



Byron holds out over fluoride

Lesley Patterson

Rous Water will add fluoride to the region's water supply but exclude properties within Byron Shire. This is the recommendation to go before Rous Water's council meeting this Wednesday. Following support from Lismore, Richmond Valley and Ballina Councils, management from Rous Water are recommending that the organisation doses the public water supply with fluoride, but also 'requests Byron Shire to reconsider its position on fluoride'.

Byron Shire Councillor Richard Staples says the recommendation is 'totally as predicted' and told *The Echo* he was expecting more pressure to be applied to Byron to fall into line with the other councils.

'I don't think they will force us to do it if Byron Shire Council stands firm,' said Cr Staples who, together with Ross Tucker represents Byron Shire on Rous Water's council. 'Forcing us to take the fluoride out of the water would be politically untenable because there would be such an outcry among Byron Shire residents.'

The opposition to fluoridation by Byron Shire residents and Council has caused a headache for Rous Water which has said it would prefer to dose at one central point. If Byron sustains its principled position, Rous will be forced to construct four dosing facilities at an estimated capital cost of \$1 million, twice that of a central dosing operation. The Department of Health has agreed to pick up the bill for the construction costs however Cr Staples is questioning whether it will balk at paying for four dosing plants.

'If a staff recommendation is adopted on Wednesday, at least Rous will be demanding that all capital costs, even for four plants, be met by the Department of Health not Rous,' said Cr Staples. Rous, or rather its ratepayers, will have to cover the annual operating costs which are in the region of \$170,000. In the unlikely case that Byron Shire changes its mind and votes to opt in, the yearly bill would drop to \$90,000. Rous Water customers can expect to pay between \$1 and \$2.60 a year, a charge that will be levied, say Rous, whether a Shire chooses to have fluoridated water or not.

One more reason why Rous is keen for Byron Shire

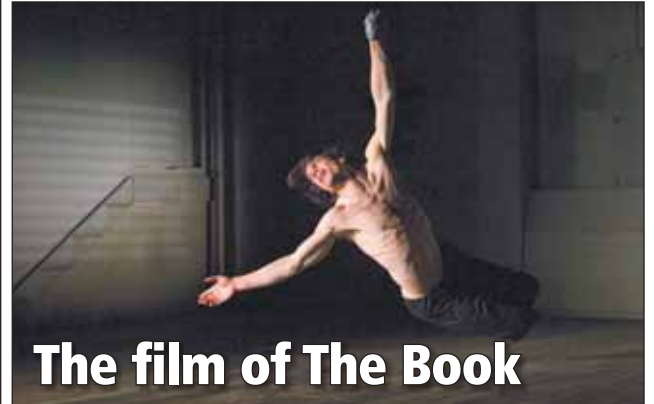
Council to reconsider its position concerns our neighbours to the north. A few years ago Rous approached Tweed Shire Council about linking their respective water supplies. During periods of shortage in the Tweed, Rous would send water north and when the dry hits Byron and Ballina, then the Tweed would top up our reserves. The deal has by no means been tied up, however it could be jeopardised or complicated by the fact that Tweed Shire water is fluoridated.

The simplest method for Rous to supply Tweed is through Byron Shire and designs for the replacement of the water main between St

Helena and Ocean Shores to enable it to link up with Tweed have already been completed. The problem is that Rous could not supply Tweed with fluoride dosed water unless a separate dosing plant is built to the north and any water Tweed Shire supplied to Byron Shire would contain unwanted fluoride.

A rescission motion to overturn Ballina Shire Council's support for fluoridation has been scheduled for next week's council meeting, although it is unclear whether it will receive majority support. A group of anti fluoridation campaigners has been collecting signatures to a

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The film of The Book

Tom Long stars in *The Book of Revelation*, a psychological mystery, which premieres in Byron Bay next month.

The NSW premiere of a new feature film, *The Book of Revelation*, will be held at Byron Cinemas on Wednesday August 2 as part of the Writers Festival. Billed as a psychological mystery about a man's struggle to regain his lost self, the film explores sex and power, the interplay

between victim and perpetrator and the redeeming nature of love.

Stars of film include Tom Long, Colin Friels, Deborah Mailman and Greta Scacchi. Tom Long will attend the screening and is known for his roles in *The Dish*, *Two Hands* and *Doing Time for Patsy Cline*. Small screen viewers will remember him as Angus in the ABC's *SeaChange*.

'This is a provocative, disturbing, beautiful and challenging movie, as one would expect from the pen of Andrew Bovell, the writer of *Lantana*, which was based on his own stage play, *Speaking in Tongues*,' said Jeni Caffin from the Writers' Festival. 'Bovell will join Tom at the premiere, with director and co-scriptwriter Ana Kokkinos and producer Al Clark. Ana's work includes directing episodes of the compelling television series *The Secret Life of Us*. Al Clark produced one of the most successful Australian films of all time, *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and the groundbreaking *Chopper*, amongst a host of others.'

The program begins at 5.45pm for drinks followed by the screening at 6.30pm. Tickets are available through the festival website www.byronbaywritersfestival.com or from Jetset Byron Bay on 6685 6262.

A dangerous flight to lunch on Parnassus



Dancer Rochelle Mclean levitates for joy at the thought of reading at Dangerously Poetic Press's Fifth Annual Poetry Day Lunch. On Saturday July 29, with a cabaret of talented local musicians, actors and poets, Dangerously Poetic will offer a wild feast of poetry and song at the Bay Pavilion restaurant from 11.30am in the Byron Bay Resort. Photo Jeff 'Just Dangerous' Dawson

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Spring comes early to the market



Salsa dancers, Andi Davey and Jesse Blackadder (above), helped the Byron Farmers' Market celebrate spring last Thursday with demonstrations for market goers and a cook up by local chefs Che and Jules Devlin. Jim's Alternative Tours laid on a courtesy bus to ferry in shoppers from Suffolk Park and Ewingsdale keen to stock up on the freshest peas, potatoes and parsley.

Fluoride row

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petition against fluoridation which it will present to Council before the vote.

Ballina Shire Councillor Alan Rich told *The Echo* he was 'outraged' by Rous Water's latest move saying he believed the issue should be deferred to Rous's August meeting so that the outcome of Ballina Council's vote can be taken into account.

Last week Lismore Council reconfirmed its support for fluoridation, although anti fluoridation Councillor Ros Irwin says she has not given up her fight for a referendum on the issue. Meanwhile the Lismore Freedom from Fluoride group has called its third public meeting for July 27 at 6.30pm at the Lismore Workers Club.

Whales thrive but still need care

The recent conviction of a Queensland man and subsequent \$500 fine for harassing a humpback whale in 2004 should serve as a warning to all whale watchers, according to Sue Walker of the Cape Byron Trust Reserve. The man was on a jet ski when he approached the whale, getting within 70 metres of the animal, well within the 100m restriction. Ms Walker told *The Echo* that this was not an isolated incident.

'We often get reports that vessels are within the restriction zone, but unfortunately it is not always very clear cut,' said Ms Walker. 'In this case, however, it was quite clear that the man was very close to the whale and we were able to prosecute.'

'The whale migration is vitally important [to the future of the species] and there are laws in place to protect the whales from this sort of thing. We will follow up every report of a breach of these laws and will prosecute where applicable.'

The good news is that all the signs are that the whale population that migrates north past the east coast of



Let's hope that this doesn't become a rare sight: a humpback whale on its northerly migration breaching in Byron Bay. Photo D Burns SCU Whale Research Centre

Australia is starting to recover, something that has been confirmed by the recent Southern Cross University (SCU) research project. Dan Burns, a PhD student involved the project was delighted when his survey results showed that the population he is studying has increased to record levels.

'We conducted our survey this year over 12 days and counted 792 whales,' said Dan.

'In 2004 we conducted a similar land based survey over 16 days and counted 844 whales, so if we'd gone on for 16 days this year we

would have broken the record.

'This is continuing the trend of steady recovery of the humpback population but we are still a long way from pre-whaling numbers. We also know that this could be the last time we can do a solid count before the Japanese begin their program of "scientific" whaling of humpbacks.'

The Japanese project he is referring to was originally to start this summer but now may be put on hold for another year. The Japanese have been taking minke whales for the scientific whal-

ing program for a number of years, but this is the first time humpbacks have been targeted, with their intention being to take 50 humpbacks from Antarctica. For Dan and his research team, this has serious implications.

'Not only do I disagree with this project for personal reasons, but we may also lose important scientific data through the killing of these whales,' said Dan. 'We have been trying to build life histories of individual animals over the years, and should one of them be taken by the Japanese, we will lose our case study.'

'I do not know why the Japanese feel the need to kill the whales in order to study them; we believe that all scientific research can be done as well if not better on living animals. The only thing we have not yet been able to do effectively in live specimens is to age them, and that is only a matter of time as our scientists are getting very positive results [determining the age of particular animals] in early studies of DNA from skin samples taken from living whales.'

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Six metres of separation



Only about six metres now separates the north and south arms of the new bridge spanning the Brunswick River, although temporary formwork gives the impression that the two sections now meet. Over the next few weeks the gap will gradually close leaving the 180 metre span complete. Designed for eventual use by local traffic from Ocean Shores to Brunswick Heads, Pacific Highway traffic will be temporarily diverted from the existing roadway onto the ten metre high bridge by October or November this year to allow construction of a third bridge. Photo Jeff 'Bridge Over the River Why?' Dawson

Lessons in how to be an expert con woman

Alex McAuley

Nobody deserves to be the victim of a scam, but some people deserve it less than others. One such person is Kirsty Sked, who you may remember from a recent article in *The Echo*, has devoted much of her time and money to helping victims of the civil war in Uganda.

Kirsty recently became one of the identities targeted by con artist Jodie Harris who has now been caught, but not before extensive police searches through Queensland, NSW and Victoria lasting several years.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Kirsty got a call from Sydney police informing her that her lost driver's licence had been found and used by Jodie Harris to steal her savings.

What hurt Kirsty the most was that the money Ms Harris frittered away on jewellery and designer dogs was set aside for her Ugandan projects, including school fees for 37 Ugandan children who had escaped the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA); the purchase of pigs and sheep for her income generating project for Ugandan girls who have been used as sex slaves; and other basic necessities such as mosquito nets and secure transport for her in order to supply those in need.

'Just prior to my third visit to Africa I extended my credit limit [on my visa card] so I could buy 198 sheep for income generating projects in north west Kenya which in turn allowed Jodie to have a decent shopping spree last

week,' said Kirsty.

'I am assured that getting my money back won't be difficult with the Australian Fraud Team on the job, however, how it happened raises a lot of national security questions.'

Kirsty discovered that once in possession of her driver's licence, Jodie somehow searched her details and found her ING bank account. She then phoned ING posing as Kirsty in order to withdraw her money.

However, after being denied access three times as she was unable to complete the security check because she didn't know Kirsty's mother's maiden name, Jodie rang Kirsty pretending to be the ING.

She told Kirsty that security had been alerted as

somebody was trying to access her account and she needed to verify some details including - yes, you guessed it - Kirsty's mother's maiden name. Jodie then went on to impersonate Kirsty by wearing a wig and using her driver's licence, withdrew all Kirsty's savings over the counter.

'The final irony in the story is that I have been arm wrestling for weeks with the Ugandan banks tight security system to release my electronic transactions to buy pigs, mozzie nets and pay school fees,' said Kirsty. 'Jodie, on the other hand, in the first world comfort of her own five star hotel room was able to dodge Australian first world security and hack in with relative ease to my money.'

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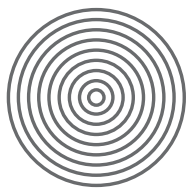
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Farewell to Mary McDonald 1909-2006

Longtime Ocean Shores resident Mary McDonald, 96, died peacefully at the Feros Village Bangalow on Sunday July 9.

She was born Mary Skewes Bray at Southern Cross, Western Australia, on September 16, 1909, to George and Mary Bray. Her father was a clergyman who died when Mary was only 15. As the eldest daughter in a family of seven children, she took on a sense of duty and responsibility which stayed with her throughout her long life.

The family moved around following George Bray's ministry but finally settled in St Kilda, Melbourne. At school Mary was academically talented and went on to complete her final years at Fort Street Girls High School in Sydney. She was also a talented athlete, winning cups in sprint races and representing her school in hockey. Mary had a fine singing voice, played the piano and enjoyed acting in amateur theatricals in her younger years.



On leaving school she became an infants school teacher, rising to the position of headmistress in schools in Sydney and giving 40 years of her life to the public school service. It was while teaching that she met her husband to

be, Robert Allen McDonald. Legend has it that he laughed at her hat blowing off in the wind in the playground, but she forgave him.

Mary and Robert were married in Sydney on June 26, 1937, and remained mar-

ried until her death. They had three children, Robin, Peter and Michael, and Mary raised Robin and Peter mostly by herself for four years during World War II when Robert saw active service in New Guinea and Borneo.

After their retirement with a combined total of 70 years in teaching, Mary and Robert became early residents of Ocean Shores in 1974. Both were active in the Ocean Shores Country Club in both sporting and administrative capacities, and were members of the local Anglican congregation.

Mary was nicknamed 'Sunny' in her youth and was noted for her vivacity, steely determination, rapid wit and at times a childlike playfulness, which stayed with her to the end. She is survived by husband Robert, daughter Robin and son-in-law Ken and granddaughter Catherine and great grandson Alexander, daughter-in-law Solveig and grandsons Ryder, Obi, Luke and Kif, and son Michael.

Sportsfields group set sights on pork barrel

The Byron Shire community has never been shy of speaking out on local issues, but a new group of committed and sports-minded people has taken community involvement to a new level.

Saddled with a rather long winded title, the Byron Catchment Community Sport and Recreation Working Group are hoping to fast track work on new sports facilities around Byron Bay.

After some initial success with the Suffolk Park sportsfields, the group has turned its attention to the new major sports grounds on Ewingsdale Road, opposite Island Quarry and will now complete most of the groundwork for a development application.

With a total price tag of \$2

million, the project will rely heavily on government grants according to Paul Irwin, the group's convenor. Irwin had initially hoped the state election in March 2007 would provide an opportunity to swing a sizeable government grant, with both sides of politics noticeably more generous at these times.

'We think 2007 is our big chance to get a meaty \$500,000 grant. Across the board sporting facilities for the Shire are totally inadequate compared to other council areas and this can be linked to a lack of government grants,' Mr Irwin told *The Echo*.

However a meeting last week between the Working Group and Council staff revealed the need for an

extensive traffic study to identify the safest method for sportspeople to enter and exit the site from busy Ewingsdale Road.

'The minimum is likely to be passing lanes, but there is a possibility that we could be looking at a roundabout or even traffic lights,' said Mr Irwin. The completion of the Pacific Highway upgrade to Yelgun and the Tugun bypass in southern Queensland could lead to a significant increase in day tripper and visitor numbers into Byron Bay, making the access issue to the new sportsfields a harder nut to crack.

With the state election scheduled for March next year, Irwin's hopes of taking advantage of the timing are fading. He says that govern-

ment funding is unlikely to be offered without an approved DA, something that is not now feasible before March because of the need for a traffic study. This leaves the federal election later on next year.

Plans for the Ewingsdale Road site include an athletics oval, hockey oval, rugby ground, three soccer fields, two cricket pitches, a park and informal skate park as well as facilities for a Park and Ride scheme.

'We will need \$2 million to do all the ground as well as car parking and lighting,' said Mr Irwin who is 'fairly positive' about raising the money, but says a timely DA approval and government assistance is critical to the success of the project.

Volunteers needed

Helping people in need is the mission of the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC). Wherever they can the volunteers at the centre in Mullumbimby's Dalley Street aim to help those who are finding life a little tough. The homeless, those in violent domestic relationships, or people finding their lot just too much of a struggle have found assistance at the Neighbourhood Centre.

'We provide emergency relief in the form of electricity, Telstra and food vouchers. The centre is a safe and welcoming environment for locals, visitors and our ever-increasing homeless popula-

tion to hang out and have a cuppa and sandwich. Wednesday evenings a free three course vegetarian meal is offered to all those in the community who wish to participate,' explains Caroline Bass, MDNC president.

Run by the community, the centre relies on a band of volunteers to keep going. There are currently two vacancies on the centre's management committee. Active members of the community who 'don't just want to be bums on seats, but want to play a role in the Neighbourhood Centre' should call Caroline on 6684 8106 to apply.

Federal night music

It is not only international performers who will be making music in Byron this weekend; Night Music @ Federal Hall will feature some of the best local music talent in an eclectic program that ranges from classical to contemporary and pop. Starting at 7pm on Saturday July 22, this festival of music is also a celebration of community spirit, as all proceeds will go to the upkeep of the hall.

Thanks to a grant from Byron Shire Council, the kitchen facilities at the hall have been upgraded and will be put to use on Saturday to serve an Italian inspired dinner

menu and an old fashioned country kitchen supper.

The entertainment program will feature artists such as Sophie Wilson, Colin George, Da Capo, Katherine Cooper, Kadence, Big Chevy and It's Probably Us. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 for a family of four. Food is additional and every cent will go towards keeping the hall available to the community.

A Giant Garage Sale and Country Craft Fete are planned for September. Enquiries can be directed to luella@raesource.com.au; for all other hall bookings, call Rhonda on 6688 4217.

