varty v I Bissett; S Koop Bye. Div 3: 5pm, R Draper v M Ashton; J Gribble v R Cross; 6pm, D Runciman v P Booth. Div 4: 5pm, S Page Smith v M Rogers; C Johnston v J Nicolson; R King v A Li; A Ronan v A Thomas. Div 5: 5pm, S Davidson v T Mason; D Williams v B Alander; M Decarue v B Doran; S Truesdale Bye. Div 6: 5pm, A Booth v D Gillooly; J Davison v L Ashton; A Brooker Bye. Phone 6685 1794 to play.

SURF LIFE SAVING
Byron Bay
15/4 Raffle Lorna. Thanks all ticket buyers/sponsors. Patrols: Sat 22/4 9am to 5pm: P Hogan PC, R Pomeroy, B Lawrence, M Peters, K Peters, R Kelly, S Balcon, M Hornery, K Chappel, J Pearce. Sun 23/4, 9am to 5pm: P Yopp P C, S Sewell, M Phillips, S K and S Hutchinson, E Killingbeck, R Stewart, K Andrews, B Daley, B Horan, A Andrews, S Killingbeck, A Hoskins. Tue 25/4, 9am to 5pm: L Wood P C, N Hornery, A McCabe, J Buultjens, A Plummer, L Hansford, A Mashford T Miller, M Knott, L Bomford, L Phelps, M Foster.

TENNIS
Mullumbimby
Mixed Comp: no play until 27/4; social play 13/4, 20/4 from 6.30pm, all welcome. Mens Comp: Rnd 9, Arrows 51 def Javelins 31; Darts 54 def Spears 31. No play 18/4. Semi Finals 25/4. Format: Arrows (Richards Team) v Boomerangs (Marks Team); Spears (Justins Team) v Darts (Simons Team). Ladies Comp: Rnd 9, Div 1, Luge 32 def Mogul 25; Downhill 32 def Nordic 23; Snowboard 27 def Slalom 22. Div 2: Curling 29 def Ice Dancing 23; Biathlon 29 def Figure Skating 27; Speed Skating 31 def Skeleton 19. No play 17/4. Resume 24/4. Fri evening Jnr comp: Semi Finals played first week after school hols. Social Tennis: Ladies Wed 9.15am start. Sat mixed social 1.30pm start. All welcome, membership not required. Enquiries regarding coaching Justin 0403 841 241, all other enquiries Jeanie 6680 4353w or 6680 1330h.

VOLLEYBALL
Brunswick Heads
18/4 Finals/Play Offs Carsburg Comp: 6pm, Silver Bullets v Brewers; Chalets v Bugs; Flash v Gnus; Duty Starlights. 7pm, Nanas v Starlights; Hit and Run v Lounge Lizards; Pissies v No Mercy; Duty Brewers. Thur 20/4 Finals/Play Offs OS H'ware Comp: 5pm, Hot Booties v Drama Queens. 6pm, Nickies v Bob the Builder; Rock Monsters v Chillii Twists; Kit Kats v Triplets; Desp. H'wives v Shockers; Duty Elles, Bolters. 7pm, Fudge Puppies v Asthmatics; Hot and Sweaty v Exodia; Elles v Visens; Bolters v Squiggle Sisters; Duty Nickies, Rock Monsters. Byes: Kliblic, Can't Touch This, Court Jesters. New Tue 4 A Side Mixed/Thur 3 A Side Ladies Comps start nxt wk. Phone 6685 1794 to play, beginners welcome.



▶▶▶ **Superb Coastal Panorama!**

Located high above the crowd in exclusive Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores, this outstanding 40 square approx. residence encompasses fantastic coastal and hinterland views, unrivalled excellence in design and superior quality. 855sqm approx. of north facing land with reserves on three sides. Four bed, three bath, three living, pool, privacy, \$1mil approximate replacement value, etc. Highly motivated vendors! First listed Feb 06. Lucky it is still available because it should be sold! Phone owner 6676 0629 / 0408 803 060. Price reduced to \$850,000. Web: art-photo.com.au/forsale

\$850,000



▶▶▶ **Perfect Waterfront Position**

This superb NE facing waterfront property is on a level double size (1291sqm) lot in a quiet cul-de-sac position 300m from the beach, with a large four bedroom plus rumpus brick and tile home. With privacy, location, orientation and chosen neighbourhood all to perfection, this property is indeed very unique and offers qualities that are extremely rare. Dual occupancy potential subject to council approval. Highly motivated vendors! First listed Feb 06. Lucky it is still available because it should be sold! Phone owner 6676 0629 / 0408 803 060. Price reduced to \$650,000. Web: art-photo.com.au/forsale

\$650,000



▶▶▶ **Perfect For Family And Friends**

This generously sized home is full of luxury fittings. With four bedrooms and four bathrooms, all stylishly appointed, a house of this size and quality is hard to find. The open plan living room with its huge glass doors open out onto an inground pool and well maintained garden. High ceilings and wooden floors are just some of this home's architectural features and it's only a two minute walk to the sand of Tallow Beach. For more details or to arrange an inspection, please contact Byron Bay First National Real Estate on 02 6685 8466 or go to our website. \$1,400,000. www.byronbayfn.com.au



▶▶▶ **Restored Federation In Possum Ck**

301 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Open House Saturday 1.30 - 2.00pm. This circa 1920s home in exclusive Possum Creek exudes charm and character from every angle. The generous four bedroom home features high ceilings, original polished timber floors and expansive timber decks. The gentle six acre parcel of land has established private gardens and enjoys panoramic views over Possum Creek. The ideal hinterland lifestyle within 15 minutes of Byron Bay and Bangalow. Contact Simon Thomas 0418 223160 at Elders Bangalow. Offers over \$900,000.



