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Domestic violence cards on the table

From left, domestic violence officer Senior Constable Sharon Boulton, Kassa Bird of the Women's Resource Centre with the domestic violence card, and Tweed/Byron LAC commander Superintendent Michael Kenny. Photo Jeff 'IdentiKitten' Dawson

Jann Gilbert

As part of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women, Tweed/Byron LAC police commander Superintendent Michael Kenny joined Women's Resource Service and DoCS staff to launch a new local referral card for victims of domestic violence.

'It's mandatory for police to hand out a card for referral services when they've been called to a domestic violence incident,' says Kassa Bird from the Women's Resource Centre.

'For the past two years the cards given out by local police carried Tweed or State wide contact numbers. Our domestic violence outreach worker Julie Souter and I approached Michael to see if we could produce cards with Byron Shire contact details so that Byron police could hand out cards for local resources.'

Kassa and other welfare colleagues are hoping to encourage greater use of referral services within the Shire with the introduction of the local resource card.

'Until today these cards have had STD numbers on them and the services have been 45 minutes away,' says Kassa. 'Now they've got cards with local or free numbers so there's much more access. Women can simply drop into the Centre or make a local call.'

Apart from the resources for women the card also carries contact details for the Ocean Shores Parent Resource Centre, which deals with both men and women particularly when there are issues around parenting. The Centre assists with family separation and encourages parents to learn about children's development and other skills to improve their parenting.

'The cards have been used for quite some time with a great deal of success,' says Supt Kenny. 'They are provided to the victim as a first point of contact, which is generally when police attend the family home.

'The card is designed to provide information on where to get help, specific to the Byron Bay area. It fits easily into a purse or a wallet without screaming "domestic violence" at you.

'Police attend in a primary role, in relation to a possible crime or to look at Apprehended Violence Orders or Domestic Violence Orders for the protection of, usually, women and children. The card is the next step. It allows police to pass on information on behalf of other agencies that are able to help families.'

Shark patrol under way

Two shark alarms, three rescues and dangerous surf conditions kept the Australian Lifeguard Service busy during their first day of shark patrols at Byron Bay last week. The patrol is an initiative of Byron Shire Council. A lifeguard on board a rescue jet ski patrols beaches from Belongil to Watego's. The jet ski is equipped with rescue, first aid and communications equipment. The lifeguard is also able to respond to swimmers in difficulty.

The Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club will provide patrols on the weekend and the Lifeguard Service commenced its normal summer patrols on Monday.

Cr Barham said the service 'will hopefully allay some of the fears that have been generated by sensational media reports. I thank the Australian Lifeguard Service and the Byron Bay Surf Lifesaving Club for their commitment to provide this service.'

Also last week three teenagers were rescued by the lifeguard in separate incidents after they were caught in a rip at the western end of Main Beach.

Plans to explore for minerals in hinterland

Lou Beaumont

An exploration licence application (No 3127) for diamond, ruby, sapphire and corundum (Group 6 minerals as classified by the Department of Primary Industries) has been lodged with the DPI for an area of land about 300 square kilometres in size 20kms north west of Byron Bay. The applicant is Gregory Pooley of Nea Kameni Pty Ltd, a company based in WA that specifically explores for diamonds and other commodities.

The area in question includes hinterland communities such as Federal, Wilsons Creek, Main Arm, Montecollum and others. The DPI guidelines into exploration licences and landholders rights (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/titles) state that exploration methods can range from 'non-ground disturbing' to 'intensive drilling'. However, any invasive methods require separate permission.

Mr Pooley of Nea Kameni told *The Echo*, 'There was reportedly a gem found in the area and my company and two NSW based geologists will be investigating. At this stage all we will be doing is driving around the area, following the major creeks, doing a bit of mapping and take stream sediment samples. We will be allowed to take some prospecting and hand tools but our methods won't be disruptive.

'We are giving the possibility of finding Group 6 minerals due diligence and at this point it is just an initial reconnaissance survey. The area being looked at is one of many currently being surveyed in NSW, the area represents a gap in the geological mapping of the state and we need to fill it and make sure all doors are closed on all possibilities.'

Mr Pooley said initially trap sites in streams would be targeted. These are often found where rocks accumulate in creeks and often near roads as they are most frequently positioned in gullies. The geologists will be looking for

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Minerals plan

From front page

sediments usually associated with the presence of diamonds.

'Any exploration we may want to do beyond that further down the line would require us to make access arrangements with landholders and tenants and of course bear in mind all sensitivities of the area including native title,' said Mr Pooley.

Renters say

NSW Fair Trading Minister, Linda Burney, has reminded renters there is still time to have their say on proposed changes to residential tenancy laws.

The report is available at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or by calling 9338 8925. The closing date for submissions, including online feedback, is December 31.

Couture shines in the Bay

The Byron Bay Couture Fashion Spectacular at the Buddha Bar on Saturday night raised $1,600 to help get a vehicle suitable for transporting Kristie O'Meara's wheelchair. The 280 guests were treated to a showcase of fashion and jewellery from 20 Byron designers, and entertained by Lisa Hunt, bollywood, salsa and flamenco dancers. Photo Christian Watts

New palliative care room at Mullum hospital

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

Members of the Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary and Hospital Staff enjoy the lavender serenity of the new room: from left, Lionel (member) and Norma Parker (Auxiliary treasurer), Elaine Robinson (member), Jane Ackerman (Executive Officer Director of Nursing), Janine Slater (Auxiliary President), Ann Schneider (secretary), and Jenny Shaw (Nurse Manager).

Mullumbimby Hospital's vital signs are showing signs of improvement with the addition of a new palliative care room. The new room was opened last Friday thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Hospital Auxiliary. Members of the Auxiliary decided early in the year that the focus of their fundraisers would be on this new room.

President for the Auxiliary Janine Slater said, 'This new room will be in constant use. When it is not required for palliative care it will be available to other patients. It is very much a room for healing as well as a room for serenity and comfortable rest for those with a terminal diagnosis.'

Furnishing the room with a electric bed, air floatation mattress, a sofa bed for relatives and other soft furnishings cost $12,000. For 60 years the Auxiliary has been consistently raising funds for vital hospital equipment such as humidicribs, electric beds and other life saving machines.

The Auxiliary is looking for new members of any age. Members of the public are encouraged to continue to contribute to the Auxiliary funds and anyone wishing to make a donation, possibly in memory of a loved one, or become an Auxiliary member, can contact Nurse Manager Jenny Shaw on 6684 2266.

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Short exhibition time for 52 unit development concerns Suffolk Park residents

Story & photo Jann Gilbert

Suffolk Park Progress Association is concerned at the lack of exhibition time for a substantial development application that has been lodged with Byron Shire Council in relation to the vacant land adjacent to the service station in Suffolk Park. The application seeks approval for 52 two-bedroom units on the site although whether the units are destined for permanent or holiday rental is not clear.

Progress Association Secretary Diana Ridoutt has expressed concerns about the length of exhibition time and its exhibition so close to Christmas. See her letter on page 11.

Council confirmed that two weeks was the normal exhibition period for development applications and while Director of Planning Ray Darney was reluctant to extend the public exhibition and submission period he has agreed to extend the period of submission for the Progress Association until January next year.

Bernie Petry, left, and Diana Ridoutt on the not-to-be-vacant-for-much-longer land that is the subject of a development application lodged with Council recently.

Progress Association Treasurer Bernie Petry is concerned that, given the compact nature of the units, there is little likelihood that they will be used for permanent rental.

'The artist's drawing shows 13 blocks of four units each and they're tiny,' said Mr Petry. 'In each block there are two units upstairs and two downstairs, with floorspace of around 78sqm for each unit. So, potentially there could be a lot of holiday letting.'

Budget cuts affect chemotherapy, says MP

Ballina MP Don Page has raised budget cuts to the North Coast Area Health Service in Parliament, which he says has led to local constituents being denied chemotherapy drugs to treat leukaemia.

'I have been contacted by two constituents in the past week who have both been told that they will have to travel to either Brisbane or Sydney for chemotherapy treatment with Fludarabine,' Mr Page said. 'These patients received treatment with Fludarabine at Lismore Base Hospital within the last couple of years, but they are now being denied access to the drug at Lismore Base.

'It is simply untenable that a patient in a regional area is not able to access treatment at a major regional hospital like Lismore Base when this treatment is available to patients in Sydney or Brisbane hospitals. It is not as though Lismore Base Hospital Cancer Clinic can't provide the treatment. They have in the recent past. Now they can't because the NCAHS budget can't afford to pay for the drugs.

'The incredible thing is that treatment with this drug is available for these patients at other hospitals in this State including Sydney and at hospitals in Brisbane as well. Indeed, if these patients are required to travel to Sydney or Brisbane for treatment the cost of their transport and accommodation is subsidised by the NSW taxpayer.

'These patients should be able to be treated at Lismore Base Hospital with the drug Fludarabine as they have in the past. They should not have to travel all the way to Sydney or Brisbane to access treatment with this drug.'

Lost man returns from bush

Cormac Lally, 28, who went missing last Tuesday November 27 from Main Arm, found his way home last Wednesday morning December 5. Apparently Lally became disorientated after leaving for a walk late on the night of his disappearance and it took him a week to find his way out of the bush.

Once he was home he was immediately admitted to Byron Bay hospital for medical checks and then later transferred to Tweed Heads hospital, where he is now in a satisfactory condition.

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Local News

Community focal point turns five

Jann Gilbert

In any of its numerous incarnations Byron Bay Community Centre has been an intrinsic part of local culture, arts and education.

First established in 1895 as the Mechanics Institute it was rebuilt in 1907 as the School of Arts (with the help of a £1000 mortgage), renamed the Byron Bay Literary Institute in 1913 and in 1981 became the Byron Bay Community Centre.

Following much controversy (and a much larger mortgage) the new Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre was officially opened on December 14 2002 (following the official blessing of the building on December 13).

Community centre committee member Jan Dawkins with venue manager Greg Aitken outside the new building in Byron Bay. Photo Jeff 'Substantial Edifice' Dawson

From the early 1980s, while still hosting a myriad of community activities, there was a new emphasis at the Centre on programs for youth and support for disadvantaged people, which continues today. Apart from its use as an entertainment or meeting venue the Community Centre provides an enormous variety of welfare services including emergency relief, financial counselling and a drop-in centre. It also acts as an outreach office for a number of organisations such as Adult and Community Education and the Community Legal Service.

All of these services are provided through the Committee's fundraising efforts with little or no government assistance. Unfortunately, the controversy surrounding the new building has left the Committee with a substantial mortgage (over $1 million), which has made it difficult to continue to offer the type of community services it has historically provided. In what can only be described as a bureaucratic circus the debt arises from a Land and Environment Court action undertaken during construction of the new building.

Committee member Jan Dawkins says, 'Having such a huge mortgage has restricted everyone. You have to be aware that you owe that sort of money and you have to worry about it, which makes it impossible for us to do what we planned to do and use it as a low cost community venue.'

With any luck, the recent change of government and discussions with the Ministry for the Arts and other Arts organisations may eventually see the debt cleared and a return to providing a wider range of low cost activities and services for the community.

Despite its problems the Community Centre is looking forward to celebrating its fifth birthday. In the true spirit of the Centre a new plinth is to be erected in the garden in memory of those who have lost their lives to the struggle with drugs and alcohol. The Committee has also planned an inaugural lecture by Theo Chang, North Coast Coordinator of Family Drug Support, on December 13 at 7pm.

If you can't make the lecture drop by and check out the plinth or simply wish the tireless volunteers a happy (and well deserved) fifth birthday.

Venue for youth events gets closer

Jann Gilbert

Byron Entertainment Centre's bid to host youth events throughout the year is looking positive with a recommendation from Council's planning staff to review conditions of the approved DA. Councillors voted last week to defer a decision until they had a workshop on the proposal.

Large events at the Centre have been trialled for two years with very favourable outcomes and some Councillors support the relaxation of current restrictions to enable community-friendly events to be held.

'We have an opportunity to hold a StepUp event next year, and we are constantly getting booking requests for large youth events, but we can't accept the bookings without the relevant approvals,' says Rick Hultgren, spokesperson for BEC. 'Applying for a DA for every event makes it impossible to forward plan or book events given that it takes approximately three to four months for approval.'

The StepUp event is particularly high profile and the type of youth event that would be welcome in the area. StepUp is a non-profit foundation that organises large events to educate and excite teenagers about the possibilities for their future, in business and in life, by bringing high profile, inspirational business, sporting and other leaders and teens together. Given the lack of activities for youth that encourage positive behaviour an event like StepUp has the potential to connect with kids and set them on a different path. With venue space also an issue in the Shire, particularly for large-scale daytime events, not to mention insurance costs, maintenance and other costs associated with public buildings Council simply cannot afford to fund a community-owned venue.

'The big issue is meeting all the requirements for a Continued Use DA,' says Mayor Jan Barham. 'An event like StepUp is a great opportunity for the Shire but it's just not possible for Council to fund a venue that could accommodate it.

'That's where it's up to the commercial sector. They take the financial responsibility in meeting the requirements for the DA, and get the financial benefit.'

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The non-motorised parade, with Arakwal Aboriginals leading and featuring the Samba Blisstas, is open to all ages, starting at 8pm from the Peace Pole. Registration 7pm. Prizes generously sponsored by Byron Bay businesses - Categories include: Best community group, funniest, best musical, dancing, decorated bicycle, commercial, creative, overall best. All children in fancy dress will get a prize. To register or for more information Phone: Maggie 6685 5816 or check Council website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

LIVE MUSIC

Four bands will be carrying the festivities from 4pm to1am on the centre stage in Apex Park with music to suit all ages from our local & international musicians - The Big Con Band, Island Breeze, Marshall & Fro, & Raggajump.

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON TEA

The Big Con Band and Hans Lovejoy will be the special guest band for our senior citizens starting at 4pm in Apex Park. Volunteers needed to help drive and serve afternoon tea for our V.I.P. guests of honour. To register to help call Rose on 02 6680 9505

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7.30pm	- Marshall & Fro • A lively Band for all ages	12.15	- Raggajump • Rides & stalls still going
8.15pm	- Parade commences, Arakwal Aboriginals leading, Samba Blisstas	1am	- Close

Local News

Palm oil patrol hits Woolies aisles

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

The Palm Oil Action Group and concerned community members held direct actions at Woolworths supermarkets in Lismore, Byron and Ballina last week to raise awareness of the widescale destruction of South East Asia's rainforests for palm oil plantations.

The actions aim to educate unsuspecting shoppers of this often hidden ingredient, estimated to be in 10% of supermarket products. The POAG is asking Woolworths to take responsibility for all products they sell by implementing correct labeling and weeding out unsustainable palm oil products.

This palm oil campaign follows a similar, successful one in Europe where consumer demand led to businesses such as Sainsburys, The Body Shop, ASDA and Mirgos to adopt policies for the responsible retail of palm oil.

POAG spokesperson Wren McLean told *The Echo*, 'Unsustainable palm oil practice is a paramount issue at the current climate summit meeting in Bali, which is of little surprise as it is known that the PO industry is responsible for 23%-25% of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. That means deforestation and biomass burning associated with PO plantations produce more CO2 annually than all combined world transport systems.

'We, as conscious citizens who are aware of the long-term consequences of these unsustainable practices, are calling on our corporate citizens to use their power to ensure there is no more clearing of primary forest to grow palm oil.

'We acknowledge and commend Woolworths' first step – to phase palm oil out of their home brand products. They now need to take a couple more in the same direction that ripple down the line, affecting suppliers, manufacturers, importers and producers of unsustainable palm oil.

'There is a genuine momentum in the growth of awareness and concern for the environmental, social and health costs of increasing PO trade out of South East Asia. However, big companies must demand truly sustainable PO and implement strict storewide policies if we are to see a change in the current devastating palm oil consumer cycle.'

For more information on the Palm Oil Campaign and how you can get involved contact Wren McLean 0428 921 007 or visit www.palmoilaction.org.au for template letters.

Brunswick Heads awash with celebration

The Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce will join the Woodchop Committee's Twilight Markets to celebrate Christmas in Brunswick Heads on Wednesday December 19.

For those who are still on the lookout for Christmas gifts, the Woodchop Committee's traditional twilight markets will get under way about 3pm and continue until about 9pm and many of Brunswick's fashion, homewares and gift shops will also be open.

You can buy a Bruns Shopping trolley beforehand from the Visitor Information Centre in Park Street or at the Artistic Bent jewellery market stall and leave the car either at home or out of the CBD - there is lots of parking over the bridge and along Tweed Street.

This year the Chamber of Commerce has organised for Santa to arrive in Banner Park at 7pm and the littlies will be able to share their Christmas wishlist with him. The Chamber elves have stocked up with hundreds of natural fruit iceblocks and will help Santa give them away to the children.

'The fireworks at 9pm organised by the Woodchop Committee will provide a wonderful finale to the low key family Twilight Christmas celebration in Bruns,' says the Chamber.

In other news, the Brunswick Chamber and its Visitor Information Centre team recently celebrated the centre's first birthday with an open day, birthday cake and free showbags and sausage sizzle by the Brunswick Heads Surf Club.

Russell Siwicki, president of the Chamber, spoke of the Chamber's important partnership with Ballina BETC and the Work for the Dole Program, and the growth of the Visitor Information Centre from its humble beginnings just out of the CBD to a six day a week operation, with the assistance of a small band of enthusiastic volunteers.

'Financially sustaining the centre, with staff, rent and running costs is a challenge, and our birthday wish is to become financially sustainable without so much fundraising by our second birthday,' said Mr Siwicki. 'With the help of our partners, DSRD, Ballina BETC, the Council and the local community, we think we can do it.'

The 2008 Brunswick calendar with photos from the 2007 Simple Pleasures photo competition was launched, and the theme of 'Village People' announced for the 2008 competition.

Cr Dianne Woods congratulated all the volunteers who give their time and energy to the VIC.

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Hill farmers stage market in Mullum

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

Growers Dean Shawcross and Don Drinkwater in their Huonbrook garden.

Huonbrook and Wilsons Creek organic growers and bush regenerators are holding a market day this Saturday December 15 from 8am on at the Pioneer Hall in Gordon Street, Mullumbimby.

Don Drinkwater grows certified organic produce on his property in Huonbrook along with Dean Shawcross. According to Don, there is a rising number of growers like them who are becoming increasingly concerned about the visible increase in the use of herbicides next to waterways and on neighbouring properties.

Don Drinkwater said, 'The central aim of the market day will be to provide information on organics and why we could all be considering growing our own food or buying locally grown food. We will be collating as much proven information as possible in the hope we can answer all questions and concerns such as why do organics cost more etc.'

Don's property, a treasure trove of organic fruit and vegetables of all kinds and flowering zinnias that keep the nematodes at bay, is home to not only the resident chickens but also wildlife of all kinds. A few ponds are vigilantly checked for cane toads and as a result, the frog populations are thriving.

'The advance of the cane toad will be another issue addressed at the market. Michael Malone from Council will be on hand to help answer questions. Additionally, we hope to highlight other issues that affect hinterland residents such as domestic animals, road maintenance, speedsters and 24 hour doofs.

'All of these things affect wildlife as well as residents and EPA guidelines and information on how to live with general courtesy in mind will be available. A table will be manned to provide as much information as possible to those who are interested.'

Don, like so many other small hinterland growers, has a dream of an even more local and regular farmer's market for those not living near the other markets. He wants to see suppliers of organic produce such as Santos and Eden's Landing in Mullumbimby thrive and the idea of local organic food become commonplace.

'Hinterland communities are densely populated and most small growers are selling to capacity. It would be wonderful to encourage more organic growers. Ultimately we want to encourage people to cut down on food miles, so the more local organic produce that is easily accessible the easier it is for consumers to make that decision.'

As well as the certified organic vegetables, herbs and flowers for sale, the market day will feature food writer Belinda Jefferies and kitchen garden expert Diane Hart. Rainforest tree seedlings, native garden shrubs and potted herbs for Christmas will also be available.

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Local News

Frances takes ArtsNest with 10,000 pegs

Last Thursday evening the North Coast ABC gathered together artists, media and interested community members to distribute their ArtsNest 2007 awards for emerging practictioners in film, visual art and music. This is the awards' inaugural year and was conceived by station manager Justine Frazier and coached to fruition by ex Byron Bay Writers Festival director Jill Eddington.

With judges in various categories including people such as Rhoda Roberts, Rob Hirst and Rolf de Heer, it was a chance for new work to be critiqued by industry professionals. Winner of ArtsNest was Frances Belle Parker for her work 'Mapping Ulgundahi', which featured 10,000 wooden clothes pegs and represented her connection to her Indigenous land near Maclean.

ArtsNest winner Frances Belle Parker with images of her work 'Mapping Ulgundahi'.

'The major connotation the pegs retain with my installation is that they are a symbol of strength,' says Frances.

As winner of ArtsNest 2007 Frances will receive a professional development plan from project partner Arts Northern Rivers. Other category winners were Michelle Smith for her song 'Something Wonderful' and Toby Alexander for his amazing dark film 'The Black Lung'.

All finalists will be part of a touring audio-visual exhibition which can be seen at regional galleries over the next few months. To see the winner's work go to abc.net.au/northcoast.

Becton signs North Beach development to Green Globe environmental and social assessment

Jann Gilbert

Becton recently committed its northbeachbyron resort on its Byron Bay Beach Resort site to a Green Globe accreditation process as part of its environmental sustainability commitment for the development. The Green Globe program was developed from the Agenda 21 principles for sustainable tourism and was endorsed by 182 Heads of State at the United Nations (UN) Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

At a launch last Wednesday Becton development manager Simon Stockfeld signed an agreement with Green Globe vice president Peter David and planted the first of a reported 800,000 native trees and shrubs which will be used to revegetate the site.

This is one of a number of environmental initiatives for the development, which Becton hopes to make 'one of the most environmentally sustainable tourist resorts in Australia'. Other initiatives include water sensitive urban design, organic gardens and recycling facilities, rainwater tanks and a solar-powered village centre.

'We wanted to make sure our commitment to sustainability was at the forefront of everything we did on the site,' says Simon Stockfeld. 'Not only during planning and construction but the ongoing management of the resort.

'As well as the environmental aspects Green Globe also considers the economic and social impacts of the project, and through that there will be benefits for the local community.'

Peter David from Green Globe commended Becton's commitment to the sustainability approach, saying, 'It's important in any development because communities are demanding more… climate change and sustainability are on the agenda for the long term.'

Given the controversy surrounding the approval of the development and the less than adequate level of s94 contributions Becton are perhaps hoping that, through signing with Green Globe, at least the sustainability initiatives for northbeach will be independent and transparent. There may be a slight catch, though.

As a follow-on from the Agenda 21 principles the Chairman's summary of the multi-stakeholder dialogue on tourism (NewYork, 1999) in the Report of the UN Committee for Sustainable Development (seventh session) states that:

'The Tourism Segment focused on four themes highlighting important aspects of sustainable tourism. These themes included… promoting broad-based sustainable development while safeguarding the integrity of local cultures. There was broad agreement that local authorities and local communities must play the key role in determining their "carrying capacity" for tourism development… and decisions should be based on multi-stakeholder processes at the local level… Industry should, in particular, pay its fair share…'

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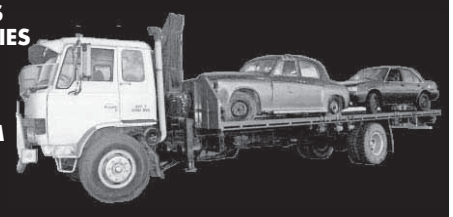
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Short and sweet

Firstly, the bouquet: We are indebted to Byron Shire Councillors for the long hours they put in on Council business for little financial reward. All of them seem to be conscientious about their duties. In general, it is a mostly thankless task at the pointy end of complaints, and you can't satisfy all of the people all of the time unless you become a spineless jelly.

And then the brickbat: Councillors could considerably shorten their hours, and stimulate public interest in local government, by not talking so much in chambers. There is, or should be, plenty of opportunity to discuss issues in committee meetings and workshops, on the phone and by email to staffers, among friends and like-minded councillors. It seems fair to expect that by the time the councillors have got to the public meeting in the council chambers in Mullumbimby they know their position on an issue, can summarise it in five sentences maximum, and then vote. Playing to the public gallery with long-winded rhetoric, most of it poorly constructed and ill thought-through, is a waste of time and, at the most, is likely to be remembered by a few spectators when election time rolls around.

Some councillors are more succinct than others: Tom Tabart and Ray Kestle spring to mind. Their brevity does not detract from any impression they wish to make in debate.

A few lessons in logical thinking might also be in order for some councillors. It is something which should be taught in schools but seems to be neglected. Recognising common fallacies in argument might be a good place to start – a free tutorial is available at www.nizkor.org/features/fallacies. (This recommendation is based upon the starry-eyed assumption that councillors are not deliberately trying to pull the wool over anybody's eyes.) Another option is to pick up a few skills at a local toastmasters club.

Having on other occasions exhorted the Councillors to be short and sweet, *The Echo* does not expect too much. But we remain optimistic that local government, where you can collar your representative personally to express a point of view, remains capable of change if not an epiphany on the road to Mullumbimby.

And don't get us started on consultants writing reports. There English dies a horrible death on the altar of obfuscation.

Shock horror! promises of probity

Kevin Rudd's front bench may be inexperienced in government – long term oppositions usually are.

But on raw talent it looks pretty good, certainly a hell of a lot better than either John Howard's first ministry of 1996 or his last one of 2007. There is little if any dead wood, plenty of qualifications (both academic and real life), a surprising variety of backgrounds and a heap of enthusiasm.

There will, of course, be mistakes; in a new government there always are. But for a while they will be forgivable and forgiven, provided always that the ministers remember Stubbs Three Laws of Politics: (1) Sooner or later everyone stuffs up. (2) Any attempt at a coverup is invariably worse than the original stuffup. (3) Everyone forgets rule (2).

In practice this is where inexperience may actually be an advantage. The Rudd team may be low on maturity but is high on idealism. The Howard mob had long passed the stage where any one of them was prepared to sacrifice self-interest for the general good of the party, much less of the country: all that mattered was protecting the individual arse. Rudd seems genuinely concerned with reforming the standards of government, with improving transparency and responsibility to the point where there is once again at least a modicum of trust in the system.

It would be foolish to get too excited: others have arrived in the Lodge with similar good intentions, and have succumbed, quickly or slowly according to the circumstances. Even John Howard at one stage had a code of ministerial conduct.

Rudd has promised an even stricter one, and can hardly wait to demonstrate his sincerity by sacking his first minister. But he will go much further. Ministers are to be banned (how, it is not quite clear) from diving into related private employment as soon as they leave office.

Boards of public institutions such as the ABC are no longer to be stacked. Government advertising will be subject to independent scrutiny and political ads prohibited. Ministerial staff are to be drastically reduced and those remaining subjected to parliamentary scrutiny. Performance pay for senior public servants will be abolished and an attempt made to find some way of restoring a form of permanency to departmental heads.