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Surf safety rests on outcome of beach danger audit

Alex McAuley

As Tallow Beach finds itself under the scrutiny of Surf Lifesaving NSW, the issue of beach patrols and how Byron Shire Council plans to address beach safety has once again come to the fore.

Following a number of drownings at the treacherous beach over the past year, another four people were rescued at Cosy Corner recently after two Korean tourists were swept out to sea and two surfers who went out to assist them also got into difficulties.

The timely presence of Surf Lifesaving NSW beach auditor Adam Weir at the beach allowed him to witness how dangerous Tallow Beach can be. However, Tallow is just one of the beaches under review and Far North Coast Lifeguard supervisor Peter Baird explained that once Mr Weir had made his report then a strategy could be implemented to address the problem.

'The main problem with surf safety is that there is not enough information availa-



ble to the public,' said Mr Baird. 'There needs to be a three pronged approach: education, signage and supervision.'

Responsibility for beach safety in Byron Bay is shared between Byron Shire Council and Cape Byron Trust with Council looking after Main Beach and the Trust taking care of The Pass, Watego's and Tallow Beach at Cosy Corner. Sue Walker

from the Cape Byron Trust explained that lifeguards patrol all three beaches but only during peak periods.

'We have also been conducting a beach safety audit and will be putting strategies in place in the coming few months,' said Ms Walker. 'We will be addressing signage, community education and lifeguards and have worked extensively with police, ambulance, coastal

patrol services and the Marine Parks Authority to come up with a comprehensive plan. We believe that education is the key, and we need to address the language barrier for those who don't have English as their first language.'

Mr Baird agreed that education is vital, pointing out that statistically an international visitor to Australia is most likely to drown within

ten days of arriving in the country. It is therefore vital to give them the safety information before they even arrive at the beach. He also pointed out that the cost of a year round lifeguard service is extremely high, and as this is a largely tourist driven service, the question of how to fund it is a tricky one.

'Most of the smaller local councils use the Australian Lifeguard Service for their lifeguards at a cost of approximately \$240 per lifeguard per day,' said Mr Baird. 'The larger councils, such as Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and the Gold Coast run their lifeguard services in

house, but that would cost well over \$100,000 to set up. Councils probably need to be more creative about how they raise revenue for these

services, with plans such as paid parking.'

Ms Walker echoed Mr Baird's opinions, saying that one of the main purposes of introducing pay parking at Tallow Beach and The Pass was to raise money for beach safety. However, Acting Director of Community Services at Byron Shire Council Jim Bolger was less forthcoming about paid parking as a possible revenue source.

'Council will review paid parking later in the year, but it is more likely that money raised from that avenue would be used for traffic issues than beach safety,' said Mr Bolger, who was not prepared to make any predictions about increased beach patrols in the future until council receives the results of the audit.

Construction to start on noise walls at Ewingsdale

The construction of noise walls along the Pacific Highway at Ewingsdale is expected to begin shortly. Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal said the \$3.5 million contract to extend the existing noise wall on the Pacific Highway near Ewingsdale is fully funded by the NSW government.

'As well as reducing the level of noise, it is also important to the local community that the noise walls cause minimal visual impact for residents and the travelling public. The aim is to achieve a balance by optimising the potential to reduce traffic noise impacts with keeping

the height of the walls at an acceptable level. Landscaping will also be provided when construction is completed,' Mr Roozendaal said.

The work on the noise walls will involve piling, supply and construction of the noise wall extension, traffic control, minor earthworks and environmental controls.

A road traffic noise assessment and mitigation study was carried out around the Ewingsdale area, as recommended by the taskforce. The RTA prepared a design concept for the noise wall extension from those studies.

'The walls, which are expected to take approximately eight months to complete, have been designed to

retain as much of the existing vegetation as possible and to minimise disturbance to highway and local traffic during the construction.

'This work is part of the program of works as recommended by the Northern Pacific Highway Noise Taskforce,' Mr Roozendaal said.

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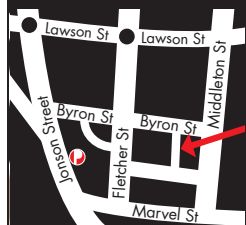


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'The 24-year-old pianist possesses a lively, idiosyncratic wit, and a strong ability to communicate with his audience,' said Greg Aitken from the Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre.

'Tedeschi has performed for the Prime Minister, the Dalai Lama and more recently Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Mary of Denmark,' he added.

Simon Tedeschi's only Byron performance starts at 7.30pm on Sunday July 23 and bookings can be made with the Byron Bay Cultural and Community Centre box office.

Internationally acclaimed pianist, Simon Tedeschi, pictured right, will be playing in Byron Bay this Sunday at the Community Centre.



TO MULLUMBIMBY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES Object to Mr Sartor and state government determining the future of our community.

Mallams 5-Star Supermarket and associated interests have now applied to the state government to have State Railway land rezoned for their commercial development of a supermarket complex in Station Street, Mullumbimby.

This application uses planning powers to override Byron Council's consultative process that took place with the community last year on this much debated subject which ultimately resulted in Byron Council determining this SRA site as unsuitable for commercial development on many valid planning grounds which include:

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July 18, 2006
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I object to the rezoning of State Railway land for the commercial development and construction of a new supermarket in Mullumbimby. The site was assessed by Council as not suitable for commercial development for the following reasons with which I agree:

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Yours sincerely,

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Local News

Affordable housing for native critters

Lesley Patterson

Highway construction is normally associated with habitat destruction not creation. The seed of idea by one man, 81 year-old Jack Taylor, to provide homes for wildlife in the area of the highway upgrade has blossomed into a scheme to create over 220 nest boxes.

Jack Taylor is one of the local residents on the RTA's Community Liaison Group for the Brunswick Heads to Yelgun Pacific Highway Upgrade and a long time Landcare devotee. Along with his fellow committee members, he successfully applied for a \$10,000 government grant to buy the construction material for nesting boxes.

With the help of students from Mullumbimby High School, 220 nest boxes for possums, microbats, rosellas, parrots and gliders will be constructed over the next few weeks and installed between Brunswick Heads and Yelgun.

In a truly collaborative operation, Dr Ross Golden-gay from Southern Cross University will be choosing the installation sites based on their ability to support the targeted animal. Monitoring by the university will help to



A family of Feathertail gliders find a snug home in a constructed nest box. A workshop on Sunday in Billinudgel will demonstrate how to make a simple nest box for residents to install in their backyards. Photo Southern Cross University

determine their level of use and find out the health of the local wildlife population.

A high proportion of Australian birds and mammals are dependent on hollows in trees for nesting and shelter. Often taking over 100 years to develop, the loss of hollows due to development, road construction and land clearing has led to a shortage of suitable homes for wildlife.

Residents are being encouraged to put up nesting boxes in their backyards through a free workshop on Sunday July 29 between 12.30 and

3pm at the Billinudgel Hotel.

Brunswick Valley Landcare and the Community Liaison Group will be demonstrating how to construct three different types of nesting boxes suitable for native birds and animals found in local gardens.

Information will also be available on where to place the nest box and how to monitor the wildlife it attracts. Nesting box kits will be available to buy and can be purchased after the event at Brims Hardware in Billinudgel.

Minister not stepping in over on Lot 107

State Minister for Roads, Eric Roozendaal, is not intervening over Byron Shire Council's sale of Lot 107 Shara Boulevard to the RTA.

Members of the Ocean Shores Community Association had stated that Mr Roozendaal promised to investigate the matter during his recent trip to the far North Coast. The OSCA want the land to be used for sportsfields.

Contracts for the sale of Lot 107 Shara Boulevard

were exchanged on June 19 this year according to Byron Shire Council general manager, Pamela Westing. Settlement is scheduled to take place on August 1 if all the relevant paperwork can be completed.

A spokesperson for Mr Roozendaal told *The Echo*, 'No undertakings were given at the meeting [at Brunswick Heads] to stop the sale. He would never have given an undertaking like that. It would have been inappropriate for him to do so.'

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Media open slather in 2007

New rules governing the media announced by minister Helen Coonan last week may not seem to impinge much on ordinary life, but they do have the potential to make far-reaching changes in our society.

Firstly, there are some amendments to the timetable for bringing in new technology. The period in which stations must 'simulcast' analogue and digital signals is extended until at least 2010 and perhaps 2012 (analogue was due to finish at the end of 2008 but not enough people were buying digital televisions or digital set-top boxes). However, this only applies to the old standard-definition picture; stations are not going to be required to transmit all their high-definition TV in analogue form in the run-up to the start of digital-only broadcasting.

There are some other measures, of which most people will approve, including giving ABC and SBS more freedom over the content of their secondary channels, penalising television stations which buy rights to sports events but don't transmit them, and opening two reserved channels for new digital services.

Secondly, there are to be no new free-to-air licences until at least after the digital switch-over, and then it will be the minister who decides, not the old Australian Communications and Media Authority. A UK proprietor once famously described television as a licence to print money, so it is not surprising that the lack of new licences has upset Rupert Murdoch, whose organs have uniformly criticised Coonan's policy. However, this is politically a plus for the government, who may be seen as standing up to one media baron (admittedly while grovelling to the other).

But it is cross-media and overseas ownership which really goes to the heart of the matter. In 2007 almost all restrictions on media ownership will be removed and the same company, Australian or foreign, will be able to own the television, print and radio media in any city or region. The only safeguards are that foreign take-overs will have to be approved by the Treasurer, and cross-media deals must not leave any city with fewer than five independent groups or any country region with fewer than four.

Foreign ownership can seem more of a problem than it actually is. Australia's biggest media group, News Limited, operates quite comfortably despite being ultimately based in America. Locally we have the *Northern Star* and the *Byron News*, which are both produced by Australian Provincial Newspapers (APN), a corporation itself half-owned by overseas interests. Profits may leave the Shire, and indeed the country, but nobody seems to mind very much.

A greater worry as the financial sharks circle is that Coonan has not defined her four or five independent groups by either size or influence. APN is certainly one of the media owners in our region but if, following a frenzy of take-overs, the government were counting up the other separate companies operating here would it include, for example, the *Saturday Star*? And if it did, what value would the safeguard have?

Perhaps, and this in political matters is usually to be hoped, nothing will happen. But under the new rules we could see Packer buy Fairfax and Murdoch buy Channel Ten. That the companies which already largely determine public discourse should be handed the means to consolidate their domination is a sad but expected outcome from this government. We should probably prepare to endure more gambling promotions and more propaganda against global warming.

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The Treasurer suffers a bruising week

Poor Peter Costello. It has taken him 16 long years in parliament, but the penny has finally dropped: John Howard's word cannot always be trusted. He can't have felt so let down since his parents told him the hard facts about the tooth fairy.

He must, however, be relieved to hear that the Prime Minister bears him no hostility – if, that is, he still believes the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister may have lied to him, bullied him, used him up and is now wiping his feet on him, but no hostility is involved. How magnanimous.

A man more hardened in the ways of politics, with its trail of broken deals, betrayed alliances, mendacity and treachery would perhaps have taken it all more stoically, or perhaps more angrily; a truly hard man would at least have sworn to get even.

But our Treasurer for Life still seems genuinely hurt and aggrieved. He has always followed his parents' precepts and told the truth – well, at least part of it for most of the time, anyway. How could life have been so unfair?

In his role as Howard's deputy Costello has been accused of many things, most notably laziness and gutlessness. Now it appears that a politically terminal naivety has to be added to the list. Costello may be an ideal number two, a loyal and patient lieutenant who has proved very comfortable for Howard to sit on for a decade. But a leader he just ain't.

A leader, especially one who believed that he was on a promise, would have moved years ago. If Costello had

challenged Howard in, say, 2000, when the 1994 commitment fell due, he would of course have lost – first time challengers always do. But he would have established himself as a serious contender. He had another opportunity in 2003 when Howard's 64th birthday passed by, but settled for a minor tantrum.

Now, ten years out, he just looks desperate and frustrated. His plaintive demand for an orderly transition is the last plea of an unarmed hostage at the mercy of a ruthless tyrant.

He may, of course, still eventually inherit the prize if he waits long enough, although the events of the last week have made this less likely by exposing his manifest inadequacy for the job.

by Mungo MacCallum

He may, of course, still eventually inherit the prize if he waits long enough, although the events of the last week have made this less likely by exposing his manifest inadequacy for the job. But if he does, it will be the kind of poisoned chalice Sir Robert Menzies handed Harold Holt – whom Costello increasingly resembles – in 1966. After waiting in parliament for more than thirty years and as heir apparent for more than twenty, Holt had a brief moment of glory and died before he could fall victim to the squabbling within a party which had been in power for too long.

If Costello had any sense he would cut his losses now and go back to the law; all

this hanging around is starting to look like masochism. But he won't. He hasn't got much in common with Howard, but the lust for power – or at least position – has burned its way into his soul.

Howard says he understands this ambition, as he should; it has been his whole life. That alone should have warned Costello back in 1994 that Howard's deal was unlikely to be delivered. At that stage Howard was so single-minded, so implacable in his determination to

From bitter experience Howard knew that he could not be sure of support if it came to a vote in the party room. His previous stint as leader had come about by chance, when Peacock resigned after the party refused to replace Howard as deputy leader – Peacock, wiser than Costello, realised that Howard could not be trusted. Howard fought and lost the 1987 election, but he was always the party's second choice, as became clear when Peacock took the leadership back before losing in 1990.

These days Howard inveighs against deals, talking sanctimoniously about the leadership being the unique gift of the men and women who make up the parliamentary party; but in 1994 he was prepared to make – and break – any deal needed to avoid those same men and women. So he did, and rest, like Costello, is history.

And even at the height of his gloating last week Howard could not bring himself to break the habit of a lifetime; he had to play the weasel. While not denying the version put forward by Costello and the only witness, Ian McLachlan, he insisted that no deal was done. And in the final irony he was able to rely on the testimony of his treasurer, who in the past had also laughed away the mere suggestion of a deal. Even in the midst of what was supposed to be the critical showdown between the two Howard was happy to turn Costello to his advantage; and so far, at least, Costello has gone along with it. No wonder Howard wants the present arrangement to continue. Forever.

In the previous five years he had been passed over for Andrew Peacock, John Hewson and, most humiliating of all, Alexander Downer. In the meantime the party had toyed with various other possibilities, most of them even more preposterous: Ian McLachlan, Paul Everingham, John Elliott, Bronwyn Bishop – anybody but John Howard. Through sheer stubbornness he had seen them all off, and now, as last man standing, he was almost there: the only possible rival was the young and gullible Costello.



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Erosion culprit

Re Ralf Buckley's statement. Where do we start and finish the walls? If one looks at the beach today approximately halfway between Belongil and Sharkeys you will see a wall of integrated sand protruding from the eroded dunes.

I ask that if we were to remove the groyne at Sharkeys will this natural formation have a similar effect on the Belongil as the groyne does? And if one looks at the haphazard retaining walls of the Belongil one can see they are fast becoming islands that are possibly increasing the rate and effect of erosion.

Andrew Kennedy
Brunswick Heads

Endangered roos

I'd like to make a plea to readers of *The Echo* not to feed kangaroo meat to their cats and dogs.

Kangaroos are in crisis in three states. In some areas the populations are down by 90% and yet still the Federal Government approves commercial killing quotas on the remaining populations.

The average age of Red kangaroos in NSW is down to two. It should be twelve.

The kangaroos being shot for meat are increasingly pregnant females and youngsters. There are reports that up to 80% of kangaroos being shot in western Queensland are females. The number of females shot in NSW is also soaring.

For every pregnant female shot there are two other deaths. The joey in the pouch is either bashed or trodden to death and the joey at foot dies of starvation or predation by foxes or dogs. Shooters often leave the older joeys at foot believing they will be around next year to shoot. Research has now shown that 100% of the older joeys die as well as their brother or sister in the pouch.

How can any animal lover condone such appalling cruelty? How can anyone contribute to this by buying kangaroo meat?

Kangaroos are going the way of koalas and whales. Koalas were shot in their millions in the 1920s and have never recovered. Most of the humpback whales passing our shores were slaughtered just forty years ago and still have not recovered.

Please, do not buy kangaroo meat. Would you buy whale or koala meat? Of course not.

Richard Jones
Possum Creek

The lying rodent

Like most of the billions of viewers who watched this year's football world cup final, I too was perplexed by the uncharacteristic violent reaction of France's captain Zidane to some comments by an Italian player.

What kind of words, I pondered, could stir up such reaction in the usually quiet and docile Zidane? I suspected racist remarks, relating to Zidane's Algerian heritage.

But then came the news that an Italian TV channel has hired a professional lipreader and played the incident back to him. According to the lipreader, the Italian player swore at Zidane, cursed his family, and called him a, wait for it, a 'liar'.

The threat to the Net

The Echo's timely warning about increasing efforts to control the Internet should be heeded by Net users wishing to retain the libertarian nature of cyberspace (Editorial, July 11).

Early Net architecture empowered end-users to communicate with little or no control from intermediaries. Internet service providers (ISP) were mere conduits that facilitated the communication - only a pawn in the game.

So free was this space that John Perry Barlow, founder of the US-based Electronic Frontiers Foundation and Grateful Dead lyricist, said in the manifesto, Declaration of Independence in Cyberspace, 'We are creating a world where anyone, anywhere may express his or her beliefs, no matter how singular, without fear of being coerced into silence or conformity. Your legal concepts of property, expression, identity, movement, and context do not apply to us. They are all based on matter, and there is no matter here.'