▶▶▶ **Close To Shops And Beach**

Ever wanted to be within walking distance to the local shops and approx 2 mins drive to the beach now here is your chance. Sean Kenny Real Estate has just exclusively listed for sale this townhouse which is only approx a 5 min walk to the country club. Only a 2 minute drive to the beaches of New Brighton and South Golden Beach. The home consists of split levels. Upstairs is three bedrooms and a bathroom. As you move downstairs you find kitchen, dining and lounge room plus an extra WC. A small fenced easy care yard and a single lock up garage. To arrange an inspection, please call Robyne on 0431 792 972.



▶▶▶ **Beachside Suffolk – Cute Timber Home**

This is a unique freestanding home in a quiet cul de sac. Walk to beach and shops. Enter this cozy timber home and experience the heart felt atmosphere. This northfacing home has covered verandahs front and back, carport for two cars and a spacious, private backyard. Relaxed living with open plan design, cathedral ceiling and timber floors through out. Two bedrooms with built-ins and room to expand. Ideal opportunity if you are looking for an affordable beachside home in a great location. Phone owner on 02 6685 3923.

\$510,000

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Saturday May 13th 11.00am ON SITE

If you're looking for privacy this is the one. 40.38 Hectares (99.7 Acres), frontage to the Wilsons River and a truly magnificent swimming hole. It adjoins "Peppers Resort", consists of a rambling house, cabins, open paddocks and serene natural forests. Inspection by appointment only

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'COOLAMON SPRINGS'

LOT 8, LOFTS ROAD, COORABELL

66 ACRES IN FABULOUS FEDERAL!



6 Acres in Coorabell (12 Mins from Byron Bay)

Totally private and serene, 'Coolamon Springs' is a Mediterranean inspired residence that conjures up images of grape crushing, and long tables laden with huge bowls of delectable pasta!

- 3 double bedrooms (2 with built ins & the other with WIR)
- 2 bathrooms (including stunning new en suite)
- 2 separate living areas (ideally designed for guests or teenagers)
- Large well appointed kitchen with gas cook top
- 2 gas hot water systems
- Fully insect screened
- Terracotta tiling in all living areas
- Cedar windows & doors
- Vaulted ceilings
- Extensive paved walkways & outdoor entertaining areas

Expanses of verdant fields lead to a permanent spring – fruit trees – mature palms – staghorns – high but sheltered position. Where will you put the pool?

\$895,000



**Decide at the OPEN FOR INSPECTION
Sunday 23rd April 11.45am – 12.45pm
with Italian red wine, cheeses & music – Bellissimo!**



'Pitaya' is the ultimate opportunity for a young or semi retired couple, to have the ultimate lifestyle with income.

The impressive 12 year old home is ideally located in an elevated north/easterly position, with views forever! Huge wooden beams, hardwood floors and extensive use of quality bifolds, make this open plan residence perfect for its location.



- 2 bedrooms
- Mezzanine bedroom
- Tuscan style kitchen
- Very large open plan living area with unique Italian slow combustion fireplace
- Huge deck area
- Stunning deep blue salt water pool
- Beautiful established garden with magical hidden spaces and waterways

A large, well constructed separate building with power water and telephone could provide separate accommodation, (STCA).

Immediate income is available from production of rocket, dragon fruit, and a small orchard.

\$990,000

'GREVILLEA'

LOT 15, ECHIDNA COURT, FEDERAL

BRUNSWICK HEADS 'HIBISCUS HOUSE'

26 VETERANS LANE, BRUNSWICK HEADS
(turn right before Caltex Service Station)

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION
Sunday 23rd April, 10-10.45am**

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION
Sunday 23rd April, 2-3pm**



'Hibiscus House' is an exquisitely restored residence located in the very centre of sought after Brunswick Heads. From the time you pass through the grand entrance featuring original leadlight glass, you will be transported into a cool haven of absolute charm.

- Extensive air conditioned open plan living area featuring intricate woodwork, French doors, high ceilings and original polished boards. Fully stainless steel kitchen – a chef's delight
- Beautiful master bedroom with built ins and stunning original en suite bathroom, second bedroom with built-ins adjacent to well appointed second bathroom



- Huge under house parking area with potential for extension of residence (STCA)
- Charming verandah entertainment areas overlooking a scented garden paradise
- Attic storage, laundry, large shed, broadband and satellite access
- 3rd bedroom or study

'Hibiscus House' sits on a low maintenance 440sqm beautifully landscaped block, featuring mature palms and numerous white hibiscus trees. This is the unique opportunity to acquire a piece of grand elegance just a stone's throw from the ocean.

\$950,000



'Grevillea' is a quality craftsman constructed, 5 year old residence, located on one elevated acre of beautiful established garden, a stone's throw from the fabulous Federal village.

Features: 3 bedrooms (2 with built ins), 2 bathrooms, expansive open plan living area with vaulted ceiling, kitchen with gas top cooking, and extensive decks overlooking delightful rural views. The residence is fully insect screened, has 2 air conditioners, security camera system, combustion fire place, and polished boards throughout.

In addition to the double lock up garage and workshop area, there is a single lock up garage. Approval for a second attached dwelling has been granted.

\$750,000

All Agents Welcome – Finance Arranged If Required

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PROPERTY BUYERS NET 17 Ballina Road, Bangalow

LOT 6 PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD (OFF FRIDAY HUT ROAD)

'AGUADA'



10 Enchanting Acres at Possum Creek

Offering what is possibly the best north facing small acreage in the area, this property has it all – 4 bedrooms, 2 Portuguese marble bathrooms, study, huge open plan living area with vast ceilings, Portuguese marble chef's kitchen, polished boards, beautiful carpet, extensive decks & paved areas, wine cellar, exotic orchard and definitely the world's best watering hole! *Why go on???*

Words cannot describe the understated elegance of this splendid residence – even photographs only portray a whisper of the unrivalled magic that awaits you at 'AGUADA'.

\$2.5m



OPEN FOR INSPECTION on SATURDAY APRIL 22 from 11am-12pm, with rosé & guacamole!

21 COOPER STREET, BYRON BAY

'PLANTATION HOUSE'

A superbly restored grand residence, on three quarters of an acre of medium density land, in the heart of Byron Bay.

