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## Little joy for mayor in park takeover meeting with Kelly

Michael McDonald

Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham and general manager Pamela Westing gained little from their brief meeting last Friday with NSW Lands minister Tony Kelly general manager of Crown Land Division, Graham Harding, to discuss the state's takeover of crown reserve caravan parks and the Clarkes Beach Café.

In a press release last Monday Cr Barham described the meeting as 'an opportunity to present information and

highlight inaccuracies in the report that the Minister has relied on as justification for the takeover of management. The Minister's action came as a surprise as the general manager and I had met with him in May to discuss concerns about delayed responses from the Department.

I had informed the Local Government Association president, Mayor Genia McCaffery, of the government's actions and she also attended the meeting. There is reason for concern that

this may be a government trend as they admitted they are undertaking similar investigation of other coastal Crown areas.

'The Minister claims to have taken action on the basis of an audit that the Department of Lands had commissioned last year. This matter was being progressed by Council staff in liaison with the department and had not yet been made known to the Councillors.

'The Minister referred to complaints in relation to the

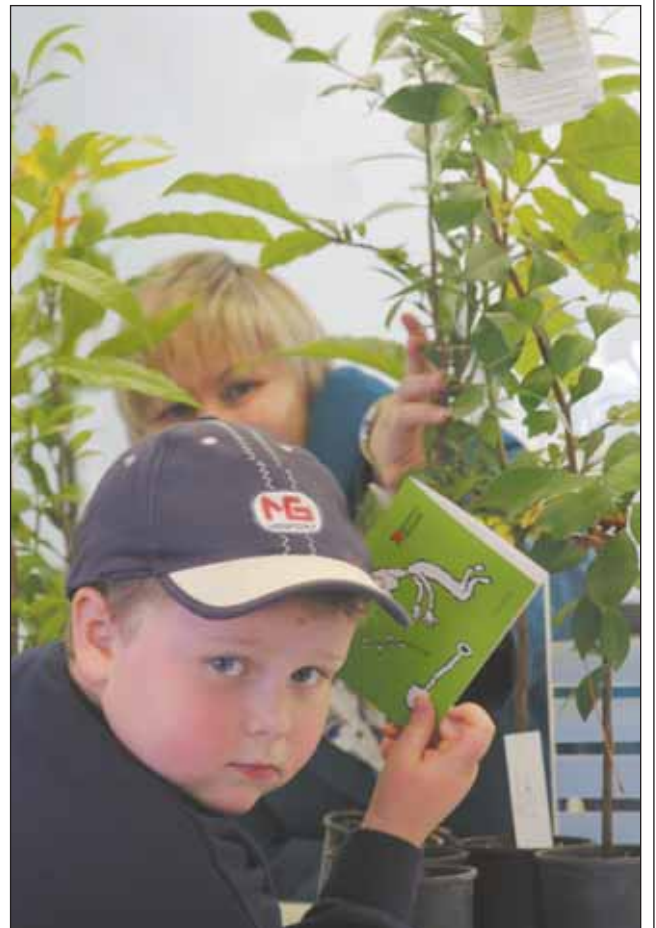
caravan parks and the Clarkes Beach kiosk. Unfortunately, those complaints have not been made available to Council and he was informed there has been a high degree of misinformation about these issues.

'I requested that the complaints are made available so that they can be checked for accuracy. I agreed that there had been some significant complaints with the management of the parks when under independent professional management and advised that this had led to the formation of a Councillor working group to respond to problems associated with on-selling of sites, restrictions on bookings and unapproved works.

'It was vital that the Minister was made aware of significant delays from the Department in response to Council requests for approvals and funding to undertake works programs in the parks and on other Crown Reserve areas, such as Main Beach. Council had also been frustrated by the lack of Ministerial adoption of Plans of Management that Council prepared in 2000. 'Byron Council contributes greatly to the funding of works programs on the beaches and reserves but cannot proceed with works without state approval. Funding from the state is sought to contribute to the maintenance of these public areas and the provision of surf lifesaving services. These delays have affected the implementation of works programs and ongoing maintenance.

'The meeting clarified that

## Plant a tree for Dad



Investing in his future, Ewan Kaehler jumps on the Rainforest Rescue bandwagon by getting a Leunig 'Tree Planter' card from Lyn Slack at the Byron Bay branch of the Summerland Credit Union. Photo Jeff 'Tree Muggger' Dawson

Rainforest Rescue and the Fatherhood Festival are inviting Australians to plant a tree for Dad on Fathers Day this year. Inspired by Michael Leunig's 'The Tree Planter', the aim of the initiative is to contribute to the regeneration of the Big Scrub. Each tree planted in 'The Forest of the Fathers' will be done so in the name of its sponsor, be it an individual or a business.

The Fatherhood Festival is encouraging people to consider who their father figures are - maybe your dad, uncle, grandfather, or a close adult male friend fulfils that role, indeed you may be lucky enough to have more than

one - and honour them by planting a tree. To get involved, visit [www.fatherhoodfestival.com](http://www.fatherhoodfestival.com), [www.rainforestrescue.org.au](http://www.rainforestrescue.org.au) or phone 1300 763 611. You can also order a Plant a Tree gift card to commemorate your contribution, and visit your tree in Byron Bay during the Fatherhood Festival. Alternatively, you can buy your Plant a Tree card at your local Southern Cross Credit Union Branch. Visit [www.sccu.com.au](http://www.sccu.com.au) for branch locations or ring 1300 360 744.

The Fatherhood Festival takes place in Bangalow on September 1, 2 and 3. See more on front page of *Seven*.

## Chopper doorknock needs volunteers

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter (WLSRH) needs more volunteers to assist with its annual Doorknock Day appeal, announced general manager Perry Wells today at the official launch of Helicopter Awareness Week (August 21-27). 'Helicopter Awareness Week is all about raising awareness of the vital role the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter plays in the Northern region, and how people can support the service in any number of different ways,' said Mr Wells.

'One of these ways is through volunteering, and this Sunday we need as many people as possible to hit the streets in support of our service. It only takes a couple of hours, and yet it will make such a huge difference. People should call us on 6627 4444 if they want to help.'

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Annual Doorknock Day appeal is the



Robin Duff from Westpac and Phil Gibson of Westpac Rescue Helicopters are ready to receive donations this Sunday August 27. Volunteers and local coordinators would be greatly appreciated - see Robin in Westpac Bridglands branch in Mullum.

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# Local News

## Local students learn the joys of science



Science teacher Wendy Hughes demonstrates how to float a pin.

Around 250 Year 3 and 4 students from Bangalow, Byron Bay, Newrybar and Coorabell primary schools took part in Science week last Thursday at Byron Bay High School. 'It was a great day for them,' Byron High Head Science Teacher Peter Giblin

told *The Echo*. 'All the kids had hands on practical experience and had access to (high school) science equipment.' Melissa Maine from Questacon also gave demonstrations.

This year's theme was 'Water and our dry continent,' and four labs were available for the children to gain hands on experience with microscopes and water related experiments.

For more info visit [www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au).

## Chopper doorknock

From front page service's biggest fundraising event (raising over \$100,000 each year), and relies on the support of over 1,000 volunteers on the day.

'Running an aero medical rescue service is an expensive business,' said Mr Wells. 'Annual operating costs for the service are \$3.5 million, half of which we need to raise from the community, year in, year out. Which is why events like Doorknock Day are so vital.'

'We are encouraging people to please support their rescue helicopter during Awareness Week,' said Mr Wells. 'Donations can be made at any Westpac bank or agency or people can contact us if they wish to support in other ways - payroll deductions, monthly or annual contributions, conducting a fundraising activity, in-memoriam donations, bequests or gifts in lieu of birthday presents.'

The primary flight area for the service is from the Queensland border in the north to Nambucca Heads in the south and west to Glen Innes and Tenterfield.

## Radios go off at lighthouse



The Cape Byron trio John Alcorn, Rob Gallagher and Rodney Wallbridge, members of the Summerland Radio Club, manning the radios at lighthouses along the east coast as part of International Lighthouse Weekend.

Three hundred and sixty lighthouses around the globe attempted as much contact as possible with each other over the weekend.

The team at Cape Byron, along with radio operators at Ballina, Fingal Head,

Evans Head and Yamba, managed contact with 85 lighthouses (mostly in Australia and New Zealand) and an unexpected interchange with Sydney and Brisbane via satellite.

Unfortunately, although international lighthouses could be heard trying to make contact with the Southern Hemisphere, response was impossible due to the low ebb of an 11 year sunspot cycle affecting radio communications on Earth.

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## Little joy for mayor in park takeover meeting

From front page ongoing communication was urgent to finalise the outstanding matters... It is disturbing that some of the comments indicated a lack of knowledge of the complexity of the issues and the impacts of the government's inaction.

'It is also of great concern that there is the potential for government to increase park fees and eliminate an affordable tourism option that many visitors have cherished for generations.'

The Department of Lands' need to be an 'economic unit' seems to be the driving force behind its takeover of four of Byron Shire's caravan parks and the Clarke's Beach Café rather than money.

At its reserve trust committee meeting last week Councillors received an initial report on the takeover and a full report with financial implications outlined is expected shortly from acting general manager Brett Lee.

The initial impact for Coun-

cil of the takeover is likely to be some \$300,000 less to spend on foreshore maintenance and lifesaving services. At the meeting Mr Lee also pointed out that Council 'had no weight as a reserve trust' in relation to the issue as the trust no longer controlled the assets in question.

Cr Diane Woods said she was 'totally gobsmacked' by the Lands takeover. 'My serious questions haven't had serious answers. It is a reflection on my perception of

management style that we didn't maintain control.'

Cr Richard Staples suggested that Lands minister Tony Kelly 'didn't understand what he was putting his name to. It's all about profit.'

Cr John Lazarus said if the main thrust of Department of Lands was to be an economic unit with a profit motive, then it needed to pay its expenses. 'There are seven Dunecare committees I'm the chair of, [Lands] should have to pay their expenses.'

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## BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL NEW RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDARS

Byron Shire residents will receive their new recycling collection calendars over the coming weeks. The calendars will be delivered with the first edition of Byron Recycling News, a newsletter that showcases some of Byron Shire's recycling initiatives and provides up to date information on what to recycle and how to reduce waste.

Collection calendars for August are provided below for those residents who have not yet received their new calendars.

Go to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/WasteCollection.aspx](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/WasteCollection.aspx) for info or call Council's Contractor, Solo Resource Recovery on **6687 0455**.

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# Local News

## Minister's 'stunt' comes off the rails

Local rail supporters were unimpressed with NSW transport minister John Watkins visit last Friday to the north coast railway line, with lobby group Trains On Our Tracks (TOOT) labelling it a 'media stunt'. The stunt literally came off the rails for a while when the Minister's specially fitted minibus disengaged from the track.

TOOT representatives Karin Kolbe and Basil Cameron and Byron Shire Deputy Mayor Peter Westheimer accompanied Mr Watkins, Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC) representatives and NSW State MPs Don Page and Neville Newell in the minibus on an inspection of the line at Billinudgel and St Helena.

The group visited landslips about one kilometre south of Billinudgel and at St Helena as well as a 'washout' just north of Billinudgel. The damage at all three sites is believed to have been caused by the record rainfall in June 2005. RIC engineer Larry

Brady was on hand to answer questions on the technical detail of repairing the line.

Community representatives were not able to question Mr Brady on the specifics of a report prepared for the Minister on the cost of repairing the line as the report was not provided during the inspection. A 'summary' report showing aggregated estimates of \$154 million to repair the line was provided to community representatives at the conclusion of the inspection. President of Northern Rivers Trains for the Future (NRTF) Karin Kolbe noted that 'the government has been sitting on these estimates for several months and yet provided us with inadequate figures only after the experts had packed up and left'.

Ms Kolbe labelled the inspection a 'media stunt' and questioned the Government's offer to reopen the line. 'If they were serious about reopening the line, they would be spending some

of the \$75 million they say is on the table to begin repairing the line and making sure that no further damage occurs.'

Cr Westheimer said, 'It is a positive sign that the Deputy Premier has made the effort to come up and inspect the line. However he is still trotting out the same old Michael Costa excuse that the reason the line closed was a \$380 million GST shortfall to NSW.'

'His government is putting \$75 million on the table towards the rail line. However, another \$75 million is required. I indicated to him that this stance just ain't good enough for north coast residents and told him that this means that he is unfairly putting 20% of the GST shortfall of NSW on to this project while much larger urban projects in the state continue to be funded.'

'I believe that continuing political pressure needs to be targeted at the NSW Labor government, primarily, but

also to some extent on the federal government who already have promised \$30 million and also on the federal ALP.

'What became apparent from the inspection... was that the longer the line is not used or maintained the more will be the repair bill. The rail line reopening with commuter trains will probably be a powerful election issue again but this time perhaps there is a greater chance of resolution pre-election.'

'I will be bringing a motion on behalf of Council to the Local Government and Shires Association state conference in October to reopen the line with commuter trains.'

'Regarding the need for a second rail crossing for the Byron Bay bypass, the Deputy Premier apologised for not getting back to Council and community enquiries. I pointed out how much this was holding up action on the Byron Bay bypass. He promised to respond.'

## New direction for Byron Bay chamber

About 50 people turned up to see a new executive elected for the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce at its recent annual general meeting. The new president is Ed Ahern of the Green Garage, and he is joined on the executive by Sonja Hans, Byron Beach Resort, James Lancaster, Olivo Restaurant, and Grant Hawkins, Byron Bay Accom.

In a press statement the chamber said Mr Ahern 'will be looking at people, place and prosperity in his vision for the future of Byron Bay, operating under the banner of uniting people to have a

proactive, positive organisation based on common core values.'

'With this sort of stance Ed sees that the result will be the formation of strategic partnerships which nurture and foster the Byron Bay community's needs in cooperation with the local council.'

Outgoing president Greg Owens quoted from his discussion paper on the future of Byron Bay: 'We must ensure that locals stay in charge of their economy and environment. Planning and development for growth must not be left in the hands

of property speculators.'

'We must take the long view and resist becoming the southern suburb of the Brisbane/ Gold Coast sprawl which is in danger of becoming Australia's Los Angeles. We must ensure Byron Bay is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.' According to the chamber minutes Mr Ahern said at the next meeting on September 18 the executive would be able to provide more detail regarding strategies and the formation of a new organisation, presumably Byron United.

Mr Ahern also said the new organisation will be based on core values including environment/nature, safe environment, good health services and a sense of belonging. Workshops will be held to identify these values and members of the community will be invited to talk about issues.

'It is intended to change the structure of the executive to a Board of ten people,' the minutes note. 'Meetings, such as the monthly Chamber meetings, will be not be held as often and a website portal will be utilised for communication.'

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## Local News

## Brothel plan likely to get the nod

Alex McAuley

The development application (DA) for a legal brothel in Byron Bay met a stumbling block in its initial stages when it was refused by Council on the grounds that its on site sewerage disposal was inadequate. However, with the lifting of the sewerage moratorium, the applicants can ask for a review of the DA if they can demonstrate that connection to the sewer complies with Council regulations. This is exactly what the applicants have done, and with the exhibition period due to close this week, Alison Fuglsang of Ali's Rug Centre is urging people to

get their submissions in straight away.

'My business is located directly opposite the site [of the proposed brothel] and I saw the notice at the end of last week, however it was only there for a couple of days before somebody took it down,' said Ms Fuglsang. 'I rang Council to find out what was happening and learned that the plans were indeed on exhibition until August 23 [this Wednesday]. What surprised me was that as one of the objectors to the original application, I didn't receive a letter informing me that the proposal was being considered again.'

According to Ray Darney, director of planning at Byron Shire Council, that may have occurred because so many of those who objected in the first place wished to remain anonymous and therefore offered no contact details.

'We contacted all those who objected first time who we are aware of so they could take the opportunity to object again,' said Mr Darney.

While Ms Fuglsang acknowledges that the plans for a brothel meet planning requirements in that the area is zoned industrial and therefore meets the guidelines for operating a brothel, she feels that the needs of the amenity as an arts area have been ignored.

'Despite the fact that the plans [for the proposed brothel] show that it will be very private and secure, it won't encourage people to come and shop in the area,' she said. 'Businesses here are struggling and I feel that that location could be put to better use by putting in a number of small arts based retailers that fit in much better with what is already here. I'm just worried that people don't know that

the proposal has come up again and that the applicants are trying to get it through on the quiet.'

Neville Strachan, Pastor of Eastgate Christian Community which is the closest place of worship to the proposed brothel site but still falls outside the planning exclusion zone of 75m – admittedly by only 7.5m – voiced similar concerns about a brothel's impact on its community.

'Whether the plans for the brothel comply with planning law or not I question whether a brothel would be in any way of benefit to the social structure of this community,' said Mr Strachan. 'I think the answer is not; in fact it is my opinion that it would be positively detrimental.'

Despite such concerns, Mr Darney felt it was unlikely that the proposal would appear before Council again, rather that Council staff would make their decision based on whether the connection to sewer is compliant or not.

'Councillors discussed the moral issues and location of the brothel at their meeting when the DA was first lodged,' said Mr Darney.

## Global warming forum

The low lying towns of Byron Shire will almost certainly be inundated as sea levels rise due to global warming, according to Dailan Pugh. To avoid crises and catastrophe we should begin a planned retreat now, he advises. The Order of Australia winner will speak at the Local Action on Global Warming forum at the Byron Community Centre on August 26.

Sponsored by the Byron Ballina Greens, the event starts at 6:45pm at 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Refreshments will be available and there will be a \$6 cover charge to pay for the venue. The forum will focus on what you can do to help limit climate change as well as planning imperatives to adapt to the changes already occurring.

Local students from Byron Bay High School will discuss the future they want for the planet and the steps being taken at the high school to reduce its energy consumption.

Local businesses will demonstrate the economic and environmental advantages of solar hot water,

green power, and biodiesel. Major environmental advocates, Dr John Kaye, Dailan Pugh and Giovanni Ebono will headline the event.

Dr John Kaye is a climate change expert and NSW Greens State upper house candidate. He has been running climate change workshops across the state. He will focus on the big picture issues and the policy settings required to deal with global warming.

Dailan Pugh is a local activist, awarded an Order of Australia medal for his work on forest conservation. He will address planning imperatives, the environmental and social impact likely to result from Climate Change.

Giovanni Ebono is the host of The Generator on Bay FM and moderator of the online news service at [www.ebono.org](http://www.ebono.org).

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## Local News

## Perrows find future in Tiny People

Alex McAuley

While Kieren Perrow is working hard to win his way back into the World Championship Tour of professional surfing, his wife Danielle is working equally hard back home in Byron Bay to create a business that will carry them into the future when Kieren's surfing career comes to an end.

Originally from Sydney, Danielle's background is in retail and marketing in the fashion industry, a career she relinquished when she met Kieren in order to travel with him on the world tour. Since the birth of the couple's first son two years ago, Danielle's keen business sense, coupled with good old fashioned common sense, identified a gap in the Byron retail market that she and her sister Vanessa have set about filling.

'You don't really develop an interest in children's clothes until you have a child of your own,' said Danielle. 'After Tosh was born, I discovered that I couldn't shop for good children's clothes locally. I got fed up with driving all over the place looking



Danielle Perrow with her tiny Tosh discuss the merits of well dressed kids. Photo Lou Beaumont

for kids clothes, so I decided to set up my own shop here.'

So Tiny People came into being, and true to her word, Danielle has targeted the higher end of the market

offering a range of boutique labels from both Australia and overseas. Travelling on the world surfing tour with Kieren has given Danielle the opportunity to hand pick stylish, good quality overseas

labels for her shop.

'I've targeted the baby to six year old age group, but some of the labels go up to eight,' said Danielle. 'Vanessa and I are also working on designing our own label which will focus on unisex, single colour pieces for nought to two year olds which can be mixed and matched and, most importantly, handed down to subsequent children regardless of their sex.'

Danielle hopes to build a small chain of these boutique stores to include one on the Gold Coast and one in Brisbane. In fact, she is already attracting customers from the Gold Coast who travel to Byron specifically to shop in her store.

'We've only been open a week and the response has been overwhelming,' said Danielle. 'Kieren and I are committed to settling in Byron Bay and raising our children here; this will allow us to do so once Kieren's surfing career comes to an end.'

Tiny People is located in the Bay Whalers Building, corner of Fletcher and Lawson Streets in Byron Bay.

## Parents and children work together at P5

Alex McAuley

Parenting programs have become a hot topic over the past 10 years with numerous experts telling parents what they should be doing in order to raise their children more effectively. The reality is all families are unique and child/parent interaction will be different in every family. So the P5 Parenting Program came as something of a breath of fresh air.

Developed by New Zealand based psychologist Kate Birch, P5 aims to put parents back in the driver's seat by empowering them to make their own decisions confidently rather than simply telling them what to do. Australian project manager of

the P5 program Beck Miles explained that the logic behind P5 is to balance a holistic approach with tools that parents can use that suit their particular situation.

'The program's initial focus is on the parent rather than the child's misbehaviour and illustrates the importance of good communication skills while offering support in resolving issues with clarity, confidence and focus,' said Ms Miles. 'It also looks at the purposes of misbehaviour; what is the child looking for when behaving like this? It then looks at what is going on for the parent and encourages the parent to step back and examine what they are feeling and ask

if they need to engage in this battle. It helps parents to recognise which particular tools work for them.'

Ms Miles facilitated the program in Byron Shire for some years through the CARE Parent Support Program under the auspices of Byron Shire Council where it has been extremely successful. CARE coordinator Sofi Thomson puts the success of the program in Byron Shire down to the fact that local parents have the right focus.

'They are interested in improving themselves and allowing their children to make the choice to improve themselves also,' said Sofi. 'They respect individuality

and diversity and are prepared to change themselves. Parents who are committed to change will improve their situation.'

So it was fitting that Kate Birch's book *Pleasurable Parenting for Australian Families* was launched at Byron Shire Council chambers last Wednesday. The book, which complements the P5 program, is available from the CARE Parent Support Program. Call 6685 9344 for more information.

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## RTA responds to highway pollution claims

An RTA spokesperson responded in general terms to claims by local environmental groups that the Brunswick River is being polluted by roadworks on the Pacific Highway:

‘The Brunswick Heads to Yelgun project received some very intense periods of rain during June and July 2006 where sediment runoff has occurred.

‘The contractor Abigroup has extensive erosion and sediment measures in place to deal with this.

‘The erosion and sediment controls being implemented include a combination of check drains, rock groynes, silt fences, lined drains, water drop down structures and sedimentation basins.

‘These measures are regularly inspected by the con-

tractor, RTA and regulatory authorities such as the NSW Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) in accordance with project requirements. Repairs and improvements are made regularly to minimise the impacts on the adjacent environment.

‘Abigroup has also employed an independent soil conservationist to assist in reviewing and undertaking regular inspection of erosion and sediment control devices.

‘In recent weeks the Brunswick Heads to Yelgun site has had various inspections, including by DEC.

‘Abigroup is complying with all environmental licence requirements from the DEC in regards to erosion and sediment controls.’