But as Browning lamented in one of his poems, 'How free we seemed, how fettered fast we are.'

The Echo editorial implored us to be circumspect of large telcos. Governments too have an interest in controlling Net speech.

Net content in Australia is subject to the same censorship classifications that exist for non-digital forms of content. Breach these and if your site is hosted in Australia it may be subject to a take-down notice.

Yet the vast majority of cyberspace content is created offshore. If there is a complaint made against offshore content and it is found to be in breach the offending site is added to blocking filters. Until recently filters were to be provided to end-users at reasonable cost by ISPs. Now the government seeks to have such filters made available for free but has stopped short of mandating their installation.

There are good reasons to question the role of filters. US filtering court cases have

centred around attempts to deny federal funding to public libraries that did not filter content on their computers. Evidence in such cases showed inadequate review of pages to be blocked by those creating filtering software.

Category blocking definitions in filtering software are not based on legal definitions such as the Australian censorship classifications. Filtering software companies keep their processes for assessing what is blocked as trade secrets. Some filtering companies are controlled by religious groups, which have a particular dogma to pursue.

As Internet material travels across many jurisdictions, access could be denied on the standard of the least tolerant community. (See www.aba.gov.au/newspubs/documents/filtereffectiveness.pdf for an Australian view on the effectiveness of filtering.)

Electronic Frontiers Australia (EFA) attempted to access records of the Australian Broadcasting Authority in relation to their take-down

notices and blocking requests for filters. Under freedom of information laws, EFA sought copies of blocking requests issued to filtering software manufacturers to add sites to their 'black list' (for full commentary on this case see my website at www.cyberwig.com/).

The court said such disclosure would hamper ABA's ability to process complaints and reduce confidence in the system for potential complainants. The publication of such complaints would 'encourage certain people to seek access to the Internet content complained about.'

The end result is that Net users in Byron do not know what is blocked or subject to take-down notices. The potential for abuse of such blocking lists is obvious considering this lack of transparency.

WYSIWYG is no longer What You See Is What You Get, but What You See Is What You are Given.

Graham Bassett
Lismore

Now, having been surrounded for the past 10 years by the moral standards of the Howardian culture, I must admit that it has come as a refreshingly pleasant revelation that yes, there are places left in this world, where the word 'liar' is still being recognised as an insult.

Tom Koo
Alstonville

Bad to the bone

When British broadcaster Alistair Cooke died last year in America, his 95 year old cancerous bones were stolen for the human tissue industry. Could it be that John Howard's honesty went the

same way? It must have been a pioneering procedure and he has certainly flourished without it.

And though it's quaint to learn that little Peter Costello's mummy and daddy taught him always to tell the truth, what a terrible handicap to inflict on a boy who aspires to lead the Liberal Party. Perhaps he could ask John for a referral.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

Radio times

On behalf of the Northern Rivers Friends of the ABC I wish to thank ABC North Coast for its service to the

community over the past 70 years. The local station provides a wealth of information and entertainment and is particularly important in times of emergency.

The outside broadcasts at events like the Byron Bay Writers' Festival are valued by those who aren't able to attend in person. The support given to North Coast musicians and artists is well recognised.

We wish the staff all the best as the station continues its important role in building a sense of community.

Neville Jennings
Kingscliff

The smart house

With the near prospect of new land subdivisions in the Byron Shire, and construction of mid-range housing, wouldn't it be great if our unimaginative architects could show a little originality in housing design?

For years past, all over Australia, we've seen housing estates emerge featuring row after row of double garages with a few rooms attached - the garage dominates.

I'm aware that blocks are just so large and that provision must be made for motor vehicles but surely there must

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be more interesting designs than the prevailing sameness.

However, if for economic or other reasons the double garage will continue to feature, then why not paint a mural on the roller door, something local, typically Byron? I reckon that we have a string of talented artists in our area, many of them delighted to seize the opportunity of presenting their skills. Who will be the first to give it a try?

Richard L Kidby
Mullumbimby

Poisoning the wells

I was interested to read in *The Echo* of July 11 that opposition to fluoridation of our water supply has increased. It is heartening to learn that the population is waking up to the manipulation by which authorities, federal and state, govern us.

The ploy by which local and shire government can circumvent wishes of the population, is to delegate responsibility for some policy to state or federal government, a policy about which I warned in previous correspondence on fluoridation. It appears that the same policy is being applied to the proposed development of a quarry at Frasers Road, Mullumbimby Creek.

Apparently we will be notified in writing when the application 'has been determined under delegated authority', or when it will be reported to the council for determination. Beware!

So we now have two issues which impinge on our standard of living and/or quality of life. We are fortunate in having a person of the calibre of Cr Barham, who stands with the population against fluoridation.

Further on this latter problem, one must ask why certain people: 1. Are keen to ignore the findings of the only government worldwide to carry out that Holy Cow of medical research, the random, double-blind test on its population, and then reject the procedure, re the Nederland government. Most American governments which formerly used the process, and most European governments, have rejected fluoridation. 2. As the process benefits only

children, why must the whole population be dosed? 3. As the process is claimed to prevent dental caries, why use systemic dosing? Why not apply directly to children's teeth? Such a method would be more efficient, and certainly much cheaper, and could be provided through schools, with more certainty of dosing.

As this cursed stuff was converted from a waste product of an industrial process to a by-product, it could surely be re-converted to a waste product, and supplied free of charge? Is such a process beyond the morality of industrial capital?

Finally, we are told that fluoride strengthens bones. Not true! It hardens bones, but they become brittle and break more easily; and as more recent research claims, predisposes to osteosarcoma, a serious malignancy affecting bones, usually long bones ie thigh bones, of young males, requiring amputation. Have we any parent willing to hazard a son's leg in the interest of protecting children's teeth?

Jim Inness
Mullumbimby

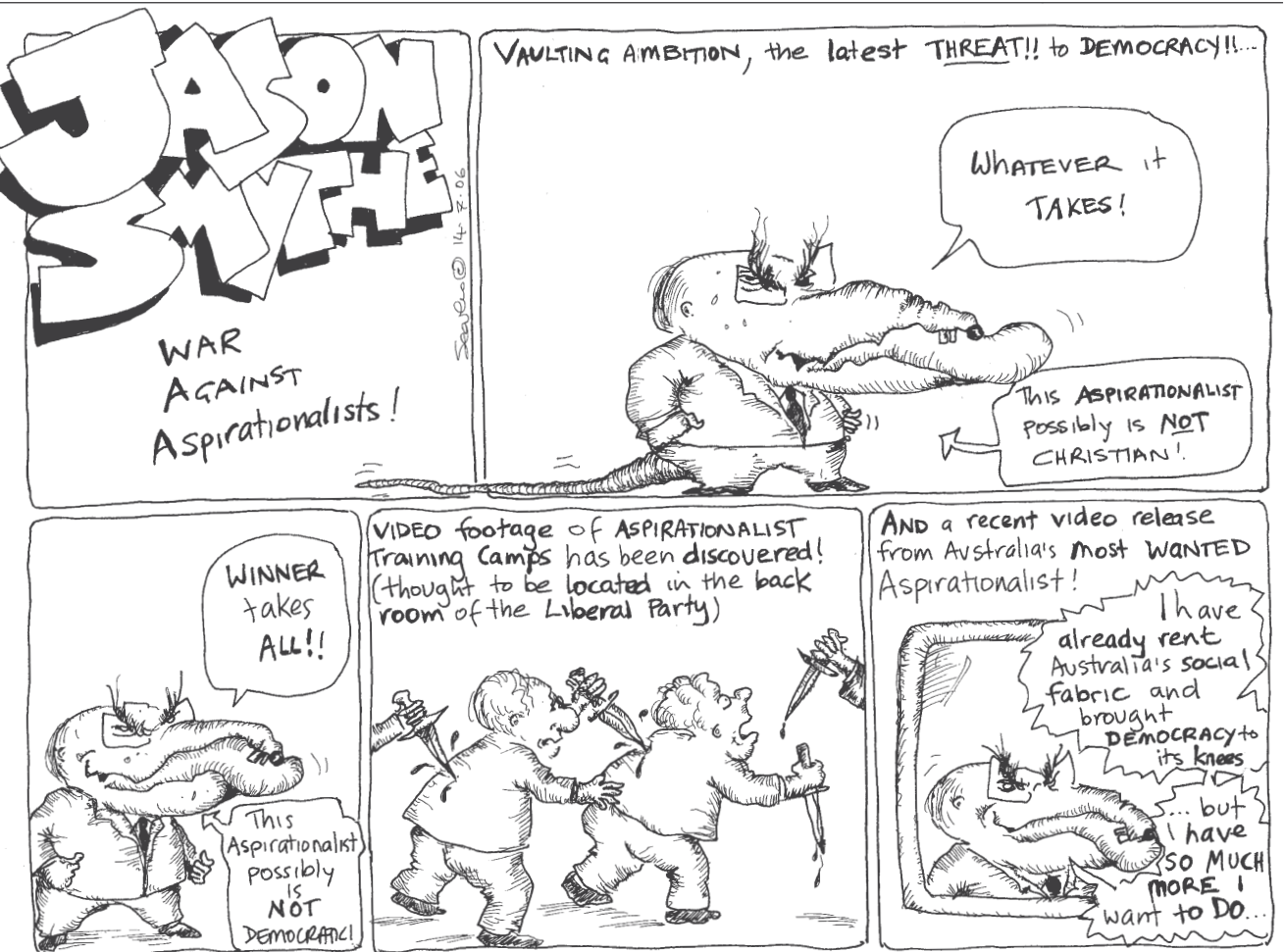
Vale Byron Bay

Those residents watching Channel 7's *Sunrise* at 8.15 on Thursday would have been surprised to hear Byron Bay had been 'taken over by crooks laundering money, David Jones and Grace Bros stores, and flat whites costing \$4 a time.'

These claims were made by writer Wayne Grogan who is launching his new book, *Vale Byron Bay*, at the writers festival. I hope he gets a chance to look around while he is here, he doesn't appear to have done much research yet!

Luckily, the other panellist was our own Chris Hanley. He managed to bring some reality to the debate, despite some unrealistic thoughts about regulating the number of tourists allowed to come and getting the State Government to allow us to charge a bed tax.

Chris did state, 'Because tourism was our number one industry, locals' needs had been overlooked. Our infrastructure, planning, parks etc all needed to be put in place.' Hear, hear, Chris.



We urgently need our bypass. Soon the queues into Byron will be back to one hour. I am aware some Councillors belong to the 'shut the gates, I'm in' brigade. They do not want a bypass, they want to park all tourists on the outskirts of Byron. They know this will limit numbers. They are also aware this will kill off tourism but couldn't care less. 'Park and ride' has not worked anywhere in the world, except Venice!

At least put the bypass and the bus depot at the water tower in the DLEP. The grant of \$450,000 to build this is looking a bit suspicious.

Tony Narracott
Byron Bay

Doves and pigeons

The Saulwick family would not be the first in the Byron area to be deceived in regard to the species of bird they have acquired for ceremonial release. Admittedly most of the birds in Jeff Dawson's photo are blurred, but I can see the bird in isolation on the left of the photo clearly enough to recognise it: it looks like a white variety of the ring necked dove, not a homing pigeon.

In a previous case I know of someone releasing the same species of bird was told

that on release the birds would just 'fly away home'. This is unfortunately not true.

Domestic pigeons, including the homing pigeon, but not the species of dove shown in *The Echo* photo, are descended from the wild rock pigeon. This is the only species of dove and pigeon that lives in permanent colonies and consequently is the only species of dove and pigeon that has a 'homing' instinct. Release any other species of dove or pigeon into an unknown and unprotected environment and it is as lost and bewildered as any other bird would be.

Releasing any bird born and raised in captivity is the equivalent to taking someone who normally lives in a home unit in the eastern suburbs of Sydney and dumping them alone into a lion infested part of Kalahari Desert without food, water, a compass or weapons and expecting them to survive.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Where was your dog?

During Tuesday night July 11, our herd of sheep at Tyagarah Road, Myocum was viciously attacked by domestic dogs.

How I wish the owners of

these dogs could witness the devastating mutilation of these poor defenceless animals. Two sheep were run down and killed, another two were attacked. Of these two, one was put to sleep yesterday, the other victim is being treated daily with antiseptics and antibiotic injections.

Each night we need to bring the survivors into a holding pen near the house, but they are still vulnerable, as are the numerous horses and cattle on surrounding land.

Obviously the neighbours and I are deeply concerned and distressed. I am also angry with the irresponsible owners who fail to lock up their dogs at night.

So where was your dog on Tuesday night? Was there blood on his face on Wednesday? There sure was a lot of blood spilt on this property! My vet bills are also pain inflicting!

R J Boulton
Myocum

PS. Any info would be appreciated, phone 6684 7323 or 6684 7918.

Real democracy?

Thanks to Sarito (July 4) and Rene Thalmann (July 11) for writing about the lack of real democracy, despite hearing so much about it in main-stream

media. Life would be very different if the actual wishes of the community were recorded and implemented.

In 1998 the Byron Shire Councillors voted in principle to adopt grass-roots democracy in Policy 3.38. In November 2004 Ricardo Johansson showed the Byron Shire Councillors the existing technology to provide on-line voting on separate issues, and they have ignored it. You can see the beginnings of it at www.1062.org - check out the navigation bar and demo button.

Instead of non-binding informal polls, or a non-binding vote for a politician every four years, the whole community can take part in informed debate about separate issues. Each issue is then a conscience vote, not influenced by whichever party-line we may currently be voting for. And the outcome of each vote is binding. Then (polls show) we'll have rail transport not B-doubles; no Australian troops in Afghanistan and Iraq; no GMOs in our food nor fluoride in our water. And that'll be a relief!

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Hemp, sugar and straw to replace plastic

Alex McAuley

Byron Shire is about to become the home of cutting edge technology and world leaders in sustainable industry when Zelfo Australia opens its new factory later this year.

Zelfo is an extraordinary material which is similar to plastic but made entirely from plant materials. While its production is not a new process – it was developed in Europe in the early 90s and refined by 2002 – due to its unsuccessful commercialisation in Europe its inventor has teamed up with a number of Australians and is opening its first factory in Byron Shire.

Zelfo Chief Executive Officer and Byron Shire resident Paul Benhaim is very excited about the project and the implications it has for the environment as well as the economic impact it will have on Byron Shire.

'My background is in nutrition and I have spent the last 20 years or so studying hemp and its benefits in our diet,' said Mr Benhaim. 'I have also investigated the many other properties of hemp and written three books about it and its uses. Because hemp is an exceptionally strong fibre, it is ideal for use in the production of Zelfo, however other materials can be used: sugar cane, flax, sisal, straw and waste paper and other cellulose bearing fibres are all suitable.'

Most importantly, Zelfo requires no glues or resins in its production. The biomechanical method of treating the plant fibres and the fibres' natural strength are enough to produce a material that is remarkably strong and versatile, as well as being biodegradable. Further, the proposed Zelfo factory will use recycled water and green energy in its manufacturing process, completing the circle of sustainability.

'Zelfo will partner with manufacturers and designers in industries such as home-



Hemp enthusiast, Paul Benhaim (pictured above right), with Gurnaroy playing a Zelfo didgeridoo. Zelfo can be made from hemp, sugar or straw and is as strong as plastic but completely biodegradable. Photo Jeff 'Blow Me Down' Dawson

wares, furniture and musical instruments,' said Mr Benhaim. 'We will then produce their products under contract. We anticipate creating products for the high end of the market such as high quality designer ware, furniture and musical instruments.'

Already, world renowned designer Giorgio Armani has provided Zelfo with a design for homeware products: aesthetically pleasing, smooth and rounded bowls have been created according to his specifications. The first cab off the rank in the new factory will be didgeridoos and drums for which, according to Mr Benhaim, Zelfo is an ideal material.

'The density of Zelfo can be varied and its acoustics are fantastic,' he said. 'Believe it or not, more than half of the didgeridoos sold in this country have been made in Indonesia. Most of them are exported as pieces of art, so why not make them from Zelfo rather than the traditional hardwood? We would commission Indigenous people to paint them so they can make money for their communities.'

The didgeridoos, as with all Zelfo products, are 100%

biodegradable and would turn to mush if left in a bath of water for 24 hours. Having said that, it is perfectly fine for them to get wet and then dry out, in fact it would continue to strengthen the product.

'The Zelfo process can include natural additives such as plant based pigments for colour, and unlike plastic, small runs and one-offs can be produced relatively cheaply,' said Mr Benhaim. 'It is also ideal for jewellery

and the modern, moulded style of furniture.'

Zelfo has already won numerous design awards in preproduction trials in Europe and has established a link with the Japanese market for future export. Mr Benhaim expects the new factory to be in full production by the end of this year and is inviting local designers and sculptors who may be interested in working with Zelfo to contact him on paul@zelfoaustralia.com.

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events that as yet have not occurred! The DEC has merely given Abigroup (RTA) a licence to pollute! Of course the environmental destruction of the Marshalls Creek catchment area is in the nobly proclaimed Cape Byron Marine Park, however the 'Claytons' Marine Park Authority is doing nothing about protecting the estuarine environments it was supposedly created to protect.

We join with the North Coast Environment Council and Conservation of North Ocean Shores in calling for a Stop Work Order on the construction site until proper sediment control measures are in place.

Mark Parratt
Byron Environment
Centre

DA objection

Do you object to queuing up in traffic at the roundabout into Byron Bay? Hey, guess what! Mullum is soon to have its very own roundabout bottleneck if Mallams gets their way.

