

Writersfest ready to turn 10



Michael McDonald

Writers festival organisers Byron Bay Writers Festival first decade, with the tenth event kicking off this week and coming weekend at the Byron Bay Beach Resort, the community centre and venues throughout town. Jill Eddington, who has decided to move on.

Attracting more than 100 children.

Among the events Coastlines4, the latest anthology of arts and culture. creative work from Southern Cross University writing students, will be launched by renowned novelist Rob-Arts and Social Sciences, *Coastlines4* is produced by a team of nine student editors may be changing.' and their supervisor Dr Janie Conway-Herron.

available at the launch and pick your ticket up from Jetat Dymocks and the Co-op set, Shop 6, Old Bakery Bookshop, Lismore.

or not – for cultural policy Byron Bay

Writers festival stalwarts (left to right) Rebecca Park, Jeni Caffin, Jill Eddington and Chris Hanley gear up for the tenth annual Byron are ready to celebrate the Bay Writers Festival. Photo Jeff 'Word Me Up' Dawson

in Australia will be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Friday from 9.30am to 11am as a free event.

Guest panellists include The festival will be the last Professor Ien Ang, public for much respected director commentator and leading figure in cultural studies worldwide; Neil Armfield, one of Australia's foremost writers, the festival's program directors; film producranges from politics to cook- er Margaret Fink; and Proery and on to writing for fessor David Throsby, internationally known for his work in the economics of

Professor David Throsby says, 'There is a sense in the air that as a society we are economically wealthy but ert Drewe on Saturday. Pub- culturally impoverished or lished through the School of at least uncertain about what our cultural values are or in what direction they

To book your free seat at this discussion ring letset The anthology will be Byron Bay on 6685 6554 or Complex, on the corner of A discussion on the need Marvell and Jonson Streets,

See more on the festival on pages 20 and 33 and for full program details go to www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au.

Breastfeeding gets the thumbs up



It's World Breastfeeding Week, 'We'll drink to that,' agree Rose and Pearl – with mother Zoe – who've been celebrating for about five months. Further gatherings of bosom buddies will be held at Mullum Hospital at 10am on Wednesday August 2 and at the Brunswick Heads Playground, on The Terrace near the caravan park, on Friday August 4, also at 10am. Both events are morning teas. All stfeeding babies welcome, BYO mother. Photo Jeff 'When only the breast will do' Dawson

State grabs park power from Byron Council

Lesley Patterson

The state government has sacked Byron Shire Council as manager of four caravan parks on Crown land and the Clarkes Beach Café. Minister for Lands Tony Kelly announced the move in a press release on Thursday morning, just as staff from his department were breaking the news to Council.

The Terrace, Ferry Reserve and Massey Greene Caravan Parks in Brunswick Heads and the Clarkes Beach Caravan Park will now be managed by the Department of Lands.

'Following a number of complaints from the community, an independent audit in the first half of 2005 and was undertaken that identified a number of issues of serious concern with these parks,' said Mr Kelly, 'The senior staff and Council was

Department allowed Council given the opportunity to protime to respond to the issues and prepare a strategy to address the concerns raised in the audit. Council's strategy lacked the detail to effectively deal with the situation.'

The Department of Lands would not reveal how many complaints had been received or give specific details on the nature of the complaints. 'Environmental concerns, public safety, OH&S [occupational health and safety], non compliance with licensing requirements,' was as far as John McClymont from the Department of Lands would be drawn.

'The audit was undertaken a copy of the audit was provided to Council. Discussions were undertaken with

vide an action plan to address the issues. However, Council's response failed to address the serious matters outlined in the audit,' said Mr McClymont.

Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham told The Echo, 'There is no way the issues raised in the audit warrant the action that has been taken by the Department', adding that major criticisms in the audit involved issues such as minimum distances between caravans and fire safety technicalities, which had largely been dealt with.

'One part of the audit talks about the undervaluing of the product and compares prices of cabins in the Brunswick caravan parks with other tourism accommodation such as units. This is pretty bizarre. I don't know anyone who would think a holiday in a caravan park would be comparable with a unit in a block. My biggest fear is that this is all about money,' Cr Barham said.

Last financial year's profit target for the four parks was a little over \$1.5 million, however this sum does not remain in Council's coffers but is repaid to the state government. Council then applies to the Department of Lands for grants to carry out work on the caravan parks, as well as maintain infrastructure on Crown land such as surf life saving clubs, the Byron Bay pool and beachfront reserves.

'The worst case scenario is that some of the responsibility for maintenance of public reserves and surf life saving clubs would fall back on continued on page 4



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Groups call for action on river pollution

The health of the Brunswick loads of soil are being River has continued to cause concern as more rainy days pollution events could be resulted in another obvious sediment plume last Friday. A coalition of local environment and community organisations is urging local residents to contact the Pollution Hotline on 131 555 to complain about the lack of controls by the RTA to prevent sediment from the highway roadworks being washed into local waterways.

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'A very large and thick plume of sediment has again polluted the Brunswick River estuary which is part of the Cape Byron Marine Park. The lower estuary is the most productive area in the river and provides the fundamental building blocks upon is an obvious conflict of which all other river species are dependent. But this rich biodiversity is being smothered and choked and that is affecting the rest of the food chain,' said Richard Whitling, spokesperson for the coalition which includes the North Coast Environment Council, CONOS and the South Golden Beach act. Progress Association.

end of the estuary's tidal at Billinudgel, it is like truck Pollution Licence.'

Stop the Indian Mynah

Byron Shire Council and the Billinudgel who have infor-Tweed-Byron Indian Myna Action Group are calling on residents to assist in efforts to control the spread of Indian Mynas in the local area. Indian Mynas are an introduced bird listed as one of the world's most invasive species by the World Conservation Union.

They are opportunistic by nature and aggressively out- Myna_Sighting.pdf. If you compete native wildlife for would like to assist in the food and nest sites in tree hollows

to hear from residents sion Officer Wendy Neilan of Mullumbimby and on 6626 7119.

lions of living creatures in the river. 'Word in the community is that fishers are noticing that fish stocks are much reduced. This can be expected to get worse and affect fish stocks

dumped into the river. Few

more devastating to the mil-

for years to come,' he said. 'The NSW Minister for the Environment, Mr Debus, has failed to respond to our urgent call for action issued a month ago. Clearly the Minister is unwilling to apply the appropriate environmental protection standards to his colleague, the Minister for Roads (Mr Roozendaal), who is the developer. There interest.'

'If you or I were building a house we would be made to ensure that no sediment left the property.

'But when the Environment Minister's colleague is the developer on a ten kilometre bare-earth construction site, the Minister fails to

mation about where Indian Mynas regularly feed on the ground.

If you see Indian Mynas and particularly if they are in a feeding flock please complete a sighting report. Forms are available from Council community access points or online at www.byron.nsw. gov.au/files/pdf/form/Indian_ control of Indian Mynas, or seek further information, Council particularly wants contact Biodiversity Exten-

Prehistoric planting day



Zac Penprase (and his parents, Dave and Stephanie, who run Northern Rivers Plant Hire) donated this prehistoric Wollemi Pine to Byron Primary (and one to Byron High) as part of National Tree Day celebrations. Photo Jeff 'Pining Away' Dawson

Have say on pesticide use

and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is seeking community comment on its new plan to cide use in public places.

pest control in its parks and reserves, which helps remove the plan need to be send by pest animals and weeds that August 25 to Deputy Direccan have a detrimental affect tor General, c/- Manager on the health of the park and Pesticide Management Unit, hamper our visitors' enjoy- Reserve and Wildlife Conment,'NPWS Head DrTony servation Branch, DEC Fleming said. 'The NPWS Parks and Wildlife Division, recognises that people have a PO Box 1967, Hurstville basic right to know when 1481. For further informapotentially hazardous pesti- tion call 1300 361 967.

The NSW National Parks cides are going to be used and to avoid these places if they wish.

The plan can be viewed at notify people about its pesti- any NPWS regional office, and on the website www. 'The NPWS undertakes nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

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Teenagers impress in public speaking

A recent public speaking competition held at Byron Bay High School has disproved the theory that teenagers today are less articulate than those in their parents' day. Adjudicator of the north coast region 2006 Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award Louise Owen was extremely impressed with the standard of competition.

'I have a background as a teacher, lecturer and public speaker and have been adjudicating public speaking and debating for 20 years and the standard is improving all the time,' said Ms Owens.

This particular competition was for students in years 7, 8 and 9, and all competi-Byron High: Anika Jensen in Year 7 and Chester Pearson in Year 9. Ms Owen was par- intelligent issues.' ticularly impressed with their to adolescents.



The gentle art of persuasion – public speakers Anika Jenen and Chester Pearson from Byron High and Nikki Core and Justine Cristini, respectively runner up and winner both from Mt St Patricks at Murwillumbah, drive home their points of view while chairman Joe Weiley remains equanimous.

Owens. 'They all discussed time.

choices of subject matter petition a really tough edge, was the only boy. According what is happening in the covering a range of subjects not only did students have to to Ms Owens, this is a com- world.' that are of particular interest deliver a prepared speech on mon trend. a subject of their choice, they

tors were aged 12 to 14 Australia; one, which was civics and citizenship', for articulate at an earlier age years, including two from particularly well researched, which they were given a only and have more awareness on Scientology,' said Ms a few minutes of preparation of the world around them.

And just to give the com- this level, Chester Pearson and have a good grasp of

'One speech was on the then had to deliver an into their own [in public rule, however, winning a effect of television on a teen- impromptu five minute speaking] until they are Highly Commended award ager; one on nuclear waste speech on the subject: 'The about 16, 17 or 18,' she for his participation in the dumping in the middle of third world in relation to said. 'Girls tend to be more competition.

All successful public spea-Of the 12 competitors at kers need to be widely read

Chester is clearly the 'Boys often don't come exception that proves the

Main Arm plans go on display

publicly exhibiting the pro- proposal. There is also a new proposal. These will be held implementation of the Byron posal for expansion in the development control plan on Saturday August 5 from Rural Settlement Strategy Main Arm village area of 24 and section 94 plan for the 1pm to 4pm and on Wednes- 1998 which is an important new house sites in the rural locality being exhibited. settlement area and an house sites (13 within the the proposed expansion).

The proposal consists of a change to the Local Environ- two open house days will be proposal,' said Council's act- or Council's Lisa Wrightson mental Plan to permit an held at the Kohinur Hall to ing general manager Brett from the Community Planexpansion to the village area assist the community to Lee.

Byron Shire Council is now and a rural community title gather information about the

Five landowners have expansion of the village of 24 come together for this proposal, which will be on pubexisting zoned area and 11 in lic exhibition from Friday until Friday September 8.

As part of the exhibition,

day August 16 from 3pm to document for the develop-5pm. A public meeting at ment of our rural villages 6pm will follow the informa- and areas. tion session on August 16.

'It is important for the the proposal, contact Councommunity to get involved cil's planning consultant and have their say about the Geoff Smyth on 6652 4490

'The proposal is partly an

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Cornell blasts Herald report on tax and pub

A news story in *The Sydney* ted similar crimes.

Morning Herald last week insinuating that Paul Hogan an's and Cornell's various and John Cornell could be property holdings, specifitax cheats has been refuted cally those in Byron Shire, by Cornell in a media state- and their net worth, conment released by him follow- cluding with Cornell's deciing the Herald's claims. In his sion to sell The Beach Hotel, press release Cornell says, a subject which has attracted 'The Sydney Morning Herald much media attention in story is insulting and incor- recent months. rect. I was not contacted by their reporter to comment release Cornell again denied on its many inaccuracies. It that the pub is even on the is a regurgitation of the same market. story published nine months ago with its only fresh aspect for sale. A recent valuation being some recent real estate sales'.

The story makes a number of assertions based on link- but certainly not for tax reaing Hogan and Cornell with sons. I am 65, have a health a firm of tax haven special- problem, and wish to retire. ists and goes on to list three of that firm's other Austral- Hogan and I were advised to ian clients who have been move to Hong Kong in 1986 charged with conspiring to so that we would pay 15% defraud the Common- tax instead of 60% as it was wealth. However, there is no then in Australia. We decided mention made of any evi- to stay and paid the 60%, dence to suggest that Hogan which benefited Australia by and Cornell have commit- many millions.'

importing into jobs that

Call to train youth for work

Member for Richmond Jus- kids. We are being told by

It goes on to discuss Hog-

However, in his press

'The Beach Hotel is not has caused a flurry of offers. I will probably decide to sell it before the end of this year,

'One last thing: Paul

State grabs park power from Council

From front page

ratepayers. The Department of Lands is not taking back the responsibility for the upkeep of all Crown reserves, they are only taking the business generating bits,' said Cr Barham.

In his press release Minister Kelly described the caravan parks as offering 'a tourism experience far below the potential these prime sites could provide'.

New cabins have been installed in Massey Greene and The Terrace parks over the past year, however Cr Barham blames the Department of Lands for delaying the upgrade program in other parks. 'We have had ongoing delays from the Department. We've been able to upgrade our [non Crown owned] parks because we are in control, but everything we wanted to do [in the Crown parks] we have had to wait for their approval,' she said.

CCIA approves

The Caravan and Camping Industry Association of NSW (CCIA) issued a press release last week supporting the state government's move.

'Over the years our assocomplaints from the public about the standards of the Byron and Brunswick Heads caravan parks. The Council's unwillingness to keep pace with more progressive indusdetriment of holiday makers who frequent that attractive part of the north coast,' said Barry Baillie, CEO of CCIA.

any details, saying, 'We don't document the number of complaints and we don't police complaints but they have generally been about compliance issues.

'We've had some association with the Byron parks because one of our members had the management contract for one of the parks for some time,' said Mr Baillie.

Not the best

The CCIA also criticised the Byron Shire parks saying 'Council hasn't done the best for ratepayers, upgrading parks in line with modern standards'. Good quality cabins, camp kitchens, kids clubs and good maintenance were some of the improvements that Mr Baillie said are being undertaken by other parks to keep up visitation levels.

'We need to ensure that parks are being fully utilised in the interest of the holiday makers and the touring public,' said Mr Baillie, who said that average occupancy rates in NSW parks was around 40%. Mr Baillie admitted he did not know what the visitation levels were ciation has received many for the Byron Shire parks and also said he was not aware of improvements which have been made to the parks in recent times.

A report on occupancy levels by Byron Shire Country operators has been to the cil in May shows that all four Crown caravan parks experience occupancy levels well over 40% with the exception of tourist sites (not cabins) at the Ferry Reserve Park.

number of those complaints Progress Association has Mr Baillie couldn't supply labeled the sacking of Coun- charge of caravan parks and cil as an issue of redevelopment of the parks.

'Despite the ongoing support of Byron Council to this week by Minister Kelly address problems in the caravan parks, Park Management ment made regarding the has pursued a very different Clarkes Beach Café'. agenda,' said Michele Grant and Patricia Warren, members of the Progress Association on Monday. 'John Tilton was appointed Park Manager in early 2001 and spent four years developing Plans of Management for each park. These plans focused on maximising profits and encroachment of adjoining road and crown reserve lands and exacerbated rather than resolved existing compliance, parking and access issues.'

Ongoing suspicion

Tilton's contract last year not believe that public funand a new park manager has yet to be appointed. Byron this site. Council's reluctance to endorse park management's and unique location. A marredevelopment agenda has ket exists for a proponent to widespread community sup- invest private capital and port. However, there is ongoing suspicion that unaccountable state bureaucrats have service to both the commubeen dictating park nity and the tourists who management's redevelopment agenda.'

Clarkes Beach Café, which Firkin as the administrator of has been closed for the past the three Crown caravan three months, has also raised the Department's ire. 'The and the Clarkes Beach carakiosk had to be closed due to van park. Mr Firkin, who is its failure to meet safety stan- currently the manager of the dards. Additionally, Council Broken Head Caravan Park, could not successfully re-ten- has wasted no time in stepder the site and identify a preferred proponent,' said meets with Council today John McClymont from the (Tuesday) to discuss the han-

The Brunswick Heads Department of Lands.

Council's director in the Beach Cafe is Elisabeth Brown who said she was shocked at the announcement and 'staggered by the com-

Lack of response

'The existing lease had expired and we had put a works program in place for improvements to the kitchen and then we were going to ask for tenders to lease the cafe. The building has been closed since Easter 2006 and the delays to completing the work are due to a lack of response from the Department of Lands to an application for funding for the renovations,' said Ms Brown.

In reply Mr McClymont 'Council did not renew Mr said, 'The department does ding is required to redevelop

'This is an outstanding undertake a successful business that provides quality enjoy the Bay.'

On Friday the Department Management of the iconic of Lands appointed Geoff parks in Brunswick Heads ping into his new role and dover.

Asked about the nature or



sauash courts Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club to allow for an outdoor Luke Barnes concedes the lounge area has raised a few irony but maintains that his hackles among some of the intention is to renovate the club's long term members. Don Heylan has been playing this is the way to do it. squash at the courts since 1974 and at the distinguished comply with the new state socially three times a week. by the club management's decision to plan a refurbishment at the squash court's purpose of the project; there expense. And to add insult to will be non smoking areas in injury, the new outdoor the outdoor lounge as well so lounge area will serve as a everyone can use it comfortsmoking area in order to ably." comply with state government's new smoking legisla- any expansion could only tion that will kick in in July 2007. 'I cannot understand it; governments are encouraging people to exercise more and here we have a club that is prepared to close down a the club between it and the sporting facility in order to motel that could easily be

The proposed closure of the they can drink and smoke,' at said Mr Heylan.

Club secretary/manager club to its best potential, and

'In order for the club to age of 78, still plays there government smoking legislation we need to provide an He is deeply disappointed outdoor area for people to smoke,' said Mr Barnes. 'However, that is not the sole Mr Barnes explained that occur on the northern side of the club, which is where the squash courts are currently located, however Mr Heylan disagrees. 'There is land adjacent to offer people a place where used for an outdoor area ing for willing volunteers. Brown on 6626 7000.

squash court,' he said.

lovers, there is also an economic factor in the equation: the club will most likely make area that everyone can more money out of an outdoor lounge than it does out of the squash courts.

'The courts have been a its infancy. club facility for about forty years and more or less look appointed, the design final-

without impacting on the with potential for development. The club is run down Unfortunately for squash and in need of refurbishment; the concept plans for this garden lounge show a feature enjoy.'

It's not a done deal yet, however, as the planning is in

A builder needs to be

tine Elliot said she was John Howard that there is a alarmed to learn that over skills shortage and that for-200 foreign workers were eign workers are being arriving in NSW every day. imported to fill that shortage 'This is incredible,' Ms - well, the government has Elliot said. 'This doesn't been in power for ten years even include the unskilled now, why haven't they trained foreign apprentices John our local young people for Howard is planning on these jobs?

This is John Howard's should be going to Aussie skills crisis.'





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Mullum artist is the people's choice

A glittering glass and steel spiderweb has captured the it was a beautifully crafted hearts of the public to take piece with a jewellery-like out the coveted People's quality, which isn't surprising Choice Award in the \$1 mil- as Christina is also a jeweler.' lion, seven-year Casuarina Sculpture Walk prize.

during the three-week exhi- of nature. bition, which concluded last week.

was announced as Mullumbimby gold and silver smith Christina Khumari, with her construction titled 'It's only a matter of time'.

Curator Rebecca Town- moment. send said the piece came out as a clear favourite.

winners selected by the judges, but it really struck a seachange,' she said. chord with the public,' she said.

through the exhibition said it also took out the people's was something they could relate to, with the appearance of a fragile spider web coated in morning dew,' she said.

'They also commented that

Describing her work, Christina said she grew up in Hundreds of visitors voted a rural area, and was fascinaon their favourite piece ted with the transitory beauty

'People are very concerned with time these days, and The popular choice winner although there are cobwebs all around us, we don't notice them until for a moment in the morning when the light shines on the dew. This piece captures the quality of that

'I thought it also fitted Casuarina, as a lot of people 'It wasn't one of the three living there are at a time in their lives when they want a

Spiderwebs have been a popular subject for Chris-'Most of the people I took tina. A few years back she choice award at Thursday Plantation for a spiderweb hanging from one of the trees.



Kids go funny for Spaghetti

Students study Bruns

Brunswick Heads is about to chairing the design advisory be put under the spotlight panel for the South Bank when a group of post gradu- Precinct in Brisbane. ate students from the Unia study visit later this month. supplied the group with rel-The students will use Brunswick Heads as the case study the students will form plans in their Masters of Urban offering a creative and ture and Architecture.

and Tourism Group in col- change in Brunswick laboration with landscape Heads. architect Ian Oelrichs, the study group will be led by invited to meet the students Professor Catherin Bull, on Sunday August 13 at 3pm whose extensive list of at Brunswick Heads Primary accomplishments includes School, chat to the students gaining a Doctor of Design about the project and offer from Harvard University and opinions.

With the support of Byron versity of Melbourne makes Shire Council, which has evant planning documents, Design, Landscape Architec- informative exploration of spatial form, development Brainchild of the Business and the management of

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Byron Shire's community is invited to participate in the creation of a Cultural Plan for the area. Over the coming months, a series of consultation activities will take place, with the aim of gaining community input into the development of the Byron Shire Cultural Plan.

Council is now asking local cultural organisations to become involved in the preparations of the Cultural Plan by taking part in the Byron Shire Cultural Conversations. The Cultural Conversations consists of an online questionnaire available on Council's website.

The community will have further opportunities to be involved in the consultation process and this information will be available on Council's website over the coming weeks. This process will encourage a broad cross-section of the community to record their aspirations.

Jaywalks pick up Pocket Rocket loot



The Jaywalks, recent winners of the YAC's Pocket Rocket band competition collect their prize, two days at Fracas studios and \$500 from the Beach Hotel, represented here by Helen Buckley. The band are brothers Alex and Eddie L'Estrange (guitar and drums) and bass player Rob Raguse. Two years ago they were listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the 'youngest band ever to be banned from radio' for their single 'I Like Fat Chicks'. Their average age at the time was 11. They have another song called 'School's Gay' - see Mandy Nolan's rave on the use of the word 'gay' on page 22 which the judges from Pocket Rocket said should be a Triple J hit by the end of the year. Photo Jeff 'Number One With A Pullet' Dawson

Boy runs ten kilometres to save Byron woman

A goodwill gesture to help an Longreach in Oueensland to many miles along outback outback family in need has help support a woman, called Byron Bay woman. Wendy cancer. During Kerry's many Blumson is a long time Byron hospital visits for medical Bay resident, well known for treatment Wendy has been her volunteer work in the looking after the family, runtown. Recently she travelled ning the household as well as

ended disastrously for a Kerry, who is battling breast to a remote station near driving Kerry's son, Jack, next station.

dirt roads to school. As Wendy and Jack made the but still very weak. The 200 kilometre trip from one Queensland hospital system station to another, the pair can't spare a bed for Wendy were involved in a serious car any longer so she is being accident. Jack, 12, climbed transferred to John Flynn out of the car and ran to the Hospital on the Gold Coast

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Her husband Roy said Wendy is now out of danger this week.



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Speed date organiser Marcus Nilsson and Francesca and muso for the night Graeme Quirk.

Alex McAuley

such a busy life that in order ticipate in speed dating, the to properly manage your most important of which are time you make daily 'to do that you must be single and lists'? And if you are, do you over 18. After that, the whole have a party atmosphere, have on that list between 'do process is very simple. shopping' and 'walk dog', 'go out and meet person to just the thing for you.

has become quite the done said Marcus. thing in city areas, and Lazy River Restaurant in Bruns- will follow with international wick Heads is getting into crooner Graeme Quirk, and event for 40 singles in Byron kitchen of the Lazy River. organisers Marcus Nilsson, event.' it is a very sensible solution to the problem of meeting people.

'It is not always easy to meet people,' said Marcus. 'For example, in a pub situation you have to get yourself together to make the first move – it's a little like cold calling.

'Then it may take half an hour or more for you to discover that the person you're interested in is married, or gay, or just not disheartening.'

Of course, there are rules ple they would like to con-

'After receiving a champagne cocktail on arrival spend rest of life with'? If so, (just to smooth the converthen speed dating may be sational wheels), the 40 speedsters will spend five This latest method of minutes each with ten new meeting Mr or Mrs Right people in the first session,'

'A musical intermission the swing of things, hosting augmented with excellent the first ever speed dating snacks from the sophisticated Shire this Wednesday night Speedsters will then meet August 9 from 6.30pm. the next 10 opposites to According to one of the complete the two hour

> Once both sessions have been completed, participants son; to reserve your place fill out 'match cards' of peo-

Are you a person who has to follow if you want to par- tinue meeting. Organisers will give out the results the following day.

'The whole evening will relaxed and pleasant,' said Marcus. 'Three minutes is enough time to establish if there is any chemistry and you don't have to waste time with a nervous approach.'

Marcus and his fellow love broker Scott Hyams hope that this will be the first of many such evenings in Byron Shire, Ballina and Lismore, and would like to include speed dating for gays and lesbians in the future.

'Even if you don't meet the person of your dreams, you can meet new friends, particularly for those who have just moved into the area.'

Admission is \$30 per perphone 6684 3554.

Census information is

to examine changes in the

Council pushes census

'The next national census of foundation stone for a large population and housing will part of local government be held on August 8 and I planning. urge all Byron Shire residents to make sure they are used extensively by Council counted,' Byron Shire Coun- to identify the services that cil's General Manager are required in this area, and Pamela Westing said.

'The census is carried out characteristics of the populainterested. It can be very by the federal government tion in order to adequately every five years, and it is the plan for the future.'

Garden comp

OS Garden Competition is open to residents of Ocean Shores and Districts within the 2483 post code area. Entry forms can be picked up at Simpatico, Eagle Realty at OS, Professionals Real Estate at Bruns and Billinudgel Post and News. Entries close August 28. For more information call Ann on 66805175



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cyclones and oil prices are

beyond its purview. But he

won't take the blame when

interest rates, rise, he can

hardly take the credit of keep-

have been asked why I have

not expressed a view on the

Middle East crisis; the reason

is that I have nothing useful

of one side or the other, a

prospect too horrible to con-

But one obvious point: if your child is killed by a bomb

or a shell, you are unlikely to

indulge in a long philosophi-

cal debate about who started

template.

ing them low either.