## More awards for Byron Design

Byron Design and Construction was the major winner at the 2006 HIA North Coast Housing awards, taking out six categories including: Bunnings Custom Built Home of the Year, Bunnings Custom Built Home under \$600,000, Northern Rivers Ceramics Kitchen Project up to 12 square metres, Coffs Coast Advocate Kitchen Project of the Year, Amber Best Bathroom Design and Amber Bathroom Project of the Year.

Local designer and builder Rory O’Halloran attributes Byron Design and Construc-

tion’s success in the 1006 HIA North Coast Housing awards to the close working relationship fostered between his valued clients, his design team and the professional team of local contractors and dependable suppliers who have provided such a high level of workmanship and attention to detail.

Rory said, ‘These awards have acknowledged their commitment and expertise. I am justifiably proud of them. This has been a real win for the smaller design and construction businesses who are the backbone of the housing industry on the North Coast.’

Rory praised the efforts of Sophie Brien (SABI Designs) who joined Byron Design and Construction 18 months ago as Interior Designer. ‘Sophie has helped to ensure that our clients’ expectations were realised.’ Ms Brien accepted the awards for Kitchen Project of the Year and Best Bathroom Design on behalf of Byron Design and Construction.

## Day of peace

International Day of Peace on September 21 will be conducted in Byron Bay with a 24 hour vigil starting at dawn at the Peace Pole. It is part of the worldwide call for the laying down of arms in all conflict areas for 24 hours so the world can be at peace for that time. It is open to whoever wants to come and contribute in the spirit of the gathering. Anyone who can lead chants or accapella and all musicians and dancers are welcome – these will be interspersed with silent prayer and meditation. Helpers appreciated – contact Margeaux Marshall 6685 8382 or 0401 249 732.

## Grass greener at Yami’s



The Yami’s crew, from left, Jerome, Offer, Imogen, Brad, Tiffin and Gerad, celebrate a magnificent seven years. The crew thanked their loyal customers on Sunday afternoon with the usual delicious fare, live music and a smudge ceremony to bring in the next seven years. Photo Lou Beaumont

## Bike riders seek critical mass

Local Byron bike riders are staging a critical mass ride-around every last Friday of the month from 5.30pm starting at the Peace Pole at Main Beach.

Nick Bowden, bicycle evangelist, said, ‘Come and join in Byron’s celebration of bicycle power! Dress up, bring a smile and a sense of humour. Stay legal – lights and helmet.

‘This is a great way to

show you care about bikes and bikeways in the shire and help save the planet. No special equipment is needed or even athletic ability.

‘It’s a slow ride around the town en masse to demonstrate how many people in Byron Bay love riding their bikes. Everyone is welcome – in fact the more the better.’

Further enquiries to Nick Bowden on 0427 620 711.

## Follow the Path of Laugh

Have you ever wondered just what it takes to be a dynamic presenter? Ever noticed people yawning when you’re talking? Have you even struggled to stay awake yourself? Relax. You’re not boring. You just have bad technique! Standup comedian Mandy Nolan says she can transform your tired technique and teach you some clever tricks to improve your performance.

Mandy says the benefits of stand up comedy are astonishing: you can learn how to identify key subject areas and to deliver in a way that is concise, direct and disarm-

ing. In a one day workshop, titled ‘The Path of Laugh’, Mandy Nolan will be fast tracking you to presentation power.

This one day workshop is offered at the Ramada Riverside in Ballina with proceeds of the workshop going towards ‘Our Kids’, The Northern Rivers Children’s Health Fund. With 12 places available, if you register by August 24 you can receive 10% off the normal price of \$248. Registrations close August 31.

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## Local News

# New faces in Mullum preschool care

Alex McAuley

With all the recent debate about the importance of preschool and the shortage of centres offering good quality early childhood education, it is reassuring for parents in Mullumbimby that Cobbers is now under new management and its new owners will be focusing on preschool education and preparation for school.

Sharon Wearne grew up in Myocum and was educated in Mullumbimby before leaving for university in Brisbane. It was while she was in Brisbane that she met her husband Tim who was teaching in preschools and infants schools at the time. After spending time living in both Melbourne, where Tim was director of a preschool for seven years, and Sydney where both their children were born, Tim and Sharon were delighted when the opportunity to return to the far north coast came up in the shape of one of Tim's lifelong dreams: to own and run his own preschool.

'We knew we wanted to get out of the city before the children started school, and when Cobbers came up for



Sharon and Tim try out the cubbyhouse. Photo Lou Beaumont

sale that was the opportunity we were looking for,' said Sharon. 'This will really give Tim the chance to showcase his experience in teaching and he will use that experience at the centre to really focus on preparing children

for the transition to school.'

At this stage, the centre is licensed to take 28 children aged two to five years per day, with a maximum of eight in the two to three year age group and 20 in the three to five year bracket. The long

daycare centre offers care for children from 8am to 6pm, and while it is desirable for children in the preschool age group to be there by about 9.30am, the centre staff are flexible and can accommodate different requirements depending on parents' work commitments.

'Tim will be programming to target all age groups,' said Sharon. 'At times the younger children will be directed to different activities from the older ones, and at other times all the children will have free play together. At this stage we have spaces in all age groups every day except in the older age group on Thursday, for which we are running a waiting list.'

Full fees are \$39.55 per day and are subject to child care benefit. Depending on entitlements, that fee could be reduced to as little as \$7 per day. All families are entitled to two days preschool/childcare per week, and working or studying parents may be eligible for five full days subject to approval from the family assistance office. For more information and bookings, phone Cobbers on 6684 2164.

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## Pacific Highway groups join forces

Concerned community action groups and private citizens along the NSW Pacific Highway from Kempsey to the Queensland border have joined forces to strengthen their condemnation of the NSW Road and Traffic Authority (RTA).

Known as the Pacific Highway Alliance (PHA), the group is highly critical of the 'misinformation and confusion about upgrades along the Pacific Highway'.

Launching its official website this week the PHA said, 'We hope that those people and communities who have been adversely affected by the RTA's procedures would take a very close look at the website and know that they are not alone in their criticisms of the RTA.'

The PHA is calling on the NSW state government to have an independent authority review an alternative inland route as recommended by the Parliamentary Committee into the Pacific Highway Upgrades.

A spokesperson for the Alliance said, 'An inland route investigation should include the Summerland Way between Byron and Grafton as well as a Western Bypass of Coffs Harbour.'

'The Pacific Highway Upgrade to a possible eight lane motorway is being advocated by global companies who are members of Infra-

structure Partnerships Australia (IPA), one of six pillars of the Australian Tourism Transport Forum Ltd (TTF).

'IPA members contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in political donations (www.democracy4sale.com) to both the state and federal governments. Ironically they are also awarded numerous government contracts including those on the RTA's Awarded Contracts list.'

'Under the guise of safety, IPA continue to lobby both the state and federal govern-

ments for a possible tolled eight lane motorway, which could see a Public and Private Partnership like that of the controversial Cross City Tunnel (Sydney) along the NSW eastern seaboard.'

The PHA says its solution for the Pacific Highway is simple, cost effective and will have an immediate impact on the \$17 billion annual road trauma bill:

- drop the speed limit to 80kph on two lane sections of the highway;
- spend now on safety upgrades to the current highway; and

• investigate the inland route as a more cost effective alternative for road freight.

'All groups in the Pacific Highway Alliance reiterate that it is extremely important for the NSW government to listen to the findings of the Parliamentary Inquiry as they represent the input of tens of thousands of Australian's from the Mid North and Far North Coast,' the spokesperson said.

More information about the Pacific Highway Alliance can be obtained from www.pacifichighwayalliance.org.au.



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## A fair Australia

The Australian Council of Social Services ([www.acoss.org.au](http://www.acoss.org.au)), the peak lobby group for the community services and welfare sector, is asking Australians to consider what constitutes a fair society. Given that Advance Australia Fair is our anthem – why we didn't choose a song by one of our national bards about a vagrant stealing a sheep and then drowning himself is another issue – it seems appropriate to wonder if we live up to the words.

It is all too easy to believe the stereotype portrayed in tourism ads for overseas consumption. We are a friendly multicultural nation, madly interested in outdoor sports, and laidback in our personal philosophy (while still working hard enough to keep the economy growing).

However, the truth can sometimes be we respond in an angry kneejerk fashion to racist urging, we demonise minorities, we sit in front of the television while our children grow fat. We work hard because we are scared of losing our jobs or give in altogether and become another soldier in the army of the depressed. Which image is true, if either?

Beyond the image, there is the reality. According to ACOSS, right now 'there are two million Australians who do not have an acceptable standard of living and go without the bare necessities: housing, work, education, health care and community services. Their daily struggle to make ends meet takes its toll on their health and life chances.

'It is unfair that:

- Children in jobless families are less likely to complete high school. Currently 11.3% of people who have not done Year 12 are unemployed compared to just 3% of people who have done a bachelor degree.
- Children in the poorest of families live shorter lives than those born in the richest families. For example Indigenous Australians have a life expectancy that is 17 years less than other Australians.

'A fair decision is one that is considered valid because it meets contemporary community perceptions of what is a legitimate decision. Australia has inherited several institutions charged with upholding fairness such as democratically-elected Parliament, Constitution and the courts. However, it has frequently been groups of active citizens that have redefined our perceptions of fairness.'

ACOSS's definition of a 'legitimate decision' could be found specious considering the nature of some 'contemporary community perceptions' – were the contemporary Taliban ruling fairly, did George W Bush really get more votes? – but its examples of the poor/rich divide and Indigenous inequalities shoot holes in the dream of Australia as a fair nation.

ACOSS invites us to comment on the nature of fairness after taking 'a minute to think about a time you were down on your luck'. Maybe that's the problem at the top – while most of us have struggled to buy food and pay the rent at some time or another, our politicians never had to or forgot their working class roots. Many years ago an ABC current affairs program arranged for a Liberal minister to spend a week on the dole, and he found out firsthand how difficult it was to make ends meet. Perhaps it should be an entry requirement for the job of MP; then at least our representatives would think more closely on the ideal of fairness.

Until that job requirement is part of the parliamentary workplace agreement, visit the ACOSS website and take the challenge. Fair enough?

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## Howard finds a tiger in the tank

Once more John Howard's opportunism, mendacity and humbuggery have come back to haunt him.

As petrol prices rise inexorably towards the \$1.50 a litre mark and the public anger grows, our Dear Leader pleads for understanding: it's all a matter of supply and demand, it's because China's demand for energy is insatiable, it's because of hurricanes in America and instability in the Middle East (though not, of course, his war in Iraq), it's an international problem and he's really, truly, honestly not to blame.

He'd just love to bring the cost to the motorist down, he recognises it as his greatest problem, but there's absolutely nothing he can do, fair dinkum cross my heart.

And people just don't believe him. They don't believe him because they know if they carry on loudly enough and for long enough that Howard will make the price come down, and the reason they know this is because it has all happened before.

When the price rose at the beginning of 2001 there was a huge outcry, and the government, already somewhat spooked by unfavourable opinion polls, went into a flat panic. Not only did the bush receive a veritable cornucopia of fuel subsidies ranging from the easily rottable through the utterly inequitable to the frankly unworkable, but Howard knocked a sizeable chunk off federal government excise and abandoned the indexation of excise altogether.

This sent a firm signal to the industry that petrol was king and would continue to be king until it ran out alto-

gether: there was to be no serious attempt to ration an increasingly scarce resource through the use of the market, and the search for alternatives was to be seen as an unnecessary frippery.

And if the message didn't get through in 2001 it was heavily reinforced three years later when Howard offered a pre-election bribe of another \$1.5 billion in subsidies both to off-road farm vehicles and to long-haul transport, a policy which became abbreviated as Cheap Diesel for Big Trucks. Just fill

price of petrol likely to keep rising it would do very little political good. There are more profitable ways of spending \$4 billion in the lead up to an election year (extra funds for political junk mail, for instance) and there have to be cheaper ways to divert the public's attention.

It is probably too late to try and educate them to the fact that Australia has cheaper petrol than almost anywhere outside the United States and the middle east itself, or to tell them that they were silly to buy that huge four

price will rise anyway. It is, after all, a by-product of the same crude oil from which we refine our petrol, and will run out at the same time.

This is not a policy – it is pure political adhocery.

But since political adhocery has driven this government's approach to fuel for the whole of the last decade, we have no reason to be surprised. And deep down we are still convinced that if we throw a big enough tantrum, that same adhocery will give us back petrol at a dollar a litre.

But then, we believed that he'd keep interest rates low, too. Some voters will never learn.

Howard has pandered to the greed of the electorate for far too long to start preaching restraint now.

by Mungo MacCallum



up at the nearest pump and don't worry about the cost; the government will look after it.

But although the main beneficiaries of this squandermania were the farmers and the truckies, the message was clear to all motorists – indeed, to all consumers: if you just make enough fuss, if you hold your breath till you turn blue in the face and then scream and scream and scream till you're sick, Johnny will buy you an ice cream. He'll keep telling you no, but he doesn't really mean it.

The problem is that this time he does mean it; he really has to. He simply can't afford to lose any more of the excise; as he himself has pointed out, to cut the excise by even ten cents a litre would cost the budget around \$4 billion a year and with the

wheel drive gas guzzler just to drive the kids half a kilometre from the McMansion to the local private school: Howard has pandered to the greed of the electorate for far too long to start preaching restraint now.

The tokenism of a touch of ethanol in every tank appeals, once again, to the farmers but does almost nothing to reduce costs to the motorist and absolutely nothing to promote fuel conservation, which is the real problem. The subsidy for those who already over-use their vehicles to convert to gas is another piece of panic-driven economic nonsense: it will simply push up the price of gas (supply and demand again, Prime Minister) and in any case, the gas is to become subject to excise in a few years so the

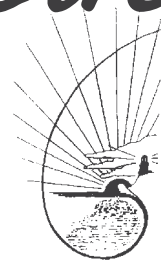
Another example of Howard's adhocery (he himself would, of course, describe it as realistic and pragmatic government that pays due attention to public concern) is the decision to allow a free vote on bringing embryonic stem cell research up to the level that operates in most other countries.

The very idea has further unhinged Tony Abbott, who has warned that such legislation would turn Australia into some kind of Island of Dr Moreau in which mad scientists would create half-human monsters and release them to terrorise the populace. Such statements might suggest that Abbott is unfit to occupy the office of health minister, or indeed any room that lacks well padded walls and a secure lock on the door.

But then, what else would you expect from the Mad Monk, whose own idea of medical research consists of an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes?

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### More pollution

Your lead article regarding a review of the RTA's pollution licence supposedly supported by the Byron Shire Council certainly raises some issues.

An issue concerning a huge number of Shire residents is the enormous amount of pollution caused by the lack of maintenance and improvements to the Brunswick Heads Boat Ramp Road.

For decades, every time it rains, huge amounts of mud run down the ramp into our river.

Council has ignored dozens of letters pointing out the pollution problem and now they have suddenly noticed another problem that has received and is receiving every possible effort and remedy to combat what nature is dishing out.

It's time the Byron Shire Council cleaned up its own backyard before pointing the bone and to the best of my knowledge not a word has been written or spoken by the other protectors of the environment (BEACON, CONOS, SGBPA, NBVA, and NCEC).

**Malcolm Murray**  
Mullumbimby

### Thanks to Lesley

As an avid reader of our weekly *Echo*, I was saddened to read that Lesley Patterson is leaving as deputy editor and specialist reporter on local government.

Whatever Lesley's opinions were on an issue, they were not thrust upon us. What we got from Lesley was well researched, accurate and unbiased information about local government issues.

I have come to realise that the NSW Iemma government (as the Carr government before it) is increasingly pulling the strings that control our local government. The State has ultimate say in our LEPs, in pegging our rates and in snapping up approvals for the really important developments like Becton, the Mallams' supermarket and the SAE. One of Lesley's most recent articles concerned Labor's latest grab of four of our caravan parks – and of course their profits.

So thank you, Lesley, for your years of instructive and accurate reporting. May you go safely and in good health and may *The Echo* replace you with someone who will keep us informed on how local government impinges

## By rail or by trail

I note with interest the debate regarding the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line as a walking/horse/bike trail.

Government needs to be reminded again and again that we as a nation need to be provided with options if we are to learn to commute/travel more efficiently. A commuter service of eight return services per day as proposed by TOOT ([www.toot.org.au](http://www.toot.org.au)) would do much to widen choices of transport mode for all who live and work here. I believe our best efforts need to be directed towards pressuring for a return of a train timetable and trains to go with it.

If the NSW state government can then be persuaded

to also allow dual use along suitable sections of the line for walking, horse riding and cycling – even better.

**Amanda Hallinan**  
Mullumbimby

In response to Rebecca Archibald's letter concerning the idea to turn the railway into a trail, I have complete support for the idea. I am a resident of Mullumbimby and live in the southern dog-tail, as it's often called, of Station Street. My family's property backs onto the railway line and many a time my younger sister and I have explored its many fields and creeks which it runs through, however it has become increasingly dangerous in

recent times as the wooden bridge which crosses a muddy swamp, only about 100 metres from my property, has begun to rot and erode.

It saddens me to think that this beautiful journey of scenery which runs throughout the entire shire is going to be cut off. I strongly believe that by creating this trail it would bring the community much closer together and make the shire a safer and happier community. I most sincerely hope that someday in the near future the council will spend some of our hard earned rates on creating a trail so that others can enjoy it.

**Cara Maku**  
Mullumbimby

on our lives and how so many local government decisions are made in Macquarie St, Sydney, instead of Station St, Mullumbimby.

**John Bailey**  
Mullumbimby

### A mature approach

What sort of person would use their vehicle to deliberately ram two shopping trolleys into another car? The driver of a big white Toyota ute is that sort of person. Had a bad day today, did ya? Next time you might try a mature approach to make yourself feel better. By the way, have you heard, what you put out comes back to you? We may meet one day.

**S Graf**  
Ocean Shores

### Tick of approval

I have been asked to clarify comments I made about Mayor Jan Barham at the Byron Writers festival earlier this month.

The context was a question about whether my political judgments had ever proved faulty. I replied that they certainly had and gave as one example my refusal to endorse Barham at the last council election.

At the time I feared that she would lead a divisive and uncompromising Green caucus which would take extreme positions and lead to a collapse in the decision making process. I am delighted to have been proved wrong; in fact Barham's mayoralty has been one of the more inclusive of my 18 years in the Shire.

There have been glitches: the procrastination over sporting fields for Ocean Shores must be counted as a failure. But on the whole Barham's administration has been fair, progressive and transparent. She has stood up to the bullying of developers while keeping the fanatics of her own side in check, a considerable political feat.

If asked to endorse her for a second term I shall do so with enthusiasm.

**Mungo MacCallum**  
Ocean Shores

### Roos and ruses

Well done, Lucy Ashley, Possum Creek (Letters, August 15). At last someone else who is sick of reading mindless rubbish in these letter pages. You should get a job on *Media Watch* with those investigative skills. Now, if you could only sort out all the other half-baked arguments each week I would be very grateful.

**James Little**  
Byron Bay

Dear oh dear, Lucy Ashley. You are deep in tiger country. Who to believe when the 'experts' disagree? It's not just emotional tirades about kangaroos and dodgy stats to prop up factional arguments. Most emotionally laden arguments, purporting to rely on 'proven research', under scrutiny fall apart. Be sure to keep your critical thinking wits about you. And hope like hell that you can influence enough people to start thinking critically for themselves.

Single issue groups and factions tend to pick up on arcane information and are more creative than academic in their presentation of 'facts' in order to build an emotional argument to 'substantiate' their 'credo'. Most people are lazy and prefer to believe what they are told rather than to question and probe.

We should all be suspicious of tunnel visioned people who trot out stats and 'quotes' from other people to bolster their (usually ill informed and poorly researched) ideological stance. Mind you, the problem you are up against is not one of logic/rationality. It is unquestionably an emotional 'belief' system against which

we don't want them eating our crops.

This is species vs species and we are a dangerous lot! And there are too many of us so other species fall by the wayside! Sad isn't it? We are a pestilence and we just won't go away (not yet).

**Veronica Guy**  
Mullumbimby

I'm pleased that Lucy Ashley picked up the kangaroo book I left for her at the Bangalow post office but I'm mystified by her hostile reaction to it.

She's right that *Kangaroos Myths and Realities* would not qualify to be listed for the Booker Prize and indeed there is a lot of passion in it – but it is crammed with facts from scientists and campaigners who have spent half their lifetimes on the kangaroo issue.

I haven't exactly hidden my light under a bushel for

the past thirty years while campaigning on the kangaroo and other issues, neither has Pat O'Brien who is well known in Queensland for his wildlife protection activities.

The evidence that currently 80% of kangaroos being shot in New South Wales are females will be put to the Minister for the Environment in a few days at Estimates.

The Parks Service already admits that the figure had risen to 31% by 2004. They also show in their own figures on their website that, by last July, populations had crashed up to 90% in some areas, yet they still approved killing quotas.

The kangaroo industry person, who went with Pat and Mark on that 8,000 kilometre drive through outback NSW and Qld, has already been interviewed by a TV station and newspaper but

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you read about it here first in *The Echo!*

They took photographs, did a body count and had a laboratory undertake micro-biological testing. The lab found high levels of faecal coliforms from swabs taken from carcasses destined for human consumption. There were also pig carcasses in the same chillers.

I invite fellow Possum Creek resident Lucy to go for a trip along the border to Tibooburra then down to Broken Hill, then back via Cobar, Warren and Walgett and count every kangaroo she sees outside of national parks. I'll be very surprised if she sees more than a dozen. Talk to farmers and others on the way and they'll say 'the kangaroos have gone'.

Where have the drought survivors gone? Into Coles and Woolworths and the mouths of cats, dogs and humans.

It's time for compassion for our kangaroos.

**Richard Jones**  
Possum Creek

## Whale tragedy

Re 'Whale Tragedy' (Letters, August).

It is the expressed intention of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to return stranded whales to the sea as quickly as possible while ensuring the safety of those involved and the animal's welfare.

The DEC is extremely grateful for the public assistance during the last month's baby humpback whale stranding at Cabarita Beach and would like to thank the many people who assisted.

Single strandings by their nature mean something is wrong. Experience has shown that the whale is most likely to be diseased, injured, exhausted or involve the very young or very old. Again, experience has shown that such animals have little chance of survival.