So if you think Mallams supermarket in Station Street won't affect you, think again. And if you're anywhere within blowing distance of Station Street (which

includes the main street of town), look forward to frequent whiffs of sewerage from the glorified septic system that Mallams is proposing. If you live in Prince Street or Station Street, look forward to being woken up by delivery vans and garbage trucks from 6.30 every morning. And if that's not enough, consider what a ghost town the main street is likely to become.

If you object to any of these outcomes let Mallams know. Write an objection and post it by Friday July 28 to The Director Urban Assessments, GPO Box 39, Sydney 2001 and refer to DA 32-4-2006. Or email elizabeth.lamb @planning.nsw.gov.au.

Better still, let Mallams know where they'll feel it the most... in their hip pockets. If you object to their proposal, put your money where your mouth is. Stop shopping at Mallams (that includes the bottleshop and variety store). Then they'll listen!

A Rahn
Mullumbimby

■ Letters also received from M Bickley, Byron Bay, D Taminiau, Mullumbimby, J Spring, Billinudgel, H Grace, Mullumbimby

Charity money stolen

A young man was seen stealing a collection box around 3pm last week from Gondwana Gifts, in Byron Street, Byron Bay.

Around \$300 had been collected for a School in Bangal, India. The collection box is yellow with a brown top and had the appearance of a house.

Described as being between 18 and 22, the thief is around five foot eight with a stoop. He has rounded shoulders, short straight white hair, is squinty eyed, has white splotchy arms and

was wearing a flesh coloured Billabong shirt.

This was not the first time that the man had tried to steal the collection box. 'Last week he was caught red handed taking the box out of the shop and he gingerly gave it back,' shop owner Radha Hurley said 'but this week he grabbed it and ran. Our salesperson tried to run after him but she didn't have a chance. Stealing from a charity is pretty low.'

Anyone who has any information please contact Radha on 6680 9795 or Byron Bay Police.

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Welfare reforms predicted to hit hard

Lesley Patterson

This month marked the introduction of the federal government's new Welfare to Work legislation which could adversely affect over 1,200 people in the Richmond electorate.

Many welfare agencies have declared their opposition to the severity of the reforms including the St Vincent de Paul Society which has labelled the new laws 'unjust'.

'We have consistently voiced our support for policies that enable people to move from welfare to work. We oppose, however, any moves that drive vulnerable people from one social security benefit to a lower benefit and then into jobs that actually keep them in poverty,' said Dr John Falzon, CEO of St Vincent's National Council.

In the welfare system there is a divide between pension-level payments, such as the Disability Support Pension (DSP) and Parenting Payment, which result in a higher fortnightly payment and the less generous allowance level payments such as Newstart (unemployment benefit). According to the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), there are 550,000 Australians receiving unemployment payments, 700,000 on DSP and around 600,000 on Parenting Payments.

The effect of the Welfare to Work policy is to move people from higher level payments, with no automatic requirement to look for work, to lower level payments with tests to monitor a person's efforts to find employment. It has been estimated that the Government will save around \$800 million during the first three years of the new policy.



The federal government argues that most working age welfare recipients were not formerly required to seek work. 'This is not sustainable, particularly given the ageing population. Increased participation in work from all Australians capable of work, including welfare recipients, increases individual wellbeing and is needed to help improve our future standard of living,' said the federal government in recent budget papers.

'Only 15 per cent of the 2.6 million working age Australians currently on income support are required to actively search for a job at a particular point in time. This reflects an outdated presumption in the welfare system that only those who can work full time must seek work.'

While ACOSS says it is supportive of the government's aim of moving people into work, it is concerned about the effects of the policy.

'One [concern] is the increased likelihood of people living in hardship due to being on allowance level rather than pension level payments,' ACOSS says on its website. Another concern

is the introduction of an eight week period without benefits if regulations are not consistently adhered to.

Poverty rates in the Northern Rivers are already way above the national average and ACOSS estimate that a further 1,223 people will be worse off in the Richmond electorate under the new welfare arrangements.

The new legislation has changed the eligibility criteria for the Disability Support Pension (DSP), excluding anyone who is potentially capable of working 15 hours a week. According to the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, people receiving DSP prior to May 10 last year will remain under the old rules, but new applicants will need to undergo assessment which if they fail means they will transfer to the lower Newstart Allowance.

'Single parents who apply for income support will have to look for work when their youngest child turns six and will be dumped onto the dole when their youngest child turns eight,' said state member for Richmond, Justine Elliott who has accused John Howard of 'ripping off the most vulnerable members of our community'.

'Some people will be up to \$90 a fortnight worse off than they would have been before the changes. This policy is even more unfair for rural and regional Australians who simply do not have access to the employment opportunities, resources and support services that are available in the big cities,' she added.

ACOSS believes increased investment in employment assistance would be far more fruitful in helping people return to work than lower payments and unreasonable activity requirements.

'Countries that have had dramatic successes in lowering unemployment tend to be those who have invested heavily and strategically in employment assistance for unemployed people,' explains ACOSS. While Australia spends just 0.5% of gross domestic product on employment assistance programs, countries such

as Denmark and Ireland spend well over 1%.

'The Irish National Anti-Poverty Strategy led to increased numbers of people moving from welfare to work by new programs and boosting spending,' says ACOSS. 'Denmark reduced unemployment from 9.6% in 1993 to 5.4% in 2004 in part by spending three times more in terms of GDP on employment, training and employment counseling than Australia.'

'There are 180,000 jobless parents with school age children, and approximately 30,000 who will enter the new "activity test" regime each year. Most have Year 10 education or less, but there are only 5,000 places a year in Vocational Education and Training,' argues ACOSS.

St Vincent de Paul Society say they are expecting a significant increase in the number of people calling on charities for help due to the new welfare reforms and the industrial relation laws.

'We cannot understand why the people we assist should be further oppressed. The point of good government is to address our nation's problems, not to create new ones,' said a spokesperson for St Vincent de Paul last week.

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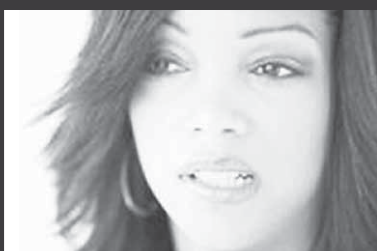
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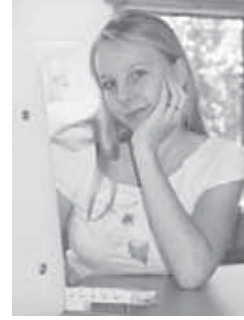


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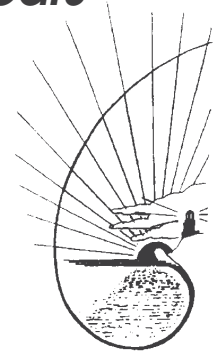
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The dirty politics of climate change

Behind the daily news reports there is a secret world of politics in Canberra, the world in which the real business is transacted. It's a world of powerful lobbyists who use methods both subtle and brutal to advance their own interests without a care for the effects on other Australians. Because the way it works is so contrary to the democratic process, it is in the interests of those involved never to speak of it in public. Occasionally we get glimpses of it when things go wrong, or when a former insider allows us a peek, but its true nature remains shrouded in secrecy.

The inner workings of this world were exposed on the ABC's *Four Corners* program in February this year. The program was based on a disturbing analysis of how climate change policy is decided in Canberra. We now know that for a decade the Howard Government's policies have been not so much influenced but actually written by a tiny cabal of powerful fossil fuel lobbyists representing the very cor-

porations whose commercial interests would be affected by any move to reduce Australia's burgeoning greenhouse gas emissions.

To the extent that they think about it, most people imagine that when the Federal Government makes decisions on something as vital as the future of Aust-

to work; but this rosy view of democracy in action could not be further from the truth. The truth is closer to the corrupt underbelly of Washington lobbying which was spectacularly revealed recently with the arrest on criminal charges of über-lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

The story has been un-

fuel lobbyists to the gallery along with other NGOs rather than having them at the conference table.

Unsurprisingly, other industry groups that would win from policies to reduce greenhouse gases, such as the insurance industry, the gas industry and the tourism council, have been unwilling to take on the greenhouse mafia and its ruthless methods. Green groups have been no match against such a powerful opponent when it comes to crucial policy decisions.

Dr Pearse reminds us that Cabinet deliberations, ministerial committees and preparation of cabinet submissions are meant to be confidential and beyond the reach of lobbyists. Indeed, the unauthorised disclosure of cabinet-in-confidence materials is a crime. Yet the research reveals that the greenhouse mafia has 'unrivalled access' to internal government processes.

They have used this access to help bureaucrats in the industry and energy departments write submissions designed to counter proposals coming to Cabinet from the Australian Greenhouse Office through the environment minister.

Dr Pearse suggests that the publication of the Howard Government's energy white paper in 2004 was the '*pièce de résistance* for the greenhouse mafia' because it was an almost complete endorsement of the 'mob's' agenda.

Despite a decade of window-dressing and obfuscation, the Government is under continuing public pressure to do something about climate change. Having rejected Kyoto, the need to appear to be doing more resulted in the development of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (AP6).

It is not necessary for me to level any criticism at the AP6 because the Government itself released the most devastating critique of it. ABARE's modelling shows that under the best-case scenario annual global emissions will increase from approximately eight gigatonnes of carbon equivalent now to over 17 gigatonnes in 2050 under the influence of the AP6 agreement.

The consensus among climate scientists is that annual emissions must be reduced to around three gigatonnes to prevent the worst effects of global warming. Even Ian Campbell says he accepts this. So 14 thousand million tonnes of carbon annually have gone missing in the Government's calculations. The Govern-



Clive Hamilton points out that for years the Government's climate change policy has been hijacked by industry lobbyists

ralia's and the world's climate system, it will first seek advice from a range of sources including experts and public servants. It will then consult with various interest groups and call for submissions to inquiries. Then Cabinet will weigh up the pros and cons of different courses of action and decide what is in the nation's interests.

This is how it is supposed

covered by the efforts of the author of a doctoral dissertation recently completed at the ANU. Guy Pearse, a member of the Liberal Party and a former adviser to Senator Robert Hill when he was environment minister, has managed to coax the leading members of the fossil fuel lobby into frank admissions about how they go about their business.

It emerges that climate change policy in Canberra has for years been determined by a small group of lobbyists who happily describe themselves as the 'greenhouse mafia'. This cabal consists of the executive directors of a handful of industry associations in the coal, oil, cement, aluminium, mining and electricity industries. Almost all of these industry lobbyists have been plucked from the senior ranks of the Australian Public Service where they wrote briefs and cabinet submissions and advised ministers on energy policy.

The members of the greenhouse mafia claim to be more familiar with greenhouse policy than the Government, because they are the ones who wrote it. According to Dr Pearse after hours of interviews, they are absolutely committed to defeating the environment movement on climate change.

The Howard Government has allowed the greenhouse mafia extraordinary influence over Australia's stance on climate change. Alone among the nations of the developed world, key members of fossil fuel lobby groups have actually been made members of Australia's official delegation that has negotiated, or more accurately, attempted to derail, international agreements on climate change, notably the Kyoto Protocol. Even the Bush Administration does not permit this unseemly arrangement, relegating fossil

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ment has criticised the Kyoto Protocol for not going far enough yet its own answer will have no appreciable effect. The AP6 agreement will do virtually nothing to curtail run-away climate change. The catastrophic consequences forecast by the IPCC appear to be accepted by the Government.

How can the Howard Government expect to be taken seriously when this travesty is its contribution to tackling global warming?

The greenhouse mafia of industry lobbyists has not, of course, been the only people preventing Australia from taking climate change seriously and, for the historical record, the main culprits need to be ousted. So let me nominate the twelve people who in my opinion have done more than all others over the last decade to prevent any effective action to reduce Australia's burgeoning greenhouse gas emissions.

I hope that in 50 years time as Australians swelter in debilitating heatwaves, battle fierce bushfires, fight over dwindling water resources, lament the loss of unique species and tell stories recalling the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, they will be reminded of the names of those who refused to act in the face of overwhelming evidence of what lay ahead. They carry a huge burden of moral responsibility, and I hope that their descendants will understand the shameful role that they played. Here are the twelve.

Hugh Morgan. As the CEO of Western Mining and a member of the BCA (Business Council of Australia), Morgan's anti-greenhouse activism reached extreme levels. He was influential in the Australian Aluminium Council and was responsible for establishing the greenhouse sceptics collected together in the Lavoisier Group. He described the AGO's (Australian Greenhouse Office) four discussion papers on emissions trading as 'Mein Kampf declarations' and has railed against the Kyoto Protocol as a devious plot by European bureaucrats to seize control of the Australian economy. Despite these extraordinary views Morgan has enjoyed unparalleled access to the Prime Minister.

John Eyles. Eyles was seconded from Alcoa Australia to head up the Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN) which he transformed into a powerful industry vehicle beholden to the resource and aluminium sectors and used it to change the Howard Government's then tepid support for Kyoto into absolute rejection.

The Dirty Dozen

These are the people who have systematically denied scientific evidence and warped our society's response to climate change, the biggest challenge facing the human race.



Ron Knapp. The Australian Aluminium Council (of which he is the CEO) has without question been the most powerful and effective fossil fuel lobby group in Canberra. Devoted almost single-mindedly to heading off action on greenhouse, it has regularly squashed any thought of seriously tackling Australia's emissions by threatening to take aluminium smelters offshore.

Alan Oxley. The Chairman of Monash University's APEC Study Centre and former trade ambassador, Oxley has been involved in almost every major initiative and lobbying effort of the climate sceptics brigade since climate change first came on to the public agenda in the early 1990s. He has successfully traded on his former ambassadorial status to convince Australia's 'serious' media that his views are based on credible analysis. He is currently employed by *TCS Daily*, an extreme right-wing web-based news and lobbying outlet partly funded by Exxon Mobil.

Peter Walsh. The old Labor political war-horse who, with Hugh Morgan's right hand man Ray Evans, formed and organised the secretive right-wing Lavoisier Group.

Meg McDonald. As a trade negotiator McDonald was exactly the kind of person the Howard Government wanted to head our negotiating delegation to the Kyoto conference in 1997. Having secured an extremely lenient deal for Australia under the Kyoto Protocol, she walked away from government and joined Alcoa as its head of corporate affairs. McDonald now represents Alcoa within the AIGN, the greenhouse mafia's organisation.

Barry Jones. A former head of APPEA, the late Barry Jones was at the forefront of the efforts to stymie any effective policy response from Canberra.

Chris Mitchell. As editor-in-chief at *The Australian*, and before that at the *Courier Mail*, Mitchell has adopted an aggressive stance against anyone arguing that climate change is a problem. Not only have the opinion pages of *The Australian* provided unlimited space for all of the anti-greenhouse crazies but the news pages have regularly been turned over to anti-greenhouse propaganda.

Ian MacFarlane. As industry minister in the Howard Government since November 2001, MacFarlane has been the greenhouse troglodyte of the Government. MacFarlane has worked hand-in-glove with the fossil fuel lobby to sideline climate change.

Alan Moran. As the head of the Regulatory Unit at the Institute for Public Affairs, a right-wing think tank with close ties to greenhouse sceptics, Moran's role has been to support the Government and the fossil fuel corporations with anti-environmental opinions about climate science, the costs of emission reductions and the pitfalls of renewable energy.

Malcolm Broomhead. Broomhead has been the CEO of chemicals and mining company Orica since 2001 and led the charge against emissions trading (which was supported by Treasury) on behalf of the fossil fuel lobby. He has chaired the Low Emissions Technology Advisory Group of big polluting companies, which might more accurately be called the Big Polluters Protection Club, whose purpose has been to tell the Government what it should do to head off public concern about greenhouse pollution.

John Howard. The Prime Minister has consistently taken the side of the fossil fuel lobby and dismissed the interests of other industries. His door is always open to the bosses of big fossil fuel

corporations and closed to those representing renewables (except his ethanol-producing mate Dick Honan).

It has become increasingly apparent that the role of the environment minister in the Howard Government is not to develop and implement measures to protect Australia's natural environment. The role is to

cover up inaction and to engage in an elaborate charade designed to persuade Australians that, in the face of all of the evidence to the contrary, the Government is sincere in its expressions of concern about climate change.

While the rest of the world sees Australia as a pariah on climate change, Environment Minister Ian Campbell

proudly tells all who'll listen that we are actually regarded as a world leader on climate change. While the rest of the world thought that Australia was doing all it could to undermine Kyoto and to wreck consensus, Campbell says we are seen as being a constructive player.

Asked if we should be concerned about the new report that showed Australia's energy emissions rising rapidly, Campbell said: 'No, I think Australians should not be concerned about that, because we are a growing economy. We've got a growing population.'

Let's get that straight. If our greenhouse gases are growing because of population growth then they don't count. Let's hope the Earth's atmosphere understands this and takes corrective action.

This is an abridged version of a speech Clive Hamilton of The Australia Institute delivered to the Climate Change and Business Conference in Adelaide on February 20.

The full text is available on the Australia Institute's website www.tai.org.au.

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Byron Bay Writers Festival

Miles Franklin winner takes part

The Byron Bay Writers Festival has a tradition of presenting the finest exponents of Australian writing. Headlining in the program this year is Roger McDonald, author of seven novels and two works of non-fiction, who has been awarded the Miles Franklin Literary Award 2006.