Comment



A grab for power

Once again the NSW Labor government has demonstrated the high-handed manner in which it treats local councils.

Byron Shire Council learnt of the government's grab of four caravan parks and the Clarkes Beach Café at the same time the news media found out. Hardly a warning, not consultation, not even a decent 'please explain'. The Labor government might rail against the federal government's view on work practices but the way it treats its asset managers in Byron Shire is shoddy in the extreme.

Lands minister Tony Kelly appears to have acted on the advice of the Department of Lands without checking the quality of the advice. Little real evidence has been revealed to Council and to the press - let alone the ratepayers - to support the takeover. It looks like a naked grab for power by the lands department, supported by a minister who couldn't be bothered checking his advice too closely.

Is it a grab for revenue, too, and will it further drain Council's coffers? The estimated profit of \$1.5 million from the four caravan parks is what the state government has in its sights, without guaranteeing that Council will get money back to help maintain other infrastructure on crown land. While the \$1.5 million is meant to be spent on improvements in the caravan parks, are we likely to see some of it siphoned off into general revenue?

The evidence presented to Council and the media for the takeover is not convincing. There are no specific details on the nature or the number of complaints. Were there 100 complaints, ten complaints, or 50 from the one complainant? Over what time period were the complaints made?

And what part did the department itself play in the delays in getting changes made to the caravan parks? Mayor Jan Barham seems convinced that the department itself has been tardy in issuing approvals so upgrades can be made.

The Clarkes Beach Café is an obvious money spinner which the state government would like to have in its hands. Once again Council claims that a lack of response from the department has delayed upgrades to the famous café. Instead of waiting on the department, Council might have done better by including the cost of required upgrades in any tender documents for interested operators.

The state government has removed our rail service, divided communities over highway options and now sacked Council as caravan park manager in an uncaring manner. What other plans does it have to ensure the Ballina electorate stays in National Party hands at the March 2007 election?

Dissent is the next new menace

ttorney-General Phil- review of the situation. But like a book banner – indeed, like a book burner.

mean, tight expression can cluding what they believed only be those of a man who gets his own pleasure from denying pleasures to others. If, like his master John Howard, he claimed a liking

he would rejoice in that terrible place where black is the ing them not to bother. colour and none is the number. In a slightly different musical tradition, Phillip Ruddock is the original Blue Meanie.

Thus it was no real surprise to find him last week urging his state counterparts to re-introduce political censorship to a country which, we hoped and believed, had effectively abandoned it many decades ago.

Ruddock is worried by publications which would be seen by a tiny minority and embraced by even fewer indeed, only by those whose minds were already made up. These are publications which, in his own words, praise terrorism. They don't even need to incite terrorism; the mere mention of it without immediate and ferocious condemnation, is enough.

Ruddock's fear, presumably, is that the handful of readers exposed to such views will immediately be converted to Al Qaeda and rush out and blow up the fact that neither this nor any other criminal activity has so turgid polemics is irrelevant: dissent is dangerous, and must be suppressed.

Such are Ruddock's powers of persuasion (or perhaps contacting the Liberal party colleagues have reluctantly agreed to take part in a ernment's approach.

lip Ruddock looks on another front, state ministers have not even been given the choice. As the Those sallow features, that health ministers were conwas a productive discussion on child obesity and the need to combat it, their federal leader Tony Abbott (whom they had believed was being missive from the master tell-

> The advertising of unhealthy foods on radio and

Ruddock's fear, presumably, is that the handful of readers exposed to such views will rush out and blow up the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

by Mungo MacCallum

there was ample evidence that the networks and their advertisers were blithely ignoring the voluntary code of conduct which was supposed to provide at least a minimal form of restraint. But the airwaves were the exclusive domain of the feds and John Howard was not about to introduce regulation in the area and if the states didn't like it, well, tough titty.

His government was all Sydney Harbour Bridge. The about choice, and his choice was to kowtow to the media barons and the multinationals, far been triggered by such both of whom had proved awfully friendly in the past, especially around election time. No censorship! And subversive publishers may be interested in mesmerism) that his state fundraising office if they find any inconsistencies in the gov-

ohn Howard says he never that much control anyway: as promised that interest Howard says, such events as rates wouldn't rise.

Well no. he didn't; but literate voters who noticed the can't have it both ways: if he slogan 'KEEPING INTER-EST RATES LOW' on every inflation, and consequently Liberal election site in 2004 may have made the inference. Silly them.

What Howard actually said for the works of Bob Dylan, cooperative) discovered a was that rates would always be lower under a Coalition government than under latest (that is, continuing) Labor, a proposition derided as meaning less by rational television might well be a thinkers but embraced by to say. I just cannot see an end major cause of the growing The Australian's political edi- to the conflict that does not health problems associated tor Dennis Shanahan, who involve the total annihilation



with childhood obesity and says that there is some objective evidence for it.

> Well no, Dennis, there isn't. For objective evidence both cerned recognise this simple the Coalition and Labor truth there is very little hope the same time to deal with the doleeza Rice and her fellow actually happen, a subtlety of achieving through their endour political system which has obviously escaped you.

> Theorists, whether partisan or otherwise, may point to some circumstantial evidence, but it is utterly inconclusive. For instance, in Howard's time as Treasurer Rejoice! Rejoice! (1977-1983) the highest point interest rates reached time has not yet come to let was 12 percent. Under Keating (1983-1991) they hit 17 percent; but the average rate under Keating was in fact lower than the average under lay, whoop de doo and hal-Howard. Take your pick.

government does not have all happy I could chunder.

it all, and whether the ultimate causes go back three weeks, or three years, or fifty years, or three thousand years. You hate the killer, and

you always will. Unless and until all conwould have to be in power at for any of them and all Consame situation, and this can't well-meaning diplomats are less shuttle diplomacy is to increase their frequent flyer points.

> nd finally, as John Howard's mentor Maggie Thatcher was wont to say,

> Janette has decided that the the riff-raff back into Kirribilli House, so our glorious leader will stay on. And on. And on.

Oh frabjous day, calloo callelujah. I don't know about In practice the Australian the rest of you, but I'm so

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Mallams DA

Byron Local Environmental Plan 1988 states: Objectives (2)a) 'to enhance individual and community (social and economic) well-being by following a path of economic development that safeguards the welfare of future generations'.

This proposal is not in the best interests of the town of Mullumbimby despite any good intentions that it may have for the business concerned.

The moving of this supermarket to the site in Railway Street would deplete the present retail centre of one of the important destinations of shoppers and thus remove an existing people generator in the central retail/business street of Mullumbimby.

To move, enlarge and improve the business with more and improved car parking and service access onto a site quite divorced from the existing shopping centre may bring direct and long term benefits to the owners of the from the complex itself. business but could begin a the town.

The arguments used by these applicants could as easily be used by a company such as Bunnings to service the building and hardware services to the town in the future, and thus the process of erosion could continue.

The relocation if allowed could also lead to traffic noise and congestion that the present zoning and street system could not accommodate reasonably.

The activity of the uses sought on the proposed site, and its advertising, could also adversely affect the residential zones to the west and east.

On Monday my friend,

Chasing the small change demonises the poor To those who think that night. Breaching occurs like she's up \$200 a fortnight. it's easy to survive as a welfare recipient in Australia now, they are mistaken.

I have lived as a disability support pensioner in regional NSW since 1981 and I have managed to survive on that limited payment quite successfully most of those years until now. I have some limited work, but as my disability worsens, that will disappear completely. Of the \$15,470 I now receive in payments per annum, \$9,360 per annum immediately disappears in rent. Who receives the most benefit from my pension? Still I budget well and survive on the rest.

However, my concern is for the many people much poorer than myself. My friends who are on Newstart (the dole) receive a lot less than I do! As a single man without children, I do not have the same responsibilities and stresses and costs they carry. I marvel that they economically survive. There are poorer still, living the homeless life.

The punitive nature that Centrelink has taken on under this present government bodes ill for us that holiday or sick pay. If she an hour. The sliding scale scrape through each fort- keeps quiet about the cash, means she loses between

tion to business enterprise in obstruction a development the US (followed immedilike this would inevitably cause to us every day? Probably not.

> But be warned - there's plenty of drumming and music going on in this neighbourhood and we'll use it if we have to. Now there's a threat. The dreaded music live on the streets two woman and a child. next elections. Watch out!

Magenta Appel-Pye Mullumbimby

Some for us

Gross petroleum excise revenue by Feds 05/06, \$14.6 billion.

Total spending on land transport, 06/07 budget of D Wrathall \$2.7 billion. (NSW alloca-Mullumbimby tion \$875 million) NRMA Magazine, July/Aug 06, page 49.

red cards at the World Cup. is sought, with blame and pid enough' to find themcrime!

How about a fair go for the genuine needy?!

The federal government's from gross earnings. Welfare to Work regime is supposed to encourage unemployed people to return trelink's 'Mutual Obligation' contracts enslave and entrap just like the new IR laws!

A single person on Newstart receives the not so generous payment of \$410 a fortnight or \$205 a week. Let's say the person manages to hours a day, two mornings a week. A \$50 note is usually left on the kitchen bench each

ately by J Howard) issued

press releases saying 'We

Also one can't help but

situation has disappeared

from the headlines. I'm sure

the US will be very grateful

deeply regret ... ?

If she declares her income Any excuse for non-payment to Centrelink, as legally required, she will lose \$70 shame heaped on those 'stu- fortnight in welfare payment a week and earn \$100, and 'adjustments'. Instead of selves without a job at 45, earning an extra \$200, she after having raised children. only improves her overall Being out of work is not a income by \$65 a week or \$130 a fortnight. 'Adjustments' to her welfare payment have reduced her hourly **Courtland Oakes** rate of pay from \$16 to \$10 Brunswick Heads an hour and no work related expenses can be deducted

Centrelink's 'Mutual Obligation' rules require clients to 'participate' in paid work, to work. In reality, Cen- retraining, jobseeking and/or voluntary activities for a minimum of 15 hours each week, workers in no win situations, but if our friend managed to find extra work, and cleaned three hours a day, five mornings a week, she would hardly improve her circumstances. Our cleaner would earn \$250 a week (\$500 a fortfind a couple of regular house night), but lose \$120 a week cleaning jobs and works three (\$240 a fortnight) in deductions to her welfare payment. So after working 15 hours a week, her overall income cleaning day. Our cleaner has would increase by just \$130 no insurance or super, or a week, earning around \$8

50%-70% of earnings so her regime is a bureaucratic combined income can never exceed \$400 week!

So you can work six hours commit fraud by failing to inform Centrelink. Or work 15 hours a week, be honest and tell Centrelink, and only earn an extra \$130 a week. It's not much of a choice!

Any declared income is added to Centrelink payments for tax purposes. Our honest working friend would now find herself with a taxable income of \$12,500 from gross earnings + around \$7,500 in Centrelink payments or \$20,000 a year! So our underemployed cleaner is likely to get hit with a tax bill of around \$1,500!

Centrelink's welfare to work regime clearly incites fraud and a black market economy. It inflicts the highest effective marginal tax rates on those least able to afford it. It provides no incentives to support and encourage participation in work or voluntary activities, and clients face the ever constant threat of harsh financial penalties for non-compliance. Welfare payments are no longer guaranteed.

Centrelink's compliance

Lebanese husband is Druz. She has lived in a village in the middle of Lebanon for A comment my friend ten years and works in Beirut. She is not very political and is not enamoured with the Arab cause. In fact she is pretty disconnected from the country in which she lives.

> Nadine Hood Bangalow

Sabhi Awad's 'analysis' of the Hezbollah/Israeli war is By way of context for these full of spurious claims and continued overleaf



Instead of simplifying the system, increasing welfare payments and improving basic services the federal government is dedicated to cracking down on 'welfare cheats'. Once again, Mr. Howard is chasing the small change, the easy targets, women, young people, the disabled and disadvantaged, the battlers, instead of going after the real crims, the big business swindlers in the more salubrious suburbs closer to home!

> **Michele Grant** Ocean Shores





process of erosion and reduc- for noise pollution and the hit a UN bunker this week, only defence the country has

made in passing was telling. Apparently the Israelis spoil Lebanon's tourism potential). A week ago she'd thought that's what was happening at first – the usual

Vour readers may be interested in sentiments about Hezbollah expressed by a friend of mine who lives in Lebanon (and who was evacuated with her three children last week).

Apparently the government does little for poorer people who live outside the cities. Instead Hezbollah

It's interesting that when no armed services (since the Muslim nor Christian. Her Could we call the police an expensive Israeli bomb Syrian forces left). So the

is Hezbollah. indulge in a bit of bombing notice that Iraq/Afghanistan in the south of Lebanon every summer (possibly to

> summer bombing. Main Arm opinions: my friend is neither

as they get ready for the Iran rectification program and the **Gavan Higginson**

her daughter and I played music outside Mallams to draw attention to a petition against their new supermarket proposal.

came and shut us up on the ture purposes? grounds of noise pollution and obstruction.

Our very point.

the building noise, we would have hundreds more cars driving along our very small street every day, let alone the big trucks and noise

GST on the \$14.6 billion helps them. This includes would be about \$1.46 billion, I think.

Mullumbimby

We hate to imagine the Ongoing conflict change to our nice, quiet I was wondering if the neighbourhood if this DA increase in the price of goes through. Apart from bananas is related to the deployment of Hezbollah guerillas in the banana plantations of Lebanon?

funding and building rural hospitals. In fact my friend How about they distribute had an operation in a Hezthis tax on a tax (excise) to bollah hospital last year. She Guess what? The police local councils for infrastruc- reported that childbirth services were very expensive and R Taylor rural women cannot afford to pay. So Hezbollah paid their bills for them. This is a different picture from our media's 'terrorist' label. On the violence front: neither she nor I support their bombing. She suspects that many Lebanese don't like Hezbollah's violence either, **Emma Hand** but they do support Hezbol-Mullumbimby lah 'morally'. Lebanon has

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Hezbollah, the Islamist Shi'ite Lebanese terrorist group, backed by Syria and Iran, perpetrated an act of war upon Israel by crossing into Israel, killing and kidnapping soldiers while firing Katyusha rockets into Israeli towns. This was an unprovoked attack - Israel occupied not one inch of Lebanon – and has been widely condemned throughout the Arab world.

Israel withdrew from Lebanon in 2000. Since then, Hezbollah has been building up its arsenal of weapons, supplied by Syria and Iran. Iran funds Hezbollah \$100 Byron Shire residents should million a year. Hezbollah has take heed of an alarming over 10,000 Katyusha rockets, and missiles sophisticated enough to take out warships. Hezbollah's stated aim is the destruction of Israel.

UN Resolution 1559 demands the disarming of Act for all complaints by Hezbollah and for the Leba- neighbours against their consent and were therefore of the Act which clearly indinese army to take back con- development. Duly notified trol of southern Lebanon. by Council, affected neigh-This has not even been bours all refused Council's attempted – Hezbollah has formal request to release the 14 members in the Lebanese documents. Indeed many parliament, including two expressed alarm at the posministers in the govern- sibility that Council would ment.

ties because Hezbollah delib- terms of the development which cited specific clauses received a letter indicating

erately targets Israeli populainaccuracies (Letters, July tion centres. Lebanese civilians will be casualties as long as Hezbollah continue their practice of using civilians as 'human shields' by storing and firing their missiles from civilian areas.

The key to peace in the Middle East is for the Moslem nations to accept Israel's existence. While ever Islamist militants, like Hezbollah, continue with their dream of destroying Israel and ethnically cleansing the region of Jews, there will be continuing conflict and war.

Julie Nathan Lismore

FOI fears

story of negligence and possible misuse of public office by Council staff.

Some months ago, Mevlana (aka Melaleuca Properties) applied under the FOI even contemplate releasing these complaints deserved Unfortunately, civilians these complaints given that will suffer and die in this war. they constituted allegations Israeli civilians will be casual- of ongoing violations of the

legal documents.

Given the ten year history of problems created by this controversial development and the history of violations recorded by Council, any consideration of releasing the most stringent application of provisions of the Act.

Not so. Ignoring letters

cated the complaints should be exempt documents; ignoring the provisions of the Act which enshrine the rights of people to seek an internal review and subsequent appeal processes to the NSW Ombudsman, Council staff released the documents to Mevlana.

Worse still, one neighbour

Turn the rail into a trail

As the grass grows over the spectacular countryside, is surprisingly wide; enough eventually wheelchairs railway track from Casino to most of it away from the Murwillumbah, including main road. Byron Bay and Mullumbimby, a nostalgia also grows for a allow any development of return of the rail service. For the land for any purpose ment currently owned by the it been done before? The locals to be able to travel which would cut the contibetween towns without hav- nuity of the track. It is not inative development. ing to get into a car has to be impossible that the SRA a goal worth pursuing. The would sell disused track community group TOOT has estate for housing developcertainly raised this awareness ments or other use. and just the other day state government even promised local roads, the RTA has would be strong enough for \$75 million to reopen the provided no safe access for light traffic, whereas engiline, with only one catch. The those who ride or walk. federal government would Without a car, getting have to meet that contribu- between local villages and tion dollar for dollar.

likely to come to fruition or fractured. Currently we are ning and development leadcould it be a delaying tactic very short of public footto lull the locals?

Why not take a fresh look thoroughfares. This is a

The worst fate would be to

In its recent hijack of our towns is a nightmare and Is the politician's promise community access has been could be possible in plan- lines. Look at the website paths and non-motorised between communities.

for walkers, cyclists and just the width of the lines which is built on a wide ease-SRA. There is room for imag-

Trains are not great on steep inclines, so the track is perfectly graded for organic traffic.

The old solid bridges and Australia. neering demands for a full sized train are another (more expensive) matter.

While we are waiting for

starting with the lovely scehorse-riders. The track is not nic section from Mullum to Byron.

> Is this just a dream or has concept of turning rails to trails for non-motorised passage is not new and has been achieved by communities around the world, including the UK, Ireland

In fact, in Australia there are already 92 trails of this nature extending over 1,634 kms! By 2020, there will be 100 additional trails con-Community involvement verted from disused rail railtrails.org.au and imagine ing to a strengthening of ties the wonderful community asset possible in our own shire.

that an internal review could tantly ignores the checks and be obtained when the com- balances contained within plaints had already been the Act which legitimately released.

Ms Westing, General Manager, apologised for the violation of law but a miscar-'error' which is not an error riage of public trust. but an extremely serious violation of NSW legislation by Byron Council staff. Her cil, please let me know by attempts to dismiss the writing to PO Box 673, actions of her staff by extend- Byron Bay. The community ing an apology for the 'error' has a right to a functioning are disingenuous given that Council which abides by the she was fully aware of the laws of the State. community's concern over any release and the provisions of the FOI Act.

Anyone seeking to make Mungo under fire old Mr and Mrs Public.

from complaints are as mean- belief systems ... ' (whoever

www.echo.net.au



protect confidentiality, the 'error' becomes not only a If readers have had similar experiences with the Coun-

Sue Arnold Mullumbimby

allegations of unlawful activ- Is Mungo what he preaches ities by developers in Byron or are his raves (sorry, arti-Shire should now be aware cles) meant to be a joke? that they can have no guar- ('The bigots are on the antee of confidentiality by march', Echo, July 25.) With Council officers or that pro- lines such as '...muddle visions of the FOI Act will be headed jihads as the anti abided by. They should also vaccination and anti fluoribe aware that the General dation movements...' and Manager will take no action 'perennial cults like astrolto protect the community ogy, tarot, palmistry and the from these kinds of violations rest' that keep the 'weak of state legislation by minded' off the streets, how staff. They should know that am I supposed to take him developers can apparently seriously? The whole tone of have far more influence in his article seems pretty big-Council decisions that plain oted (and arrogant) to me and many of the examples he Assurances by MsWesting gives when referring to relithat names and personal gionists and those '...in details have been deleted favour of increasingly loopy

at this track which remains health issue. unfenced, traffic-free and which winds its way through

Consider the possibilities: The land beside the railway

the train, imagine the old **David Miller, Ian Kingston** railway as a track for walkers, cyclists, horses and perhaps

ingless as her attempts to they are) are just trite and and Raylee Delaney reinterpret the FOI Act. Mullumbimby When a Council so bla-

shallow throwaway lines. Intelligent debate requires



Letters

more than just dismissing or ance, tolerance and compasfundamentalism, as much of search, of the press, from Mungo.

Alan Bryan

were challenged on this.

religion (this has been comdestruction.

ent from Christian law (a no chance to life. hand is not cut off or a free).

We have Habeas Corpus, nothing new I remind myself rationalism, without accept- the right of trial by jury, about those who hate you me that on the day the freedom of speech, assemsion, is just another form of bly, from unwarranted hated me first.' (our) history well proves. usurious taxes, the right not are lifted at Calvary. What Keep an eye on the mirror, to give evidence against we do with our life - with ily, released the pigeons one's self.

You say astrology etc do lets us choose. Byron Bay not harm. They are not private, and they can cause About 15 years ago I harm. Jesus warns us of advertised gatherings show- these as many know who Free flight ing how humanism (reli- were caught up in them and gion) was affecting school are now 'free'. Even the antichildren's curriculum. We vaccination and anti-fluoride people are insulted. Very sin-Yes, Mungo, the humanist cere, intelligent geologists and scientists are challengpulsory) has taken victories ing the evolution 'science' over our lives - a society in sold to schools and commucomplete disharmony and nity. When an abortionist stabs a baby (in the brain) in Sharia law is very differ- the womb, they feel pain and

woman stoned and killed for to 'walk' their life on a per- this for years and have coastal emus. adultery, the man goes sonal level with Jesus Christ returned home safely from is not an idiot either; that is as far away as Sydney.

- because they (the world)

Christians know burdens more before she was.

Jill Spring Mullumbimby fines.

With regards to a thought- House is more caring and less letter 'Blood Sacrifice' which appeared in your July the letter, David Gilet. 4 edition. The writer was not only ignorant and insensitive but also uninformed.

The so-called doves were white homing pigeons which RTA vandals back to their home in Lis-Anyone who would want more. They have been doing

pigeons were released - June 24 - they were home in Lis-

We, Peter Saulwick's fam-Him or without Him – He because to us the free flight was symbolic of releasing Peter's spirit from life's con-

> Fortunately Denise from William Riley's Funeral sensitive than the author of

> > Suzie Deyris (Peter Saulwick's partner) Byron Bay

live happy unconfined lives, The Byron Environment dangerous for motorists are bred to be released and Centre is extremely conenjoy the freedom of flying cerned at the proposed destruction of the habitat of the last known (endangered)

RTA begins its destruction population.

Denise from William of one of the largest areas of shooting down the other and innocent until proven guilty, as Jesus said, 'Don't worry Riley's Funeral House tells bushland on the north coast by sending an email to the of NSW.

This is the proposed new route between Wells Crossing and Iluka Road. As can be seen when travelling to Grafton, an upgrade of the the worst environmental highway would be sufficient, vandals in NSW. especially if the B-doubles are removed from our coastal highways.

Coastal Emus used to roam right across Australia's eastern seaboard. Now only a small number are left with only one viable breeding population.

The proposed upgrade is a major deviation from the current highway and even has the potential to be more than upgrading the current The Tent of Miracles blew route.

Upgrading the current road would be the safest option for motorists, and This will occur when the would not harm the Emu Forest mixed with the stilt

If you would like to help RTA minister go to the Nature Conservation website and click on the right hand corner for the details.

We need to rein in one of

Mark Parratt Byron Environment Centre

Visual feast

Thank you, Byron, for the visual feast that was Splendour in the Grass. I went to the festival for the music; I am one of the 'older' people (43) who is from the generation who love live music (we rock!). I will return next year for the visual value. my mind limits and the four goddesses of nature were magnificient. The ice squares and balls in the Tipi continued on page 13



Articles

Brian Mollet interviews local identity Ed Reid Diverse adventures of the Witch Doctor

he Witch Doctor is at the top of his run-up. Clouds loom on the horizon as he rubs the leather on his trouser leg. The wind seems to change direction, then blow in circles. He strolls in, a quick flurry at the crease and out pops the ball, it wobbles, it floats... in the batsman's mind the question is not 'Where will it land?' but 'Will it land at all?'

Ed Reid is a familiar face around Byron Shire, many know him through his popular art courses through ACE or his work with the Brunswick Vallev rescue service, or as I know him, as a slow but deadly bowler at cricket. He celebrated his 70th birthday recently and kindly agreed to share with Echo readers some stories from his amazingly adventurous life. A softly spoken and humble man, Ed is however known to expound with remarkable and spicy forthrightness on the many subjects dear to his heart.

'I was born in Liverpool west of Sydney, my father was a horse breaker who joined the army when I was three. Mum worked in a dark satanic textile mill for 25 vears, and when she retired they gave her a set of blankets. We had grandma, two aunties and two cousins living with us, but I was the only male, the rest were serving in WW2.'

Parramatta where his best subject was English.

'I had no art training of any kind at school, it just wasn't on the curriculum. One thing they did do was Aboriginal culture, I remember being fascinated by the flashing a smile. way they described the landscape in their stories. I also man who marches on travel journals.

'My first hero was 16 year old Grace Darling, who with her father rescued boatloads of shipwreck survivors from



Ed Reid keeps watch at the Brunswick Heads radio tower. Photo Jeff Dawson

the North Sea.'

home sketches with his letters from Egypt and New Guinea and this started Ed drawing by himself. Adventure, the sea, indigenous culture and art were to become central themes in Ed's life. His knack for drawing and good English netted him a a hunger for any adventure job doing layout art and copywriting for the Anthony Horden's mail catalogue at the ripe age of 14. By his 16th year he was running the catalogue.

office job, conscription was in and it was my sense of Ed's early schooling was at adventure that made me join the navy, and saw South East Asia from the deck of a ship... I fought for the British in Malaysia and 20 years later I was fighting with the Icelanders against the British in the "Cod Wars",' he says,

situation.

'For the blokes serving overseas now it is more difficult because in every other action Australia has seen

His father would send we are invading. That to me Hawkesbury took him on as is shameful, and I feel sorry for them.' After seven years service

Ed left the navy and worked various jobs but like many others he had trouble adjusting to civilian life.