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by Mungo MacCallum

Cabinet decisions will routinely be made public with a press conference to follow. Freedom of Information laws will reformed so that the assumption will be that material should be released rather than retained, and conclusive certificates will be scrapped. And so it goes on: open, responsible government, an Australian version of the old Westminster system in which the pernicious phrases 'national security', 'operational matters', 'commercial in confidence', 'inappropriate question' and the like will be used only when they actually mean what they say, and can be justified by reasoned argument.

If this all sounds to good to be true, then it probably is: we have heard it all before. Back in 1972 Gough Whitlam came to power promising open government, a promise which he honoured scrupulously until his government started getting into trouble, after which the shutters were clamped back into position. He did, however, persevere with a code of conduct to the bitter end, sacking ministers for reasons which Howard would find so trivial as to be incomprehensible, although in the end it cost him his government. And he trusted the public service mandarins he inherited from his conservative predecessors, even though some of them later betrayed his trust.

If Rudd behaves half as honourably we shall have cause to be very grateful to him. Howard debased and corrupted the system almost to the point of no return. If Rudd is prepared to put his energy into trying to salvage it good luck to him. Hardheads may put it down to naiveté – even inexperience. If so, we need as much inexperience as we can get.

Fortunately the Liberals are also supplying their share of it: inexperience in the black arts of opposition has left them floundering. It was cruel and heartless of the crusty conservative John Stone to describe Brendan Nelson as a political hermaphrodite, an Andrew Peacock without the substance, but Nelson might as well get used to it; he will get called far worse once parliament meets, and by his own colleagues.

The government will be tempted to treat him with total contempt, but that would be a mistake; they'd like him around for as long as possible. Not that the hugely puffed Malcolm Turnbull would necessarily be much of an improvement, but he would at least be more noticeable. Nelson is shaping up as a hole in the air. Still, this might be the best option for the Libs as they seek to regroup; at least it gives them a chance to evolve some sort of coherent philosophy. Turnbull as leader would simply impose his own, which would undoubtedly be entertaining but would equally certainly not be coherent. It seems inevitable that sooner or later he will take over. But the shattered remains of the Libs will be glad of a period of rest and recuperation before they have to face the prospect.

And meanwhile, back in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Howards are still in residence, although at last report they were preparing to move out – well, maybe. The ex-PM can still be seen taking his morning walk; here is a little song for him to sing as he does so.

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It's a long way to fall
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Where I used to have it all;
So it's goodbye to Sydney Harbour
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It's a long, long way from Kirribilli
And my wife won't budge.

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Suffolk DA

I am concerned by the short amount of time for community consultation on the DA now in for the vacant land next to the BP station in Suffolk Park.

Residents either received a letter from Council on December 5, or hopefully will read the DA column in the *Byron Shire News* on Thursday December 6. The submission period runs from December 6 to 19. That is ten working days. Considering the magnitude of the proposal, and with concerns such as traffic management, floodplain management, protection of remnants of litoral rainforest, holiday letting, and others, this does not give much time for residents to formulate suggestions. Plus the timing, two weeks prior to Christmas!

There will be a public meeting held to discuss issues of the proposal on Thursday December 13 at the Suffolk Park Hall at 7pm. People can also access our new website at www.suffolkparkprogressassociation.org

Diana Ridoutt
Secretary
Suffolk Park Progress Association

Arts Classic

As one of the initiators and coordinators of the Easter Arts Classic in the early eighties I was interested to read Jill Keogh's letter last week. Yes, it has been a while coming back to the new building. However it will return to the Byron Community and Cultural Centre in 2009. It is too close to Easter now to relaunch it for 08 and we would prefer to not clash with The Buttery's FEHVA next year. So plans are already in place to hold the event in 09.

It used to be a wonderful event for everyone, professional artists as well as those who dabble in their leisure-time and the opening was always a very festive night.

In the meantime we are hoping to have smaller events for artists which we will publicise as they develop.

We are also planning an outdoor garden on the north side under a permanent sail structure to afford more space for events such as these and for theatre nights as well as everyday use for the community.

I hope everyone will enjoy the event in the BCCC building in 09. It will be a different experience to the old building but we hope it will be equally memorable.

Jan Dawkins
Byron Bay

Indignation

Your article in last week's *Echo* asked our community to show tolerance to the influx of schoolies that came to Byron to celebrate their right of passage from school children to adulthood. How can you ask me or anyone in our community to tolerate the disgusting behavior and total lack of respect that these young adults have shown our town? They do

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More objections to bridlepaths

■ Our property at Tyagarah is divided by a paper road which we recently discovered NHAG proposes to include in its bridlepath scheme. We have leased this paper road for the past twenty years and have sought to purchase it after Department of Lands' encouragement to do so. Without consultation with us, action by NHAG and Council has now put this on hold indefinitely.

It would seem that NHAG's considerations to date have been a paper exercise without investigation of the actual topography involved. Our paper road covers mostly floodplain with two unmade creek crossings, then rises to a small plateau (on which we have established an orchard and built our home) before plunging over a rocky outcrop to the lane fifty feet below. We would welcome an opportunity to walk the course with Council and NHAG representatives.

As we graze cattle on our property and intend to continue doing so, the paper road will need to be fenced if eventually included in the bridlepath. It would be unreasonable for Council or NHAG to expect that we or similarly affected landowners should bear the costs involved in construction and ongoing maintenance required as a result of their decisions.

Wal & Barbara Campbell
Tyagarah

■ Mac Nicholson (Letters, November 27) appears not to understand why there is a pile of legitimate objections to his proposal to clear a horse and cycle track through high conservation subtropical and wet sclerophyll forests in the hinterland of Byron Shire.

The fact remains, Mac, that some of the paper roads NHAG horse riders want to ride their horses on, and encourage cyclists to use, have no tracks at all and traverse very steep land and through habitats for rare and threatened flora and fauna.

Will we be seeing members of NHAG, with pith helmets on, wielding the chainsaw through endangered ecological communties to clear the track while Landcare groups, according to NHAG, will be following behind carrying their bags and cleaning up the mess?

This is not alarmist, it is what would need to be done, in some places, to make tracks open for horses and bikes, based on NHAG maps.

One solution is to ensure your horse and cycle tracks stick to existing formed roads and tracks away from environmentally sensitive and undisturbed lands. That way damage will be kept to a minimum and compliance more possibly managed. A win-win.

Will, or when will, NHAG declare publicly that they will stick to existing formed roads and tracks and not clear new tracks through subtropical and wet sclerophyll rainforests? We are waiting in anticipation.

Councillors with any green credibility should draw the line there.

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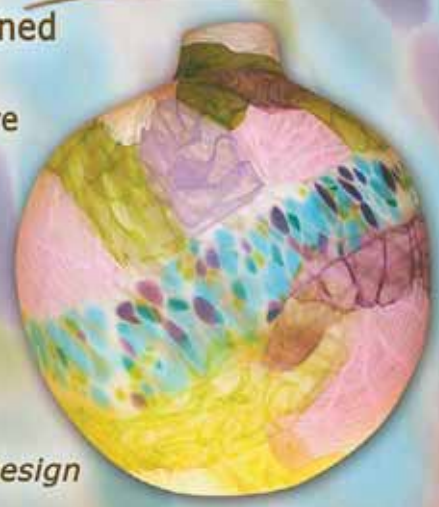
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not deserve to be treated as adults as their behaviour is more like a pack of wild animals. Shame on them and their parents for an obvious lack of respect and social conscience regarding their ideas on acceptable behavior.

Every morning since their arrival the Main Beach park and beach and scattered through town resembles a rubbish dump. The majority of our community would not even be aware of this thanks to a small number of locals who arrive at the beach at 5am to return their beach and parks back to what they should look like. Imagine this, you arrive at the beach for your morning walk to discover hundreds of bottles and cans and pizza boxes and used condoms and empty drug bags and broken glass and underpants and plastic bags and six pack cartons and empty cigarette packs and hundreds of cigarette butts and the list goes on and on. I for one will not be welcoming the class of 2008 and in actual fact I award the class of 2007 a big fat F.

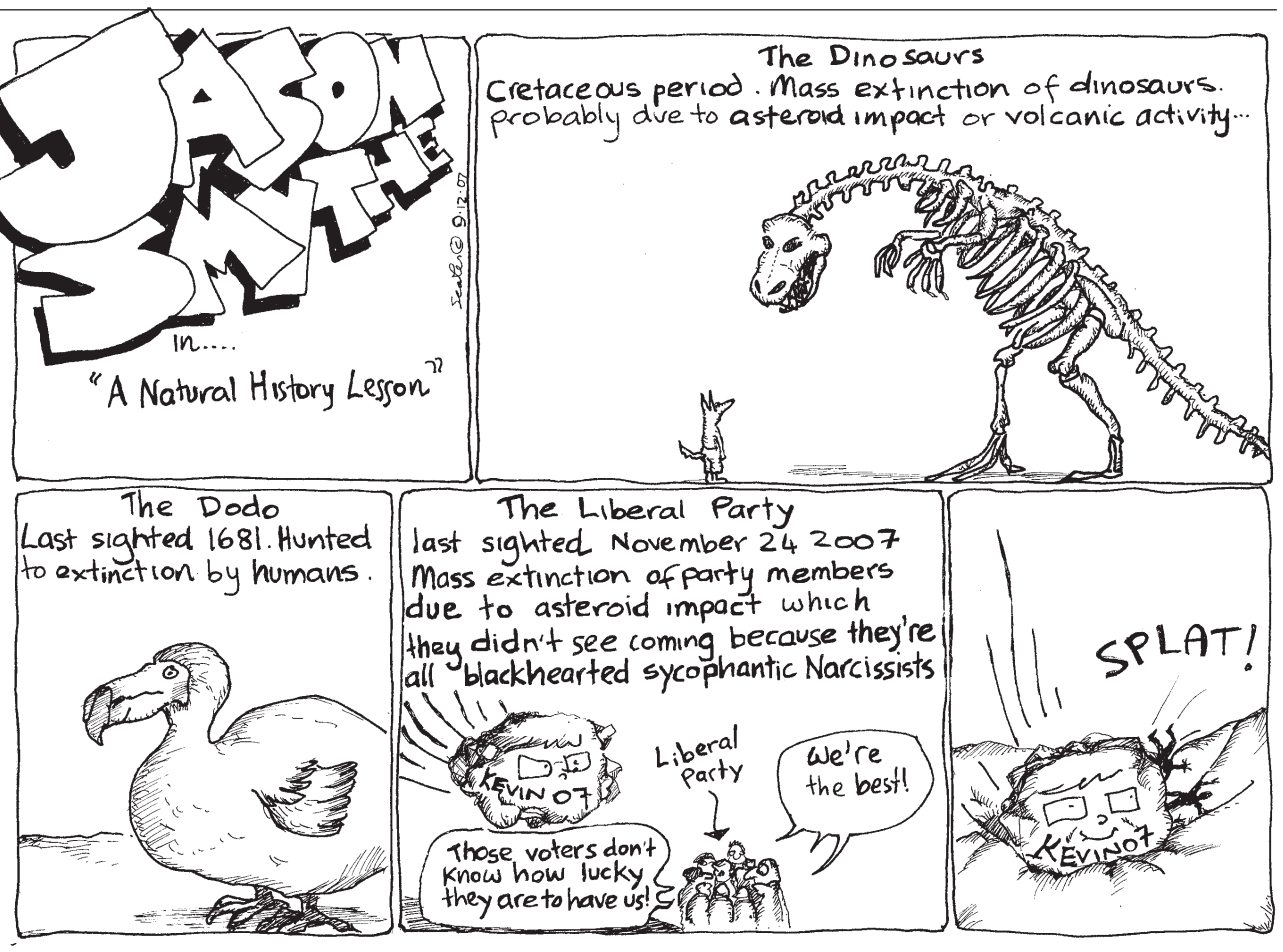
Lois Vickery-Hall
Byron Bay

■ Instead of *The Echo*'s recent trivialising of the proliferation of Woolworths shopping trolleys on the landscape of Byron Bay, how about a bit of righteous indignation? At the time of writing there are at least five such items in Belongil Creek (last year six were left to degrade there for four months) and, I estimate, one every two hundred metres within a kilometre of the CBD.

There are several ways to prevent this annual blight. Our 'Green' council could arrange to collect them and charge Woolies a hefty price for their return. Possibly 'a nice little earner', or Woolworths could employ a couple of the far too many out-of-work locals to prevent the trolleys ever leaving the Plazas, or a meaningful charge could be introduced for their temporary use, or it is perfectly feasible to install a wheel locking device on each trolley which would be activated when an attempt was made to remove such trolleys from the precinct. And so on....

Seems to me we so easily accept what should be unacceptable. I am somewhat concerned that if our children are now incapable of carrying their backpacks, beer or shopping home and allowed to trash the place in the mistaken idea that it's a 'rite of passage', then what hope for society. We being privileged to live in one of the richest and most comfortable places on the planet should be setting an example.

Tony Parker
Byron Bay



Koalas return

Some years ago I planted hundreds of koala feed trees here at Possum Creek in the hope that one day koalas would return. I felt a bit like a member of a cargo cult hoping for the impossible.

The nearest koalas were at Goonengerry then.

There used to be thousands in the 1920s – 60,000 were shot in one year for their furs in this district alone.

Some weeks ago much to our utter delight we heard the grunt of a male koala for the first time. We went out to locate him and there he was with a very pregnant partner greedily chewing camphor laurel leaves.

We have seen him and her and the now independent youngster almost every day recently. Every time we see them they are in camphor laurels trees and usually eating the leaves.

Jo met up with some koala carers and they said some koalas will eat only camphor laurel leaves. It seems our much vilified camphor laurels are not only feed trees for possums, birds and three species of butterfly but are almost loved by koalas who have adapted to them.

After this profound experience I will not be taking out any more camphor laurels. I will plant other rainforest trees beneath them and at their edges. I've noticed on other properties that the rainforest trees gradually replace the camphors naturally.

When I see poisoned camphor laurels now I think of the sad loss of koala habitat.

Richard Jones
Possum Creek

AIDS Day

Like a ship on the ocean on a dark night World AIDS Day slipped by almost unnoticed. A few words of concern washed over the airways, words like very serious, 30 million infected, seven million African orphans, millions dead, millions waiting to die. Civilisation is really racing its most serious threat ever… is a day a year enough?

When horses and birds catch flu whole countries close down, people panic, barriers go up, governments crank into first gear and stay on alert. Maybe horses and birds will inherit the earth… while civilisation dies out en masse from apathy.

Helena B Targ
Bangalow

Toasties triumph

Mullum Magic toastmasters have had an extremely successful year. Our last group of members went on to poll 14.5% in the federal election (Greens rep Giovanni Ebono), host the Generator program on BayFM (Charlie Starrett and Giovanni Ebono), host the Radio Arts program on BayFM (Gina Baker), MC the Mullum Folk Club (Megan Young), launch her first book (Lollie Barr), launch her career in public speaking overseas (Sandhan), and win a business award in Brisbane for her presentation about her Lennox Head Naturopathic Practice (Julie Damant).

So why not follow your dreams by getting a kick start at Toastmasters. It's a fun, relaxed and supportive environment of people confronting their fears, expanding their horizons and following their dreams. While our aver-

The tossed salad of politics

■ Yep, John Lazarus can be a passionately outspoken and not always diplomatically correct councillor.

But those of us who work in the wider community know him to be a tireless, enthusiastic, hands-on grassroots worker and supporter of the homeless, underprivileged, indigenous, environment, family values and a great defender of our civil liberties, not bowing to political or monied pressures.

John has always been there in the thick of any controversy, standing up for a fair and reasonable outcome for those who can't always speak for themselves.

He is a councillor who has defended and protected our environment and community and is always out there supporting community events in whatever capacity required

He may no longer be a member of The Greens but I hope he will continue as an independent to stand for the values of this community. Thank you, John, for the valued work you do with such enthusiasm.

Gwen Gould
Tyagarah

■ Re 'Lazarus leaves Greens after standoff' (*Echo*, Decemeber 4).

The trial of John Lazarus for his forthright confrontational style was a pretext, commenced by Councillors Barham, Tabart, Dey, Staples and Sandra Heilpern, a former convenor (chairperson) of the Byron-Ballina Greens. The real agenda was to use the Greens internal complaint procedure to suspend Lazarus for a year, thus disqualifying him from running as a Greens candidate in the next year's Council election.

The Greens' organisational heavies, acting like they were the Labor party's hard right caucus, grossly miscalculated. At the thirty person meeting, they fell far short of getting the votes to win a one year suspension.

The meeting crystallised latent divisions in the Greens. The right caucus of heavies and their acolytes coalesced around a fixation on winning elections and the Greens' 'image' in the electorate. The left caucus, a significant minority of militant foot soldiers willing to engage in confrontational tactics, are the heirs of the direct action activists who gave birth to the Green movement. The centre plays a moderating role, rejecting the organisational manoeuvres of the right caucus, at the same time moderating and accommodating the left, keeping the party together.

The centre and left combined to defeat the heavies' suspension motion. However snatching victory out of the jaws of defeat, Barham's dramatic resignation ploy won the day for the heavies, forcing Lazarus to resign. Unfortunately, with Lazarus running as an independent, the Green vote will be split, perhaps resulting in the defeat of all Green candidates.

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Robyn Berrington
Wilsons Creek

Keep Mungo

I refer to the letter from Glenn Lawlor of Suffolk Park – 'Sack Mungo'. Glenn, I, for one, could not disagree with you more. I find Mungo's weekly editorial both enlightening and entertaining. Mungo has a long history of being able to provide informed, convincing and cogent arguments concerning many aspects of Australian political life and is able to inject some humour into his subject matter.

His article 'The Legacy of John Winston Howard' was just such a piece. Mungo put forward his opinion as to the worth of the Howard government and their use of power to achieve their ends. We, the voting public, have now delivered our decision. The resulting change of government is some indication as to the opinion of the general public.

John Winston Howard was even unable to maintain his own seat so I suppose the people of Bennelong also decided what they thought of the 'Legacy of John Winston Howard'. You, Glenn, did not put forward your assessment of this legacy. Come on, Glenn, tell us all what you liked about the Howard regime.

Finally, don't sack Mungo. That indeed would be a case of 'unfair dismissal'.

Ken Hughes
Myocum

■ In reply to Glenn Lawlor: Take time and read the *Daily Telegraph* – direct yourself to Piers Akerman', marginally right, then go to Alan Ramsay in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, marginally left. You signal out Mungo, mate, do you live in a cocoon? Do you want Alan Ramsay sacked as well?

Bill Buckle
Federal

■ While politically opposed to the erudite Mungo MacCallum in most of his journalistic outpourings (but not all) I must confess to reading his weekly column before other items of community interest.

Yes, Mungo can be vitriolic and over-the-top in his writings but the material is always topical, sometimes inspiring, and I suspect deliberately provocative. How bland newspapers would be if journalists endeavoured to be all things to all men?

Finally, one must bear in mind that, from my own experience, *The Echo* does provide reasonable balance and publishes material from writers presenting a wide range of views which may often upset some sensitive sections of the community.

Mr Glenn Lawlor might well note that his own fierce attack upon Mungo MacCallum was published by *The Echo* without editorial footnote.

Richard L Kidby
Mullumbimby

Jackpot

Labor under Kevin Rudd hit the jackpot chasing the political middle ground. Not surprisingly that middle ground move is gaining momentum in other countries such as Germany and beyond. The Australian Liberals shot themselves in their own feet by sleeping at the wheel, electing a leader (Brendan Nelson) who clearly does not fill the full potential. Smart politics would have undoubtedly produced a Malcolm Turnbull win, but the Liberals still have to smarten up to such a move or be damned in the political wilderness for a long time to come.

Rene Thalmann
Ocean Shores

Core matter

Once again we westerners are caught in arguing the merits of convoluted semantics rather than get to the heart of an issue. The core matter is that most of us feel our culture is superior to that of the indigenous Australians. Naturally, if we were to ask any politician whether that is true of them they would immediately deny the assertion, not just because they are defensive, but because they are unlikely to even be aware of it. After all, didn't we civilise the planet? (Of course, let's not get into which culture continues to seriously pollute the planet and create weapons of mass destruction!)

So, any communication to the indigenous Australians will not be real until we at least first recognise what motivates our actions. Then, on the basis of that understanding, can we proceed with a meaningful apology. Truly, those of us like John Howard and Brendan Nelson who wield and maintain power with such little awareness must indeed be very scared and lonely people.

Let's demand the newly-elected government go deeper than just getting the wording 'right'.

Eddie Blatt
Pottsville

The dog problem

At the council meeting on December 6, at which Council's dog policy was considered, Councillor Lazarus seemed preoccupied with

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the incidence of dog attacks on the beach. He did not quote any statistics and I do not know if there are any. While any dog attack is to be condemned, responsibility can usually be sheeted home to the owner, a human. I doubt if there are many attacks and in any case, the facts concerning the incident Lazarus was referring to are in dispute.

Presumably Lazarus was using this as a rationale for his anti dog stance. But wait a minute, we have human attacks just about any night of the week in and around the pubs and nightclubs of this shire. What are we to do about this? I know, we'll ban all the humans! Problem solved.

Mayor Barham indulged in a self congratulatory orgy in relation to the wonderful job Council has done repelling the evil forces of various government departments to the effect that dogs are still allowed on a sliver of no less than eight beaches in the shire. And yet dogs on leads (what harm can a dog on a lead do?) are banned from virtually every park in the shire. Bit of work still to do there, mayor.

Predictably, the green councillors voted solidly to keep the dogs locked up. No doubt this adds to their clean and green credentials. It will be interesting to see if they are as rock solid against Splendour which will have a more far reaching environmental effect on humans and critters alike than controlled dogs on the beach will ever have.

Bryan Milner
Ocean Shores

Uptight people

A bunch of uptight people are trying to ban Splendour. If they succeed, I feel sorry for their kids whose freedoms are being defiled. I feel sorry for artists like Grinspoon, Operator Please and DJ Luke. I feel sorry for local business operators like James, Evarn and Sue. I feel sorry for accommodation providers like Lynne and Ray. I feel sorry for the local site setup guys like Dan, Darren, Dan, Dan, Jack, Rod and Billy. I feel sorry for the stage crews like Hobbsie and Robbie. The bus drivers, the cabbies and their accountants. I feel sorry for the hundreds of volunteers like Kim, Jacquie and Ben.

I feel sorry for the nine determined go-getters like Katie Watts, who are provided professional career training within the music industry. I feel sorry for the promoters like Jessica Ducrou, who creates beneficial programs for our community and gets rewarded with negative backlash. I feel sorry for the camping marshals like Jason and Tim. I feel sorry for the stall holders like Ashleagh and Anton. I feel sorry for the caterers like Donna and Greg. I feel sorry for the teams of electricians, chippies and riggers. I feel sorry for the cleaners like Kenny and Vaughn. I feel sorry for security personnel like Joe and Alexander. I feel sorry for the traffic coordinators like Cath and Andy. I feel sorry for the punters, denied a venue – they are Amanda, Marcus, Sarah and 24,000 others. Deepest sympathy also goes to the international media, serial bloggers and festival groupies who provide Byron Shire with an undeniably hip global reputation each Splendour season.

I feel sorry for the attempted destruction of culture. I feel sorry for the destruction of art. Most of all, I feel sorry for the vocal minority who are seeking to morally blemish a significant cultural product based on a series of speculative fears generated through the Trial DA.

Dan Bode
Suffolk Park

A holy state

One of the many problems facing the education of children is the idea that they should be pushed to enter the intellectual world. In our society such pushing is almost mandatory. It is also a betrayal of childrens' trust.

The ability of humans to live continually in the now has been described by many commentators including Gautama the Buddha as the holy state. Even if it is not, I have witnessed a toddler who, when placed in the midst of somnolent aged care patients, caused most of the patients to return their attention to the world and rivet their eyes on the child.

Small children are universally admired because they have not been in the world long enough to be weighted by a past, and because they are free of any desire to consider a future. That state of being could be continued longer in our society if children were simply allowed to do as they will, or play. As Rudolf Steiner has said, 'If a child has been able to play, to give up his whole living being to the world around him, he will be able to, in the serious task of later life, devote himself with confidence and power to the service of the world.'

I would suggest that if a child feels compelled to learn what does not interest her and therefore ceases playing, she will have less ability in adult life to devote herself happily 'to the service of the world'. Any pressure on children to attain, or become anything, is part of the maladjusting of them.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

■ Letters received from Robin Harrison, Coorabell, Gareth Smith, Byron Bay, Jerry Altholtz, Suffolk Park.

Time to own our own energy

Thanks to Alok O'Brien whose letter regarding energy saving globes, solar hot water systems, community power and other matters raised some interesting issues. Of course it's important that we generate our electricity supply locally, as should all communities, in Australian and worldwide, using whatever is naturally advantageous be it hydro, thermal, solar, wind, bio-energy or tidal.

Already people and towns are getting on board. For example, the Hepburn Shire is set to have Australia's first community owned wind farm. The wind farm, to be situated about 10km south of Daylesford, Victoria, will produce enough energy for up to 2,500 homes, roughly half the number of homes across the Hepburn Shire. The wind farm came about through the joint effort of the local Hepburn Renewable Energy Association and a Melbourne based renewable energy company, Future Energy Pty Ltd. The Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative Ltd will eventually own the wind farm thus allowing direct ownership of local renewable energy and a share in the benefits. This community ownership concept is modelled on the success of similar wind farms across Europe and, more recently, the USA. The original concept dates back to the 1980s in Denmark which now produces over 20% of their energy needs from wind power with over half of all wind turbines owned by local wind co-operatives.

Other community initiatives include one in Mildura, Victoria, where solar power reflected onto graphite blocks will provide electricity generation supplying 45,000 homes by 2013.

Since attending a talk entitled 'Pathways to a Low Carbon Future' at the Byron Community and Cultural Centre on October 25, we have been considering the possibilities for community generated power and are in the process of developing our research knowledge in order to come up with practical and realistic ideas about how this could work in our community. As this progresses, we will be calling for community input and support.

We are so blessed in this Shire with many natural resources, including land that can be used to house solar panels and/or wind turbines. We have all the ingredients for self-reliance including a well-informed and committed community so why don't we use these resources and walk the walk to sustainability and survival?

David Arthur-Andrews and Sally Tansley
Mullumbimby

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MEGA FESTIVAL IMPACT	*WHO PAYS?*	
	SPLENDOUR BLUES	BYRON SHIRE RATEPAYERS
Loss of amenity	No	Yes
Loss of property values	No	Yes
Loss of family tourism	No	Yes
Security problems	No	Yes
Disturbance, disruption, noise	No	Yes
Traffic gridlock	No	Yes
Drug and alcohol problems	No	Yes
Infrastructure overload	No	Yes
Increased taxes to repair infrastructure	No	Yes
Massive carbon emissions	No	Yes
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A sense of belonging for teenagers

Mandy Nolan

Watching your child grow into an adult is an amazing process. As parents we tend to focus on the pre-language years, reading up on every milestone and nuance that may be contained in the merest grunt. But do we understand the deeper meaning of the ill-famed teenage grunt? It seems that we are not nearly as prepared for this important transitional phase. Over the last decade, the Byron Community School has developed a specific program that targets these years, called 'Becoming A Teenager'. The program was originally developed as a parent initiative but is now run by teachers with the consent of parents. School Director Matt Syme elaborated on this school initiative.