Selected by judges from a field of fifty four novels submitted, McDonald's novel *The Ballad of Desmond Kale* is an epic work of greed, ambition, conceit and redemption, with an extraordinary love story at its core.

McDonald has always written keenly from a sense of place and the physical location often seems an integral character in his work. The panel entitled 'Rural landscape: passion or obsession' sees him in discussion with Patrice Newell and Mark O'Flynn, with Sarah Armstrong in the Chair.

The festival takes place at the Byron Bay Beach Resort and runs from August 3-6. For details of all authors' appearances and discussions, readings and lectures and to purchase passes, visit www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.

Festival writer named Aboriginal Person of the Year

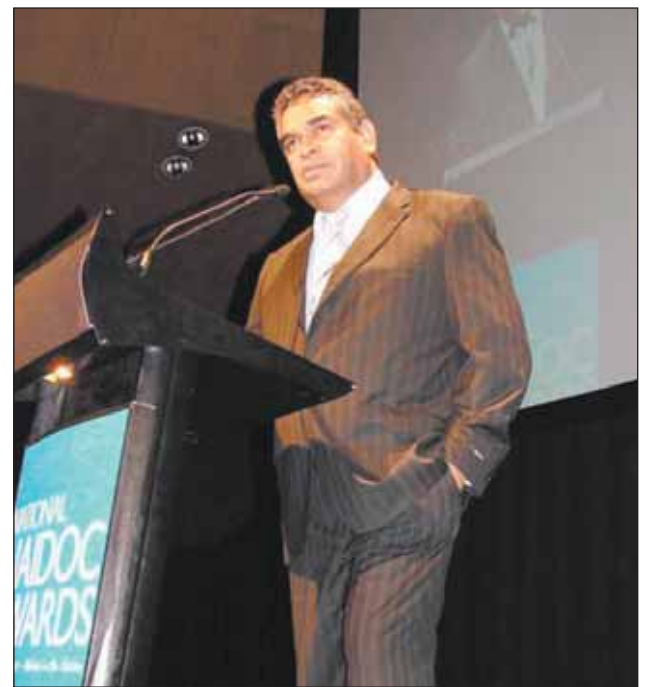
Stephen Hagan, internationally renowned publisher and author of *The N Word; one man's stand*, has been named Aboriginal Person of the Year as part of the NAIDOC celebrations.

Mr Hagan sprang to national prominence through his struggle to have the word 'Nigger' removed from the E.S. 'Nigger' Brown sporting stadium in Toowoomba. When his fight was unsuccessful in the High Court of Australia, Stephen took his case to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which found in his favour. Despite this, the sign remains, as the government elected to abide by the decision of the domestic courts. Long treated by the press as a lone voice speaking out without even the support of his local indigenous community, Mr Hagan

sees the award as a vindication of his uncompromising campaign and recognition of its importance.

Released in 2005, *The N Word* is an extraordinary account of a man who has a foot in two cultures and provides a picture of contemporary indigenous politics. It also leaves the reader reflecting on the extent to which racism is embedded in the Australian psyche. Stephen Hagan published in 2006 *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: the Top 100*, which takes the reader on a journey through occurrences of racism in Australian sport.

Stephen Hagan will participate in the Friday August 4 panel at the festival site (to be repeated in a single session at the Byron Community and Cultural Centre on Saturday August 5) entitled 'Taking on the Big Boys:



how ordinary people use the power of words to cause change.' A separate single session at the Community Centre on Sunday August 6

sees him discussing 'Australian History: acknowledging the truth' with historians Henry Reynolds and Cassandra Pybus.

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Strange days, indeed

Stranger by Stephen Smith
Published by Random House
Reviewed by Leigh Redhead

I picked up *Stranger* thinking I'd just read a little bit before bed, and finally finished it at four am, exhausted and strung out, much like one of Stephen Smith's characters!

The book starts with a bang and the pace never really lets up. Gav, a nice enough young man who happens to grow the best hydroponic dope in town gets a call from his girlfriend Julie. Wayne, Gav's speed-freak mate, has bailed her up with a knife, threatening to rape and kill her unless Gav hands over ten grand. Gav comes up with the cash only to find he's been set up. Wayne and Julie have been on together behind his back and they beat him up, trash his place, steal his money and his weed and piss off into the outback in his car. Gav's shattered, betrayed, and when he finally gets out of hospital he hires a hit man he's met through the local drug kingpin to hunt the pair down and whack them. Only problem is the hit man's never actually killed anyone...

What ensues is a wild, road movie of a book. The further into the outback they get the weirder things become. Wayne's shooting up speed and becoming so crazy and dangerous he could be the bastard son of the John Jarrett character in *Wolf Creek*. Julie gets off the gear and is full of remorse for what she's done. Gav, too, has second thoughts about ordering the hit but it's too late, the plan is in motion and he can't call it off.

Along the way the characters have run-ins with insane,

but quintessentially Australian individuals. A corrupt, bong smoking cop; a bunch of drug addled, pig-shooting rednecks; a creepy bisexual ex military man and even a commune full of sleazy hippies. It's wild and frenetic and you're never quite sure what's going to happen next.

What saves the book from going completely over the top is Stephen Smith's use of dialogue and the Aussie vernacular to render the characters authentic and frighteningly real. They're very well drawn and even if you haven't met similar people personally, it's a fair bet the author has. A scary proposition!

Also, the novel's funny. A scene at the commune where Dave, the self styled guru with a penchant for younger women, tries to explain his lecherous antics as natural, spiritual and anti-establishment was hilarious and will strike a chord with anyone who's had to endure a sleazy hippy back rub. Another incident where a drunk, desperate hit man tries to crack on to a bunch of disdainful teenagers made me laugh out loud.

Smith evocatively describes the harsh, red, shimmering outback so that it almost becomes another character in the novel and as the landscape becomes more extreme, so does the paranoia and the tension.

He has the drug culture down pat. Other books have explored the smack scene, the ecstasy fuelled world of inner city ravers and charted the downfall of high flying coke fiends, but Smith's delves into the outer suburbs and rural areas where the drugs of choice, accessible



Leigh Redhead is the author of *Rubdown* (Allen & Unwin)

and affordable, are amphetamines and pot. He looks at what can happen to chronic users, without moralising or glamorising them and instead tells it like it is. People like Wayne can easily turn violent and paranoid. Dope smokers (apologies to most of my friends!) run the risk of becoming boring, self indul-

gent and ingesting an inordinate amount of Chai. He has a particularly good take on the effects of speed, writing:

'Speed splits people up. That's what it does. It gets right down into the nitty gritty of people - it's like ground up glass. It corrodes and splits people into little portions of themselves, the portions detach from the central core...'

It's a compelling read if you're not averse to 'adult themes' and although the book might sound nihilistic, certain characters do manage to redeem themselves and change and you find yourself barracking for them in the end. Not Wayne though. I'm still having nightmares about him!

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THE SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS



THE CALL COMES THROUGH WITH DAVID FORD, THE SOLO SINGER-SONGWRITER FROM AUGIE MARCH. IT'S SLIGHTLY ROWDY IN THE BACKGROUND, LIKE HE'S AMIDST A GOOD OLD FASHIONED ROMAN RABBLE. JUST BEFORE WE START HE EXCUSES HIMSELF AND ORDERS SOME TOFU. NOW IF THAT ISN'T GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START WITH A VEGETARIAN AUDIENCE. A MAN WHO VOLUNTARILY EATS TOFU. WELCOME TO BYRON BAY, WE'LL ROLL OUT THE TOFU MAT.

Augie March have had an eventful career. In 2002 they released *Strange Bird* and then kind of disappeared. I assumed they'd joined that long list of great Aussie bands who get the shits just as they get really good. But no such thing. Augie March had gone O/S to try and crack the yankee egg.

'We went to America to see if we could get a release of the album and then we did get a release in the States and nothing in the UK. We organised a 7 week tour and went all around, and when 2005 came around, we recorded the album and mixed it.'

'Moo, You Bloody Choir' has been some time in the making. But getting your music to a bigger audience, is according to Dave: 'a patience game.'

So why record in the States? Australia not good enuf for ya? Only kidding.

'The record company said while you're over there why don't you record an album. We just played for seven weeks, everything about 27 times too fast, and then it took back to Australia.'

'There was a song we had been playing for a year already, and a couple that were a year old, and most of them we hadn't played much before. We have our own little studio too. We made a conscious decision to record what we could in a big room, and then used our own studio in Central Victoria. That way it could afford Glen the time to do his vocals on his own. Experimentation is something we did a bit of in pre-production. You rehearse up so you don't go in there and start wasting money. You want to get it right. And sometimes I may not have been totally ready, but it's when you go in there that you really find out whether you've done the ground work.'

Augie March like to keep the colours different when they perform live. I commented that there's nothing more disappointing than seeing a live act who sounds exactly the same as an album. This isn't the case for this band.

Dave laughs and claims; 'Well it's not like that for us. Seeing us live is like seeing us on steroids - it's technicolour! Songs evolve and change, far be it from me to stop that. When you do, that's when it gets boring.'

So how does a song make it in or out of a set?

'A lot of it really does evolve on stage. A song has its own life and grows up. You know when it's about to pass away. You get it up on the operating table and give it the all clear, and then sometimes you just have to say goodbye for a while! Just give it a break! If you play a song too much, it doesn't feel relevant. Some songs really have a use by date. Give it a break and move on.'

Like most Augie March Albums, this one's another long play.

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STRESS-ING OUT



THE SOAPBOX : MANDY NOLAN

I have extreme insomnia. At 3 this morning I found myself sipping tea and watching the Tour de France on SBS. Interestingly enough I've found that televised cycling to be more effective than Valium. I was numb from the neck down and the power of speech has only just returned. While the Basque countryside is intoxicating, the endless footage of lycra clad butts and bulging shaved calves struggling up inclines is not. I get enough of that kind of action at my pole dancing class. Two nights before I went to bed at 8.30pm and fell asleep at 5am. That evening I scrambled to the couch and found myself engrossed in Kramer Vs Kramer. Nothing more relaxing than a good divorce movie. As the sun rose this morning, I had an epiphany. I am stressed. I always thought stress was a bit like chronic fatigue - something you fudged for a Sickness Benefit. Or some condition invented by homeopaths to sell rescue remedy and colonics. 'You are feeling stressed? Let me put this hose in your rectum and turn on the tap. That should loosen

you up a bit.' Apparently the feeling that there's something terribly urgent you've forgotten to do but still can't remember isn't normal. Neither is screaming in fright when your mobile rings, or accidentally putting the shopping in the baby car seat and the baby on the roof. (Nor is realising but being too busy to do anything but drive off.) I didn't know I was uptight. My shoulders are the only firm bit on my body. Man they're like rocks. Some people have to work out to stay in shape, I just have to worry. This could be an alternative to the painful and tiresome need to exercise. A kind of pilates for your problems. I have been pioneering a stress shifting technique which trains muscles to store tension in areas of the body which benefit from being firm. I have been attempting to store stress in the stomach region to get washboard abs. So far, I've only managed some pretty bad reflux. I am having more success with stress in the tit. I had a panic attack and the left one perked right. The other breast however, appears to have walked off the job. I am having

more positive results with the blokes in my sample group. A lot of men in my program have given up Viagra after learning to store stress in the penis. It's fantastic. To procure a sustained erection, they no longer have the hassle of having to fantasize about a naked nymph undoing their belt with her mouth... they just need to spend a couple of seconds thinking about their auditor and whammo, we've got some all night action. Who needs porn when you've got a mortgage payment you can't make. 'Oh baby, take off your clothes and read me that letter of demand'. P.S. Thanks to all those who have phoned with the location of my ginger cat. He has been spotted all over the shire including Feros Village. I am happy to report that he was found by my children in the downstairs storage room of our neighbour's house. He survived 4 days of no food or water. We are thinking of re-naming him Todd or Brant. He is currently negotiating a deal with Eddie McGuire and then maybe a guest celeb spot on Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice.

BYRON IS A MANY SPLENDOR-DOURED THING

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS - THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - YOU'D BE MAD TO MISS IT

I did have an interview that I was going to run from Something For Kate. It was just some email questions, but it seems we got lost in E-world, so I've ended up with nothing from Kate, but never mind, what you don't hear from me, you'll be able to hear from them this weekend. With their new album just hitting the streets, it's a chance to hear Desert Lights in the flesh. Yes people, this is Splendour in the Weekend, the long awaited two day music fiesta. It's like traveling to Mecca for city kids who make the journey annually to pay homage to the music makers. The Splendour organisers got on top of the ticket scalping this year by devising a system where each ticket holder's name and date of birth is on the actual ticket. This will ensure that punters get what they pay for and that people don't miss out because they

were mowed down by a couple of greedy ebay bandits. It's the event that everyone wants to be at, but everybody can't. I suppose that's part of what makes it so desirable. For weeks now I've had hundreds of emails begging me for tickets, offering foot rubs and reiki sessions, some have offered their first born, others their sexual services and some the odd bribe. It's been tempting, particularly the nude Brazilian boys coming around to clean my house, but I am still a woman with ethics. They should at least wear a g-string. So for those of you who have a ticket to sold out Splendour, congratulations and have a good weekend. To the others, relax and enjoy - there's a heap of great gigs happening all around town so you'll still feel part of the action. This year Splendour has really upped its local contingent with a Global

Village featuring performances and the creative works of North Coast talent, including comedy, circus, street arts and music. The Festival will be awash with talent: personally I'm looking forward to seeing Brian Wilson, Sonic Youth, Paul Mac, Grinspoon, The Avalanches, Death Cab for Cutie, and Youth Group. I was listening to that track Forever Young the other day and couldn't help but think that it would be the ultimate soundtrack for a botox clinic. Local acts Brittle Fex and the Love Bus will also be worth catching as they play their spot on such a hefty bill. Have a great weekend and for those considering fence jumping, seriously, think again. Those caught will be immediately removed and prosecuted and it is a hefty fine. There's even the rumour that you may be put on portalo cleaning duty. So you could be seriously in the shit. Anyone intending to travel from in town to the event by shuttle bus will need to present tickets before boarding the service. This also applies to those intending to park in the neighbouring carpark. Everyone will be checked for the event before they park their vehicle. As Austen Tayshus sometimes says (in a South African accent): 'Did you park your car on the grass?'



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LIVE MUSIC

THE PIANO HAS BEEN THINKING

The **Winsome Piano Series** offers a one-off opportunity to see an artist as soloist rather than in a band. The next gig presents brilliant singer songwriter and pianist, **Sharny Russell van Herp**. Those who have seen Sharny can attest that her style is warm, intimate and leans to a more sophisticated sound, and she is known and greatly respected in the Australian jazz community as one of the country's leading exponents of scat singing. As a pianist she is frequently asked to accompany other singers. Sharny has released 'A Good Thing on Hold' with the ABC Jazz label, and won the 2004 APRA Award for the Most Performed Jazz Work - on Australasian radio. As one reviewer said: '... Sharny takes a piano solo to which she adds, in unison, a wordless vocal. It's an exquisite experience to hear this ... done so well, with such reverence for the jazz tradition. In a world of over-rated and over-stated jazz singers, Sharny Russell is a gem. Her trio could headline any jazz festival in the country.' Sharny Russell plays piano at the gorgeous **Winsome Hotel** in Lismore on Wednesday from 8pm. \$9/7.

IS THAT A MONGOOSE IN YOUR PANTS?

Because if it is I'd be taking it out damn fast. Have you seen what those things can do to a snake? Man, it's not a pretty sight. Fighting Mongoose will be making some noise at **The Nimbin Hotel** on Friday from 7.30pm. If you're in the area and looking for something to pump you up for the Splendour in the Grass weekend look no further than this night of eclectic, energetic rock with **The Strange Little Girls, Tentative** and **Fighting Mongoose**. Earlier this year Fighting Mongoose won the first heat of the Jim Beam National Campus Band Competition at Southern Cross Uni knocking out last year's winners. The boys also recently played their first gig in Brisbane at Her Majesty's Basement with Each Revolving Door, Reveler, Returns, White October and Mochesmo. They were well received by the Brisbane crowd with one listener commenting they sounded 'bigger than Hatebreed' and look forward to making another trip up north soon. So don't miss Fighting Mongoose on Friday night at the Nimbin Hotel and lend them your support at the Southern Cross Final of the Jim Beam National Band Comp on the 7th of September.

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FREE AS A BIRD MAN

Radio Birdman was the most influential act to emerge from the late 70's early 80's hey day of Aussie underground rock. The band has been followed by diehard fans for years, and now, for the first time in twenty five years they've put together an album of brand new material, titled 'Zeno Beach'. Recorded in Sydney last December by Birdman guitarist Deniz Tez and engineer Greg Wales, **Zeno Beach** has a depth not found on earlier recordings. The raucous guitar and fluid keyboards are still there, layered under Rob Younger's trademark vocals and underpinned by a relentlessly driving rhythm section powered by latest recruit Russell Hopkinson. The sound is rich and even more complex. Released locally on the band's own 'Crying Sun Records' through Shock distribution, the songs on Zeno Beach are more collaborative than previous albums where compositions were invariably penned by Tek. With vocalist Younger and guitarist Chris Masuak having successfully fronted their own groups since the initial break up, it's not surprising they have contributed towards the writing, as have both keyboardist Pip Hoyle and bass player Jim Dickson. Hear it for yourself when they play the **Hotel Great Northern** on Thursday 27 July.