'I was still restless and had that had nothing to do with war. That's when I was saved by ANARE.'

'At 17 I was sick of the dition set out in 1961 to Macquarie Island, 2000km south of New Zealan, and Ed's navy experience as a radio operator snared him a spot on the 12-man crew. The expedition mapped and surveyed the island and collected scientific data and the year long stay left many lasting impressions.

'My first job when we Ed is a proud ex-service- arrived was unloading man was quoted as saying he drums of fuel into an army used to read a lot of "boy's ANZAC Day but is scathing duck [a ponderous amphibown" adventure stories and about Australia's current ious vehicle] in three metre and comradeship of this seas, one false move and you'd either freeze in seconds in the Southern Ocean or be squashed by the cargo. you and the ship and the In winter there were 0.3 hours of sunlight per day, don't affect you in the same the mean wind speed was way. You do your job, keep 50mph, and it snowed or sleeted every day. 'Some of the men went a bit loopy but overall we got along very well. I'll never forget the first time I went to Hurd Sound on the south of the island, there were over a million penguins on the beach, I'll never forget the sight, the noise or the stench. We played cricket on the beach and the elephant seals were the fieldsmen, basically the ball would just thud into them.' Returning to the mainland he drifted from job to job until in 1962 he began his long association with the

field of education. The 'out-

we've been invited in, here ward bound school' in chief instructor. It taught young men leadership and survival skills and was the first such institution in Australia. After three years he was invited on his second Antarctic expedition to Hird Island in the southern ocean led by legendary British explorer Bill Tillman.

'The expedition was privately funded but we got 3.000 bucks from Rupert he Australian National Murdoch on the proviso his Antarctic Research Expe- new newspaper The Australian got exclusive coverage of our story. We were noted as the first to scale Big Ben, which at 9,000 feet is the largest mountain in Australian territory.'

The Patanela, a small gaff rigged schooner that in 1988 disappeared in mysterious circumstances off Botany Bay, left Sydney in late 1964 and in his biography Bill Tillwas never again to experience a crew with the quality group of Australians and New Zealanders.

'When you're at sea it's just crew, outside events just the ship afloat and move from A to B.'

he traveled America and a lecture.' Europe, supporting himself mainly as an itinerant artist.

time I'd been to sea with my own cabin and a shower.'

Beau, and Ed once again wasted in aboriginal combecame a landlubber, doing munities, I am furious, his first formal art training at because 99% of the money the Alexander Mackey school in Glebe, and supporting his carpetbaggers who administions of his art at galleries like cynical about most whiteys Proud's. 'I did two paintings problems than any white a week for Proud's and twice community I've lived in.' a year would have a major exhibition of 24 pieces.'

is full of wankers.'

old Beau and five year old Rose, and he moved the fam- class which is the longest ily to the north coast. Both running one in the area, his children have inherited 'Drawing from the right side his love of travel, although of the brain.' Rose now lives with the old man in Ocean Shores with Brazilian born husband Christiano. In 1995 with the Rescue Association. Lu Lu's children well established Ed Café in Mullumbimby is curaccepted a tutoring job in the rently showing an exhibition Tiwi Islands (Bathurst and of his fantastically detailed Melville). 'People go there to paintings and drawings. work on one year contracts, after that you're on your way home or you are adopted into a family, which is not a half-hearted thing – if you're says, 'I'd say it would have to accepted, then you're a part be bringing up two kids on of everything.'

Ed successfully set up a one man 'TAFE' college and once again found himself n his return in 1965 he teaching people with special continued his career in needs. 'It was an interesting education, eventually open- challenge teaching in a non ing Chakola, a creative lei- literate society. I communisure and adventure centre, cated in Tiwi and English with shipmates in southern and the notes were pictures NSW. Educating people with I drew on the blackboard. special needs became a bit of The lessons were more like a a specialty with Ed. In 1970 theatrical performance than

Multitasking is the norm for the Tiwi Islands and Ed 'I returned to Australia in soon found himself running 1974 and scored a job as the the local newspaper, paintmaster of a millionaire's ing, training boat crews, drivyacht that sailed from Rush- ing instructing and generally cutter's Bay. It was the first becoming an advocate for the Tiwi people.

'They are absolutely amaz-The following year marked ing. Every time I hear on the the arrival of his first child, media that money is being spent there goes to the white young family through exhibi- ter the projects. The Tiwi are Hogarths, Bonython and but they have no more social

Ed's cricket buddies know him as the Witch Doctor The art world holds little from this time in his life and attraction for the down-to- also the way his innocuous earth Ed: 'I avoid artists like looking right arm slowies the plague, the whole scene tend to put batsmen in a hypnotic trance. He won his first cricket trophy with Muln 1982 Ed found himself a lum/Brunswick at the age of single father of seven year 54. These days Ed still teaches an Adult Education

He is a radio operator and training officer in the Marine Squad of the BrunswickValley

Asked to name the greatest adventure of his life, this explorer and world traveller with characteristic humour my own on the north coast.'



Unique opportunity for young writers

to the next level are invited to apply for Express Media's 2006 National Mentorship Program.

'This year, we're working with dynamic, younger mentors who are industry savvy and well-connected,' said Rohini Sharma, Express Media's artistic director.

'We expect these mentors to attract emerging writers working and experimenting in a variety of literary forms.' The free six-month pro-

Budding young writers seri- gram beginning in October found at www.expressmedia. ous about taking their work pairs four lucky young writ- org.au, by calling Express ers one on one with estab- Media on (03) 9663 4155. lished writing professionals to learn craft secrets, gain in: critical industry experience,

towards publication.

The project is supported Young and Emerging Writ- Adam Ford; ers' Initiative, and is open to

voung writers under 30. Applications close on and Thursday August 31, and

Mentorships are available

· Novel writing with noveland develop their work ist and comedian Shalini Akhil:

· Poetry, fiction or comics by the Australia Council's with writer/editor/animator

· Playwriting with award wining playwright Lally Katz;

· Journalism or short ficfurther information and tion with author and freeapplications forms can be lance journalist Anna Krien.

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inspiring. The Aussie moles in the impose their will on us. Now ute were hilarious.

My favourite was the 100 metre tall twin dragons, where there was a magnificient pagan-circus-type performance Sunday night when cial' transfer of over 90% of Austhe grounds were closing.

Some people might complain industries. about the mud and the lines but I say, 'Wow! Byron, your true love light shone!' You should be very tain terms, that the population proud of the images that the tour- was adamantly opposed to the ists took away with them and of sale of the Snowy Mountain the countless local artists and per- project. It appeared to accept the tion, water is the lifeblood of eve-The music was good, too.

Drug crimes

Well, the good old pharmaceutical companies are still at it... Johnson & Johnson, Glaxo, Smithline and Kline et al, this time exposed for their clinical trials (Cutting Edge, Drug Trials - The Dark Side, SBS July 25). Targeting India, with its population of 1.2 billion people, it is not difficult to find willing and needy participants.

The patients or participants sign consent forms, or just thumbprint them, instead of a signature (some indication of their literacy or lack thereof). The question is, do they understand what they are doing and in most cases they don't, nor realise the implications. For this they don't get paid, just the promise of better health!

Drug trials are supposed to give these drugs legitimacy, but this throws a whole new light (or dark) on this protocol and makes one wonder and also question the double standards surrounding natural medicines and homeopathy, where the hoops continue to get bigger.

> S Freeman-Greene Byron Bay

Moses for mayor

As Albert Moses's letters become increasingly more confusing I suggest his future lies in running for mayor of Byron Shire because only g-d knows what Jan Barham is talking about also.

> **Mark Newhouse** Myocum

Signs of war

Nuclear war for breakfast, anyone? When many thousands of troops mass along a border, they usually end up crossing it.

Iran and Syria have a mutual defence pact – meaning if one is attacked the other will respond. Syria says that if Israeli troops move into Lebanon and get near Syria, Syria will respond – meaning Iran will also respond. A new policy in the USA means that the USA can use nuclear weapons as a first strike option. Only a complete idiot would believe that World War Three began because two Israeli soldiers were allegedly kidnapped. This war has been on the drawing boards for a long time.

of one's country, usually in time that we will be told will fall our own that water not the govern- They simply tax us to get it. dancers and colourful folk were of war, to some enemy wishing to way. apparently, we have a government endeavouring to sell off our national, natural assets, having already permitted the 'commertralian businesses, and heavy imposed that tax. The questions

A few weeks ago, the Howard government was told in no uncer-Tintenbar wary of all the alleged advantages Australia. The people of Australia may consider necessary. We do. cause canvassed therein.

Everyone remembers Howard's announcement that, 'The public has rejected the GST – the issue is finished. We will never, ever introduce a GST.' Within 18 months of being returned to office, he termed advantageous. and his promise, and at whose behest? These questions have never by Beazley's Opposition.

To revert to the Snowy ques-

ment. We elect the politicians to which is vital to our survival, be politicians, and our country.

I think it is essential that the arise: why did he betray the public, electorate remind our politicians that they are not the final arbiter Letters also received from Diane of how we dispose of our natural been asked in Parliament, not even resources, nor are they the arbiter lam, Rene Thalmann, Ocean of the prices we will accept for Shores, David Warth, Byron Bay, whatever we are prepared to sell.

formers who made this happen. public opposition; but now we rything that sustains life. Without government does not own any- extreme length in letters lessens hear that the subject is being it, we all die. This is the impor- thing. We do. Also they do not their chances of getting them pub-Jennifer Knight raised again! And we must be tance of retaining control here in have any money to buy things we lished, no matter how worthy the

And finally, when our vital intergovern the country to the best ests are concerned, as in the advantage of the Australian peo- present case, we must have a refple, and by no stretch of the imag- erendum. Only by such a process ination can selling a resource can we keep control of both our

> Jim Inness Mullumbimby

Mackie, Coraki, M Mizzi, Tabu-Ashiya Austin, Byron Bay. Corre-It is as well to remember that spondents are reminded that

Any questions?

If you have a question about the upcoming Census, we have the answer.

Q: Why does Australia need a Census?

A: The information collected in the Census allows us to build an understanding of the Australian population. This means the information provided is used to make planning decisions that shape the future of our community. Census information is used in all areas - whether it's education, housing, transport or healthcare.

Q: Who is counted in the Census?

A: The Census includes everyone in Australia, wherever they happen to be on Census Night. This includes people travelling or on holidays, newborn babies, students from overseas, transport drivers, new immigrants and visitors to Australia. The only exceptions are foreign diplomats and their families.

Q: Is the Census compulsory?

A: Ultimately, yes. The Census is authorised by the Census and Statistics Act 1905, which provides for the compulsory completion of the Census form. If you do not answer the Census questions, the Australian Statistician has the power to direct you in writing to provide the information. If he does this, you are legally obliged to do so. While penalties exist for failure to comply, there is rarely a need to enforce them. The vast majority of Australians willingly take part in the Census because they understand the importance of the information it provides.

Q: How do I get a Census form and what do I do with it?

A: A Census form and help guide will be delivered to your home prior to Tuesday 8th August by an official Census Collector. Census Collectors are

not at home when the Collector calls, a card will be left with an estimation of when they will return. However, if your form hasn't been collected by 28th August, please notify the ABS by calling the Census Inquiry Service on 1300 362 883.

Q: What about privacy and security?

A: The answers you provide on your Census are confidential. The ABS is required by the Census and Statistics Act to maintain the secrecy of all information provided. No information will be released in a way that would enable an individual or household to be identified. Once Census processing is completed all name and address information is destroyed.

The one exception is that, if you agree, your nameidentified information will be included in the Census Time Capsule which will be kept securely by the National Archives of Australia for release in 99 vears time.

Census Collectors are required to quickly scan forms to ensure all pages are completed, but they are also bound by law never to reveal any information they collect. If you have any concerns, you can ask the Collector for a privacy envelope or complete your form online.

Q: Can I really fill in my Census form online?

A: Yes you can. 2006 is the first year that Australians will have the option of completing their Census forms online (eCensus). The eCensus form uses the strongest encryption technology that a standard browser will support. The level of security for the eCensus is similar to that for internet banking, which is used by over half a million Australians

P Olson Goonengerry

Redefining treason

It appears that the word 'treason' needs to be redefined.

Previously it meant the betraval

easily recognised as they carry a large yellow satchel and wear an official identity badge containing their photograph.

There is one Census form for each household and you are required to fill it in on the night of Tuesday 8th August. Every person in the household that night should be listed on the Census form, whether they live there or are just visiting.

Q: How is my Census form collected?

A: Sometime between 9th August and 28th August the Collector will return to collect your completed form, unless you've submitted it online. If you are

each year.

For more information, call the Census Inquiry Service on 1300 362 883 or go to www.abs.gov.au/census



Australia's counting on you.

Articles

The rules of reading

John Campbell

I had a close call last week.

I was down at Bruns, polishing off a bottle of Dubonnet with Faerie Queene. All of a sudden she started babbling about a book that I simply must read. She disappeared into her bedroom and my worst fears were confirmed when she re-emerged with it. Shantaram. I immediately began contriving ways that I might leave it behind.

The only sure thing that you can say about a book (or study of the horoscope. movie) is that some people will like it and others won't and, with the g'zillions of titles currently being published, you've ultimately got to rely on your own instincts. In Shantaram's case, I would of his 1,300 pages. be breaking my three golden rules by opening it up.

Rule #1 - never read a hard way with *Eucalyptus*.

Rule #2 – never read a get rule #1 in a hurry. book that is praised by somebody who wants to tell you in mind-numbing detail all he ... " More often than not Anna found her mournful they are sci-fi buffs.

Rule #3 – and most important – never read a book that To give Tolstoy his due is recommended by somebody who doesn't read moment, the sort of image books. Ordinarily, Faerie that gets hooked in your Queene's most challenging brain. Like Donna Tartt's literary exercise is her daily houseful of snakes, or Mario ful profiteroles.'



Shantaram's size is also a worry, for I am gun-shy of excessive length. I devoured The Alexandria Quartet, but Vikram Seth broke my spirit the novelists of the second well before the halfway mark

'Not suitable for you, Old Man?' Cat Carer need not be so smug. Trusting my word, book when somebody insists she took twelve months to that 'you'll really love it.'You finish one of my all-time rarely do. I learnt this the faves, Henry Fielding's Tom Jones. At least she won't for- direct her to the luminous

The last doorstop that I finished was Anna Karenin, sticking it out to the end only that happens in it. You know because I knew what was the type, "and so after that going to happen. By the time way to that station I was barracking for the train big time. though, it was quite a

Vargas Llosa's naked Indian in the warehouse, or Richard Ford's bear on fire in the pine tree – I could see them all ... but did a dog really fall out of the sky in Eyeless In Gaza? So, allowing one Tolstoy to

suffice, in bookshops now I shun the 'literature' shelves and go straight to the less haughty 'fiction.' The former is clearly considered to be superior and I can only imagine the angst that those authors whose work is relegated to the rows of the cerebral also-rans must feel about being so slighted.

Lingering amongst these, eleven, like a sleazy curb crawler looking for rough trade, I bump into Cat Carer.

What did you think of Tom Jones?' I politely ask.

'It sucks, Old Man.'

Just as I was about to Huckleberry Finn, too.

Neither of us likes Shantaram's cover, either, Cat Carer agreeing that it's from the school of painted hippy Kombis.

Drawn to something much more tasteful, she chooses a glossy best seller by a celebrity chef.

'He's on at the Writers' Festival. He makes, like ..., she consults the blurb, 'superb and achingly beauti-

SCU seeks young writers

chance to win a day-long boat trip with Southern Cross University's Whale the Migaloo Writing Contest at the Byron Bay Writers Festival.

The writing contest is one of a number of activities, ranging from word games to massage, being held at the Southern Cross University booth throughout the festival, which opens on August 3.

The writing contest will be open to any Year 10, 11 and 12 students who visit the University booth. Entrants are required to write a onepage fiction or non-fiction short story (up to 500 words) with Migaloo, the world's only known white humpback whale, pictured below, as

Budding writers will have the the central character.

trip on board the Universitv's research vessel Seahorse Research Centre by entering to see first-hand the work try your hand at the daily done by the Southern Cross Wordwise and Haiku chal-University Whale Research lenges, with great book prizes Centre. The trip, to be taken offered by Southern Cross during September, will coincide with the southern each day. migration of the humpback whale population.

book A Whale's Song, writ-Harris.

For those looking for a bit of quiet relief during the fes- versity booth, to be manned tival, Southern Cross Uni- by Student Ambassadors, versity will be providing free will be located near the massages at its booth. Stu- Southern Cross University dents from the School of marquee. Information about Natural and Complementary the Writers Festival is avail-Medicine's Natural Medi- able at www.byronbaywritcine Clinic will be offering ersfestival.com.au.

head and neck massages and The first prize will be a wellness checks throughout the festival.

> And, while you're there, University Press up for grabs

Southern Cross University will also host a series of writ-Three runners-up will ers-in-residence sessions feaeach receive a copy of the turing high calibre authors who teach or are closely ten by Timothy Goodson associated with the University's writing programs.

The Southern Cross Uni-



Lions celebrate changeover

Seventy people attended the recent Annual Changeover Dinner of the Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby. Chairperson Cheryl Froud skilfully hosted a evening when the year's achievements were noted and the incoming

Lion stalwart John Gabriel received the Lions Star Award which was presented by outgoing president Ray Linabury (see photo).

Club members elected to provide this high award to recognise John Gabriel's



Interactive art at the Expo

Ocean Shores artist Ri Fraser says, 'Let's create a community masterpiece at the Lions Ocean Shores Expo!' All weekend, August 11-13, visitors to the Expo will be able to add to the community painting. All necessary materials will be available.

Aspiring artist Orion Murphy (age 3) of Ocean Shores is pictured practising his painting skills with help from Ri and Expo committee member Peter Hansen.

'We hope that all who visit will contribute to the community masterpiece,' says Peter. 'As well as this activity, both historian Frank Mills presentations in their own areas of expertise.'



officers were inducted.

Would-be artists will want to be present at Ri's workshops, to be held on both Saturday (11am, 2-30pm) and Sunday (noon).

Frank Mills will again be presenting aspects of history of the Brunswick Valley. This year Frank will be highlighting the contributions of the very many Chinese farmers in the area in the early 1900s. With the assistance of a variety of artefacts as well as a powerpoint photographic

and Ri Fraser will be making presentation, Frank will nity Centre. reveal many little known facts about the Brunswick night on Friday August 11 Valley.

> The Expo will be held at trar Maggie Golightly on the Ocean Shores Commu-

Hospital visits university

World renowned Australian- members of the public are born novelist and academic, Janette Turner Hospital, will visit Southern Cross University's Lismore campus for a book reading as part of the Byron Bay Writers Festival. all campuses as well as story collections.

invited to attend the reading at the Co-Op Bookshop in Goodman Plaza, on Wednesday, August 2, from 3pm to 5pm. Hospital has won a number of prizes for her Staff and students from seven novels and three short

Tickets to the opening

can be obtained from regis-

6680 2085.

contributions to the club and to the community.

Stimulating entertainment was provided by View Club members. Retiring President Ray Linabury congratulated Lions members for their efforts of the last year and noted the many contributions made to both the local community and to the wider world community. Incoming President Terry Newling thanked members

for the opportunity to lead the club.

Also recognised on the evening were four Lions who received the highest award were Don Armstrong, Alex on his behalf.

provided by Lions Interna- Fenwick, Louise Van Angeren tional: Recipients of Melvin and Colin Tarbox. Alex Fen-Jones Fellowships for 'dedi- wick was in hospital and his cated humanitarian services' wife Lola received the award

Articles

Tea Party

Bronwen Davies

'Tea, anyone?' Johnny felt the smiles of delight that met his offer fill the shabby derelict room with light, and it ever so slightly took the edge off the otherwise freezing night air.

Johnny loved tea parties and this was his best yet. As Roger and Lucy hadn't drunk their last tea, Johnny emptied their teacups full of dirty water onto the worn wooden floor, and poured a fresh round of drinks from the chipped plastic tea pot. He then offered milk, which Roger and Lucy declined. It was a well rehearsed ritual they had perfected over many years of intimate acquaintance.

Johnny leaned back in the rickety chair and beamed at his friends. Roger and Lucy were dear to him. They had all grown up together, and had been in the same class at school, though none of them went any more. Not since the mines collapsed.

in red. He loved both his friends immensely, but had always harboured more tender feelings towards Lucy. It grieved him to see her unwell. and how thin she had Lucy. It sustained him. become. Johnny knew she was not the only one; he himself often went days as sweet as she could suffer.

Johnny leaned over the table to ask Lucy a question. As he placed his hand upon her arm he noticed how cold her skin was to touch. He immediately offered his scarf, and before she could refuse, wrapped it around her neck.

Johnny caught a peculiar glint in Rogers's eyes, and when he realised what it meant Johnny turned away blushing. He remembered how Roger had often teased him good humouredly about Johnny's partiality to his sis-



Young writer Bronwen Davies, centre, won the Young Writers Competition held by YAC. She is with Mark Owen-Greene, left, of contest sponsors Lightforce and Andy Parks of YAC.

ber life before, but somehow nearby, and in the ancient ingvoices. His heart pounded Johnny thought how splen- he knew it hadn't always fireplace he had tried to set in his chest, already sore didly matched they all were been like it was now. He the logs alight. Unfortu- from coughing violently. All vaguely remembered going nately, the logs were damp, to school and having a and smoked excessively. mother and father, but it Although not creating any seemed like another lifetime. warmth, Johnny thought that All that counted was his the smoke was interesting to To see how pale her skin was, friendship with Roger and watch, and decided to leave

Sometimes he worried the smoky fireplace, and that someone might take the regretted not persevering twins away from him, but felt with the fire, as he huddled without eating. But it seemed reassured when he looked on the floor desperately seekso much sadder to Johnny around their forgotten derewhen Lucy was poorly - he lict on a street full of other had never thought someone abandoned homes. Johnny sleep was hard to find. As his move Lucy and instead

He relished the independence with no adults around to tell them what to do. Johnny could hardly remember life before, but somehow he knew it hadn't always been like it was now. He vaguely remembered going to school and having a mother and father, but it seemed like another lifetime. All that counted was his friendship with Roger and Lucy. It sustained him.

come looking for them. Soon Johnny felt weary tickled the back of his throat

it going. He now stared at ing warmth as darkness fell. Johnny closed his eyes, but

knew that no one would mind drifted, he heard a began to yell.

Johnny could think about was the voices taking the twins away from him. He wouldn't let that happen. He put his arms around Lucy but was too weak to lift her. 'Roger, help me! Quick!'

Roger made no reply. Johnny stared in confusion.

'Roger! Blimey, do you want them to get us?'

Johnny gave up trying to

'Get up! Come on, please get up! They're almost here; you don't want to go away, do you? Please don't leave me! Don't let them take you!'

Johnny doubled over and began to cough, tears edging down his dirty face. He was so angry at them, so angry at himself.

When the men got to the derelict, Johnny was lying on the floor, drifting in and out of consciousness. One man hurried over to him, took off voice. Shifting on the floor, his police jacket and wrapped he looked up thinking Lucy Johnny up in it. The other, ered from his embarrassment and yawned. He instantly had murmured. He saw that seeing the twins, swallowed he looked back at Roger, but regretted it as the pressure her eyes were open, but they and walked over towards were not looking at him. He them. He looked into their began to ask her what was eyes and felt their neck. The wrong when he heard the policeman tending Johnny looked down at the feverish noise again. The voices were boy in his arms, wishing coming closer. Johnny lay tense on the they'd got there sooner. It ground, trying to think over didn't look like he'd make it. his quickening heartbeat. The policeman glanced over They needed to hide. He at his colleague, and asked the question with no words. jumped up casting a fright-'Dead,' he replied. 'Both of ened look at Roger and Lucy, urging them to rise. Neither 'em. Been gone weeks, I'd responded, and in desperasay.' tion Johnny attempted to lift The policeman looked Lucy from her chair, moving down again at Johnny, and her away from the approachsighed

Artists on the Net

What do New York and the Visual Arts Network (VAN) Northern Rivers have in offers the browser an opporcommon? One thing is the tunity to stroll through the high number of visual artists per head of population; another is that Melitta Firth, the current Visual Arts Network coordinator for Arts Northern Rivers, did her internship at the Guggenheim. It was there that created a gallery hosted by Melitta discovered that the websites for even the most famous galleries in the world were disappointing.

'They had shots taken from too far away, they were too one dimensional...very simple problems but they just prevent you from being engaged,' said Melitta.

Using her skills as a graphic designer, curator, artist and coordinator, Melitta set about designing a virtual galseen in the art world. The au.

virtual space, picking up bits of arts information and gaining valuable knowledge into the work of artists based in the Northern Rivers.

In a unique addition to the website, the VAN has also different guest curators who choose and talk about their favourite local artists. Currently hosted by MCA curator Russell Storer, the gallery will use the services of some of Australia's best curators and commercial gallery directors such as Dr Gene Sherman of Sherman Galleries and Julie Ewington, curator of Queensland Art Gallery.

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ter. When Johnny had recovthe glint had vanished.

days. None of them had any energy to play, but even if they had the weather wouldn't allow for it. There parties.

Johnny loved this; tea parties were his favourite thing. He relished the independence with no adults around

They seldom spoke these and spurred another coughing fit. Seeing how tired his friends looked, he found a thin piece of material to suffice as a blanket and spread was no food other than what it out over Lucy and Roger, could be found, and noth- tucking it into their chair. ing to do except have tea They gazed gratefully at him as he curled up tightly on the floor, and in between coughing began to breathe warm air onto his numb hands. Earlier that evening Johnny to tell them what to do. had found some old fire-Johnny could hardly remem- wood in the overgrown grass

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C.A.R.E. Parent Support Program

ust over three years boyfriend, Rob, sent me an email with the job description of Coordinator, C.A.R.E. Parent Support in me, but my intuition and trusting towards him Program in the Byron Shire. convinced me that my de-

right for you... and your daughters would love some mothering again!' were his remarks.