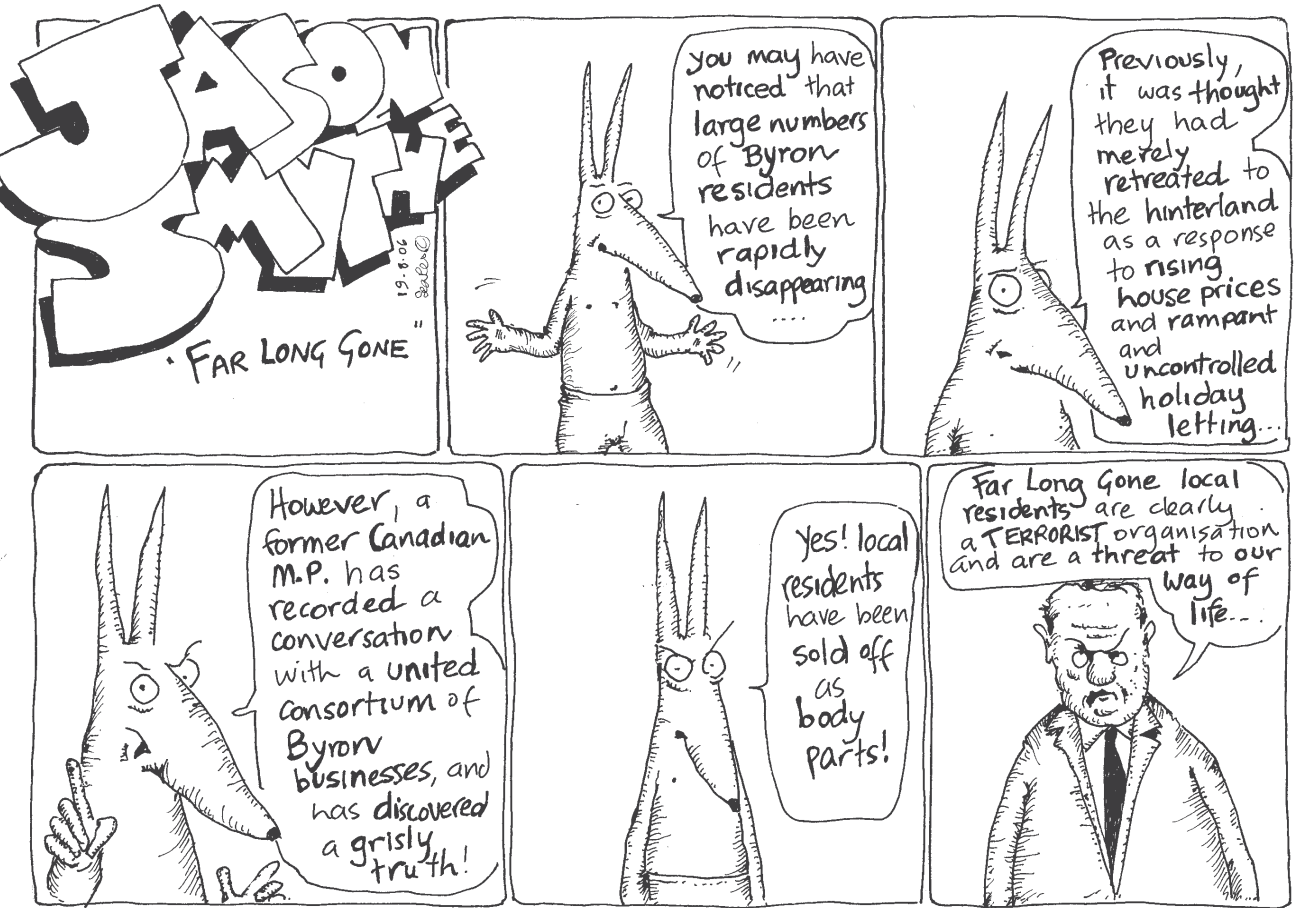
Decisions regarding the welfare of whales are based on consultation with experts including veterinarians and the RSCPA. This includes the unfortunate but often necessary decision to euthanase to prevent undue suffering of these animals.

In this particular case, as the mother was not seen when the animal stranded and an extensive aerial search next morning failed to find any adult whales, it would have been cruel to have pushed the animal out to sea alone. It was likely that the animal would have faced starvation or attack by sharks or that the animal would re-strand, possibly in a more dangerous location.

The autopsy carried out on the days-old baby revealed that the animal had never suckled. Given the normally very protective nature mothers have with their babies it is safe to say that this animal had been abandoned since birth.

In order to minimise the distress and suffering of stranded mammals the community should report stranding to the DEC as soon as possible. All DEC offices have an after hours contact service.

**James R Law**  
Acting Area Manager  
Tweed Area  
Northern Rivers Region



## Caged birds

I live in Mullumbimby. For the cost of a couple of coffees per week I am able to purchase seed which fills my garden with the most beautiful birds including the tiniest wrens, finches, rosellas, loris and even a pair of the wonderful king parrots. They give my family and I so much joy.

My question is, why is it that in this day and age the 'caged bird trade' is still allowed and supported, probably in most Australian towns? What possible joy can it bring to stand by and watch as a bird sits in its prison?

A child came with me to buy seed this week - saw the birds locked in their cages in the back room - said it was the saddest thing he'd ever seen. We asked our friend the shopkeeper's advice on the possibility of purchasing a pair of birds, giving them rehabilitation space and then letting them go. We were advised not to as they'd been bred in 'captive' and couldn't survive... sad shrug... end of story.

Best case scenario would be a nice aviary. How can this be? Why, why, why?

**Gitta Radau**  
Mullumbimby

## Naked travel

Considering the troubles currently afflicting the air travel industry, and in particular the low margin cheap fare carriers, we may witness the opening of a niche market.

It might be called Nudair, whereby you save time and wages to security staff which is then discounted against your fare by giving up your shoes, clothes and hand luggage before boarding.

There may also be some benefit in weeding out fundamentalist suicide bombers as well as evangelical bores and wowsers.

Then again, Nudair might just catch on and one could end up paying a premium.

**Jim Nutter**  
Main Arm

## Central Station

What a surprise to see the Trading and Catering division of the Railways mentioned on the back page of *The Echo* - it brought back many memories for me.

Like your editor, I also worked at Central Railway in the Trading and Catering Service of the Public Transport Commission. It was the mid 1970s and I was the Secretary to the General Manager, fortunately for me my office was on the first floor and had a view over the park opposite. Morning and afternoon tea was brought to me

at my desk on a silver tray by the Private Dining Room Hostess. The Private Dining Room was also on the first floor and was the scene of many formal functions, including a visit from the Queen (before I was there). Sometimes one of the chefs from downstairs would bring up fresh railway pies for us, and at Easter we would get fresh hot cross buns straight out of the oven.

How times have changed. There were no computers then, not even an electric typewriter, there were no electronic databases of information, all files were physical paper files and stored in the Records Department and had to be booked in and out as required. The GM wrote all his correspondence in text book style shorthand and I transcribed all memos and letters from his notes. Price lists for the various sandwich shops, bookstores, and canteens were typed on stencils and copies run off on a gestetner machine.

Every couple of months a class of nervous trainee stewardestes would be brought over to meet the General Manager and would be told how important their role was in looking after our patrons on the country trains. What a shame the current state government doesn't see regional rail services as

# How big should a village be?

■ If we in this region are going to do more than theorise about living sustainably we may need also to change our ideas about the size of a sustainable community.

People living in a hamlet, of fewer than 20 houses, usually have to keep going to a bigger place for stores, fuel and utilities.

A village of about 40 up to perhaps 100 residences can be much more self-sufficient. A community this size, historically of about 300 souls, can support a market, fuel 'factory', schools and a clinic.

In the future which is only

round the corner a village is lifeboat size where a hamlet may be a collection of individuals with life jackets on, treading water.

**Rita de Heer**  
Mullumbimby

■ Have you been to Main Arm lately?

You really should come out soon, before it gets ruined with the Council's planned 48 house subdivision around the village.

In their recently issued Development Control Plan for Main Arm one of the stated objectives is 'that no building be visually obtrusive when viewed from any place from within or outside of the site'.

Hello? Did anyone actually take any notice of said objective?

ReGenesis has already built the first house of their proposed 13 house village zoned subdivision. You can't miss it - it's a large, ugly modern house that stands out on top of the barren treeless hill behind the village. Now imagine another 12 houses along the same lines, on the very same hill, each one about 15 metres next to their neighbour... and then,

another 35 on the surrounding properties!

Is this the type of 'rural settlement' we want? With big ugly subdivisions dotting our hills and pastures?

This will forever change our beautiful rural landscape and it has to be stopped!

So, please... come out to Main Arm and check out this eyesore of a house. I think you will agree that 48 homes like this in one small area is not the type of 'rural settlement' that should be forced on Byron Shire. (or any other, for that matter!)

**Simone de Waal**  
Main Arm

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## Letters

## The discussion of the conflict continues

■ Once again Julie Nathan (Letters, August 15) puts forward the official Israeli position and uses the 1947 UN resolution, that created the state of Israel, as justification. It should surprise no one that a resolution which partitioned, dispossessed, displaced and disadvantaged Palestinians is not accepted by Palestinians and many more in the Arab world. If she were in that position, Julie probably wouldn't accept it either.

Helped by a generally guilty West and to the extreme economic advantage of some, it was a resolution of its time. The west's military adventures in the region, particularly during and since WWII, have been to secure the oil, and the forward military base of Israel was perfect. Even better, the majority of Israelis

weren't aware they were being used and manipulated and still aren't.

That's just looking at the last 60 years instead of just six. Look at the nearly 2,000 years of the Diaspora, that both Julie and I are a part of. Those who went west were treated to almost constant prejudice, pogroms and, eventually, an attempted ethnic cleansing that, but for an accident of fate, could have happened anywhere in anti-Semitic Europe.

In Islamic countries Jews were largely accepted as Semitic brothers and sisters of the Book and were an integral part of society. Jews and Arabs got on well together, even in Palestine until the British decided to 'protect' them.

A major population control tool of British colonialism was 'Divide and Con-

quer'. That's what they did in Palestine and in almost every other corner of The Empire. Semitic brethren, neighbours and friends turned into enemies and victims for the economic benefit of others.

By the way, did anybody notice the one-day appearance in the news of the oil companies' massive profits this year? Blink and you missed it.

**Robin Harrison**  
Coorabell

■ The mantra that we are being constantly fed from certain quarters is, that the only obstacle to peace in the Middle East are the 'enemies of Israel', that is the Arabs, the Muslims in general, and especially the Palestinians who have no other purpose in life than the destruction of the Jewish state.

But a survey by the Development Studies Program at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, that was conducted in February 2002, reveals something different:

In her book *Israel/Palestine; how to end the war of 1948*, the Israeli author Tanya Reinhart writes: '...an amazing and encouraging fact is that support for peace and reconciliation is still strong among the Palestinian people. ...77 percent believe that both Palestinians and Israelis have the right to live in peace and security. 73 percent find it necessary for Palestinians and Israelis to work together to achieve peaceful coexistence once a Palestinian state is established.'

Nevertheless, I don't expect that such facts will change the mantra and the agenda of those whose better judgement, not to mention compassion, is being swayed and corrupted by primeval tribal loyalties.

While we are on the subject, I would recommend for the readers an article (online) titled *The Israel Lobby*, by John Mearsheimer (Professor of Political Science at Chicago) and Stephen Walt (Professor of International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard).

And if you are still wondering, what is so special about the Israel/Palestine issue, then please consider this:

During the 1973 Yom Kippur war between Israel and some of her neighbours, the Soviet Union protested about direct American involvement in the conflict.

President Nixon responded by putting US forces on nuclear alert. In other words, America risked an all-out nuclear war with the Soviet Union because of Israel.

Of course, that would have meant the total annihilation of human life on Earth, including Israel - echoing those insane words of an American officer in Vietnam: 'We had to destroy the village in order to save it.'

**Tom Koo**  
Alstonville

■ So the debate on Israel has degenerated into an unwarranted and vitriolic attack on Judaism by Matt Jackson (Letters, August 15), who listed the Jews' alleged 'major infringements' against G-d. I'm not sure what planet or century Mr Jackson lives in, or what bible he reads, but he seems to believe that the greatest crime of the Jews is in not accepting Jesus, and therefore should have remained as stateless pariahs wandering the world and subject to the whims and persecution of the Christian authorities. I suggest Mr Jackson, your attitude to the Jewish people is unhealthy, to say the least.

Regardless of any religious arguments, the fact remains: the land of Israel is the ancestral and spiritual home of the Jewish people, and Jews have lived there continuously for thousands of years.

To claim, as John Weiley does, that Howard, Downer, Beazley, Rudd are determining their policies on the Israeli/Hezbollah conflict in order to capture/retain the Jewish vote is nonsense. The so-called 'Jewish vote' is highly overrated. Jews comprise 0.5% of the Australian population, some 100,000 people. In only two federal elections throughout Australia are Jewish voters a substantial proportion of the

electorate - Wentworth (held by the Liberals) and Melbourne Ports (held by Labor). A much larger voter pool is the Muslim and Arab communities, amounting to some 300,000-400,000 people, but no mention is ever made of this or any other voter group.

An Islamic belief is that whatever lands have been under Muslim control must be retained, and if lost, must be regained - the belief being that once under Muslim control it becomes Muslim land forever. This applies to West Papua and even Spain. This Islamic belief is at the core of the current Arab/Israeli conflict.

With the Arab Muslim invasion of Palestine in the seventh century, Palestine is considered to be Muslim land forever. To Islamofascists like Hamas and Hezbollah, it is not about gaining Palestinian statehood; it is about destroying Israel and any Jewish presence in Palestine.

Coincidence or planned, Hezbollah's attack on Israel occurred as Iran was facing the UN for its non-compliance over its nuclear program. Being the world's fourth largest producer of oil, Iran hardly needs alternative energy sources. Iran is developing nuclear weapons, and Iran has consistently stated its aim to destroy Israel.

Hossein Shariatmadari, editor of the Iranian daily *Kayhan*, affiliated with Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, in his editorial (July 17, 2006) stated: 'wipe Israel off the map... the annihilation of the Zionist regime is not only a religious and national duty, but also a universal human duty, from which no Muslim or free human being can be exempt.'

If one truly wants peace in the world, then you don't excuse, justify or support religious bigots or genocidal maniacs.

**Julie Nathan**  
Lismore

■ Re Julie Nathan's letter (August 15). 'The land of Israel is the ancestral and spiritual home of the Jewish people.' Mine is Scotland and I have never given thought of going back there after only six generations to wipe out those damned Sassenachs.

Apparently, a few thousand years ago God promised Abraham a piece of prime Middle Eastern real estate to old Abe's descendents. One of these was Moses who, after packing up and leaving Egypt with some 60,000 followers wandered for 40 years in the wilderness looking for it. (It was a patriarchal society and nobody thought of asking directions).

Eventually they came within sight of the designated location which was the land of the Canaanites. Moses carked it at that time and Joshua was made the top dog of the Hebrews. God told Joshua, 'Go kill 'em all and it's yours' - and he did. It's all written there in the old testament, and here in a more readable style, <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article1177.htm>

As Julie Nathan points out correctly, 'The only solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict is a two state solution - Israel next to a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.' The problem is that Israel doesn't want to withdraw to the borders originally designated to it when granted statehood in 1948. Israel also wants the land it has 'occupied' since 1967. If Israel withdrew to its pre-1967 borders and statehood given to the Palestinians, problem solved.

While I'm at it, I'd like to point out to readers that Zionism is not Judaism. Zionism is a political ideology and Judaism is a religion. Not all Jews agree with Zionism, same as all people of the USSR did not agree with communism and all Australians don't agree with our 'representative' democracy (where MPs represent their party, not the people) and all Arabs do not support Hezbollah.

It has got to the stage that should anyone find fault with 'Israel' they are labelled 'anti-semitic' and are gagged. Not so, it is the Zionist regime of Israel being criticised, not the Jewish people. We are all at liberty to express our opinions/criticism about any governments, including our own, but this does not mean that criticism of the people's religion/culture/lifestyle is intended.

If we wish we can freely criticise Bush, Blair and Howard but still have harmonious relations with their citizens. Why not the same for Olmert and the Israeli Zionist government without being threatened with the 'anti-semitic' label? One can be pro or anti-Zionist and have nothing whatever to do with 'semitism' one way or the other.

So, if the discussion on the Arab/Israeli conflict continues in *The Echo* don't play the 'anti-semitic' card, because it will be about the acts of governments, not the people or their religions/cultures.

**Peggy Balfour**  
Mullumbimby

■ Letters on this subject also received from Naval Pols, Byron Bay, John Cassar, Brunswick Heads, Geoff Dawe, Uki, Mary McMorrow, Mullumbimby, Tony Bushby, no address.

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## Articles

## Local landmark to change hands

Alex McAuley

One of Mullumbimby's landmarks is coming to the end of another chapter in its colourful history: Poinciana Café has changed hands as its previous owner Matt Lane has moved on to new ventures.

Matt moved to Mullumbimby six years ago and with his extensive background in hospitality, including running a consultancy business for the hospitality industry in Melbourne, bought the Poinciana nearly four years ago.

Since then, he has done extensive refurbishment of the café and created an atmosphere and menu varied enough to suit his diverse clientele.

'This is the fifth place I've owned and I've always followed the formula that dictates professional service and good food in a down to earth café environment,' said Matt.

'My other four restaurants were in Melbourne and I created a style to suit the customer base I wanted to attract.

'The Poinciana has been the biggest challenge for me by far as I couldn't do that; I had to create an environment that suited the diverse community that exists in Mullumbimby.'

## Mixed feelings

Judging by his success, Matt has managed to do that and more besides: after only 18 months of operation he was able to buy the front space adjacent to his café and turn it into a bar, offering an excellent range of wines – the likes of which is hard to find outside a city – as well as tapas and shared food.

Matt leaves the Poinciana with mixed feelings: nostalgia for the relationships he has established in the community coupled with excitement for his next venture.

'I have been offered a



Matt Lane, standing in checked shirt, and his Poinciana team. Photo Jeff Dawson

consultancy in New York by a previous client of mine whose restaurant I designed in Melbourne,' said Matt. 'After that, I hope to start up my own place over there which is something I've had at the back of my mind for years.'

The change has also given some of the staff an opportunity to create their own businesses as two of the Poinciana staff have set up their own eco cleaning business called Nimble Eco-Cleaning. Nikki McKee and Kim Weston are making their own cleaning products which are entirely chemical free, and offering cleaning services to homes and offices in the area.

## Allergies

'I've always had an interest in organics and never liked cleaning chemicals which are unnecessary and highly toxic,' said Nikki. 'I believe that cleaning products are responsible for many of the allergies people suffer from these days.'

Nikki did a natural cleaning products workshop and now makes her cleaning products from vinegar, lemon juice, bicarbonate of soda and essential oils, all of which she claims are more

than adequate to get the job done.

'You can also reuse your grey water where you couldn't with chemical cleaning products, such as on the veggie garden,' said Nikki.

'We're not selling the products as we are offering a complete service, however I'm happy to share my knowledge with people who

are interested.'

Nimble Eco-Cleaning can be contacted on 0412 034 719 for a quote. Rates are approximately \$25/hour, a little higher than usual to allow for the extra elbow grease, however a weekly house clean is by quote and works out to be slightly cheaper.

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## Cutting back on tree disputes

The NSW government is set to update the process of resolving disputes about neighbourhood trees from antiquated laws set up 600 years ago to a simpler, less expensive scheme. The proposed bill will be in addition to new mediation programs that have already been introduced to address disputes such as noise and fences.

'Next to noise complaints, backyard arguments over trees are the most common

cause of neighbourhood legal disputes. The new laws would allow a household facing damage or potential injury from a neighbour's tree to apply for special orders to have the problem fixed quickly,' said the Attorney General Bob Debus.

The new scheme will allow neighbours to apply to the Land and Environment Court for orders providing for actions such as trimming or the removal of trees.

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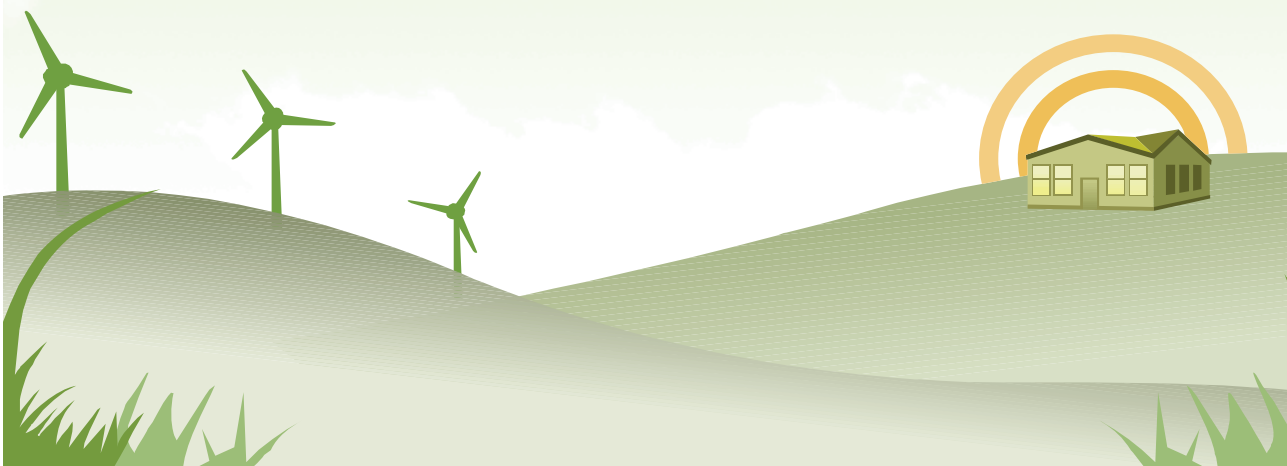
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# In radioland, winners are grinners

John Campbell

The hardest promises to keep are the ones that you make to yourself. Especially if, like me, you can resist anything but temptation.

I was doing the weekly washing up, scouring the calcified Whiskas off Portnoy's bowl and ruminating on my moment of salvation from the previous night.

I'd been driving to Mullum to collect a takeaway pizza. The view from Coolamon was even more specky than usual.

A cheesy yellow moon hanging over the ocean, uncounted



stars in the spangly sky.

A timeless gem came on Bay FM. 'Ghost Riders In The Sky.' With the Commie hugging the bends like an old moll clinging to her water bottle, I yippy-eyed and yippy-eye-ohed

along with Vaughn Monroe – until the stern warning of his words sunk in. It was a sublime moment. I vowed to mend my ways, lest I join those ragged-shirted cowboys on their hellish restless round-up.

That sort of thing gives you a warm inner glow that can last for ... well, I'm not sure how long, having never experienced it before, but I was still wallowing in it when the phone interrupted my therapeutic dish washing. It was Faerie Queene.

'Quick! Put the radio on!' She sounded a little unhinged, as though she'd hit the Dubonnet earlier than usual.

'They're having a contest. You'll know the song straight away. Tell me who the band is so I can ring up and win a CD.'

I did as she said and, true enough, I recognised the tune immediately.

'Can you remember who it is?'

'It's on the tip of my tongue, but ... I can't get it.' Lying has never been difficult for me.

Faerie Queene then went off on one of her whinges about how the dog-Stazi in Bruns pick on her every time she takes her black poodle, Marc Bolan, for a walk.

'Perhaps if you could dissuade him from doing his number-twos in the toddlers' sand pit ...?' I suggested, before giving her the bum's rush.

The song was over, but nobody had identified the group. With palpitations I pressed the station's numbers.

A woman answered. Her accent recalled a Communist Bloc slattern who once tried to seduce Maxwell Smart away from Agent 99.

'Yes?' she said come-hitherly.

I blurted out the answer. And I won!