TWO WRIGHTS DON'T MAKE A WRONG

They make the **Wright Brothers**. It's been a while since the boys have been in town, but this Saturday sees the Wright Brothers back on the familiar stage of the backroom. The boys have spent the last month on the road, taking the Byron sound down the east coast to Melbourne. This Saturday's gig will see the introduction of Simon Wright's '**Groove Collective**' starring Dave Wright on lead guitars. As some of you may already know 'The Wright Brothers' format as we know it is about to change, as sadly, Jed the youngest of the brothers is moving to Melbourne to pursue a career in the heavy rock scene with his other band Engine Three Seven. Not to worry though, all you Wright Brothers fans will get to enjoy the same Wright Brothers songs and feel good energy under the new name The Groove Collective. The Wright Brothers and The Groove Collective at the **Backroom** on Saturday at 11pm.

MUSIC OZ AWARDS

Would you like a chance to share in over \$100 000 in cash, prizes and music industry opportunities? Do you create original music? The **2006 Musicoz Awards** are calling for entries and you only have until 31 July to post your submission. If you've got MP3s of your music, you can enter straight on line; download an entry form at www.musicoz.org or call on 1800 002 955 for an entry form. You can also grab one from music retail shops around the Northern Rivers. For those not familiar with the organisation, Musicoz is a non-profit community based organisation dedicated to supporting original unsigned Australian music. Musicoz Far North Coast services the community from Ballina to Tweed Heads and has an office located at Mullumbimby. For more information on the awards and other exciting opportunities call 02 6684 6056 or e-mail northernrivers@musicoz.org.

DOLPHIN DEADLINES

It's deadline deadline deadline people. Jesus, I've never thought about the word deadline. What's it actually mean? That if you don't get it in before the line then you're dead? It's so extreme. Get in before the deadline otherwise you'll regret it buddy, because you'll be frigging dead. Not that I imagine there's much regret in the afterlife. I can imagine a couple of deceased souls shooting the breeze, one ghost turns to another and says: 'I got hit by a bus, what you in for?' 'Oh, I missed a deadline.' Enough of my twaddling on, NCEIA are extending their deadline so you lazy lumps get a chance to get your submissions in for the **Dolphin Awards**. Entries in all categories will be accepted until 31 July, so log onto www.nceia.org.au or phone 6622 0222. Winning a Dolphin, or being a finalist, has been an important career stepping stone for many local acts. Last year, the Love Bus won the coveted Album of the Year award. This year, they were chosen to play at the Blues and Roots music festival and have scored themselves a spot at the sold out Splendour in the Grass music festival this month. Felicity Burdett, front woman for the band said of the Dolphins: 'It has been a huge help, and the attention we have received has had a rippling effect on our popularity locally, with most gigs packed out now.' They have also scored a distribution deal with MGM for their album.

MARSHALLING THE FRO

After spending the last 6 months in intensive recording and full-on gigging, Byron based band **Marshall and The Fro** will be kicking off their splendour weekend at The Rails in Byron Thursday and then backing up at **The Great Northern** in Byron Bay on Friday. Playing all original music, guitarist, singer/songwriter for the band, Marshall Okell, describes the band's music as Aussie roots-rock music - 'North Coast Mojo Style'. 'We have a pretty big sound for a three piece,' he says. 'Our songs vary,' he adds, 'some songs really thump,

some are pretty bluesy and then others have a sort of Aussie-reggae feel to them'. Having been together three years and playing many many gigs up and down the coast during that time the band is renowned for their high energy performance, for getting people off their barstools and shakin their butts.

SING YOURSELF WARM

It's been a bit nippy at night, and if you're like me and you're without a heater (small child crash tackled it and now it's funky) then you have to seek alternative means of heating. There's snuggling, snacking and according to **Allegro Gone Troppo**, singing. The choir invite you to their annual wintersong soiree where you can hear solos, duets, quartets and maybe even a sextet, as well as the whole choir en masse. Consisting of mainly singers from within Allegro who were once in Allegro this concert will feature singer songwriter Karl Farren, celtic group Emerald and look out for the Byron cowgirls with their rousing rendition of 'You Can't get a Man in the Bay'...but you can get one on E-Bay. The concert kicks off on Sunday 30 July at **Ewingsdale Hall**. Tickets at the door. \$10/8.

THINK GLOBALLY SING LOCALLY

The **Vocal Locals** sessions at the **Beach Hotel** are back on Wednesdays. The evening is all about Locals and Visitors of all levels of expertise and experience getting on up to perform or just let it all hang out doing their thing either with the local House Band 'The Sessionetts', Solo or with a group of their choice. If you're a bit of a funny bugger, you might even want to give stand up comedy a shot. If you can pull a rabbit out of a hat, give that a go, if you can juggle knives, jobs and relationships, that might also be a thrilling contribution! Unearthed last year were such talents as Dani Bear, Zahlu, Boaz, Darli, the Speeding Tickets and tons of others both local and from around the world. Legends who jammed with the house band included Neil Murray(Warrumpi band) Jim Moginie (Midnight Oil) Rick Fenn (10CC) Steve Magnessen and many more. This year's concept is basically the same with the exception of the Revolving Singer and MC within the House Band. The Host/Hostess will rotate monthly. This month it's Lyndsey Ollard out front. Lyndsey is new on the Byron scene having arrived from the UK recently where she has worked with the Ministry of Sound. Look out for guest touring acts sitting in with the world class 'Sessionetts' comprising Keyboard and Piano wizard Steve Russell, Australia's busiest Drummer David Sanders, Bassist of Distinction Thierry Fossemalle and the Remarkable Matt Smith on guitar. Enquires and bookings can be made by contacting George Kent on 0431 046 148 or e-mail: entertainment@beachhotel.com.au



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6am Stay Curious Brett Diemar
9am Head2Head, Heart2Heart Nyck Jeanes
11am Upstaged/Men in Byron The Drama Queen/Michael
12pm Women Talk Di & Dr Jane
2pm Mondayitis Stuey
4pm Cruizy Beatz DJ Cruizy
6pm Planet Luv Glittergirl
8pm Jam not Jive Max Fowler
10pm The Underbelly Freegirl & Troy

TUESDAY

6am Rising Sounds Dawn
9am Love, Life & Laughter Pavitar
11am Byron Business Phil Daly
12pm Cultural Awareness DJ Terra Nullus
1pm Technobabble Lee
2pm Local & Oz Bretto
4pm Bump & Grind Elsa
6pm Behind the Bikesheds Ben & Ant
8pm Radio Mundial Steve Snelgrove
10pm Long Strange Trip Ice Cream Kid
12am Skip-Hop DJ Buzz

WEDNESDAY

6am Dawn Patrol Hudson
9am Travellers Tales Greg & Rebecca
11am Go Earthcare Ros Elliot
12pm Belly Bellysisters
1pm Byron Vista Social Club Mook & Paddy
2pm Suara Indonesia Dharna & Kirana
4pm Funkyard DJ Shuffle
6pm Your Choice DJ iPod
8pm Submerged Si Clone
10pm Life's A Boat Frank & Ernest

12am Midnite in a Perfect World Hopalong

THURSDAY

6am Lift Sandra Davey
9am Arts Canvass Peter & Karena
11am The Generator Giovanni
12pm Juke Joint Tony Parker
2pm Mystery Train Mary
4pm Talking To A Stranger DJ She
6pm Shaken n Stirred Kerry The Honeydripper
8pm Eclectic Lazyland Charles
12am The Bandwagon Mia & Jay

FRIDAY

7am KB on the Remix KB
9am The Shakedown Red Terra
11am Shizamm! EM-TEE & Mimi
12pm Mixed Up Rasmus
2pm Who's Ear? Tone Broker
4pm The Roundtable Dan Cassidy
6pm Rub a Dub Crazy DayV & Lennox Dread
8pm Into the Unknown DJ XFactor
10pm Roots n Culture DJ Selector
12am The Antidote DJ Rapuzzel

SATURDAY

6am Melody Lane Benji
8am Musical Kaleidoscope Robbie McGready
10am Cowboy's Sweetheart Carrie D
12pm Red, Hot & Cool Ken & Anthony
2pm Whirled Music/Generation Youth Phil/Amber
4pm Sliced Grooves DJ Madhu
6pm Rotation Pab
8pm Trance-Mission T-Learyus & Cam
10pm Ice Cream Truck Ruger & Fulton
12am The Graveyard Shift Matt & Nikki

SUNDAY

6am Rooves & Grooves Melissa Main
9am Espresso Culture Rachel Cook
10am Jazz Moods Jean Brown
12pm Omnibus RG Pedicini/Les Schmidt
2pm Radio Latina Ceci & Yolanda
4pm Bay Lounge Aqua
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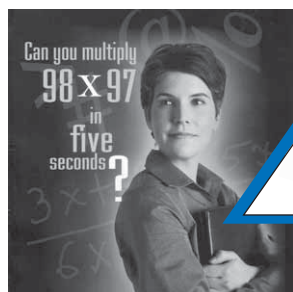


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DANCING WITH DENZIL

Do you remember an ad in which a chocaholic is giving some ol' lamp a bit of spit 'n polish when a genie sporting MC Hammer pants appears, ready to grant her anything? And in juxtaposition to Miss World's clichéd; 'world peace', she chooses a never ending pack of Tim Tams. Well the rub-a-dub sprite from the light was none other than N'famous, former emcee from 1200 Techniques. Since leaving both the lamp and 1200 Techniques N'FA has been busier than a one armed bricky in Baghdad. The result of his toil is a progressively-minded solo album, punctuated with anthem-style hooks and deep beats, entitled 'Cause and Effect'. Although N'FA is now well on track with making (musical) tracks it was a card dealt by miss fortune's hand that brought him closer to

music. 'Since I was a kid I ran track,' N'FA explains, 'I even got a scholarship to a good school because of my athletic and music abilities. I had aspirations to represent OZ in the 110m hurdles and I was ranked in the top three in Australia for a few years. I was on my way to reaching this dream until a few consecutive major ankle injuries put me off the track. As fate would have it - this allowed me more time to focus on music - my other lifelong passion. At the time, I never thought I would have got this far.' And far he has come. During his childhood N'FA's family moved to England, in an evasive hurdle of death threats from Sierra Leone government officials. When the problem continued there, his mum chose the suburbs of Perth for her knee-highs to cultivate beehives in safety. Of late, particularly since the 1200's split, N'FA has been rolling in a Phillias Fog stylee, amassing an international team of co-contributors for his album that stand as a testament to his credibility. Citing Roots Manuva, Mr

Yoshiaki (Black Eyed Peas), Peril and Deceptikonz in the credits, 'Cause and Effect' draws flavours from US, UK, Korea NZ and OZ. N'FA says of making the album, 'so I was just travelling, catching up with friends who were musicians. We'd just hang out and write a track. By the time I got back to OZ I had all these tracks. So it wasn't planned really. I found myself heading in a new direction, making what I call a universal record where I don't just play one style. You know, in my blood, I don't feel I represent one place, so I wanted that idea to be continued in my music.' Another thematic thread woven through both the collaborative and individual work of N'fa and Roots Manuva is deconstructing vices and exorcising demons. Which can be both introspective and universal simultaneously. I asked N'FA whether channelling such thoughts into his music helps brings about a deeper knowledge of self. 'Definitely, the channelling can be more emotive than conscious

though', he replied. Just Us is a track that reflects this pensive nature; I figure we are all walking that road of question, trying to find true understanding of self, amongst the never tiring views of others. "Is who you are who you say you are? Or, is who you are who they say you are?" Just Us is like a dreamtime - between wake and sleep where subconscious thoughts meet self analysis and affirmation, and the realisation of self worth without the need for external applause or acceptance. To simply be - and be comfortable within.' But it's not all self analysis with furrowed brow. Other tracks detonate PHAT HIP HOP with the effect of too much red cordial at a kids' trampoline party. N'FA's Splendour show will see him stepping out with a drummer, another emcee and DJ Diaz. Drawing on his power animal, the black panther, N'FA's stage will be emitting 'good energy, good vibes'. Definitely worth focusing your periscope on if you've O.D'd on guitar riffs.



N'FA AT SPLENDOUR

WHAT DA FUNK

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Temporary turning lanes at Ewingsdale Rd/Belongil Fields Caravan Park and Ewingsdale Rd/Melaleuca Drive have been planned to assist in the steady flow of traffic. Please note these structures will be in place from 6pm Thursday 20th July to be removed by 5pm Monday 24th July 2006.

These intersections will be managed by RTA accredited traffic controllers, however please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.

There is **NO PARKING** in Ewingsdale Road - **please use the festival's Day Parking Area in Melaleuca Drive.** Council Rangers will be enforcing the conditions of all parking signs in the vicinity of the festival.

Please note that camping is not allowed in the Melaleuca Drive Day Parking Area or on local beaches, parks or roadsides. Please use only official campgrounds and caravan parks.

For those wanting to walk across Ewingsdale Road, please use the **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING** we have set up near the Belongil Fields entrance. Traffic controllers will be in place to ensure the safest and most efficient passage for both vehicles and pedestrians.

During the event, a **Splendour In the Grass Hotline** will be in operation. **THE HOTLINE NUMBER IS 6680 7767.**

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TWO COMICS WALKED INTO A BAR

And Why Not, you may ask! Over the last five months the **Why Not Restaurant** has been the venue for Byron's first regular Stand Up comedy Open Mike room. What started as an experiment has become a solid gig. We weren't sure whether people would be keen to come out mid-week to experience beginner comics, but the votes are in and after 5 solid sold out gigs it would appear that **Why Not Stand Up** is rocking along. The evening features a pro as MC and then 8 or more spots up for grabs for new and establishing comics. The next open mike is another packed bill with comics driving down from as far as Brisbane to perform a 5 minute spot. I'll be the MC for the next show

and it's just \$5 entry. But if you book for dinner for just \$25 you get a show, a wine and a meal!!! It's cosy, it's intimate and it's fun! Bookings have become essential, otherwise you could be turned away!!! And if you are keen to give comedy a go, then phone 6685 4045! Ring **WHY NOT** on 6680 7994. Wednesday 26 July at 8pm.

FUNNY KIDS RAISING QUIDS

It's always been a kid's greatest dream, to run away with the circus! Working with the Circus has evolved since the days of mucking elephant poo and feeding the lions. Who needs animals when you have human excellence? **Spaghetti Circus**, based in Mullumbimby has become synonymous with success, and after 14 years this humble project which grew out of a disadvantaged school grant for Main Arm Public School has nurtured thousands of children with some going on to work for companies like Circus Oz. A Spaghetti show is never dull. Exciting, well choreographed and original, young people are given the opportunity to experience all aspects of production. The Circus also has an advanced program, where committed kids spend hours with trainers learning new and challenging tricks. At any one time the Circus numbers over 350 participants at varying levels. Currently the Circus is housed in an old tin shed at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds. Their current program includes trapeze, contortion, acrobalancing, juggling, dance, stilts and more. In order to increase

the skill range and to enable them to perform without having the expense of erecting a big top every year, the Circus have raised money to erect a Big Tin Top. It's almost finished construction, but more money is needed for the floor, for seats and to finish



SEAN CHOOLBURRA AT BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE

fitting it out. Spaghetti Circus want to raise \$70,000 so the many children of the North Coast can continue the wonderful challenging and amazing classes that are such a big part of their rich and positive young lives. Many of the kids claim that the community within the Circus, is very much like a second family. With a commitment to giving their kids new challenges, Spaghetti Circus Artistic Director Simon Adams approached me to tutor the kids in stand up comedy. Over 8 weeks we've juggled jokes and pummelled punchlines. Kids are amazing. There's a natural humour in there, just waiting to burst free. The funniest thing about kids though is that when they are the funniest they have no idea why you're laughing!!! Funny Kids is a stand up comedy and cabaret event which will be

launching the Fundraising for the **Big Tin Top**. I'll be the MC, and over 20 kids will be getting up and doing 3 minutes of stand up comedy about their lives: what they love, what they hate, what teachers bug them, what they really think about vegetables and why little brothers aren't always what they're cracked up to be. There will also be some death defying aerial displays and cabaret. This is a one night only event and all are invited to champagne and a few nibbles before the show. Champs and chats at 5pm, with show time at 6pm. Sunday 30 July at the **Byron Community Centre**. Tix are \$15 for kids and \$20 for adults and are available at the door. For all information contact Sunita on 66843038 or spaghetti@circus@mullumbimby.com.au

STORY TELLING TURNING ON THE LIGHT

Nancy Mellon is known across America for the delight and healing she brings. she is an author, therapist and storyteller, who also runs her own Therapeutic Storytelling College in the USA. She brings her special magic to the area with a series of mid winter events that includes an Adults Only storytelling concert with **Jenni Cargill** at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby on Friday, a weekend workshop and an appearance at Abraxas Books. Wear your warm winter woollies and bring a granny rug and a cushion to soften those hard Drill Hall benches and prepare for a cosy, illuminating evening. To book call Jenni on 6684 6548. Show starts at 7.15pm and cost is \$12/10.