'The overview is basically that the kids get to develop a sense of belonging based on experience,' Matt said.

'From day one in the Whales (Yrs 5&6) we start by looking at Gardener's theory of multiple intelligence. We help the kids identify their dominant areas. We get kids to do a quiz after we have explained what the intelligences mean and what they look like in practice. That way they have a better idea of where their strengths lie, we start from there and work all the way through to their end of year camp where they get to put all those skills into practice.'

The Becoming A Teenager Program is aimed at giving the children the tools to make informed decisions, and the personal infrastructure for establishing a solid self esteem before they enter high school.

'It's a goal of ours to give them some sense of self,' Matt said. 'We want them to know who they are before they leave here and go to high school so when they hit high school and their peers tell them who they are or who they should be they are not starting from scratch, they go, "That might be your opinion, but I know this about myself already".'

Tackling issues

The program tries to grapple with the issues that affect young people.

'One of the things they worry about is, am I normal? We try and help them understand how broad normal is, how you can still be yourself and still be normal.'

The program focuses on personal development and allows the kids to talk about a variety of issues around sexuality, drugs and alcohol and identity.

'It's a values kind of issue, we provide the topics and the information and we ask the kids to talk to their peers and their parents and to friends and relatives and to research the topics and come and share that with the class. Coupled with the information about the laws and the conversations we have about society's values, we are trying to give them a broad spectrum of what is in people's lives.'

One of the key areas is teaching young people a strategy for decision making. Why do we need to teach children how to make decisions?

'Because they don't know!' says Matt. 'When we teach the model, we teach what or who is influencing them in the making of a decision and help them be aware of what pressure is on them. For example, maybe the kids are going to a party where they know there will be other kids drinking alcohol and they will have strong influences from certain peers. If they don't take into account the other influences in their life, like their closest friends, their parents and their own knowledge of what could and what might happen then they can't make a proper choice.

Do research

'The process we teach is to acknowledge all the influences. Then we ask them to do their own research, for example find out about the party, who will be there, what is happening, how will we get to and from, that's what we teach them, they don't have to pretend to know everything. The next thing they do is evaluate all of the options, all the choices that they have made and look at the consequences of making those choices.

'It's important to make them aware that their decisions have consequences and after they have looked at all their options they get to make their choice. We don't tell them whether it was right or wrong in a hypothetical situation, we teach them how important it is to go back and reflect on the choice. It's the review cycle that allows us to be human and make mistakes but to learn from those mistakes: no review cycle, no growth.'

So what makes this program different to what may be happening in other schools?

'We allow the kids to drive the topics and the content – it's more up to date with what is happening in the real world. They learn about stuff they see their parents, friends or family use or talk about. The key to the success is the structure is fixed but the kids can take it wherever they like. For ten weeks it's a single sex program, where we separate boys and girls: that has a massive impact.'

'Human sexuality is a really big topic for the kids at this stage of life because there is more to it than the birds and the bees – one of the documents we send home is about gender identity and sexualisation, sensuality, intimacy and health and reproduction. It's something the kids get a lot out of: being able to discuss what is intimacy, how do you show affection for people in appropriate ways.'

Each year the program culminates with an end of year camp that sees the kids pull together and complete challenges and put into action the strategies and competencies that they have achieved.

Self sufficient

'The camp is designed for them to be self sufficient within safe parameters of what we are allowed to do. It means they cook, they camp, they pack, they are wholly and solely responsible for what goes on. We introduce the challenges, give them the information and the rules they need and it is then their responsiblitiy as a group to work out how to achieve that challenge. We don't intervene. If anything, all we say to the kids is remember the things we have talked about at school, remember the things we learnt about using everyone's skills.'

One of the great positives of this program, Matt believes, is the effect it has on boosting the self esteem of the participating children.

'You can't tell kids they are important, they don't believe it. They have a sense of what is true. If we keep intervening as adults in the adolescent world they will never develop the ability to survive.'

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SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS

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Tell the kids about making room at the inn

Story & photo Mary Gardner

See the beautiful proud bird there on the edge of the sea? It's an osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*). They have existed since the time of the dinosaurs and they live all over the world. But when your grandparents were your age, the osprey almost disappeared forever!

Back then, people were changing the world a lot. First, they were still cutting down the tallest trees everywhere. They were even cutting down all the old dead trees. They didn't know that when they did that, they cut down the only places where the osprey can build their nest.

The osprey is a raptor. A hunting bird. It eats mostly fish, about two or three every day. It always lives very close to the sea. To catch its food, it has very large eyes. Its eyesight is four times better than ours. It likes to look at everything from a high perch. It sees in colour, like we do. It can search for fish using one eye at a time or both, whichever!

It dives feet first into the water, to about a metre in depth. Each of its claws is like a fishing hook. One front toe on each foot twists around like a thumb so there are two that face forward and two facing back. It has special oil it spreads on its feathers so that when it makes its short quick dives, it doesn't get wet. This is very handy because wet birds can't fly.

So that they can keep a watch on everything all around, osprey parents build a big nest as high up as they can. With no tall trees around, they are in big trouble. The other thing is that the male and female birds are partners for life. Every year, they come back to the same place, even the same nest. If there isn't their safe nest, a quiet one, not too close to other birds, undisturbed by people, the birds won't bother to lay eggs that year.

The lack of good nesting places wasn't the only problem the osprey had back then. Some people shot osprey because they wanted to collect their feathers. Other people collected wild bird eggs as a hobby and raided the nests of any bird, especially the rare ones!

Then it turns out something else was bothering the birds. The chemicals people were using in farming and insect control were doing much more harm than they were supposed to. After the chemicals killed some of the insects, they were still strong. They spread into the soil and water. The fish soaked up the chemicals. When the osprey ate them, the chemicals were still active. This hurt the birds because their eggs were changed. There were very few baby chicks hatching. The older birds were dying and there were no more young osprey!

But a biologist and writer called Rachel Carson alerted people to the danger from the chemicals, especially one called DDT. Throughout the world, the chemical use was stopped or reduced a lot. At the same time, people noticed that some of the osprey were very clever at making nests on tall poles if there were no tall trees. So they built lots of artificial platforms to help the osprey. In many places, most osprey nowadays must use these – and they do! Finally, lots of people changed their mind about collecting birds or eggs. These days they collect photos instead.

Now, all over the world, the osprey are growing in numbers. In the eastern United States, there are hundreds of pairs where there once were only a few. On the California coast, the numbers of nesting pairs are nearly double, from 700 to almost 1400. In the UK, young osprey are being returned to places where there no longer were any birds. The young birds become settled there. Soon they become parents and now their chicks are growing up. In all these places, there still aren't the thousands that there used be, but the numbers are getting better.

In Australia, the magnificent osprey are called 'vulnerable', which means they are few in number. In New South Wales especially, there are still much fewer birds than there once were.

But the longest day of the year will soon be here. This year's young osprey will be wearing their new feathers and trying out flying for themselves. People all around the world are sharing ideas and doing things so that these youngsters have a future. Who knows? Their future could be part of yours. Soon, there might be a platform building project happening nearby and you can help too!

■ Mary Gardner is a writer, biologist and tutor. See more at www.mgardner.info.

Articles

Suffolk firies need new blood

Story & photo Jann Gilbert

The Suffolk Park Fire Station turns 40 in 2008 and, without an ongoing bank of committed volunteers, they may not make it to 45. Many of the more experienced members are now approaching (or over) 50 to 60-years-old and there's not enough coming up in the ranks to take their place.

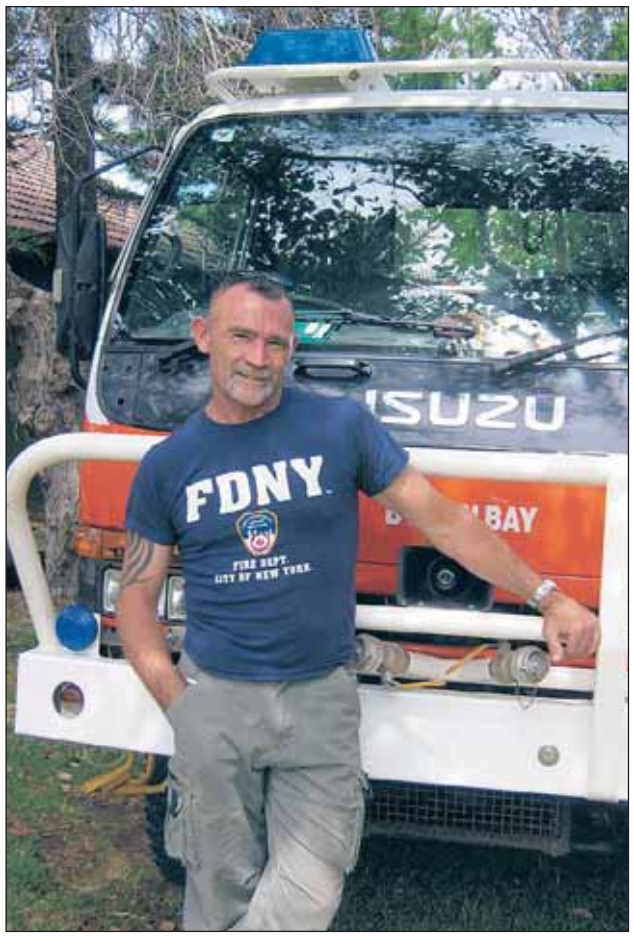
'It's very frustrating,' says Suffolk Park Rural Fire Service Captain Rod Halpin who has been with the Service for around 15 years.

'We would probably put on five to six young people a year and within six months we've got one left. They just can't afford to live in this town. There are no jobs and everyone who is working is working hard.'

Stuart Amos, who volunteers at Suffolk Park and is also a retained fire fighter with the Byron town brigade, agrees.

'There's no line of succession, not enough people with the experience or skills coming after. Suffolk backs up the town brigades and looks after the surrounding area so it's an important role that requires many more committed volunteers.'

Secretary and Community Education Adviser, Gregg Miller, has only been volunteering a relatively short time. 'I never thought I'd be a fireman,' says Gregg, whose sales and marketing background is proving very valuable in helping to set up an in-schools program to attract trainees. The program was designed to counter recent vandalism at the Suffolk Park Station and interest young people in volunteering for the Rural Fire Service.



Gregg Miller loves his volunteer work with the Rural Fire Service.

'It's aimed at 15- to 16-year-olds, and there are six kids already interested. You need to be 16 to fight fires, for safety reasons of course, but in the meantime there's a lot trainees can learn in terms of theory, the truck, the equipment … and by the time they're 16 they're ready to do their basic fire fighting course.

'While these kids aren't problem kids they are pretty cool so they have the capacity to influence other kids and set a really good example.'

Young or old, there are lots of jobs for volunteers at the Rural Fire Service and that includes women as well. You don't have to be a fire fighter but you can be! Deputy President Mel Burke is a fire fighter and mother of a young baby, and Robina (Rob) Hoskins is the catering officer who, in the event of a fire, ensures that the volunteers are fed and watered (including her husband Andy who has been a volunteer with the Service for over 10 years and at the Suffolk Park Station since 2003).

As one volunteer who remains nameless says, 'If the residents of Suffolk Park and surrounding areas want to keep their fire station in the years to come they really need to show their support in an active capacity.'

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Aim Records artists nominated for two Grammys

In a first for Aim Records from Byron Bay, the label owned by Bluesfest director Peter Noble, two of its artists have been nominated for Grammys in the 50th annual Grammy Awards to be held in February 2008.

Cubanismo have earned a nomination for Best Tropical Latin Album for their release, *Greetings From Havana* (Aim Records). While Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience have picked up a nomination for Best Zydeco Or Cajun Music Album for their *Live! Worldwide* (Aim Records) release.

Both these albums are distributed in Australia by Aim's local distributor The Planet Company/MGM.

Grammy nominees Cubanismo in concert. Photo Peter Maiden

Aim Records CEO Peter Noble said, 'We believe this is history in the making – the first time any absolutely independent Australian record label has been nominated for a single Grammy, let alone two! It's certainly a first for an Australian blues and roots focused label.'

Mr Noble said the distinction being made is that Aim Records is a purely independent label – with no affiliation or licensing agreements with major labels in Australia or overseas. Aim Records uses various independent distributors in global territories.

Aim Records was established in 1981 with a focus on blues, roots, jazz, soul and world music styles. Some of the label's recent releases include albums from Marva Wright (*After the Levees Broke* on which all the musicians involved were displaced from Hurricane Katrina), the Skatalites and Eric Burdon. The label has also spent time sourcing classic blues recordings, reissuing fantastic music by the likes of Frankie Lee Sims, Earl King and Professor Longhair.

'We are so proud of these incredible albums nominated today,' said Peter Noble. 'Terrance Simien's live album so well captures his amazing performances – and in fact Terrance and his wife Cynthia have been instrumental in helping to create this, the first ever Grammy category for Cajun and Zydeco music, so it's only fitting that Terrance has been nominated.

'With so many restrictions on Cuban music playing to audiences in the US at the moment, Cubanismo's nomination is also probably the most important thing to happen for Cuban music in five years, since these restrictions began. It really is a great record.'

Aim artists Cubanismo and Terrance Simien have both played at the International East Coast Blues & Roots Music Festival in recent years – and now join 2008 festival big names John Fogerty, Keith Urban and Patty Griffin in being nominated for the 50th Grammy awards.

Cubanismo is considered by many to be the finest traditional Cuban/Latin jazz band in the world today. They are and have been at the forefront of the Cuban music revival for over a decade. In the past 25 years Terrance Simien and his Zydeco band mates have toured the globe playing their infectious style of music, covering millions of miles across more than 30 countries.

The 50th annual Grammy Awards will be broadcast live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, February 10, 2008.

See more about Aim Records at www.aiminternational.com.

New band director for Byron High

Well known local musician David Sandford, pictured, has been appointed Band Director at Byron Bay High School. David is first tenor saxophonist with the Conservatorium Big Band in Lismore as well as playing in several local bands including The Hard Word, The Soul Shakers and the Mighty PragMatics.

David has had a career in music and theatre that extends back to 1980 and was living in Sydney and Melbourne for many years plying his trade. David was the lead actor as well as inhouse composer for the ABC TV series *Lift Off*.

'My great joy is the inspiration that performance art gives to those who participate in it both as performers and audience,' says David. 'I have been inspired by many and in turn I have seen others inspired by me.'

David was classically trained in piano and clarinet from the age of 5 and reached the sixth grade at AMEB. level. He has played in orchestras, wind ensembles, rock, pop, funk and blues bands for over 25 years.

David is currently studying for a double bachelor of music education/secondary teaching at Southern Cross University.

'In a world where most of the focus is on visual stimuli, music focuses on our auditory sense and also can have a calmness and spirituality that makes it a uniquely rewarding experience,' says David. 'Like all things worthwhile in life music is difficult to master and requires tenacity and dedication. I look forward to being of service to the young people who will form this ensemble.'

Michele Joncourt, from the school's Band Committee, said, 'We are thrilled to have David on board as the Byron High Band Director. We are very privileged to have engaged someone with such a high degree of musical ability and such a breadth of experience. We all look forward to working with David next year.'

Ducrou wins anti violence award

Local music promoter Jessica Ducrou was the recipient of the Prevention Project Award for her support of the anti violence campaign, Expect Respect, at the NSW Violence Against Women Prevention Awards held in Sydney on November 30.

Expect Respect is a social marketing campaign coordinated by local Byron Bay agencies to help prevent sexual assault and domestic violence in young people's relationships.

Through Splendour in the Grass, Ducrou has supported Expect Respect over the last five years by placing information on sexual assault and abusive relationships on the festival's website, hosting five qualified counsellors on site and an information stall at the festival where festival goers can access information and seek advice.

The campaign also uses a team of up to 12 young volunteers who interview festival goers on their thoughts and knowledge about relationships; with 1500 young people taking part in the survey at this year's festival.

Splendour in the Grass has liaised with a number of bodies including local agencies, the local council, and Kids Really Count to support the prevention of violence against women through Expect Respect.

'Splendour in the Grass is the perfect medium to give information and advice to young people about sexual assault and domestic violence,' Ms Ducrou said.

'It is an important cause and I'm happy to support it in any way I can and I will continue to do so.'

The NSW Violence Against Women Prevention Awards are part of the Violence Against Women (VAW) Specialist Unit, and were launched in 2004 to recognise individuals, organisations and projects in NSW that work to help prevent violence against women.

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James Guppy takes Duke prize

James Guppy's winning work, *Smoke Signals*

A work of 'ominous beauty' by Byron Bay artist James Guppy has won the inaugural Stan and Maureen Duke Gold Coast Art Prize.

His winning work is entitled *Smoke Signals*. Judge Anthony Bond of the Art Gallery of NSW commented: 'James Guppy is an artist who has followed a very personal direction, often painting very small but intense paintings with surreal qualities exploring human dramas. The body would often appear under threat from various forms of painful invasion.

'This new work is on a grand scale compared with much of what we have previously seen and the figure has given way to a sweeping cloudscape. The billowing vapours seem almost toxic, suggesting an apocalyptic vision of climate change yet at the same time it is a scene that strongly appeals to a romantic tradition in western painting. The British 18th century painter John Martin comes to mind, in particular a grand landscape from the Tate collection in London.

'Guppy has offered the Gold Coast a major example of his work… many more famous artists sent minor pieces to this exhibition, which however good, do not show us their work at its best. While it is great that they entered at all, let's hope that in future they, like Guppy, pull out their best. Having said that, I genuinely believe that this is the best selection of works I have seen in any prize exhibition anywhere.'

Guppy writes of his work, 'For the last few years I have been exploring the unease shadowing our lives.The news on our screens and the special effects in our movies are filled with clouds. Clouds erupt from disaster after disaster: smoke clouds from burning buildings or raging bushfires, clouds of dust and debris from volcanoes and exploding munitions, clouds of water from cyclones and tornadoes.

'Hidden behind, beneath or within these clouds is an approaching menace. We don't see the torn bodies and dismembered lives; just the ominous beauty of these billowing veils shrouding Armageddon.

'Over the years I have often painted people floating; not with the weightless ecstasy of a Chagall lover but rather a rootless inability to remain connected to the earth. With these works I wanted the audience floating so the paintings needed to be large, to fill the viewer's vision, to create the sensation of being up there in the clouds, immersed in the seductive chaos and disruption.'

This is the inaugural Stan and Maureen Duke Gold Coast Art Prize, however the Prize itself began in 1968. It has been known as the Conrad Jupiters Art Prize since 1990 and retired surgeon Stan Duke has taken on the sponsorship of the prize through his foundation.

Guppy has not only received the $10,000 first prize but his work has also been separately acquired for the Gold Coast City Gallery Collection.

James Guppy is represented by Brenda May Gallery Sydney and Jan Murphy Gallery Brisbane. His work is in a number of public and private collections including the Queensland Art Gallery, Artbank, Griffith University and the regional galleries of Lismore, Stanthorpe, Warrick and Tweed River.

Surfing mum scores a McTavish

Pictured right are Surfing Mums coordinator Vanessa Thompson, board designer and industry legend Bob McTavish, and the winner Narelle Greenlees with the 8'6" 8Ball Mal she won in a competition staged by the Mums, the board being donated by Bob.

According to the Surfing Mums website – www.surfingmums.com – 'Surfing Mums is a network of women who surf and are mums (of course), but what sets us apart is that we still want to surf as much as we did before we had kids. It's not about how well you surf, or if you are a long boarder, short boarder, bodyboarder, body surfer or learning to surf, it's about getting wet and having fun!'

Founders Vanessa and Julia live in Byron Bay: 'Byron Bay is a town founded on surfing and a little bit of whaling way back then. The Pass, Watego's, Broken Head, Belongil and Tallows make up some of the best surf spots on the East Coast all within a 10km (6 mile) radius. How could two surfing girls sit on the beach with their babies and watch glorious waves pass them by every day?

'Well they couldn't, Vanessa and Julia set up a partnership where one mum would watch the two children on the beach while the other one got in a 30 minute surf, and vice versa. So they went from the occasional desperate surf to surfing every day.

'Now the children are two and three years old and the mums are only limited by the occasional work commitment and day care days where they get to surf together for a change!

'Now they couldn't keep this newfound secret to themselves. Every surfing mum had to have the opportunity to surf as much as they wanted or needed to. So Surfing Mums was formed. Surfing Mums is a group based at your local break where you can meet other mums and form the same partnership that Julia and Vanessa did.'

Surfing Mums now has groups up and down the NSW coast and into Queensland.

Photo Jeff Dawson

Claim your pension before Christmas

Centrelink is encouraging seniors to lodge their claims for Age Pension before December 20 to ensure they don't miss out on having their payments backdated. Centrelink general manager Hank Jongen said people who became eligible for a pension on September 20 this year because of changes to the assets test will have their payments backdated to that date – provided they lodge their claim by December 20.

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For more information on the changes to the assets test for pensions, seniors can phone Centrelink on 13 23 00, while carers and people with disabilities can call 13 27 17.

Christmas Shopping Guide

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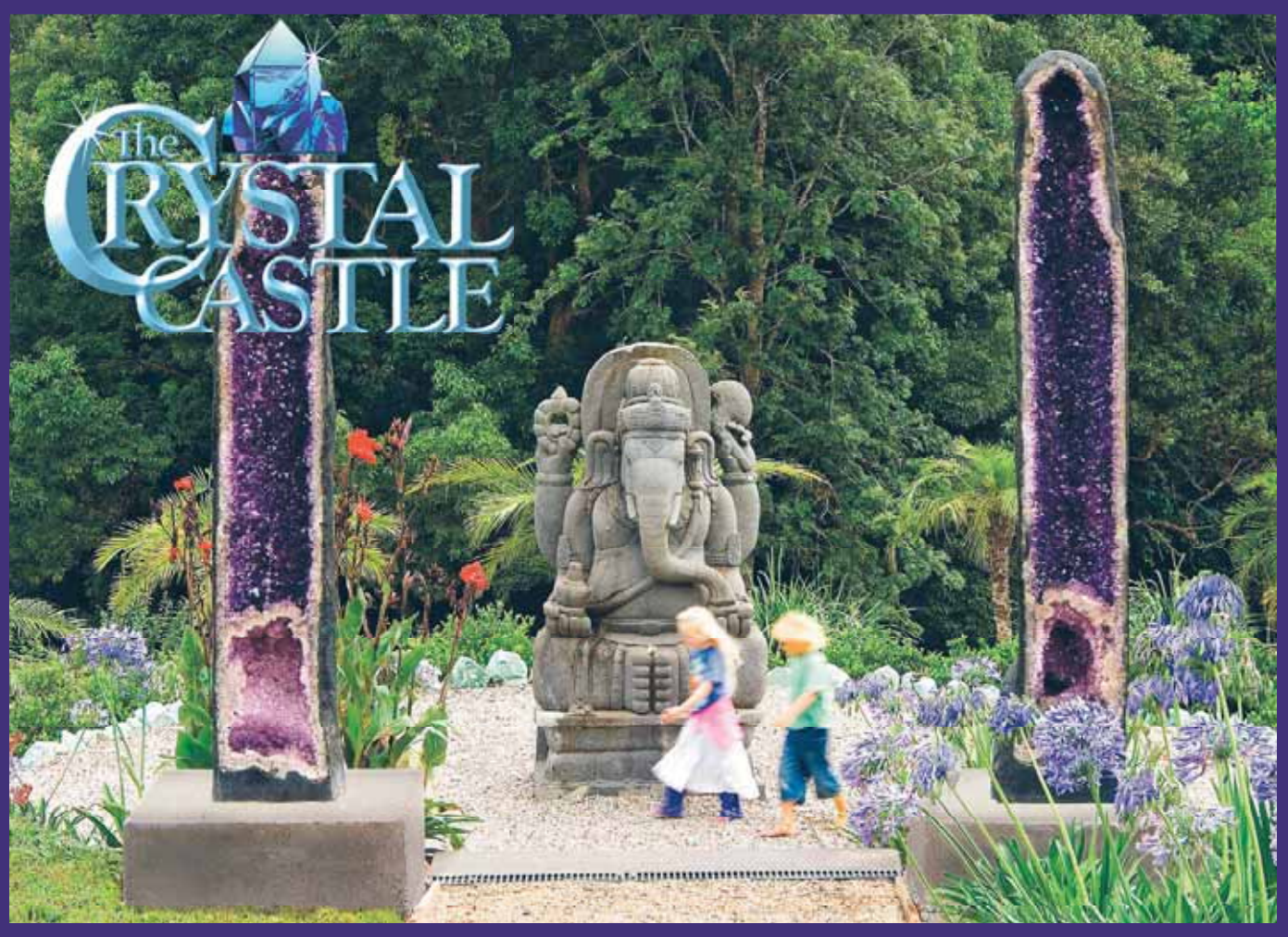

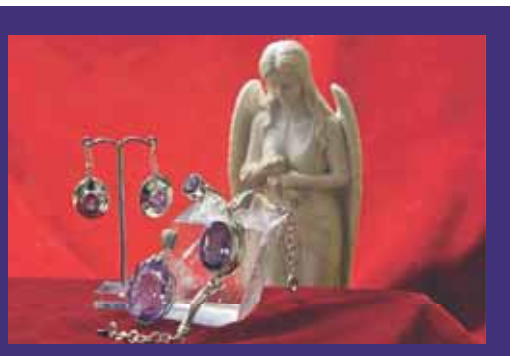

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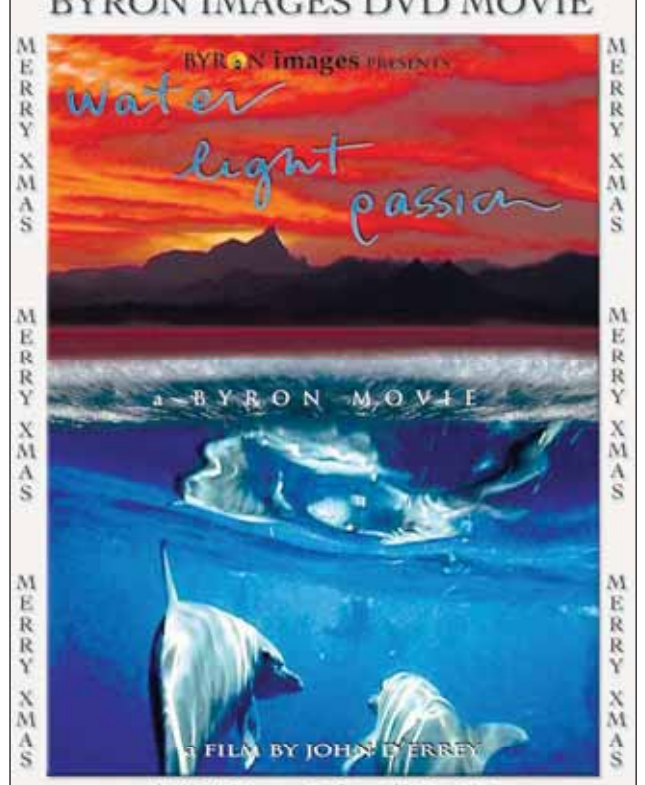

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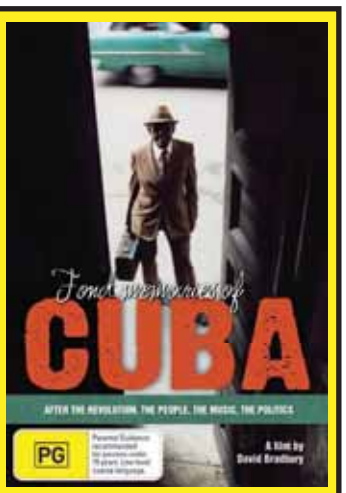

spiciest Malay-style Beef Rendang served with Coconut and Saffron Rice.