Even though I had not spent much time with Rob, he knew me well. Those words Creating Access Respect and Equity (C.A.R.E.) say it all for me and were certainly the draw card to bring me back to my culture again after stints in Asian and Aboriginal com- making decisions, which munities.

daughters and one son. Although, when they were children, I did not have the wisdom I do now around parenting, I am proud to say that all four offspring have chosen their own life styles and I respect them me, that is. and their families for who they are.

daughter, Noe, finished her final year of school I decided to follow my dream, learning more about creating access, respect and equity in other cultures.

The comments and critiago my daughter's cism I received from other the participant and when parents around 'abandoning' my 17 year old child provoked feelings of guilt fident, respectful, loving 'Sof, this position looks cision suited both me and able to facilitate the procmy family.

'Think globally, act locally, respond personally.

Kate Birch 2006

Every day I see parents family. are right for them and their that what I want for my I am the mother of three families. I also observe the child? Well, yes, but isn't it conflict experienced by parents who do not feel confident making decisions. There are many choices to make and the days of trying to control another hu- can sometimes get in the man being are over... for way of allowing our chil-

A growing number of parents in the Byron Shire, When my youngest who have attended P5 groups, are also feeling the trust in listening to what relief of being able to let go and allow other people, especially their children, themselves.

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WEDNESDAY 2	 4.30 Movie: Convict 99 (G, B&W, 1938) Will Hay, Graham Moffatt, Moore Marriott 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 10.00 School Programs 10.00 The First World War 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 National Press Club Address 1.30 Talking Heads 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Surfing The Menu 6.30 The Cook And The Chef 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.00 The New Inventors 8.30 Spicks & Specks 9.00 Absolute Power (M) 9.35 The Glass House (M, sr,a) 10.05 At The Movies 11.55 Media Watch 12.10 Baby It's You (G) 12.35 Movie: Picnic At Hanging Rock (PG, 1975) Rachel Roberts, Dominic Guard, Helen Morse 2.20 Movie: Suspended Alibi (G, 1957) Patrick Holt, Honor Blackman, Valentine Dyall 3.25 National Press Club Address 	 5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Movie: Tomorrow (M, cl,n,a, 2000) Italian drama 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Football Stars Of Tomorrow 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Help Ambulance officers and paramedics 8.00 The Two Of Us 8.30 Dateline 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: The Shields (MA, cl,a,v, 2002) French drama 1.45 Stalin: Three Faces Of Evil (PG) The myth 2.40 Close SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC) 	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Surprise Chef 11.30 Wheel Of Fortune 12.00 Movie: Payback (M, v, 1997) A woman's life is turned into a nightmare. Starring Mary Tyler Moore, Edward Asner 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.30 Beyond Tomorrow 8.30 Born To Kill – Fred West (M) 9.30 24 (M) Double episode 11.15 The First 48 (M) 12.15 Big Bite 12.30 8 Simple Rules 1.30 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Yasmin's Getting Married 12.30 The Nanny 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Yasmin's Getting Married 7.30 Honey We're Killing The Kids 8.30 House 9.30 NCIS (M) 10.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.05 Battlestar Galactica (M) 12.00 The Up-Late Game Show (M) 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion 4.30 Kenneth Copeland All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	 6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne Doesn't aleviate the suffering around the planet, does it Richard? 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 McLeod's Daughters (PG) 8.30 Without A Trace (M) 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Suspicious Minds (PG) 11.00 Life Of Grime: New York (PG) Environmental health officers attempt to clear NY's streets of rats, roaches and rubbish 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Quizmania 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.30 Good Morning America
THURSDAY 3	 3.25 National Press Club Address 4.30 Movie: Mademoiselle Fifi (PG, B&W, 1944) Simone Simon, John Emery, Kurt Kreuger 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 10.40 The Big Questions 11.00 Crime Team 12.30 Lovejoy 13.0 Strictly Dancing 2.00 The Bill (M, v) 2.20 Nu-Country 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 The Lion Man 6.30 The Pet Show 7.30 ABC News 7.30 7.30 Report 8.30 The West Wing (G) 10.00 Kath And Kim Repeat 10.30 SET Hi God People, Peter Blamey and Jim Denley 11.35 Trevor's World Of Sport (M, cl,s) 12.05 Movie: Robbery Under Arms (PG, 1957) An 1850s Australian cattle-rustling coup. Starring Peter Finch, Ronald Lewis 3.45 Songs Of Praise 	5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Dateline 2.00 Zhang's Diner (M, cl) 3.00 A Fork In Africa 3.30 School Torque 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Inspector Rex 8.20 Hotline 8.30 Storyline Australia: Penicillin The Magic Bullet (PG) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Global Edition 10.30 Movie: Stalingrad (MA, v,a, 1992) Ger- man anti-war drama made to commemo- rate the 50th anniversary of the pivotal WWI battle which was Germany's worst defeat and the beginning of the end 2.20 Close	 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.10 Surprise Chef 11.30 Wheel Of Fortune 12.00 Movie: Diplomatic Siege (M, v, 1999) Two American computer experts are called on to complete an undercover operation in Eastern Europe when terrorism threatens the world. Starring Peter Weller, Daryl Han- nah, Tom Berenger 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 How I Met Your Mother (PG) 8.30 Lost (M) 9.30 24 (M) Double episode season final 11.15 Stargate SG-1 (M) 12.15 Big Bite 12.30 Home Shopping 5.00 Creflo A Dollar 5.30 Home Shopping 	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Yasmin's Getting Married 12.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Brooke Shields 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Informercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Yasmin's Getting Married 7.30 Smallville 8.30 Medium (M) 9.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.00 Sex And The City (MA15+) Double epi- sode 12.00 The Up-Late Game Show (M) 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Getaway Seven wonders of Australia: The Great Barrier Reef, The Kimberley, Lord Howe Island, South West Tasmania, The Great Ocean Road, The Red Centre and Sydney Harbour 8.30 Two And A Half Men (PG) 9.00 The New Adventures Of Old Christ- ine (PG) 9.30 The Footy Show (M) 11.00 Nightline 11.30 Late Show With David Letterman 2.30 Untold Wealth 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America
FRIDAY 4	 4.30 Movie: Checkpoint (PG, 1956) Anthony Steel, Odile Versois 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 10.30 Food For Thought 10.45 Designers 11.00 The Blue Planet 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 The Way We Were 1.35 Men Behaving Badly 2.00 Corridors Of Power 2.30 Spicks & Specks 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Message Stick (G*) 6.30 Can We Help? 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Stateline 8.00 Collectors 8.30 Vincent (M, v,cl) 9.40 The Chaser's War On Everything 10.10 Black Books (PG) 	5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 7.25 Italian News 8.00 Das Journal 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.00 In Satmar Custody An ultra Orthodox Jewish sect based in America that regularly sends representatives to Yemen 3.30 Elizabeth Chong's Tiny Delights Pearl of the Orient 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia	 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Surprise Chef 11.30 Wheel Of Fortune 12.00 Movie: Blow Out (M, v,cl,s,n, 1981) A sound engineer records a car accident that kills a contender for the presidential nomination. Starring John Tavolta, Nancy Allen, John Lithgow, Denis Franz, Peter Boyden 2.30 Reba 3.00 Rafferty's Rules 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Yasmin's Getting Married 12.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 H2O – Just Add Water 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Steph Show 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Yasmin's Getting Married 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Everybody Hates Chris 8.30 Movie: American Pie – The Wedding (M, cl.st.n. 2003) Jason Biggs, Seann Wil-	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Mortified 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Frasier Double episode 8.30 Friday Night Football Parramatta Eels v St George Illawarra Dragons 11.00 Nightline 11.30 AFL 5t Kilda v West Coast 2.30 Late Show With David Letterman



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SATURDAY 5	9.00 jtv Saturday 11.00 Bowls 12.00 Stateline 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.40 Words: Sophie Cunningham 2.00 Netball: The Highlights Show 3.00 Rugby Union LIVE – NSW Premier Rugby 5.00 Head 2 5.30 Tri Series Bowls 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Doctor Who (G) 8.15 Creature Comforts 8.30 The Bill (M) 9.25 The Last Detective (M) 10.35 Jonathan Creek (M, v) 11.30 The Glass House (M) 12.00 Rage (M) [s] Sex [s] Sexual references [a] Adult themes [d] Drugs [m] Nudity [sr] Sexual references [d] Drugs [w] War scenes [h] Horror [st] Supernatural themes	 5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 7.30 Italian News 8.00 Das Journal 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.06 Business Report 1.00 Masterpiece On Saturday Ballet: Spartacus 3.15 JS Bach - The 48 Preludes And Fugues 3.30 Cafe Carnivale 4.00 Tim Marlow At MOMA 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 As it Happened: Robert F Kennedy 8.30 Iron Chef 9.15 Rockwiz 10.00 Movie: Intacto (MA, v,cl,a, 2001) Spanish thriller about a clandestine gambling ring where death and luck intermingle 11.55 SOS: Shorts On Screen 12.55 Movie: Tanguy (M, s,cl,a, 2001) French comedy about a 28-year-old perpetual stu- dent who exasperates his parents 2.45 Close 	 6.00 Disney Adventures 7.00 Saturday Disney 9.00 The Saturday Club 10.00 Blinky Bill 10.30 Disney Adventures 11.30 That's So Raven 12.00 Eclipse 1.00 X:Press 2.00 The Food Trail 2.30 BYO Kitchen 3.00 Saturday Kitchen 5.00 Destination New Zealand 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The World Around Us Malcolm Douglas Hunt for the killer croc 7.30 Rugby LIVE from Sydney – Australia v South Africa 10.00 Movie: Men Of Honor (M, v,cl,a, 2000) True story of the first African-American Navy Diver and his perseverance against seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Starring Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr, Charlize Theron, Aunjanue Ellis, Hal Holbrook, Powers Boothe, Joshua Leonard 12.35 Lenny Blue (M) Final of British mini-series 2.05 Home Shopping 1.05 Expo 	 6.00 Toasted TV 7.00 Faireez 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Fergus McPhail 8.30 Video Hits 12.00 State Focus 12.30 Infomercial 1.00 I Fish 1.30 Seriously AFL 2.00 Saturday Afternoon AFL LIVE from the MCG – Richmond v Bulldogs 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Saturday Night AFL Sydney v Essendon 10.30 World Poker Tour 12.15 Before The Game 1.15 Cops 1.45 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Bayless Conley 4.30 Key Of David 5.00 Hour Of Power 	 6.00 Danoz 6.30 Untold Wealth 7.00 Guthy Renker 7.30 Kids Programs 10.00 So Fresh 11.30 Fishing Australia 12.00 Speed Machine 12.30 MNTV 1.00 The Snow Show 1.30 Movie: Casablanca (PG, a, 1942) An exfreedom fighter runs a nightclub in Casablanca during the height of World War II. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains 3.45 II Divo 4.30 Getaway 5.30 Talk To The Animals 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Movie: Dennis The Menace (PG, v, 1993) Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble, Joan Plowright, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Movie: Proof Of Life (M, v,cl,du, 2000) Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe, David Morse, Pamela Reed, David Caruso 12.20 Quizmania 3.00 Late Show With David Letterman 4.00 Home Shopping
SUNDAY 6	 6.30 Kid's Programs 9.00 Insiders 10.00 Inside Business 10.30 Offsiders 11.00 Asia Pacific Focus 11.30 Songs Of Praise 12.00 Landline 1.00 Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick (G*) 2.00 Abdullah Ibrahim South African pianist 3.00 Walks With An Architect Rio 3.30 Dickens In America 4.00 Sunday Arts 5.00 Victory In The Pacific 6.00 At The Movies 6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Planet Earth: Deserts 8.30 Bleak House (G) 9.25 In Search of Mozart 10.10 Compass: The Mystery Of Hip Hop 10.40 80,000 Shots: Potsdamer Platz 1990-2000 Berlin 11.30 A Loo With A View Dunedoo 12.00 Movie: 14th Olympiad (G, 1948) 1948 Olympic games at Wembley Stadium 2.15 Message Stick: Faith Thomas (G*) First indigenous woman to be selected to play cricket for Australia 2.50 Movie: Doctor At Sea (G, 1955) Dirk Bogarde, Brigitte Bardot, Brenda de Banzie 	 6.00 Weatherwatch 6.30 Filipino News 7.00 Hungarian News 7.30 Italian News 8.00 Korean News 8.00 Korean News 8.00 Maltese News 9.00 Maltese News 9.00 Maltese News 9.00 Maltese News 10.00 Ukrainian News 10.30 Mozart Plus Five 11.00 Speedweek 2.00 Football Stars Of Tomorrow 2.30 The World Game 6.00 Thalassa 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Lost Worlds: The Bible Unearthed 8.30 Science: The Elegant Universe – Einstein's Dream String theory – the theory of everything which brings together the two theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics revealing a universe with numerous hidden dimensions 9.30 Movie: The Accursed Kings (M, s,v, 2005) Part 2 of French drama set in 1307 and starring the Depardieu clan 11.15 Movie: Your Next Life (M, s,cl,v, 2003) Spanish drama 1.05 The Storm Rages Twice 2.00 Close 	 6.00 Religion 7.00 Stanley 7.30 Fairy Tale Police 8.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.30 Sportsworld 11.00 My Business 11.30 Medical Rookies 12.00 All Saints 1.00 Reba 1.25 Movie: For One Night (PG, cl, 2006) Raven Symone, Aisha Tyler, Daina Gozan, Caroline Jahna, Jason Lewis 3.20 Movie: Bushwacked (PG, v,s,cl, 1995) Daniel Stern, Jon Polito, Brad Sullivan 5.15 Fawlty Towers 6.30 It Takes Two Grand Final 8.30 Criminal Minds (M, v,a) Double episode new series about an elite squad who ana- lyse the most twisted serial criminal minds. Starring Mandy Patinkin, Thomas Gibson 10.30 JAG (M) 11.30 Movie: Lucky Numbers (M, cl,v,s, 2000) A popular local television weatherman in need of a financial break comes up with a plan to fix the numbers for the state lot- tery. Starring John Travolta, Lisa Kudrow, Tim Roth, Ed O'Neill, Michael Rapaport 1.40 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping 	 6.00 Mass For You At Home 6.30 Meditation Medication 7.00 Pirate Island 7.30 Totally Wild 8.00 Meet The Press 8.30 Video Hits 12.00 Movie: Only You (G, 1994) A young woman goes to Italy to find out if the man her Ouija board said she was meant for actually exists. Starring Marisa Tomei, Rob- ert Downey Jr, Joaquim De Almeida, Bonnie Hunt 2.00 Seinfeld 2.30 Free 3.00 Red Bull Air Race From Turkey 3.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Australia's Brainiest Losers 7.30 Australia Idol 9.00 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Great Debate: Coming First Is All That Matters (M) Paul McDermott, Stephen K Amos, Rove McManus, Jean Kittson, Jason Byrne, Meshel Lawrie 10.30 Formula One Grand Prix Hungary 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion 	6.00 Arrive Alive Cup 7.00 Danoz 7.30 Untold Wealth 8.00 Business Sunday 9.00 Sunday 11.00 The Sunday Footy Show 12.00 Sunday Roast 1.00 Sunday AFL LIVE from the GABBA – Brisbane v Geelong 4.00 Sunday Rugby League Sydney Roosters v Newcastie Knights 6.00 Evening News 6.30 20 To 1 (PG) 7.30 60 Minutes 8.30 CSI: Miami (M, a) 10.30 Comedy Inc – The Late Shift (M, cl,sr) 11.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, cl,sr) 11.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, cl,sr) 11.30 Carb Show Late (M) 1.00 AFL Kangaroos v Port Adelaide 3.00 All Of Us (PG) 3.30 Guthy Renker 5.00 20/20 Why can't you make another word using all the letters in 'anagram'?
MONDAY 7	 4.30 Movie: The Embezzler (G, B&W, 1954) Charles Victor, Zena Marshall, Peggy Mount, Michael Craig 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 11.00 Landline 12.30 Pilot Guides 1.30 Head 2 Head 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 A Place In Greece 6.30 Talking Heads: John Elliott 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.30 Four Corners 9.20 Media Watch 9.35 Enough Rope With Andrew Denton 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Spooks: Blood And Money (M, v,n) MI5 12.10 Church Of England: The Power And The Glory (G) The Church of England in Britain today 1.10 Movie: The Man Who Changed His Mind (PG, B&W, 1936) Boris Karloff, John Loder, Anna Lee, Frank Cellier, Cecil Parker 2.25 Movie: Fly Away Peter (G, B&W, 1948) Patrick Holt, Margaret Barton, Peter Ham- mond, Frederick Piper 3.25 Tri Series Bowls 	5.00 Weatherwatch And World News 8.30 Spanish News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.00 Dateline 2.00 Insight 3.00 Wine Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 The Future Is Wild 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 The Internationale 5.30 Living Black 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Top Gear 8.30 Broken News (PG) English comedy series about 24-hour rolling news channels on cable TV 9.00 South Park (M, a) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 City Of Men (M, cl,a) 10.35 Anatomy For Beginners (MA, a,n) Final 11.30 Movie: Hollywood Hong Kong (MA, s,v, 2001) Cantonese drama 1.25 The Nanny 1.55 Close	 8.30 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Surprise Chef 11.30 Wheel Of Fortune 12.00 Movie: No Higher Love (M, a, 1999) About a woman and the most unselfish gift a mother can give her child. Starring Katey Sagal, Annabeth Gish, Tom Invin 200 Blue Heelers 3.00 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.40 Home And Away 7.30 The Great Outdoors Sophia Loren's luxury cruiseship, Beijing, a winery, a soap opera farmstay 8.30 Grey's Anatomy (M) 9.30 Criminal Minds (M) 10.30 Boston Legal (M) 11.30 Scrubs 12.00 Tommy Lee Goes To College 12.30 8 Simple Rules 1.00 Home Shopping 5.00 Home Shopping 	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.30 Yasmin's Getting Married 12.00 Queen Eye For The Straight Guy 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) The Will & Grace farewell interview 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Scope 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Yasmin's Getting Married 7.30 Australian Idol 8.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.05 NYPD Blue (M) 12.00 The Up-Late Game Show (M) 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life With Joyce Meyer 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Today Extra 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 What's Good For You Depression, dan- druff, diabetes, coffee, hiccups 8.35 Cold Case 8.40 Lotto 9.35 Cold Case 8.40 Lotto 9.35 Cold Case 8.40 Lotto 9.35 Cold Case 11.30 Nightline 11.05 Psychic Detectives 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Quizmania (M) 3.00 Guthy-Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America I went to a restaurant that serves breakfast at any time. So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.
TUESDAY 8	 4.30 Movie: Destination Murder (PG, B&W, 1950) Joyce MacKenzie, Stanley Clements, Hurd Haffield 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 Behind The News 10.25 Our History 10.35 Classic Short Prose 11.00 Naked Science 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 The New Inventors 1.00 The Einstein Factor 1.30 Catalyst 2.00 Parliament Question Time 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Earthly Treasures: Jade & Emeralds 6.05 Time Team 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Star Portraits With Rolf Harris 8.35 The Bill (M, v) 9.20 Foreign Correspondent 10.5 Art Safari: Takashi Murakami Japaners 	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Movie: The Seagull's Laughter (M, s,v,a, 2001) Icelandic drama 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Living Black 4.00 World Sport 6.30 World Sport 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Insight Understanding Autism 8.30 Cutting Edge: Anti-Semitism In The 21st Century 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Hot Docs: Commune 40 year-old Black	 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Fairies 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Surprise Chef 11.30 Wheel Of Fortune 12.00 Movie: Silent Cradle (M, a,v,d, 1997) A reporter investigating an adoption agency conspiracy discovers her own stillborn baby may be alive. Starring Lorraine Bracco, Margo Kidder, John Heard, Jason Gedrick 2.00 Blue Heelers 3.00 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.30 Border Security 8.00 Medical Emergency 8.30 All Saints (M) 	6.00 Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 In The Box 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 11.10 TTN 11.30 Yasmin's Getting Married 12.00 Queen Eye For The Straight Guy 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Yasmin's Getting Married (PG) 7.30 The All New Simpsons 8.00 The Wedge (PG) 8.30 Adults Only Simpsons (M) 9.30 Rove Live (M, cl,a) Big Brother special 10.40 Late News And Sports Tonight	 6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Days Of Our Lives 2.00 The Young And The Restless 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Temptation 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Torvill And Dean's Dancing On Ice (PG) 9.00 The Closer (M) The team investigate the murder of an Iranian businessman but when it's discovered the victim was on a terrorist watch list, the FBI muscles in 10.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (M) Evidence reveals that the mastermind of a

ese contemporary artist 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Crime Team (PG) 12.00 Red Cap (M, v) 12.55 Parliament Question Time 1.55 Movie: Rentadick (G, 1972) James Booth, Richard Briers, Julie Ege, Donald Sinden 3.35 Head Start (G)	 10.00 Hot Docs: Commune 40 year-old Black Bear Ranch commune which was set up by hippies and funded by pop stars such as Frank Zappa 11.25 Movie: Frozen Land (2005) Finnish drama 1.40 Movie: It's Not Our Fault (M, s,cl, 2003) Italian comedy 3.35 Close 	 8.30 All Saints (M) 9.30 Human Trafficking (MA, a,v) Starring Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland, Robert Carlyle, Remy Girard, Isabelle Blais 11.30 Mile High (M) 12.30 8 Simple Rules 1.00 Home Shopping 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping 	10.40 Late News And Sports Tonight 11.15 Cybershack (PG) 11.45 The Up-Late Game Show (M) 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Infomercial 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	Evidence reveals that the mastermind of a bank raid in which a detective is killed, to be a close friend of a CSI 11.00 Penn & Teller: BS (M, cl) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 Quizmania (M) LIVE 3.00 Guthy-Renker Australia 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America
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Byron Bay Writers Festival

Ten good years of making waves

Susan Wyndham reviews Making Waves: 10 Years of the Byron Bay Writers Festival, edited by Marele Day, Susan Bradley Smith and Fay Knight (University of Queensland Press)

Is it a coincidence that the Byron Bay Writers Festival came into being a year after the election of John Howard's government? Probably. All the same, the politics of the past decade have stoked discussion at the festival, challenged its left-leaning constituency and forged its forthright character.

As remarked by several contributors to this tenth anniversary anthology, Makan invitation to a mid-winter weekend at the beach, with the promise of sunshine, massages and relaxed chat.

They usually get all that (I've been to one wet festival). But, as the book reminds us, authors and audiences are also drawn into conversations about our country, our culture and ourselves with and flashes of anger. The all-Australian guest list encourages that.

qualities of an engrossing moved to Byron Bay in 2003. adherents believe that 'all of loyalty by attacking the mini-Festival - except the This 2004 talk about the meaning is deferred, relative frantic atmosphere of the surf and back rubs. The edi- absurdities of bus and train and subjective - except for Melbourne Writers' Festival. tors - north coast residents travel was her final public Theory itself"? and festival frequenters asked two dozen other past guests to contribute a piece performance had the audiof writing on 'big issues".

The broad brief produced a stimulating mixture of work. Some pieces, delivered as festival talks, sit a little oddly on the page among `'written" essays and stories, but add immediacy and a worthwhile record of festival ephemera.



ing Waves, noone knocks back Craig McGregor, Mick O'Regan and Malcolm Fraser in a panel discussion at a recent Byron Bay Writers Festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

than with Kate Grenville's unnecessary disclaimer: 'We American empire. Or Melissa inaugural Thea Astley lec- don't necessarily endorse all Lucashenko's embrace of the ture, given last year before she won a swag of prizes for The Secret River? Her stirring to express them ... " talk is an indictment of history's bland official voice and to disown? Peter Singer's get numbers'. Or Peter Cora tribute to Astley for writing exhortation to ethical writers ris's half-wish for a fire to unusual intensity, humour fiction about our past with to 'follow the argument burn down his cluttered drama and heart.

And how perfect to close with Astley herself, a quinappearance before her death two weeks later. Her droll ence in stitches and gave no hint of impending death. As dotes, imagine her cigarettestained accent and sly smile.

What better way to begin was distracted by the editors' on the strange, troubled of the views expressed herein, essay form. but we fully support the right

> where it leads, even at risk of personal loss or hardship'?

It's unlikely they disap-Or John Carroll's calm arguyou read the slapstick anec- ment that the West's inability to maintain the vitality of its Smith has no argument with 'Dreaming' fed the rootless, her own contribution - an Between the Astley compulsive consumerism excellent Q&A interview bookends, an impressive attacked by Osama bin with David Williamson from line-up of writers displays Laden. Or Christopher the 1999 Festival. Led by their obsessions. As I read I Kremmer's informed piece her intelligent questions,

Perhaps they had a problem with Dorothy Porter's Which views did they want poetic lament that 'I don't workroom.

Or Peter Goldsworthy's Larry Buttrose's articulate perverse internet habit. Or Making Waves has all the tessential Australian who demolition of Theory, whose Mungo MacCallum's show

Most readers will find something to argue with, proved of Anita Heiss's which is to be hoped for in a informative history of Abo- muscular anthology. But riginal writing about place. there's nothing subversive or suable here.

Presumably Bradley

wright' explains his feeling as 'issues'. of isolation in Australian theatre with almost poign- comparison of two versions ant frankness.

pretty good. Ruth Ostrow's this venue. And I would have touching memoir about her loved a piece by Helen Garlate father's violin and Jean ner, who handed out hot-Bedford's portrait of a water bottles at the first Feswoman on her daily train tival, instead of David Leser's ('my beacon of normality') reprinted profile. But they are separated by Nick Earls's are not real gripes. black comedy about burying a dead cat.

through his first festival session - saved by the heroic commerce. Di Morrissey, relief after vey of doomsayers.

this year's Miles Franklin want to join us. Award winner, Roger McDonald, and Byron Bay Susan Wyndham writes author-journalist Craig about books for The Sydney McGregor come together Morning Herald and will be on near the end as a quiet a festival panel, CanYouTeach reminder that writing and Creative Writing?, on Friday.