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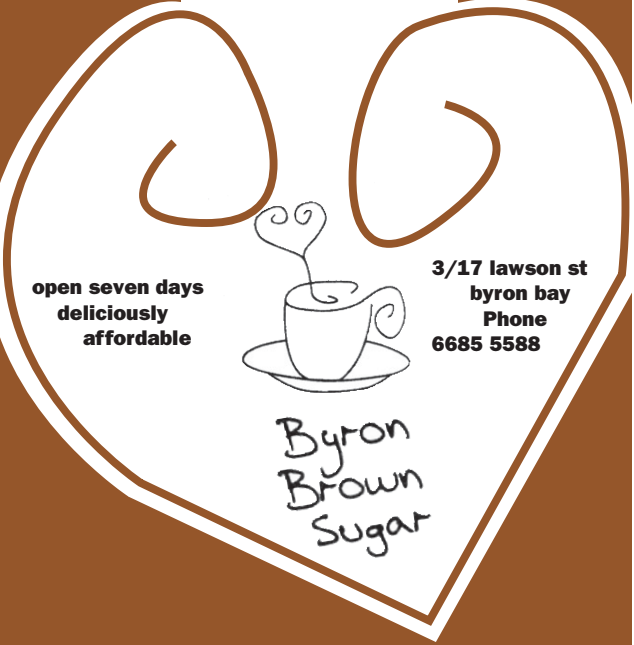
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ARIES : On today's date, which sets the tone for your week, Disneyland opened and Hitler's Mein Kampf was published. So if overinflated cartoon characters seem unduly oppressive and the new, ever-expanding Aussie rules start getting to you, that's your cue for upgrading your levels of creative subversion.

TAURUS : Having difficulty being objective about a conflict of interests? Remember dissent isn't necessarily a bad thing or agreement always a good one. A diversity of opinions and views is always healthier than a monoculture, even if it's just dissing the government or discussing where to do lunch.

GEMINI : This week brings flashes of insight, understanding and realisation, but be careful how you express these because others could take them the wrong way. Try planting any new plans as suggestions in casual conversation so they'll think it was their idea.

CANCER : This week's birthday person's St Wilgefortis, Cancerian patron saint of the unhappily married. Whatever kind of union isn't doing well for you, be it workplace, relational, generational or credit, take heart. Present flashpoints

are about to activate healthy changes – one way or another.

LEO : One minute things are proceeding as planned, the next they could be all over the shop. But look on the good side: the reverse is equally likely, and what's gone awry is capable of righting itself just as suddenly. This week's roller coaster requires a stylish rider...

VIRGO : Feeling needed and able to contribute is important to Virgos, who tend to give time, blood, sweat and tears to whatever they're involved in. This week brings a reality check. Time to re-assess your priorities – and also whether your needs and the project's are actually compatible.

LIBRA : This week's astral combination requires careful compromise – as in neither too strict repression nor too forceful expression of your feelings. Overcontrol's not healthy, out of control's worse, so do what Librans do best – aim for the median strip.

SCORPIO : For the duration of this possibly emotionally explosive week you have the choice of either being impatient, temperamental and difficult – or graceful, controlled and very aware of how the way you speak and behave affects other people's opinions of you.

SAGITTARIUS : This week's Cancer/Leo cusp stimulates the outward expression of inner feelings, yours and everyone else's. In the ensuing vocal traffic jams and battles for airspace, smart Sagittarians will zip the lip, listen lots and say little. Difficult? Absolutely. But not impossible.

CAPRICORN : It's worthwhile being appreciative rather than cranky about interruptions this week. Instead of criticising people for being pushy and intrusive – which perhaps they are – see them as beneficial catalysts who are getting things moving. And saving you the trouble.

AQUARIUS : This week's energy is both sensitive and determined, which has problem potential if you're assertive while someone else is having a fragile moment. Or vice versa. Compassionate tenacity is the answer – and as always the secret's in getting the mix right...

PISCES : This week earth worshippers honour Isis, Egyptian Nile delta goddess of fertility, travellers and magicians. And it still remains a time when movement is productive, miracles are possible, what's sown now will come to fruition and bumper stickers are right: magic happens.

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- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 9PM **DJ DAVE BASEK**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **SUPERFREAKS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **MARSHALL & FRO**
- BANGLOW HOTEL 8PM **TRIVIA**
- CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM **MULLUMBERRY JAM NIGHT**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 8PM **SEAN CHOOLBURRA STAND UP COMEDY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **FIG JAM SESSIONS**
- PLAY, BYRON 10PM **KRAZY DAVE V LENNOX DREAD** 12AM **RAZ BIN SAM** 1AM **RUB A DUB SOUND SYSTEM**

FRIDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **BORDELLO & THE JAYWALKS**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **CYBERBAS**, 9PM **DJ DAVE C**, STUDIO 7.30PM **RED HOT SALSA**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE EXPLODERS + MARSHALL**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **THE UTOPIANS**
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- PLAY, BYRON 10PM **N-ZED VS NICK TAYLOR** 1AM **BEN ABRAHAMS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUM 7.15PM **STORIES TO LIGHT & DARK**
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **JUNKBEATS 24/7**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY **CRAZY CIRCUS CABARET**, DJ **DAVE GRAVY**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE WRIGHT BROS + GROOVE COLLECTIVE**
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- MULLUM RSL 7.30PM **JIM FAIRFULL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **TRILL BILLY SUNG**
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SUNDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM **MR SPEAKER** 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN 8.30PM **BRITTLE FEX**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **INVISIBLE FRIEND**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **BLUE RHYTHM KINGS**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 1PM **MARKET SUNDAY JACK THORNCRAFT TRIO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM **SIMON TEDESCHI 'RHAPSODY IN BLUE'**
- BYRON SCOUT HALL, 6.45PM **1991 THE YEAR PUNK BROKE**
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- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 2PM **CHEYENNE MURPHY**
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MONDAY 24

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **PHIL JAMIESON**
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MOVIE REVIEWS

HIDDEN

The past won't go away. It is forever resuscitating itself in our dreams, insights and aspirations. In the case of TV host Georges Laurent, it comes back to haunt him in the form of anonymous postcards and secret videos taken of his house and delivered without explanation. He and wife Anne are convinced that their son Pierrot's life is under threat from an anonymous stalker. Georges becomes racked by a re-emerging sense of guilt, making him suspect that the crisis is linked to events that he believed were buried in his childhood. Without making a meal of it, director Michael Haneke subtly shifts the focus of the drama from the personal to the global, making an unavoidable, and pessimistic, allegory of Georgess rejection of an Algerian orphan for the world's never-ending cultural schisms. Notwithstanding a sudden, horrific suicide, the film is detached but not dispassionate, shot with a cold palette and including uncompromisingly long takes. Using not a note of music throughout, Haneke refuses to let his story be parcelled into the neat, take-away thriller genre, demanding instead that his audience concentrate on every detail, the mystery's layers sinking in like osmosis. Tense, provocative and refreshingly original.

John Campbell

THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA

Stylistically, this movie is as far removed from Hidden as possible. Directed by and starring Tommy Lee Jones, it is a contemporary redemption story

set in the craggy borderlands between Mexico and Texas. The panorama is dry and dusty, the atmosphere coloured by cantina and good ol' boys rock. Melquiades, an illegal, is befriended by Pete (Jones) when he turns up seeking ranch work. Knuckle-headed patrolman Mike (Barry Pepper), believing he has been shot at, kills Melquiades. Fulfilling a promise, Pete retrieves the body, abducts Mike and heads south on horseback to see that his slain buddy is buried in his village. An unerring eye for 'fringe-dwellers' lives and timely flashbacks establish the events that lead to the death and throw light on the characters' circumstances. The driven nature of the avenger and the wretchedness of his captive, on his own road to Damascus, read like a Bob Dylan morality tale circa 'John Wesley Harding', with the burning of the ants from the corpse's face a fabulously surreal image. Beautifully photographed, with a twist at the end as, from a web of deceit and moral ambiguities, a hard earned, tender truth is arrived at by both men.

John Campbell

THE CATERPILLAR WISH

Directed by Sandra Sciberras is a superb Australian film. Crafted with impeccable care by all concerned, The Caterpillar Wish is full of visually striking cinematography – closeups of water and objects or elements that surround the characters. The film sets a mood and a pace that is drawn from a narrative about secrets of the past that collide with the realities of the present, as seen through the eyes of 17 year-old Emily. The themes of The Caterpillar Wish are centered on the observation of people and life within a small town, a young girl looking for her father and the relationships between these close-knit locals. Writer/director Sandra Sciberras has gathered a wonderful cast to portray the characters in the sleepy seaside town. Susie Porter and Robert Mammone are superb, and the teens, Victoria Thaine as Emily and Khan Chittenden as Joel, are excellent. The New Zealand drama In My Father's Den springs readily to mind.



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IN THE RED

Horatio Bitemark

There are few things finer than an old-fashioned funeral. By 'old-fashioned' I mean the pomp and circumstance of the Victorian era rather than, say, the keening of ancient Celts around a cairn of stones.

So it was with the going hence of Sanders the butler's mother, Mrs Eugenie Throttlenape Sanders, at the grand age of 113. She was a lady of the old school, who believed that the niceties of etiquette took precedence over affection and raised her son accordingly, so he would be able to tell a salver from a cruet and merely cough disapprovingly at the Massacre of the Innocents.

Mrs Sanders lived in modest circumstances, holiday letting her three bedroom house at Belongil to jaded suburbanites while inhabiting the potting shed in the most genteel manner possible. Rather than dint Sanders's earnings, we all agreed to fund the old dear's send-off in an appropriate manner. Her bier on an antique wagon, decorated with a thousand dark red roses, was pulled by seven black horses, the lead horse prancing excitedly with the aid of an ostrich feather buttplug. Sanders walked solemnly behind the wagon, his mourning suit entirely free of wrinkles, his visage set like the stone face of the Sphinx. The young lasses of Miss Bizzy Lizzy's College of Pain walked in front, clad decorously (for a change) in black leather gowns emblazoned with the Sanders family heraldry, a sparrowhawk on an azure field. beneath it the motto, 'A Sharp Eye Oversees All'. The dominatrixes threw out tiger lilies to those who gawped at the passing procession, occasionally whipping into line one or two who ventured too close.

We arrived at the High Church of England of St Nesbit the Surly on the Wold - a breakaway group which refused to recognise the new anglicanism as anything other than tawdry worldliness - which sat upon a wave flecked clifftop buffeted by icy winds even on the warmest days. The valets took Mrs Sanders's coffin from the wagon and laid her in state at the foot of the altar, behind her the stained glass image of John the Baptist Chastising The Asses, a parable which had inspired her son on the path of service. Altar boys swung richly fragrant censers as if in training for the hammer throw and Mrs Oleander Doilypelmet wrestled with a

wheezing organ for a tune as the Reverend Methuselah Stone read prayers, hymns and homilies in a regal voice without once lifting his face to the congregation. Sanders himself intoned the eulogy to his mother, not a hint of emotion troubling his smooth delivery. Once Mrs Sanders had been interred in the hard ground and a white marble angel, courtesy of a quick whiparound in the Macquarie Bank boardroom, raised above her, we adjourned to the Myocum clubhouse for the wake. Sanders inherited from his mother the family owl, Grymthorne, who was believed to be almost as old as the old dame herself. The butler handed it over to Tosser Digby to train and, despite its arthritic wings, it had a grand time harrying stray dogs in the truffle paddock and despatching unlucky mice to the nether world with an insolent toss of its head.

Chef had prepared a fine feast of blue wren roulade in a deshabelle of crisp fried maidenhair fern, each plate decorated with a fringe of black crepe. We toasted the ancient dame with a Byron Planning Vacuum Cabernet Shiraz, rich in abandoned precedent, whiffs of elderberry and hints of prolonged court case. The valet Hereward MacAdam played a mournful dirge upon the bagpipes.

Sanders stood a little apart from the banquet, keeping a watchful eye on proceedings as always. I walked over to him and said, 'Commiserations, old chap', and almost laid a consoling hand upon his shoulder. 'Sir is too kind,' said Sanders, 'I must see to the polishing of the silverware', and quickly left the room.



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PEPPERS AT COORABELL

Victoria Cosford

Even when you live in paradise there is still the need at times to escape. Familiarity can throw a veil over things, muffling your view and your sense of the world, when to wake up in a different bed with a different window to frame the day may shake that off, permitting new angles and outlooks. Escaping into that possibility with a little imagination and some form of transport is achievable almost wherever you look, but when at your disposal all you have is a weekend then there is little point in casting too far afield. A fifteen minute drive taking you into another world without being shatteringly expensive would be the brief – and to my delight there is such a place. Peppers' Casuarina Lodge at Coorabell in the hinterland is currently offering a deal for locals almost too good to be believed; having just had my escape there I am still beset, several days later, by the feeling that I was away for much longer than a mere Saturday night and Sunday morning. Retreats and resorts up here abound, most of them idyllic because of their locations in rich sub-tropical gorgeousness. Casuarina Lodge is no exception, past Coorabell Hall and up Newes Road on an estate almost intoxicating in the fertility of its vegetation. The Lodge is in fact 12 suites and 6 lodges, cosy homey structures which blend in with the lush environment, completely self-contained and utterly luxurious. The deal? \$195 for two people to spend one night, to have a three-course meal in the restaurant then breakfast the following morning. Given that chef Matthew Jeffries has an impressive culinary pedigree this particular offer is almost laughably generous. Here in the lofty dining room with its gracious bar and crackling fire is a space full of intimate corners and angles and precisely the place to be romantic, a state in which this evening I am able to indulge fully. Sarah Johnston is Matthew's partner and the Retreat Manager, a winsomely warm woman I adore immediately and with whom before the fire I drink pre-dinner champagne. My partner and I choose a table by the window with its ghost of a winter moon, and study the menu. Matthew's food is contemporary and Mediterranean; local produce features; I want to eat everything. Instead slow down to share the soup of the day, Jerusalem artichoke with truffle oil and the cutest loaf of house-baked bread which we dunk into local lemon myrtle olive oil and

a superlative dukkah. Soup thick, buttery and earthy and real bread are what, I suspect, later rob us of the ability to manage dessert – but before that there is my heavenly salmon with crispy skin on a bed of creamy skordalia and marinated cucumber and my partner's delicate 'rotolo' of pumpkin and ricotta and its spunky vinaigrette of basil and tomato. We share tastes, and a bottle of good red (not part of the deal), and decide that the Cointreau creme brulee with biscotti and the baked quince and almond tart with honey and five spice cream would be completely wasted on us, because by now we are as full as two people being romantic ever want to be. (I actually caught myself thinking that there was no earthly reason, surely, why I couldn't come to Peppers one night with a greedy, hard-drinking female friend in order that we could abandon ourselves utterly to food and wine. Because apart from the meal, one of the welcoming features of our lodge was the platter of superior cheeses, muscatels and crackers reposing in the bar fridge – which I, cheese-lover that I am, managed to leave intact...) That was only one of so many small but luxurious details. Two rooms, corner lamps, magazines, beautiful wooden furniture, comfy couches, heaters breathing out warm air, delectable bathroom products, a front deck and a back one where our pre-pre-dinner drinks were conducted before a backdrop of dense, glorious forest, the gleam of whispering Wilsons Creek, not a soul for miles and the only noise the evening birds and the plangent chords of my love's guitar. Having skipped dessert we had room for a fairly lavish breakfast, sitting out on the main verandah drenched in morning sunshine. My toasted banana and coconut bread was heavy and nutty and heavenly, washed down by a well-made latte, and his eggs Benedict on superb housemade bread – ham, spinach, mustard-rainy hollandaise – declared superb. We sat and sat and sat, cumquat trees and palms and swimming pools and manicured bocce lawn our medium. Until we realised that our one-night escape had not, in fact, spun on for days, and that it was time to re-enter the diurnal round of Real Life. Drove away, semi-melting. Further details and bookings for this fantastic winter deal may be organised through reservations on 6684 7348 – please note that this is a special for locals only!

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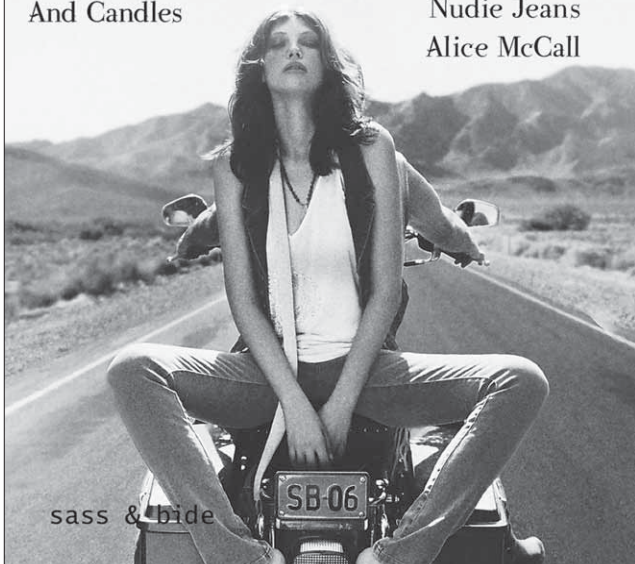
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Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

International surfers set record in Bali



With so many enthusiastic participants the start of the record attempt for the most surfers riding a single wave together was, not surprisingly, somewhat chaotic! Photo Jason Childs

All the evidence suggests the world record for the most people to ride a single wave simultaneously has been broken at famous Kuta Beach, Bali over the weekend with in excess of 53 local and visiting surfers riding a single wave together in a show of international unity.

In weather that could only be described as ideal, a total of 125 eager participants ventured into the two-to-three foot waves and made five attempts to ride the same wave together with the third and fifth attempts looking like record breakers.