Moments later the announcement was made on air. Old Man from Goo-nengerry had solved the mystery. I felt bad about stitching up Faerie Queene and knew that Vaughn would have been scowling at me from on high for my duplicity. So I sought redemption by renewing my Bay FM subscription. It's a community duty none of us should neglect – if for no other reason than it keeps a lot of basket cases off the street and behind the mikes for a few hours a day. I was congratulating myself for my genius and my public spiritedness when the phone rang crankily. It was Faerie Queene again. She kept it brief.

'You bastard!'

# Blockbusters show persuasive smoking rates among youth

The top box office hits that have appealed to Northern Rivers youngsters this year have featured the equivalent of two powerful cinema smoking ads, according to The Cancer Council NSW, which is launching a major campaign to protect teenagers by raising awareness of smoking in movies.

'It's a real concern to know that six of the top ten films attractive to teenagers this year have featured smoking.'

'And one, *Click*, contains rates so high it's equal to running two, 30 second ads,' said Diana Fisher at The Cancer Council Northern Rivers.

'Many people may not realise, but movies are actually one of the last legal avenues to promote smoking.'

'In fact, a recent US study shows just how powerful this underhanded tactic of advertising is, with up to half of the teenagers who try lighting up prompted to do so because they've seen the habit on the big screen.'

Latest statistics show an astounding 37,000 14 year olds in NSW either smoke

or have tried to, and the Cancer Council says various research studies have long established the strong influence on-screen smoking has on young people.

'There is an easy solution to this problem,' said Ms Fisher.

'We're simply asking the state government to amend The Public Health Act to require the screening of a counter-ad prior to any movie played in Northern Rivers with inappropriate smoking that is likely to influence impressionable teenagers.'

Film critic David Stratton said, 'Some of the most memorable movie scenes in history have involved smoking, but you know what? It really doesn't add to the story. And when it's not there, you don't miss it.'

'Young people should be encouraged to question characters in films, particularly if they smoke, and realise their behaviour isn't necessarily a reflection of real life.'

For more information on how to support the campaign, go to [www.cancer-council.com.au](http://www.cancer-council.com.au).

## Poinciana

is changing hands this week and the management and staff would like to thank all of our regulars, suppliers and the township of Mullumbimby for their loyalty and support over the past four years.

A special thanks goes to our daily regulars: Adam Boyd, Jack and Flick, Paul and Kate, Patsy, Fran and Michael, Frank (Kevin) and Glen, Penny and Paul, Craig, Ed and Michelle, Jim and Grant, Jim, Tony, Luca and Isa, Rob, Niren and Sono, Heather, Chris and Alex, Mick, Bec, Benny and Zia, Lisa and Pip, Lilli, Johnny, Wayne, Jo and Mia, Michael and Steve, John, Natalie and Kris, Tuppy, Fast Buck\$, Illumina and Tianami, Steven, Richard from IGA and last of all Simon from Spaghetti Circus? (If we left any daily regulars out many, many apologies!)

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## Articles

# From under the radar to full recognition

**Baden Offord** gave this speech at the National Day Of Action rally in Lismore in support of same-sex unions on Sunday August 13.

I have been in a same sex loving relationship for 24 years. I used to be ideologically opposed to the idea of fighting for our relationship to be recognised as a legal and legitimate marriage or union. I believed that the institution of marriage itself had to give way to other forms of loving relationships. But my position has changed. I have been amazed at the effect of same-sex marriage in other societies.

For example, I teach every couple of years in Barcelona, and while there last year I was struck by the ease with which people in same-sex relationships (or marriages) lived their lives. Lesbian and gay couples were visible and expressive everywhere. They held hands and kissed and demonstrated their affection and love on every corner, promenade, in department stores, cafés and in every public space. That is what amazes me about what the Spanish state's recognition of same-sex marriage has done. It has liberated homosexual love from always being under the radar! My brother who lives in Barcelona tells me that homophobia has

greatly diminished since the state's recognition of same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage exists in Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands, Spain and later this year also in South Africa. Gay civil unions exist in a further 20 countries. Yet, in Australia, homosexual couples face entrenched discrimination through dozens of pieces of federal and state legislation. Homosexual couples are pushed under the radar into silence and invisibility through day to day discrimination and all forms of homophobia. On the census form recently there was no place to identify your relationship, although such loving relationships are central to our lives.

Local MP Ian Causley recently said in the *Northern Star* that he didn't approve of same-sex marriage and that in fact he didn't approve of same-sex relationships at all. In the same week, a friend of mine informed me she that was extremely worried about her 16 year old son who had just told her that he was gay. He was thinking of suicide and had committed self-harm. These two examples

show us how we are in this country. In Australia, homophobia and homophobic violence is profoundly embedded in our language, in sport, in church, in education and of course in politics. We are a deeply homophobic society despite many gains in recognition of homosexual rights that have occurred over the past 30 years. But, in my view, we still live in a form of sexual apartheid, in which

homosexuals live under the radar and as second-class citizens.

I now want to have my 24-year relationship recognised as lawful and legitimate in its entirety. Not so much for the benefits of having access to each others' superannuation, but so that we can openly, proudly and confidently express our love in a public way. Why is this important? Because it will, I believe,

change the way we think about human sexuality and love in this country. Because it will help to end the isolation that many younger (and older) people face when they attempt to accept their sexuality; because it will help to end the dehumanisation of lesbian, gay, transgender, intersexual, bisexual and queer people collectively. Australian society must accept same-sex marriage in

the end as a means of deepening and strengthening this country's humanity.

■ Dr Baden Offord is Associate Professor in Cultural Studies at Southern Cross University, Director, Centre for Cultural Diversity and Social Justice, and the author of *Homosexual Rights as Human Rights*, winner of the George Duncan Memorial Award 2005.

## Magpie season is here again

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has issued a timely reminder of the increased risk of swooping magpies during the bird's breeding season, from about August to November.



Northern Rivers Region Senior Ranger, Lisa Walker, said the NPWS receives many phone calls about swooping magpies at this time of year, and reports have already been received from around the region.

'Magpies are very protective parents and they may swoop anyone seen as an intruder who might harm their chicks.'

'In the vast majority of cases this action is simply bluff, however there have been magpie attacks in recent years where people have received injuries to their head as a result of dive-bombing magpies.'

'This serves as a reminder to people, particularly parents and teachers, to take preventative steps to avoid magpie attacks, including:

- do not provoke the birds;
- wear a hat or helmet to protect your head;
- hold an umbrella or stick above your head to deter attacks;

- hurry past nesting sites confidently and quickly;
- if on a bike, dismount to avoid falling off, and move away quickly; and
- better still, avoid nesting sites, and warn others about risky locations.

'This aggressive behaviour only lasts a few weeks. For the rest of the year the magpie is quite peaceful and valuable as an insect eater. It is also a pleasing singer with a vast repertoire of songs.'

Magpies live in groups, with dominant male/female pairs, and actively defend their territory from other birds. They exhibit strong territorial behaviour during the breeding season. Magpies are a protected species and it is against the law to kill them, collect their eggs, or harm their young.

If a magpie is causing concern, it should be reported to the local NPWS office and a warning sign may be erected.

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# Television Guide

1. Our Nicole stars with Ewan McGregor in **Moulin Rouge** (Prime, Friday, noon), a pleasing cheesy confection with Our Kylie as the absinthe fairy. 2. The brilliant Emily Watson teams with Adam Sandler in his best movie ever – **Punch-Drunk Love** (NBN, Saturday, 9.30pm), a comic exploration of anger. 3. Conan O'Brien hosts that orgy of self-congratulation the **Emmy Awards** (TEN, Monday, 8.30pm). SBS and ABC have a feast of docos to choose from: India's call-centre global takeover on Thursday at 8.30pm (SBS); in search of Jason and the golden fleece on Sunday at 7.30pm (ABC); and the triumph of bacteria on Sunday at 8.30pm (SBS). Long after TV programming is dust, bacteria will live on.



	ABC	SBS	PRIME	TEN	NBN
<b>WEDNESDAY 23</b>	<p>4.30 <b>Movie: The Lucky Number</b> (G, B&amp;W, 1932) Clifford Mollison, Gordon Harker, Joan Wyndham</p> <p>6.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>School Programs</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Behind The News</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Real Heroes Of Telemark</b> Ray Mears</p> <p>12.00 <b>Midday Report</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>National Press Club Address</b></p> <p>1.30 <b>Talking Heads</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Bill</b> (M, v)</p> <p>3.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Surfing The Menu</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>The Cook And The Chef</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>ABC News</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>7.30 Report</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>The New Inventors</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Spicks &amp; Specks</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>Extras</b> (M, s)</p> <p>9.35 <b>The Glass House</b> (M, sr,a)</p> <p>10.05 <b>At The Movies</b></p> <p>10.35 <b>Lateline</b></p> <p>11.10 <b>Lateline Business</b></p> <p>11.40 <b>Four Corners</b></p> <p>12.25 <b>Media Watch</b></p> <p>12.40 <b>Family Foibles</b> (PG) A mother reclaiming her identity</p> <p>1.10 <b>Movie: Warning To Wantons</b> (PG, B&amp;W, 1949) Anne Vernon</p> <p>2.55 <b>Richard Bell</b> (G*)</p> <p>3.25 <b>National Press Club Address</b></p>	<p>5.00 <b>Weatherwatch And World News</b></p> <p>9.55 <b>Russian News</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Greek News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Arabic News</b></p> <p>12.05 <b>Indonesian News</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>Business Report</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>The Diaries Of Vaslav Nijinsky</b> (M, s,n,a) Dancer-choreographer</p> <p>3.00 <b>Food Lovers Guide To Australia</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Simply Ming</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Journal</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Newshour</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Living Black</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Help</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>Two Of Us</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Dateline</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>Stranded</b> (M) Death, love and family values are all up for re-negotiation as a girl tries to start a new life for herself after the loss of her mother</p> <p>11.00 <b>FIFA U20 Women's World Championship</b> Delayed – Australia v Russia</p> <p>1.30 <b>Close</b></p> <p>SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 <b>Sunrise</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>The Fairies</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Morning News</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Surprise Chef</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Wheel Of Fortune</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Movie: Militia</b> (M, v,cl, 2000) Undercover in a radical militia group. Stars Dean Cain, Stacy Keach, Frederic Forrest, Jennifer Beals</p> <p>2.00 <b>Blue Healers</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Rafferty's Rules</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>It's Academic</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>News</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>M*A*S*H</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Deal Or No Deal</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Prime News</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Seven News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Home And Away</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Beyond Tomorrow</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Forensic Investigators</b> (M)</p> <p>9.30 <b>Crossing Jordan</b> (M)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Coast Watch</b> (PG)</p> <p>11.00 <b>The First 48</b> (M)</p> <p>12.00 <b>Infamous Murders</b> (M)</p> <p>12.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Religion</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 <b>Early News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Toasted TV</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>In The Box</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>9am With David And Kim</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Neighbours Encore</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Queer Eye For The Straight Guy</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>The Oprah Winfrey Show</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Ready Steady Cook</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Infomercial</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Huey's Cooking Adventures</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Totally Wild</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Bold And The Beautiful</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>The Simpsons</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Neighbours</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Futurama</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Honey We're Killing The Kids</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>House</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>NCIS</b> (M)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Late Night News And Sports Tonight</b></p> <p>11.05 <b>Battlestar Galactica</b> (M)</p> <p>12.00 <b>The Up-Late Game Show</b> (M)</p> <p>1.55 <b>Video Hits Up-Late</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Infomercials</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Enjoying Everyday Life</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>More Religion</b></p> <p>All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)</p>	<p>6.00 <b>Today</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>Mornings With Kerri-Anne</b></p> <p>Negates the reason the get out of bed</p> <p>11.00 <b>Today Extra</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Danoz</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Dr Phil</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>Days Of Our Lives</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Young And The Restless</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Fresh Cooking</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>New MacDonald's Farm</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>The Shak</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Antiques Roadshow</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Temptation</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Bert's Family Feud</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Evening News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>A Current Affair</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>McLeod's Daughters</b> (PG)</p> <p>8.30 <b>Without A Trace</b> (M)</p> <p>8.40 <b>Lotto</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>The Closer</b> (M)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Suspicious Minds</b> (PG)</p> <p>11.30 <b>Nightline</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Quizzmania</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Guthy Renker</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Entertainment Tonight</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Good Morning America</b></p>
<b>THURSDAY 24</b>	<p>4.30 <b>Movie: Fast And Loose</b> (G, B&amp;W, 1954) Stanley Holloway</p> <p>6.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>School Programs</b></p> <p>10.40 <b>The Big Questions</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Crime Team</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Midday Report</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>Lovejoy</b></p> <p>1.30 <b>Strictly Dancing</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Bill</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>The Lion Man</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>The Pet Show</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>ABC News</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>7.30 Report</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>Catalyst</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>The West Wing</b> (PG)</p> <p>10.00 <b>Kath And Kim</b> Repeat</p> <p>10.30 <b>Lateline</b></p> <p>11.05 <b>Lateline Business</b></p> <p>11.35 <b>Live At The Basement</b> Madeleine Peyroux</p> <p>12.30 <b>Movie: The Flower Of My Secret</b> (M, cl,a, 1995) A romance novelist finds it difficult to end her own romance. Starring Marisa Paredes, Juan Echanove</p> <p>2.15 <b>Movie: The Iron Duke</b> (G, B&amp;W, 1934) The Duke of Wellington attempts to restore peace to France. Starring George Arliss, Gladys Cooper, Emyln Williams</p> <p>3.45 <b>Songs Of Praise</b></p>	<p>5.00 <b>Weatherwatch And World News</b></p> <p>9.55 <b>Russian News</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Greek News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Arabic News</b></p> <p>12.05 <b>Indonesian News</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>Business Report</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>Dateline</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Light Fantastic</b> (G)</p> <p>3.00 <b>A Fork In The Road</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>School Torque</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Journal</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Newshour</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Global Village</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Inspector Rex</b></p> <p>8.20 <b>Hotline</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Storyline Australia: Outsourced</b> Over the last five years India has emerged as the leader in this new global market, how it is changing Indian culture and the Australian call-centre industry</p> <p>9.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>The Daily Show With Jon Stewart</b> Global Edition</p> <p>10.30 <b>Movie: City Hunter</b> (M, v) Cantonese action</p> <p>12.10 <b>Movie: Deadbeats</b> (MA, a,cl,s, 1999) Polish drama</p> <p>1.40 <b>Close</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Sunrise</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>The Fairies</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Morning News</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Surprise Chef</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Wheel Of Fortune</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Movie: Spirit</b> (M, a,h, 2001) A young girl helps a ghost find peace and save a haunted soul who has dwelt in misery for over 400 years. Starring Greg Evigan, Elisabeth Moss, Austin O'Brien, Ralph Waite</p> <p>2.00 <b>Celebrity Survivor</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Rafferty's Rules</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>It's Academic</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>News</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>M*A*S*H</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Deal Or No Deal</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Prime News</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Seven News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Home And Away</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>How I Met Your Mother</b> (PG)</p> <p>8.00 <b>My Name Is Earl</b> (PG)</p> <p>8.30 <b>Celebrity Survivor</b> (PG)</p> <p>9.30 <b>Bones</b> (M)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Family Guy</b> (M)</p> <p>11.00 <b>Stargate SG-1</b> (M)</p> <p>12.00 <b>20 Things To Do Before You're 30</b> (MA, cl)</p> <p>12.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Creflo A Dollar</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Early News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Toasted TV</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>In The Box</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>9am With David And Kim</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Neighbours Encore</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Queer Eye For The Straight Guy</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>The Oprah Winfrey Show</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Ready Steady Cook</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Infomercial</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Huey's Cooking Adventures</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Totally Wild</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Bold And The Beautiful</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>The Simpsons</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Neighbours</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Futurama</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Homer's Celebrity Hour</b> Guest stars Mel Gibson</p> <p>8.30 <b>David Tench Tonight</b> (M)</p> <p>9.00 <b>The Ronnie John Half Hour</b> (M)</p> <p>9.30 <b>Law &amp; Order</b> (M)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Late Night News And Sports Tonight</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Sex And The City</b> (MA15+) Double episode</p> <p>12.00 <b>The Up-Late Game Show</b> (M)</p> <p>1.55 <b>Video Hits Up-Late</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Infomercials</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Enjoying Everyday Life</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Kenneth Copeland</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Life Today With James Robison</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Today</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>Mornings With Kerri-Anne</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Today Extra</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Guthy Renker</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Dr Phil</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>Days Of Our Lives</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Young And The Restless</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Fresh Cooking</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>New MacDonald's Farm</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>The Shak</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Antiques Roadshow</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Temptation</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Bert's Family Feud</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Evening News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>A Current Affair</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Getaway</b> 100 things to do before you die – run with the bulls, walk the Kokoda track, stay in an ice hotel, great drives, cruises, train journeys, balloon rides, adrenalin thrills and must-dos</p> <p>9.00 <b>Two And A Half Men</b> (PG)</p> <p>9.30 <b>The Footy Show</b> (M)</p> <p>11.00 <b>Nightline</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>The AFL Footy Show</b> (M)</p> <p>1.30 <b>Late Show With David Letterman</b></p> <p>2.30 <b>Untold Wealth</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Guthy Renker</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Entertainment Tonight</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Good Morning America</b></p>
<b>FRIDAY 25</b>	<p>4.30 <b>Movie: The Calendar</b> (G, B&amp;W, 1948) Greta Gynt, John McCallum, Leslie Dwyer</p> <p>6.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>School Programs</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Food For Thought</b></p> <p>10.45 <b>Designers</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>The Blue Planet</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Midday Report</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>The Way We Were</b></p> <p>1.35 <b>Men Behaving Badly</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Lenny Henry Show</b></p> <p>2.30 <b>Spicks &amp; Specks</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Kid's Programs</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Message Stick</b> (G*)</p> <p>6.30 <b>Can We Help?</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>ABC News</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Stateline</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>Collectors</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Wire In The Blood</b> (M, v,a)</p> <p>10.00 <b>The Chaser's War On Everything</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Lateline</b></p> <p>11.05 <b>Lateline Business</b></p> <p>11.20 <b>itv</b></p> <p>11.50 <b>Rage</b> (M)</p> <p>Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.</p>	<p>5.00 <b>Weatherwatch And World News</b></p> <p>7.25 <b>Italian News</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>Das Journal</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Spanish News</b></p> <p>9.20 <b>Le Journal</b></p> <p>9.55 <b>Russian News</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Greek News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Arabic News</b></p> <p>12.05 <b>Indonesian News</b></p> <p>12.30 <b>Business Report</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>Insight</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Faraday Lecture</b> Emission Impossible – can technology save the planet?</p> <p>3.00 <b>A Fork In The Road</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Elizabeth Chong's Tiny Delights</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Journal</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Newshour</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Global Village</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>World Sport</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Lonely Planet – Six Degrees</b> Perth</p> <p>8.30 <b>Bronski And Bernstein</b> (PG) German drama</p> <p>9.30 <b>World News Australia</b></p> <p>10.00 <b>Erotic Tales</b> (MA, s,cl,a)</p> <p>10.30 <b>Movie: Antenna</b> (MA, s,a,v, 2003) Japanese drama</p> <p>12.35 <b>Movie: A Passionate Princess</b> (MA, a, 2001) German drama/romance</p> <p>2.10 <b>Close</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Sunrise</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>The Fairies</b></p> <p>9.30 <b>Home Shopping</b></p> <p>10.30 <b>Morning News</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Surprise Chef</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Wheel Of Fortune</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Movie: Moulin Rouge</b> (M, a,s, 2001) Romantic musical about a young poet who falls in love with a courtesan in a world of fantasy. Starring Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Jim Broadbent, John Leguizamo, Richard Roxburgh</p> <p>3.00 <b>Rafferty's Rules</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>It's Academic</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>News</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>M*A*S*H</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Deal Or No Deal</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Prime News</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Seven News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Home And Away</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Better Homes And Gardens</b></p> <p>8.45 <b>The Great Outdoors – Great Weekend Breaks</b></p> <p>10.15 <b>Movie: What Lies Beneath</b> (M, v,cl,h, 2000) The perfect husband's only indiscretion comes home to haunt his wife. Starring Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid, Joe Morton, James Remar, Miranda Otto, Amber Valletta</p> <p>12.50 <b>Danoz Direct</b></p> <p>1.50 <b>Expo</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Early News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Toasted TV</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>In The Box</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>9am With David And Kim</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Neighbours Encore</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Queer Eye For The Straight Guy</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>The Oprah Winfrey Show</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Ready Steady Cook</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Infomercial</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Huey's Cooking Adventures</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>H2O – Just Add Water</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>The Bold And The Beautiful</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Ten News</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>The Steph Show</b></p> <p>6.30 <b>Neighbours</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>Futurama</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>The Simpsons</b></p> <p>8.00 <b>Everybody Hates Chris</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Movie: About A Boy</b> (M, cl,a, 2002) Hugh Grant, Toni Collette, Nicholas Hoult, Rachel Weisz</p> <p>10.30 <b>Veronica Mars</b></p> <p>11.20 <b>Late News</b></p> <p>11.50 <b>Sports Tonight</b></p> <p>12.20 <b>The Up-Late Game Show</b></p> <p>1.55 <b>Video Hits Up-Late</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>Infomercial</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Bayless Conley</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Infomercial</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Religion</b></p>	<p>6.00 <b>Today</b></p> <p>9.00 <b>Mornings With Kerri-Anne</b></p> <p>11.00 <b>Today Extra</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>Guthy Renker</b></p> <p>12.00 <b>Dr Phil</b></p> <p>1.00 <b>Days Of Our Lives</b></p> <p>2.00 <b>The Young And The Restless</b></p> <p>3.00 <b>Fresh Cooking</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>New MacDonald's Farm</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Mortified</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Antiques Roadshow</b></p> <p>5.00 <b>Temptation</b></p> <p>5.30 <b>Bert's Family Feud</b></p> <p>6.00 <b>Evening News</b></p> <p>7.00 <b>A Current Affair</b></p> <p>7.30 <b>Family Feud Friday Night All Stars</b></p> <p>8.30 <b>Friday Night Football</b> Bulldogs v Manly Sea Eagles</p> <p>11.00 <b>Nightline</b></p> <p>11.30 <b>AFL Bulldogs v St Kilda</b></p> <p>2.30 <b>Late Show With David Letterman</b></p> <p>3.30 <b>Untold Wealth</b></p> <p>4.00 <b>Entertainment Tonight</b></p> <p>4.30 <b>Good Morning America</b></p> <p>Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings, they did it by killing all those who opposed them.</p>