Australia's 'leading play- storytelling are as important

Perhaps John Kinsella's of his poem, though fascinat-The pacing of the book is ing, is a little technical for

A self-congratulatory tone tinges the book, and why Robyn Williams's hilarious not? As Hilary McPhee says, account of almost sleeping Eddington has built a unique festival on ideas rather than director, Jill Eddington - is brave annual host of Di's Alison Drinks until they overflowed, Broinowski's sprawling sur- loves the people who come to the ever-growing festival. Fine pieces of fiction by Read this book and you'll



See more at Steve Machell's www.sandology.com.

Age cannot wither her. nor custom stale Her infinite variety: other women cloy The appetites they feed,







but she makes hungry Where most she satisfies.

> - William Shakespeare (Antony & Cleopatra)



Thanks Jill, and au revoir...

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Stephen has a pretty impressive website. What is most impressive is that he didn't actually create it himself. Neither did his publicist. It's been created by a fan. 'He is a computer guru. It was a bit strange at first, I found the site by accident. But he's a pretty nice guy, he just happens to be a big fan of my music. It turns out he just lives up the road!' (www. lovetown.net)

Stephen Cummings is Melbourne based and if pressed to name a performer who signified the place, one of the names would definitely be his. His songs are anthems of broken hearts and forgotten promises, the reverie of remembrance, sipping lattes in a dark coat in a dark cafe. In fact he's nothing like that. Stephen Cummings is a contented family man with two sons, a film- making partner and has a penchant for swimming laps. Although he did remark that right now it was way too cold to even contemplate donning a pair of speedos, even fleecy lined ones. Stephen's latest musical offering is 'Lovometer'.

It's about love, pain and redemption. And then possibly love again.

'The record tells a little story. It's

about a guy getting dumped and wallowing in self pity and then finally trying to get back with the partner but then he's not really sure if he's wanted by her. I had dialogue going through the tracks, but on the advice of the website guy, he said, can I skip those bits, I thought it might be best to take them out.'

Stephen is joined by ex Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons guitarist Jeff Burstin for a gig which falls under the umbrella of the Byron Bay Writer's Festival. In describing the show he says:'It goes from quiet intense ballads to full on rocking stuff. I do everything from go to whoa, including a few Sportz songs, and a mixture of stuff from all my albums. A lot of the music is very rootsy and with the two of us, it's a very full sound.'

So for such a happy man, where does the inspiration come from? Are these real dumpings that he reflects upon, or mythical ones?

'I am an anxious person with a memory like an elephant. I have to learn to get over those things.

'I play a lot of songs that are intense and passionate, I'm not a romantic but I am very passionate. We were playing shows in Sydney last week and everything clicked magically. It was one of the best gigs I'd done in a long time and it felt so good afterwards.'

'I probably always wanted to. When my partner first came to live with me, she didn't want to get a job as a waitress, and I saw there was a convention at Melbourne Uni for romance writing. I paid for her to do the course. She came back and said, I could do teenage books, and she wrote 3 or 4 Dolly novels, and she figured she could write one every 6 weeks.

that and I watched her doing it and I thought I'd have a go. If she hadn't done it, I wouldn't have done it. I had some time, and my eldest child was finishing school, and each time l've written a book it's been a coincidence that I've had both the money and the time on my hands to do it.'

I rudely ask Stephen his age. He counts back, takes a moment and finally replies 'I guess I'm 52.'

It's been an amazingly rich career and a continually evolving one. Living as an artist in any field can be tough. 'I guess there's not that many people left from when I started. Only a few like Paul Kelly and Rob Hirst...'

As well as appearing on panels and in conversation at the Writers Festival, Stephen Cummings will be performing at the Bangalow A&I Hall on Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are available are are just \$22.

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THE SOAPBOX : MANDY NOLAN



About a year or so ago my kids started referring to everything they thought was daggy or stupid as gay. 'I'm not wearing those pants, they're gay.' 'I'm not watching that video, it's gay.' 'You look so gay with your hair like that.' I was incensed. Here we are with all these anti-bullying policies, anti-discrimination and tolerance programs, yet it's completely acceptable for kids to go around calling everything they hate, 'gay'. I've heard kids say it in front of their parents completely unreprimanded. It's said in school yards without even a hint of detention. The social acceptance of 'gay' within youth culture as a negative term just shows what a homophobic bunch of hetros we really are. I sat my kids down and said: 'OK, do you know what you are saying? Everytime you call something gay, you are basically saying that there is something wrong with being gay.' I listed our numerous friends and asked if the kids thought there was anything awful or embarassing about them. I started with the lesbians and then moved on to the homosexuals. It took nearly 20 minutes. The kids all agreed that they loved our friends and would never want to say something that hurt them. 'Gay' is such a prolifically used term in youth culture, I wonder what it must be like to be a gay teenager who hasn't come out yet. You are hardly going to feel that it's a positive choice if everyone around you is referring to your sexuality as a being dumb, stupid and ugly. Gay used to mean happy. Now it means something sucks. It's no different to choosing other groups who've suffered intolerance and discrimination from the mainstream. It's like calling something you hate 'black' or 'female' or 'Jew' or 'Asian'. 'Oh my God, that hat makes you look so Asian' or 'Homework is so Jew'. Language has a curious way or reflecting our deeper psychology and sending social messages. If we change the way we use language, we can start to change the way we think. Or at least how our kids think. If you don't want your kid to grow up being a homophobic redneck then pull them up for using the term gay. I'd much rather my kids said something was 'fucked'. Or how about introducing a less controversial term. You can't just remove such an often used word without replacing it with a more friendly alternative. Every time something looks stupid or doesn't make sense, instead of saying it's gay, why not say it's 'John Howard.' 'Gees Mum, these tracksuit pants are ugly, they look totally John Howard.' 'Oh my God, your hair cut is so John Howard.' 'Turn off that Christian music, it's so John Howard.' It's about time we got onto this upcoming

NTERVIEW

FOR TWO SWEET GIRLS THEY SURE MAKE A SHITLOAD OF NOISE. DIRTY LUCY RETURN TO THE AREA TO PLAY A GIG WITH MATT TONKS AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON SUNDAY. I QUICKLY CAUGHT UP WITH NICOLE BROPHY FOR A BRIEF CHAT.

'We're really looking forward to it – we've been doing lots of supports this year with Mia Dyson and Epicure, we were up in North with Mia – I've loved the hall (Bangalow), you could hear everything in everyone's voice, it was a joy, so often you are fighting for a good sound... it can just make such a difference, it's a great feeling when it's a big fat sound.

'We have just recorded our new mini album, it's got seven tracks – it was great to be recording and back in the studio. We produced it with Syd Green, our drummer, he was great to work with in the studio. We have been playing a few of the songs live and a few of them have been written in Melbourne and are a bit darker and some have evolved since then and the sound has become a lot more rockin.'

It must certainly make a difference on stage, having drums join the violin and guitar.

'When Syd joined us, it opened a can of worms for us on stage. It frees us up but at the same time it makes the sound a lot fatter. I'm a pretty heavy sort of guitarist. I started out playing solo and as the guitartist I was the band. It's good because I've always had a pretty beefy sound, and the drums have given it some balls. But at the same time some of the songs on this EP are quite sparse and minimal as well. One was recorded in one take, in a pizza shop in Robertson - you can hear people's cutlery! We came back the night after we had played a gig there and said we are going to record this song once so just go about eating your meal. That's really minimal and one of the quieter moments, I think it iust adds to the atmosphere of the song. Pin Up Hopes is a song that Jodie wrote.

'The album is called: Music, People, Cities, Lights and Darkness, it's one of the lines in the Pin up Hopes. It came up from leaving Melbourne and the state we were in. It's





a colourful place but can get drab and grey, but it's really alive as well and really moody – I really noticed it's heavy when I came back.'

Nicole has only just got her voice back after having nodules removed from her vocal chords. 'I remember when I had nodules I couldn't speak but I could sing. It has changed my singing – given me a lot more range, and that was one of the worst things about having the nodules, that the top part of my range went. So now I have a lot of that back, the gigs we did with Mia were the first since the operation.'

It must be a frightening experience for a singer, to wake up voiceless.

'I absolutely absolutely freaked out on the operating table. I went Oh my god will I ever have a voice again! Five days after being totally quiet and carrying around a whiteboard marker and some speech therapy I was back in fighting form.'

DIRTY LUCY PLAY THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON SUNDAY THIS WEEK WITH SUPPORT MATT TONKS.

BENDER IN THE MUD BY ZIGZ

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS SATURDAY ARRIVED. MY FRIEND DROPPED OFF MY LUCKY HAT – NOW I WAS READY!

I parked at the festival parking - it took an eon and and I was a little concerned that I was directed to park in a bit of the paddock that was underwater, but finally I was there! I chuckled to myself while walking in at those trying to avoid the mud, it was a battle that couldn't be won. I found my friends at the Mix-Up Tent at the tail end of TZU's set. We had some time to kill before Mos Def so we headed to the Tipi Forest to spot some locals. Byronians know how to hold a doof!

Back to Mix-Up for Mos Def. I was surprised to find the tent sparsely populated and stoked that we found ourselves right near the front. I guess it was because it was early. Strange that more people weren't there to see such a big name in Hip Hop. Their loss though, I thoroughly enjoyed his funk and soul accompanied set. Thanks to the pretty girl for sharing your lollypop!

The Avalanches were the next onstage act in the Mix-Up. Meanwhile, The Funk Trust DJs kept the crowd moving. I was really feeling the vibe now, seemed like every one was feeding off each other's enjoyment. A beautiful woman liked my hat and came over to compliment me. I'd made a new friend and didn't notice that my other friends had disappeared. We got down to the Avalanches, I can't really remember what they were like but I know I had a lot of fun listening to them.

My plan had been to head over to the Super Top for Grinspoon. Grinners at a previous Splendour is one of my all time festival highlights. But now I was more interested in my new friend so plans weren't important. We caught up with our other friends and ended up at Paul Mac for a while. His set wasn't quite to my taste - not enough bounce for the boogie. DJ Shadow closed Mix-Up with an erratic set and Saturday came to a close. Sunday awoke in no rush at all. We made our plans to catch the Early Hip Hop Butterfingers and N'Fa. But when dealing with a group plans don't take long to come apart. By the time we get there (parking in Sunrise this time) it's too late for Butterfingers and N'Fa is

under way. I dig N'Fa's set - tight rapping and nice to see live percussion in Hip Hop. After wandering around scoping out more of the festival grounds we headed back towards Mix-Up for Matisyahu. While crammed in amongst a mass of people negotiating a bottleneck I found myself walking along beside a familiar smiling face. I let my other friends disappear into the crowd and had a wonderful intimate dance with my newly reunited friend at the back of Matisyahu. When the set ended she left to find her crew and I went and found mine. I wasn't to see her again at the festival but I'm pretty sure I'll see her again. I found the guys drunk and stumbling around aimlessly. Eventually we found ourselves in the B-Live Bar where the dance floor

a few hours. I let the others disappear, content to go on a solo mission.

My number one plan for the festival was to get as close as possible to the front for Wolfmother and I knew the others would complicate things. As the Yeah Yeah Yeahs set was in full swing I made my way to the Super Top. From the back of the tent I took in the scene – a pulsing, contorting sea of people worshiping a punk goddess.

Wolfmother appeared and the crowd went mad. For me Wolfmother epitomised what a rock concert was all about. Chunky guitar riffs. Energetic vocals. I felt like I was watching Led Zeppelen in the seventies. It's not the kind of music I put on the stereo very often but damn it's fun to rock out to it! It was my highlight for the festival. A truly awesome performance.

Thanks Splendour, I can't wait

Howard.' It's about time we got onto this upcoming generation of 'gay' bashers. Saying stuff is gay is like so, John Howard. And that's fucked.



girls, danceable music and enough space to move on the floor kept me happy for

was bouncing to pumping

electro. Cocktails, pretty

to see what you've got to offer next year.





GOING MENTAL

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They're still as much fun as they ever were. Mental as Anything. Years ago Stella and I scored the support for them in Brisbane. It was a hoot. They have outlasted four Prime Ministers, the death of the vinyl LP, the rise of Microsoft and the internet, man's colonisation of space, the New Romantic Movement, Pol Pot and big hair. Their career spanned the flared jean coming in and out and back in and then out of fashion. They have sold over 2 million records worldwide and had Top 10 hits in North America and Europe. They have staged three critically acclaimed art exhibitions. been courted by Paul Keating and have written more than a dozen songs about drinking. A popular urban myth concerns a group of art students who passed themselves off as a band in order to con the local publican into giving them a gig in exchange for free beer. The deception worked better than intended, and the group came to be known as Mental as Anything. Nearly three decades later, they are still irritating the public with their highly listenable, idiosyncratic brand of garage pop. They perform at the Lismore Worker's Club on Friday.

Ephiphy Arts return to **Stoker Siding Hall on Friday** 11 August to present Dave and Elenor, an eclectic mix of the emotional, the eccentric and the dynamic. Elenor's guirky songs blend poetic imagery with intense feeling. Her voice is an expressive instrument of great power, effortlessly weaving the myriad of shades that describe her search for 'the beauty in sadness'. Dave's songs are populated with figures from psychological and mythical landscapes, like Jane Eyre on a bike or Heathcliff hitching a ride. His intricate guitar style and plaintive voice combine with Elenor's vocal textures to create haunting music. The evening will also feature The Perch Creek Family Jugband. A true family band that plays goodtime jugband music with a variety of instruments (some homemade) vocal

THE ARTS FACTOR

harmonies and tap dancing. They incorporate a theatrical component, entertaining with both musicality and comedy. They have entertained large and appreciative audiences at many folk festivals, market shows, nursing homes and schools and other events, including two Woodford Folk Festivals. With a yummy meal available, it's essential that bookings are in by Wednesday 9 August. It's just \$18 or \$10 for show only!!!

ROLL UP

The 'goodtimes' are rollin' with groove, soul, rock band Roll Like That. The band is fronted by the uncompromising award wining, singer/songwriter Carola Christian. A larger than life performer with an unusually broad range of deep haunting vocals to screaming soprano. With the ability to move her velvety tones thru raw sensuality to gutsy power, Carola delivers with heart from the soul. Also an accomplished guitarist Carola, changes from acoustic to electric playing with a unique rhythmical style. Roll Like That have in the past few months had a lineup change and are now ready to move and groove you. Now consisting of new bass player Greg Fredricks laying down tasty grooves and pulsating rhythms. Rainer Grimm on electric lead guitars. His 'on the edge' playing adds fire to the music with his red hot riffs & soaring solos. Geoff Taylor on backing vocals and flowing funky keyboard creating sparkle and depth of sound. And James Carlopio on drums kicking out the beat of the songs soul with added talents of another new addition Juan Salvador spicing things up on percussion. Sounding better than ever Roll Like That play a great mix of their award wining original catchy tunes and tasty covers. Their sound will get you moving... Come and join in the 'goodtime' with Roll Like That at The Hotel Brunswick this Sunday.

FROM DUCHAMPS TO DAKARPO

When is a fish not a fish? When it's a band. I know that doesn't make sense. but I was hard pressed on coming up with a header. DaKarpo are a four piece who play mainly original music. According to band member Celeste: 'they play the odd cover, like Ain't no

Sunshine and Moondance, but the music is a mixture of heaps of genres that the three of us studied at the Conservatorium in Lismore. That's where we first met. Our drummer Isaac is from the Uni. We play music that you don't hear a whole lot. It's a very different sound.' They play the Bangalow Hotel on Saturday.

DEAD BARBIES

With their debut release, The Story Of Dead Barbie and Ghost baked and meandering



KINGTIDE AT THE BEACH HOTEL **ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

down the birthing canal, The Goons Of Doom make their way to the Hotel Great Northern on Friday. Joined in body, spirit and sound by Modular Lounge, Ozzie Wrong The Wizard of Death, Vaughn Dead, Killer Whale, Cuthroat Cowboy and the ever so gorgeous Bang Bang Bunny Fang, these dudes will take to the stage to slay the ears of any mother f*ckers who dare to turn up

RADIOTHONG AFOOT

Keep those peepers peeled. Bay FM will be launching their annual Radiothon at the **Beach Hotel on Thursday** 10 August from 7pm. More announcements about the lineup, scheduled for next week. Just set that space aside in the diary!!!

FOLLOWING THE TIDES

King Tide released their debut album To Our Dearly Deported in August last year to rave reviews and national radio airplay. They blew crowds away with their intoxicating performances at the Bellingen Global Carnival and venues all over Australia have established them as Sydney's finest live reggae and ska band. The album was originally dedicated to Sean Collins, the band's original toaster/MC who was deported back to the States - but not before being bailed out of Villawood Detention Centre to record his vocals on the album. With Sean not being allowed back into Australia until 2008, KingTide has welcomed Paul Snatch as new toaster/MC

VOCAL LOCALS

Showcasing local talent New vocalist/ mc : NATALIE GAY

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GIRL ON THE SING

This Wednesday's Vocal Locals session at the Beach Hotel sees singer/MC Natalie Gay have her way with the talking stick. She has a voice that knows no bounds and moves people right down to their very soul. With a kind of magic that you only come across a few times in a lifetime, her voice is literally captivating. In fact, the government is considering her as a softer approach to border control. You don't need to chase anyone when they start milling around a stage. Nat, who got her start in the country music festival circuit as a child singing with her father Rick Gay (he just released his 3rd country album), has been gigging around the north coast and has recently been featured on Deep Childs latest album which has been a huge success throughout all of Europe, Asia and America. Any other performing enquiries to entertainment@beachhotel. com.au or you can ring George Kent on 0431 046 148



SPECIAL GUESTS Catch Stephen Cummings on 'Mystery Train' with Sista Mary this Thursday 3rd August at the Cruisin time 8pm-10pm and Dr. Helen Caldicott (anti-nuclear activist/pediatrician) on 'The Shakedown' with Red Terra, Friday 4th August 9am-11am

The Honeydripper 10pm Eclectic Lazyland Charles

FRIDAY 7am KB on the Remix KB

6pm Rub a Dub

SATURDAY

12am The Bandwagon Mia & Jay

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

Crazy DayV & Lennox Dread 8pm Into the Unknown DJ XFakta

10pm Roots n Culture DJ Selector

12am-2am Soundtrack to Life

6am Melody Lane Benji 8am Musical Kaleidoscope

Robbie McGreadv

10am Cowboy's Sweetheart Carrie D 12pm Red, Hot & Cool Ken & Anthony

8pm Trance-Mission T-Learyus & Cam

10pm Ice Cream Truck Ruger & Fulton 12am The Graveyard Shift Matt & Nikki

Melissa Main 9am Espresso Culture Rachel Cook

12pm Omnibus RG Pedicini/Les Schmidt 2pm Radio Latina Ceci & Yolanda

2pm Whirled Music/Generation

Youth Phil/Amber 4pm Sliced Grooves DJ Madhu

6pm Rotation Pob

6am Rooves & Grooves

10am Jazz Moods Jean Brown

2pm Mystery Train Mary 4pm Talking To A Stranger DJ She 6pm Shaken n Stirred Kerry 8pm Cruisin For A Bluesin 6am Stay Curious Brett Diemar 9am Head2Head, Heart2Heart Nyck Jea

- 11am Upstaged/Men in Byron
- The Drama Queen/Michael 12pm The Generator Giovanni Ebono 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 Dharma & 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 All That Jazz with PK 12pm Juke Joint Tony Parker
- 4pm Bay Lounge Aqua 6pm Fusion Martin B. 8pm The Chill Pill Mista

SUNDAY

Micha & Monsieur S. 10pm The Wonderful Thing Lewie JPD 12am All Over The Shop Wozza

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POETRY NIMBIN POETRY CUP

While Byron Bay is basking in the glow of the annual Writers Festival Byron, Nimbin will be gripped with the wordfest of the 4th annual Performance Poetry World Cup. Nimbin's bevy of performing poets will be joined by fellow writers from all around Australia, with

visiting poets from New Zealand, and even Thom the World Poet from Austin Texas. One of the richest literary prizes in Australia, this year's World Poetry Cup is worth a total of \$4000, with a first prize of \$1500 and the famed trophy. Throughout the two days of gruelling competition there will be various incentive prizes for heat winners as well as a \$400 Peoples' Choice prize provided by Summerland Credit Union. The heats will be contested in selected cafes around Nimbin, on

Saturday. Entrants can perform up to 8 minutes of original poetry (not performed at previous Cup events). Two poets will be chosen from each heat, moving on to the semi-finals on the morning of Sunday 6 August, with finalists being selected to compete in the grand final event at Nimbin School of Arts that evening. Last year's winner, David 'Ghostboy' Stavanger from the Sunshine Coast, will be one of the final judges, with previous winners Therese Biscoe and David Hallett assisting a band of

judges during the contest The Northern Rivers region is home to many performing poets, and there are several spoken word venues which have elevated 'the word' from the page to the stage. Nimbin's regular readings at the Oasis Café have been coordinated by Gail Clarke for many years, and Gail initiated the World Poetry Cup as a significant 'fringe' event to the Byron festival, so that the performance of poetry is the main game. The Cup weekend provides : great audience value as each

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sauce; mung bean dumpling served in a palm sugar, ginger and cinnamon syrup; and steamed sticky rice and coconut roll. Her normal menu will still be available for all your old favourites. Remember, this great offer is valid only for the month of August – and bookings are highly recommended. II Fletcher Street, Byron Bay. Phone 6685 7557.

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VISIT...

one of Byron Bay's most beautiful stores. Red Ginger has just received an exciting container from China filled with delights such as traditional Chinese tea tables with four stools. There are some great new pieces and some of the old favourites that you have been asking for, so come in and have a look. Sit at the table with your Yum Cha and free green tea and enjoy the delights of Red Ginger.



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show provides a fast-paced merry-go-round of poets, with the excitement of big prizes to be won. The cafes of Nimbin will be buzzing with the tension of poets unleashing their best work on the word-hungry crowd. The weekend will also feature a special evening poetry recital by non-competing poets (and judges). Entries are just \$15 for aspiring poets and close on Tuesday 1 August. To register www.nimbinpoetry. com.au or call the Nimbin Visitor's Centre: 66891388.

THOM THOM THE **POETS SON**

Stole a Pig and away he run. The pig got eat and Thom got Beat Poetry. Sorry, that's definitely my best attempt at being almost clever, and sadly I failed. That's why I became a comedian instead of a poet. Instant gratification and no need to spend hours crafting Why iron cotton when you can wear polyester? Daevid Allen of Gong fame sent me a press release about Thom the World Poet who's going to be performing in our area over the next week. Let me quote him:

'I hated poetry at school probably because the teachers themselves had little love of it. They made it SO incredibly boring that for a while it stuck. But one night well beyond my schooldays, I heard Dylan Thomas reading on radio. He spoke with a passion that was drunk on the beauty of words and my notion of poetry changed then and there. When I first met Thom the Poet in the early 80's he was a full time Melbourne street poet running seven poetry venues a week. Every day from 11am to 3pm he stood in Bourke St. Mall handing out hundreds of free poetry broadsheets and his house in Heidelburg was a hive of activity, full of feverish beavering helpers ankle deep in poetry sheets. Thom would encourage everybody he met to write however and write whatever turned them on and would print and personally distribute all the original

poetry he could find without censoring or pre-judging anybody. I soon found out that he had starred with Poor Thom's Poetry Band at the famous Sunbury festival and was a powerful presence at the first Nimbin Festival. He was obviously a force of nature. A one man revolution encouraging poetry to be written, read and performed wherever he went. Inspired by his example, I imported my own version of instant poetry to the north coast and in the mid eighties set up beside the toilet block at the Channon Markets knowing everybody would pass me there. I put up a sheet of white masonite for people to write their poems on and sang and shouted poems and cajoled the world at large to come and jam and join in. This tradition was embraced by Russell Hibbs in Byron and David Hallett who carried on the tradition to this day with his legendary Byron Rails and Lismore Rous Hotel readings. Thereby hangs the tale of a local bardic tradition that lives on strong and proud. But the seedman for this songline is Thom, now the World Poet, and these days he is based in Austen Texas where he naturally runs seven venues a week and travels the world literally spreading the word for the most immediate and accessible art form there is. Thom performs at the

Nimbin World Cup, and the

Writers at the Rails on Sunday. Appearing with Thom at the Rails will be Jaya Savige whose collection 'latecomers' won the Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize. There will be a bevy of open readings featuring poets from the past and future, and founding poet/host David Hallett always welcomes new and visiting writers.

FILM SCARED SACRED

Gil Scrine Films presents an exclusive screening in Byron Bay of the powerful awardwinning documentary Scared Sacred at the Lounge Cinema on Friday at 7pm. In a world teetering on the edge of self-destruction, Canadian filmmaker Velcrow Ripper sets out on a unique pilgrimage. Visiting the 'Ground Zeros' of the planet,



he asks if it's possible to find hope in the darkest moments of human history. Ripper travels to the minefields of Cambodia; war-torn Afghanistan; the toxic wasteland of Bhopal; post-9/11 New York; Bosnia; Hiroshima; Israel and Palestine. This powerful documentary captures his five-vear odvssev to discover if humanity can transform the 'scared' into the 'sacred'. Deep in the jungles of Cambodia, Ripper meets Aki Ra, a child soldier forced to lay landmines for the Khmer Rouge. Today Aki wanders his ravaged country with a simple

Sacred. Be there at 6.30pm for the screening of his short 'Mobile'. Shot locally on 8mm, Hamish did everything except act. Be there to wish him luck!

FATHERHOOD FILMS

Local filmmakers Lisa Sharpe and Terry Bleakley are organising a program of short films to be screened in the A &I Hall on Saturday night 2 September for the Fatherhood Festival. Both Lisa and Terry will be premiering new films. Lisa's film 'Moving' explores what happens when an accident brings together a young boy.