Tippy's Cantonese Hand-Made Rice Noodles with Sichuan Spiced Pork Mince Sauce are one *Echo* member's private addiction; there's also a great Pad Thai, and the desserts, especially his take on Sticky Date Pudding, are worth leaving room for.

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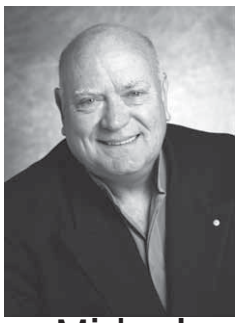

Michael Chugg Bluesfest co-director & nominee for Pollstar's Promoter of the Year

VITAMINS FOR YOUR EARS

I am sitting in a room surrounded by boxes. In fact, I am feeling nervous that at some point there may be an avalanche and I will meet my end under the weight of 30,000 independent releases. In the corner of the room is Glenn Wright, the Vitamin King. He's no pill pusher, he's the brains behind one of the country's most successful boutique music labels: Vitamin Records, a national label which operates out of Mullumbimby.

Glenn's interest in music grew from his extensive exposure as the co-owner of the legendary Harbourside Brasserie which for 16 years provided live music seven nights a weeek. When the Harbourside closed there was a noticeable gap in Sydney's live music scene for the emerging and established.

For Glenn, starting an independent label was a way of ensuring that the music he liked to listen to could make it into the market.

'We established in 2000 with about 15 acts on the label including: Jackie Orszaczky, David Lane, Fourplay String Play Quartet, Coda, Entropic and Karma County.'

Vitamin doesn't carry a signature style. The catalogue ranges from dub to reggae, blues, jazz, art rock, alt country, gypsy punk, electro and hip hop. 'The only thing we don't carry is metal or indie rock, but we have everything in between,' Glenn adds.

With a culture of music downloading, one would imagine that promoting a market that depends on physical CD sales would be a challenge. Not so for Vitamin who have had a bumper year. 'We doubled our turnover in 2007 for actual physical CD sales, we'd like to double it again in 2008.'

As far as selecting artists for the Vitamin label Glenn looks for what he refers to as career artists.

'We look at producing something for them every two years. We work with the artists to make decisions, we oversee it but the creative decisions are always made by the artists. We don't act like Sony Music, we don't package the product. These are career artists. Not throw them at the wall and see what happens pop artists.'

Glenn credits the growing festival culture and a change in the music industry as fuelling the growth for a strong independent market.

'The whole range of different festivals helps get these acts that don't fit into the normal Oz Rock radio format – festivals like Woodford, East Coast Blues, The Great Escape, Peats Ridge etc are far more open to championing different styles of music.'

Festivals have been in the news a lot lately, with local resident action groups inviting the public to lobby councillors to stop the expansion plans of the larger festivals. As a local resident and independent music promoter I asked Glenn for his opinion on festivals and the ensuing conflict between community and commercial interest.

'I like both the festivals – I think it's unfair to criticise festivals because the young people go to them or that they appeal to different walks of life. But I do think as a resident, that considerations like traffic, sewerage and native habitat are really important and that's what council process is for. I have been to the Yelgun site and I went to the council meeting in the chambers and I think a lot of people are getting sidetracked on the real issues. I don't think there would be this much attention given to a proposed quarry going in which is bloody noisy and has significant environmental impact.'

So is it possible to marry festival and community?

'One would hope so, all forms of music are part of our culture – and you can't hold it against someone for being young. The presumption that people will act badly is also over the top. Look at how well Woodford festival has managed a similar sized event and site. Festivals really help launch the careers of local artists like Sara Tindley who was on the bill for East Coast Blues Festival and Splendour and that really boosted her profile.'

For those unsure how an independent label and distributor works, it's simple. The label markets 10 artists who they promote, produce, with artists like Jesse Younan currently recording his latest album at Christian Pyle's Goonengary studio. Vitamin works as a distributor for many more artists, where the artist supplies the music and Vitamin gets the product into stores nationally.

Glenn admits to being constantly inundated by requests for distribution.

'We see ourselves as a boutique distributor of music so we turn down more than we take. We don't want to get too big. It's what we turn down that makes us different. We want to do a lot with a small amount of artists.'

It's this commitment to the long haul that has seen Vitamin gain momentum and credibility in the music industry. Celebrating another great year at Vitamin with a Vitamin Christmas Party (Vitamin C!) join Sara Tindley and The Kingfishers, Mr Percival, Jessie Younan, Gyan, Juzzie Smith, Jez Mead and Ghost Mountain. The gig is also a fundraiser for Richard Allen who was injured in a football game earlier this year. Be at the **Beach Hotel** to support local people making independent music happen on **Thursday 20 December**.

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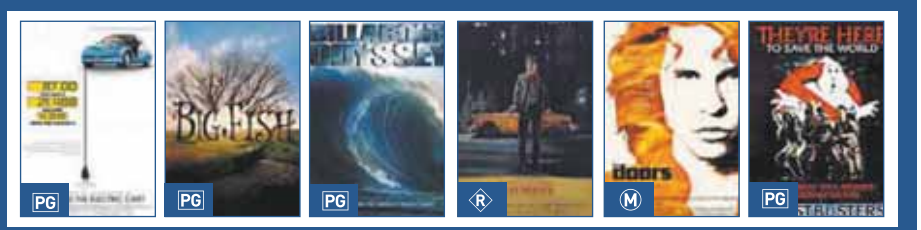

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CONSUMING PASSION

Mandy Nolan **The Soapbox**

How do you stop consuming? I read in *The Echo* a story about an American couple and their friends who had made the conscious decision to stop buying anything new for 6 months. If they needed something they'd either improvise or trade with friends. Apparently it changed their lifestyle and their values so distinctly they have continued it. (Boy I bet their kids are impressed. 'What's for Christmas Dad? Oh, toilet roll binoculars, excellent!') It doesn't matter how recycled, or green the product, every bottom wipe, every litre of ethanol enhanced petrol pushes us closer to the tipping point of our environmental armageddon. I imagined a life without shopping. It made me nauseous. I'm a woman with a shoe addiction. I have 23 wedges, 15 stilettos, 5 sling backs, 10 boots, and various runners and thongs. I don't need shoes. I don't need shoes for another 1000 years. In fact, future generations will be uncovering my rubbery corkies in landfill and marvelling at the prospect of just why a woman with such a big foot would need to make herself so tall. Shopping is addictive. It's an illness. It's never about necessity. There's no purchase buzz from buying a bag of oranges. No, the euphoric high of shopping is only achieved through meaningless purchase. We can choose all the green bags we want, but the reality is, it's what's inside the bag that counts. When I enter one of those large chain outlets I am on sensory overload. There is stuff everywhere, hundreds of square metres of useless crap, but it's crap I am convinced I need. It's crap that I believe will enhance my life enjoyment, it will make me prettier, or happier, or more relaxed. I imagine lying on the beach on those huge fluffy striped towels. This is my unconscious shopper's brain, junkie rationale for unnecessary consumption: Surely my beach enjoyment will be improved with those lovely new beach towels. I am currently lying on small square scuffs. It's embarassing and makes our family look economically disadvantaged. New towels will make us look rich. For crying out loud, have you ever walked past anyone on the beach and gone: Hey nice towel! The longer I shop and purchase nothing the unhappier I am. A 5 pack of undies, just $6. Photo frames. Display cushions. Decorative throws for the end of the bed. I wonder whether there's an Ethiopian mum contemplating a throw for her couch right now. I pass the shoe section. It seems a shame not to have just a 'look'. Nobody has caused global warming by just looking. All the tiny hands of those Chinese children toiling for no avail. It seems irresponsible not to contribute to their booming economy and continued suffering. I purchase the shoes. Later, when I am driving home in the car my eyes fall on the plastic bag containing the unnecessary bargain and I am filled with guilt. At that price, I really should have bought a second pair.

live music

BLUESFEST'S MICHAEL CHUGG NOMINATED FOR PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

Promoter of The BluesFest Michael Chugg has been nominated for Promoter of the Year with winners to be announced at the 19th Annual Pollstar Concert Industry Awards show on February 7, 2008 at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. This is not the first time for the well known promoter affectionately known as 'Chuggie'. In 2001 he received this very same award, from his prestigious North American major live industry event.

Michael Chugg said, 'It's an honour to be acknowledged by respected industry peers at this peak international level. This nomination is testament to the amazing team of talented people we have working here at Chugg Entertainment. I'm enormously proud of the hard work and dedication shown by everyone here on a daily basis.'

In a career which has spanned more than forty years, Michael Chugg is considered to be a pioneer of the Australian music industry with many years experience in organising and promoting international artists. His efforts have not only included promoting some of the biggest concerts in Australia and New Zealand (Ray Charles, Cold Play, Tina Arena, Radiohead, Robbie Williams with Duran Duran and more), but also his tireless promotion of Australian music to the rest of the world.

Chugg Entertainment's current tours include Elton John, Sinead O'Connor, Rufus Wainwright, Keith Urban and Ozzy Osbourne. Michael Chugg Entertainment (now simply called Chugg Entertainment) was formed in 2000 and since then has promoted and toured over 150 Australian and international artists, making the company one of the most prominent and respected promoters not only within the Australian Music Industry, but also around the world. In 2005's half-year concert report in the industry's number one magazine – *Billboard* – Michael Chugg Entertainment was polled as the 5th biggest promoter in the world and was the only Australian to make the list.

KT TUNSTALL AT BLUESFEST

BRINGING BLUES TO BRYON

The East Coast Blues and Roots Music Festival has made its second round announcement for BluesFest 2008 to be held at Belongil Fields from Thursday 20 March – Monday 24 March. Leading the bill are huge talents like John Fogerty, KT Tunstall and Jools Holland & His Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. For the first time the festival is thrilled to welcome Ian Brown from legendary UK band The Stone Roses. Also appearing are Xavier Rudd, G Love & Special Sauce, Jools Holland & His Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, Keb' Mo', Seasick Steve, Lee Ritenour, Lior, Charlie Musselwhite Band, Brandi Carlile, The Audreys, John Hammond, JJ Grey & MOFRO, The Bellrays, Galactic and Jeff Martin.Festival director Peter Noble said, 'in addition to the big names, people are going to be knocked out by some of the acts we're bringing over from the UK. The London Community Gospel Choir is a 15 member vocal gospel tour de force, while Jools Holland and his 18 piece big band are just blowing away audiences of thousands every week over there. We've also booked the ramblin' gonzo-beat poet discovery Seasick Steve who is an absolute revelation – just voted as best breakthrough act of 2007 by *Mojo Magazine*. Think train jumping hobo crossed with Tom Waits and you'll get the idea.' We know we're now regarded by many artists who play here as one of a small handful of premier international events worldwide – and the way we see it – if we can create a healthy, happy, responsible artistic climate that sparks the imagination and allows performers to play at their highest levels – then we've done our job.' John Fogerty is famous for his time with the classic rock-blues band Creedence Clearwater Revival from the late 1950s until its demise in 1972. Fogerty is the writer of such rock classics as *Proud Mary* and *Bad Moon Rising*. 2007's Revival is Fogerty's first album of new material on Fantasy following a very public 30-year battle with the label over his catalogue. The reconciliation led to the first complete retrospective of his career, *The Long Road Home*, which came out in late 2005. Fogerty was inducted into the prestigious Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2005 and was honoured as a composer with the 1997 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Songwriters. His 1997 album, *Blue Moon Swamp*, won the Grammy for Best Rock Album. Also joining the impressive artist list is KT Tunstall who toured the world a few times; became a festival favourite from Glastonbury to T in the Park; outsold every other female artist in the UK in 2005; won a Brit Award for Best British Female Solo Artist; landed a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance; lent her hit tune *Suddenly I See* to the soundtrack of the film *The Devil Wears Prada* and the TV show *Ugly Betty*; watched her songs become staple audition material for contestants on American Idol; recorded and filmed her lo-fi album *Acoustic Extravaganza*; and sold almost four million copies of *Eye To The Telescope*. Catch her and all the other impressive acts at Bluesfest. www.bluesfest.com.au.

THORNCRAFT FOR THE BLUE BIRDY

The **Jack Thorncraft Trio** appear at the **Blue Birdy** at the **Buddha Bar** on **Wednesday**. With Jack on acoustic bass and vocals,

new program guide

Bay FM 99.9

2006 Community Radio Station of the Year

MONDAY
6am **The Morning Mix** KaBes
9am **The Generator** Charlie & Malcom
11am **That's Entertainment** Michael Sharman
12pm **Cultural Awareness** DJ Terra Nullis & Yapa
2pm **Fear of A White Planet** Funk Fanatic & Sheik Yerbouty
4pm **Stuck 4 Words** Oliver & Michelle
6pm **Grailey Whole Celtic Show** Margaret Wyatt
8pm **The Pulse** MG & Ali
10pm **Radio Magic** Sam I AM

TUESDAY
6am **Planet Luv** Glitter Girl
9am **Love, Life & Laughter** Pavitar
11am **Byron Business** Phil Daly
12pm **Belly** The Belly Sisters
1pm **Airbus** The Stewardess
2pm **All That Jazz** PK
4pm **Rollin'** Mel
6pm **Post Modern Backlash** Hudson
8pm **Radio Mundial** Steve Snelgrove
10pm **Foundation** Pheds

WEDNESDAY
6am **Wakin' Waves** Freegirl
9am **Thermostat/ Traveller's Tales** Greg & Rebecca
11am **Go Earthcare** Ros Elliott
12pm **Suara Indonesia** Dharma, Kirana, Judith
2pm **Tech Talk** Lee
4pm **Hip Hop Drive** DJ Mud
6pm **Down At Big Mary's** Sista Mary
8pm **Eclectic Lazyland** Charles
10pm **Psy Phi** MK-Ultra

THURSDAY
6am **Bump & Grind** Elsa
9am **Radio Arts** Gina Baker
11am **Bohemian Beat** Riddhi
12pm **Paddy's Pleasure** Paddy Raleigh
2pm **High Grade Radio** Krazy Dayv
4pm **Thursdayitis** Stuey
6pm **Generation You** Jordi
8pm **CruiSin for a Bluesin** The Honeydripper
10pm **What It Is** Dollarmix & Hopalong

FRIDAY
6am **Morning Tea with JD & Ali** JD Malouf & Ali
9am **The Shakedown** (earth friendly) Red Terra
11am **Whirled Music** Phil Hurst
12pm **The Spydamunk Show** Spydamunk
1pm **Brave New Tunes** Mista Micha
2pm **Flow Poetry** DJ Illiad
4pm **Ice Cream Truck** Fulton & Ruger
6pm **The Roundtable** Dan Cassidy
8pm **Funked Up Friday** X Facta & The Groove Masta
10pm **Roots 'n' Culture** DJ Selector

SATURDAY
6am **Saturday Special** Coco's Sister
8am **Mixed Brew** DJ Surprise
10am **Cowboy's Sweetheart** Carrie D
12pm **Red Hot & Cool** Anthony & Ken
2pm **Toasted** Lady Marmalade
4pm **Natural Balance** Sut
6pm **Q-Ear** Muffy Diver & Dancing Dougie
8pm **Broken Heart Road** Peggy
10pm **Soundtracks to Life** DJ Rapunzel & The Undertaker

SUNDAY
7am **Sunday Soundscape** Gayle Cue
10am **Jazz Moods** Jean Brown
12pm **Omnibus** RG Pedicini & Les Schmidt
2pm **Radio Latina** Yolanda, Juan, Bita
4pm **The Bay Lounge** Aqua
6pm **Strictly Vinyl** Inchie
8pm **The Chill Pill** Mista Micha & Monsieur 'S'
10pm **Green Cabbages-Brown Rice** Col & Angus

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FRI 14 ZEN PARADOX 9.00PM
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Television Guide

1. Imagine if prehistoric dragons (that inexplicably have left no fossil record) are somehow revived and take over the world and only badass Americans can save us. Imagine that when they arrive they turn out to be culturally insensitive invaders. The dragons are rather fierce too. The premises of **Reign of Fire** (Prime, Friday 8.30pm) are pretty silly but the dragons are well realised.

2. If Laurence Olivier seems a little stiff playing opposite Marilyn Monroe in **The Prince and the Showgirl** (NBN, Saturday 1pm), that's just his normal thespic style, and on the whole the movie (an historical curiosity) is even stiffer.

3. There are two upsides to the summer suspension of Neighbours. The second one is that when faced with a gap in the schedule Ten's programmers instinctively reach for a cartoon. In this case it's **Futurama** (weekdays from Monday, 6.30pm), slick SF comedy from the creators of The Simpsons.

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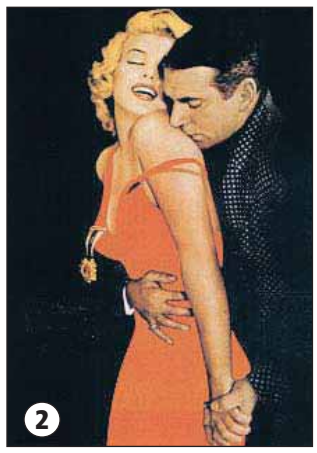
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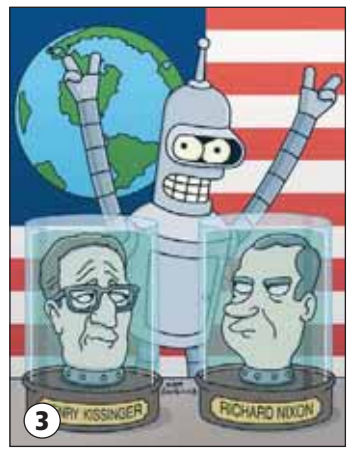

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WEDNESDAY 12

ABC

4.30 **Movie: Venetian Bird** (PG, 1952) Stars John Gregson, George Coulouris.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **National Press Club Address**
1.30 **Shacks** (G)
2.00 **The Bill** (M*)
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.55 **RollerCoaster** (G)
6.05 **Return Of The Chef**
6.30 **Nigella Feasts: Fun Food**
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **My Family** (PG)
8.35 **Vicar Of Dibley** (PG)
9.30 **The Worst Jobs In History Christmas Special** (M*,cl)
10.20 **ABC News**
10.35 **Cutting It** (PG)
11.30 **Sex Traffic** (M*,s,v,l)
12.35 **Movie: Carnival** (PG, 1946) Stars Sally Gray, Michael Wilding, Stanley Holloway.
2.40 **Cat Wars** (G) The feral cat problem.
3.25 **National Press Club Address**

SBS

5.30 **World News** in various languages.
12.30 **Business Report**
1.00 **World News** in various languages..
2.35 **Johnny Hallyday** (G) Masterpiece from the UK.
3.00 **Festive Ways: The Palio of Montagnana** Documentary series from France.
3.30 **The Festive Ways: The Witch Festival** Documentary series from France.
4.00 **A Fork In The Road: Paris**
4.30 **The Journal**
5.00 **Newshour** with Jim Lehrer.
6.00 **Global Village: The Majorettes Of Soweto** also **Marais Vernier** Double documentary series from France (G)
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Food Safari** New documentary series.
8.00 **Real Top Guns** New documetary series.
8.30 **Jesse James** (PG) Doco from USA.
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **Newstopia** Comedy series (Final)
10.30 **Movie: 16 Years Of Alcohol** (2003) Stars Kevin McKidd, Laura Fraser.
12.15 **Movie: Inheritance** (MA,,s,v, 2002) Drama from Denmark.
2.15 **Weatherwatch Overnight**

PRIME

6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show**
11.00 **Playhouse Disney**
11.30 **Morning News**
12.00 **Movie: Anonymous Rex** (M,v,a, 2004) Stars Daniel Baldwin, Faye Dunaway.
2.00 **Beyond Tomorrow** (M)
3.00 **Hope & Faith** (PG)
3.30 **Who Dares Wins** (G)
4.00 **It's Academic**
4.30 **News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal**
6.00 **Prime News**
6.30 **Seven News**
7.00 **That '70S Show** (PG)
7.30 **Air Crash Investigations** (PG)
8.30 **A Touch Of Frost** (M)
10.30 **30 Rock** Emmy Award winning comedy
11.00 **Man's Work: Heli-Logger** (M,s,l)
11.30 **The Simple Life** (M)
12.00 **Van Diemen's Land By Butterfly – Part 2** The circumnavigation of Tasmania.
1.00 **Danoz, Expo and Home Shopping**

TEN

6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG)
1.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook**
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures**
4.00 **Totally Wild**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful**
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G)
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Friends** (PG)
7.30 **Don't Forget The Lyrics** (G)
8.30 **The Starter Wife** (M,sr)
9.30 **Cane** (M)
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show with David Letterman**
12.00 **Life On A Stick** (PG,sr) pilot.
12.30 **Judge Judy**
1.00 **Infomericals, Shopping & Religion**

All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

NBN

6.00 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
11.00 **TVP Direct**
11.30 **Danoz**
12.00 **Movie: The Crooked 'E' The Unshredded Truth About Enron** (PG,l,s,a, 2003) Stars Christian Kane, Cameron Bancroft.
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives**
3.00 **Entertainment Tonight**
3.30 **Here's Humphrey**
4.00 **The Shak**
4.30 **National News**
5.00 **Bargain Hunt: Lichfield**
5.30 **Antiques Roadshow: Halifax**
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Men In Trees** (PG)
8.30 **ER** (M) Heart of the matter.
8.45 **Lotto**
9.30 **Moonlight** (M,v,s) Series premier.
10.30 **Comedy Inc. The Late Shift** (M)
11.30 **Nightline**
12.00 **The Mint** (M) Games show.
3.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
4.00 **Untold Wealth**
4.30 **Good Morning America**

THURSDAY 13

ABC

4.30 **Movie: Innocent Sinners** (G, 1958) Stars Flora Robson, David Kossoff.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
9.30 **School Programs**
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **Pie In The Sky** (PG)
1.15 **Celebrating 50 years of ABC TV** (PG)
1.30 **Opal Fever** (G)
2.00 **The Bill** (M*,v)
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.55 **RollerCoaster** (G)
6.10 **Grand Designs: London** (final).
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **Elephant Diaries** (G) Baby orphans.
8.35 **The Celts** (PG) Final.
9.30 **The Beatles' Biggest Secrets** (M*)
10.45 **ABC News**
10.55 **Live From Abbey Road: Paul Simon, Corinne Bailey Rae, Primal Scream** (G)
11.45 **Movie: The House of Seven Corpses** (M*,v, 1973) Stars John Ireland.
1.10 **Movie: Seven Thunders** (PG, 1957) Stars James Robertson Justice, Kathleen Harrison, Stephen Boyd.
2.55 **Movie: The Way We Live** (G, 1946)
3.55 **Golf Links** (G)

SBS

5.30 **World News** in various languages.
12.30 **Business Report**
1.00 **World News** in various languages.
2.30 **Two Men In A Trench: Battle Of Barnet** (G)
2.30 **As It Happened** The Siege Of Newark
3.30 **German News**
4.00 **Food Lovers' Guide to Australia**
4.30 **The Journal**
5.00 **Newshour** with Jim Lehrer.
6.00 **Global Village: Last Troubadours**
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Homemade History –** Home Movies of Joseph Gauci.
7.35 **Inspector Rex** (PG)
8.30 **East West 101** (M,l,v) Drama series.
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **The Movie Show**
10.15 **UEFA Champions League Hour**
11.15 **Kings Of Clubs** Doco series from the UK
11.45 **Speaking In Tongues** Comedy series.
12.15 **Movie: Patlabor 3** (PG, 2002) Thriller from Japan.
2.00 **Weatherwatch Overnight**

SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)

PRIME

6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **Morning Show** (PG)
11.00 **Raggs** pre-schoolers show.
11.30 **Men's Australian Open Golf** (Live)
5.00 **M*A*S*H**
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal**
6.00 **Prime News**
6.30 **Seven News**
7.00 **That '70S Show** (PG)
7.30 **The Amazing Race** (PG) Can horses smell fear?
8.30 **Bones** (M)
9.30 **American Dad** (PG)
10.00 **Family Guy** (M)
10.30 **Famous Presents Hollywood Uncensored** (M)
11.00 **Beauty And The Geek** (PG)
12.00 **Lost** (M)
1.00 **Danoz**
2.00 **Expo and Home Shopping** to 6am

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TEN

6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten Morning News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (M)
1.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook**
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures**
4.00 **Wormwood**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful**
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons**
6.30 **Neighbours**
7.00 **Friends** (PG)
7.30 **Jamie At Home** (G)
8.30 **Journeyman** (M,a)
9.30 **Medium** (M)
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show with David Letterman**
12.00 **Life On A Stick** (PG, sr)
12.30 **Judge Judy** (PG)
1.00 **Infomercials and Religion**

NBN

6.00 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
11.00 **Danoz**
11.30 **Guthy Renker**
12.00 **Movie: Audrey's Rain** (PG,a,s, 2003) Stars Jean Smart, Richard Gilliland.
2.00 **Days of Our Lives**
3.00 **Entertainment Tonight**
3.30 **Here's Humphrey**
4.00 **The Shak**
4.30 **National News**
5.00 **Bargain Hunt: Wetherby 6**
5.30 **Antiques Roadshow: Keswick**
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Getaway** (PG) Summer series.
8.30 **Two And A Half Men** (PG)
9.00 **Til Death** (PG) Series return.
9.30 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares** (MA,l)
10.35 **Outrageous Fortune** (M)
11.35 **Nightline**
12.00 **The Mint**
3.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
4.30 **Good Morning America**

FRIDAY 14

ABC

4.30 **Movie: The Man From Toronto** (G, 1932) Stars Jessie Matthews, Ian Hunter.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **Hustle** (PG)
1.25 **Parkinson** (PG) Repeat.
2.10 **Words** (G)
2.30 **Monitor Lizard** Africa's great thief (G)
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.50 **RollerCoaster** (G)
6.10 **Executive Stress** (G)
6.35 **Lion Man** (G) Interaction with big cats.
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **The Worst Christmas Of My Life** (PG)
8.35 **Foyle's War** (M*v)
10.15 **Dynasties** The Ansett Family Part 1(G)
10.45 **ABC News**
10.55 **Good Game** (Final).
11.55 **rage** (M) goes on until 9am Saturday.

Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.

SBS

5.20 **World News** in various languages.
12.30 **Business Report**
1.00 **Food Lovers' Guide to Australia** (G)
1.30 **Divorce Stories: Conflict** (PG) Documentary series – part 2.
2.30 **Days That Changed The World: The Siege of Vienna** (PG) Documentary series from Germany – part 1.
3.30 **The Djarn Djarns** (PG)
4.00 **Wine Lovers' Guide to Australia**
4.30 **The Journal**
5.00 **Newshour** with Jim Lehrer.
6.00 **Global Village** Bedouin Of Wadi Rum.
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Diamond Road** (G) Documentary series on an intriguing gem.
8.25 **Last Orders: Compost** (G) Documentary series.
8.30 **Two Men In A Trench: The Battle Of Shrewsbury** (G)
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **The First Zionist Bunny** (MA) Documentary from Israel (MA)
11.20 **Movie: Thomas In Love** (M,s,l, 2000) Drama from Belgium.
1.05 **France's War: The Liberation** (M,a) Documentary series from France.
2.00 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME

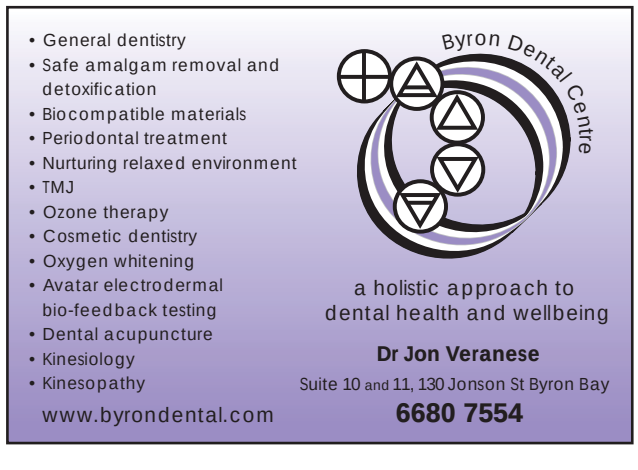
6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show** 2007 final.
11.00 **Raggs** pre-schoolers show.
11.30 **Men's Australian Open Golf** (Live)
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal**
6.00 **Prime News**
6.30 **Seven News**
7.00 **That '70S Show** (PG)
7.30 **Better Homes And Gardens Summer**
8.30 **Movie: Reign Of Fire** (M,v,h 2002) Stars Matthew McConaughey, Christian Bale.
10.45 **Movie: Predator** (M,v,l, 1987) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bill Duke, Carl Weathers.
12.50 **Movie: Bulletproof** (AV, 1988) Stars Gary Busey, Luke Askew, William Smith.
2.40 **Danoz Direct**
3.40 **Expo and Home Shopping** to 6am. Man finally put in charge of struggling feminist movement. *www.theonion.com*

TEN

6.00 **Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV**
7.30 **Kids' Programs**
8.30 **Rock It!**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (M) Season final.
1.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Season final.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook**
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures**
4.00 **H2O – Just Add Water**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful**
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G)
6.30 **Neighbours** Season final.
7.00 **Friends** (PG)
7.30 **Kid Nation** (PG)
8.30 **The Biggest Loser** (PG)
10.30 **Outrageous Fortune** (M,cl,s)
11.30 **The Wedge** (M)
11.00 **Late News**
12.00 **Sports Tonight**
12.30 **Late Show With David Letterman**
1.30 **Infomercials**
4.00 **Strong Medicine** (M)
5.00 **Religion**

NBN

6.00 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
10.30 **Here's Humphrey**
11.00 **Danoz & Guthy Renker**
12.00 **Movie: One Hell Of A Guy** (M,1998) Stars Rob Lowe, Alexandra Powers.
2.00 **Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Cricket Match** Australia vs New Zealand (Live)
6.00 **Evening News**
6.30 **A Current Affair**
7.00 **Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Cricket Match** Australia vs New Zealand (Live)
10.00 **Movies: Last Action Hero** (M,l,v, 1992) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mercedes Ruehl, Charles Dance.
12.30 **The Mint**
4.00 **Guthy Renker**
4.30 **Good Morning America**
I don't know that athiests should be regarded as citizens, nor should they be regarded as patriotic. This is one nation under God. *George W Bush*



SATURDAY 15

ABC
- **6.00 rage** (PG)
- **9.10 20 Years Of rage Special** (G)
- **10.10 Falcon Beach** (PG)
- **11.00 Bowls: Champion of Champions '07**
- **12.00 Dynasties: The Wentworth Family** (G)
- **12.30 Best Of Australian Story: Man of The Century**
- **1.00 Big Cat Diary: Cheetahs** (G*)
- **1.30 Elvis: The Great Performances** (G)
- **2.35 Cold Chisel: Last Stand** (G)
- **4.00 Basketball: WNBL 2007/08**
- **5.00 Bowls: Tri Nations 2007**
- **6.00 Goodnight Sweetheart**
- **6.30 Best of Gardening Australia**
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 Doc Martin** (PG)
- **8.20 ABC News**
- **8.30 The Bill** (M*,v)
- **10.05 ABC News**
- **10.10 Parkinson** Guests: Bobby Charlton, Joanna Lumley, Peter Cincotti, Richard Attenborough.
- **11.00 The Commander: Virus – Part 2** (M*,v)
- **12.10 rage** (M) goes on until 6.30am Sunday.

SBS
- **5.20 World News** in various languages.
- **12.30 Business Report**
- **1.00 The Love For Three Oranges** (G) Masterpiece in French.
- **3.00 Christmas Music From Rosslyn Chapel** (G) Masterpiece from the UK .
- **3.30 Gustave Courbet: The Origins of His World** Masterpiece from France.
- **4.30 Newshour** with Jim Lehrer.
- **5.30 Mythbusters** (G)
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 The Movie Show**
- **7.35 Top Gear** (G)
- **8.30 The Long Way Round: Alaska and Canada** (M,l) Final.
- **9.20 RocKwiz** (PG)
- **10.15 Movie: Young Adam** (MA,s,l,n, 2002) Stars Ewan McGregor, Emily Mortimer.
- **12.00 SOS… Shorts On Screen** (PG)
- **1.00 Chappelle's Show** (M,s,d,a) Comedy series from USA.
- **1.25 Ghost In The Shell** (M,v) Animated series from Japan.
- **1.50 Samurai Champloo** (MA,v) Animated series from Japan.
- **2.20 Weatherwatch Overnight**

PRIME
- **6.00 Kids' Programs**
- **7.00 Saturday Disney**
- **9.00 Saturday Disney Movie: High School Musical** (G, 2006)
- **11.00 It's Academic**
- **11.30 Erkey Perky**
- **12.00 Men's Australian Open Golf** (Live)
- **5.30 Sydney Weekender**
- **6.00 Seven News**
- **6.30 Heartbeat** (PG)
- **7.30 The Royal** (PG)
- **8.30 Marco Polo** (M,v) Special premier
- **11.50 Movie: Colors** (AV,l,s 1988) Stars Sean Penn, Robert Duvall, Glenn Plummer.
- **2.30 Where Have All The Children Gone?** (G) Doco on parents and adopted children.
- **3.30 Danoz and Expo** through until 6am.

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TEN
- **6.00 Kids' Programs**
- **8.30 Video Hits First – Homebake Special**
- **12.00 Australian Fishing Championship**
- **1.00 Video Hits Presents: Highest Selling Hits Of the Last 15 years** (PG)
- **2.00 Free TV** (G)
- **2.30 Saving Orangutans** (G)
- **3.30 Totally Australia: Catwalk 360**
- **4.30 Escape with ET**
- **5.00 Ten News**
- **5.30 Sports Tonight**
- **6.00 Simpsons** (PG) Double series.
- **7.00 Friends** (PG)
- **7.30 Movie: Clueless** (PG,cl,sr, 1995) Stars Alicia Silverstone, Paul Rudd, Jason Flemyng
- **9.30 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show 2007** (M) Repeat.
- **10.30 Orange Roughies** (M,cl,v)
- **11.30 The Wedge** (M)
- **11.55 Movie: Stripes** (M,cl,n, 1981) Stars Bill Murray, Harold Ramis, John Candy.
- **2.00 Infomercials, Shopping & Religion**

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All dressed up
And no place to go
Epitaph

NBN
- **6.00 Infomercials**
- **7.30 Kids' Programs**
- **10.00 Foreign Exchange**
- **10.30 2007 Rock Eisteddfod Challenge** (final)
- **11.30 Jack Of All Trades** (G)
- **12.00 Miss Unity** (G)
- **1.00 Movie: Prince And The Showgirl** (G, 1957) Stars Sir Laurence Olivier, Marilyn Monroe, Sybil Thorndike.
- **3.30 All I Want For Christmas** (PG)
- **4.00 Wonders of Australia's Great National Parks** Marvels of the Mountains.
- **5.00 The Garden Gurus**
- **5.30 Antique Roadshow: Minehead**
- **6.00 Evening News**
- **6.30 Funniest Home Video Show** (G)
- **7.30 Survivor: China** (PG) Double episode.
- **8.40 Saturday Lotto**
- **9.30 Movie: Edge of The World** (AV15+, 2005) Stars John Andrews, Lee Martin.
- **11.30 Penn & Teller** (M)
- **12.00 The Mint** (M) Games show.
- **4.00 Guthy Renker and Danoz** to 6am.

SUNDAY 16

ABC
- **5.00 rage**
- **6.30 Kids' Programs**
- **9.00 Difference Of Opinion** (G)
- **10.00 Who Wrote The Bible?** (G)
- **10.55 Compass: Happiness And Its Causes**
- **11.30 Songs Of Praise**
- **12.00 Best Of Landline**
- **1.00 Best Of Gardening Australia**
- **1.30 Best Of Message Stick** (G*)
- **2.00 Helen Of Troy** (G)
- **3.00 The Pirates Of Penzance** (G) Featuring Anthony Warlow, David Hobson.
- **5.00 Rolando Villazon** Opera.
- **6.00 At The Movies: Special** (G)
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 Spicks And Specks**
- **8.25 ABC News**
- **8.30 Housewife 49** (G)
- **10.05 Compass: Brigidine House**
- **10.35 Jekyll And Hyde: The True Story** (M*)
- **11.30 Proof** (M*v,l,s,a)
- **1.00 Movie: That's Carry On** (M*, 1978) An anthology of scenes from the 'Carry On' films.
- **2.35 Movie: Youth Runs Wild** (PG, 1944) Stars Kent Smith, Jean Brooks.
- **3.45 Songs Of Praise**

SBS
- **6.55 World News** in various languages
- **10.30 The Movie Show**
- **10.35 Women's Golf: Lexus Cup**
- **11.35 UCI Track World Cup, Sydney**
- **12.35 World Rally Car's Toughest Stages**
- **1.30 Speedweek** Motorsport round up.
- **2.30 FIA World Rally Championship 2007**
- **3.30 UEFA Champions League 2007/2008 Magazine**
- **4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature**
- **5.00 The World Game** Football.
- **6.00 Thalassa: Rescuers At Sea**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Bill Oddie** (PG) Doco series from the UK.
- **8.30 21 Up America:** Doco from the USA.
- **10.20 Cadel Evans: On Tour**
- **10.50 2007 FIFA Club World Cup: Final**
- **1.00 The Storm Rages Twice** (PG)
- **2.00 WeatherWatch Overnight**

I'm completely in favor of the separation of Church and State. My idea is that these two institutions screw us up enough on their own, so both of them together is certain death. *George Carlin*

PRIME
- **6.00 Religion**
- **7.00 Staines Down Drains**
- **7.30 Dive Olly Dive**
- **8.00 Weekend Sunrise**
- **10.00 My Wife And Kids** (PG)
- **10.30 Sea Change, Tree Change** (G)
- **11.00 The Most Extreme** (G) Fashion disasters
- **12.00 Men's Australian Open Golf** (Live)
- **5.30 Border Patrol NZ** (PG)
- **6.00 Seven News**
- **6.30 Wild Vets** (G)
- **7.00 Whacked Out Sports** (PG)
- **7.30 Ghost Whisperer** (PG)
- **8.30 Movie: The Santa Clause 2** (M, 2002) Stars Tim Allen.
- **10.40 Movie: The Peacemaker** (M,v,l, 1997) Stars Nicole Kidman, George Clooney, Mimi Leder.
- **1.10 Movie: Her Own Rules** (M,s, 1998) A Barbara Taylor Badford tale.
- **3.00 Danoz Direct**
- **3.20 Expo and Shopping** to 6am

TEN
- **6.00 Religion**
- **7.30 Totally Wild**
- **8.00 Video Hits First** (G)
- **9.30 Video Hits** (G)
- **10.30 Powderfinger and Silverchair Concert Special** (PG)
- **11.30 Cybershack** (PG)
- **12.00 Animalia**
- **12.30 Courting Alex** (PG)
- **1.00 Infomercial**
- **2.00 River To Reef**
- **2.30 Hook, Line & Sinker's Road Trip: Australia** (G)
- **3.00 Movie: Come On Get Happy – The Partridge Family Story** (PG 1999) Stars Eve Gordon, Rodney Scott, Kathy Wagner.
- **5.00 Ten News**
- **5.30 Sports Tonight**
- **6.00 The Simpsons** (PG)
- **6.30 Meerkat Manor** (G)
- **7.00 Friends** (PG)
- **7.30 Don't Forget The Lyrics** (G)
- **8.30 Movie: Erin Brockovich** (M, 2000) Stars Julia Roberts, Albert Finney.
- **1.05 Outrageous Fortune** (M,cl,sr) Double episode.
- **[illegible] Infomercials**
- **4.00 Religion** to 6am.

NBN
- **6.00 Infomercials**
- **7.30 Codename: Kids Next Door**
- **8.00 2007 Christmas Pageant**
- **9.00 Wild Adventures With David Ireland** (G)
- **10.00 NBL** Sports
- **11.00 Surfsport** Billabong Pro from Spain.
- **12.00 Jack Of All Trades**
- **12.30 Cronulla International Cycling Grand Prix** (Live)
- **2.00 Chappel-Hadlee Cricket Trophy –** Australia vs New Zealand (Day – Live)
- **6.00 Evening News**
- **6.30 Chappel-Hadlee Cricket Trophy –** Australia vs New Zealand (Evening – Live)
- **10.00 Movie: Hollywood Homicide** (M,v,l 2003)Stars Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnet, Gladys Knight, Isaiah Washington.
- **11.30 Movie: The Legend Of 1900** (M,l, 1998) Stars Tim Roth, Melanie Thierry.
- **2.00 The Avengers** (PG)
- **3.00 One On One** (PG)
- **3.30 Guthy-Renker Australia**
- **5.00 Good Morning America**

MONDAY 17

ABC
- **4.30 Movie: The Ghost Train** (G, 1941) Stars Arthur Asky, Kathleen Harrison.
- **6.00 Kids' Programs**
- **11.00 Bet Of Landline**
- **12.00 Midday Report**
- **12.30 Pilot Guides** (PG*)
- **1.30 Love And Money** (G)
- **2.00 The Bill** (PG)
- **3.00 Kids' Programs**
- **4.55 RollerCoaster**
- **6.05 Burma's Forgotten Fleet** (G)
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 The 7.30 Report**
- **8.00 Star Portraits with Rolf Harris: Charlie Dimmock** (G)
- **8.35 Beau Brummell: This Charming Man** (PG)
- **10.00 Grumpy Old Men At Christmas** (M*,l)
- **11.00 ABC News**
- **11.10 The Sixties: The Years That Shaped A Generation** (MA*,cl) final.
- **11.40 Sir! No Sir** (M*,cl)
- **12.10 India's Ladyboys** (M*, sr,a,cl,n)
- **1.05 Movie: Dublin Nightmare** (PG, 1958) Stars William Sylvester, Maria Landi.
- **2.05 Movie: Hunted** (PG, 1952) Stars Dirk Bogarde, Kay Walsh, Elizabeth Sellars.
- **3.30 Bowls: Tri Nations 2007** Repeat.

SBS
- **5.20 World News** in various languages.
- **1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia**
- **1.30 Cutting Edge: Spying on the Home Front** (G)
- **2.30 Beneath The Stones Of Gaza**(G) Documentary from France.
- **3.30 The Bible Unearthed** The Kings.
- **4.30 The Journal**
- **5.00 The Crew**
- **5.30 Fair Dinkum Manjit** (G)
- **6.00 Global Village: Flavours Of France**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 Mythbusters**
- **9.05 South Park** (M,a,s) Repeat.
- **9.00 Pizza** (M,d,l,v) comedy series.
- **9.30 World News Australia**
- **10.00 Shameless Christmas Special** (MA)
- **11.20 Movie: Nicotine** (2003) Action film from Mexico.
- **12.55 Movie: Jin-Roh: The Wolf Brigade** (MA,v, 1999) Animé from Japan.
- **2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
- **6.00 Sunrise**
- **9.00 Raggs** pre-schoolers show.
- **9.30 Hannah Montana** (G)
- **10.30 The Most Extreme** (G)
- **11.30 Morning News**
- **12.00 Movie: Snow Day** (G, 2000) Stars Chris Elliott, Mark Webber, Chevy Chase.
- **2.00 King Of The Hill** (PG) New episodes.
- **3.00 Hope & Faith** (PG)
- **3.30 Who Dares Wins** (G)
- **4.00 Go Go Stop**
- **4.30 News**
- **5.00 M*A*S*H** (G)
- **5.30 Deal Or No Deal**
- **6.00 Prime News**
- **6.30 Seven News**
- **7.00 That '70S Show** (PG)
- **7.30 Borderline** (PG)
- **8.00 Coastwatch** (PG)
- **8.30 Criminal Minds** (M)
- **9.30 Grey's Anatomy** (M)
- **10.30 30 Rock** (PG) Comedy series with Alec Baldwin.
- **11.00 It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia** (M)
- **11.30 The Simple Life** (M)
- **12.00 Life As We Know It** (M)
- **1.00 Danoz Direct**
- **2.00 Expo and Home Shopping** to 6am.

TEN
- **6.00 Early News**
- **7.00 Kids' Programs**
- **8.30 Puzzle Play**
- **9.00 9am Summertime**
- **11.00 Ten News**
- **12.00 7th Heaven** (G) Series return.
- **1.00 Video Hits Presents: James Blunt** (G)
- **1.30 Video Hits Presents: The Veronicas**
- **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 Futurama** (G)
- **7.00 Friends** (PG)
- **7.30 America's Next Top Model** (PG)
- **8.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent** (M)
- **9.30 Law & Order** (M)
- **10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight**
- **11.15 Late Show with David Letterman**
- **12.00 Life On A Stick** (PG)
- **12.30 Judge Judy** (PG)
- **1.00 Infomercials**
- **4.00 Religion** to 6am

NBN
- **6.00 Today**
- **9.00 Morning With Kerri-Anne**
- **11.00 Time /Life**
- **11.30 Danoz**
- **12.00 Movie: Boys And Girls** (PG,s,l, 2000) Stars Freddie Prince Jr, Claire Forlani.
- **2.00 Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
- **3.00 Entertainment Tonight** (G)
- **3.30 Here's Humphrey**
- **4.00 Groovedelicious –** Teen entertainment
- **4.30 National News**
- **5.00 Bargain Hunt** Newark 10
- **5.30 Antiques Roadshow** Penshurst Place
- **6.00 Evening News**
- **7.00 A Current Affair**
- **7.30 The Big Bang Theory** (PG)
- **8.00 The New Adventures Of Old Christine** (PG)
- **8.30 Cold Case** (M)
- **8.45 Lotto**
- **9.30 The Closer** (M)
- **10.30 Weeds** (MA15+)
- **11.05 Girls Of The Playboy Mansion** (M)
- **11.35 Nightline**
- **12.00 The Mint** Games show
- **3.00 Guthy-Renker and Danoz**
- **4.30 Good Morning America**

TUESDAY 18

ABC
- **4.30 Movie: One Good Turn** (G, 1954) Stars Norman Wisdom, Joan Rice.
- **6.00 Kids' Programs**
- **12.00 Midday Report**
- **12.30 All About Olive** (PG)
- **1.30 Police Training Academy** (PG) Final.
- **2.00 The Bill** (PG)
- **3.00 Kids' Programs**
- **4.55 RollerCoaster**
- **6.00 Time Team: Greenwich**
- **6.50 National Treasures: Tom Roberts**
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 The 7.30 Report**
- **8.00 Madness of Modern Families: Schools** (PG)
- **8.35 Dragons Alive!: Ruling Reptiles** (PG*)
- **9.25 Monarchy: The Stuart Succession**
- **10.15 ABC News**
- **10.30 Ladette To Lady** (M*,cl,sr)
- **11.20 Spooks** (M*,v)
- **12.15 Movie: The Fire Raisers** (PG, 1933) Leslie Banks, Anne Grey, Carl Goodner.
- **1.30 Movie: The Magnificent Two** (G, 1967) Stars Eric Morecombe, Ernie Wise, Margit Saad, Cecil Parker.
- **3.05 Movie: Fool Rush In** (G, 1949) Stars Guy Rolfe, Nora Swinburne.

SBS
- **5.20 World News** in various languages
- **12.30 Business Report**
- **1.00 Movie: Durval Records** (PG, 2002) Drama from Brazil.
- **2.40 The Movie Show**
- **2.45 Treasures Of The World: The Frankincense Route** doco from Germany.
- **3.00 Festive Ways: Swiss Wrestling** (G) Documentary series from France.
- **3.30 Football Stars Of Tomorrow**
- **4.00 A Fork In The Road: Sicily**
- **4.30 The Journal**
- **5.00 Newshour** with Jim Lehrer.
- **6.00 Global Village – Excentriiiks**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 Frank And Daz Take On The World** (PG)
- **8.30 Energy War** (M) Doco series on the geopolitical consequences of dependency on fossil fuels.
- **9.30 World News Australia**
- **10.00 Crude Impact** (PG,a) Doco series on our dependency of fossil fuel energy.
- **11.45 The True Legend Of The Eiffel Tower** (PG) Docu-drama from France.
- **1.30 Vis A Vis: Techno Tribal** (M,s,l)
- **2.30 WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
- **6.00 Sunrise**
- **9.00 Raggs** pre-schoolers show.
- **9.30 Hannah Montana** (G)
- **10.30 The Most Extreme** (G)
- **11.30 Morning News**
- **12.00 Movie: The Ultimate Christmas Present** (G, 2000)
- **2.00 King Of The Hill** (PG)
- **3.00 Hope & Faith** (PG)
- **3.30 Who Dares Wins** (G)
- **4.00 Go Go Stop**
- **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 That '70S Show** (PG)
- **7.30 Medical Emergency** (PG,a)
- **8.00 Most Daring** (PG)
- **8.30 Shark** (M)
- **9.30 Grey's Anatomy** (M)
- **10.30 Six Degrees** (M)
- **11.30 Medical Incredible** (PG,a)
- **12.00 The Practice** (M)
- **1.00 Danoz Direct**
- **2.00 Expo and Home Shopping** to 6am.

TEN
- **6.00 Early News**
- **7.00 Toasted TV**
- **8.30 Puzzle Play**
- **9.00 9am Summertime**
- **11.00 Morning News**
- **12.00 7th Heaven** (G)
- **1.00 Video Hits Presents: Michael Buble**
- **1.30 Video Hits Presents: Linkin Park**
- **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** (G)
- **6.30 Futurama** (G)
- **7.00 Friends** (PG)
- **7.30 The Simpsons** (G) Double episode.
- **8.30 NCIS** (M)
- **9.30 Psych** (PG)
- **10.30 Late News with Sports**
- **11.15 Late Show with David Letterman**
- **12.00 Life On A Stick** (PG)
- **12.30 Judge Judy**
- **1.00 Infomercials**
- **4.00 Religion** to 6am.

NBN
- **6.00 Today**
- **9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
- **11.00 Danoz & Guthy Renker**
- **12.00 Movie: Door To Door** (PG, 2002) Stars William H. Macy, Kyra Sedgwick.
- **2.00 Days Of Our Lives**
- **3.00 Entertainment Tonight**
- **3.30 Here's Humphrey**
- **4.00 The Shak**
- **4.30 National News**
- **5.00 Bargain Hunt** Peterborough 35
- **5.30 Antiques Roadshow** Penshurst Place 2
- **6.00 Evening News**
- **7.00 A Current Affair**
- **7.30 Police Ten 7** (PG,l)
- **8.00 In The Line Of Fire** (G) Series premier.
- **8.30 Movie: Superstorm** (M,v,l 2007) Stars Nicola Stephenson, Chris Potter.
- **11.00 Comedy Inc. The Late Shift** (M)
- **12.00 The Mint**
- **3.00 Guthy-Renker Australia**
- **4.00 Untold Wealth**
- **4.30 Good Morning America**

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accompanied by Steve Russell on keyboards and Dave Sanders, expect the trio to be at their peak, performing their unique and close-knit interpretations of the American Song Book. They will also be doing some of Jack's originals, soon to be featured on an upcoming CD.

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I woke up the other morning to find that the world had changed, that an era was finally over. Perhaps common decency would be given a chance and hopefully our boys and girls would come home from someone else's war. I laughed in the wonder of it all, saying to my dog, what the hell are you gonna kick against now boy. Now that Old Howard Is Dead & Gone!' Sing it to your Nana and teach it to your dog! At the **Rails** on **Saturday**!

HOME SHOW

Direct from Japan, leading Indian classical bansuri master **Taro Terahara** is joined by leading Australian tabla player **Shen Flindell** for an intimate home concert. Taro and Shen's New Year's Dawn Concert was one of the hits of last year's Woodford Festival and festival-goers will fondly remember that peaceful bamboo flute floating over the festival to usher us into 2007. This will be a rare chance to experience Taro's pristine music in a home concert setting, in his only concert in the Byron region this year. Taro Terahara is one of the leading musicians in the thriving and highly competitive Indian classical music scene in Japan.
His music comfortably spans the full range from contemplative soulful alaap (slow non-rhythmic introduction) to exciting, rhythmic jhala (fast-paced finale). He has a great command of sur (tuning) and lay (timing), with the ability to compose innovative taans and tihais on the spur of the moment, yet all of this is tempered by a beautiful humility and devotion to the mood and spirit of the raga. His music both engages the mind and touches the heart. **6 Goolara Court, Ocean Shores**.