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<b>SATURDAY 26</b>	9.00 jtv Saturday 11.00 Bowls Helensvale Grand Prix 12.00 Stateline 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.40 Words: Richard Zimler 2.00 Netball Highlights 3.00 Rugby Union LIVE – NSW Premier Rugby 5.00 Head 2 Head 5.30 Tri Series Bowls 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Doctor Who (PG) 8.15 Creature Comforts 8.30 The Bill (M) 9.25 Parkinson Jane Fonda, Jo Brand, Van Morrison, Daniel Day-Lewis 10.10 The Shark Net (M, v,s) 11.05 The Glass House (M) 11.35 Rage (M)	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 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Masterpiece On Saturday New Years Day Concert 3.40 Great Arias 3.55 Collection Artistes 4.25 JS Bach – The 48 Preludes And Fugues 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: Battlefield Britain Boudicca's revolt – 61AD 8.30 Iron Chef 9.15 Rockwiz 10.05 Movie: Heaven (MA, s, 2002) US drama set in Turin, Italy. Starring Cate Blanchett, Giovanni Ribisi 11.40 SOS: Shorts On Screen 12.40 Movie: The Hearts Of Men (M, a,s,c,l, 2002) French drama 2.25 Close	6.00 Tractor Tom 6.30 Action Man A.T.O.M. 7.00 Saturday Disney 9.00 The Saturday Club 10.00 Silversun 10.30 Disney Adventures 11.30 That's So Raven 12.00 X:Press 1.00 On Display 1.30 The Food Trail 2.00 Saturday Kitchen 4.00 Down The Line 5.00 Emergency 5.30 Sydney Weekender 6.00 Seven News 6.30 The World Around Us Cheetahs 7.30 Heartbeat (PG) 8.30 Perfect Murder, Perfect Town (M, a) Based on the true story of the disappearance and murder of six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey in Boulder, Colorado. Starring Kris Kristoferson, Marg Helgenberger, Ronny Cox, Ken Howard, Peter Friedman, Scott Cohen, Dyanne Jandoli, Sally Kirkland 11.50 X:Press 12.50 Danoz Direct 1.50 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 – Geelong v Melbourne 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond Double episode 7.30 Saturday Night AFL Sydney v Brisbane 10.30 World Poker Tour 12.15 Before The Game 1.15 Seinfeld 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 Entertainment Tonight 12.30 MXTV 1.00 The Snow Show 1.30 Wild Winter Weekend Perisher Blue 2.30 Getaway 4.00 Billion Dollar Baby – The Story Of The New Holden Commodore 5.00 Airline 5.30 Talk To The Animals 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Movie: Black Night (PG, c,l,v,s, 2006) C-grade horror from Hong Kong, Japan and Thailand. Starring Dylan Kuo Pin Chao, Annie Liu, Asaka Seto, Takashi Kashiwabara 8.40 Lotto 9.30 Movie: Punch-Drunk Love (M, c,l,v,s, 2002) Dark comedy centred around a socially impaired owner of a small business distributing novelty toilet plungers. Starring Adam Sandler, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Emily Watson, Mary Lynn Rajskub 11.30 Best Of Backstage Pass 12.00 Quizmania 4.00 Home Shopping		
	<b>SUNDAY 27</b>	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 Leonardo Da Vinci 2.50 Yumi Umiumare Butoh Dance 3.00 Monumental Vision In Sri Lanka 3.30 Dickens In America 4.00 Sunday Arts 5.00 Battle's Poison Cloud (G*) 6.00 At The Movies 6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News 7.30 In Search Of Myths And Heroes Jason and the golden fleece 8.30 Bleak House (G) 9.25 Julius Caesar's Greatest Battle 10.15 Compass: Life Sentence Living with life-threatening illnesses 10.45 Making Johnny (M, c,l,n) 11.45 Six At The Crossroads (G*) 12.10 Movie: Dear Mr Prohack (G, 1949) Cecil Parker, Glynn Johns 1.45 Movie: Ferry To Hong Kong (PG, 1961) Orson Welles 3.55 Body Hits: Weekend Junkies (MA, du)	6.00 Weatherwatch 6.30 World News 7.30 Italian News 8.00 Korean News 8.30 Latin American News 9.00 Maltese News 9.30 Polish News 10.00 Ukrainian News 10.30 James Morrison & Judy Bailey 11.00 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships Czech Republic 12.00 Speedweek 2.00 UEFA Super Cup Barcelona v Sevilla 3.30 Futbol Mundial 4.00 The World Game 6.00 Thalassa 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Lost Worlds: The Truth About Killer Dinosaurs 8.30 Science: Bacteria-Land How did bacteria live in the extreme environment 3.5 billion years back? 9.30 Movie: The Accursed Kings (M, s,a, 2005) Part 4 of French drama set in 1317 at the death of King Louis X 11.10 Movie: The Princess Blade (MA, v, 2001) Japanese action 12.45 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Lebanese drama series 1.40 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 1.10 Celebrity Survivor 2.15 Movie: Fielder's Choice (G, 2005) Chad Lowe, K'Sun Ray, Marin Hinkle, Bodhi Eflman, George Segal 4.05 Sydney In Time 5.15 Fawty Towers 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Where Are They Now 7.30 You May Be Right 8.30 Movie: If Only (M, s,a, 2004) After his girlfriend dies in an accident a grief-stricken British businessman gets a chance to relive the day all over again in the hope of changing the events that led up to her getting killed. Starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, Paul Nicholls, Tom Wilkinson, Diana Hardcastle, Lucy Davenport, Roy Sampson 10.30 JAG 11.30 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teen-age Daughter Double episode 12.30 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 11.00 Video Hits Presents Homebake 12.00 Movie: The Adventures Of Elmo In Grouchland (G) Mandy Patinkin, Vanessa L Williams, Mandy Manzano, Alison Bartlett, Ruth Buzzi 1.30 City To Surf Highlights 2.00 World Rally Championship Finland 3.00 Australian Rally Championship SA 4.00 RPM 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 Girlband 6.30 Meerkat Manor 7.00 It's Me Or The Dog 7.30 Australian Idol 8.30 Movie: Blackjack V – Dead Memory (M, c,l,v) Colin Frieles, Marta Dusseldorp, Garry MacDonald, Daniel MacPherson, David Field, Erik Thomson, Sophie Lee 10.25 Formula One Grand Prix Turkey 12.55 Video Hits Presents Placebo 1.25 Video Hits Up-Late 2.30 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 More 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 – Port Adelaide v Adelaide 4.00 Sunday Rugby League Parramatta Eels v Brisbane Broncos 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Prehistoric Park (PG) 7.30 60 Minutes 8.30 CSI (M) 9.30 CSI: Miami (M) 10.30 Comedy Inc – The Late Shift (M, c,l,sr) 11.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm (MA15+, c,l,sr) 12.00 Star Trek: Enterprise (M) 1.00 AFL Carlton v Collingwood 3.00 George Lopez 3.30 Guthy Renker 5.00 Primetime Miss Universe Spends Awkward Elevator Ride With Miss Alternate Universe theonion.com	
		<b>MONDAY 28</b>	4.30 Movie: Two O'Clock Courage (PG, B&W, 1945) Tom Conway, Ann Rutherford 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 School Programs 10.55 Tate Modern 11.00 Landline 12.00 Middy Report 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: Glenn A Baker 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Australian Story 8.30 Four Corners 9.20 Media Watch 9.35 Enough Rope With Andrew Denton 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Lateline Business 11.40 Spooks (M, v) 12.40 Islam Unveiled (PG) Issues surrounding the status of women in Islam both traditionally and in advancing cultures 1.40 Movie: Once A Jolly Swagman (G, B&W, 1948) A factory worker becomes a speedway bike rider in the 1940s. Starring Dirk Bogarde, Renee Asherson, Bonar Colleano, Bill Owens 3.25 Tri Series Bowls Australia v Wales	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 12.30 Indonesian News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Polish News 1.00 The Nazi Expeditions 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 Matthew's Fight For Life 5.30 Living Black 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Top Gear 8.30 South Park (M, a,c,l) Double episode 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 City Of Men (M, c,l,a,s) Brazilian drama 10.35 Movie: Certain Children (2003) Italian drama 12.10 The Nanny 12.40 Movie: Hard Goodbyes – My Father (M, s,a, 2001) Greek drama set in Athens in May 1969 just before Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon 2.30 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: Falling In Love With The Girl Next Door (M) Childhood friends meet years later and decide to marry. Starring Crystal Allen, Ken Marino, Patty Duke, Patrick Duffy, Shelley Long 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 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 The Great Outdoors LA, Grey Nomads, Brazil, NZ's Mount Hutt, Bass to Barra trail 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 Religion 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 Neighbours Encore 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 Scope 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Futurama 7.30 Australian Idol 8.30 Annual Emmy Awards (PG) Hosted by Conan O'Brien from Los Angeles 11.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 12.00 The Up-Late Game Show (M) 1.55 Video Hits Up-Late 2.00 Champ Car World Series Montreal 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 New MacDonald's Farm 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 8.35 Cold Case 8.40 Lotto 9.35 Two Twisted (M) Double episode 10.35 The Dead Zone (M) 11.35 Nightline 12.00 Quizmania (M) 3.00 Guthy-Renker 4.00 Entertainment Tonight 4.30 Good Morning America
			<b>TUESDAY 29</b>	4.30 Movie: Car Of Dreams (G, B&W, 1935) John Mills, Grete Mosheim, Mark Lester 6.00 Kid's Programs 10.00 Behind The News 10.35 Extra French 11.00 DNA 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 The New Inventors 1.00 The Einstein Factor 1.30 Catalyst 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kid's Programs 6.00 Earthly Treasures Silver and Platinum 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 10.05 Art Safari: Santiago Sierra Art versus globalisation 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Lateline Business 11.40 Status Anxiety (PG) 12.30 Unconditional Love (M, v,du) 1.30 Movie: Curtain Up (G, B&W, 1952) Margaret Rutherford, Robert Morley, Kay Kendall, Olive Sloane 2.50 That Ole Mac Blagic (G*) Bruce McGuinness 3.35 Head Start (G)	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.25 World News 9.20 Le Journal 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Robinson Crusoe (PG) German drama series 3.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 3.30 Living Black 4.00 World Sport 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.00 World Sport 7.30 Insight 8.30 Cutting Edge: Prisoners Of Katrina New Orleans Parish Prison and Louisiana criminal justice system 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Hot Docs: Five Days In August (M, a,c,l) Israeli disengagement of the Gaza Strip in August 2005 11.40 Movie: Hana And Alive (G, 2004) Japanese drama/comedy 2.00 Movie: A Long Weekend In Pest And Buda (M, v,c,l,a, 2003) Hungarian drama 3.30 Close	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: A Clean Kill (M, v,s, 1999) A woman says her boyfriend killed his wife because of her, yet he says they were never involved. Starring Perry King, Roxanna Za, Michele Greene, Susan Blakely 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 7.00 Home And Away (G) 7.30 Border Security 8.00 The Force – Behind The Line 8.30 All Saints (M) 9.30 Crossing Jordan (M) 10.30 Medical Incredible (PG) 11.00 Criss Angel Mind Freak 11.30 Mile High (MA) 12.30 Danoz Direct 1.30 Expo 5.00 Religion 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 11.10 TTT 11.30 Neighbours Encore 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 Futurama (PG) 7.30 Australian Idol 8.30 The Wedge 9.00 Real Stories (M) 9.30 Love Live (M, c,l,a) 10.30 Late News And Sports Tonight 11.05 Cybershack (M) 11.35 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 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn

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# Articles

## Trail Blazers learn about business



2006 Trail Blazers – from left to right, Nathalia Avanesian, Katie Watts, Tutor Leah Robinson (back), Dee Anand (front), Dyani 'DY' Bevins and Sundance. Absent Anamai Carbone.

## Nu ready to share carving skills



Nu Akpol Rojasajja is carving this totem pole at the Island Quarry and would love to show others interested in learning the craft what its all about. Recently returned from a stint carving a totem for the Root Gallery in New York City, Nu said, 'I receive "John Howard's arts grant" and I want to give back to the community. If I can teach some young people how to bring life back to these dead camphors, I'd love that.' Anyone wishing to take up Nu's offer just needs to come along to the Island Quarry in Ewingsdale Road, Tuesday to Friday 9am-12pm with a small donation towards tools.

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Six local young people have spent the past eight weeks learning about business and developing their passions and ideas into potential enterprises. Having completed the first Trail Blazers program with Byron Youth Service, they are now wiser about what it takes to develop a real business.

The three participants about to launch their businesses include Dee Anand, 20, an artist who hopes to eventually open a youth art gallery, and has launched her own business Deformed Artistry; Katie Watts, 25, is fast developing her skills in managing many elements of the music industry and her business Changing Seasons Entertainment is developing the Get Rocked festival for young people to be held in Byron Bay in January 2007; and Dyani 'DY' Bevins, 24, who has been developing her hip-hop clothing label Gage Gear.

Enterprise Coordinator at Byron Youth Service, Di Mahoney said, 'The participants in our first Trail Blazers program are a great inspiration. They are all very creative young people, and the three businesses developed reflect that. I have no doubt that they will all go on and do the hard work required to achieve success.'

The Trail Blazers were trained and supported by local business mentors including Leah Robinson, Simeon Michaels, Liz Atkinson, Antar Douadi and Saul Goodwin.

Trail Blazers is part of the Byron Youth Enterprise Strategy, aimed at developing a culture of enterprise among young people in our region. It was funded by DEST's Enterprise Learning for the 21st Century program and FACSIA.

For more information call Byron Youth Service on 6685 7777 or visit the website www.bys.org.au.

## Creating the Garden of Transformation at IQ



For over three months, a group of creative and energetic young artists and landscapers have met each week to work on an exciting new project, the results of which were unveiled a couple of weeks ago at the launch of the Garden of Transformation at Byron's Island Quarry.

This group of local young men gave their time, energy and commitment to transform an overgrown garden and revamp one of the original sculptures of the Quarry which had disappeared under weeds and vines, in a project supported by The Buttery as part of Club Momentum and in partnership with North Coast Area Health Service and the Island Quarry.

One of the young artists said that creating the garden was a way of keeping his mind and body, active and busy: 'It was a good joint project.'

Another member of the group said that he was hoping that the fluoro colours of the lotus petals (of the sculpture) would have a transformative effect on all viewers.

'The project has definitely been a team effort and an experience I will always cherish,' said Diana Marshall, one of the organisers of the project. 'The raw energy and humour of the group has really touched me and I feel honoured to have made friendships with these inspirational young men of Byron.'

'This was a true partnerships of hands working together to transform the old into the new,' said Catherine Job, the support coordinator.

'As we worked together, inner transformations and bonds of friendship also grew and blossomed. I am also proud to be part of such a positive community project.'

## Law Society slams Ruddock on odious comparison

The NSW Law Society is disappointed by the comments made by the Federal Attorney General Philip Ruddock MP which draw an inappropriate comparison between two distinctly different cases.

President of the Law Society June McPhie said the comments were entirely unnecessary and displayed an apparent

lack of understanding of fundamental principles of the criminal justice system and the rule of law.

'David Hicks has committed no crime under Australian law and no lawful charges have ever been made against him in spite of being held in detention for nearly five years.

'The criminals to whom he

has been compared were detained after being denied bail on serious gang rape charges. Unlike them, Hicks has been denied the opportunity to even apply for bail.

'Unlike the gang rapists... Hicks has been kept in detention without even the opportunity to test the strength of the military case against him.'

## CHESS by Ian Rogers

From its beginnings in the 1970s and its revival 20 years later, the World Youth (U/16) Olympiad has featured Australia as a regular participant. The only international team tournament for juniors, the Youth Olympiad has been strangely neglected by many strong European countries, including Russia, leaving the way clear for junior powerhouses China and the Ukraine to share the spoils in most years.

At the 2006 Youth Olympiad played at the foot of Mount Ararat in Agri, Turkey, Hungary was unexpectedly the top seed but the Ukrainians dominated as usual. Ukraine, the country which has produced 12-year-old grandmasters Sergey Karjakin and Katerina Lahno, arrived in Agri with a team of relative unknowns but, after a stumble in the second round against Georgia, won against all their major rivals to cruise to the gold medals.

With Moulthun Ly, Junta Ikeda and the Song siblings all unavailable, the unfunded second-string Australian team remarkably won five of their matches but were outclassed 0-4 in their contests against the top three seeds, Hungary, the Ukraine and Georgia. Australia's star performer in Agri was Zhigen Lin, playing on top board. The Victorian youngster scored 6.5/10 and a win (rather than a loss) in his final game would have seen Lin take a bronze medal home.

Lin was also a victim of one

of the tournament's best combinations in his eighth round game against Hungarian International Master David Berczes.

Agri 2006  
 White: Z Lin  
 Black: D Berczes  
 Opening: Sicilian Defence  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be3! cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 8.Nc3 is a better way of fighting for the key d5 square. 8...0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.0-0 Bxd2 12.Bxd2 Nc6 13.Bc3 Rfd8 14.a3 Rac8 15.Rad1 Ne7 16.Rfe1 Ng6 17.Qd2 Qh5 18.Ne5 Ng4 19.h3? At first sight 19.Nxg4 Qxg4 looked even more dangerous but White could then have defended with 20.f3! since after 20...Bxf3, 21.h3 wins a piece. 19... N4xe5 20.dxe5 (See diagram) 20... Bxg2!! Far stronger than 20...Nh4 21.Be2!! when White is well and truly alive. 21.Bxg6 Forced, since 21.Kxg2 Rxd3! is immediately decisive. 21... hxg6! 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxd8+ Kh7 24.Rd3 24.Kxg2 Qg5+ is the trick which Lin may have missed when allowing the combination. 24...Bf3 25.Kh2 Qf5 26.Rd4 Bd5 27.f4? 27.Rh4+ Kg8 28.Bd4 was the only hope, although White's exposed king will always be a major handicap. 27...g5! 28.Kg3 gxf4+ 29.Rxf4 Qd3+ 30.Kf2 30.Kg4 Kh6! leaves White in a mating net. 30... Qxh3 31.Rxf7 Kg8 0-1



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# Seven

Three years ago local musician Colin George was inspired to create The Fatherhood Festival, a unique event that focuses on who our fathers are, where our fathers are going and how to get them back on track. With a patron like John Butler who's performing at the opening event on Friday 1 September at the A&I Hall, one of the Festival's aims is to create positive stories and images for the wider community.

I asked Colin why he wanted to create a Fatherhood Festival. He simply said: 'I don't know.'

'What keeps me doing it is that we still get letters and emails from men saying things like: I went to the Festival and I realised I haven't spoken to my son or daughter for 10 years and I called them up and had a coffee and they broke down and told me they loved me. Those are the little changes that keep us going.'

Why have men felt such loss or alienation from their roles as fathers?

'There is a basic confusion for men around their roles. The economic signals say they need to go out to work. Aussie fathers are working a lot longer hours than their fathers did. The average dad now works 45 - 50 hours per week. The basis of the difficulty is that you have the changing family models which have an impact on how fathers can stay connected with their children, fathers working more hours, and a culture that promotes more work and fathers saying they'd like more time with their kids and family.'

'There is more pressure on men to work longer hours and be loving engaged fathers that spend heaps of time with their kids - so there is an immediate conflict. Add to that the change in models of family, now there are more non-traditional than traditional, more blended, step, lone, adopted, gay families. All of those make the majority now and no one is addressing those issues. It's another aspect that influences men's connection with their children.'

According to Colin, it's more than time with the kids, it's about what our priorities are when we aren't working. There's lots of little things we can do. We had a guy called Dr Bruce Robinson last year. He's a lung specialist. Every day in his surgery he has to tell men they are going to die that they have three months to live. Everyone of them wished they'd spent more time with their kids. It's all about spending more quality time - and being consciously aware of that.'

So how does something like a Fatherhood Festival have a hope in addressing issues of imbalance? Can just attending an event effect real change?

'The Fatherhood Festival is an awakening for many Dads and many other men. I remember a politician came to our first Fatherhood Festival and he said: 'I have five children and this is the first time I realised that I am important to them.'

'The challenge for men in the next 10 to 20 years



is to become more communicative and more expressive and part of that is to be more authentic about how they feel. It doesn't matter if anyone is listening or not - it's very empowering just knowing.'

Men parent differently to women, but according to studies, apart from breastfeeding, there's no difference in the quality of care provided by either gender. If this is the case, then how do men leave their children?

'There is no simple answer and I can only speak from my own experience.'

Colin is father to five children, but the first two saw him take flight.

'As soon as I learnt my partner was pregnant I was racked with fear. I had never seen it as a long term relationship and it was a bit of a shock. My dad died when I was seven and it was like I thought I was going to die. It was fear and shame and I went into a denial, and once you're in that you run away and try not to feel anything. It took me two years to try and come to my senses. Women don't particularly like that. It took me a long time to repair that relationship - that's why we are trying to set up expectant father programs and get into high schools to teach consensual parenting and help young people find out what that means.'

As society becomes less village focused, we work longer hours and live long distances from our families, support networks diminish for families. This is a real threat to the family groups who need the familial and community support.

'Isolation I think is the most dangerous thing around parenting - the ethos is to bring community together to celebrate fathers and to create mentors to support fathers. You need to have some sort of antidote to the concept of globalisation - so if we don't have that we have to create it and that's the great thing the Northern Rivers has, a sense of community, and the sense that basically we can create an extended family through our community.'

So where are the positive images of fathering in our media? Every advertisement that features a child with the flu pictures a caring mother tending to the ailing child with cough mixture. So where is dad? And why is it always a nice white mum? Why isn't it a gay dad or a lesbian or a black mother?

'We want to promote positive images of fathers so that fathers themselves start to see themselves in that role. We are usually only seen as the absent father or the bumbling father.'

My husband is a wonderful father. We share child care, housework. He does all the cooking. I do the washing. Everyone remarks how extraordinary he is. Isn't it ironic that a functional participating father is seen as unusual?

Colin added: 'Fatherhood is the last major barrier towards equality - what's happening now is helping real equality between men and women - it offers men and women the opportunity to be the kind of parents they want to be.'



The Fatherhood Festival is on in Bangalow, Friday to Sunday 1 - 3 September. With tickets to the Friday evening John Butler concert virtually sold out and the closing event at the A&I Hall with Pete Murray on Sunday selling fast, there is an event for everyone. A key forum will be the Future of Families at 3pm on Saturday with Kali Wendorf and Greg Telford and many others discussing what impacts new family models have on our children. There's an art exhibition, a short film night on Saturday and also a discussion on alternative sexual health for men. All events are individually ticketed, but the outside events on Sunday are free. Tickets are at Barebones, The Urban and all Southern Cross Credit Unions.