From the moment you walk through the inviting portals to the gorgeous reception area, you will know you are on a very special voyage. You will be transported back to an age of refinement – a time of grace and dignity – a time of metal pressed walls, polished boards, French doors and soaring ceilings.

5 stately bedrooms with ensuites, classic drawing room with open fireplace, inviting spacious country kitchen flowing onto sun drenched decks and dining area – immense fully tiled salt water pool with cabana, beautiful lawns surrounded by established gardens and huge palms ... could this really be Byron Bay? Yes, because you can hear the roar of the ocean!

\$2.8m

How did this masterpiece, reminiscent of a southern belle, come to be in our town? To find out, come to the OPEN FOR INSPECTION on TUESDAY 25TH from 11am-12pm with champagne and fresh brie.



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BYRON BAY



Ocean View Farm \$1,900,000

- 77 acres in prestigious Old Byron Bay Road
- Magnificent 360° panorama with ocean and valley views
- Gently rolling hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean
- 7 mins to Broken Head, 9 mins to Byron Bay
- Privacy with long frontage to Emigrant Creek
- Multiple home site options with power & phone

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Bangalow Lifestyle Property \$675,000

- Five lovely acres on the edge of Bangalow
- Delightful 3 bedroom home plus separate guest accommodation, inground pool
- Current total rental income of \$715 per week
- Rare opportunity for income and lifestyle
- Only 1 minute to Bangalow, 10 mins to Byron Bay

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



Like to Live in a 100yr old Church? \$690,000

- Enjoy country living surrounded by the ambience of 'old world' architecture
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom renovated church
- Timber throughout, original stain glass windows
- Verandahs on 3 sides, 4,000sqm landscaped block, inground saltwater pool
- Under 30 minutes to the beach

475 Rosebank Road, Rosebank

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Wow! Look Inside \$949,000-\$989,000

- This home offers more than meets the eye
- Huge 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom residence
- Private, landscaped 990sqm block
- Three spacious living areas, ducted air-con
- Front courtyard with pond water feature
- Stunning pool & entertaining area
- Inspection recommended to appreciate value

107 Beech Drive, Baywood Chase

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



Stunning Byron Duplex \$449,000

- Immaculately presented Torrens title duplex
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, single garage
- Spacious open plan living & dining area
- Timber floors, ceiling fans, downlights
- Large 440m² block, adjacent to council reserve
- Only 1km flat walk to post office
- Motivated vendors - moving closer to family

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



Skinners Shoot Property \$595,000

- Enjoy the peace & quiet from this bush block
- Lots of privacy yet only minutes to town
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study
- 3,959 sqm block, stand alone garage
- Exclusive Skinners Shoot

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494



Take Note of the Price \$339,000

- 2 storey townhouse in complex of 6
- 3 double bedrooms all with BIR's
- 2 bathrooms, secure car parking opp. reserve
- Open plan living area overlooking courtyards
- 200 metre walk to the new shopping complex and the beach
- Fabulous first home or investment

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537



'Bonnydune' on the Beachfront \$1.825M

- Absolutely private beachfront home with its own beach access
- Architecturally designed, full timber home, spotted gum timber floors, hoop pine open style ceilings, cedar windows throughout
- 3 bed, 2 bath, parents retreat with balcony
- Light filled and open plan living areas with tremendous outlook to the beachfront reserve

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Downtown Commercial Free-Hold \$477,000

- Fantastic opportunity to purchase a freehold shop
- Located in the heart of Byron
- 40sqm, wide frontage
- Current tenant in place
- Showing 6% return
- Vacant possession can be arranged

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Stunning Designer Home \$795,000

- Gorgeous 3 bed, 2 bathroom Bush Pavilion home
- High ceilings, hardwood floors, covered decks
- Private, quiet bush outlook to the North
- Separate pavilion could suit home business or guest quarters
- Open plan kitchen design with granite/timber
- Extensive landscaping with lush tropical gardens

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Views Over Byron Bay \$1,300,000

- Short walk to Byron's CBD, Clark's Beach & The Pass
- Spacious home on 734sqm, 4 bed, 3 bath
- 1 bedroom, self contained guest accommodation
- Private entertaining area, low maintenance native landscaped gardens
- Tucked away, highly sought-after hilltop location
- Enjoy beautiful sunsets!

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Byron Bay's Only Florist Shop \$230,000 W.I.W.O

- What a fabulous opportunity to buy a 'lifestyle change' in paradise
- Own Byron Bay's only florist shop 'Passion@Flowers'
- 120m² with 3x3x3 lease in place
- Excellent town position with parking out front
- Established 5 years with loyal clientele
- Complete financial documents available

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Osprey Court Land Reduced \$630,000

- Put away the car & build that dream house
- Magnificent level 703sqm block in Osprey Court
- Quiet cul-de-sac position
- Elevated building platform
- Minutes walk to Tallow Beach

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494



Bangalow With Rural Outlook \$527,000

- Masterbuilt home with immaculate presentation
- 3 good sized bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Elevated 972m² landscaped block
- 2 living rooms open onto wide deck
- 2 car garage, 10 minutes to Byron
- Vendor downsizing, keen for offers

4 Muskwood Place, Bangalow

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Startup Straight Away \$425,000

- Ditch the landlord & move into your own spectacular business premises in Brigantine St.
- Prime location, full of customers that will easily find your business
- Park off street in your own carpark
- Premises is 234sqm all on one level
- Some fitout in place
- Wonderful garden at the rear

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Freehold Shop Must Be Sold! Now \$364,500

- 34sqm ground floor shop in small complex
- Underground car accommodation included
- Unit is tiled with kitchenette, alarm, ceiling fans etc
- Competitive rates and body corporate fees
- Get into commercial real estate in the Bay
- Owner wants it sold, make an offer!

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Canal Frontage

153 Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores
AUCTION 3rd May 2006,
5.30pm at Brunswick R.S.L Club

- A rare chance to purchase the best water view canal block.
- Facing due east with an area of 869sqm.
- Catch the sea breezes while you fish in the deep canal.
- Park the dingy at the back or go for a leisurely sail across the canal.
- Level stroll to the beach and primary school.