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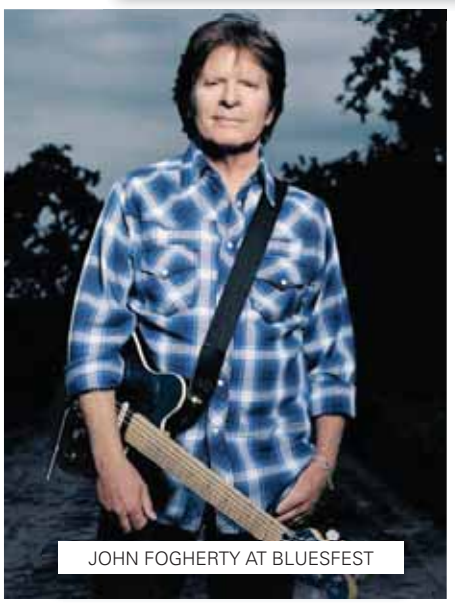
JOHN FOGHERTY AT BLUESFEST

FORT AT THE LENNOX POINT HOTEL ON FRIDAY

DUBSHACK BABY

Dubshack have been busy over the last few months in the lush hills of Byron Bay recording the long awaited debut album. With the deadline fast approaching the final touches are being tenderly applied, the tiniest tempos are tweeked an the whole project is scheduled for release at Peats Ridge festival in Sydney, this NYE. with over 400 bands and 15 stages. But see them here, local and live at the **Beach Hotel** on **Wednesday**.

SOUL SHAKE

Peter C and the **Soul Shakers** play the **Rails** on **Sunday**. Come along and see the best funky blues band on the north coast. Their lineup includes the legendary drummer Russell Dunlop whose credentials are revered in the music industry. Australian Blues Guitarist of the Year winner Geoff Wright, Ric Crothall on bass, Dave Sandford on keys and sax with the mighty vocals of Peter C who also

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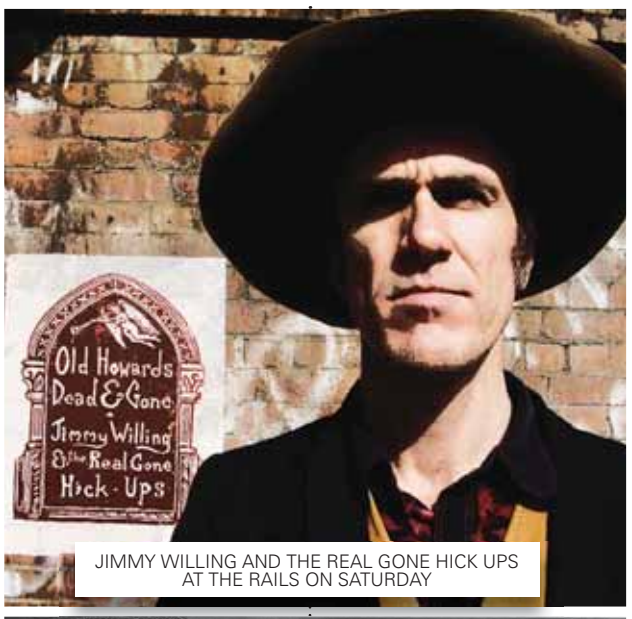
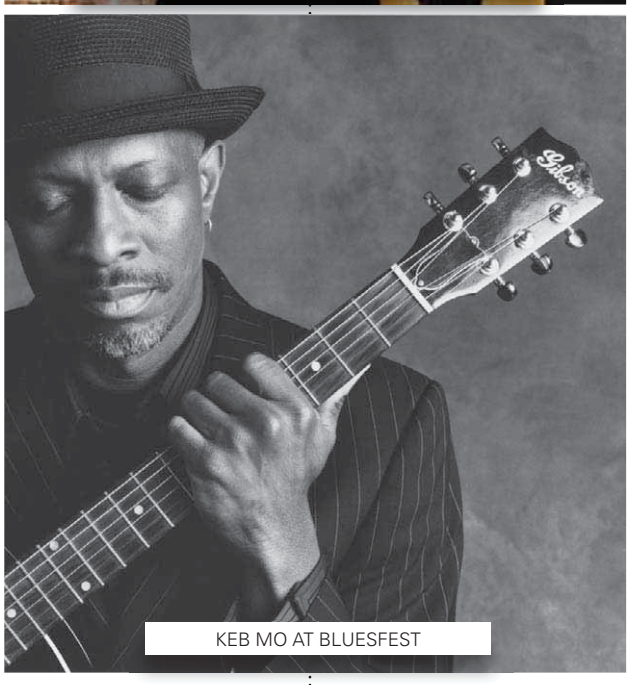


JIMMY WILLING AND THE REAL GONE HICK UPS AT THE RAILS ON SATURDAY


KEB MO AT BLUESFEST

plays guitar. This is the third time they will play the Rails, the dance floor is always packed so come on down and join them for a great night of entertainment.

SOLID ROCK

Having just arrived back from a month of meditations and inspiration in the Himalayas and India the deeply spiritual music of **Sai Masil** is being performed at **Sphynx Rock Cafe** just past **Uki** this **Sunday**. This is an afternoon affair lazing on the lawns sipping delicious drinks and eating the wholesome tasty food of the Cafe, all nestled under the vista of Wollumbin on the Tweed River. Band starts around **1pm**, entry is free so come and relax to the dub and trance, stiring lyrics and dance grooves of Sai Masil.

AUTHENTIC MEXICAN AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Experience the sounds of the real **Mexican Mariachi** with Victor Valdes and the Real Mexico. This amazing night provides a peyote free journey into the real Mexico with popular and sentimental and folk songs. With Victor Valdes on vocals, harp, guitar, vihuela and percussion, Fransisco Gomez on vocals and violin, Hector Aquino on vocals and guitar, Hayley Armstrong on vihuela and Matthew Parker on trumpet. Areba Areba!!! **Thursday** and **Friday**, **20 & 21 December.** Tickets can be booked on 6685 6807.

FORT STOOD UP

Imagine if you can that a person you have desired for sometime, ogling from afar, has finally asked you over for a candlelit dinner and the implied offer of a sexual tryst afterwards. Imagine that this is something you have dreamed of for some time and are looking forward to with much anticipation, nervousness and excitement. Imagine then, if at the 11th hour, the offer is withdrawn with little excuse, and you are left, full of enthusiasm and the desire to deliver and nowhere to go. This is exactly how Byron Bay rock band Fort felt when their support slot for Velvet Revolver was put on hold due 'to health reasons' within the influential LA rock band – thankfully, the quintet will not be left with a case of musical blue-balls as they get to release all that pent-up guitar rock fury onstage at the **Lennox Point Hotel** on **Friday**. Last time the band graced the stage, the place was packed, the crowd ecstatic and the tunes crushing. Last time local support band The Ride played the Lennox Pub the riot squad came and closed the show… so who knows exactly what will go down this time as both bands deliver their tunes to what will no doubt be a steaming holiday vibed crowd.

BLISSTA'S AT THE BEACH

The Samba-Blisstas are 4.5 years old this month, and over those past years has grown to over 45 members! A smaller ensemble of 10 has broken away, simply calling themselves: 'The Bongo Team'. They drummed up a storm at the recent East Coast Blues & Roots Festival in Byron, fired up and left everyone cooking at the Chilli Festival in Sawtell, kept their engines running hot at the Speed on the Tweed in Murwillumbah, the Samba-Blissta Bongo Team is Carnival Drumming Down Under style! They are heading to Byron for their first CD launch in the Bay at the **Beach Hotel** on **Friday**. This will be the first Samba-Blissta (Bongo Team) event in Byron Bay, CDs available on the night, special guests and surprise finale! Don't miss it, show starts from **9pm**.

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OFF THE WALL AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas just seems to be a time of buying useless stuff that we grin and say gee thanks and then wait for the appropriate time to bin it. Why not buy artwork and have something for your walls that keeps an artist surrounded by theirs? **Waywood Gallery** have pulled out their prints to put together a collection of framed and unframed works. The same goes for **Federal Gallery** who are showing a mixed exhibition over the holiday period featuring works by Ken Delzoppo, Merrill Orr, Suvira McDonald, Heika Braha, Jill Keogh, Kim Brerton, Lissa Maloney, Marika Bryant, and Sue Buckle and more.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

Katka Adams was born in Prague where she spent her early childhood. In 1968, when Czechoslovakia was invaded by Russia, she emigrated to Vienna and later to Melbourne then Sydney where she graduated with a Bachelor of Visual Art from Sydney College of the Arts. She now lives and works in Clunes. The Dutch masters have influenced Katka's work especially Vermeer's quiet paintings depicting the everyday lives of families in their homes. Her subject matter focuses on everyday household objects such as the reflection of a spoon in a coffee pot. Her intent is to capture the viewer's attention, magnify that moment and reveal its grandeur to them, drawing attention to the significance of the here and now. Katka's work is on show at the **Tweed River Art Gallery**.

LEN ON SHOW

Local landscape artist **Len Hend** will be painting and selling his work from 104 Dalley Street in **Mullumbimby** until Christmas Eve. Len is responsible for many of the murals in the shire and his famous instructional DVDs are also available for those wishing to take advantage of his 30 years experience a a scenic artist. Check out the man famed for drug free speed painting just behind Lu Lu's.

PERFORMANCE ART

WOODFORD

With names like Juicy Haemoglobin Jam, Go Against the Wind and Crazy Chook Machine, the installation and performance art for the Woodford Folk Festival, December 27 to January 1, promises six days and nights of eclectic outbursts. Performance art occurs daily in sporadic bursts throughout the festival grounds, manifesting as displays and installations that invite the viewer to encounter, negotiate and reflect. This year's theme combines kinetics with recyclables and will be enlivened and quickened through interaction. Contemporary performance artists KoPAS (Korean Performance Art Spirit) will perform for the first time at the festival with their experimental piece, *The River*. The River portrays an inner landscape of love, prayer and blessing in a special lakeside performance during the festival evenings. Festival goers can immerse themselves in the festival spirit; becoming part of the festival grounds by carving a paver to line future pathways, having a wish sung at The Wishing Well, or joining a Lantern Procession. At nightfall, the festival site experiences a transformation into a wonderland of lanterns, and exquisitely lit trees. Artistry, melody and ritual abound at Woodford Folk Festival and with the inclusion of the inaugural Woodford International Performance Art Festival, this year's program promises to be exceptional.Full details available online: www.woodfordfolkfestival.com

JACK THORNCRAFT AT THE BLUE BIRDY AT THE BUDDHA BAR ON WEDNESDAY

BRENDAN LOVECHILD HEADLINES CAFE COMEDY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT BANG THAI

NIDA COMES TO BYRON

I can hear the stampede, of lots of ambitious and eager little feet making their way to the **NIDA on Tour** training. Bridie Carter will be here as a tutor for this four day short course in Acting Techniques at the **Byron Bay Community Centre** for 12 – 15 year olds and adults over 16. NIDA's graduates read like the who's who of entertainment arts, including Cate Blanchett, Hugo Weaving, Baz Luhrmann, Judy Davis, Steve Bisley, John Howard, Colin Friels, Jacqueline McKenzie, Tom Burlinson, Jeremy Sims and Miranda Otto. NIDA's full summer program and online bookings are available at www.nida.edu.au. Bookings to 02 9697 7626 or email open@nida.edu.au

COMEDY

NEW YEAR'S CRACKUP!!!

For those of you who want to celebrate the New Year with a belly laugh and bring in 2008 in style come to The New Years Crack Up at the **Ballina RSL**, featuring 4 world class comics and a drink on arrival, a yummy supper, plus a post show after party with The Hard Word that rocks until 2am. Crikey, there's comedy, music, food and parking! It's going to be the night for you! I've been hosting the mega successful Big Gig at the RSL on the last Thursday of every month. For New Years Eve I share the stage with fellow comic and drop dead diva, Full Frontal's Jackie Loeb. The *Sydney Morning Herald* called her: 'The hardest working comic in show-biz'. Jackie was such a hit at Girlfest she was described by the producer Nicci Madden as being 'so fantastic I had no choice but to bring her back for Girlfest 2007'. Not limited to straight comedy, Jackie utilizes her amazing vocal skills and acting ability to parody everyone from old favourite Shirley Bassey to contemporary superstars The Pussy Cat Dolls. This cabaret element has led Jackie to win the prestigious Sorlies Cabaret Award, as well as gaining work as a singer/actor/songwriter on award winning television series *Full Frontal*. She's joined by comedy comrade, ex lawyer Chris Radburn. With his signature laid back, observational style of humour, he's one of the hottest new comics on the scene today. 2006 saw Chris perform in New York's Gotham Comedy Club and Standup New York, tour to Malaysia with George Smilovici and perform over international waters on the prestigious P & O Cruises. As if that hasn't kept him busy enough, Chris has also performed in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Cracker Comedy Festival, Big Laugh Comedy Festival, The Great Escape Music Festival and The Sydney Royal Easter Show! Another up and coming star on the stand up scene, is Brendan Lovechild. Come and relive 2007, from tsunamis to elections and fricking thing in between. Book your table now!! Tickets are $35.50 for show and supper! 6686 2544.

LOLA THE VAMP TEACHING BURLESQUE WORKSHOP AS LEAD UP TO THE BIG JOKE FESTIVAL

BIG JOKE LAUNCH AT CAFE COMEDY

There's only a few seats left for the **Big Joke Festival Program Launch** at the **Bang Thai's Cafe Comedy** this **Saturday**. With Friday already sold out, patrons are advised to get their tix asap to this exciting pre Chrissy comedy event. I'll be the MC of course, and welcome to the stage the insanely talented madman from Mullumbimby, star of The Comedy Channel's Stand Up Australia and I think one of the best and most gifted new comics in the country: landscaper turned lampooner, Brendan Lovechild. He's joined by Tony Bobbins, the motivational speaker who may not only change your life, he'll take your wife. The program for the Big Joke will be unveiled with tickets on sale from Friday by logging onto www.thebigjoke.com.au or phoning 6687 2000. This is going to be an amazing event, so don't miss out. Be part of the excitement by booking for Saturday's Cafe Comedy on 6687 2000. Tix just $25 for meal and show!

BURLESQUE MAKES IT BIG!

Taking comedy back to its vaudevillian tradition, The Big Joke Comedy Festival introduces **La Lola Salon**, a two day Burlesque Workshop taught by Australia's premier showgirl (supported Nick Cave, cover of *Metro* mag, & hit on the international circuit) Lola the Vamp. Taught in a sumptuous twenties-inspired setting, enjoy the elegant comfort of a private dance studio that overlooks rolling hills around Mullumbimby while finding your inner burlesque broad/bloke. Once schooled in sensuality, you can then let her/him loose on stage at the Big Joke Festival in a smokey late night show on Friday 15 February. So just what is Burlesque I hear you ask? Well, over the last few years the Moulin Rouge inspired tradition of Burlesque has made its way back to stages across Europe, The UK and now Australia. From the 30s to the 60s, Burlesque enjoyed a glamorous heyday full of stars, glitter, pasties and snap-away costumes set to smoky jazz and even smokier nightclubs. Dancing happily alongside strip clubs, New Burlesque incorporates elements into a strip show that are considered more a part of theatrical entertainment than what we know as stripping today. Burlesque holds a great many ideas, meanings, inscriptions and histories, and this is what gives the form its richness. Even men perform burlesque! Burlesque has such a varied history, from parody, to stripping, to comedy, that performers of any gender have a lot to draw upon. Some shows are about the body, others may be about the mind! Explore just who you are as a Burlesque performer at the La Lola Salon. **Saturday 9** & **Sunday 10 February** at Plantation Drive **Mullumbimby** with a performance on **Friday 15 February**. $250 per person. Places are strictly limited. Bookings and enquiries to: 6684 3443 or mandy@mandynolan.com.au

KIDS SPAGHETTI

The incredible **Spaghetti Circus** show us just what you can do with a child after twelve months of bending and coaxing. Their end of the year community show has come to the boil and it's bound to be as fabulous as ever. **Friday** at **7pm** and **Saturday** at **11am** and **7pm** all the community classes will be showing off their magnificent talents! At the **Spaghetti Shed**, adults $10, kids $5 and family $25.

BOOK EM WITH S

He's a very very funny man. If you are fortunate enough to pick up the *Lismore Echo*, you will be familiar with the talents of **S Sorrensen**: comedian, writer and raconteur. S writes a weekly humorous editorial called S Sense, and his latest, and second book I might add, is gathered from the last two years of columns. He launches at **Caddies** in **Lismore** on **Thursday** with wine and music from Mick Daley and friends! According to S there may even be: 'a reappearance of Christ, a satanic ritual, readings, celebrities, scandal and book signings by me. And maybe a firework.' *ChangeS*, is a followup to the successful first book of columns, *The Essential S Sense*, will cost ya $20. The perfect Christmas pressie and a must-have for every toilet... If ya just want to come for the free food, the free grog, the free music and S's company for free – that's fine. You will, um, be tolerated.

KATKA ADAMS

FEDERAL GALLERY

LEN HEND

BEATSNOOPS with Jackie Onassid

THRILL YOUR SENSES AT WTHE INDOOR SESSIONS 3

Zen Paradox – myspace.com/zenparadox – originates from Melbourne and was one of the first recording artists with Ollie Olsen and Andrew Till's longrunning label Psy-Harmonics. You could say Steve Law is hailing from the Melbourne pioneers in alternative tech with live performances dating back to over ten years ago.

The Indoor Sessions is an idea conceived to extend people's electronic music vocabulary. It takes elements from the outdoor trance scene and combines them with underground club stylings. For the first time, Indoor Sessions comes to Byron Bay's **Backroom** in an aural and visual spectacular to thrill our senses. 'The amount of work and talent that has gone into electronic music is phenomenal, and I want this night to be a celebration of the sheer diversity and range of electronic music as well as it being synchronous with the environment that it's put in, with aid from visuals and that. I remember how much work used to be put into creating environment in the days of the Epicentre, and I would like to start attempting to emulate that.'

Indoor Sessions also bills **M-Phonik**, co-owner of the dubstep and drum 'n' bass label **Quiver Operative**. He was found guilty of playing high energy sets with lots of heavy bottom-end noise as the resident DJ at the Winsome's Friday Underground Sessions in Lismore – myspace.com/quiveroperative.

Thrilling your senses from the Sunshine Coast will be Oliver Keefe aka **Srialdabaoth** who experiments in emitting various noises ranging from down-tempo soundscapes to maniacal 4/4 psychedelia. He also owns Retort Redords – myspace.com/srialdabaoth.

In case some of you got a bit nervous just then, yes there is 'funky' and **DJ Kayhat** will deliver it. Kristian Hatton aka Kayhat is the instigator behind Indoor Sessions and he is intent on creating more understanding and acceptance of the extremely diverse world of electronic music – .myspace.com/kayhat

It is clear to me that this crew takes heterogeneity seriously. This collaboration involves the Byron Crazy Tripper Doof Crew doing décor, the multi-dexterous Disco Corky with hands on graphics and Castle party resident-projectionist Tuxtla.

This Friday starts with 'The rise, beautification and persecution of ambiguity' with Srialdabaoth: 9pm till 10.30pm into 'Infusion of integration & passion' with Kayhat: 10.30pm till 12 midnight to'Nauseate Shapely' with Zen Paradox: midnight till 1.30am finishing up with 'Definition of SUB-bass frequency for higher ends with M-phonik: 1.30am till close. Presales available at Great Northern for $12.

Without bothering about who said what, here's 'them' exposing themselves as witty, smart and sincere…

Q: You're all musical queers, how much freakage will each of you bring to the Indoor Sessions 3?

A: 'As much as Jetstar will let me jam into their crappy little aircraft I suppose. Fresh Dubstep, Minimal and heaps of Quiver Operative toonz.'

'The Freakage will be carefully portioned so as to avoid anyone being unwittingly overwhelmed by unreasonable amounts of the freak.'

'…perhaps get people dancing to stuff a bit left-side of what they would normally dance to, or at least give them some new sonic variety in their cerebral process.'

'Sweaty booty in a hard edged tech set with a minimal tech/electro type edge with plenty sub-bass growling.. dunno, I'm no good at 'genreficating' electronic music these days, the lines are getting too blurred.. it's all good… but I like going behind the decks, it makes me feel like Clark Kent turning into superman for a night.

Q: Lazy ATM, Quiver Operative and Retort? How did these names come about and who is who in there?

A: 'The name Quiver Operative is really suggesting that we all have an arsenal of amazing music at our disposal, we just need to find the right group of people to work with and things will flow from there.'

'One would think a name like Retort deserves a witty and concise reply, but I'm afraid you got me there…'

'LAZY ATM, Lazy At The Moment, I suppose it shows the relaxed attitude I take towards putting on the sessions. Or maybe it just sounded cool to me at the time and I'm trying to unsuccessfully justify the name now!'

Q: A shout out to Psy-Trance lovers and the progressively more Progressive Trance lovers?

A: '..my shout out to trance involves letting other styles see some limelight, not 14 hours straight and the same tune played 3 times in a night!'

'Yes, many shouts. I'm trying to decide whether it's better to shout more, to be shouted at, or just plain shouted. I think I'll run with the latter, so I don't get a sore voice.'

'Big respect for the promoters who drag their equipment hundreds of miles to some remote location, and the punters who follow them. Big–ups especially to the Superfreak (Freakreation) organizers for setting up such a good lineup for early next year and sitting out the poor venue sitch we got going on atm.'

Q: And why should the rest of us come?

A: 'I don't think anyone should come, I reckon they should go to Cheeky Monkeys instead and listen to top 40 rmxs…'

'To see Zen Paradox live!! ..expect 110%.

'That's a very difficult question. Yes, very difficult indeed. Who are the rest of us anyway? And why are we resting? Did we have a big night? After all these questions, now I think I need a rest.'

'Come because I love a full dance floor!'

MEAT KATIE, Lee Coombs and Jono Fernandez, all big name international dance music producers are supporting our very own DJ SiClone in Brisbane this weekend....or is it the other way 'round....anyway don't miss it, it's summer and long weekends are here to stay, get used to it! You can catch this hot lineup – www.inthemix.com.au/whatson/event/41007/Phunk_You at the Step Inn (ex Shamrock Hotel) this Saturday 15th.

gig guide

BEACH HOTEL

WEDNESDAY 12
9:00PM
DUB SHACK

THURSDAY 13
9:00PM
BONJAH

FRIDAY 14
9:30PM
THE SAMBA BLISSTAS

SATURDAY 15
9:30PM
WILD MARMALADE

SUNDAY 16
4:30PM
RAGGA JUMP
8:00PM
DJ CAPTAIN KAINE

BEACH HOTEL

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WEDNESDAY 12

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON, 9PM **DUB SHACK**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **BONJAH**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **BLUE BIRDY – THE JACK THORNCRAFT TRIO** 7.30PM **BACHATA**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DJ RED**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON 7PM **KOALA BEACH PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BOOGIE WOOGIE BOOTY BEATS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **DJ HUNTER**
- RICE, BRUNSWICK 7PM **NAKULA**
- LENNOX HOTEL 7.30PM **TRIVIA**

THURSDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BONJAH**
- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **I HEART HIROSHIMA**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **BRIAN FRASER**
- BO'S RESTAURANT, BYRON 7.30PM **BEAKERMOUTH**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **EDU K (BRAZIL) + DANIEL WEBBER & GUESTS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **WET T-SHIRT COMP**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT WITH DJ KRISTIN**
- CHINI HOTEL 8.30PM **MULLUMBERRY JAM**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 7PM **ROCK 'N' ROLL DANCING**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **BIRDY & GEOFF TURNBULL**
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL **STU HARCOURT**

FRIDAY 14

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **THE SAMBA BLISSTAS (BONGO TEAM) CD LAUNCH**
- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON, 9PM **ZEN PARADOX**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **SIMON WRIGHT & THE GROOVE COLLECTIVE**
- FRESH AT BYRON 6.30PM **ANDY HOLM**
- BYRON BAY BEACH RESORT 7PM **MOONSHINE CINEMA, *'WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?'***
- BO'S RESTAURANT, BYRON 6.30PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER + RYAN RUSHTON**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **SKYDIVE FRIDAY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **QUALITY CONTROL + CAPTAIN KAINE**
- COORABELL HALL 8PM **HEARTBEAT – REGGAE & GROOVE WITH SARITA + MORE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **CC THE CAT**
- BANG THAI, BANGALOW 6.30PM **CAFE COMEDY & BIG JOKE LAUNCH WITH MANDY NOLAN, BRENDAN LOVECHILD & TONY BOBBINS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SLIM & DR BAZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM 8.30PM **GREEN LIMOUSINE**
- MULLUM SHOWGROUNDS 7PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS COMMUNITY SHOW**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **RICHARD BRENT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **THE RIDE & FORT**
- LENNOX THAI GARDEN 7PM **GUY & REBECCA**
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL **BONJAH**
- ELSEWHERE SURFERS **DJ KIERON C & AUDUN**

SATURDAY 15

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **WILD MARMALADE**
- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **OLD MAN RIVER**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **JIMMY WILLING & THE REAL GONE HICCUPS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **LIVEWIRE**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ KRISTIN + FOXXY**
- EWINGSDALE HALL 7.45PM **MAMBO HEAVEN SALSA PARTY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BETTY BLISSET**
- BANG THAI, BANGALOW 6.30PM **CAFE COMEDY & BIG JOKE LAUNCH WITH MANDY NOLAN, BRENDAN LOVECHILD & TONY BOBBINS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SMART ARTISTS**
- WHEEL OF LIFE STUDIO, FINGAL ST, BRUNS 10AM-4PM **MAKE YOUR OWN CERAMIC OR TEXTILE**
- LU LU'S CAFE, MULLUM 11AM **SLIM PICKENS**
- CHINI HOTEL, MULLUM **MARKET DAY FIESTA RAGGA JUMP + MOHINI**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 8.15PM **AKASKA**
- MULLUM SHOWGROUNDS 11AM/7PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS COMMUNITY SHOW**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6.30PM **DEB LORENZ QUARTET**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **ROCK DOCTORS**
- LENNOX THAI GARDEN 7PM **GUY & REBECCA**
- YAMBA PACIFIC HOTEL **MARSHALL**
- ELSEWHERE SURFERS **BRAD DANIELS & BEN ABRAHAMS**

SUNDAY 16

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **RAGGA JAM** 8PM **DJ CAPTAIN KAINE**
- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE ROOTS ROADSHOW**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **THE SOUL SHAKERS**
- BYRON BAY MARKETS **WILD MARMALADE – SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MARKET**
- BO'S RESTAURANT, BYRON 6.30PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **ROCK HARDSON & GUESTS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **THE HARD WORD**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL NOON **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- LENNOX HOTEL 4PM **BRIAN FRASER**
- LENNOX THAI GARDEN 5PM **BIRDY**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **SAI MASIL**

MONDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 8.45PM **FREE SALSA SOCIAL**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **RHYS CRIMMIN**
- BYRON BEACH RESORT MOONSHINE CINEMA 7PM ***ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL***
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN MONDAY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **ULTRA SOUND – QUALITY CONTROL**
- CHINI HOTEL 5.30PM **SALSA CLASS & FREESTYLE**

TUESDAY 18

- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **CHEYNNE MURPHY DUO**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **COYOTE UGLY DANCE COMP**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BUMPIN' BEATS – DJ KRISTIN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS JAM**

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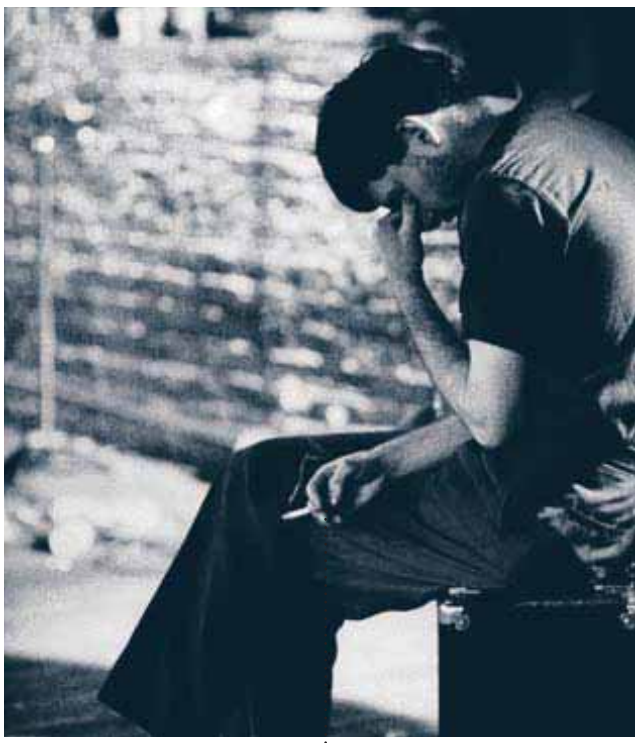

BEE MOVIE

There is an early scene in this where young Barry B Benson, the bee who is rebelling against society's expectations of him, is lolling about on a pool of honey. His parents are on his case, demanding that he make a decision about what he is going to do with his life. To escape their nagging voices, he dives to the silence at the bottom of the pool. It is an unambiguous reference to an identical moment in *The Graduate* (1967), but obviously none of the tiny tots are going to get it – nor, for that matter, would many of the young adults who outnumbered them at the screening that I attended. The increasing trend for cartoons in recent times has been to engage the older viewer as much as the kid – an encouragement for them to come and fork out their dough again and a reward, I guess, for mum or dad having to sit through what often degenerates into a G-rated squealathon with multiple trips to the dunny. Also including a barely disguised recreation of the famous toppling of the statue of Saddam Hussein and witty, self-deprecating appearances from Larry King and Sting, the filmmakers in this instance may have risked throwing the baby out with the bath water, as it were. Coinciding with the potentially catastrophic phenomenon of Colony Collapse Disorder (the loveable insects, in the real world, are inexplicably dying in millions all over North America and Europe), fact and fantasy converge here in a timely reminder of how our species' existence is intrinsically connected to the survival of bees (and all nature in general). So its message is a serious one and its delivery is straightforward. Unfortunately, it just isn't very funny and, though they may have been entranced by the brilliantly coloured and inventive imagery (who wouldn't be?), there was precious little laughter from the children in my earshot. For fans of Seinfeld, there is more than just a smattering of the TV show's rapid fire wisecracking, which you would expect with him as co-writer, but it is all a bit Jerry-centric and comes across as too pleased with itself. Patrick Warburton as Ken, the neurotic, testosterone-whacked tennis player, occasionally lifts proceedings above the mundane but, inescapably, the movie lives up to the double entendre of its title and never reaches the heights of Ratatouille.