DAVID HALLETT AT THE WRITERS AT THE RAILS ON SUNDAY

wooden stick,

decommissioning thousands of mines each year. In the shattered land of Afghanistan, Ripper searches for a Sufi musician who was banned from performing or even listening to music, by the reign of fundamentalism. The musician discovered a way out: he filled his house with songbirds. In each Ground Zero, he unearths unforgettable stories of survival, of ritual, resilience and recovery. The film deftly weaves together stunning footage with haunting memories, inspirational stories, and an evocative soundscape. Featuring an engaging, first-person narrative, this film is an exquisite portrait of a search for meaning in times of turmoil, a luminous gift to a world in shadows. The film has been an audience favourite at festivals all over the world and garnered numerous awards including

his mother and an old man who've been alienated by loss and grief. This builds on the success of Lisa's last film, 'Assumptions' which toured festivals all over Australia, and supported David Bradbury's film which opened the Byron Bay Film Festival earlier this year. Lisa would love to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor this film to help defray the costs of production. Terry Bleakley will screen his film called 'Sticks and Stones' which stars two sisters and a Scrabble board. Other films confirmed so far include the award-winning 'Fathers Day' by Simon Blyth, about a ten-year old boy who has never met his dad. A crucial turning point in the relationship between a father and his teenage son is the subject of 'Tackle'. Michael Lucas' film. Entertainment will be provided on the night, a bar will operate, and food will be available. Ticket prices are \$12 and \$10



Radiothon Opening Event

Everybody is invited to join us to celebrate the start of Radiothon.

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VISUAL WRITERS EXHIBITION NOW ON AT WAYWOOD **GALLERY UNTIL** 14 AUGUST 2006



GHOSTBOY- NIMBIN POETRY CUP WINNER LAST YEAR THIS WEEKEND AT NIMBIN

ine Special Jury Prize at the Toronto International Film Festival. The film also includes a question and answer session with film maker Velcrow Ripper.

GOODBYE HAMISH

Anyone who's a frequent flyer at Late Nite Video will have realised that young Hamish has packed and left. A budding film maker, he was always very reliable for a solid film critique. But this chappie is off to LA to continue his career behind the camera. A final farewell screening is planned at the Lounge **Cinema before Scared**

door if not sold out, or on line: fatherhoodfestical.com

concession, available at the

TEN CANOES WITH 200 KIDS ALL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

You know you're a lonely kid, when your only friend is the library. Time to broaden those social horizons buddy! Byron **Cinemas** are having a fundraising screening of Ten Canoes for St Finbarrs and Friends of the Library. The

film has received a special commendation at Cannes and is so far this year it has been the most watched movie in : Australia. Sunday 13 August.



THE GREAT NORTHERN

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ACTING LIGHTS, CAMERA, **AUDITIONS**

Have you always harboured a secret desire to tread the boards? Are you an aspiring actor? Are you experienced? There's no better way to get out and meet people than getting involved in amateur theatre. Lismore Theatre Company will hold auditions at the Rochdale Theatre, Goonellabah, Wednesday August 9 at 4.30 - 6pm and again on Saturday August 12 at 2 to 5pm for Falling From Grace. This is a passionate and witty Australian comedy/drama by Melbourne playwright Hannie Rayson who may be best known for one of her earlier plays - Hotel Sorrento - and as one of the scriptwriters for the TV show Sea Change. The plot concerns women in power whose friendship is exploded by a medical scandal and an extramarital affair. There are roles for four females aged around 30 - 50, one female aged around 15-18 and two males aged around 30 - 50. Production dates are scheduled for the first 3 weeks of November. Rehearsals will generally take place twice per week, with the addition of a third rehearsal, most likely on the weekends, in early October. For further information please call Jennie Hicks on 6687 9167 or 0431 958 991.

ART EXHIBITION TALKING TO MYSELF

I've been back at the drawing board, using those spare moments I get between ironing and crocheting gstrings to whip up a small exhibition of new paintings. Entitled 'Note to Self' the works are primarily still life. featuring a snippet of text. For example, there's a chair called 'sit', a pram called 'multiply' and a toilet with 'release'. Of course there's my usual array of nudes, from the long thin mantis-like women to the beloved pears, reminicent of Modigliani's muse, when you just can't get an ass big enough. With a big opening party with the Hans Lovejoy duo playing jazz from 6pm at the Urban in Bangalow, all are welcome. It will be up for a month so if you miss the opening, pop in for a squiz. The work is quietly whimsical, silly, sensual and upbeat. Why not judge for yourself? Thursday





2001 was supposed to bring big changes for party starter Rockhardson. Swapping Sydney for Mullum, Up-for-it-Punters for kids in a classroom and the ringing in his ears for the ringing of the lunchbreak bell. Luckily this trifecta didn't quite reach the line. His penchant for booty ass electro and Cuervo 1800 tequila proved strong enough to sway him from a future of sharing digestive biscuits at PTA meetings. In short he's still rocking hard son!

As with most cats who undertake a sea change, Rock' also experienced the money change that accompanies it. 'When I moved to Byron I suddenly went from six great \$\$\$ residencies to one \$100 gig each week at The Tabanacal', he explains. Yet it seems great things always happen when need is the motivator. In Rock's case he started Superdisco at the Mullum Leagues Club, which eventually turned into New Years Day (the new name of which is Electric Sunshine), and

The Goddess is Dancing - Only Goddess DJ's Cruizy, Glitter Girl, Miss B Rockin, Dynamo. Celebrate the Feminine Power that nurtures our existence and dance pathways together in Love on this sacred Mother Earth, food by Back Pedal Power and Coffee by Home Groundz. Flaming Fire. This Saturday at Durrumbul Hall.



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then Solid Gold with "partner in : 'Although they're fun and schmaltz" Gopher, and most stoopid it also feels like a really legitimate, happening, artistic thing'. This sentiment is Unsurprisingly Rock' subperhaps best represented by his latest party, Cheeseburger, school of thought that says which embraces the four elements of old skool New business. 'But after a while York street culture: DJs, mcs, you seem to get the hang of it breakdance and graffiti art. and work smarter rather than Cheeseburger also gives Rock harder and the rewards come faster. Cheeseburger is a

recently Cheeseburger.

scribes to the dominant

good example. More than 300

people came to the first one,

partly out of faith in the kind

of parties that I put on, and

partly because I have pretty

clear ideas about what works

and what doesn't after years

It seems Rock' has a knack for

throwing parties that are more

centre. When you have a squiz

around you often see the type

of heads that only come out

off the hook than the phone

receivers in a Bengal call

: for the really good parties.

of trying.

promoting is a tough

a chance to showcase his new boy-band/DJ posse. Le Bad Krokodils; his musical/



love child born directly out of a three year stint at Elsewhere, 'We're hot! Or at least the other DJs Chef and Keen are', muses the meek Rock. Rock's DJ career spans 15 years and has seen him spin from London to Tokyo. However Elsewhere has been without question the best club he's worked in. As he puts it, 'The Sunday night that do – "Royale" – is jumping

with 250-300 people each

week. Surfers' club culture defies the stereotypes thrown at it - the kids up there have got better T-shirts, bigger hairdos and more up-to-the minute music taste than I do! We have had DJs like Ajax, Ken Cloud and Felix da Housecat begging to get a set there. Anyone who is familiar with the club knows its super cool décor and layout and the quality underground music of each of the resident DJs. Sounds enticing does it not my fellow Mexicans?

www.echo.net.au

Lastly here's some specs for Electric Sunshine Superdisco which is in full organisational swing for New Years Day. It's going to have lots of new bits to it like: an extra stage/sound system and a bigger, lusher outdoor bar; a market village; more and bigger name DJs as well as plenty of locals; a Landcare wetland regeneration /tree planting project; a DJ/MC comp through the YAC with winners playing a set... see www.superdisco. info for more details.

So jump between the baps of Cheeseburger this Saturday from 9 pm. For a chance to win 1 of 10 free passes be one of the first to email rockhardson@bigpond.com and name your favourite ever DJ.

Bush Beatz ~ Tipi Forest **SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS 2006**

The Tipi Forest at this year's Splendour In The Grass evolved from a small-showcase of local techno arts to a significant festival venue, holding its own alongside the major acts on the feature stages. The number of tipis doubled and moved to a beautiful new forest site, reminiscent of a true bush party. On Sunday night, the Tipi Forest was loaded to capacity with over 5000 people dancing shoulder to shoulder for the finale of the festival.

Alongside the new chai tent, the tipis were a welcome sanctuary for festival goers, decked out in style with ice and sand sculptures, gold spiral mobiles and dry comfy hay bale couches. Stilt walkers, circus acts, dancers, performers and DJ's were accompanied on the new Tipi Stage with delightful banner art, bubbles, crystals and evocative VJ sets from Motion Theory, Vader and Crystal Grid.

By night the Tipi Forest was exploding with wild dancers, gorgeous lighting effects and mind-bending performance. Musical highlights included the young trance dj's from the hills, particularly Taya Mills who played to thousands of screaming fans on Saturday night. On Sunday night dancers were treated to brilliant live P.A. sets from Mission Ignition and Slot Machine.

Tipi Forest CREDITS: DJ ACT's: Booth, Dave Basek, Dave C, Jackie Onassid, Ms Skve, Nick Taylor +Slot Machine PA, Pob, Pop, Rock Hardson, Sarah Tonin, Si Clone, Strawberry Syme, Taya, Tiffon vs Jerome and Tone Broker + Mission Ignition PA. VJ's: Crystal Grid, Motion Theory and Vader. PEFORMER's: Astro Boy, Bad Bambi, Shadowed Productions, Tuntable Falls Circus, The Threats, Crysalis, Leonie Mills with members of Spaghetti Circus. CRYSTAL GRID: Lucy Asaira BANNER ART: Terra Spatial, Karen Wilson, Lucy Asaira. 3D ART: UV-VUDU. ICE SCULPTURE's: Peter & Silke. PAPER LANTERN's: Light'n'Up (Lismore Lantern Parade) DECOR & SITE DESIGN: Terra Spatial. LIGHTS: Greatwork Productions. SOUND: Hypnosis PRODUCTION: David Bleach (base)

PHOTOS: Marcus Herron



PLAY

Entries Close Friday August 4 Exhibition Saturday August 19 to Sunday August 27







THURSDAY 3 AUGUST > JUNKBEATS PRESENTS LIVE ELECTRICKS 1AM HAZY : MIDNIGHT LIVE TSA DYNASTY + VOCALS: NATALIE GAY : 10PM BASEK + VOCALS : KARI : Expansive house with live vocals plus Junkbeats musicians : \$5

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST > PLAY DIRTY MIDNIGHT NICK TAYLOR v SARAH TONIN : 10PM BEN CRARER (Gold Coast) : Twisted tech, sideways house & dirty grooves : \$5/\$10

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST > IN-HOUSE 1AM SEAN CANDY : 11.30PM DAVE C : 10PM RASMUS (Denmark) : Electro house and chunky funky beats : \$5/\$10

COMING UP : THURSDAY 10 AUGUST > PSY-TRANCE PARTY POP : REFO.RM : LYSERGIC : Chunk funky psy-trance : \$5/\$10

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST > PIRATES-IN-HOUSE PIRATE POB : JET MORE-TREASURE : STRAWBERRY HIGH-SEAS SYME : FIRST MATE KATE : Pirate theme party with electro tech house beats : \$5/\$10

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Adam would like to invite his regular clients to his completely alternative new hair studio. Complimentary consultations and personalised one-on-one service is available as well as healings and life readings. The salon is open from 10am till late, Monday through to Friday.

THE WAX ROOM

The Wax Room is the Brazilian wax specialist. For more than ten years, the Wax Room has been using traditional methods and ingredients; their rose-based cream is imported directly from Brazil. Located opposite the beach at the top end of Byron Bay, the Wax Room is available for appointments on 0400 645 740





THE TRUDI FACTOR

from Sydney exhibited at

Paddington and now has a

Drive in the Arts & Industry

Estate, Byron Bay (right next

to the IGA complex). Trudi is

having a sale, especially for

the Writers' Festival and has

invited friends Doris Unger

join her in showing some of

their new works painted in

Italy. Trudi has a large range

works from the imagination,

she has a lively, colourful and

unique style. She is presented

in collections in Australia and

the USA and was the winner

'98. Please pop in for a drink

of the Waverly Art Prize in

and look around

landscapes and figurative,

of paintings ranging in size

and subject matter, with

and Frey Mickelthwait to

Trudi Factor, artist, originally

Barry Stern's Global Galleries,

studio and gallery in Bayshore



WALLPAPER **IS BACK!**

After a decade of painted faux finishes, designers and homeowners are rediscovering wallpaper. New designs, rich textures and colours not found in the paint palette are offering areater choices for consumers to express their personal style. Even traditional florals, stripes and country toiles have been updated with rich hues like brick red, olive green and soft neutrals.

Wallpaper designs by Florence Broadhurst are leading the trend. Broadhurst's revolutionary wallpaper business was established in 1959 and monopolised the

quality end of the Australian market by the mid-1970s. She also exported to America, Peru, Paris, the Middle East and Norway.

Florence Broadhurst abandoned convention and the restrictions of mass production. rapidly leaving the traditional, conservative handprinted wallpapers behind.



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blacks, metallic silvers and gold all perfectly matching her own flamboyant personality.

Florence Broadhurst printed onto transparent mylars, foils and metallic papers. She called her revolutionary handprinted creations 'Vigorous designs for modern living'

signatureprints. com.au

ARIES: Aries have a horror of being cogs in a corporate wheel, and should this cause conflict this week, don't act against your own best interests. Trouble with authority's likely to be costly right now so be courteous, even to people you dislike. Keep public relations cordial.

TAURUS: Taurans aren't into wanky hanky panky, and your material world's looking pretty good right now anyway. Though you so want to be on top of things you're a bit driven - but don't be so on a mission you power steer right by this week's great new connections and creative allies



Trudi Factor & Friends **ART SHOW** & SALE

Friday August 4 -Sunday August 6 11am-5pm 4a/12 Bayshore Drive Arts + Industry Estate Byron Bay. 6685 8430 www.trudifactor.com



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AT LAST! MERCURY MOVING OUT OF RETROGRADE PEPS UP GENERAL ENERGETICS LIKE A GIANT HIT OF WASABI, AND EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DRAGGING **ON INTERMINABLY FINALLY MOVE CLOSER TO CLOSURE THIS WEEK...**





I LOVE LUCY We have 2 double passes to Dirty Lucy's album launch to give away at the Bangalow **A&I Hall on Sunday** 4 August. Email mandypow@echo.net. au with subject header 'I love Dirty Lucy'.

THE BUTLER DID IT We have tickets to John Butler and the Fatherhood CD up for grabs. Festival runs 1,2 & 3 September. To be a contender email mandypow@echo.net. au with subject header 'Make my Father's Day'.

GEMINI: This week puts its foot on the accelerator, presses pedal to the metal and hurtles you into the busy social whirl and swirl to meet people with hot off the press information, the latest financial ideas, shopping tips professional contacts and interesting business propositions.

CANCER: As retro Mercury fades away, the beneficial effects of frustration become apparent. The recent intense longing to break out of your routine, stretch your horizons and extend your experiential menu could have you instigating significant life changes - at long last.

LIBRA: No need to go along with this week's nobodyloves-a-loser propaganda. You know better than anyone that a graceful retreat is one of life's more valuable dance steps, though pointing it out to this week's people is likely to be labelled your negative opinion... They'll get it over it.

LEO: While northern

hemisphere Celts celebrate

the Sun in this week's world:

reserve the right to express

it to those who disagree with

them. Who won't be bossed

VIRGO: Virgos like having

energy ascendant this week's

critics risk becoming - well,

dead meat. Yes, people are

demanding, dramatic and

exhaustingly self absorbed,

so concentrate on positives:

generous and outrageous fun.

they're also entertaining.

but love to be boss.

their say, but with Lion

Lughnasa, let's hear it for Leos,

those contradictory felines who

themselves freely while denying

SCORPIO: Scorpios set strong boundaries against space invaders. But while it's not worth taking sides in gossip or dramas this week, vou'll have more success being sociable than a loner, being less competitive and more cooperative, getting others on side rather than getting their backs up.

AQUARIUS: This week neither peer pressure nor popular opinion will sway you from doing what you believe in - even if that's setting up your own business rather than conforming to corporate laws. Your original brilliance might not be immediately understood, but don't let that stop you.

SAGITTARIUS: With drama

queens barging about

on without comment.

producing, directing and

starring in their own movie

extravaganzas, this week's ego

heat is intense. You won't want

to be told what to do or how to

do it, but really you're better off

letting tiresome power trips roll

CAPRICORN: Who you are will

have more effect on others this

week than anything you say or

do, so make your presence felt

and notch your spunk rating up

a few rungs by seasoning your

personal presentation with a

little extra debonair, out-there

flair.

PISCES: This week's all systems go energy is organised, dominant, decisive - and hard to stop. If you're feeling a bit bulldozed, don't proceed or cooperate till it feels right – especially if a financial outlay's involved. Let the Piscean genius for enlisting the right assistance be your guide.

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BEACH HOTEL

WEDNESDAY 2

7:30PM VOCAL LOCALS **THURSDAY 3** 9:00PM ZAHLU/ WRIGHT BROS **FRIDAY 4** 9:30PM

OZ HORNS

> **SATURDAY 5** 9:30PM

KING TIDE

SUNDAY 6 4:00PM

KING TIDE 9:00PM

D. **MONDAY / TUESDAY** 9:00PM **BIG SCREEN**

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WEDNESDAY 2

6:30PM **MOVIE NIGHT**

IN BEVERIY

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THURSDAY 3

5:30PM **MEAT RAFFLES**

6:00PM

POOL COMP

FRIDAY 4 6:30PM











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SUNDAY 6

WEDNESDAY 2

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM VOCAL LOCALS
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 6.30PM **COCKATOO** PAUL 9PM FIRE SHOW **& DJ TONE BROKER** STUDIO 7PM RED HOT SALSA
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM NATHAN KAYE
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM MOVIE 'DOWN & OUT IN BEVERLY HILLS'
- LENNOX HOTEL 7.30PM **TRIVIA**

THURSDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM ZAHLU & WRIGHT BROS
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 9PM DJ DAVE BASEK
- PLAY, BYRON **DJS** BASEK, KARI, HAZY, **TSA DYNASTY**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM SUPERFREAKS
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM BO JENKINS
- CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM MULLUMBERRY JAM NIGHT
- BALLINA RSL 7.30PM JIM FAIRFULL SOCIAL DANCE
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **FIG JAM SESSIONS**
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL ROO

FRIDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM OZ HORNS
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7.30PM CYBERBAS LIVE, DJ DAVE C, RED HOT SALSA

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM THE GOONS OF DOOM
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM HOOCHERS
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM SNAPSHOT
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM **DYNAMIC DUO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM RAGGA JUMP
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL
- 8.30PM JAM SESSIONS BANGALOW RSL THE **DIVA SHOW**
- BO'S ON JONSON ST **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- BYRON LOUNGE CINEMA 6.30PM SHORT FILM 'MOBILE' 7PM 'SCARED SACRED' +
- Q&A ■ PLAY, BYRON **DJS NICK TAYLOR V SARAH**
- **TONIN, BEN CRARER** BALLINA BOWLING **CLUB JIMMY MANN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **JIMMY WILLING**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8.30PM THE SHADY 3
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL THE LOVE BUS
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM MUSICA VIVA -**GENEVIEVE LACY & KARIN SCHAUPP**
- ELSEWHERE, GOLD COAST ELECTRONIC **BOOGIE SHOW -AUDUN & CHEF**

SATURDAY 5

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM KINGTIDE BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY CRAZY CIRCUS CABARET, DJ DAVE
- GRAVY ■ THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **TOXIC GROOVE**

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON
- 6.30PM FOSSIL ROCK
- **MIKE PRESTON**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ KRISTIN**
- PLAY, BYRON **DJS SEAN CANDY,**
- DURRUMBUL HALL THE **GODDESS IS DANCING** - DJS CRUIZY, GLITTER **GIRL, MISS B ROCKIN,**
- BANGALOW HOTEL
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM
- LU LU'S CAFE, LING CLUB ROUTE 66
- NIMBIN CAFES ALL DAY POETRY CUP HEATS
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8.30PM MESCALITO
- ELSEWHERE, GOLD COAST DJS BEN **ABRAHAMS & THOMAS J**

SUNDAY 6

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM KING TIDE 9PM DJ
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YOU, ME AND DUPREE

Dupree (Owen Wilson) sits at a bench on a rainy night in front of a puddle in the road. Do you reckon a car will drive by and drench him? If you kicked the end out of your cot laughing at this gag you might be similarly unimpressed by the originality of ones based on him being sprung wanking into a sock and, almost as sophisticated, the smell of his turds. After the slimmest of set-ups, Dupree is taken in to the home of newlyweds Molly and Carl. Things immediately go awry, with Carl wilting under the impositions of his mate and the intimidation of his boss, who also happens to be his fatherin-law. The eternal juvenile is a particular favourite of American mainstream cinema and Wilson is the current pick for the job whenever a script like this slides off the assembly line. Occasionally he gets the groove just right, as in Wedding Crashers, but a little bit of him goes a long way. A big name cast do little more than turn up, the writers' brief clearly being to churn out some drivel for Wilson to carry the can for. As nobrainers go, this takes the biscuit. John Campbell

NEIL YOUNG HEART OF GOLD

Art is indispensable in all our lives for countless reasons, but it is blessed primarily for its singular ability to put the world right, however fleetingly. Obviously, if you are not a fan of Neil Young, you will not be interested in this film of his concert at the Ryman Hall in Nashville, 2005. If you are, it is unmissable. Prolific director Jonathan Demme (Silence Of The Lambs) has wisely made himself invisible and allowed his subject to perform without trick or embellishment. Young is the most ingenuous of songwriters, unafraid to wear his heart on his sleeve. With not a trace of self-importance, he is able to sing about his daughter, his dog and his god, his battered guitar which was once owned by Hank Williams and, most touchingly, his late father. Nor does he stretch a friendship with his candid, unforced banter between numbers. His playing, by now second nature, and his voice, always straining precariously at the high end of its range, never falters. The material, new and old, is reflective, robust, melancholy and unstintingly melodic. Of equal contribution is the warm communion between him and his supporting vocalists and musos. Emotional and real. John Campbell SCARED SACRED

Scared Sacred is a documentary about the filmmaker 'Velcrow Ripper's' personal journey travelling to Planet Earth's "Ground Zero" hotspots, from Manhattan to Kabul, to Sarajevo to Cambodia and further, in search of hidden meaning. The film maker finds a surprising human resilience and spiritual strength in the face of the trauma that these sites have associated with them. Scared Sacred won the special jury prize at the Toronto International Film Festival and has been honoured at festivals around the world. Gorgeously photographed, the film resembles the much-honoured 1983 documentary Koyaanisqatsi. "Provocative... transcendent... mesmerizing... astonishina!" **Bruce Kirkland** The Toronto SUN

by wire. She couldn't even weep because of the pain. But I wept. Why did I weep? She was the light of my life beautiful girl. Now she will never be beautiful again. I went to the police, like a good American. These two boys were brought to trial. The judge sentenced them to three years in prison - suspended sentence. Suspended sentence! They went free that very day! I stood in the courtroom like a fool. And those two bastards, they smiled at me. Then I said to my wife, for justice, we must go to Don Corleone. The Godfather II

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IN THE RED

Horatio Bitemark

THERE ARE FEW MORNINGS more glorious than a July morning when the sun comes up out of the ocean at Tyagarah and hangs like a Jaffa in the sky while the crows assemble in the highest tree and caw, and among the bushes the little birds sound like random bells. At the Myocum clubhouse the fragrance of sizzling bacon and hot coffee arises from the kitchen and permeates the upper deck and a chap feels that Pan is in his forest and all's right with the world. Such is the life of privilege.

It was on such a morning a bunch of we chaps tucked ourselves into two stretch Bentleys and tootled up the coast to Tombola's at Dune, the latest Tweed megadevelopment to take full advantage of the natural environment by removing it. That aside, we had come for the lunch recommended by Chef, who looked on Tombola's chief kitchen chap, Francois Buffon Anise, as something of a god. None of that nouvelle flavoured foam muck for him - more your muscular shank of beast given the treatment over a hot flame and splashed with enough spices and chilli to inflame the culinary passions. On the occasion of our visit Monsieur Anise had the waiters drag out Grilled Water Buffalo and Buttered Feral Parsnip surrounded by an Insouciance of Paprika. The meat was so rich and fresh one would could imagine the beast's eyes had glazed over only moments ago after being shot in the wilds of Kakadu.

We sat with our backs to the denuded coastline - having commandeered the deck from the riffraff - and gazed out at the sparkling ocean, where Sanders the butler had parked a sixty foot ketch in case we wanted to go for a bit of a sail later on. Normally we might pick a hearty red to go with the gamey meat but on Tosser Digby's suggestion we ordered up a dozen bottles of the Brunswick Heads Hubris Caravan Park Takeover Chablis. Its initial presence on the palate was something of a shock, like being slapped in the face with a frozen haddock, but we warmed to its passionfruit overtones,



bouquet of trampled asparagus and lingering aftertaste of Gina Lollobrigida's perfumed silk camisole.

The warmth of the day, the strength of the meat and the seductiveness of the chablis conspired to make us a bit silly, and before long Abbotsleigh was throwing bread rolls like a man possessed. It degenerated into a food fight - our Armani

jackets were smeared with soft brie, our hair entangled with lemon tabbouli, and a passing seagull almost lost a leg owing to Digby's accuracy with a breadroll, his aim acquired in Afghanistan with stale unleavened bread in the 1960s, before it was truly fashionable to invade the country

The maitre d' objected to our hooliganism and Bosworth suggested he might like to sod off and die. It turned out the estate's developer was on the premises - his eyes exhibiting less goodwill than the deceased buffalo's and he remonstrated with us in the truculent scho manner of those with too much money and not enough learning. It was such a beautiful day we didn't care to be turfed out, so we bought the entire subdivision and continued to imbibe into the early evening, when Sanders had the valets pour us into the vehicles and the chauffeurs transport us happily to chez nous, where Chef was gearing up for the evening feed.



As a consequence of our purchase, we decided to convert Dune to littoral rainforest and changed the name of Tombola's to Sodoff's, making it our own private restaurant until Monsier Anise could stand no more of the food fights and departed for Brittany.





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IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE

Victoria Cosford

BOTH MUSIC AND FOOD separately make people happy; is it any wonder, then, that a combination of the two has such power!