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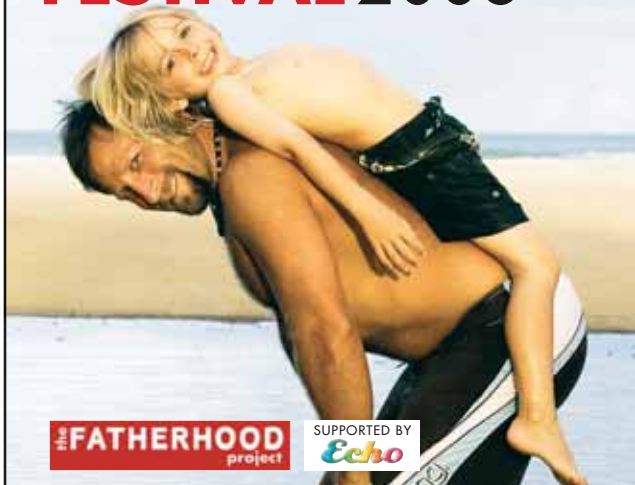
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# i should be so lucky



**According to my stars today's lucky colour is ginger. What a coincidence.** There I was in my room this morning agonising over what I was going to wear, and I thought damn it, if I cut some sleeve holes in my cat I'll have a fluffy vest. My furry friend just happens to be ginger. Oh Lucky Day! Luck is relative to circumstance. I've never won a frozen chook, but I am not a mother of three living in Lebanon. So, one would say, with or without the assistance of an orange puss I am pretty damn lucky. Jesus, would you even bother to read your stars in a war torn country? Libra, today your building will be blown up. Beware of flying debris that may result from unresolved issues. Lucky colour: none. Run. The other day I backed into someone's car. What I had perceived as a tiny ding, resulted in \$450 damage to the front of some poor woman's car. Not so lucky. Turns out she lives in her vehicle, so in fact I had damaged her home. Geez, on the guilt stakes, that's like running over a turtle. While investigating remuneration for repairs I discovered the woman was a psychic. Hmm, how ironic, cynical comic crashes into psychic. I couldn't help but question: if you're psychic,

why did you park behind me? Unlucky I guess. Luck is something we just don't understand. It falls into the 'shit happens' category. In my attempt at helping my kids to build resilience to cope with life's ups and downs I was explaining to my daughter how sometimes you can just miss out. She had experienced the hardship of not being picked for a game. I said: It's not personal. It's just bad luck. She looked at me in tears and said: 'But when bad luck happens it means that God doesn't love me.' I was speechless. We don't believe in God. My seven year old daughter had completely summed up just what it feels like when something awful and unfair happens. My 'don't worry, it's just bad luck' seemed downright patronising. I decided to share one of my life tips with her. 'Well, maybe it happened because you weren't wearing your lucky undies!' That's right. Humans believe that we are the masters of our own destiny, but in fact, it's all about the divination of the drawers. One night I got hit by beer cans at a gig. I rushed home devastated. It was reassuring to realise that it wasn't because I was crap. I had forgotten to wear my lucky undies. Lucky undies aren't necessarily

attractive. If you're really lucky, you'll have more than one pair. (Makes the weekly activities a lot more hygienic). When you wear your lucky undies, for some unknown reason, great things happen. Schappelle Corby obviously wasn't wearing hers, and neither was Mel Gibson. In fact, after being detained Mel was heard shouting: 'Jews stole my lucky undies.' The existence of such positive pants means of course while most of the knickers will remain neutral, somewhere in the underwear drawer lurks the evil undies. These undies have got pissed and lost your wallet, dobbed you into the taxation department and voted Liberal. These are covert operatives. They are literally undercover, and are usually only discovered post trauma. Burn them immediately. Even if they're still on. For years now my underpants have been controlling my life. I woke up the other morning and thought today I grab life by the gusset. It's time to be responsible for how I react to all of life's outcomes and not defer blame to some poor bystanding bloomers. So now I'm not wearing any undies at all.



## Live (music)

### GETTING INTIMATE WITH WILLY

**Willy McElroy**, front man for the **Wild Zinnias** fronts the **Mullumbimby Folk Club this Thursday**. Willy is the lovable larrikin, the languid leprechaun, the lamenting lama of song. Willy performs a rare solo set of his songs stripped back to acoustic guitar and vocals. If you throw him a few extra bucks, he might strip back a little as well. I have always thought that a raw sound is that much better when the player is nude. Show us your Willy they screamed. And he was. And because he was, he did. Mc Elroy is all charisma and charm, so you're sure to have a warm and wonderful evening at the Drill Hall. There has been a constant stream of new talent appearing at the Folk Club over the months and this month won't be any different. Chalkboard spots

are still available but you need to get your name down by 7pm. Feel the love at the **Old Drill Hall on Thursday** with the show starting at **8pm** sharp \$5.00 entry, tea, coffee and cakes available.

### SHAKE IT UP BABY

Local outfit, **The Soul Shakers** have been very industrious of late, putting down the tracks for their brand new CD. The music is the culmination of the talents of local players and includes some impressive collaborations. Featuring: Peter C – vocals/guitar/harmonica, Geoff Wright – guitar/vocals, Ric Crothall – bass guitar, Alan Parks – keyboards, Dave Sanders – drums and Dave Sandford on sax. The band has prided itself on being a vehicle for established players and for up and coming guitarists. The Soul Shakers' regular gigs draw crowds of music lovers and musicians. They give musicians a chance to strut their stuff in a relaxed environment, many great players have stood in with the Soul Shakers over the

years, too many to mention. Although the lineup has changed over the years, it's as strong if not stronger than it ever was. Local artists with a locally made product and supported on the evening by Rebecca Ireland. **Be at the Hotel Brunswick on Saturday from 6.30pm.**

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**THE LOVE BUS THE RAILS SATURDAY**



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# Live music

and by the time you got to Canberra you'd be a couple. Then divorced by Dubbo. It's never going to happen. The Love Bus are a band. In fact a very good local band, the winners of last year's Dolphin award for best song and best band. They're still flushed with excitement from their performance at Splendour in the Grass. Felicity Burdett and her band hits the highway this week to play The Basement and Sydney Uni, returning to play the Rails this Saturday with Triple J favourites, the Black Market Rhythm Co.

## LONE LOOPY LAD

The most fabulous thing about being a stand up comedian is that I don't have to lug anything. I just turn up and walk on. Musos finish a gig and they're bumping out. They have to turn up

digi pack with bookmark and features the tracks which have been receiving play on BayFM and JJJ: The Jewel and the Falcon and Change the Ending. **See them this Saturday.**

## SEEING THE SON

**Pete Murray's** had a relentless road trip since his release of Seeing the Sun last year. In fact he's been on the road since September last year and is now finally enjoying some down time with his family. He's a dad too, and I must say he has exceptionally good taste in names. His three year old son is Charlie (I have a 5 year old one - I love it, sounds like an old fella from the RSL). He's just finished performing in Moscow (where he's currently got a radio hit), in Holland at the PinkPop Festival, and sold out shows in New York, London, Dublin and all over Australia and New Zealand. His rich emotional and inviting voice wraps around like a blanket on a dark night. Pete is joined

Fairy Folk Festival, to Perth's International Festival of the Arts and beyond. The latest tour launches their brand new album, Doomsday Piano, following on from Lullaby, the instigator of their slow-burning underground swell of fans. See them at the **Imperial Hotel in Murwillumbah on Thursday.**

## BEACH PIGS

Unless you've had your head under a hay bale for the last 18 months, you would have heard of **The Pigs** and their unique genre defying performances - combining Country, Bluegrass, Hillbilly and Rock with liberal amounts of comedy. Par, T-Bone, Stretch and Cousin Billy Bob, whip the audience into a frenzy of dance and laughter with their unique blend of hillbilly/bluegrass music coupled with their ridiculous banter and outrageous antics. The Pigs are great musicians and use supercharged

acoustic instruments. These little piggies don't care how much you huff and you puff, because with a lineup like this, they are going to be blowing you away. **The Beach Hotel on Sunday.**

## LOVELY LISA!

**Lisa Hunt** returns safe and sound after a gig o/s saw her detained in Lebanon - but now she's back on Aussie soil giving that gorgeous voice a run at the Beach Hotel. Ms Hunt is soul personified. She's always puts on the kind of show that gets you up up up... and away. Lisa Hunt at the **Beach Hotel on Thursday**

## ROLLING ALONG

The beautiful **Carola** fronts **Roll Like That at the Rails on Friday.** Warm, rocky, sensual groove. With great originals, you'll know why they took out the Song of the Year a few years back at the Dolphins.



**A KU FOR THE CAT : Ku Promotions have two big shows on the way. Kelly Joe Phelps is at the Bangalow A&I Hall 8 October and Cat Empire at the Mullum Leagues Club, Nov 25. Tix are now on sale at Barebones Artspace, Bangalow 6687 1393, The Urban Cafe, Bangalow: 6687 2678 and Michael's Guitar Studio, Mullumbimby: 6684 1800. The Echo has a Kelly CD and a double pass to Cat Empire. So go on, swamp me with entries. Email 'Kelly Joe' or 'Cat Empire' to mandypow@echo.net.au to let me know which prize you are after!!!**

for soundchecks. They can only tour in large vans. When I'm finished I leave. I can do a tour on a bicycle. It's not so easy for musicians. But for **Mr Percival**, aka Darren Percival, it is. He's eliminated all instruments except his own voice. With the aid of a delay pedal and a looping function he creates the backing track for his song. It sounds incredible. It's perpetual experience and continuous improvisation. He's a mighty good singer, but then he did do eight years as lead singer with the James Morrison band, so I guess you'd have to know your straps. Mr Percival performs his one man show at the **Byron Community Centre on Friday and Saturday 1 & 2 September.** Tix are \$22 and \$18 from the venue. If you want to check out just what he gets up to check out the **Tuesday workshop at the Community Centre Studio at 6.30pm** to hear Ensembleous Spontaneous Vocaleous. All are welcome for this singing in the round African style. 0406 628 173

## BABY LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

**Gaslight Radio** are launching their brand new album 'Good Heavens Mean Times' at the Great Northern this coming Saturday. The album has been receiving critical acclaim, with a 4 star review from Rolling Stone and Melbourne Street press paper naming it as '...One of the Albums Of The year.' The album comes in a limited

by **Kurtis** and his new band at the **Bangalow A&I Hall on Sunday.** Tix are available at the Urban, Barebones and Southern Cross Credit Unions.

## CAMP KURTIS

The music has been cooking at Camp Kurtis, and this time it's ready to go. With a brand spanking new album about to hit the streets, launched nationally by MGM in September, Kurtis and his band play a teaser gig at the **Hotel Great Northern on Friday.** Perennially cool with a penchant for pop, there's the usual blend of funk but with a lot more rock.

## ON THE BONE

I was out of the office today so I missed my usual catch up with **Matt Hartley**, frontman for **Boneyard.** It's rock, it's roll. It's blues. It's in your face. It's anarchic. It's a hostage situation and you won't want to leave. Apparently, they will be exhuming Sir Robert Menzies. Sounds like a groovy dig. **The Lennox Point Hotel on Friday.**

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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 Freerig & 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 Bellsisters  
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 &arena  
11am All That Jazz with PK  
12pm Chezi's Joint with Chezi  
2pm Mystery Train Mary  
4pm Talking To A Stranger DJ She  
6pm Shaken n Stirred Kerry  
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### FRIDAY

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

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

### SUNDAY

7am Rooves & Grooves Melissa Main  
10am Jazz Moods Jean Brown  
12pm Omnibus RG Pedicini/Les Schmidt  
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As we near the end of this series (originally suggested by reader, Joan Mott) we come to a **YOKE** of oxen and precious little else. That is, if you don't count a **YABBER** of schoolkids, a **YAK** of aunts, a **YELP** of puppies, a **YEARNING** of lovers, a **YARD** of prisoners, a **YES** of bureaucrats, a **YEA** of reverends and maybe a **YOYO** of council rescission motions.

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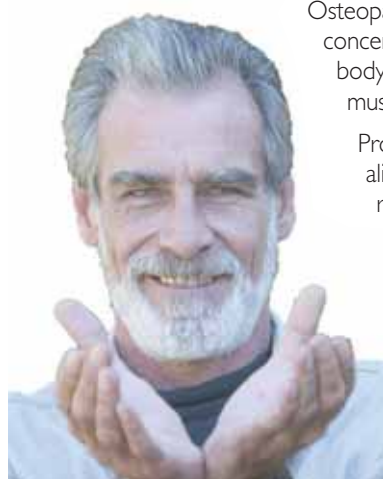
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Comedy Festival and directed Corinne Grant's Comedy at the Melbourne Festival this year. He's appeared on Rove Live, Good Morning Australia with Bert and has found himself sharing the stage with comedy geniuses like Bob Franklin and Glenn Robbins in their show 'Who's that Guy with the Axe?' Bradford is in town visiting his brother and consequently we have the opportunity of having him as MC for the cult comedy event that is Why Not Stand Up. Every month new and upcoming comics take to the stage to sharpen their wits and hone their humour. It's been a spectacular event to witness, with local comics gathering new material and going from strength to strength each month. **The next Why Not Stand Up is on Wednesday 30 August at 8pm** at the Jonson Street Restaurant



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## ART PIECE GALLERY

Coming up at the Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby is a great opportunity to see the latest art pieces of some of our local established artists. These artists live and work in our area yet often exhibit in national cities and we don't get to see their work. This is the third exhibition of established artists' that case (contemporary art space and education) @ Piece Gallery has shown as part of show. c.a.s.e is a project supported by the NSW Ministry of Arts. This project's aim is to foster support for both emerging and established artists of our region and provide increased opportunities for professional development and exposure of their work to the local community. show.c.a.s.e. is about showing our region some professional excellence in contemporary art practice. And case @ piece gallery is pleased to present these 25 artists. **Opens Friday at 6pm, all welcome.**

## OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

Artist **Cath Grant** has her gorgeous new vibrant and lyrical collection at the **Regional Arts Cafe at the Tweed River Gallery**. 'Thinking outside the Square' demonstrates the symphony of colour she uses in her works. This collection proves once and for all that you can't fit square pegs into round holes. The rainbow region of the North Coast is home to many colourful people who definitely think outside the square. This exhibition is dedicated to all the lateral thinkers, those rebels with causes, but not pauses. The fun-raisers, hell-raisers and the child raisers. Go... All paintings can be hung at various angles. There are no hard and fast rules since every angle holds its own appeal.



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From London to Byron. From Punk rock to techno and back again, well nearly – **Nick Taylor's** sound has come a long way. Synonymous with the Byron dance scene for over a decade, Nick is a master of local sound wave tweekage. Now he's pooling his skills. His new musical venture is **Slot Machine**. 'We sound like An Electro/Rock crossover with a dash of punk

Aiming for a live-band approach, which they hope to bust out over the summer, Slot Machine have been clocking both rehearsal and studio time. 'We're working towards releasing an album next year. Our first single "No Fear" has just been released on Japanese label Mad-skippers, on vinyl too!' So the wheels are now in motion. Already under their belt are

'90's while living in Tokyo. 'I'd been playing in punk and rock bands for years, but then discovered house & techno music, so the guitars went out the window for a while. But now they're back!' While living in Tokyo he caught some wild live shows. In particular Third Culture, an annual birthday bash thrown by a mate. 'One year I played after a wicked punk band called Wrench. After me were the Tokyo Shock Boys, who do some crazy self-mutilating cabaret, followed by an upside down Ramones covers band. Even the drummer was hanging upside down!' Alas, awe inspiring as it was Slot Machine won't be attempting the up side down sound down under.

After living in Tokyo for three years Nick came to Oz for a while, where his son Jyaz was born in '92. 'I came to Byron because I'd had enough of living in big cities but still craved the stimulation & diversity of culture that they provided. In Byron I found the ideal mix of environment & culture.' One of the elements of Byron life he finds so endearing is how 'everyone's got a blag of some sort'. For this reason he doesn't feel the need to get

caught up in a system of belief. 'As soon as you believe one thing, you become closed to anything else, so I try to keep an open mind.' Fittingly his hypothetical bumper sticker would read "Don't Believe the Hype", with perhaps, 'Respecting yourself and others as well as a healthy sense of humour are invaluable' in fine print.

But back to Nick's obsession-music. He describes hearing new stuff, even the process of 'sniffing it out and hunting it down' as a total buzz. Nowadays he uses the net to find those 'special nuggets' that get him so excited when he gets to share them with a dance-floor. 'A big moment for me was playing the soundtrack to 2001 Space Odyssey at midnight at the Milleniyum party and then watching people go mental as I played the first beats of the 21st century'.

NICK'S BEAT ODYSSEY VENTURES TO THE LIKES OF PLAY DIRTY, AT PLAY EVERY FRIDAY, WITH A HOST OF LOCAL & INTERSTATE GUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER, INCLUDING SCOTT PULLEN. THEN SAT' 2ND SEPTEMBER IT'LL BE ROCKING COORABELL HALL AND ON 30TH SEPTEMBER IT CROSSES THE DRAWBRIDGE OF THE LEGENDARY CASTLE PARTY IN BELLINGEN.

## slotmachine



& funk and all the different sounds that turn [us] on.' The group is comprised of himself and Sean Candy who do all the programming & production, MC Puss'n'Booty from Puss on vocals & Whitt from Spiderbait on guitar.

numerous live PA's, including Gold Coast Big Day Out and recently at Splendour in a synergy of live vocals, percussion, backing tracks and performers.

Nick started making electronic music in the early

**Leonine extravagance, overindulgence and overspending has finally reached its outer limits – now everyone's willpower gets a boost towards Virgoan health improvements, fitness resolutions and financial B&D...**

**ARIES:** This week ancient Romans celebrated Volcanalia, thunderbolts from heaven. Here on earth you could have something hit you like a bolt from the blue: unexpected news or a huge realisation. Or maybe just something falling off a shelf, so watch your step.

**TAURUS:** Free with advice for others, Taurans tend to be uncomfortable – or just plain hard of hearing – when they're on the receiving end. But this week brings information you won't be able to ignore – during health conscious Virgo transits little things get bigger unless they're attended to.

**GEMINI:** Certain imaginative plans could plummet to earth this week when you realise just how much hard slog's really involved in getting them up and running. Extravagance may have to be rejigged to fit practical

realities. Smaller will start to look more attractive – more achievable, anyway.

**CANCER:** Cancerians' casa is their castle, and you'll be wanting to kick back there after the social sizzle of recent weeks – maybe following the advice of this week's birthday poet Ogden Nash: *Home is heaven and orgies are vile, But you need an orgy once in a while...*

**LEO:** Leos are undeniably generous – but extremely possessive about what they consider personal property. This week's birthday therapist is Leo primal screamer Arthur Janov, and you'll roar too if you scent a takeover – silence as a means of expressing disapproval being so not your style.

**VIRGO:** As this week's Sun and Moon join Mars in Virgo for your annual Don't Worry, Be Happy month, promise yourself this year you'll relax, take it easy, stress less and enjoy more. Then keep this promise to yourself as you would a commitment to anyone else.

**LIBRA:** This is the week ancient Greeks celebrated Nemesis – a deity who's received bad press

in recent times but is actually the Libran principle of Divine Equaliser. If you've been living lavish and maxing the plastic, this week's Virgo energy weighs in on the sensible end of your scales.

**SCORPIO:** This week's clean-up-your-act transit brings plenty of energy for attending to things you've been putting off. Addressing the messy details in your life file – streamlining, downsizing, getting something that's been out of whack in your life onto a more level playing field.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You mightn't want to hear it, but the next few weeks of Virgo transits are best used for slowing down, taking stock of resources and focussing on the practical, day to day steps necessary for putting those new plans you've been dreaming up into practice.

**CAPRICORN:** Capricorns are by nature giving people who honour their commitments. But take glowing promises – your own as well as other people's – with a grain of salt right now, because the will to fulfill them could clash with this week's drawing-in, nuts and bolts reality.

## STARS



WITH LILITH

**AQUARIUS:** It wouldn't do to be easily offended by criticism or the inattention of others this week, but then you're not likely to. It would be wise though to avoid arguments in which giving your opinion will be like trying to put out fire with gasoline.

**PISCES:** This week's influx of Virgo energy's particularly kind to Pisceans, bringing the chance to take life to a new level. A fresh look at finances, resources and credit is recommended. Business advice should be reliable and Jupiter could sling some unexpected dollars your way.

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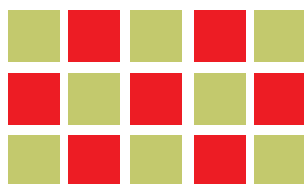
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**POOL COMP**

**FRIDAY 25**  
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- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **MESCALITA BLUES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **MOVIE DIE ANOTHER DAY**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **JUNGLE PARTY & CULTURE SHOW**
- WHYNOT 6.30PM **GRANT & ED FOLK BLUES**
- LENNOX HOTEL 7.30PM **TRIVIA**

### THURSDAY 24

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **LISA HUNT**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 9PM **ANTHONY GEORGE LIVE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE AUDREYS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **THE ROB SAWYER BAND**
- CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM **MULLUMBERRY JAM NIGHT**
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- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7.30PM **CYBERBAS LIVE, DJ DAVE C, SALSA SOCIAL**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **KURTIS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **ROLL LIKE THAT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **BIG MUSIC**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8.30PM **JAM SESSIONS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM **BLUE ROOM**
- BO'S ON JONSON STREET 6.30PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- THE URBAN CAFE **CC THE CAF**
- EWINGSDALE HALL 8PM **LATIN LOUNGE SALSA PARTY**
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- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **SKYDIVE ADRENALIN PARTY**
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- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BONEYARD**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8.30PM **AZADOOA**
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL **TURNBULL SESSIONS**
- STARCOURT THEATRE, LISMORE 10AM **THE DREAM, GOODFOOT DANCE CO**
- MARY GILHOOLEYS, LISMORE **EIRIN O HAGAN, COLIN BULLOCK**
- AUSSIE HOTEL, BALLINA **FIG JAM**
- GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL, K'CLIFF **BABYFACE**

### SATURDAY 26

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **SUB FREQ**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON BAY **DJ DAVE GRAVY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **THE LOVE BUS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **GASLIGHT RADIO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **SOUL SHAKERS**
- MULLUM RSL 7.30PM **JIM FAIRFULL SOCIAL DANCE**
- BO'S ON JONSON STREET 6.30PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **LADIES NIGHT WITH DJ PACKED**
- PLAY, BYRON **DJS MILES JACKSON, ROCK HARDSON, RASMUS**
- LU LU'S CAFE 11AM **MARK HEAZLETT**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 8.30PM **SUPERFREAKS**
- URBAN, BANGALOW **SWEET AS SOUR ANGIE, BAISON & THIERRY, FASMALE**
- ELSEWHERE **KHRIS DJ BEN ABRAHAMS**
- BALLINA HOTEL 9PM **SHELLY HUGHES & GUY MALLABY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **CRUSH**
- GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL, K'CLIFF **BLUE ROOM**

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### SUNDAY 27

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4PM **THE PIGS**  
9PM **DJ MISS T**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN **DAN KELLY & THE ALPHA MALES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **AZADOOA & TRIVIA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **DENNIS WILSON BAND**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8PM **SOULMAN**
- AUSSIE TAVERN, M'BAH 2PM **CLOUDY DAVIS**
- ELSEWHERE, SURFERS **ROCK HARDSON & GIV**

### MONDAY 28

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **ANDY WHITE**
- THE CHINI 7.30PM **SALSA CLASS & FREESTYLE**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **MEXICAN MONDAY & SOMBRERO PARTY**

### TUESDAY 29

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BIG SCREEN DANCE MUSIC**
- THE RAILS 6.30PM **CLOUDY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **QUIZ NIGHT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS & JAM**
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# movie reviews

## RIVER QUEEN

The story at the heart of this movie is a tried and true one. Sarah O'Brien (Samantha Morton) becomes involved in the Maori Wars of nineteenth century New Zealand when she goes in search of her abducted son, himself the offspring of a mixed racial relationship. The atmospheric is potent and it's hard not to be reminded of *The Piano* for, though not as bad, it has the same darkness

Morton looks like she's acting throughout a sombre performance and Kiefer Sutherland as an Irish soldier suffers from a terminal case of the begorrah begorrah. There is a historical grittiness, but it is awfully studied - which is the film's major drawback. By ceaselessly striving to make an impression it becomes so selfconscious that it never allows you inside it. Turgid and unfocused.