Easycare Lifestyle

Units 1,2 & 3 /39 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores
AUCTION 3rd May 2006,
5.30pm at Brunswick R.S.L Club

- Located within an easy stroll to Ocean Shores Shopping Village.
- Architect designed and split level living with three bedrooms, two bathrooms.
- Residence captures natural light and fresh breezes from the generous deck area.
- Large kitchen offering European appliances and featuring polished timber floors.



The Options Are Endless

10 Goondooloo Drive, Ocean Shores
AUCTION 3rd May 2006, 5.30pm at Brunswick R.S.L Club

- Stroll to shopping centre, golf club and beach.
- Ocean views to Julian Rocks.
- Dual occupancy potential.
- Easy build in a quiet location.
- 841sqm block ready to build your dream home.



The Heart Of Brunswick Unit

3/9 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads
AUCTION 3rd May 2006, 5.30pm at Brunswick R.S.L Club

- Freshly renovated 2 bedroom unit.
- Easy level stroll to the beach, river, shops and parks.
- Private courtyard offering fresh sea breezes.
- New stainless cookware features in the kitchen.
- Single garage and carport.



Golfing Life

10/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores
Open for inspection Saturday 12noon til 1pm

- Immaculate townhouse.
- 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.
- Exquisite kitchen.
- Open plan living.
- Pool in complex, adjoins golf course.

\$389,000



In Town Treasure

11 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby
Open for Inspection Wednesday 1pm -2pm

- Quiet end of cul de sac location, and stroll to town.
- Step inside and be surprised by the space of this home.
- 3 good sized bedrooms plus ensuite.
- 2 spacious and light living areas.
- Large entertaining deck.

\$410,000

OPEN FOR INSPECTION

2 Katya Court, Ocean Shores
 Open for inspection
 Thursday
 11am til 12noon

1/39 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 2.15pm til 3pm

2/39 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 11am til 11:45am

13 Peter Street, South Golden Beach
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 10am til 10:45am

6/88 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 11am til 11:45am

11 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 1pm til 2pm

4 Teven Street, Brunswick Heads
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 10 am til 11am

33 Nana Street, Brunswick Heads
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 11am til 12noon

482 The Pocket Road, The Pocket
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 2pm til 3pm

12 Pandanus Court, Brunswick Heads
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 12noon til 1pm

10/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores
 Open for inspection
 Saturday
 12noon til 1pm

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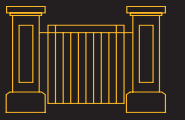
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Classic Hideaway

With spacious living areas, cathedral ceilings, superb open plan kitchen and entertaining alternatives, this solid 3 bedroom brick home, featuring an ozone inground pool, double carport, wonderful 3 room with kitchen attached studio and small macca crop for interest.

Only 17 min to the beach, 15 mins both to Bangalow and Alstonville, "Tarra Rigde" is hidden on 8 north facing acres, with gorgeous meandering creek and elevated valley views is a haven of tranquility.

Great value at \$695,000
565 Houghlahan Creek Road, Pearses Creek



Ocean Views Forever

You can watch the whales go by, pick the swell on 5 different beaches and catch the sunrise every day from this sensational parcel of 15 acres on the ridgeline of old Byron Bay Road. A solid 70's brick home waiting for a facelift, two major sheds for cars and storage, full size tennis court, small dam, permanent spring and 180mt frontage gives lots of options, together with the desirable level areas for future building.

You will appreciate the already approved separate cottage. Only 10mins to Broken Head and Lennox Beach, discover close by Bangalow, for the coffee lover and the renowned Harvest café at Newrybar. For panoramic views and country with an ocean feel this property should be viewed.

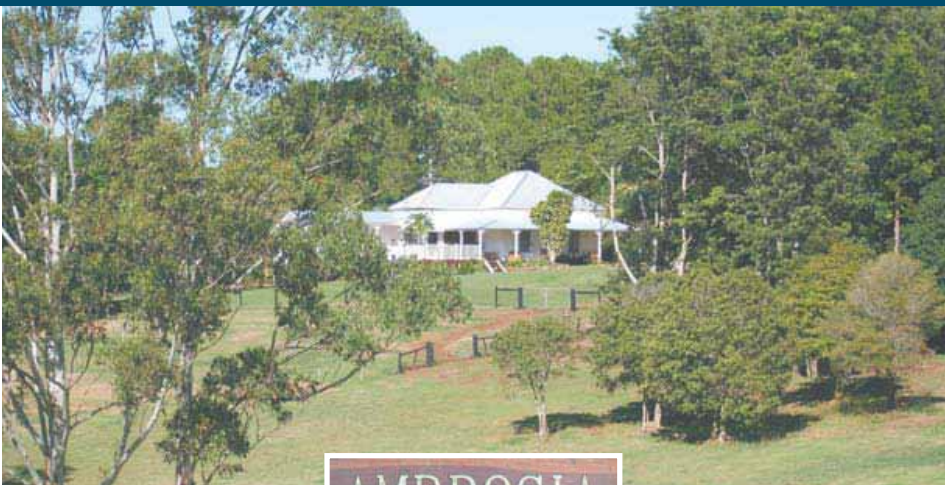
Great value at \$1,250,000
172 Old Byron Bay Rd, Newrybar



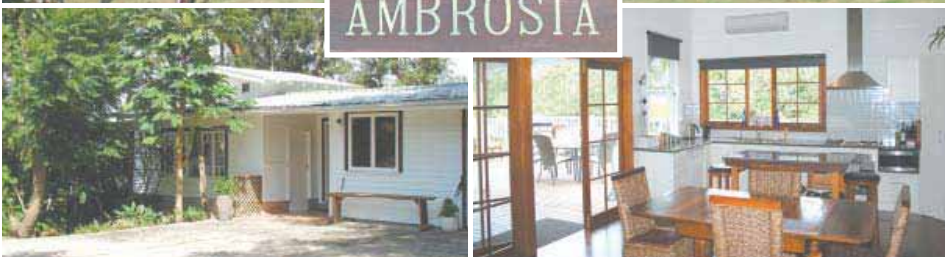
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146 KIRKLANDS LANE, FERNLEIGH

KIRKLAND'S ORIGINAL HOME
Prime Blue Chip Fernleigh Address

This aesthetically restored homestead has an open plan design, chefs kitchen, combined living area which flows out onto a large north facing deck surrounding the plunge pool with views over grounds. Traditional old verandahs link to the deck and provide for a relaxed entertaining area. Set on 11 prime, easy care flat to gently sloping acres (4.452ha) with old fig and teak trees provides for the perfect backdrop. The home is very private and ideally situated to receive the cool coastal breeze. The old outbuildings are restored with original character of an old working dairy farm. The bails currently serve as an office with its own bathroom facilities. Centrally located to Ballina airport, Bangalow & Byron Bay.