The first job I had when I moved up here from Sydney was in a little restaurant in Bangalow called Kokopelli. Run by the charismatic Simon, it offered free live music most nights of the week along with a Cajun menu. The music was mostly jazz and mostly locally sourced from a pool of highly talented musicians. It was a very popular place which was, to be sure, more about the music than about the food, in spite of Simon's endeavours to make it a great dining destination. It felt like a jazz club with a menu rather than a restaurant with music, and eventually it ran its course and ceased to be.

It is a combination not always easy to get exactly right. What truly creates the magic is the intimacy inherent in a restaurant, bar or cafe. Ludicrous council restrictions and expensive licences make it difficult for many places to offer live music as part of their hospitality package.

I loved recently a meal at the Urban cafe in Bangalow. Quite coincidentally its proprietors are also the owners of Bang Thai down the road on the old Kokopelli site: up at the Urban they have for a long time now been serving up the same styles of live music and often the very same musicians that Kokopelli did. This particular Saturday night was wet and wintry and the streets of Bangalow bereft of life; we chose a window seat inside while **Vasudha** set up her keyboards opposite. We ate gnocchi in a creamy mushroom sauce, chicken salad with lemony fetta and prosciutto and another salad of roast beetroot, pinenuts and rocket. Vasudha's beautiful voice filled the space with warmth and atmosphere, a gently jazzy soundscape as smooth and as mellow as the Merlot we sipped. The food was lovely: unfussed and fresh and vibrant with flavour and sufficiently substantial to preclude the possibility of finishing up with one of the giant chocolate macadamia brownies calling out to me from the cake display. Music rounding out the evening.

A visit by my partner's Melbourne-based sister and her new boyfriend necessitated a special event, and so it was decided to hold a jam night in fancy dress. There was a bass guitar and an acoustic guitar, a set of drums and a Tibetan bell, an amplifier and keyboards. Alethea sat at the drum kit in



a ballgown and crown, festooned with a garland of tiny coloured Christmas lights and plugged into a power point so that she dazzled; Andrew in his knight's armour played one guitar and I the other, while my partner leapt around the room adjusting leads and slamming down on the keyboards like some demented-yet-gentle tiger. If in the midst of the cacophany I had a glimpse of the sorrowful way in which my friends might regard me, this floppy-eared snowy white bunny frenetically strumming a bass guitar, and wondered to what extent Byron Bay had reduced me, it was quickly subsumed by the liberated, abandoned exhilaration of it all - although weeks later the blood blister on my thumb has only just departed, leaving a tender split in the flesh. Afterwards, to the sublime strains of Kate Bush, I set the table on the outside deck so we could dine under the frosty stars. The Apple and Pecan Crumble Cake at the end we ate warm with thick cream, and all our separate hearts sang.

APPLE & PECAN CRUMBLE CAKE

Pre-heat the oven to 180° and line a springform pan. In a food processor combine 125 gr. plain flour, 2 tspns baking powder, 370 gr. brown sugar and 2 tspns cinnamon, then add 125 gr. unsalted butter and whizz until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Press half mixture into tin. Add to the rest 125 mls. milk and 2 eggs and blend well to make a batter, then fold in 100 gr. chopped pecans. Scatter 2 green apples which you have peeled and finely sliced over the crumble base and cover with the batter. Bake for an hour or until cooked.





Byron Bay Writers Festival

The book of the town

Rusty Miller reviews Vale sorts drop in to find them-Byron Bay by Wayne Grogan selves. Her faith in tending (Brandl & Schlesinger)

est white,

Unlock heav'n's golden gates, and issue forth;

Awake the dawn that sleeps in heaven; let light

the east, and bring

cometh on waking day.

O radiant morning, salute the sun.

Rous'd like a huntsman to the chase, and with

upon our hills.

when I see a book on Byron Bay. Vale Byron Bay for me is very personal. This fiction that skates on ice with Byron's actual history completely pulled me in... because I was there at the time. From the the evil more or less predom-William Blake poem that David Guthrie and I put on the cover of our *Byron Express* newspaper cover in 1973, which starts the book, right Byron's future. Certainly it through to its most thought shocking finish, it rolled out to maintain its professed and like a movie.

Grogan uses a mix of actual and close to real people, names in the story line giving situations a breathing ing volunteers dedicated to and naked reality. I admire building 'public good and and congratulate this work social capital' to be individuals because Vale takes a truth- who are not 'faint at heart'. ful, deep and examining look into the guts of what makes Byron such a 'place where everything might be different'.

The virtuous, enlightened and positive spiritual ways mix, contrast and splash temporary because it echoes against greed, perversion, addiction, decadence and decay. This book is compulsory reading for the new big life changes. Our Byron downshifting tree and sea is a place which always did changing 'locals'.

owed Gold Coast mum energy in 'the search for self,' moves down to Byron Bay with her stoked surfing son to start a new life. She buys becomes a place where many open its cover.

this new lifestyle is tested in

a time when Byron is in the O holy virgin! Clad in pur- throes of turning from a tough working class coastal community, whose main industry is slaughtering cows, into a surf and real estate speculation centre. The local Rise from the chambers of police sergeant is tough, often rough and in the way of The honied dew that this era very wide ranging in his power and interpretation of law. The collage of people who are attracted to this downwind port for eccentrics meet the old style mor-Thy buskin'd feet appear als of a small town. There is a soul assisting priest, a raging unabashed gay intellec-My attention always perks tual alcoholic, close to the bone meatworkers, drug dealers, hippies galore and a local society that in different ways is resentful of the changes coming in on them.

> Unfortunately, in this book inates when close to the end. But from a positive observation view it leaves an implication, at least, a challenge for demonstrates that Byron Bay, sought for ideal dream of enlightenment, is a place where, if one wishes to survive intact, requires its hand rais-

> I love this book because it does not fall into the category of so many articles and books that use 'Byron Bay' for its in-fashion hook name.

The plot is masterfully laid and will smack you as conthe scenarios of people coming up here to find their inner selves and go through their and still does hold up, when A brave and generous wid- one spends enough time and an honest mirror of reality in the end.

It's a serious and profound a dream farm, which also work. I double dare you to

Several shades of interesting

Lesley Patterson

Nick Earls is one of those enviable people, an overachiever. Not only has he written 11 books, including a number of bestsellers and one which has been turned into a film, he is this year's Multicultural Champion, has qualified as a doctor, is a dedicated worker for good causes and even more exasperating, he is a nice guy.

48 Shades of Brown is Nick Earls's story of a 16 year old boy falling in love with the 19 vear old friend of his young aunt. The novel won the Children's Book Council of Australia book of the year award in 2000 and received critical acclaim when it was published in America and the UK. Nick thought the story would make an inter- in a house. We didn't need to he describes the charity's esting film and through his find heaps of money for comwork with the Queensland plicated car crashes or special government, helping to build effects. There were times writing as an industry, he when we were waiting for the found himself in Los Angeles in 2004 pitching a dozen novels from various Australian writers to a room full of film industry executives.

One of the guys in the make it all come together.' room was Rob Marsala, a Perth boy who had made are a common thread in Nick good as a producer in Tinsel Earls's writing, children and Town. He loved 48 Shades of Brown and, to cut a long of the charity work he understory short, called Nick to takes. One interest has led to say he wanted to make it into the other, he explains, saying a film and asked whether the profile he has created Nick would cast his eye over through his writing and suba draft script.

get it in the can and ready to organisations involved with be edited and two years from children. the word go to its release [next month],' explains Nick, involved with an organisation who was lucky to keep con- associated with children it is tact with the process as shooting took place in Bris- me. Given an opportunity to bane, his home town. Despite do something useful it is hard frequently told stories of not to take it,' says Nick. 'It writers' nightmare experi- is a chance to give hope ences with the journey from where there isn't any and page to screen, Nick said create a potential for very there was no point in the long term impact on comprocess where he thought munities and beyond.' the wheels were going to drop off.

UTHOR EVE



money to be raised and thought it could all fall in a heap. I've been there with other projects before, but Rob worked very hard to

Teenage central characters youth is also a link in much sequent visits to schools has 'It took just over a year to attracted the attention of

> 'Each time I have become because they have approached

In 2001 he became the Founding Chair of the Aus-'It is a simple story basi- tralian arm of British charcally involving three people ity, War Child. With passion

Tiana Templeman

work in providing mobile bakeries to feed hungry refugees in Afghanistan and pioneering a project to help Afghan women feed their families after their husbands had been killed and the Taliban had forbidden the women to work. War Child worked with the women to develop a farm where they could grow food for their families and sold the surplus to local communities.

involved] who each had an Bloom.

average of five or six dependants. The better the project worked, the more confident they became and the greater their sense of empowerment,' he says. Later when the women asked for a tractor, War Child was able to raise \$10,000 to fund the purchase and help the expansion of the farm operation.

One of his most rewarding recent projects is a collaboration between Rotary and Australian children's publishers to supply 10,000 books to libraries in the Solomon Islands.

'In the Solomon Islands a book costs about one month's pay. When a child takes a book home everyone in the home reads it. I love writing and I'm really glad that it has ended up being my job, but it is very much about me. This is something that isn't. I've rarely felt more useful than with the Solomon Islands project.'

Nick Earls will be taking part in a panel at the Writers Festival this Friday at 9.45am discussing 'Adolescents as protagonists: not necessarily young adult fiction' and on Sundav at 9.45am, 'From book to script: is adaptation just a matter of editing?' His 'Around 150 women [were latest novel is called Monica



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Weekly DA watch

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

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

missions are deemed t	o be public documents.	
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4 Ballina Road Bangalow 10.2006.366.1	Dr ME Kearney Alterations & additions to existing dwelling & use as a veterinary esta	
471 Friday Hut Road Possum Creek 10.2006.322.1 (Old Possum Creek School)	GK Clarke & JR Hammond Relocate existing dwelling closer to & convert to cafe/gallery & constru- new double-storey dwelling.	
18 Settlement Road Main Arm 10.2006.355.1	W Schultz Use of existing unapproved dwellin extension & construct new deck.	Close 9/8/06 ng
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Lot 2 DP 1076361 Thomas Street Bangalow 10.2006.342.1	NM Roche Dual Occupancy comprising two separate double-storey dwellir	Close 9/8/06
4/14 Bay Street Byron Bay 10.2006.360.1	The Byron Bay Group Pty Ltd Change of use from retail to restaurant.	Close 9/8/06
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Monika has been particularly interested in the writings of American marriage therapist Harville Hendrix and his Imago Therapy which helps make the connection between past childhood experiences and current relationship patterns.

'The Imago Model influence, blended with my experience as midwife and training as therapist has over the years shaped a model of practice to which couples respond well and in which they are able to work effectively to achieve results,' said Monika. 'My approach to counselling is practical, grounded and nononsense. It offers benefits not only for intimate relationships but also for parenting,, friendships and work.'

CoupleWorks is located in Molesworth Street, Lismore and bookings can be made on 6689 7490.

Free course

BETC is offering free business study in Research, Marketing and Financial Management to young people who are in business or developing a business and need extra skills.

The course goes from August 8 to November 23 every Wednesday and Thursday.

Course coordinator Andrea Herraman explained that it is designed for people under 30 who are involved in business in varying ways.

'Students can be in business, planning a business, working in a business with an employer who wants to provide training or working in any kind of family business from trades or primary production to retail. 'The idea is to upskill young people who already show an interest in business. 'We assume they have the technical skills that apply to the business that they are in or planning to go into. Marketing and finance are the areas that business people generally need support with.' Anyone wanting to know more about what is on offer can call Andrea on 6686 8068. The training is free, current and designed to help improve the skills of the next generation of business people in Ballina.



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News Extra

Mean pair of jeans for a good cause



These real estate bums from Byron Bay First National Real Estate get their butts into gear for the annual Jeans For Genes Day, on this coming Friday. See more at www.jeans4genes.com.au. Photo Jeff 'Does My Lens Look Big In This?' Dawson

Mayor wants LEP to stay on track

Barham is supporting a move to resuscitate the ceed is a disappointment many areas of interest to the Byron Bay LEP. At Coun- due to the many years of cil's last meeting in June Cr time, energy and funds that Bob Tardif led a successful have been allocated to the action to shelve the planning process since 1998,' said Cr document, which tackles Barham. several issues fundamental to the town's future develop- focus on the holiday letting ment pattern. A rescission issue during the exhibition of motion was lodged to over- the draft LEP process there turn the decision and will be are many other important debated at Council's first issues that have been overmeeting after the winter looked and deserve to be response to what was pro-

Byron Shire Mayor Jan break on Tuesday August 8. clarified. The draft LEP fea-

CHESS by lan Rogers

One of the benefits of Australia's continuing importation of foreign chess coaches to cope with the skills shortage is that many of these coaches are also active players. Last weekend's ANU Open was a beneficiary of this development, with two recent arrivals - Andras Toth of Hungary and Jesse Sales from the Philippines – featuring in the battle for the top prizes.

Toth, a 24-year-old International Master, has come to Canberra for two years and has already attracted most of the ACT's best juniors as students. Sales, 38, first came to attention as a player when he won the 2005 Australian Masters in Melbourne and was subsequently signed as a coach by the local company Chess Kids on a three year contract.

Toth won six of his seven games but fell victim to the tournament's greatest upset in a fifth round game against

the NSW Open against Ikeda with the more ambitions 11...a6, intending 12... b5. 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.Bb1 Rac8 14.Qd3 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 g6 16.Ba2 Ng4!? 17.Ne4 A new idea; the older 17.Qe4 is fine for Black. 17...Qb8 18.h3 Nf6? Too cooperative. After 18...Nce5! 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Qe2! the position is equal. 19.Neg5! Bf8 Unable to avoid the coming sacrifice, Black hunkers down and hopes for the best (see diagram). 20.Nxf7!! Kxf7 21.Ng5+ 21.Bxe6+!? was a tempting alternative but after 21...Kxe6 (21...Kg 22.Bg5 Nd5 23.Qe4 is good for White.) 22.Ng5+ Kd7 23.d5 Ke8!, Black hangs on. 21...Kg7 22.Bf4! Bd6 23.Nxe6+ Kh8 24.Bg5! Rf8 25.Qf3?! White's first misstep, but a costly one. Ikeda correctly avoids taking the pressure off Black by regaining his sacrificed material but misses 25.Qe3! after which Black is in trouble. 25...Nh5! 26.Qe3 **Rf5! 27.d5?** In time trouble, White is bluffed into avoiding 27.g4! Bh2+ 28.Kf1 when Black has nothing better than 28...Rxg5 29.Qxg5 Bf4 30.Nxf4 Qxf4 with a draw likely. 27...Ne5 28.f4 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Nf7 30.g4 Nxg5! 31.gxf5 Nxe6 32.fxe6 Bxf4 33.Qc3+ Be5 34.0f3 Od8 35.h4?! The start of

'The decision to not pro- tures important changes on community including affordable housing, heritage and biodiversity protection, the provision of garden flats, coastal management and 'Despite considerable changes to the industrial estate zoning,' said Cr Jan Barham.

> 'The draft LEP was on exhibition for the purpose of gathering community posed and it is important that Council receive a report on the submissions that were received and then resolve how or whether to proceed.

'I accept that there were mistakes in the drafting of some areas of the plan and it is possible to address those issues. The plan is able to be amended and re-exhibited to amend any flaws and Council can consider issues raised and determine if it wishes to modify the plan.

'During the exhibition period the Holiday Let Forum was also finalised and I believe that there is the possibility of a community supported outcome that deserves to be put back out on exhibition for comment.

'After many years of committees and community consultation on the development of the plan it would be unacceptable to not provide clarity and certainty for development in the Byron Bay area. 'Council is committed to developing a shirewide LEP but that process is likely to take at least two and a half years to complete and there is a lot of work to be done including the review of the Bvron Rural Residential Strategy. If Council proceeds with the Byron Bay LEP it will then be able to incorporate it in the new shire plan and have the advantage of learning how the implementation of the new template operates.'

Pin This Up **Breastfeeding week**

Mullumbimby Hospital invites breastfeeding women and their families to a morning tea on Wednesday August 2 at 10am. There will be a meeting on August 4 at 10am at Brunswick Heads playground near The Terrace caravan park. Become part of an Australia-wide network of mothers who care about breastfeeding. Please bring morning tea to share. Visitors and new members welcome. Enquiries Natalie 6684 6434.

Home Visiting Volunteers needed

Volunteer Home Visitors assist families to maintain 'healthy stress levels', support families to link into their local communities, reduce a parent's sense of isolation and enhance the fun of raising children. If you are interested in receiving the free specialised training and the opportunity to be a part of a wonderful team of people making a great contribution to families in our local communities, please call Genevieve or Bernie on 6686 4109. Next training begins August 15 at Bangalow.(5 Tuesdays). It is a requirement of this position that volunteers undertake a Working with Children Check.

Easy Home Composting

Learn how to do home composting without the sludge and the smell, and create an invaluable resource for your garden. ACE is offering an affordable course on Friday 18th August in Mullum, 10am - 3pm. Phone ACE now on 6684 3374 to register your interest. A site visit will also be offered.

Seniors IT

Byron Shire Seniors Computer Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday August 7 from 1 30 pm in the Pioneer Hall, Gordon St Mullumbimby. All welcome. Apologies to Marcia on 6680 1123.

Saturdays and/or Wednes- Centrelink pension or 4053.

Byron community market

On Sunday August 6 Slim Pickens, Dr Baz and Juzzi Smith will keep everyone entertained from 10am to 3pm and buskers will perform throughout the day. A gamelan orchestra will per- Guiders annual form at 10am and noon. There will be bungy jumping for the kids as well as candle making, plastercraft, plus more. Hundreds of craft stalls as well as fresh local produce. Please support charities of the day: Australian Indonesian Arts Alliance and the Byron Bay Playgroup. Sorry, no dogs allowed onsite. Info 6680 9703.

Bangalow Sports Association

AGM will be held on Bangalow Fringe Wednesday August 9 at 7.30pm at Bangalow Bowling & Sports Club.

Camp Quality

Our local activity group is committed to bringing hope and happiness to every child Award winning novelist living with cancer. Monthly Brenda Walker as guest meeting on Monday August speaker. Tickets \$25 are 7 at 7pm at the Byron Bay Services Club. New members always welcome. Enquiries 6681 4482.

Women's health centre

Is hosting, Light, Stills, Emotion – a young women's photography exhibition reflecting on healthy and unhealthy relationships. This exhibition will be at Richmond-Tweed Regional Library, Lismore from August 7 to 18. Official opening Monday August 7, 4pm to 6pm. All welcome. Enquiries 6621 9800.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Price will talk on great Memorial Hall at 6pm. minds at the Uniting Church Hall, Brunswick Heads 10am. August 11 car rally, August 12 Mt Warning walk. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 4268.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Next meeting on August 8 at the CWA rooms, Brunswick Heads at 10am, guest speaker Noelle Williamson Working Bee

day nights. Enquiries Kevin healthcare card and are 6677 1059 or Ray 6680 struggling to afford the cost of having your pet desexed, we may be able to help you. Please ring the Animal Welfare League NSW 6684 4070.

Volunteer work

New secretary needed for our Byron Shire Toy Library. Enquiries Jade 6685 5688.

get-together

To be held at the home of Anne Biddulph, 645 Laura Street, Banora Point on Tuesday October 17 at 11am. All persons who have been associated with guiding or scouting at any time, either past or present, local or interstate are invited to come along. Enquiries or RSVP to Anne 07 5524 1454 or Doris 07 5524 3903.

Lunch

The Bangalow Writers Group have their annual Fringe Lunch on Monday, August 7 at 11.45am, A and I Hall Station St Bangalow. available at Barebones Gallery or contact Jean 6687 8094

Free TAFE Course

There are some vacancies in a free TAFE Outreach course for mature unemployed people in the 40-65 age group and sole parents with children over 6 years of age. Course covers computing and internet skills, work and study options and Senior First Aid. Contact Kaylene Chamberlain on 6623 0284 for more information.

Brunswick PA

The next monthly meeting of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association is on AGM August 8 and Bill Monday August 7 at the All are welcome.

St Martins Garage Sale

Saturday August 5 at St Martins Anglican Hall starting at 8am. Includes baby items, electrical goods and bricabrac. Suffolk Dune Care talking about a wedding in Saturday August 5 at 9am at the Beach Track, Gaggin Park. All welcome. Contact Helen on 6685 4964.

Sydney veteran Johnny Bolens Sales, the 2005 ANU Open winner, was felled in the final round and was forced to settle for a share of fourth place.

As usual local juniors caused problems for the established stars, with 14-year-old Junta Ikeda giving the eventual winner many nervous moments in the following game. 2006 ANU Open White: J Ikeda Black: I Rogers Opening: Sicilian Defence 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf6 8.Nc3 Qd6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 b6 The main line, although Xie had won a critical last round game at

a rapid collapse but in any case White' king is too exposed to survive. 35 ... Nf4! 36.Re1? Bd4+ 37.Re3 Qxh4 38.e7 Qxe7 0-1 ANU Open leading final scores: 1.Rogers (N) 6.5/7; =2.Toth (Hun), Bolens (N) 6; =4.Bjelobrk (NZ), Sales (Phi) 5.5.

abcdef qh 8 7 1 1 1 2 6 13 131 5 2 贲 4 Â 820 £ 3 ÔÂ 介介 2 ΞΞ 1 Sacrifice: White to move

Where to play: Byron Bay Services Club, Monday 7-10pm Mullumbimby Poinciana Café, Saturday 2-5pm

Jain Mathemagics classes

Learn the art of mental calculation. Vedic mathematics for children and adults Brazil. begins August 8 for eight afternoons. Free introduction on Friday August 4 at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby, 7pm to 9pm. Phone Jain 6684 4409.

Byron gem & lapidary club

Monthly meeting 11am Saturday August 5 at the club workshop, Tyagarah airport. New members welcome. Free classes at workshop If you are the holder of a Christmas 2006.

Brunswick Valley Meals-on-Wheels

August 24 at the Brunswick A special general meeting of South Beach Road, Bruns-Leske 6685 1498. Subsidised cat and dog desexing

Annual General Meeting on Special Meet COC

Valley Community Centre, the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce will be held on wick Heads commencing at Monday 14 August 2006 9.30am. Enquiries Fran from 6 pm at the Middle Pub. Agenda items include a name change, progress on the Mullumbimby Civic Hall and promotions for

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Geckos demolish reigning premiers

Brian Mollet

The Nick Shand Memorial cricket series is the crest on laden b-double of sporting energetic Glenn working up fantasy has a head on collision with the packed tourist bus of reality. Sunday's matchup was sure to be carthe Mullum Drift-ins taking smile lines on a plastic suron socially engineered superteam the Geckos.

Trent won the toss for the bull at a Wiggles concert, allotted 30 overs. savaging the medium pacers

with ruthless impunity.

over and the Drift-ins were blunted the dangerous Driftoff to a flyer.

The Geckos hung in like the hill where the heavily shellbacks on a groin; the ing together the father/son some pace and Simon mean Derek. The Meads boys as a mid-term budget at the other end

The Drift-ins found themnage with reigning premiers selves pegged back like the lionaire'. geon's wife – Eli and Chris occasionally threatened to grab the initiative, but none Drift-ins and with fine con- of the Geckos bowlers conditions prevailing chose to ceded more than 11 runs in and James brought home the bat. Jake dealt with the bowl- the second half as the total win with five wickets and ing like an unrestrained pit limped to 105 from their four overs to spare.

30 came up in the eighth had the crowd vawning but excitement.

McCormack revs it up at two day Enduro

in new ball attack. Jake broke the partnership on 31, bringcombination of Adam and seemed to spur each other on, retiring at 30 faster than you can say 'dot com mil-

Trent did his best, taking wickets with his lively spinners but Simon was as unflappable as a porcelain duck in the middle order. He

This week the Drift-ins Derek and Jack opened back up against a full strength the batting for the Geckos Left Bankers team which has Jack's looping leggies were like a couple of Swiss bank- cricket watchers everywhere harder to get away, but Jake's ers, their low risk strategy quivering with repressed

Football grants for talented local youths



Three rising soccer stars from the Far North Coast have been selected from 35,000 junior players across McDonald's Northern NSW Soccer Grant.

Shani Lauf from Federal, Tve McDonald, from Len-

bell from Bangalow were far North Coast, they are each awarded \$500 by local McDonald's owner/operator Jim Moffitt and Northern Northern NSW to receive a NSW Soccer last week. The funds will be used to help further their training and

development in the sport. According to Matt Kelso, nox Head and David Camp- General Manager of Football

performance at the confer-

This is a not to be missed

sion as a netball coach. The

program caters for all levels

of experience from beginner

to advanced coach with workshops on Saturday

August 12 and practical ses-

sions on Sunday August 13.

register contact Leslie Kirk

by phone on 6680 5329 or

by email lkirknetballnsw@

For further details and to

very worthy recipients. 'All three players have consistently displayed a passion for the game and dedication to training. I know that they each have a bright sporting future ahead and this grant will certainly help them along the way,' he said.

Member of local mountain bits dub Dirt Slaver Tem McCormack also races motorbiker, and lost

Member of local mountain bike club Dirt Slaves Tom McCormack also races motorbikes, and last weekend competed in the Yamaha two day Enduro held at Kogan - near Dalby in Queensland - and came second in the junior 125cc class. This race is a gruelling two day event requiring both stamina and endurance, so it was an excellent effort for Tom to perform so well.

Giants' loss puts finals hopes in jeopardy

Mullumbimby's shock loss to Ballina in the Northern by 20-6, the Giants needed ning of Paul Latta put an end Rivers Regional Rugby to pull a rabbit from a hat, to their late charge, and League has put their finals and with less dropped ball it Ballina capitalised on their hopes in serious jeopardy. A looked like they may be able numerical advantage. game that they needed, and to make an amazing come expected, to win, was riddled back. Getting to within four Ballina 39 d Mullumbimby with errors as a determined points of Ballina with 20 22; reserve grade Ballina 34 Ballina defence caused the minutes remaining in the d Mullumbimby 10; under

Going to the break down

Unfortunately, the sin bin-

Final scores as follows: d

Netball clinics for coaches

ence.

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Lisa Beehag, current NSW Institute of Sport Netball Head Coach and Jill's assistant coach for many years, will also present topics on bigpond.com.