~ John Campbell

CONTROL

Does the short life of a rock singer who produced only one enduring song warrant yet another bio pic? Such doubts are soon cast from the mind in this fantastic movie. Ian Curtis, an introspective young man with tickets on himself, dreams of stardom and escaping the drabness of his Macclesfield (Manchester) housing estate. He sees the Sex Pistols and is inspired to become the singer in his mates' band. As Joy Division, they win a cult following, but it is largely through the intense Curtis's imprimatur. This is a story of how success can be calamitous to somebody not strong enough to maintain control of his own inner world. Shot in high voltage black and white (I cannot conceive of it being as effective in colour), stylistically the film harks back to the gritty social realism of British cinema of the 60s. There is, as you'd expect, plenty of music – and it is sensational, particularly in the pulsating, sweaty, packed hall gigs. (I was never a big fan, but have been converted.) Usually, the aim of bio pics, even those of the warts and all kind, is to show their subjects in a golden light, filmmakers perhaps fearful that audiences will not stand for a character whom they cannot justifiably place on a pedestal, or worse, in whom they recognise too much of themselves and their everyday ordinariness. Curtis's talent is far from downplayed, but it is the banality of domestic responsibility, from which he cannot free himself, and his stifling day job at an employment agency which deny the punter the equally titillating fixes of glamour or uncommon hardship. Nor is there the cheap thrill of following the boys into the depths of substance abuse. Discounting the popping of a couple of pills as a schoolboy, there is not a needle or a joint to be be seen, with Curtis's drug problem caused by medicines prescribed to counter his epilepsy. The film is a triumph because of director Anton Corbijn's unwavering commitment to exploring the nexus between the man and his work. In an outstanding support cast, Samantha Morton forswears her penchant for histrionics and tones it down perfectly as Deb, Curtis's sweetheart bride whose hopes and desires diverge from her husband's. But it is the band's front man who is at the centre of the storm and, as Curtis, Sam Riley is extraordinary. When he goes off on stage you really believe it.

~ John Campbell

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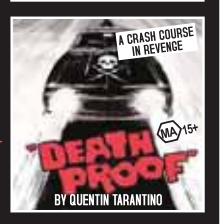

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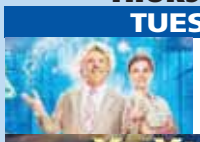

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Len Hend
paints local landscapes

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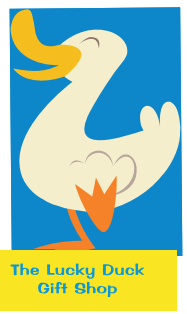

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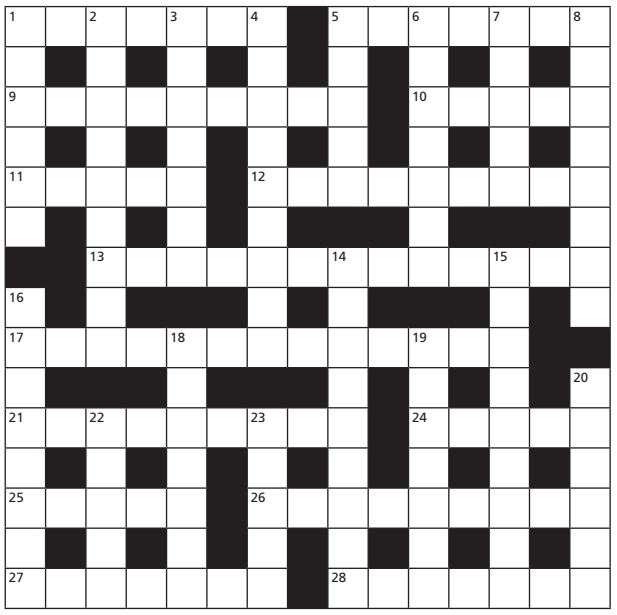

Quick Clues

ACROSS
1. Lowest point on earth (4,3)
5. Drunkard (slang) (7)
9. Anti-establishment (9)
10. Nation, kingdom (5)
11. Inuit home (5)
12. Pirate, freebooter (9)
13. Howard's treasurer (5,7)
17. To do with fine dining (12)
21. South American spider (9)
24. Regal (5)
25. Lake partly in California (5)
26. Charges with treason (9)
27. Black opera singer Paul …….(7)
28. Place of intense heat; nightclub (3,4)

DOWN
1. Large, colourful flower (6)
2. Class of deer (9)
3. Put in order (4,3)
4. Bright star in constellation of Taurus (9)
5. Poisonous (5)
6. Person employed in domestic duties (7)
7. Aircraft (abbrev) (5)
8. Two days after yesterday (8)
14. Sound made by sousaphone (9)
15. Store selling confectionery (9)
16. One who seeks to arouse public discontent (8)
18. Park officials (7)
19. Dried fruit (760
20. Small cupboard (6)
22. Return to former home or job (abbrev) (5)
23. Marriage (5)

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS
1. Turned off main to lowest point. (4,3)
5. Drinker to buck drug. (7)
9. Disorder rooted in curse against the establishment. (9)
10. Country of true majesty. (5)
11. House for returned soldier John. (5)
12. A dollar a listener; audience for pirate. (9)
13. The money man gets a cockney welcome following cash register loss. (5,8)
17. Stellar gets starting note for good eating. (13)
21. Not English, French aunt Laura frightened by spider. (9)
24. Two blokes have a sort of blue. (5)
25. Tantalum implement found in Californian lake. (5)
26. One grand fruit challenges! (9)
27. Singer royally dressed? (7)
28. Trouble 5ac with hydrogen for sulphur – trouble. (3,4)

DOWN
1. Author backs top class flower. (6)
2. Gorillas surround dismembered, decapitated stolen gnus. (9)
3. Separate short angry tipster. (4,3)
4. Crazy Alan Beard – brightest in The Bull! (9)
5. Twitch around the cattle – it's poison. (5)
6. Page at rest, fitfully, around the front.)7)
7. Transport in exotic Nepal. (5)
8. To Ed, the future. (8)
14. Turned low, Dad took heroin twice – heard the sound of the tuba. (9)
15. Sweet spot for children. (5,4)
16. Shaker has to turn back, lacking energy to follow a soldier. (8)
18. Radical infuriates Girl Guides. (7)
19. Reported present of dried fruit. (7)
20. Tight-fitting shirt – some are reluctant to get out of it. (6)
22. Veterans may need a measure in the back bar. (5)
23. Discharge wedding? (5)

Last week's solution

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[Mungo's Crossword first published in The Bulletin]

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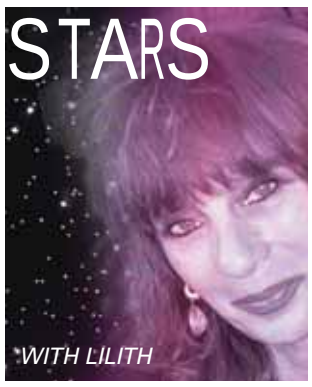


IN 65 BC THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY POET HORACE WROTE: WE ARE JUST STATISTICS, BORN TO CONSUME RESOURCES. AS WE POWER THROUGH THE MILLION THINGS ON OUR XMAS LISTS THIS WEEK, NOTHING MUCH SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED…

ARIES: Let others spin out this week if they have to, while you spend yours figuring out smarter ways to make life easier and more enjoyable over the next fortnight. Pre-planning, while never 100% certain, is unquestionably your best friend right now.

TAURUS: This week dares you to be different, original, adventurous – to take risks and be prepared to make mistakes. As someone or other said: I learn from my mistakes, so I'm always willing to make as many as it takes…

GEMINI: While the world of outward appearances – money, prestige, toys and trappings – sings its siren song this week, don't lose sight of the truth that independence, dignity, kindness, generosity, giving and receiving love are life's real riches.

CANCER: With the Sun and Mercury in the sign of yadda yadda yadda, it'll be hard to get a word in this week and you may have to be a squeaky wheel to get attention. So ask for what you want – even if it's just planting a suggestion.

LEO: Reputed Leo Sir Walter Raleigh's prayer for goodwill is curiously apt for present conditions: I wish I loved the human race. I wish I loved its silly face. I wish I liked the way it walks, I wish I liked the way it talks. Try to this week.

VIRGO: If this week brings conflicts between social and personal responsibilities, don't stress, they can be sorted – a sense of humour in the face of bad moods will get the best outcome. Try not to let an idea past its prime become an albatross round your neck…

LIBRA: This playful week offers wildly indulgent invites – balance won't be easy, but try and find some between your own priorities and other peoples' needs. And remember while things might make you look good, they can't love you back. Only people can do that.

SCORPIO: The driving energy of Scorpios can be awesome – but it can also create resistance from those whose interests you have at heart, who might like more say in making their own decisions this week. Consider a style adjustment from insistent to say, determined diplomacy.

SAGITTARIUS: You might feel like walking away from a problem situation rather than working with it this week. But circumstances are in flux and fortune could turn events unexpectedly in your favour, so hold your cards a little longer before you throw them down.

CAPRICORN: The tug of war between freedom and responsibility always revs up around this time of seasonal spinout, so make some internal and personal as well as external and worldly commitments this week. Promise yourself you'll do the dreaded D-word – yes, delegate.

AQUARIUS: This unpredictable week brings new friends or surprises from old ones – maybe both. You're brimming with original ideas, but how to enlist others? A mentor, older person or someone with more experience could be extremely helpful if you're prepared to listen.

PISCES: This full-on week works in your favour. You'll connect strongly, contribute generously and others want to be around you because you make them feel good. Be as wild and cheeky as you like – but aware that the temptation to excess is operating on every level.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services, Mon 7-10pm; Mullum Poinciana Café, Sat 2-5pm

The Australian Schools Championships have always provided a fascinating insight into the various strengths and weaknesses of public and private schools in Australia.

At first sight, private schools should hold a dominant position in the national schools chess competition. Private schools often seek to attract young chess talent through scholarships – a policy which, on the Gold Coast, has sometimes resembled an arms race due to the cachet that comes with claiming a top chess team.

Private schools or their students are also better able to afford the best chess coaches, although given the nationwide shortage of coaches and the lack of chess knowledge among school bureaucracies, some schools pay top dollar for mutton dressed up as lamb.

State schools have their advantages, the largest of which relates to numbers; many more children are educated in State schools and one or two star recruits cannot by themselves beat a strong all-round team.

Counter-intuitively, fundraising for a chess team also seems to be easier in a State school. While P&C councils at State schools raise money for a wide range of activities, many high profile private schools prefer funding teams from high profile sports, preferably with the word rugby in the team name.

In practice, the pros and cons of the private versus public argument has been in balance at the Australian Schools Championships, with the four titles usually split 2-2 between government and private schools.

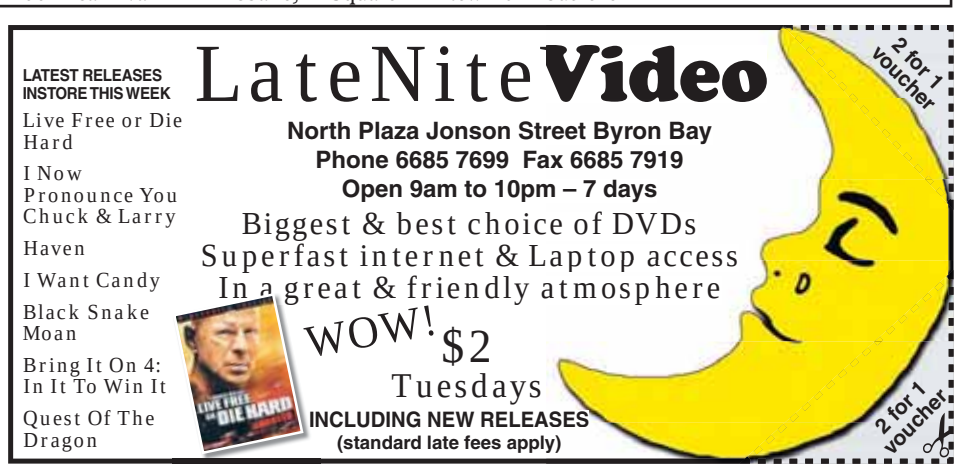
However, at last weekend's 2007 carnival in Brisbane, State schools scooped the pool for the first time.

Victoria's Balwyn High dominated the blue riband Secondary Open division while North Sydney Girls High also took out their second consecutive Secondary Girls title.

In the primary divisions, the ACT was unstoppable. Hawker Primary coasted to the Primary Open title while Curtin Primary edged out hosts Somerville House to win their third Girls Primary title in the past four years.

The Canberra girls adopted an unusual training method for this year's title assault, testing their skills at the traditional Saturday morning Street Chess competition in Civic. Street Chess is the nearest Australian chess gets to the street hustlers of Washington Square in New York but the wily Street Chess old-timers treated the Curtin youngsters with respect and, given Curtin's success in Brisbane, obviously taught the girls a trick or two.

George Xie moved one step closer to realising his ambition of representing Australia in at least one Chess Olympiad before entering the priesthood by winning last weekend's Vikings tournament in Tuggeranong with a perfect score.



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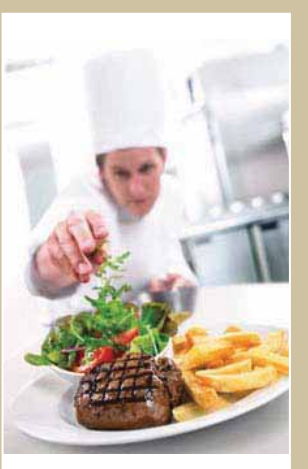

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Eating Out

THE HUNDRED MILE DIET

Victoria Cosford

In 2005 a Canadian couple embarked upon an experiment inspired by alarming statistics which exposed the amount of travelling ingredients undertook before ending up on the table. They decided that for an entire year all their meals would be based on food and drink sourced within a hundred miles of their home in Vancouver. Two years on, they have not only published a book recounting their experiences but also spawned a movement of other individuals and groups undertaking the same experiment. (In June this year, chef David Raynor held two dinners at his Noosaville eatery the River House Restaurant, calling them the Noosa 50k Dinners.) The Hundred Mile Diet, as they named it, is in essence a way to begin to know the seasons, to understand where food comes from, when to eat it at its peak, and how much that food tells us about the places we live. It enables the opportunity to come into contact with farmers and growers, to make food from scratch, to become more self-sufficient, and to begin to 'think local'. It encompasses the philosophies of the magnificent Slow Food Movement and it offers a greater sense of control over food choices, with a feeling of connection to the earth's resources. Not to mention being better for the environment: less transportation and refrigeration.

Not surprisingly, the experiment is challenging; according to the authors of the book, the greatest one was time, the amount required to locate local food sources, to preserve for winter, to create every dish from its very beginnings – although their response to that was that the challenge 'raises interesting questions about how we're spending our time. What if we spent more time on self-sufficiency and less time at the office?'

Greg Cromwell runs, among several other concerns, a marketing company called Bush Marketing in Byron Bay. A Canadian himself, he found out about the Hundred Mile Diet on a recent trip to Vancouver where his daughter pressed a copy of the book upon him. He read it and became inspired immediately – so much so that on his return he decided to combine the pre-Christmas launch of new premises at the Arts and Industry Estate with what he called 'Le 100 Mile Soiree'. Clients, friends, neighbours and the odd extra like myself were invited along on a hot Thursday evening to partake of food and beverages sourced, where possible, from within a hundred mile radius. I floated in on the yeasty, almost syrupy fragrance of slowly roasting pork: an enormous Byron Bay pig rotated on a spit out the back, its lacquered crust a glorious gold. (I was happy to admire and to inhale it as long as I averted my eyes from the sweet snouty face whose quickly glimpsed expression seemed stoic and resigned, as well it might be.) There were hard-boiled eggs stamped with the Bush Marketing logo, product of Greg's own farm; there were locally made bread rolls (although we did not probe into the provenance of the wheat) and there were lettuces and salad vegetables purchased that morning from the Byron Farmers Market. I sipped a gorgeous riesling from Queensland's Granite Belt, a little boutique winery called Witches Granite; men stood in sturdy male circles sucking stubbies of Duke's beer by a Burleigh Heads brewery. I left before the end, but there were Coffee Prince's award-winning local beans to accompany sweets made by Kyogle's Iron Pot Company. It was such a successful evening that Greg has decided to make it an annual event for the last Friday of November – and has already started to plan next year's. The idea is to hold it again at Bush Marketing's premises but to expand the menu and include live music. Limited to just 100 people, it will cost $100 a head with proceeds going to an appropriate charity. I've already booked myself in: Greg tells me I'm the first. Anyone else interested in booking a ticket or sponsoring the event can email Greg at grow@bushmarketing.com

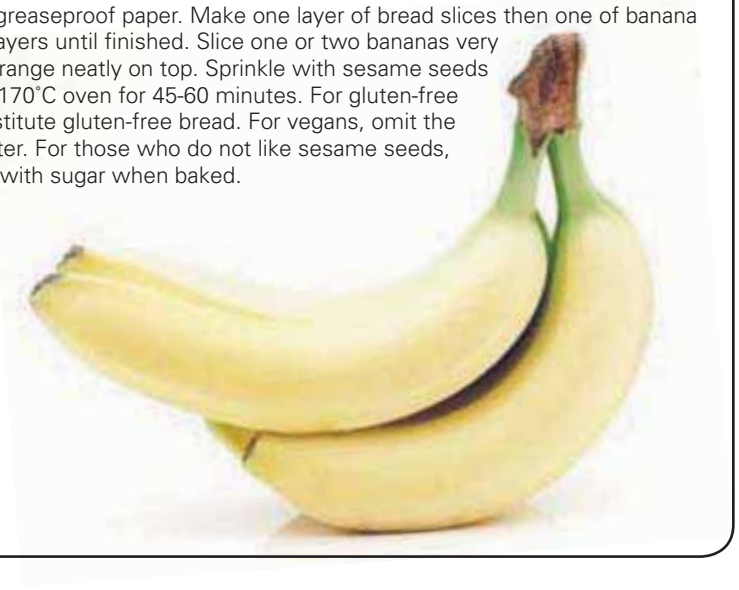
RECIPE OF THE WEEK

from Muoi Trinh of Muoi's Feast

VIETNAMESE BAKED BANANA CAKE

1 kg very ripe Lady Finger bananas
½ loaf white sliced bread
1 litre milk
1 cup condensed milk
½ cup melted butter
1 egg
1 tablespoon vanilla essence
1/3 cup sesame seeds

Mix together the milk, condensed milk, melted butter, egg and vanilla essence. Soak bread in the milk mixture. Slice the banana and marinate with salt. Line a baking tin with greaseproof paper. Make one layer of bread slices then one of banana and repeat layers until finished. Slice one or two bananas very thinly and arrange neatly on top. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake in 170˚C oven for 45-60 minutes. For gluten-free version substitute gluten-free bread. For vegans, omit the egg and butter. For those who do not like sesame seeds, sprinkle top with sugar when baked.



Sports Roundup with Eve Jeffery

Angling Champ: Hoss Is A Fisher Among Men

Eve Jeffery

When I was a kid we called the evening meal 'tea'. The Jeffery seven sat down to tea at 6 o'clock. Sharp. Heaven help you if you were late.

At about 5.30 each night my dad would walk down to the front gate and let loose with an almighty whistle. The whole neighbourhood knew we ate at six, and if we were so engrossed in Get Smart that we didn't hear the call, resident mums would yell from their kitchens, 'ya dad's whistling', and like ants to bread crumbs, the Jeffery kids would seep out of neighbourhood driveways and head home.

The greeting from mum was unfailingly 'wash your hands.' When all were assembled, Dad would prepare to say grace. We would diligently invoke the holy trio and be thankful. At six. On the dot. Every night. That was unless Dad was going fishing.

On those nights there was no whistle. We would find ourselves staring at 'Agent 99' heading through Control's clanging metal doors before we realised we had almost missed the curfew.

We would race at full speed and hear 'wash your hands' blur past us on the way to the table.

There would be Dad. White Bonds singlet having replaced the shirt and tie. A wink, a nod, and a spoonful of spud left on his plate the only clue that he had already eaten, and a 'say your grace' the only communication before he drove out the gates.

We'd be left with the sound of fork on plate and blackbirds greeting the dusk.

Hoss and his favourite rod a Sportex fibreglass 13 footer with its 'you'll never break it' Alby reel. Photo Tree Faerie

The next time we would see, or rather hear Dad would be long after dark, the comfortingly familiar chop-scrape-scrape-scrape would let us know he was home, as he scaled the evenings haul, usually flat-head or bream that he had caught in the bay.

I don't think I ate a store bought fish for the first twenty-five years of my life, and even today when I look at those glassy eyes staring at me from the fish mongers, the idea or paying for them seems somehow sacrilegious.

Geoff 'Hoss' McGrath has also never eaten the fishmongers catch. He started fishing when he was 5. From those early years catching John Dory and mullet under bridges on the Brisbane River, fishing is simply a part of his life. Everyone in the Bay knows Hoss and his reputation as a great fisherman.

When he moved to Byron when he was seven, the jetty was the place to be. On the first day he arrived he was onto it. He and mate Merv used to get home from school and head straight to the jetty. Fishing was a daily occurrence and nothing was safe.

In those days they were known as the 'Jetty Bums' and it was nothing for them, at the age of 11, to drag huge sharks up onto the deck. 'Nothing was sacred in those days,' says Hoss, 'we'd catch anything. If some ones hat blew off it would be a race to catch it.'

'We used to catch a lot of sharks. They used to pump offal out the side of the jetty, the meatworks pipe went out one side and the NORCO pipe went out the other. In winter the westerly winds would blow the slick right out past the cape and the sharks would follow it in. We'd throw heaps of newspaper onto the water and the sharks would see something floating on the top. Next thing we'd see a big fin. The biggest one I caught was 17 foot white pointer.'

One of Hoss' saddest losses was the jetty itself. 'When they blew up the jetty we just about cried. It wasn't that dangerous. Of course it shook a bit but no-one died!'

But is was competitive fishing that hooked Hoss. 'I've always loved getting out there and proving myself, I thrive on it'. The shelves of Hoss' garage are a testament to his prowess as they are home to over 400 fishing trophies.

Hoss is a Life Member of the Byron Bay RSL Angling Club, he was club secretary at eleven, and now at age 56 still competes at least monthly.

His greatest moments are firmly fixed with fish. The first was the world rock sitting title that he and 9 mates achieved when they broke the record in the early 70's. After 47 hours they celebrated the win, made very easy by the fact that it was sat at the cape surrounded by water. Nothing boring about 47 hours of fishing for that lot. Too easy.

Hoss says the biggest fish he caught was a 76lb jewfish on a sixty pound line off the wall at Brunswick Heads in the early 80's. 'I caught plenty of forty and fifty pounders, but that big one was my best fish.' But Hoss says his highest achievement was being a member of the winning team at the Australian Title Teams Event at Yamba in the 90's.

Hoss has seen a lot of changes around Byron in the last 50 years. One being the influx of tourists. 'They come in here all ready to go, and throw a line out as far as they can and don't realise that the fish are at their feet.' He can laugh at their antics but they do annoy him. 'They leave plastic and line everywhere. And cans! If they can carry a full one down then why the hell can't they carry an empty one back. I just don't get why they don't stick it in their bag or even their pocket!'

The most significant change for Hoss has been the formation of the new Marine Park. His favourite spot Table Top at Broken Head, is now part of the park and he can no longer fish there, but it is the loss of bait fishing that gets him the most. 'The worst thing, apart from taking Table Top away from me, is the Bay. We can't go and catch bait. That's all we want is to go and get some bonito for bait.'

Hoss says the banner is passing along to his fourteen year old son Cody who has already started winning competitions, and was last year the runner up Far North Coast Junior. After fishing at his dad's side for many years he has learned all the tricks, including being able to get out of the car and run to the best spot quicker than his old man.