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday
1.00 - 1.30pm

AUCTION
May 4, 2006

SALES AGENT
Mark Kinneally
0429 868001



807 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, COORABELL

'THE OLD FRANGIPANI FARM'
Resort Style Residence In Sought After Coorabell

100 acres of lush fertile undulating land. This magnificent property has total privacy and seclusion with an architect designed pavilion residence that is influenced with an Indo-Balinese feel. Perfectly positioned to encompass Australia's native bush ambience over looking the spectacular Fern Gully watering hole. **Features** Movie room ▶ 1.5km bitumen driveway ▶ Grand stone entrance & native landscaped gardens ▶ 40m pond surrounding the Sikkens pavilion style home ▶ 300 yr old Indian temple doors ▶ Granite & blood wood bench tops, A/C, heating, multiple bi-fold doors opening onto alfresco deck area spanning the home ▶ Gymnasium ▶ 8 person spa ▶ **Council approval for 6 country cottages - tourist accommodation.**

OPEN HOUSE
Sat 2-2.30pm

AUCTION
May 6, 2006

SALES AGENT
Mark Kinneally
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Bush Pavilion Home



**Open House Sat 10 - 11 am
11 Hottentot Cres. Mullumbimby**

Just enter through the gate and you are sure to be impressed by this architecturally designed Bush Pavilion home. With high ceilings and polished timber floors throughout, the house is light filled, spacious and very stylish. It features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a mezzanine study. The state of the art kitchen is a delight for anyone who loves to cook and the open plan dining and living room lead out onto a large north-facing deck which overlooks the reserve and Mount Chincogan. Beautifully landscaped and fully fenced it is ready for you to move into so you can enjoy Mullums life style.

\$795,000

Hard To Believe



Solid weather board home on 3/4 acre with plenty of rain water tanks, sheds, studio and a swimming pool. The house features 3 bedrooms + study, an airconditioned master bedroom with walk in robe and ensuite, a functional timber kitchen with a 1200mm s/s La Germania stove, timber floors and 9 ft high ceilings. The 9x6m shed is a dream for every bloke to have and there is a separate studio which can be rented out. Top it up with a swimming pool and a dozen of mixed fruit bearing trees then it is hard to believe what you get for your money. Owners are moving to Sydney and are keen to sell. Call now!

\$529,000 Reduced To \$499,000

First Home Or Investment



Located in a quiet street in walking distance to the town centre this three bedroom brick / veneer home is perfect for the first home buyer or the investor. The light filled timber kitchen has a north aspect and from the dining area you walk out to a small covered patio and to the backyard. The living room has a view over the paddocks with a beautiful Poinciana tree in the front yard. The place is fully fenced and measures 475 sqm with an easy to maintain garden. It is currently rented and the tenants are happy to stay on. Call now for an inspection.

\$350,000

Two Houses For The Price Of One



Yes, it is an extended dwelling with two houses and a paved garden path in between. The original weather board home has 4 bedrooms, a new bathroom with claw foot bath, a big open plan kitchen / dining / living room leading out to a 5 x 5 m covered deck and down into the north facing backyard. 10 ft high ceilings, polished timber floors, stained glass windows and two LG air cons add to the ambience. The spacious second house is self-contained with its own deck, own entrance and is private from the main house. The whole place oozes warmth and character and there is no money to be spent.

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24th
1 – 3pm

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Something Different

OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS

Denise Burch p55

• Wed & Sat 11am-12pm. Call 0408 193 415.

LJ Hookers Byron Bay p54

- 19 Corkwood Cl, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 19 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 2 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 9 Bottlebrush Cres, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 63 McGettigans L, Ewingsdale. Sat 12pm.
- 27 Beachcomber Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 12pm.
- 10 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.
- 59 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.
- 7 Hoop Pine Lane, Suffolk Park. Sat 3pm.

Byron Bay First National p52

• East On Byron, Childe St. Sat & Mon 1-3pm

InRealEstate p52

- 11 Hottentot Cres, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-11am
- 2 Katya Ct, Ocean Shores. Thu 11am-12pm.
- 1/39 Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 2.15-3pm.
- 2/39 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am.
- 13 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.45am.
- 6/88 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am
- 11 Orchid Pl, Mullumbimby. Sat 1pm-2pm.
- 4 Teven St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-11am.
- 33 Nana St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11am-12pm.
- 482 The Pocket Rd, The Pocket. Sat 2-3pm.
- 12 Pandanus Ct, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-1pm.
- 10/10 Balemo Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-1pm.

Elders Byron Bay p48

- 475 Rosebank Rd, Rosebank. Sat 12-12.45pm
- 107 Beech Drive, Baywood Chase. Sat 12-12.45pm
- 4 Muskwood Pl, Bangalow. Sat 2-2.45pm
- 21 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Tue 11am-12pm.
- Lot 15, Echidna Ct, Federal. Sun 10-10.45am
- 26 Veterans L, Brunswick Heads. Sat 2-3pm

Property Buyers Net p47

- Lot 6 Pine Mountain Road (Off Friday Hut Road). Sat 11am-12pm.
- 21 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Tue 11am-12pm.
- Lot 15, Echidna Ct, Federal. Sun 10-10.45am
- 26 Veterans L, Brunswick Heads. Sat 2-3pm

AUCTIONS

Ray White Byron Bay p55

- 105 Coopers Shoot Road, Byron Bay. April 4 at 12pm on-site. Agent on site Wed & Sat 1-2 pm.