Big win for rusty Bangalow

After weeks of soggy grounds the scoring opportunities. and cancelled games, things Bangalow started strongly were almost back to normal with tries to Nick Hornery last weekend after all the dis- and Damon Jackson, both ruptions due to the weather, converted by Ben Cumeveryone's favourite festival mings. in the mud Splendour, and a bye for Bangalow Rugby Brendan O'Meara made it Union, and they did seem a 19-0 and it looked like a little rusty after a three week huge score in Bangalow's lavoff. favour was on the cards. But A sincere thank you to Iluka, to their credit, never Byron Bay Rugby League gave in and defended very Club for allowing Bangalow well to prevent any further to use Red Devil Park for the score, as well as scoring a consolation try at the end. game. What a great playing surface, not to mention the Final score was a convincing use of the terrific facilities win to an out of form Bangaand the cooperation of the low by 19 to Iluka's 7. club staff; Bangalow certainly Training is on Wednesday owes them one. night as usual and then the The Bangalow playing last home game of the season performance just did not against Richmond Range next weekend; kick off at quite get there, and although they never looked in any 2.30pm. Semi finals will be danger of losing, a high penon August 19 at Byron Bay, alty count of 13-4 against, and the grand final at Bangaplus a high error rate reduced low on September 2.

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Giants all sorts of problems game, Mullumbimby was 18s Ballina in the first half. starting to gain momentum. Mullumbimby 10.

AFL grants up for regional sporting clubs

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Sports clubs in regional com- of inclusion, address disad- Sylvia Admans, said the

'This program is in recognition that sporting clubs Renewal (FRRR) and the reach into the community AFL Foundation. The AFL and can have far wider ben-Foundation and FRRR have efits than simply providing a come together to provide up competitive outlet', said Mr to \$200,000 for the program, Evans, chairman of the AFL The CEO of FRRR, Ms org.au website.

\$10,000 each would be for sporting clubs to fund projects that contribute to the economic and social viability of the community. Education and community inclusiveness are priorities. Applications close September 30. Application forms are available from www.frrr.

4.45 pm 1.5 **Sunset** 9.54 am 0.6 **Moonrise** 5.17 pm Low 12.38 pm 11.44 pm 0.5 Moonset SUN High 5.27 am 1.1 Sunrise 2.23 am 6.25 am 5.40 pm 1.7 Sunset 5.18 pm Low 10.55 am 0.5 Moonrise 1.35 pm Moonset 3.26 am MON High 6.23 am 1.2 Sunrise 6.24 am 6.31 pm 1.8 Sunset 5.18 pm Low 12.35 am 0.4 Moonrise 2.40 pm 4 27 am 11.51 am 0.5 Moonset TUE High 7.14 am 1.3 Sunrise 6.24 am 7.20 pm 1.9 Sunset 1.22 am 0.3 Moonrise 5.19 pm 3.50 pm Low 12.44 pm 0.4 Moonset 5.22 am Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres. Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics ooratory, NSW Dept of Commerce – Brunswick Head +6 min; Byron Bay -9 min; Billinudgel, Marshalls Creek +3 hr 55 min; Mullumbimby +1 hr 10 min Que Syron Fletcher Streets corner Lawson & Largest range of Surf Hire

Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

Parkes to contest the best of the best



From August 1 to 6, 130 of card into the trials of the from all over the world will and Quiksilver Pro France battle it out in the waves of which are scheduled for La Piste in Capbreton, March and September crown

will be contesting the title mirrors that of the world with a win giving him a wild- championship tour.

the best under 16 surfers Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast pro-surfers began their career France for Quiksilver's cov- 2007. The competition has number four Taj Burrow, and eted King of the Groms been specifically designed as part time Australian resident a stepping stone to the elite and junior champion Jérémy Byron Bay's Garrett Parkes ranks, and as such the format Florès.

A large number of famous by competing in France including Parkes's mentor Danny Wills, current world

Image provided by Surfing Australia Media.

Crankin what's happening surfside

Byron Bay Boardriders

Thank you to one of our many sponsors Kodak, which passed away after a long illhas donated a pair of binnoculars to the club. Next round is Saturday and Sunday August 12 and 13 at Evans Head. This is an important double points round. For camping details contact Sally Miller on 6685 6641.

Surfing FNC

national Peter Whittaker has ness. A legend in both amateur and professional surfing, Nias and took the sport from Pete was an outstanding administrator with whom Surfing FNC's Keith Anderson had the pleasure of working on many state titles.

The driving force behind missed. RIP Peter Whitjudging and coaching taker.

improvements, he set up and Former CEO of ASP Inter- rant the World Grommet Championships in Bali for many years. He took pro surfing to Indonesia and the doldrums to the excellent standard we have come to expect in recent years. His innovations are numerous and his expertise will be sadly

Byron rugby gets classy Matt Alexander

With this week's bye allowing extra fitness and strength training for the Byron Bay rugby union side, all is now looking good for the run to the finals. With the final round games against Kyogle at home this week at 2pm and the last game away at Iluka the following Saturday, Byron is assured a place in the semi-finals.

Byron should face Kyogle in the minor semi-final on the August 19 in Byron where the major semi-final will also be held following Byron's match. With Byron having asserted their dominance over both Kyogle and Evans Head in the latter rounds the only hurdle remaining is Bangalow.

Byron was the only team to trouble a full strength Bangalow side this year and with players returning from injury the Byron side believes in its ability to overcome Bangalow when the two teams meet in the finals. CoachWarren Fisher believes that Byron's mix of speed, fitness and strength allied with an ability to create scoring opportunities from any situation should be enough to unbalance the Bangalow side.

For those who wish to see the classier side of Byron Bay Rugby we have our cocktail night at Bo's Restaurant in Byron this Saturday night. Bookings are essential and should be made through Christine on 6629 1828.

SPORTS RESULTS ALISSIE RUI ES

Round 12 Draw 6/8 Ballina v Byron, Fripp Oval. Ballina; Lismore v Brunswick, Mortimer Oval, Lismore. Plateau Bye BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Women 25/7 Bowls washed out Burringbar Bush Ticks

Rain stopped play on Friday. Sun 15 Bush Ticks enjoyed Breakfast and Bowls morning at Brunswick Heads while other Bush Ticks bowled on the home green. 6/8 Barefoot Bowls fun afternoon 1.30pm. Come along, old and new bowlers. Raffles and bowling prizes. Byron Bay Men

Tues Fred's Singles 2pm. Come along for a friendly game. Wed winners: B Malcolm and D Cook with F Smith and J Johnson second Thurs winners: D Aldridge and D Cook; r/up M Barry and D Hickey. Sat Open and Minor Singles Champ winners: M Anderson d J Anderson: D Aldridge d G Meagher. Social results: M Ayo, T Neil; r/up B Lewis, T Robbo. Thur S/S Pairs new format, more prize money. First 14 pairs accepted. Coaching Clinic moved to 11am till 12 noon Sat.

Byron Bay Women

Tues AGM all positions filled. Social bowls followed. Club Pairs 25/7 C Reid, K Quinnell v G Simmons, R McKenzie. Results next week Semi Finals 1/8 Classic Triples 4/9 Team to Sec C Reid please. \$30 per team; morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & green fees included. Entries can be phoned in to Kym at the Club on 66856202 or posted to PO Box 31 Byron Bay. Lennox Head Men

Champ mixed fours: G Moore, D Adams, J Adams,

J Moore 24 d H Davy M Peart B Peart K McGuire 9. Men's Minor Singles: G Bowden (R/up prize with marker T Smith) 31 d R Clarke 30. Club Triples: E Burgess, B Peart, K McGuire 22 d B Fraser, B Potts, G Reynolds 21. Club Fours: J Adams, G Brook, G Grady, B Evans 25 d N Tancred (sub), B Schweitzer, G Simon, D Tancred 15. Social: R Murray, R Gregor, L Chaseling (winners) 22 d J Swain, C Skennar, B McRae 21 K Gallard, J Claes, L Martin 19 d M Berger, N Gregor, P Wilson 15 (Jackpot Winners). Mullumbimby Men

Wed winners: R Kidby, M Murphy, E Batson 30 d L Boyter, T Henry, L Henry 12; others R Rose 24 d S Dettman 14; A Pyzer, R Gray, B Gibson 22 d R Philps, K Brown, N Philp 16; J Scott, M Petrow, R Barnes 30 d F Buckley, S Purdie, R Moore 12; A Bartlett, R Webb 21 d G Schneider, N James 17. Sat Social: M Esau, C McClymont 20 d R Ford, P Thompson 18; T Fenwick, N James, B McClymont 24 d R Kidby, R Gray 19. Sun A Singles: G Collins 31 d J McKav 24.

Mullumbimby Women

Mullum Classic Fours winners: J Poole (Vic); r/up D Edwards (Mur/bah): Morn Team winner L Bland (Mur/bah); Afternoon Team winner B Smith (Bangalow); Secret Margin Team N Gartner (OS). Raffle winners: M Mummery, B Wyborn, F Raisch, M Flesser, E Blair, M Hunter, E Crompton, M Comer. Tues washed out, raffle winner J Graham. Election: Pres G Henry; Vice Pres J Towner/B Croft; Sec S Brown; Treas J Graham. **Ocean Shores Men**

24/7 Winners: P Brassington, T Forster, J Hay; r/up E Boyter, G Rendell, W Priest; R Bartlett, C Jensen, D Whitney; S Warren, M Haines, P Olly. 29/7 Social winners: S Pratt, R Roberts; r/up E Carroll, W Spengel; C Carroll, D Lawson. Pairs Champ semi: B Pollard, T Mitchell 26 v R Tonkin, J Hay 17; JT Gray, T Makin 23 v R Ellis, T Mason 16. AGM 21/8 5pm Clubhouse. Ocean Shores Women

26/7 Mixed Social Bowls Xmas in July Winners: PSullivan, M Hosie; R/up J Berry, M Moodie, KHosie; G Martin, M Franks, K Kennedy. Raffle: B Sprengel. 28/7 Ladies Social Bowls: washed out.

Tweed Byron Women

26/7 Veterans Day Murwillumbah.winners: M Dore, N Furness, E Colejax, N Love. Other winners: J Brown, M Dobie, K Burchell, A Swift. R/up: M Stone, E Costigan, N Love, E Macdonald. 7/8 Classic Triples Byron Bay; 11/8 Cabarita Triples: 14/8 Delegates meeting and District AGM at Condong; 17/8 Gala Day at Pottsville; 24/8 Gala Day Brunswick Heads. BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

24/6: N/S 1st Gross; M O'Halloran, P Baldwin; 2nd Gross and1st Nett: F Patterson, D Grant: 2nd Nett A Gray, T Crittle. E/W 1st Gross and Nett

Shores Tavern v Shafters 3 BYE v Workers. 2/8 Ocean Shores Tavern v WCD's; Mullum2Pubs v Workers: Shafters v BYE. Executive meeting 7/8 GOLF

Mullumbimby Men

29/7 Single par winners: R Vernon +6: r/up D Elkin +4; NTP 9th R Vernon 150cm, 12th A Snow 3.6m, 17 A Berry 64cm, 5 D Crow 3m. Ball run down: R Vernon, D Elkin, S Johnsin, M Thorne, D Crow, P Griffin, I McRea, R Hutton, K Lawler. **Ocean Shores Men**

24/7 Indiv Stab winners: T Ollis 40: r/up R Cameron 39, P Heelan 38, L Dahl 38. Starters 56; Balls 33; CCR 72; NTP R Skillen. 26/7 winners: W Sprengel 42; r/up B Baxter 42, G Harris 41, G O'Donnell 41. Starters 80; Balls 34; CCR 71; NTP G Painter 3rd, S Evans 8th, S Evans 17th. 29/7 winners: D Mauper 67; r/up S Dean 67, M Smith 68. N Comer 69. Starters 100: Balls 74: CCR 71 NTP G Addison, R Skillen.

Ocean Shores Ladies

25/7 Stab winner: K Snook 35: r/up M Anson 31 c/b; NTP C Killon; Voucher 28. 27/7 9 Hole Stab voucher: 12 pts. 18 Hole Stab winner: B Simons 37; Voucher 31. 29/7 winner: C Martin 33; r/up J Gray 32 c/b; NTP B Crossley; Voucher 27. **Ocean Shores Vets**

27/7 2 Person Ambrose winners: R Parsonson

B O'Donnell 64.75 c/b; r/up M Ellis, L Hoffman 64.75; M Brady , H Gould 65. NTP: 3rd J Price; 17th W Sprengel. C/tains Pin: K Kennedy; V C/ tains Gorilla H/C 0 to 19 B Larracy; H/C 20+ A Redmond. Balls 70.75. Scrubbers Ball: R Lee/T Franks

NETBALL

Draw 5/8 12pm Canteen Byron Bay; Table Bangalow; Equip Bananaramas. 12.30pm Games: 1 Bluebirds v Squiddles, ump Averil/ Jacequline Gray; 3 Beauties v Sea Devils, ump Emily/Georgina Tait; 5 Cookies Monsters v Bananramas, ump Nikki/Kimberely, Equip duty Mermaids. 7 Funky Monkeys v Sea Stars, ump Funky Monkeys; 8 Mermaids v Nemos, ump Mermaids: 9 Breakers v Bumble Bees, ump B Bees; 11 Blueberries v Beaches, ump B/berries. 1.45pm Table Main Arm, Games: 1 Bellas v Classics, ump Emma H/Kathy; 2 Wotevr v Seahorses, ump Coco Crush x2; 3 Flames v Sharks, ump Choc f/Cruisers; 4 Bay Bratz v Bay Bondz, ump Bay Blitz x2; Mudslide v Taveners ump Friends x2. 3pm Games: 1 Dolphins v Choc Froqs, ump N Beatie/Leslie; 3 Hooley Dooleys v Blades, ump Wotevr x2; 5 Bay Blitz v Hot Tuna, ump Jess Goodhand/ T Nelson; 6 Corals r Cruisers, ump Bellas x2. Bye Joeys; Equipment Dolphins

RUGBY LEAGUE Mullumbimby Juniors

True Value U/7s blue v Cobbers Childcare Centre U/7s gold. Finn and led scored the first tries of their careers. O/S Bakery U/11s lost 54 to12 to Bilambil. MOM points to Billy 3, Reece 2, Zac 1. brunswickvalley.com U/13s won 32 to 16 Ospreys. 110% award winners Jake and Tyane. Tries to Matt 4 and 1 to Devon ,Steve. Matty kicked 4 goals. Well done boys. Mullum Giants New Brighton Store U 16s lost to Bilambil 32

RUGBY UNION

Bangalow 29/7 Bangalow 19 defeated Iluka 7. Training Wed. Last home game is against Richmond Range at 2.30pm. Semi finals 19/8 Byron, Grand Final Bangalow 2/9. SOUASH

Brunswick Heads

2/8 Rnd 2 Business Houses Team Comp: OS Glass v Cantys Surveyors; G Davis v S Thompson, I Bissett v M Ottery, C Walsh v J Gribble, M Stratton v W Ferrier, B Doran v Jeff Heers. Byron Bay Trophies v Bruns Pharmacy; B Staff v J Bristoe, C Sleep v T Wood, P Hill v R Cameron, I Barnes v A Li, B Rogers v S Moon. Potato Works v Bruns Blinds; G Chandler v M Underwood, S Koop v S Varty, R James v D Runciman, L Miller v R Cross, S Truedale v T Mason. Bruns Smash Repairs v OS Bakery: D Bird v B Trivett, L Crandell v L Clarke, C Staff v P Booth, R King v J Heers, J Nicholson v C Johnston. 7/8 Rnd 1 Div 1: 5pm A Brooker v S Varty, 6pm L Powell v S Koop. G Davis Bye. Div 2: 5pm M Ottery v R Draper, M Cassidy v I Bissett; 6pm D Runciman v C Booth. Div 3: 5pm J Gribble v R King, M Ashton v A Li. R Cross Bye Div 4: 5pm S Truesdale v A Thomas, C Johnston v A Ronan, J Nicholson v M Rogers Div 5: 5pm B Doran v T Mason, M Wallace v J Barnes, B Alander v K Penrose. Div 6: L Ashton v K Underwood, A Booth v A Brooker. To play

phone 6685 1794. SURF LIFE SAVING



Football FNC U13 boys knock up a cricket score The Far North Coast U13 representative football team

had a fantastic win last weekend, trouncing Northern Inland (Tamworth) 9-0 in their Northern NSW state league clash in Lismore.

The local boys dominated Tamworth for the entire match and showed how much they have improved over the season since their last meeting. Tim Knight from Federal led the charge with a hat trick.

The representative team also includes six other boys from Byron Shire: Layton Barton of Bangalow, Dion English of Suffolk Park, Marty Jones and Matt Slee of Binna Burra, Simon McKenna of Ocean Shores, and Luke Osborne of Mullumbimby.

It has been an incredibly exciting year of travel for the ball against the best regional lier this season. teams in Northern NSW teams from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Coffs Harbour their football experience. and Port Macquarie. It has

boys, playing brilliant foot- Tim Knight breaks through the defence in a charge for goal during a match against Newcastle ear-

each weekend including been a great opportunity for representative program for involved in the program, each of the boys to further ages 11 to 16 will be held in contact Football Far North October this year. For infor- Coast on 6625 1444 or speak Trials for next season's mation on how to get to your club secretary.

E Hollick, B Longmore; 2nd Gross: J Murray, P Sullivan: 2nd Nett: K Westall, R Heale: Meets every Mon and Sat Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Be seated by 12.45pm for 1pm start. Enguiries: 6684 1103/6684 6557.

Ocean Shores

26/7: 1st Gross and Nett; P Sullivan, J Elliott; 2nd Gross; A Whyte, J Everingham; 2nd Nett: A Hauser, C Blacker. Social Duplicate played every Wed at Ocean Shores Community Centre. Be seated by 6.30pm for 6.45pm start

Byron Bay

28/7 8 table Mitchell, N/S 1st T Macdonald/J Kable 62.2%, 2nd P Bradley/J Pierce 57.74% 3rd.H Lewis/A Gray 55.06%. E/W 1st S Taylor/G Falson 66.96% 2nd.M Solway/E Hollick 58.33% 3rd. V Humphreys/S Warn 53.57%. Bridge at Bangalow Bowling Club every Friday at 12.30pm all welcome phone Brian 6687 2427.

CYCLING

Byron Bay Freeriders

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

Brunswick Valley Darts

26/7 10 WCD's v Mullum2Pubs 1; 8 Ocean

Brunswick

Nippers: Board Training for any interested Nippers this Sunday at 10am at Brunswick followed by a working bee to clean up for the start of the season.

TENNIS

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

VOLLEYBALL Brunswick Heads

1/8 Rnd 15 Tony Carsburg Comp: 6pm Gnus v Hit and Run, Bugs v Silver Bullets, No Mercy v Lounge Lizards. Duty I Dont Care. 7pm I Dont Care v Flash, Pissies v Nanas, Brewers v Link Net. Duty Gnus. 3/8 Finals and Playoffs OS Hardware Comp: 6pm Tripods v Kit Kats, Shockers v Nickies, Bolters v Fluro Fairies, Drama Queens v Asthmatics. Duty Chilli Twist and Exodia. 7pm Elles v Desp Houswives, Org Chaos v Exodia, Chilli Twist v Hot and Sweaty, Terrminators v Ld School Girls. Duty Kit Kats and Shockers. New Tues 4 a side mixed and Thurs 3 a side Ladies Comp start next week. Phone 6685 1794, beginners welcome

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Move Right In

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Two shares out of seven are available on a fully approved Iultiple Occupan

Kijiri Community



of being converted to Community Title. The land consists of 120 acres which lies at the head of the Tibian Valley in Goonengerry, 20 acres are dedicated to residential sites and services. On each share one dwelling, a shed and a studio may be built. There is an access road to each share and power and electricity are on site. The infrastructure is in place and the community owns a tractor, chainsaw and brush cutter which community members can use.

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- Sat 12pm. • 237 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park
- Sat 12pm. • 2 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat Ipm.
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- 41 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 2pm.
- 114 Quarry Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 2pm
- 29 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 3pm.
- I9 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sun 12pm.
- 2 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sun Ipm. • 10 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park.
- Sun 2pm.
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Priced from \$555,000, they are available through Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692 or Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330 at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay.



Byron Bay – Belongil Beach

Nestled behind the dunes from this magnificent view, one of the oldest houses on Byron Bay's Belongil spit has had its day, and it's time for Childe Street's only remaining born and bred resident to move on.

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There is also a second bathroom with bath tub and shower leading out to a small courtyard. The kitchen is a real treat with stainless steel appliances, granite and white ash bench tops and a great layout. The deck is overlooking the large backyard with fruit trees and views to the mountains.

Call Ernst at InRealEstate, 02 6684 3600 for more details about this property which is priced at \$719,000.



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holes. Contact Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 or Jon Luton on 0422 794 384 at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay. \$1,600,000.







Five Star Living – Absolute Beachfront

PEPPERS RESORT - Bells Boulavard Salt. Available to inspect 11-11.45am and 1-1.45pm, Saturday 5 August. Other days by appointment. Luxury middle floor beach house at Peppers Resort. Just 15 minutes from the Gold Coast Airport you will have all the benefits of the Salt Village with gourmet cuisine delivered direct to your door. For those that prefer cooking, the stainless steel Miele appliances will make entertaining easy. There is nothing to be done, fully furnished and decorated to perfection. Use your large

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This beautifully renovated family home is situated only one block away from Heritage Park Mullumbimby and a short walk to shops. It has four double bedrooms plus a superb garden bedroom.A large lounge room opens onto the covered deck and garden and the dining room captures the morning winter sunshine. The kitchen has professional appliances and lots of storage and shelving. The bathroom has feature windows that open to give the feeling of bathing in nature. The main bedroom has ensuite toilet and shower. There is a beautiful well-established garden, mature palms, shrubs and even a fairy garden. A garage and

separate carport allow plenty of vehicle space. Inspection by appointment only. Phone 6684 1352 or 0422 161 864.







Amazing Investment Opportunity

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Work From Home (STCA)

6/69 Centennial Circuit (Byron Bay Arts & Industrial Estate). Beautifully appointed industrial unit of approximately 120 square metres. It is painted throughout in bright modern colours and has a bathroom and kitchenette. Bamboo ply ceiling with spotlights on ground floor and an artistically transformed acid treated concrete floor add to the unique atmosphere of this space. A wide timber staircase leads to a fully enclosed mezzanine with paster walls, floating timber floors and louvre windows. Double sliding doors lead to the balcony. This property suits any body who requires more than a shed!

Realistically priced at \$219,000. Phone the owner 6680 7213 / 6684 6831 (a/h)





Secluded Mountain Retreat – 16 Acro

With ocean, mountain and valley views to Brunswick Heads this Byron Shire property at Upper Main Arm Mount Jerusalem has it all. It has a north-facing solar powered Balinese pavilion-style home, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, office and loft, extensive wooden decks overlooking a spring-fed dam, a lush organic vegetable garden with over 50 fruit and nut trees. Abundant rainfall and 100,000-litre water storage plus a crystal clear mountain stream with 100 foot cascading waterfall create the perfect micro-climate for sustainable living. A separate handcrafted stone and wood cottage makes a perfect studio. This is an idyllic

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Tropical Oasis In Byron

Townhouse at the end of a quiet cul de sac, set in tropical gardens with shared palm fringed pool, close to all amenities. Modern open plan ground floor with large lounge and kitchen, separate laundry and w.c. Upper level consists of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, main bedroom with walk in robe and en-suite. Good sized internal garage, courtyard and private garden.

For sale \$470,000. Phone for appointment to view 02 6687 1307 or 0408 612 043.



Effortless Living

Open house: Sat 5 August at 1 Iam-12pm. 14 Flinders Way, North Ocean Shores. Situated at North Ocean Shores, this property backs onto reserve just a short stroll to the beach. The spacious home with its thoughtful design and landscaped gardens has all luxury fittings and appliances. It has open plan with three bedrooms, spa bath, granite benchtops, timber floors and reverse ducted $\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}}\xspace/\ensuremath{\mathsf{C}}\xspace$, and these are just some of the inclusions. Contact Fran O'Connor Real Estate on 0412 522540. \$675,000



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Backlash





The fabulous Byron Bay Writers Festival reaches its tenth birthday this week. Punters should be aware that you will need a three day, single day or afternoon pass to get into the festival site. Find out all the details at www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au.

Our regular A-Z sales feature has proved popular with both readers and advertisers, however we are running out of ideas to continue the series. Any suggestions gratefully received at editor@echo.net. au or on 6684 1777.

One of the problems with a capitalist society, or at least atives who run it, is that it at Brunswick Heads to creates its own enemies. It answer your questions about seems bleeding obvious that the night sky. View the Moon if you punish the poor through, say, onerous obligations under the Welfare to the unrest which leads to day August 4 at the Terrace your demise - at the ballot close to the road bridge. If box if not by revolution. It cloudy they will try again on makes much more sense to Saturday 5 same place. have a secure welfare safety Details at starrynight.com.au net in place.

Having a drug problem, or The Teven-Tintenbar Public dealing with a friend or relative who has a drug problem, is difficult at the best of times Among the attractions is the and good counselling can be Moo Poo Raffle featuring a vital. There is now free 24/7 online advice at www.counsellingonline.org.au if you want means of random divination an anonymous, confidential text discussion. According to balls whirling round in a cage a new report by the Australian (as seen on television). Institute of Health and Welfare, alcohol is still the main The National Institute of drug of concern (37%) out of Dramatic Art (NIDA) has a 142,144 'treatment episodes', followed by cannabis (23%), heroin (17%) and amphetamines (11%). The problem is compounded by drug takers using more than one drug at could attend NIDA's free the one time.

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or 0413 779 223. School is having its Country Fair on Saturday August 19. guest appearance by Bess the Cow. Using excrement as a sure beats those little plakky

few famous graduates, among them Mel Gibson. If any young local thespians would like to join the ranks of actors actually making a living, they information evening in Brisbane on Monday August 7.

with the hard-nosed conserv- and Philip will this week be nida.edu.au/whatson/News. recent speech to the P&C html. The school also offers federation sent to us notes: training in theatre and film 'Public schools don't just production techniques, such preach values - they practice as scenery-making.

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