The record requires all surfers to be riding together

for a minimum of five seconds, with the current official record set at 44 surfers in Ireland in May. The attempt was organised at the prompting of local surfers as a way of attracting an international audience to Bali and to remind the world why Bali became a favourite destination for so many. Not least the island's amazing surf and beautiful beaches, but also the incredible kindness and generosity of the Balinese and their willingness to share their unique island paradise.

Ketut Menda, a famous local surfer who participated in the record attempt today said it was important people were

reminded of the 'real' Bali.

'To come together today is very positive, and we have shown that as a community we can work together to remind people what makes Bali such a special place for so many. Surfers have come from all over the world for years and years, and they will always come back. We want all the surfers to come to Bali and enjoy their holidays.'

Guinness officials will now analyse the DVD evidence from Bali, a process which can take anywhere up to eight weeks, before approval is given. Official records are listed on www.guinness-worldrecords.com.

Mountain bikers' fundraising film night



Dirt Slaves mountain bike club has been operating for twelve months with the aim of promoting mountain biking in the area. With its members regularly participating in events north of the border, the fledgling club is producing some excellent results in all classes.

Five members competed in round five of the Sunshine Downhill series at Canungra recently with Tom McCormack (pictured) winning the

junior hardtail class, and Murray Irvine winning the senior hardtail class. The other three competitors placed midfield in their classes.

Norval Watson accumulated enough points to place third in the masters for the series, while Uki Inoue managed second in expert class for the series.

As a non profit organisation, the club is always looking for fundraising opportu-

nities and is holding a film night at the Clunes Hall on Saturday August 5 at 4pm. Three of mountain biking's latest movies will be screened: Drift 3, The Collective and Disorder 6: Unchained, and a barbecue will be running. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$12 per family.

For information regarding the fundraiser of any aspect of the bike club, please phone Chris on 6685 6067 or Steve on 6624 8996.

Poor attitude lets the Giants down

Despite a win over Grafton Ghosts last weekend, coach Paul Latta was less than impressed with the Mullumbimby Giants' performance in their Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League match on Saturday.

'When you consider that every Grafton player played two games and they're bottom of the table, we should have dominated far more than we did,' said Latta. 'We won by the same margins as our reserves; does that mean that our first grade is no better than our reserve grade? I hope not.'

Latta cited complacency as

the main problem, with the team not having the right mental attitude to the game. That, and an atrocious completion rate in the first half, caused most of the problems.

'We looked like we were going through the motions in the first half,' said Latta. 'Even when there was no score after 20 minutes we didn't look like we were concerned that we might be in trouble. If we want to play finals football, we're going to have to step it up.'

On the positive side, Latta once again praised Brett Archibald for his consistently good play, and Jy Hitchcox from

the under 18s who showed great promise for the future. He was also pleased to see that Chase Nelson had improved on recent performances.

'Our mental preparation needs to improve,' said Latta. 'Players need to take responsibility for themselves; they can't sit back and wait for someone else to do everything for them. This is the time to show improvement; if we can keep winning we can still get into the finals.'

Finals score Mullumbimby 38 d Grafton 10; reserve grade Mullumbimby 42 d Grafton 16; under 18s Grafton 16 d Mullumbimby 8.

A rib cracker of a win for Mullums Drift Ins

Brian Mollet

Oscar Wilde described fox-hunting as 'the unspeakable in full pursuit of the inedible'; the Nick Shand Memorial cricket series is more like 'the untreatable in pursuit of the ineffable'.

Game three matched the be-dreadlocked eco-warriors of Eureka Grass with the Mullum Drift-ins, a curious entity consisting of various cousins, uncles and acquaintances of local character Trent, a man who would probably make a go of the Mafia business if he ever gives up cricket. The Drift-ins won the toss and decided to bat, opener Jake immediately launching an onslaught that changed the landscape of the morning faster than an Abigroup construction team on an incentive contract.

At the other end, the world's only Irish opening bat Willy Macelroy tweaked the ball around fearlessly and 50 runs were on the board and Jake safely retired before the first wicket fell. Ricky and Tom cleared the boundaries as regularly as an Israeli artillery unit, both reaching retirement

with more speed and veracity than John Howard. For Eureka Hank, Bruce and youngster Seamus were the pick of the bowlers, but steady runs from Eli and Jason late in the innings saw the score to a series high 170.

After lunch, Ricky's claims not to have played since last year looked pretty dubious as he had the ball lifting faster than a council moratorium. Bruce and Brian cracked a few boundaries but soon the only cracking sound was Brian's ribs as he repeatedly tried to control the ball on his chest like Zinedine Zidane. Bruce's runout and Brian's demise left Eureka captain Hank, like captain Hook, playing a lone hand.

Roscoe was the big hope to hang around with his skipper, but he was undone by a topspinner from the deceptively disarming Angie. Heath did enough to see the score past 100, but Trent emulated Macbeth by blasting out Heath and going on to kill the king, Hank caught by the safe hands of Jason for 32. Victory for the Drift-ins was by a healthy 50 runs and last

MJSC thanks community

Mullumbimby Junior Soccer Club's fundraising dinner held at the Mullumbimby Rugby League Club recently was extremely successful raising over \$700 for the kids' sport.

The success is largely due to the generosity of the fol-

lowing businesses: Dennetts, Mallams, McDonalds Meats, Devine's Butchery, Sunnybrand, Mullum Hire and Coral Foods. Thanks must also go to Christine and Robbie Bacchiella and all other parents who helped with preparation.

Crankin what's happening surfside

Byron Bay Boardriders

Results from club round as follows: fleas Solly, Gene, Nick; cadets Dom, Robert; juniors Garrett, Torren, Ben, Wazza; opens Luke, Johnny, Rama, Crispy; seniors Shane, Sully, Zippy, Wizz; women Sal, Kell. Next round is away

at Evans Head August 12 and 13.

Brunswick Boardriders

Due to the inclement conditions, last weekend's club round was postponed until Sunday July 23; meet at surf club at 7am. Enquiries to Scott 0408 061 421.

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PHASES OF THE MOON		
New Moon	25th July	2.32 pm
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Aquarian Full Moon	9th Aug	8.55 pm
Last Quarter	16th Aug	11.51 am

WED High	2.43 am 1.2	Sunrise	6.36 am
19th Low	3.28 pm 1.5	Sunset	5.08 pm
	8.47 am 0.4	Moonrise	12.50 am
	10.12 pm 0.5	Moonset	11.51 am
THU High	3.56 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.35 am
20th Low	4.28 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.09 pm
	9.43 am 0.5	Moonrise	1.55 am
	11.24 pm 0.4	Moonset	12.31 pm
FRI High	5.06 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.35 am
21st Low	5.25 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.09 pm
	10.40 am 0.5	Moonrise	3.00 am
		Moonset	1.18 pm
SAT High	6.08 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.34 am
22nd Low	6.17 pm 1.7	Sunset	5.10 pm
	12.23 am 0.4	Moonrise	4.03 am
	11.36 am 0.5	Moonset	2.10 pm
SUN High	7.01 am 1.1	Sunrise	6.34 am
23rd Low	7.05 pm 1.7	Sunset	5.10 pm
	1.13 am 0.3	Moonrise	5.02 am
	12.27 pm 0.5	Moonset	3.07 pm
MON High	7.47 am 1.2	Sunrise	6.33 am
24th Low	7.48 pm 1.7	Sunset	5.11 pm
	1.55 am 0.3	Moonrise	5.54 am
	1.14 pm 0.5	Moonset	4.06 pm
TUE High	8.27 am 1.2	Sunrise	6.33 am
25th Low	8.28 pm 1.7	Sunset	5.11 pm
	2.34 am 0.3	Moonrise	6.39 am
	1.57 pm 0.4	Moonset	5.07 pm

Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.

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



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- 29 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
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- 41 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park Sat 12pm.
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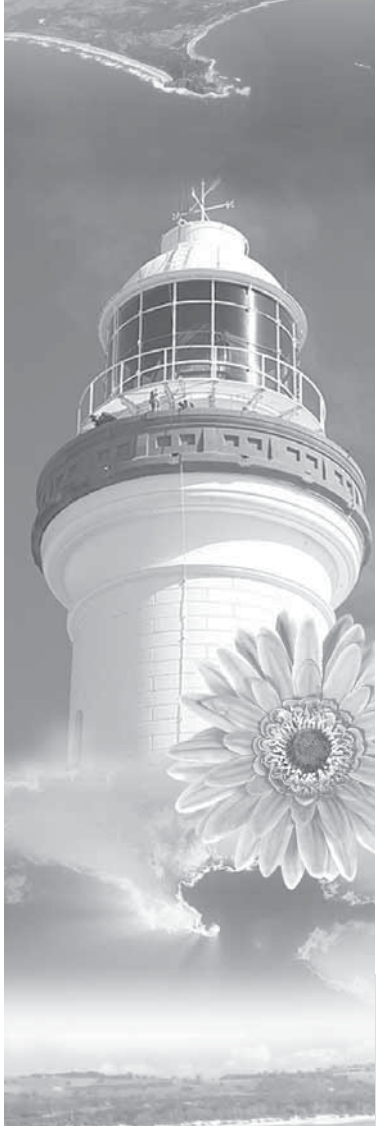
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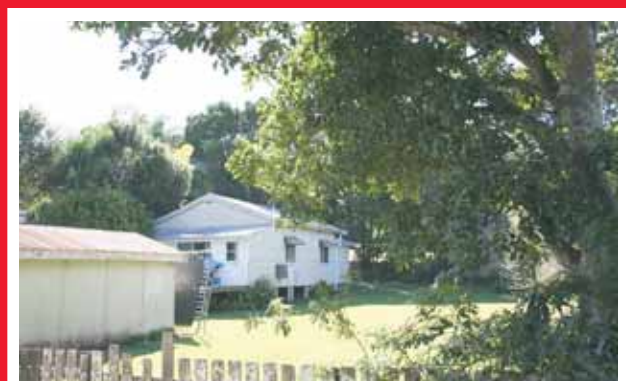
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▶▶▶ Character In Bangalow

9 Rankin Drive. Inspect Wed 19th July 2.30-3pm. Located in the very centre of beautiful Bangalow village, this unique property is perfectly designed for separate life styles, with the parents at one end, and the teenager at the other! One section comprises an open plan living area with polished boards, vaulted ceilings, and kitchen with large gas cook top. Also a huge mezzanine bedroom, downstairs bedroom, full sized bathroom and laundry. The other section has a loft bedroom, living room, full sized bathroom, and separate entrance. This fabulous house has a wide, pretty and totally private rear garden area. \$620,000ono. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes at Property Buyers Net 0418 755 088.

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▶▶▶ Bangalow Village

7 Blackwood Crescent. Inspect Saturday 22nd July 2-3pm. Ideally located close to the sports fields and school buses, this 4 bedroom (walk in robe and built ins) 2 bathroom house, has vaulted ceilings and polished boards in the living area, a double lock up garage, is fully insect screened and has vertical blinds throughout. With a classic white interior, this brand new property is light, bright, sunny, and due to its position, could suit a home occupation purchaser. Don't miss this opportunity to capitalize on the thriving Bangalow property market with your landscaping skills! Vendor will rent back for 6 months at \$450pw. \$530,000. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes Property Buyers Net 0418 755 088. Agent declares interest.

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▶▶▶ Clunes Farmlet – One Acre With Views

Left into Stewart's Rd off Bangalow Rd on approach to Clunes from Bangalow. Open for inspection Saturday 22nd July 12-12.30pm. 3 bedrooms, large sleep out, new kitchen with granite benchtops and large gas cooktop, bathroom, full sized laundry with extra w/c, lounge, dining, new rear deck, ceiling fans, polished boards, garden shower, 2 water tanks, bush BBQ, garage, and huge shed equipped with steel framed mezzanine storage facility. \$420,000. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes Property Buyers Net 0418 755 088

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▶▶▶ This Property Has Everything!

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▶▶▶ Public Auction

56A Bangalow Road Byron Bay. Auction 12th August 2006, 1.00pm on-site. This rare find at this price level, situated on approx 725sqm down a private battle axe drive off Bangalow Road. 10 minute walk to the many cafes, Byron Cinema, restaurants, clubs, pubs, cocktail bars and shops. A quaint cottage with timber floors, three bedrooms and a north facing sunny deck. This piece of Byron Shire is small and modest but with potential plus, as the address is its biggest asset. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join Byron Shire's community. Contact Sean Kenny at Sean Kenny Real Estate, 79 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby on 6684 2200 or 0419 624 024 for more information or to arrange your inspection.

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▶▶▶ Vendors Need This Cottage Sold!

46 Stuart Street Mullumbimby. AUCTION 12th August 2006, 11.00am on-site. Sean Kenny Real Estate have just listed for auction a quaint home in Mullumbimby. Your recently renovated home is very cozy and within a easy 1/2 block stroll to Mullumbimby CBD. Your new home features three bedrooms, polished timber floors, new kitchen & bathroom. Also your home includes front and rear deck which make for nice entertaining and perfect for afternoon drinks. Would suit a retired couple or first home buyers. Vendors highly motivated to sell. Contact Sean Kenny at Sean Kenny Real Estate, 79 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby on 6684 2200 or 0419 624 024. Inspection by appointment only.

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▶▶▶ Mullumbimby – The New Bangalow?

Open house this Sat, 1pm to 2pm. 12 Cassia Ct, Mullumbimby with Rose of Red Rose Realty. Not one drop of sweat need be shed to spruce up this wonderful family home, prior to moving in. Everything possible has been done. It has been re-wired, re-plumbed, re-stumped and newly painted - the magic of old world, high ceilings, French doors opening onto large wrap around sleep outs, retro style kitchen, formal dining and polished timber floors. Needing some TLC but at end of quiet cul-de-sac, backing onto reserve, with a delightful rural view over pasture land to Mt.Chincogan from the rear deck. To inspect phone Rose at Red Rose Realty on 6680 9505 or 0427 016 451. \$390,000.

Red Rose Realty



▶▶▶ Owners Are On The Move

Set just walking distance to shops and beaches this large four bedroom, two bathroom, double lock up garage home offers a sunny, bright and airy feel. It has a north facing backyard and an under cover outdoor entertaining area. There are two spacious living areas which flow through to a galley style kitchen. The house is on 700sqm of land and is a must to be inspected. Contact Peter Yopp on 0411 837330 or 02 6685 7300 at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay. \$530,000.

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▶▶▶ Approved B&B, Close To Beach

Two minutes walk from the beach and shops is this architecturally designed beach style bungalow at Suffolk Park. It's in excellent condition and makes the most of modern living. Approved two room bed & breakfast, this five large bedroom home has two ensuites plus an additional main bathroom and has been designed for maximum light and privacy. With the elevation of two stories, the home catches the soft coastal breezes. You'll love the stainless steel kitchen, dining and living area opening out to an expansive elevated deck. A three vehicle carport and delightful garden and pool, make this just ten year old home very desirable. \$958,000. Please call Scott Harvey Real Estate on 0412 296 872 for an inspection.

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In response to appeals from several Mullumbimby residents to extend the submission date for the Mallams Supermarket DA, the NSW Department of Planning has said it will accept submissions until July 28, one week later than advertised.

Can you remember the name of everyone you've ever met, including Aunt Ethel's parrot and the man who lent you that book that you've been meaning to return, or are you one of those people who can never call to mind the name of that thingy-ma-jig that what's her name used to own. From today until August 19 you can test your grey matter on line in the National Memory Test. Visit www.scienceweek.info.au and follow the prompts. It might be an idea to hang on to this page in case you start the test and forget what you're doing.

Pouring water on the saying 'there's no smoke without fire', the rumour that the Beach Hotel has sold for some astronomical sum of money was doused when a spokesperson for the hotel told *The Echo* that it has neither been sold, nor is it for sale. So go find something else to spend your spare fifty million on.

We'll have to increase the number of days in the year soon to accommodate all the new national days. The latest is National Lamington Day, not quite as exciting as our favourite, National Talk Like A Pirate Day, but it has promise. Don't expect the home baked, wrapped in a doily, variety though. Top Taste is donating 20 cents from every pack sold of their mass produced version to children's charity, Variety. A generous gesture but is this the end of elderly ladies bear-



ing chocolate coated delicacies. Hands up anyone under 50 who knows how to make a lamington anyway? Is this an idea for a new ACE course?

Happy Birthday to ABC North Coast. 70 years of commercial free broadcasting were celebrated yesterday (Monday). Congratulations on keeping the region informed and in touch.

Media diversity is a good thing (see page 8) so inhabitants of Ocean Shores and Brunswick Heads were no doubt happy to see the weekly *Tweed Sun* on their driveways last week, wrapped in plastic, owned by Rupert Murdoch, produced in Queensland, and calling itself 'your community newspaper'.

There are now four weekly papers being delivered in the north of the Shire, not counting the glossy, unmulchable lifestyle numbers complained of in our letters last week. Since the newcomers are creating litter and are without redeeming journalistic or community features, perhaps we should publish the

addresses of the publishers concerned. But then we wouldn't want our readers to assume that we could possibly recommend collecting these items, writing the address on them and posting them back, reversed charges, to their point of origin.

These Wizards (a theatrical group called 'What Wizard') have been entertaining and educating kids around the area these school holidays. Last Friday the group enthralled the young audience at Durrumbul Hall. Photo Jeff 'Gandalf the Slightly Off-White' Dawson

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