John Campbell



which is not compulsory, while public opinion's odium supplements legislation in determining individual behaviour. It is a base argument which nevertheless holds - nicotine is a deadly drug, but we know that, so it's our choice. How we arrive at that choice is what concerns director Jason Reitman. The way business is done and the boundless potential for the population to be manipulated, particularly through the imagery of cinema, is the subject as Nick negotiates a deal with movie mogul Jeff Megall (a superbly repellent Rob Lowe) to get mega stars puffing fags on screen. It's laugh out loud funny and all too believable, and it points out how corruptible and gullible we are without ranting about that condition. In a zealous age, such an offensive of charm and wit - during which there is not one cigarette smoked - is welcome respite.

John Campbell

## YOU, ME AND DUPREEE

Matt Dillon & Kate Hudson star as Carl and Molly Peterson who have just

had a romantic wedding in Hawaii and settle down to the promise of a happy life together. Things look even brighter when Carl's employer and father-in-law, Mr Thompson (Michael Douglas), fast-tracks a juicy promotion. But when Carl's best man, Randy Dupree (Owen Wilson), lands on their doorstep with no job and nowhere to stay, chaos erupts. It's hard to put your finger on what makes Owen Wilson so likeable, but underneath his shaggy dog mop of unruly blonde hair and distinctively crooked nose, is an inexhaustible child-like enthusiasm responsible for much of his appeal. As irrepressible, homeless and jobless Dupree, Wilson turns irritating into lovable as he moves in with newlyweds, making life unbearable, then patching up the mess, turning things around so we see life from his point of view. With its smart script and an ultra-likeable cast, *You Me and Dupree* is funny and wacky with plenty of heart, shifting focus beyond expectations.



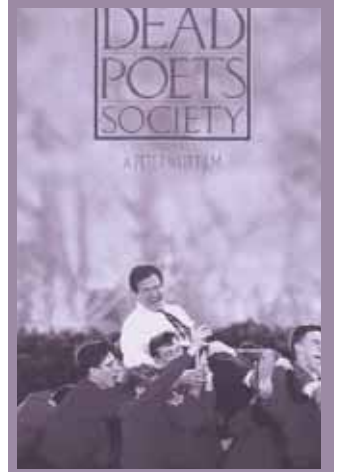
and sullen earnestness. It's also not a million miles from John Ford's mighty *The Searchers*, as director Vincent Ward explores the issues of the clash of cultures and the strength of family. But it is one-paced and unsettled, with scenes abruptly jumping from time and place, and made more exhausting by too much hand held camera and intrusive, melodramatic music laid over often incomprehensible dialogue.

## THANK YOU FOR SMOKING

Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) is a tobacco lobbyist whose cocky world order is threatened by anti-smoking activists, a do-good senator and a conniving female reporter. Eckhart, suave and likeable, easily wins sympathy for a character of questionable values who brazenly claims the high moral ground in defending our right to decide for ourselves. The nanny state steadily prohibits that

### FAVOURITE MOVIE QUOTATION : DEAD POET'S SOCIETY

**John Keating:** They're not that different from you, are they? Same haircuts. Full of hormones, just like you. Invincible, just like you feel. The world is their oyster. They believe they're destined for great things, just like many of you, their eyes are full of hope, just like you. Did they wait until it was too late to make from their lives even one iota of what they were capable? Because, you see gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. But if you listen real close, you can hear them whisper their legacy to you. Go on, lean in. Listen, you hear it?... Carpe... hear it?... Carpe, carpe diem, seize the day boys, make your lives extraordinary.



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## TABLE TALK

### JACK GETS SAUCED

John Boland of the **Byron Bay Chilli Company** ([www.byronbaychilli.com](http://www.byronbaychilli.com)) recounts how actor Jack Thompson ends up with his name on a barbecue sauce: The first time I met Jack Thompson was several years ago at the Byron Bay Blues Festival. Jack had been jamming on the harmonica with Billy Thorpe. I think it was the year Roger McGuinn was there, doing Byrds tunes from the sixties; a day right up there with hearing the Elvin Bishop Blues Band a handful of years earlier, or Arthur Lee not quite so long ago. Anyway, I had a stand there flogging our Byron Bay Chilli Sauces, and Jack wandered by late one night to do a bit of sampling. I could tell by the way he went straight for the chipotle (smoked jalapeno) salsa that he was a connoisseur of hot sauces. He told me about his passion for charcoal/woodfired BBQ, mentioning that he also enjoyed making his own sauce recipes. We talked about his travels, the spicy twangs and smokey drones of barbecue sauce being tossed about like musical notes for the tastebuds. Some time later he rang to ask if we would be interested in working with him to produce some of his sauces for the public. He mentioned wanting to do something to help support one of his favourite community based initiatives – Landcare Australia. For every bottle sold we will make a donation to this very worthwhile endeavour. He said he asked us because, since our meeting at the Blues Festival, he had taken to adding that special touch of spice to his recipes with a bottle of our Red Cayenne Chilli Sauce (voted best Louisiana Style Hot Sauce for the last two years at the annual Scovie Fiery Foods Competition held in Albuquerque, New Mexico). Jack had three sauces in mind, and asked us to try them and see what we thought. First we had a barbecue in the hills behind Byron Bay where we live, and then we had one at his home near Coffs Harbour. Then we had another, and another, and finally it was decided. Labels were designed, formulations perfected and Landcare Australia approached. And that's how the Jack Thompson/Byron Bay Chilli Company range of barbecue sauces was born. Please join us for our official product launch at The Fine Food Show, in Melbourne, September 11-14. Jack and myself will both be there cooking the proverbial Aussie snag, dressed up with some of the tastiest barbecue sauces on the planet – Stand E 46 Gourmet Food Section. Melbourne Exhibition Centre. (Jeff's Shed)



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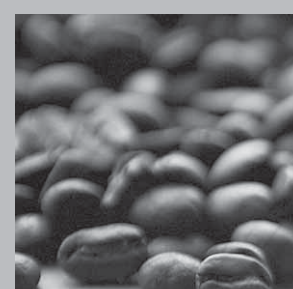
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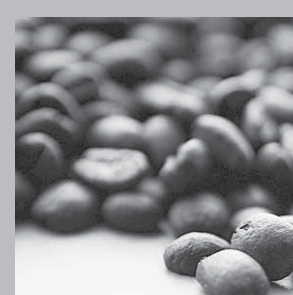
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**Muoi's Feast** in Byron Bay's Fletcher Street is a success story anyway, and adored by locals. The eternally-sunny Muoi – whose sweet humility belies the technical expertise with which she manages to please all palates all of the time – was the winner in the Asian restaurant category. I asked Muoi if she had a special recipe she was prepared to share and she suggested the Whole Roast chicken in Rock Salt, currently on her special Vietnamese Inspiration menu. She bones out a chicken, marinates it then smokes it on a bed of rock salt so hot it chars the chicken golden, leaving the flesh incredibly moist and gorgeously perfumed. Best Cafe-Restaurant in the region was deemed **Utopia** in Bangalow. This chic little slice of the city has from the beginning been popular, the long narrow space stretching back past tables filled with ladies who lunch, family groups or groovy young things in for a full meal or merely coffee, invariably well-made, and one of the heavenly sweet things from the glassed-in display. Winner of Best New Restaurant is the Devlin brothers' **WhyNot** near the Byron Bay roundabout. These hardworking boys deserve all the awards they receive: that welcoming space they have created will offer you forty international wines by the glass, Italian nights on Tuesdays, live music and stand-up comedy, tapas and cocktails, reasonably priced meals and comfy couches, and a Chocolate Fondant with White Chocolate Icecream capable of making grown men weep. Best Thai Restaurant went to **Bang Thai** at Bangalow. Having enjoyed several superb degustations there over the past year I can quite see why. Those were the newcomers. The usual suspects were – **dish** for Contemporary Australian; **Fins** for Seafood; **Seven Mile Cafe** for Wine List; **Coyotes Cantina** for Mexican. Dish is amazing – after seven years in fickle, ruthless Byron Bay it has only ever had two head chefs and has recently taken on its third, to replace Luke Southward. A new menu is expected out soon and I anticipate it eagerly – its leanings, I understand, will be more French than Spanish. Fins of course barely needs a mention – and I await with interest the opening of its little brother up at Salt in Kingscliff in a couple of months' time. The gloriously-positioned Seven Mile Cafe – to my mind one of the best dining destinations up here – is about to relinquish ownership after a very neat seven year stint by Marcel and Tracey, who are handing over the reins to Ian Hunt and Wayne Higgins. As for Coyote's Cantina when I asked owner JP for one of the more popular dishes he described Halapeno Chillies Stuffed with Cheese, Double-Crumbed and Deep-Fried, and all I could think was: decadence in a dish! Or heart failure. Or eye-rolling pleasure, sitting out the back in the little courtyard on a balmy Byron night...

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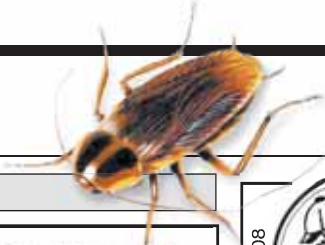
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# Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

## Main Armers annihilate unwitting Driftins

**Brian Mollet**

If aliens were to make first contact with humans during a cricket match, what would they think of us? The umpires would seem like gods, the fieldsmen worshippers, and the batsmen ritual victims. If it happened to be during a Nick Shand Memorial game, they would either leave our world forever or attempt to assimilate.

Some say this explains the origins of some of the weirder characters who play in the shire's favourite social competition, and Sunday's match between Main Arm and the Mullum Driftins tends to support this thesis. Greg won the toss for Main Arm and chose to bat, musical pairing Lonsdale and Kahn looking to rock and roll early, but Joey Reynolds took the new ball and was the first to get into rhythm.

Khan was lucky to survive his opening spell and also a very controversial runout where he was given out but recalled by the very sporting

Driftins skipper Trent. This spurred the big fellow to action: he changed his tune to out and out thrash, thumping out a short, fast and loud 30 runs. Angie was asked to the bowling crease early, her repertoire of subtle variations slowed the scoring and earned her the first wicket. Skipper Greg joined Lons to steer the Main Armers to 1/71 at drinks.

They launched into the attack at the resumption, landing more big hits than a footballer at a nightclub. Both retired unbeaten and the Main Armers, like well supplied units with a ceasefire looming, fired every gun they had at the bowling. Alec and Willie picked up two scalps apiece but the scoreboard was ticking over like the price of fossil fuel and Kahn and Lons returned to crunch out 40 off the last four overs, the score reaching a whopping 194, far and away the best score this year.

The Driftins were under pressure from the outset

when Ryan scattered Willie's stumps and Kahn removed the dangerous Ricky with only 10 on the scoreboard. Jake was unbeaten this year and had advanced to 17 with a series of telling blows, the vainglorious Brian surprised everyone by getting one to straighten on him, Greg holding on to a lunging catch at point.

Joe was finding form with the bat for the Driftins but at the other end wickets tumbled as Main Arm proved why it is known as the home of spinners, slowies Bourkey and Lons doing plenty of damage. Trent's wicket ended any real chance at victory for the Driftins, Joe returned to make a last stand but it was a bit like watching a peace negotiator in the Middle East, the task was too big.

The insufferable Main Armers prevailed by a massive 90 runs and join the Geckos with three wins from three. Next week Left Bankers play Eureka Grass.

## New season for Byron Bay Athletics Club

Athletics in the Byron Shire has gone from strength to strength in the last few years especially at the grass roots level. The new athletics season will be starting in September and Byron little athletics has changed its name to Byron Bay Athletics Club to reflect a new focus on providing competition for senior athletes up to 17 years old.

Last season the club had 120 registered athletes aged between five and 17 years at all levels of ability competing at the Byron Bay High School oval in a range of track and field events. Byron athletes also have the opportunity to compete in both the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

'Our competition works brilliantly for everyone as the emphasis is on personal improvement not winning,' says Club president Phil Redhead. 'Every athlete irrespective of ability will grow and improve with training and practice through the season and they are rewarded for that.'



Byron Bay Athletics Club member Indigo Rawson-Smith demonstrates her javelin style

Signon will be Thursday 12pm at the high school oval. September 7 between 4pm and 6pm and Saturday September 9 between 9am and 12pm. Please bring proof of age. For information call Phil Redhead on 6684 8185.

## Local footballers bring home some bling



Several young local boys have returned from the trip of a lifetime playing football in Denmark and Sweden in the Dana and Gothia Cups respectively. Despite often being at a disadvantage in the size and weight departments, the teams made up for it with heart, fitness, team spirit, some lethal pace and finishing, and great goalkeeping. All this was aided and abetted by the efforts of their

four coaches and a group of rowdy but enthusiastic Aussie fans, most of whom were nervous parents - with rapidly increasing credit card debt - and their friends and offspring.

Playing in the Gothia Cup and reaching the B playoffs final, which they lost 4-0, Ben Bhujel and Jo Loe-wenthal of Mullumbimby, Simon McKenna of Ocean Shores, Jai Ingham of East

Ballina, and Jesse McDonnell and Brad Smith of Lennox Head (pictured above as part of a euphoric 13s team) were the proud recipients of silver medals and a runners-up cup.

The team went on to reach the A quarter finals in the Dana Cup before being eliminated, ending a noble and courageous campaign that had achieved ten wins, a draw and four defeats over the two tournaments.

Ben, Jo and Simon came home the proud owners of silver medals and a share in three trophies for their efforts, while Tommy More of Possum Creek played his part in an ever improving campaign by the older teams. Special mention should be made of Lennox Head speed machine, Brad Smith who knocked up an astonishing 20 goals over the fortnight in the younger age groups.

## Urgent call to cricket committee

Mullumbimby Brunswick Cricket Club, after a fantastic history spanning decades in the Shire, is facing closure unless executive positions are filled for this season.

At a poorly attended AGM held last week, the outgoing president, treasurer and secretary, who collectively have been involved with the club for several decades, were disappointed with the absence of younger blood to lead the club forward.

'The club has been an integral part of sporting life and local rivalry over many years, and with a very successful, strong and spirited

junior base, it would be tragic for the club to close,' said one committee member.

With the commencement of the season only weeks away, signons can not be initiated until an executive is elected. The club also needs interested players and parents to take on coaching and managerial roles for the expanding junior ranks.

Another AGM has been scheduled for Wednesday August 30 at 7.30pm. Please come along and put in a little time and energy to reignite the spirit of this great club. Please ring 6680 3136 for more information.

## Crankin what's happening surfside

### Byron Bay Boardriders

Straddy Assault coming up; to be considered for the team ring Lee Miller. Next club round September 17.

### All Girls Surf Riders

August club rnd at Broken Head in 1m waves. Due to uncontested conditions in July the Hard Core Winter Surf Slash Prize Round was surfed this month with finalists winning prize bags. Finalists as follows: junior beginner 1 G Fuller, 2 B Walsh, 3 G Hoskin, 4 B McBurney; senior beginner 1 D Kerr, 2 L Llewelyn, 3 S Acret, 4 F Doran; intermediate 1 M Blue Beckerleg, 2 S Brown, 3 J Tranberg, 4 I Springis; advanced 1 S Sallis, 2 R Bonhote Mead, 3 L Wright, 4 L Adsett; longboard 1 M Pentecost, 2 C Stevenson, 3 K

Wilcox, 4 S Petrie. All Girls will be competing in a team event on the Gold Coast Sunday August 27. We wish them luck in bringing the Ma Bendall/Phyllis O'Donnell shield home.

### Surfing FNC

WQS mens in France: J Lewan, A Walsh eliminated rnd 1; A Melling, J Barnes, J Sullivan eliminated rnd 1; A Melling, J Barnes, J Sullivan eliminated rnd 2; K Perrow placed 3rd overall. WQS womens in Brazil L McGrath eliminated rnd 2; S Gilmore eliminated rnd 3.

### Brunswick Boardriders

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23rd Low	8.04 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.27 pm
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Low	1.43 pm 0.4	Moonset	4.54 pm
THU High	8.37 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.09 am
24th Low	8.38 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.27 pm
High	2.37 am 0.3	Moonrise	6.23 am
Low	2.20 pm 0.4	Moonset	4.49 pm
FRI High	9.09 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.08 am
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High	3.06 am 0.2	Moonrise	6.51 am
Low	2.57 pm 0.4	Moonset	6.41 pm
SAT High	9.41 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.07 am
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High	3.34 am 0.3	Moonrise	7.17 am
Low	3.32 pm 0.4	Moonset	7.33 pm
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High	4.02 am 0.3	Moonrise	7.43 am
Low	4.09 pm 0.4	Moonset	8.25 pm
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Low	4.48 pm 0.4	Moonset	9.18 pm
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High	4.49 am 0.4	Moonrise	8.37 am
Low	5.33 pm 0.5	Moonset	10.13 pm

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# Sports Roundup with Alex McAuley

## Bangalow/Byron rugby union 'grand final' comes a week early

Bangalow rugby union's unbeaten run came to an end in the major semifinal over the weekend, losing 7-6 in the last five minutes with a forward pushover try which was converted by a resurgent Evans team.

It followed a similar pattern to other close games this season: good service from the halves to get the backs going, but difficulty in making try scoring opportunities. A high turnover rate in the rucks and mauls coupled with a high penalty count put Bangalow on the back foot for most of the game.

Two penalties and almost a try from a strong run by Richard Allen were the total scoring opportunities for Bangalow; maybe it was a lack of intensity that was missing, or complacency after winning so many games, but it was certainly a wake up call. Training on Wednesday should iron out most of the problems which caused this end of season hiccup, and get the boys back on track.

### Byron Bay through to preliminary final

Byron Bay has moved one step closer to the Village Competition grand final with another fierce and physical match against Kyogle.



Action from the semi final between Bangalow and Evans Head on Saturday. Photo Lou Beaumont

Byron started the game with great speed, and two first half tries to Connor Crichton gave the Bay an early 12-0 lead.

With an interesting interpretation of the breakdown putting Byron on the wrong end of a massive penalty count, Byron had to do an enormous amount of defending. The Bay's forwards were

up to the task and performed well at the set piece as well as having great intensity at the breakdown.

The Byron backs showed what happens when they get consistent clean ball and tore holes in the Kyogle defence almost at will, only being let down by poor option taking.

The game lifted in intensity in the second half; two

penalties to Jamie Jones kept the Bay in front and sent them to the preliminary final next week. Special mention was made of players player Connor Crichton, prop Ash Burgess and the tireless captain Mick 'Wombat' Leece.

The 18-10 victory means Byron will play Bangalow next Saturday in Bangalow kicking off at 3pm.

## Rams save the best for last

Saturday afternoon saw Byron Bay Soccer Club's premiers and reserves take on a strong Maclean outfit in two crucial matches at the business end of the season.

In reserves, the crowd was treated to an end to end battle with Byron going into the break 2-0 up thanks to goals from John Bradbury and Satis. Maclean came out firing to snatch a goal back early in the second half, but Keith put the result beyond doubt with a clinical finish for a final score of 3-1.

Premiers played in front of the biggest crowd of the year and didn't disappoint, coming away with a 2-1 win. With Maclean only two points behind Byron on the ladder, nothing but a win would do for Byron to take them closer to a first premiership.

Maclean started the stronger of the two sides and

took the lead via a dipping 20 metre shot which beat the keeper all ends up. After a few changes at half time bringing on super subs John Bradbury and Chris Cranmer, the Rams came out a different side with the younger players stepping up to be counted and giving the fans something to cheer about.

Young flanker Eden Robinson proved to be the difference between the two sides, scoring twice to bring the Rams home. His first goal was a well placed header, his second a low angled shot that almost broke the back of the net.

Best for Rams were keeper Kai, Joel Rudgley, Joel Bradford and Aaron and Shaun at the back. Thanks to the great crowd turnout and to sponsors The Great Northern Hotel for their hospitality after the game.

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'Shuhaven' is a tidy and well maintained property located in the heart of Federal village, and comprises 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan living area with vaulted ceiling & combustion fireplace, and full sized laundry. The fully tiled self cleaning pool is positioned in an inviting landscaped entertaining area, adjacent to a large covered deck. Shed, double carparking area and lovely grounds – what more could you want in such a sought after area!! \$785,000. Contact Gai Hart-Huges 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ Perfection At Tintenbar!

This beautifully renovated home is located on over an acre of level land with great views. Comprising 4 bedrooms (all with built ins), 2 bathrooms, new kitchen, lounge room, dining room, large rumpus room & laundry, not a cent needs to be spent. The grounds are beautifully landscaped, and a huge shed with 3 phase power would suit a home occupation. Perfect for retirement, a large family or the ideal rental investment. \$580,000. Contact Gai Hart-Huges 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**

Real Estate

BYRON BAY



**Total Privacy With Tropical Vistas \$579,000**

- Architect designed, two storey duplex home
- North-east facing decks, gorgeous tropical garden
- Spacious open plan living, timber floors
- 3 bed, 3 bath, home office, carport
- Only 3 streets from Tallow Beach

**16B Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park**

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



**Beachside Suffolk \$470,000**

- Quiet, small and exclusive complex
- Just a short stroll to Tallow Beach & local shops
- 3 large bedrooms, main with ensuite
- Lovely private outdoor entertaining area
- Water and nature reserve outlook
- Private fenced yard, dlog with internal access

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537



**Teenagers Have Pushed Mum Out \$585,000**

- 3 bed, 2 bath house with guest accom.
- Paved entertaining area and fenced yard
- Only a short walk to the beach & local store
- Directly opposite park at the end of a cul-de-sac
- Would make a great family home or an ideal investment

David Gordon 0418 856 222



**Byron At Your Doorstep \$439,000**

- Unique and compact three bedroom unit
- Light & sunny with a private courtyard
- Enjoy the convenience buying fresh local produce at the weekly Farmers' Markets or a coffee at your favourite café

**2/54 Butler Street, Byron Bay**

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494



**Quality, Style, Eco Design \$490,000**

- Architecturally designed 3 level home
- Quality features, timber floors, spacious
- Three large bedrooms, two bathrooms, two living areas
- Lovely complex with pool & landscaped surrounds

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



**Privacy & Loads Of Living Space \$1.295M**

- Gorgeous home of fantastic proportions
- 6-8 bedrooms, 3 living areas & 3 bathrooms
- 1 and a half acres tastefully planted, landscaped gardens, numerous fruit trees, swimming pool, house exudes style & comfort

**12 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale**

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494

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Elders Byron Bay is proud and excited to announce the launch of Elders Home Loans. Elders Home Loans specialises in providing effective **funding solutions for both residential and commercial situations.**

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**Brendan Carr** is the Regional Manager & Franchise owner, Brendan is a very experienced loans manager and is always happy to discuss your current & future plans. Brendan offers a **free service** and can be contacted on **0402 839 885** or at [brendan.carr@elders.homeloans.com.au](mailto:brendan.carr@elders.homeloans.com.au)



**Art Deco In Bangalow \$629,000**

- 1,050sqm block in popular street
- Walking distance to shops and restaurants
- Timber floors, wide verandahs, high ceilings
- 3 extra large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Freshly painted throughout

**4 Keith Street, Bangalow**

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



**Original Bangalow Cottage In Town \$585,000**

- Located in the centre of Bangalow
- Tastefully restored, original railway cottage
- Elevated to catch the rural views and breezes
- Overlooks park and CBD, two road frontage
- 3 good sized bedrooms, timber throughout

**45 Leslie Street, Bangalow**

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



**Views Over Possum Creek Valley \$975,000**

- 66 acres only one minute to Federal Village
- Architect designed 3 bed, 1 bath timber home
- Wide decks, extensive tropical gardens
- Inground saltwater pool
- Exotic tropical fruits (commercial quality)

**Lot 14 Walton's Road, Federal**

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



**Established Area Of Bangalow \$569,000**

- 3 bed, 1 bath full cavity brick home rendered with a European flair
- Original timber stain glass windows, french timber doors open onto a terrace capturing rural views, open plan kitchen, dining, lounge

**32 Tristania Street, Bangalow**

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208

# Something Different

## OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS

### Byron Bay First National p43

- 38 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am.
- 21 Teak Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am-12pm.
- 47 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30-1pm.
- 20 Blackbutt Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30-12.15pm.
- East On Byron, Childe St. Sat 12.30pm-1.30pm.