Ed Silk Real Estate p55

- Unit 60 Over 55s Lifestyle Village. 11-19 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Sat 29th 11am on-site

LJ Hookers Iluka p55

- 134 Spenser St, Iluka. Sat 22nd 11am on-site.

LJ Hookers Byron Bay p54

- 1 Walker Street, Byron Bay. Sat 29th 11am on-site. Inspect Wed & Sat 1pm.

Sean Kenny Real Estate p45

- 9 Newes Road Coorabell Byron Bay. May 13 at 11am on-site.

Elders Bangalow p50

- 146 Kirklands Lane, Fernleigh. May 4 on site. Inspect Sat 1-1.30pm
- 807 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. May 6 on site. Inspect Sat 2-2.30pm

LJ Hookers Brunswick Heads p49

- 153 Shara Bvd, North Ocean Shores. 5.30pm, May 3 at Brunswick R.S.L Club.
- Units 1, 2 & 3 /39 Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores. 5.30pm, May 3 at Brunswick R.S.L Club.

Investment opportunity

Here is a unique opportunity for the astute investor and/or business operator to secure this premium site which can be utilized for almost any retailing. It is a development concept where Byron Bay's unique lifestyle has been captured in architecture, design and location, perfectly poised on the edge of main beach.

There is a blue chip tenant in place with a long lease and annual reviews on one of Byron's busiest promenades with high traffic exposure. It has a floor space of 68 square metres.

For sale at \$1,250,000 through Byron Bay First National Real Estate on 02 6685 8466.

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Exclusive beachfront

The architect's brief was to create 'Bonnydune' as a classic Australian beach house, a home which would flow into its natural surrounds of tuckeroo and banksia trees, dune and surf. In style, the home would be state of the art, in manner, unassuming.

Bonnydune achieves this with a beautiful contemporary design incorporating extensive use of cedar, hoop pine and bluegum plantation timbers. The living areas, bedrooms and main bathroom all open to decks which are generous and private. Beach life is made easy in this three bedroom, three bathroom home which includes a hidden ocean viewing platform and two car accommodation. This quintessential beach house sits between Cape Byron and Broken Head and comes fully furnished with the best of appliances and fixtures.

For sale at \$1,825,000 through Gareth Donovan on 0417 237 559 or at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay.



Paradise found

This stunning 13 acres located in Myocum is within a 10 minute drive to Mullumbimby and 20 minutes to Byron Bay. Fully fenced and complete with building entitlement it is a location of great beauty and privacy.

A very peaceful setting as the perimeter is surrounded by mature trees and pockets of rainforest. There is also a creek leading into a billabong at the rear of the cleared section - and sealed roadway access into the property.

Asking price \$ 465,000.

Contact Mark Lycos at Rhonda Browning Real Estate.

For an inspection call 6680 1594 or 0438 680 250.



Privacy personified

Sean Kenny Real Estate is proud to be holding for auction this 40.38 hectare private property. It is fronting the Wilsons River and has a truly magnificent swimming hole. It adjoins 'Peppers Resort' which is a new resort opened in the Byron hinterland. The property consists of open paddocks, plateaus, forest and patches of interesting rocks.

The main home is a meandering house in need of some T.L.C. Scattered throughout the land are some cabins and caravans which could be left for the new owner or removed. The property is at Newes Road, Coorabell and is only 10 mins to Byron.

For further information or to arrange your inspection please call Robyne at Sean Kenny Real Estate on 0431 792 972 or 6684 2200.



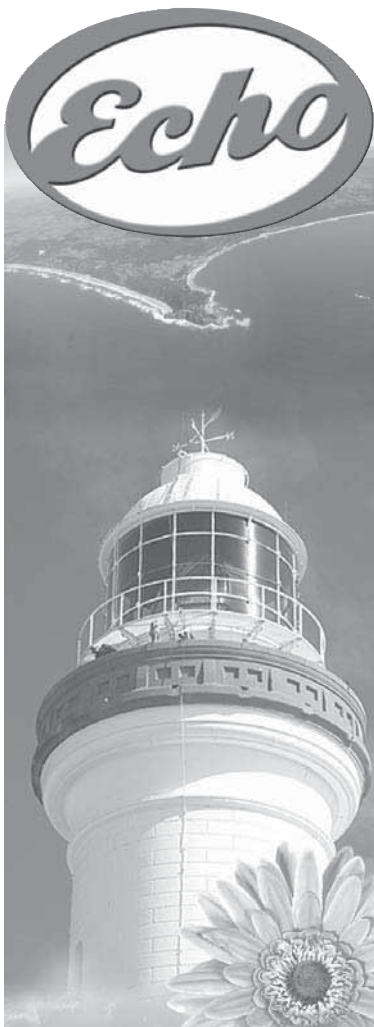
Often sought, seldom found

This acreage is situated on the eastern side of the highway and comprises 32 hectares (80 acres) on two titles with two houses, good water supply and fencing. It is only minute drive to downtown Byron Bay and its beautiful beaches. Don't delay, change your lifestyle today.

The property is for sale at \$3,850,000 and you can arrange an inspection or obtain further details by contacting Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692 or at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay.