### InRealEstate p43

- 310 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11am-12pm.

### Property Buyers Net p44

- 9 Rankin Drive, Bangalow. Sat 10.30-11.30am.

### Elders Byron Bay p44

- 16b Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.45am.
- 2/54 Butler Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.45am.
- 12 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.45pm.
- 4 Keith St, Bangalow. Sat 12-12.45pm.
- 45 Leslie St, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.45pm.
- Lot 14 Walton's Rd, Federal. Sat 2-2.45pm.
- 32 Tristania St, Bangalow. Sat 3-3.45pm.

### LJ Hooker Byron Bay p46

- 29 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 53 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Sat 12pm.
- 2 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1pm.
- 568 Myocum Rd, Myocum. Sat 1-3pm.
- 237 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 2pm.
- 48 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Sun 1pm.
- 10 Dehnga Pl, Suffolk Park. Sun 2pm.
- Lot 303 Honeysuckle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sun 3pm.

### Property Buyers Net p47

- Left into Stewart's Rd off Bangalow Rd on approach to Clunes from Bangalow. Sun 12.45-1.30pm.
- 397 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sun 10.30-11.15am.
- 475 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sun 11.30am-12.15pm.

## AUCTIONS

### LJ Hooker Byron Bay p46

- 1 Ironbark Avenue, Byron Bay. Auction 11am on-site September 2. Inspect Wed & Sat 11am.
- 94 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Auction 12pm on-site September 2. Inspect Wed & Sat 12pm

### Century 21 p47

- 1 Tweed Street Ballina. Auction 2-3pm on-site September 9. Inspect Sat 26 & Sun 27 Aug 2pm-3pm. (followed by auction of some furniture).

## Breezeway Apartments

Open daily 11:00-12:00 Noon.

Kingscliff's new modern & stylish apartments are located only minutes away to Kingscliff's hub of alfresco dining, shopping, patrolled, and transport.

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Contact Mark 0428717034 0266749000



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Auction onsite September 16 at 1pm. 6/32 Sutherland Street, Kingscliff. Inspect Saturdays 11.30am-12pm or by appointment.

This top floor unit boasts the most comprehensive views on Kingscliff hill/ Only 6 in block, inground pool in complex. 3 double bedrooms all with breathtaking outlook, including Cudgen Creek, Byron Bay Headland & border ranges.

Short stroll to trendy cafes & beach (200m) via tranquil lane. Full length balcony with perfect sunny due north aspect. Modern kitchen & bathroom. Motivated vendor will sell on or prior to auction.

Contact Emmanuel Voinot 0411 21 44 86 or 0266 749 004.  
www.kingscliffprofessionals.com.au PID 142589



## "Granuaille House" circa 1911 – live the history in Bangalow

Built by one of Bangalow's original settlers, it can now be yours! This magnificent, stylishly restored Federation home has 3 bedrooms, separate formal dining room, large kitchen and a spectacular living area leads you through to the terrace and plunge pool (with swim jets), traditional bull nose verandahs and original wood fired bricks transported from Grafton.

The breathtaking views over Bangalow will be a constant source of inspiration. The large 2479sqm block, complete with pockets of rainforest and lush gardens, offers you total privacy. The luscious bathroom is another wonderful feature of this beautiful home.

To arrange an inspection contact Greg Price 0412 871 500 or the Elders Bangalow office on 6687 1500.

www.eldersbangalow.com.au Website PID: 218751



## Seaside cottage

Delightful 2 bedroom cottage lovingly restored and enhanced whilst preserving the lifestyle and ambience of days gone by with white timber interior, high ceilings and polished floorboards. An open plan kitchen and living room adjoins an eastern deck featuring cedar shutters allowing full enclosure if desired – perfect for entertaining in any season.

A rear deck overlooks the riverbank and hills beyond. Two street frontages allow front and rear access to the property, and there is an outside shower to rinse off after a dip in the ocean. Just a short stroll to everywhere in New Brighton – the general store and café are approx 100 metres away, the beach and river are even closer.

Asking price \$ 850,000.

Contact Will Sorrell at Rhonda Browning Real Estate. For an inspection call 6680 1594 or 0417 653 312



## Designed for year-round entertainment

A seamless display of fine finishes and fluid spaces both indoors and out, this contemporary family oasis offers intelligent design with an abundance of northerly light and well established gardens around a sparkling inground pool. Designed for year round entertainment and architectural impact, the property is impressive in scale and attention to detail.

The home features five large bedrooms, three well appointed bathrooms and the clever use of separated split level living. It is quiet and private, in a highly sought after 'family' environment and it is only a short stroll to the village shops of Suffolk Park, excellent schools and transport.

Contact Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330 or 02 6685 7300 at L.J.Hooker Byron Bay. \$790,000.



To advertise Something Different please call  
Angela in Mullum on 6684 1777



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**Saturday – PROPERTIES OPEN FOR INSPECTION – Sunday**



**29 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park**  
**Saturday 11am**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**237 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park**  
**Saturday 2pm**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**53 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park**  
**Saturday 12pm**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**48 Shirley Street, Byron Bay**  
**Sunday 1pm**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**2 Scott Street, Byron Bay**  
**Saturday 1pm**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**10 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park**  
**Sunday 2pm**  
 Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054



**568 Myocum Road, Myocum**  
**Saturday 1-3pm**  
 Contact Peter On 0411 837 330



**Lot 303 Honey-suckle Drive, Suffolk Park**  
**Sunday 3pm**  
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**NEW LISTINGS**



**STUNNING CONTEMPORARY HOME**

- Spacious 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
  - Split Level, Raked Ceilings Throughout
  - Open Plan Areas Flowing Onto Sunny Balconies
  - Well Appointed Gourmet Kitchen
  - Extensive Glass/blackbutt Timber Floors
  - Beautiful Tropical Gardens
- Contact Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649 \$ 850,000



**BEACHSIDE SUFFOLK**

- 3 Bedroom Timber Home
  - Cul-De-Sac Address
  - 707sqm North Facing Allotment
  - Raked Ceilings, Timber Floors
  - Single Lock-Up Garage + Carport
- Contact Adrew Rosee 0421 914 054 \$ 625,000

**THIS ONE IS RARE**



- Positioned Right In Town
- DA Approval For A 5 Bedroom Guest House
- Original Cottage
- On A 1012 Sqm Allotment
- Rear Lane Access
- Create Your Lifestyle Here

**\$720,000**

**BEST VALUE IN BAYWOOD**



- Light Filled Living Areas
- Great First Home
- Close To Town/Shops/Beach
- Represents Great Value
- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom
- Owners are committed to selling

**\$455,000**

**A FRESH START**



- 2 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom Duplex
- In A Popular Area
- Walk To Shops, Golf Course & Beach
- Great For Your Portfolio
- Public Services At Your Fingertips
- Best Priced In Byron Bay

**\$335,000**

**AN UNCUT BEACHSIDE DIAMOND**



- Moments From The Centre Of Town
- Renovate Or Rebuild
- Private Laneway Position
- Level 678 Sqm Block
- Highly Sought After Area

**\$475,000**

**DESIGNED FOR LIGHT & LIVING**



- Spacious 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Separate Light Filled Living Areas
- Raked Ceilings & Timber Floors
- Beautiful Tropical Gardens
- Sparkling Inground Pool/Solar Heated
- Completely Fenced & Secure

**\$620,000**

**JULIAN'S APARTMENT**



- 1 Bedroom Studio Apartment
- Completely Self Contained
- Tastefully Decorated
- Across The Road From The Beach
- On Site Manager
- Sleep Up To 4 People

**\$569,000**

**COOPERS SHOOT OCEAN VIEWS**



- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Boasting Panoramic Ocean Views
- Open Plan Living Area
- 6.2 Acres Of Landscaped Grounds
- Located 6 kms From Byron Bay
- Stylish Home In Prestigious Area

**\$1,995,000**

**DON'T MISS THIS!**



**COMING TO AUCTION**

- Short Walk To Beach & Tavern
- 2 Bed, 1 Bath House
- 540sqm Torrens Title Allotment
- Open Plan In Design
- Landscaped North Facing Yard
- Room To Expand

OPEN FOR INSPECTION WED & SAT 11AM



**I IRONBARK AVENUE, BYRON BAY**

- Currently Set Up For Home Office
- Reception, Waiting Area, 2 Treatment Rooms
- Living Quarters At Rear Of Property
- Large 1238sqm Block
- Ample Parking Facilities
- 5 Minutes To Byron's CBD

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION WED & SAT 11am**  
 Contact Peter Yopp 0411 837 330



**94 BEECH DRIVE, SUFFOLK PARK**

- Designed To Entertain
- Backing Onto The Lake
- 4 Spacious Bedrooms
- Gleaming Timber Floors
- Great Family Home On 772sqm
- 2 Huge Living Areas

**OPEN FOR INSPECTION WED & SAT 12pm**  
 Contact Peter Yopp 0411 837 330

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List and Sell Exclusively  
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▶▶▶ Clunes Farmlet – 1 Acre With Views

Left into Stewart's Rd off Bangalow Rd on approach to Clunes from Bangalow. **INSPECT Sunday 27th August 12.45-1.30pm.** 3 bedrooms, large sleep out, new kitchen with granite benchtops and large gas cooktop, bathroom, full sized laundry with extra w/c, lounge, dining, new rear deck, ceiling fans, polished boards, garden shower, 2 water tanks, bush BBQ, garage, and huge shed equipped with steel framed mezzanine storage facility. \$399,000. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ 'Greenacres' – 28 Acres Of Lifestyle

**397 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. INSPECT Sunday 27th 10.30-11.15am.** The main residence, only 6 months old, has high ceilings, polished boards, open plan living areas, state of the art bathrooms and chef's kitchen. An expansive wrap around balcony takes full advantage of the tranquil, picturesque rural views. Downstairs is an entertainer's paradise, with a home theatre, wet bar, huge party space, and outdoor entertaining area. A spacious 3 bedroom caretaker's cottage is ideally located away from the main residence. The 5,000 Arabica coffee trees will have their first harvest this year. Numerous other features include an old bails building and cattle yards; large dam; beautiful creek with double frontage; and town water. \$1.25m. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ Bangalow Masterpiece!

This 100 year old spectacularly restored and extended 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom residence, is located on 1,400+sqm in the centre of Bangalow. No expense has been spared – grand hallway, high ceilings, polished boards, phantom screens, French doors, fabulous lighting, very spacious open plan living area with fireplace, huge vogue style country kitchen, full sized laundry, extensive cupboard space, vast deck and entertaining area. Arguably the best house in central Bangalow, this property is well priced at \$850,000. Call Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ 'Rose Abbey'

**475 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. INSPECT Sunday 27th 11.30am-12.15pm.** Superb 100 year old church on one beautiful acre. (Suited to restaurant conversion (STCA) or grand residence). 'Rose Abbey' is located in Rosebank's best street, close to the store, school, child care and transport to Lismore schools. Occupying an elevated position, this spacious home features fabulous joinery, stained glass, polished floorboards, soaring ceilings, and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. 3 bedrooms (main with ensuite & walk in robe); 2nd well appointed bathroom; 2 vast living areas; combustion fireplace; huge country kitchen with gas cooking; extensive covered terraces; study; saltwater pool. \$690,000. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ Eltham Farmlet

Located on 3 and a half elevated acres with fabulous views over the Eltham valley, this neat and charming 3 bedroom 2 bathroom house has a conservatory, r/c air conditioner, study and open plan living area. The 900 coffee trees come with a full processing plant and irrigation system. A large garage, shed, easement to water supply, and landscaped garden complete the picture. In an area where undeveloped blocks are selling for \$320,000. How can you lose! Phone for inspection without delay! \$570,000. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 0418 755 088.

**PROPERTY BUYERS NET**



▶▶▶ Panoramic Ocean Views, Stunning Cliffs

The WOW factor! Panoramic ocean views that can never be built out, stunning 80m cliffs, a magnificent 80m waterfall during summer rain and complete privacy. Build your own dream home and lifestyle within 30 minutes of Byron Bay. 12 acres with a huge level 1.5 acre house site facing NE and backing onto National Park. The best sunrises and moonrises over the ocean! Certified organic avocados, being sold as a going concern. Great water supply. Huge price reduction from \$1.5M to 1.3M. Has only changed owners twice in the last 50 years. Refer web: <http://people.aapt.net.au/~deliciabone/> Phone owner on 02 6684 5235 or 0438 845 235.

**\$1.3M**



▶▶▶ Unique Cottage

This fully renovated three bedroom cottage is on a quarter acre in a leafy rainforest environment at the end of a service road within walking distance to shops and school in Burringbar. It is 20 minutes to Byron Bay and half hour to Tweed Heads. The property is an easy 7 minute drive to the beach and has a quiet rural outlook. Renovations include new kitchen, bathroom, polished hardwood floors, timber decks front and back, new plumbing and wiring, a fully fenced front yard and much more. \$365,000. Phone 02 6677 1054 or 0414 096 776.

**\$365,000**



▶▶▶ Buy Off The Plan, Now

These 10 double storey dwellings will be set in downtown Brunswick Heads within an easy walk to the beach, the river, local shops and the famous hotel. The houses will be built with timber floors, they will have large decks and be open plan designs with light filled balconies. A combination of modern materials will be used to bring an 'architectural feel' to this site. There will be nine homes with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and one single bedroom, two bathroom home. Agent declares interest. Contact Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 at L.J. Hooker Byron Bay on 6685 7300.

**L.J. HOOKER Byron Bay**



▶▶▶ Versatile Deep Riverfront Lifestyle

**1 Tweed Street Ballina. Open Home Sat 26 & Sun 27 Aug 2pm-3pm. AUCTION: On-site 11am Sat 9 Sep. (followed by auction of some furniture).** This air conditioned grand older style home (1940s) features three bedrooms, three toilets, two showers, two sunrooms and high ceilings with decorated cornices and picture railings. The block is 866sqm zoned medium density and located only one block to the town centre and can be redeveloped SCTA. It has wide verandahs, a double garage, double carport, deep water jetty and wide river frontage. Call Peter Savage 0412 448334 at Century 21 Real Estate Ballina.



# Backlash

## 11 years of style!

### Happy 11th Birthday to The Edge!

and congratulations to Kathy Tyson, Lisa Batson and Liz Rathbourne who have guided the salon in its fantastic achievements.

Ten years as NRHA Salon of the Year is the culmination of many awards that have been presented to this progressive salon. Kathy says that the success of The Edge is due to their enthusiasm and continuing education.

Asked what their specialty is she suggests that they are probably best known for their

cutting and colouring ability but also for hair extensions, long hair styling and straightening.

The Edge also boasts the talents of the very creative Colleen Stanford and welcomes back Sheree after the birth of her baby boy. Jess, Ash and Sarah are the junior stylists that make up this professional and friendly team.

Taking on the next 11 years of style!



Unfortunately the information on where to get your free green energy packs from got cut off from the bottom of the news story last week. You can collect your packs from the Woolworths carpark this Friday and Saturday August 25 and 26. Alternatively you can visit their website [www.easybeinggreen.com.au](http://www.easybeinggreen.com.au). For more information about TRUenergy you can visit their website [www.truenergy.com.au](http://www.truenergy.com.au).

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! Elsa and Peter Frazier of Main Arm Mechanical Mullumbimby, watched in horror as strong winds blew their beloved pet cockatiel Oscar away. After insensitive people telling them 'he'd be up the Tweed by now', they were surprised when, out of the blue, six days later, Oscar picked out daughter Alana in a crowd of several hundred people at St John's Fete, and flew down to land on her shoulder.

Everybody's leaving *The Echo*. Our photographer Jeff 'Realm Of The Lenses' Dawson is taking off for a month to attend, among other things, the fabulous (in the true sense of the word) Burning Man festival ([www.burningman.com](http://www.burningman.com)) in the Nevada desert. In the meantime the lovely Louise Beaumont will be taking our happy snaps, so send your requests for a photographer to show up to [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au).

Further to our editorial on same-sex rights, a local investment adviser has pointed out it is possible to arrange in advance for your same-sex partner to have access to your superannuation. According to the Coalition For Equality, 'In 2004, the Federal Government passed their Superannuation

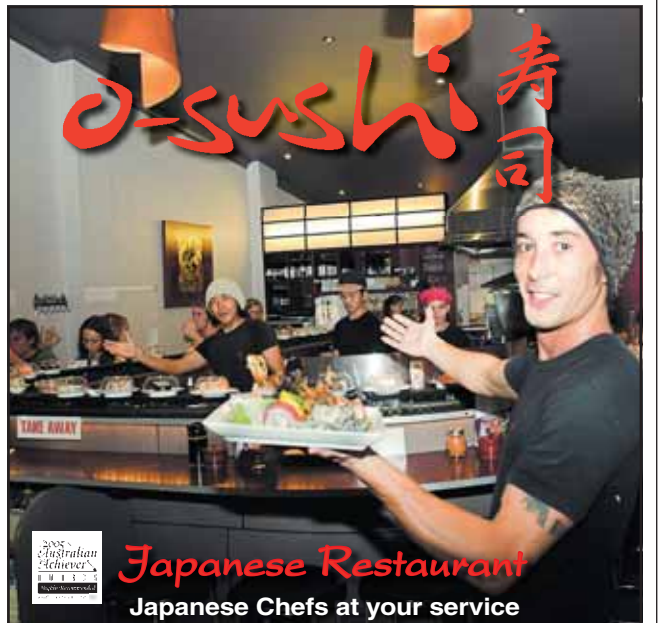


The CIA is obviously taking our concerns about chemtrails seriously and has substituted far more spectacular phenomena entirely. This amazing cloud was seen above Mullumbimby last Thursday, and looks like the makings of a water spout without the water. Photo Jeff 'Vaporised' Dawson

Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Act. This allowed same-sex couples to nominate their partner as an "interdependant", thereby making them eligible to receive superannuation entitlements tax-free. But not all gays and lesbians were granted this fair treatment. Current and retired members of the Australian public service were ignored in the 2004 changes, because their super schemes require separate legislative changes.' For more background, see [www.coalitionforequality.org.au](http://www.coalitionforequality.org.au) and press the superannuation button on the right.

The Parents Jury has launched the 2006 Children's TV Food Advertising Awards today. Parents are invited to nominate the food advertisements shown during children's TV programs that they both love and hate. The Jury runs the awards program partly to raise awareness of the persuasive and misleading techniques

used by advertisers to sell junk food. Members of The Parents Jury can nominate online at [www.parentsjury.org.au](http://www.parentsjury.org.au) up until midnight on Sunday September 3. Membership is free and open to all Australian parents.



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- 9/03 VVII Commodore wagon** 78,000km, log books (7L/100km fuel consumption), AC, PS, PW, ABS, cruise, 2 x airbags, CD, trip computer etc **\$18,990**
- Volvo 244 DL** 4 speed manual, AC, cassette stereo, 2.1L fuel injected, 1 owner (speak to him), low km, 12 months rego **\$3,990** from \$3/day
- Ford Festiva GLi 8/'96** 5 door hatch, 5 spd, AC, PS, etc, petrol miser **\$6,990** fr \$4/day
- Toyota Starlet** 76,000km, 3 door, auto, 8/97, twin cam, fuel injected petrol miser, AC, alloys, logbooks, remote mirrors, window tint, 12 months rego **\$8,990** from \$5/day
- Toyota Camry CSI 9/'99** fuel efficient quadcam V6, AC, PS, 4 speed auto, cruise control, power mirrors, etc, logbooks, 12 months rego **\$10,990** from \$6/day
- Honda CRVs-choice of 3** auto/manual, all low km, 2 airbags, AC, PS, PW, etc fr **\$14,990**
- Landrover Freelander** 5 sp 1.8L, AC, PS, PW, 2 airbags, ABS, **\$15,990** from \$9/day
- Holden Calais 11/'00** 12 months rego, electric everything, mint condition, 10 disc changer, 'top of the range' **\$16,990** from \$10/day

140 Jonson St, Byron Bay (next to Services Club)  
 66 808 484 or 0439 572 287 [www.byronqc.com](http://www.byronqc.com)

**Thinking Real Estate? Think PRD nationwide**

**Quiet & Private**  
 Nestled away in one of Ocean Shores best streets this four bedroom, two bathroom home has all the pros and cons that todays family require. Privacy and space is offered with this tastefully renovated home. Entertain this winter in front of a large outside fire. One of the best valued properties in Ocean Shores. **\$359,000**

**Want a home with views.....**  
 This large 50 sq home on a large 1056m2 block. With a saltwater pool and spa and views of the Brunswick River, hinterland, north to Pottsville and south to Cape Byron and the Julian Rocks. With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, workshop, study/office and a billiard room - plus an extra room downstairs which would be an ideal guest room. **\$739,000**

**Family home**  
 Three bedroom home, main with ensuite set amongst well established gardens that provide privacy on a large 1081m2 block. Walking distance to the village of Billinudgel this home located in a quiet street. High ceilings in the living area with timber flooring in the dining room. Air-con to enjoy the summer months or relax on the verandah which overlooks the gardens. **\$425,000**

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**36 KENNEDYS LANE, TYAGARAH**

- Set on 5 acres (approx)
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- Currently orchard soon to be pasture
- Hinterland & Mt Chincogan views
- Bay windows and sunroom
- Quality inclusions

4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 10 car spaces  
**\$749,000**  
 Denise Burch 0408 193 415  
**6685 6588**

**MIDDLE POCKET ACRES**

- 50 acres approx, meandering creek
- Solid family home
- In ground salt water pool
- Close to village
- 20 minutes to Byron Bay

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 car spaces  
**\$835,000**  
 Janis Perkins 0438 841 122  
**6685 6588**

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