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



PROPERTIES OPEN FOR INSPECTION



19 Corkwood Close, Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
 Contact Gareth on 0417 237 559



2 Mahr Place, Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
 Contact Liam on 0417 780 795



9 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
 Contact Peter on 0411 837 330



63 McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale
Saturday 12pm
 Contact Gareth on 0417 237 559



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AUCTION



OPEN FOR INSPECTION
 Every Wed & Sat at 1pm

1 WALKER STREET, BYRON BAY
Auction On Site Sat 29th April at 11am

- Gorgeous 3 Bedroom Home
 - Colourful Tropical Gardens
 - Raked Ceilings, Slate Floors
 - Generous Covered Outdoor Area
 - Land Size Is 583 Square Metres
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- Contact Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649

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STYLISH WITH OCEAN VIEWS

- Moroccan Style Home
 - Fantastic Ocean & Rural Views
 - Main Home With 2 Bed & 1 Bath
 - Separate Studio With 1 Bed & 1 Bath
 - 15 Minute Drive To Byron Bay
 - Large 1068sqm Block
- Contact Gareth Donovan on 0417 237 559



STYLISH FAMILY HOME

- Stylish 4 Bedroom Home
 - Featuring Raked Ceilings & Tiles Throughout
 - Outside BBQ Area
 - Immaculate Carefree Grounds
 - Large North Facing 920 sq m Block
 - Dual Occupancy Potential STCA
- Contact Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649

LOOKING FOR SPACE



- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location
 - 4 Bed/2 Bath Home
 - North Facing Living Areas
 - Walk To Beach, Shops & Tavern
 - Hugh 892sqm Allotment
 - Reserve On 2 Sides
- \$575,000**

IMMACULATE BEACHSIDE HOME



PRICE REDUCTION!

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
 - Open Plan Kitchen, Large Living Areas
 - Private Covered Courtyard
 - Quiet End Of Brandon Street
 - Easy Stroll To Tallows Beach
- \$750,000**

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 - Fully Airconditioned
 - Double Garage
 - 918sq Metres Of Land
 - A Must To Inspect
- \$749,000**

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- 3 Bed/3 Bath Residence
 - Louvre-Enclosed Outdoor Area
 - Contemporary & Comfortable Interior
 - Downstairs Retreat W/ Kitchenette & Courtyard
 - Centrally Located, Walk To Beach and Town
 - Agency Declares Interest
- \$995,000**

IMMACULATE FAMILY HOME



- Immaculate 3 Bedroom Home
 - Open Plan Kitchen/ Dining Area
 - Formal Living Room
 - Elevated 635sqm Block
 - Covered Outside Entertaining Area
 - Easy Stroll To Tavern, Beach & Shops
- \$475,000**

PERFECT START



- Located 4kms From Town
 - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathroom Townhouse
 - Separate Lounge, Spacious Dining
 - Timber Flooring
 - Easy Walk To Beach And Shops
 - Air Conditioned
- \$390,000**

NICE & PRIVATE



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▶▶▶ **Byron Bay – Belongil Beach**

Nestled behind the dunes from this magnificent view, one of the oldest houses on Byron Bay's Belongil spit has had it's day, and it's time for Childe Street's only remaining born and bred resident to move on. This approximately 510sqm property has the vista of Byron Bay literally over the back fence. The original beachside cottage is waiting to be replaced by your dream home. This is your last chance to own a piece of Australia's most sought after coastal addresses. Genuine enquiries only.
Phone Owner 0408 971056 AH.
\$1,450,00

\$1,450,000



▶▶▶ **A Special Home At Wilsons Creek**

This large property in sought after Cedar Road, Wilsons Creek is of 40 squares and features four large bedrooms, three of which have built-in robes, and four bathrooms. The kitchen is well fitted with loads of cupboard space, a walk-in pantry and gas cooking. There are two fireplaces, a library, two 3m wide verandahs and it's all set on 2.36 hectares planted with fruit trees, native species and native wildlife food trees making it a natural wildlife paradise (the present owners are wildlife carers and there have been no domestic animals on the property for 20 years). The property is in immaculate condition and shows that a lot of time and thought has been put into it. The present owners have a genuine reason for a reluctant sale. For sale through Mark Cochrane Real Estate Mullumbimby 02 6684 2663.

\$795,000



**AUCTION Sat 22nd
11am on-site**

▶▶▶ **Iluka's Best Kept Secret**

134 Spenser St, Iluka. This is one of Iluka's most unique properties offering privacy, convenience and outlook. Privacy due to its position with very few people knowing that this property exists. Convenience because this property is within easy walk to the beach, bay and other services while the outlook of the tropical rainforest needs to be seen to be appreciate, all in comfort with the luxury of reverse cycle air conditioning. The property is currently used as a holiday letting however development of the site is possible (subject to approval) due to the Medium Density Zoning which will suit the business conscious. Contact Bob Collins at LJ Hooker 3 Owen St, Iluka on 0412 662 628 or 6646 6321.

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▶▶▶ **Position Position Position**

Investors take note. Purchase this funky old solid beach shack in the quiet part of beachside Suffolk Park and extensively renovate, start again and build up, or just sit on it until the market picks up. Unparalleled outlook over Broken Head Reserve and a couple of minutes stroll to the beach and village shops. Great bush walks at your doorstep. Potential plus awaits the astute buyer! Highly rentable as is. Three bedrooms, den, large open plan living area, separate studio and garage. Lovely peaceful tropical garden in a unique location. \$820,000 (reduced from \$880,000)
Contact Ed Silk Real Estate on 6685 7000 for further details.

Ed Silk



▶▶▶ **Close To Town And Beach**

AUCTION Over 55 Lifestyle Villa. Saturday 29th April 2006, 11am on site. Unit 60, 11-19 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Spacious 2 bedroom villa with large well appointed kitchen and separate laundry. Roomy living/dining area leads to a verandah to enjoy the delightful garden and bushland outlook. Newly repainted, new fittings and quality window furnishings throughout. Located in a very private corner of the estate with access to superb facilities. This is a very attractive investment opportunity. Contact Vicky Innes for further details on 6685 7000 or 0414 339 229. Ed Silk Real Estate, 8 Lawson Street, Byron Bay.

Ed Silk



**OPEN HOUSE Wednesday 19th
& Saturday 22nd, 11am-12 noon.**

▶▶▶ **INVERNESS – Simply Stunning!**

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday 19th & Saturday 22nd, 11am-12 noon. Gracefully situated on 25 acres in the Byron Bay-Lennox Head hinterland, this home of unparalleled distinction offers five elegant and gorgeous bedrooms and two sensational bathrooms. Hand-crafted by master stonemasons, sandstone is extensively featured throughout this beautiful residence that enjoys sweeping countryside views and a permanent creek. Inverness – a home for generations to come. For more information and photos, please visit luxuryhouse.com.au or contact Denise Burch on 0408 193 415.

\$1.75M



▶▶▶ **Unique Village Location**

This fully renovated 3 bedroom cottage is on a quarter acre in a leafy rainforest environment at the end of a service road within walking distance to shops and school in Burringbar. 20 minutes to Byron Bay, half hour to Tweed Heads. The property is an easy 7 minute drive to the beach and has a quiet rural outlook. Renovation includes new kitchen, bathroom, polished hardwood floors, timber decks front and back, new plumbing and wiring. A fully fenced front yard and much more.
\$372,000.
Phone 02 6677 1054 or 0414 096 776.

\$372,000



▶▶▶ **Coopers Shoot Exclusive**

AUCTION 29/04/06 at 12pm on site at 105 Coopers Shoot Rd Byron. Agent on site Wed & Sat 1-2 pm. Situated on the exclusive north-eastern side of Coopers Shoot Road is a superb 2.71 ha (6.77 acre) property. Only 6 kilometres from Byron Bay, this desirable property has views from Broken Head to the Lighthouse. It features flat land, a permanent spring and bush tracks to the eastern escarpment. An older style 3 bedroom farmhouse and double garage sit near the northern boundary. The property has large shade trees, mature shrubs and hedges for added privacy. This is truly a rare opportunity to purchase a property in this exclusive area. Contact John Brophy 0438 878 465 or Janis Perkins 0438 841 122.

**Ray White
BYRON BAY**



▶▶▶ **Buy Off The Plan, Now**

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

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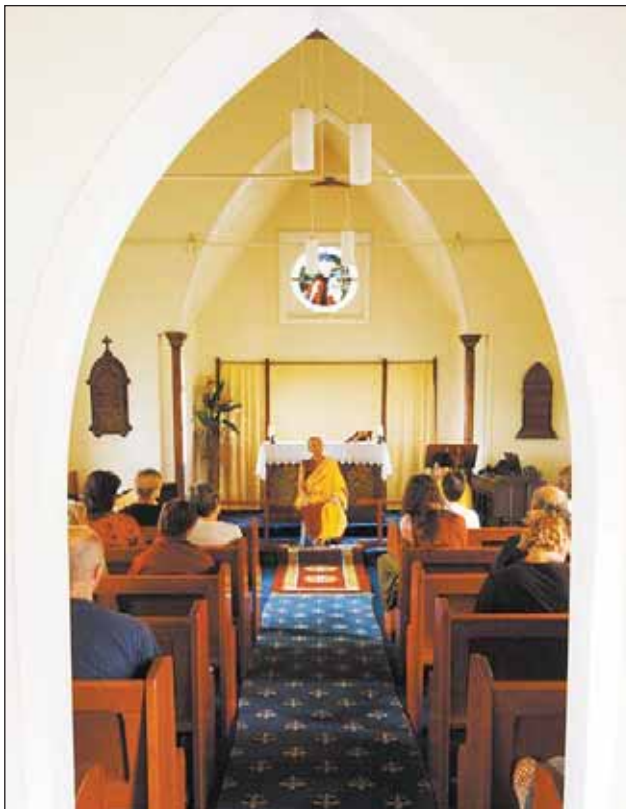
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When worlds collide, peaceably: A Gyuto monk leads a meditation session in the Ewingsdale church on Easter Sunday. Photo Jeff Dawson

business and government to lift their game on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions citing a new report that this could be done without slowing economic growth. Westpac, BP, Origin Energy, Insurance Australia Group, Swiss Re, and Visy Group should all be supported for breaking from the ranks of a business community which has firmly held its head in the sand. Don't relax yet, they haven't gone as far as recommending ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. The Howard government has ignored environmentalists' pleas for more action on climate change, dismissing the case that we have a moral obligation to protect the planet for future generations. But when money talks, the Howard government usually listens. Maybe the Australian Business Group's claim that business is now suffering is the only argument that will save us.

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We've always known that that strange brown liquid is good for removing duco from cars but the enterprising Indians have discovered Coca-Cola is also an efficient pesticide - see more at www.indiaresource.org/campaigns/coke/2004/okespins.html. Apparently it's cheaper than brand name pesticides and probably smells nice in lemon flavour. That's a more valid reason for its existence than the 'refreshment value' Coke's PR skills used to push. For refreshment value *Backlash* prefers plain old water or a nice cabernet merlot (which works well as a pesticide if you breathe directly onto the bugs).

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One of the security guards had an unusual run-in with Jackson Browne at the bluesfest: the artist went and bought him a chicken burger. Do you want *Running On Empty* with that?

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Believe it or not, *The Echo* has managed to survive for 20 years, so on June 3 we're throwing a birthday bash and awards night called The Jasons (and no, it's not named after Jason Donovan). Find out most of the gory details in the ad on page 20 and book your ticket early, because our gigs sell out very quickly judging by past experience.

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One can expect a renewal of the sniffer dog wars, and more chopper raids in the hills, if the comments by Tweed/Byron's new top cop are anything to go by (see news pages). The Richmond command has also signalled it will be cracking down on drug use at Nimbin's Mardi Grass in early May. This is nothing unusual - the police are entrusted with enforcing the law. However the level of discretion involved with its enforcement tends to vary according to the attitudes of

those at the top. With a Laura Norder auction state election coming up, one can expect the attitudes to be highly Orwellian.

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In an unusual celebration of Anzac Day, non profit nudist/naturist lobby group Free Beaches Australia is staging a family picnic day at North Belongil Beach, Tyagarah National Park from 10am till after 4pm. As well as the usual picnic fun and games, there will be a game of two-up with some of the proceeds going, appropriately enough, to skin cancer research. The pressing question is: where do you keep the coins?

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The emergence from the closet by six top Australian businesses on climate change provides a ray of hope that the federal government might come to its senses. The Australian Business Roundtable on Climate Change wants

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