And Hoss' favourite fish to eat? 'Tailor. People will think I am mad when they read that, but I fry it fresh in a bit of butter. Absolutely lovely!'

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Geoff 'Hoss' McGrath
Age: 56
Birth sign: Taurus
Favourite colour: Maroon
Drinks: XXXX
Eats: Seafood
Last read: Rex Hunt's 'My Life'
Last saw: The Perfect Storm
Would love to have dinner with:
Elle Macpherson

SPORTS RESULTS

BOWLS

Bangalow Women

27/11 Final minor singles: P Robson 31 d M Little 20 (Marker S Boyle). 4/12 Social: A Humphries, B Smith 24 d P Robson, M Harley 12; M Little, E Astley, S Boyle 20 d V Bell, D Gill, M Dingle Draper 17. Rink winners: A Humphries, B Smith. Raffle: D Gill.

Brunswick Heads Men

Wed S/S Triples: G Shambrook, S Reay, D Irwin; r/up C Edwards, G Shadforth; K McKelvie, J Morrissey, P Duncan. Sat Club Selected Pairs: B Rose, J Lawlor; r/up T Pollard, G Rendell. Final Consistency Singles: V Caldwel 151 d M Hogan 141. Sun Helensvale Club visit: P Collins, K Hurley, A Montgomery; r/up J Rae, T Phillipi, P Peardon; P Brassington, D Maundrell, C Marshall, G Rendell. This Week: Wed S/S Triples 1pm; Sat Presidents Day/Presentation Day; Sun Two Bowl Pairs 10am.

Brunswick Heads Women

4/12 Consistency Singles Final; B Rose d M Caldwell. Social: D Batson, D Hay d M Allard, L Proudlock; J Loomes, D Guest d N Philips, T Rynehart; M Darby, L McCormick, J Kearney d T Pollard, E Beddoes, F Parkes. Lucky Winners: D Batson, D Hay. Raffle: M Allard.

Mullumbimby Ex Services Men

8/12 Mixed Pairs: S Brown, M Brown 23 d J Graham, J Estreich 16; J Beaumont, J McKay 22 d R Thompson, B Coleman 12; B Reglin, R Day 29 d L Henry, G Henry 14; E Jones, P Jones 23 d J Lee, B McClymont 12. Social: M Murphy, A Bartlett, S Purdie 17 v M Murphy, N Lee, J Curr 22. Next Round Mixed Pairs Wed 12/12. Presentations to C'ship winners Wed 19/12; Completion of Punters Club after Presentations.

Mullumbimby Ex Services Women

4/12 Social: J Kidman, S Brown, G Henry 19 (winners) v J Kidman, J Lee, H Robb 10; K Johnstone, E Jones, J Beaumont 23 v S Boyd, B Reglin, J Graham 7. Raffle: G Henry.

Ocean Shores Men

2/12 Paddle Pop triples: E Boyter, T Baggio, B Gibson; r/up B Danswan, T Larsen, T Mason; P Brassington, K Hosie, C Lee.

Ocean Shores Women

7/12 Christmas B/up, Out of Hat: B Baber, D Grant, R Kirkland (Winners) d JM Quirke, H Best, M James; T Campbell, B Stone, S Iversen (r/up) d M Moodie, M Enright, M Flesser; L Bland, V Balfour, M Hosie d D Cole, N Stearman, W Bird; N Gartner, F Crowder, L Mason d L Wollington, J Lofts, M McConville; C Timewell, S Woolford, T Warr, G Johnston d C Timewell, E Hill, J Williams, P Campbell. Bowls resume 25/1/08.

BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

26/11 N/S: 1st gross and net: M Downey/P Hems; 2nd gross and net: D Dare/C Johnson. E/W: 1st gross and net: C Wellings/R Pedecini; 2nd gross and net: F Armstrong/B Hughes. 1/12: 1st gross: J Lipski/J Wright; 2nd gross: M Fleming/P Keyte; 1st net: R Heale/K Westall; 2nd net: G Falson/J Selleck.

Ocean Shores

5/12 N/S: 1st gross: P Sullivan/Partners; 2nd gross/1st net: P/R Keyte; 2nd net:J Selleck/B Simons. E/W:1st gross/net: M Clark/M Fleming; 2nd gross/net: P Quirke/C Blacker.

CYCLING

Byron Bay

Freeriders Criterium Sunday 9/12: The 2nd of the Criterium series had 37 starters in A,B, C and combined D/E grades on Sunday. Results and Prime winners (a mid race sprints) A Grade:1st Adrian (Little Italy) Cominotto, 2nd Ian Lake; 3rd Ruben Donatti and Prime winners Morgan Piley, Adrian Cominotto and Ruben Donatti. B Grade: 1st Trent Brewer, 2nd Luke Alcock; 3rd Jethro Lampre and Prime wins by Trent Brewer and Luke Alcock (Coffs Harbour). C Grade: 1st Casper Oxley, 2nd Mason Fettell; 3rd Will Wittmore (UK) and Prime won by Glen Hannan. D Grade: 1st Kasey Clark, 2nd Nicky Brewer; 3rd Craig Gibson. Our next Criterium is on in the New Year the 13/1. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 am leaving from the Christmas tree in Byron St.

GOLF

Mullumbimby Ladies

1/12 Medal of Medals: M James 64; Monthly Medal Stroke: M Isaac 62; r/up M James 64; gross winner J Dengate 74; NTP 12th M James, 7th 2nd shot D Bickley, Pro Pin J Dengate. 6/12 Single Stab: div 1 N Carsburg 39 c/b; div 2 L Froggatt 44; NTP 5th R Manley, 7th G Lynn, 12th J Beer, 17th L Froggatt, Pro Pin M Essery. Weekly Ball Comp: B Mules 39; r/up J Beer 38; M Bertoli. 13/12 Close of season novelty event: 10th Tee; 9am M Bertoli, J Neate, J Beer; 9.06 G Redman, M Davey, F Brooker; 9.12 M Crichton, C Robbins, K Thomson; 9.18 M Allan, E Froggatt, E Leclere; 9.24 B Woolnough, E Henshaw, B James; 9.30 S Kosaka, H Hammond, F Hayden; 9.36 M Essery, G Smith, D Bickley; 9.42 L Riches, J Ryan, G Poynting. Table duty: G Mackay/G Lynn.

Ocean Shores Men

3/12 Single Stab: J Whitlock 41; r/up S Evans 39; G Lockhart 38. NTP: 3rd D Hughes, 17th J McKay; Balls to 34. 5/12 Single Stab: no comp event washed out. 8/12 Monthly Medal White tees: R Chaplin 66 (and Monthly Medal); r/up A Beashel 68 ; K Bradford 69; N Hulyer 69; Balls to 76. Blue tees: R Moylan 68; r/up D Morgan 70 (and Monthly Medal); J Mangleson 70; J Haywood 71; Balls to 77. NTP: 3rd M Campbell, 6th J Hulyer, 8th H Eastwell, 12th C Godsmark, 15th G Bourke, 17th D Orlanno.

Ocean Shores Ladies

Spring Bowl Final Results: 36 hole winner M Clarke 81; r/up C Chidlow 80; 20/11 Rnd 1; div 1 V Marsh 39; r/up P Keenan 35; div 2 G O'Donnell 37; r/up S Stephenson 34; div 3 C Stewart 37; r/up D Devir 36. 4/12 Rnd 2; div 1 B Wingad 42; r/up J Slater 41 c/b; div 2 J Jensen 45; r/up E Roe 41; div 3 K Howard 39; r/up C Stewart 34 c/b. 6/12 18 hole Stab: J Hoffman; vouchers to 31 c/b. 8/12 div 1 J Gray 70 c/b; r/up H McDonald 70 c/b; NTP J Gray; vouchers to 77.

SQUASH

Brunswick Heads

12/12 Rnd 4 Business Houses Teams Comp: The Potato Works v Canty's Surveyors; S Thompson v M Underwood, L Clarke v S Robson, J Gribble v C Staff, M Stratton v J Nicolson, J Holmes v T Mason. OS Glass v Bruns Blinds; S Sleep v B Staff, C Ashworth v D Runciman, C Pearce v C Booth, S Moon v Johnston, Jeff Heers v M Wallace. OS Bakery v Byron Bay Trophies; B Trivett v D Bird, P Hill v T Wood, A Li v C Walsh, J Heers v S Bruyn, B Doran v M Isbister. Bruns Smash Repairs v Bruns Pharmacy; G Davis v G Elliott, S Koop v M Ottery, R James v R King, R Cameron v D Wraight, J Moodie v F King. 17/12 Rnd 8 Byron Health Foods Comp: Div 1; 5pm B Staff v G Davis, L Powell v B Trivett, M Underwood Bye. Div 2; 5pm M Ottery v C Pearce, M Cassidy v G Kaminski, C Walsh v J Gribble; 6pm S Koop v D Runciman. Div 3; 5pm P Westcott v J Heers, A Li v R Draper; 6pm D Wraight v L Miller, R King Bye. Div 4; 5pm J Moodie v Jeff Heers, F King v T Mason, C Johnston v M Wallace, J Holmes v S Bruyn. Div 5; 5pm D Williams v P McQueen, S McTiare v B Pruul, B Alander v M Isbister. To play phone 6685 1794.

SURF LIFE SAVING

Brunswick

The last proficiency of the season is this weekend, be at the surf club at 8.30am on Sunday. Christmas party this weekend at Surf Club from 12pm. Patrols for 15/12 No.1 S McRae, G Chapman, D Munn, T Richardson, M Stewart, V McRae, D Richardson, S Dennis. 16/12 No.2 J Spinks, A Arthur, S Anderton, J Anderton, R Sigley, K Dailhou.

Byron Bay

Patrols: Sat 15/12 10am to 3pm Ian Harrison PC, Katrina Wilkinson, Mick Rowley, Helen Jarvis, Shelley Copeland, Jeff Templeman, Heli Murray, Leah Cook, Verity Pearse. Sun 16/12 9am to 4pm: Bob Curry PC, Paul Irwin, Darryll Lamb, Karen Irwin, Jed Morrison, Robbie Crandell, Jack Phelps, Graeme Digby, Cooper Oelrichs, Claire Oelrichs, George Graham. wwwbyronbaysurfclub.com.au for patrol info.

TABLE TENNIS

Mullumbimby

29/11 Handicap Comp: C Strybos 5/1; r/up M Smith 4/2; E Reinerman 4/2. Enquiries Werner 6680 3915 or Greg 0427 788 773.

TENNIS

Mullumbimby

Competition: 3/12 Ladies Semi Finals; div 1 Serves 27 d Volleys 19, Smashes 29 d Drop Shots 26; div 2 Half Volleys 33 d Forehands 23, Drives 28 d Aces 22. 4/12 Men Semi Finals; Messerschmitts 52 d Fokkers 32, Spitfires 46 d Migs 41. Mixed Semi Finals; Wallabies 56 d Tricolors 32, All Blacks 57 d Springboks 51. Club Christmas Party Sat 15/12 at 4.30pm. Trophy presentations, social tennis and BBQ. Sat Mixed Social 3 to 7pm, membership not required. Enquiries regarding coaching Justin 0403 841 241, all other enquiries Jeanie 6680 4353w or 6680 1330h.

VOLLEYBALL

Brunswick Heads

11/12 Rnd 1 J V Towing Comp: 6pm No Mercy v Lounge Lizards, Ballistic v Wild Ones, Silver Bullets v Anything; duty Flash. 7pm Hit and Run v Dragons, Flash v Triple Zero, Brewers Bye, Duty No Mercy. 13/12 Rnd 3 OS True Value Hardware Comp: 6pm Hot and Sweaty v Tripods, Bolters v Comeback Kids, Kaos.Com v Chilli Twist, Duty Red Frogs. 7pm Short and Sweet v Aunties, Volleys v Barefoot Bandits, Panthers v Red Frogs, Duty Bolters. To play phone 6685 1794, beginners welcome.

Crankin what's happening surfside

Lennox/Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club will be conducting a door knock fundraiser in the Lennox Head community on December 22 and 23.

Look for the folks in the red and yellow and support your local lifesavers, and have a happy and surf save holidays.

Byron Bay Boardriders

Congratulations to our junior members who competed in the interclub challenge against Kirra and Leba recently at Flat Rock.

Our presentation night is on Sunday 16th December at the RSL club in the function room starting at 4:30pm. All members and their families are welcome.

Congratulations also to our touch team who are yet to have a try scored against them!

Sports Roundup with Eve Jeffery

ASC thanks Australia's sporting volunteers

The Australian Sports Commission has thanked Australia's volunteers in the sport sector for the contribution they make to sport in this country on December 5, International Volunteer Day 2007.

More than six million Australians volunteer across the country every year—coaches and officials in sport are on the biggest, most active and regular contributors. A sport or club that recognises and supports its volunteers stands the best chance of remaining successful and viable by retaining its volunteers and attracting others.

'The hundreds of thousands of Australians that volunteer every week are crucial to keeping sport running and such an important part of Australian culture and identity—without them sport would grind to a halt,' says Australia Sports Commission CEO, Mark Peters, 'Sport relies on the goodwill and commitment of the volunteers that work in sport.'

Volunteers in sport contribute their valuable time, effort and expertise in assisting participants to develop their skills and enjoy their sport.

'The sporting spotlight is fixed on the performances of athletes in local, national and international sporting competitions but today we should acknowledge and thank volunteers in sport for their role,' Mr Peters said.

'On behalf of Australian sport I would like to thank volunteers at all levels of sport in this country for their invaluable contributions.'

Mullum Swim Club Relay Carnival

The Mullumbimby Swim Club Relay Carnival saw over 500 competitors from 11 swimming clubs in the north east, converged on the Petria Thomas Pool on Saturday for the annual event. The day devoted is to relay events alone and caters for swimmers from age 5 up to senior events. Winners on the day were Twin Towns and runners up were Kingscliff. The Byron team came fifth with hosts Mullumbimby coming in sixth place. Pictured are competitors at the start of the Girls 13 and under medley. Photo Tree Faerie

Mullum Hosts Water Polo Comp

The Mullumbimby Water Polo Club recently hosted the inaugural Far North Coast under 12's tournament.

Though several teams had nominated to play, due to unforseen circumstances the Lismore and Alstonville teams had to pull out at the last minute, which was a great disappointment for the competition. The remaining teams, two from Mullumbimby and one from Byron Bay, had a fantastic day and put on a great display of the sport.

Strong swimming, determined attack and some fine goal shooting saw Byron move ahead in the initial game, with Mullumbimby coming back with a hard won goal.

The second game was more even with both Mullum teams competing against each other. There were many goals scored for both teams and lots of laughs and good fun.

The final game was a combined Mullum team versus Byron. Again a hard competition was faught with both teams equally matched with a few goals being scored at either end, a draw the final outcome.

The day proved to be a great start to the season and the coaches are looking forward to more games to boost players skills and knowlege.

For more information about playing water polo, you can contact the Mullum Pool on 6684 2494 or come along on Wednesday at 6pm to have a look.

Bruns Riders Lose Boardies For Presentation

Club President Steph Myers fronts the winners of this year's awards for the BBC. Photo Bellyvision

Eve Jeffery

'Formal Not Normal' was the theme for this year's end presentation night for the Brunswick Boardriders Club held at the Bruns Hotel on Saturday.

Members were encouraged to dress up with several faux bow ties gracing necks on the evening, as 37 awards were presented in twelve catagories.

Club newcomer Dylan Connors walked away with two trophies, the Open Mens and Male Club Champion award, Jade Cody-Ward continuing to dominate with wins in the Cadets and Open Womens, as well as Female Club Champion for the second time in succession.

Other results were Womens – Fleas: 1st, Georgia Matheson 2nd, Ashliegh Booth 3rd, Ali Webber;

Cadets: 2nd, Camille Moir; Juniors: 1st, Zayla Bourke 2nd, Rebecca-Liegh Rogan 3rd, Samantha-Jo Rogan; Opens: 2nd, Helen Bourke 3rd, Georgia Matheson with the Junior Girls Bodyboard: 1st, Annabelle Ratcliffe 2nd, Rebecca-Liegh Rogan 3rd, Samanth-Jo Rogan.

In the Mens divisions the winners were: Fleas: 1st, Kalani Cook 2nd, Byron Flynn 3rd, Finn Edwards; Cadets: 1st, Toby Tunis-Plant 2nd, Shaun Johnston 3rd, Lachie Bailey; Juniors: 1st, Jesse Keen 2nd, Tom Franklin and equal 3rd was shared by Mitch Behrendt and Ben Franklin. The Seniors results were: 1st, Trent Foreman 2nd, Corey Strickland 3rd, Ken Lee; Masters: 1st, Chris Edwards 2nd, Steve Foreman 3rd, Ken Lee and Opens: 2nd, Trent Foreman 3rd, Corey Strickland. In the Flea Bodyboard: 1st, Finn Edwards 2nd, Mali Edwards 3rd, Shaun Booth.

Club president Steph Myers said of her inaugural year, 'At only 19 I feel very privileged to have been given the honour of holding such a high office in the club. I am really grateful for this opportunity. I have such great people around me.'

Speakers for the club expressed gratitude to the Hotel Brunswick for their ongoing support and Steph was full of praise for the response from the community to the club. 'We appreciate all our sponsors and local buisnesses who donate prizes each month, and Electric Sunglasses, Solesurfer Thongs and Byron Aids for donating last minute prizes.

'We have a high standard for such a small club and we welcome any interested new members as we are eager to see the club grow.'

For more information about joining BBC, phone Steph on 0423490031

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New Moon	8th Jan	11.37 pm

WED 12th	High	10.32 am	1.8	Sunrise	5.41 am
		11.13 pm	1.3	Sunset	7.37 pm
	Low	3.59 am	0.6	Moonrise	2.20 am
		5.19 pm	0.4	Moonset	9.52 pm
THU 13th	High	11.11 am	1.8	Sunrise	5.41 am
		11.57 pm	1.3	Sunset	7.37 pm
	Low	4.39 am	0.6	Moonrise	8.20 am
		6.01 pm	0.4	Moonset	10.33 pm
FRI 14th	High	11.53 am	1.8	Sunrise	5.41 am
				Sunset	7.38 pm
	Low	5.23 am	0.6	Moonrise	9.20 am
		6.45 pm	0.4	Moonset	11.09 pm
SAT 15th	High	12.43 am	1.3	Sunrise	5.42 am
		12.38 pm	1.7	Sunset	7.39 pm
	Low	6.11 am	0.7	Moonrise	10.21 am
		7.30 pm	0.5	Moonset	11.43 pm
SUN 16th	High	1.34 am	1.3	Sunrise	5.42 am
		1.27 pm	1.7	Sunset	7.39 pm
	Low	7.05 am	0.7	Moonrise	11.20 am
		8.18 pm	0.5	Moonset	
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		2.21 pm	1.6	Sunset	7.40 pm
	Low	8.06 am	0.7	Moonrise	12.20 pm
		9.06 pm	0.5	Moonset	12.14 am
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		3.22 pm	1.5	Sunset	7.40 pm
	Low	9.16 am	0.7	Moonrise	1.22 pm
		9.56 pm	0.5	Moonset	12.45 am

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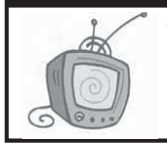
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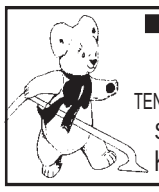
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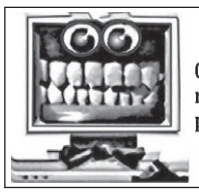

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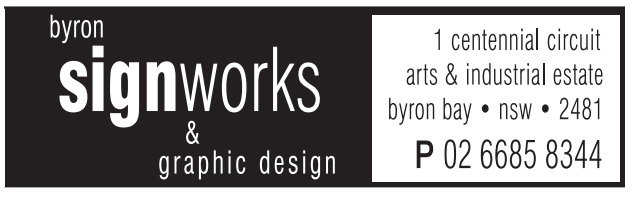

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10.00am						PILATES	BODYBALANCE
10.30am	BODYBALANCE	YOGA STRETCH	BODYBALANCE	YOGA STRETCH	BODYBALANCE		
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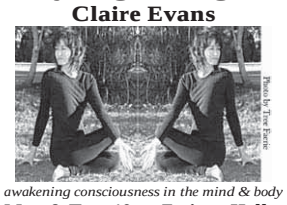
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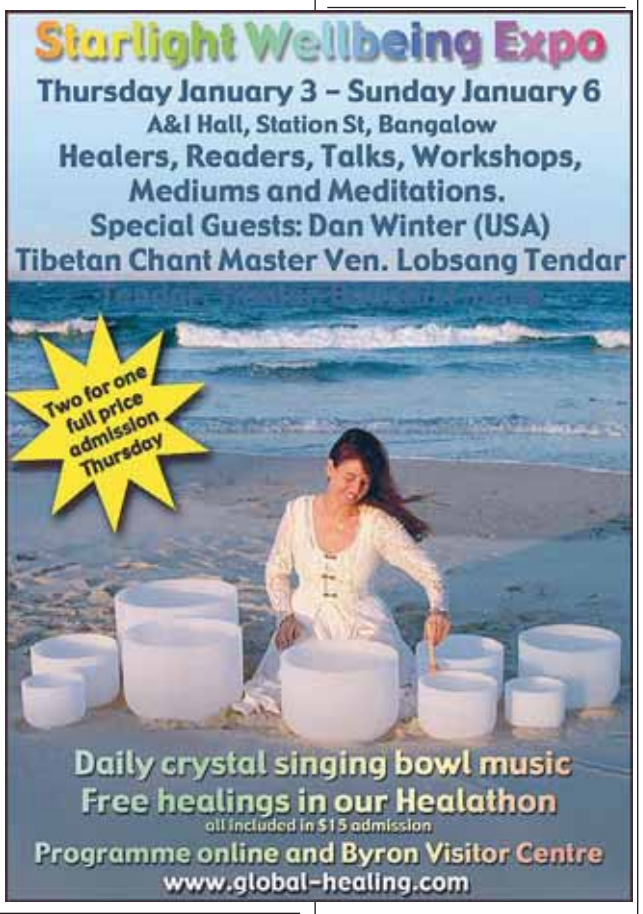
LOST & FOUND

FOUND: green bag with towel & swimmers at Brunswick Heads on Mon 3/12. Call 66802829

LOST: Mullum area, black satchel bag, large amount of cash & hard disk drive. **REWARD**. Phone 66843818



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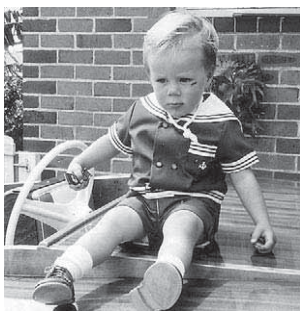

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY CHRIS

LOST: COCKATIEL yellow/grey (rosey cheeks) **answers to Flappa** & Doodle Head. Sings Pop Goes the Weezel. Lost in New Brighton 24/11. 0421075987

FOUND: COCKATIEL (Not Flappa). Yellow/grey (rosey cheeks) in New Brighton, 2/12. 0421075987

LOST: Black & white 2yo cat, 'Captain', micro-chipped. Ph 0418859865

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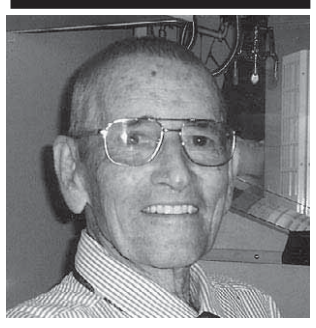

We the family of Ted wish to express sincere thanks to those who supported us by sending cards, flowers & phone calls. Also a special thanks to all the staff of the Mullumbimby Hospital & Meadows Medical Centre. Please accept this as our personal thanks.
Norma Devine & Family

PETS

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

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

183-203 Broken Head Rd Suffolk Park 10.2007.705.1	Reef Break Solutions 13 buildings each containing 4 dwellings	**close 19/12/07**
15-17 Marvell St Byron Bay 10.2007.659.1	S L Eakin change dwelling to hostel (readvertised)	**close 19/12/07**
69 Dudgeons Lane Bangalow 10.2007.727.1	The Buttery Inc rehabilitation facility	**close 19/12/07**
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82-84 Rajah Rd Ocean Shores 10.2007.701.1	R Warburton Alterations and additions to Ocean Shores Shopping Centre	**close 19/12/07**
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News Extra

Citizen jury considers sustainable future for tourism

A citizens' jury comprising 14 residents, randomly selected to represent the community from Byron Shire, recently convened to consider the range of tourism management issues facing the Shire. The work of the Jury was facilitated by the Australian Regional Tourism Research Centre (ARTRC), a key research centre at Southern Cross University, on behalf of Byron Shire Council.

As part of an extensive consultation process aimed at engaging local residents in the planning process, jury members were required to consider information presented by a series of regional tourism experts, tourism practitioners, business, environmental and community groups.

Tourism expert Professor Neil Leiper (Adjunct Professor, Australian Regional Tourism Research Centre) provided the jury with an overview of the impacts of tourism. Dr Meredith Lawrence, Byron Shire Tourism Management Plan Project Coordinator, presented the jury with concepts about sustainable tourism.

Michel Boyle, Council's Community Economic Development Officer presented the Jury with information about Council's role in tourism. Local tourism practitioners discussed aspects of tourism and BEACON and Arts Northern Rivers representatives provided environmental and arts perspectives.

The Jury was also presented with an overview of the issues raised during stakeholder forums conducted in September.

The Jury were then asked to deliberate this information and develop a vision for the future direction of tourism in Byron Shire and the issues they considered important from a community perspective. The outcome was presented to the Byron Shire Tourism Management Plan Steering Committee.

Cr Bob Tardif, one of three Councillors on the Steering Committee, thought the jury process yielded a really positive outcome. 'It's quite clear that the jury took its role as community representative very seriously,' he said, 'and the jury's recommendations will provide vital input into the decision making process.'

Cr Tardif went on to thank the jury for their generous commitment of time and energy.

Tricia Magee, one of the Jury participants, said 'Participating in the Citizen Jury was a most worthwhile experience.

'I was pleased to find that 14 randomly selected strangers had such a common vision for our Shire, and I was impressed with the cooperation and respect with which the group worked so hard to consider the issues and come up with our recommendations. I hope that this input will help the process of achieving the best possible Tourism Management Plan. '

The citizen jury is part of the consultation process developed by the ARTRC at Southern Cross University which was appointed by Council to develop a ten year tourism plan for the shire. As part of the tourism consultation process, the ARTRC also facilitated workshops with representatives of more than 60 local stakeholders representing tourism, business, the environment, arts and culture, community, events and festivals and state government departments.

The ARTRC has also developed a website where individuals and groups can provide input to the tourism planning process up until December 10. See www.regionaltourism.com.au/ARTRC/destinations/byron/. A draft plan is scheduled to be considered by Council in March/April 2008.

Pin This Up

Dads and Kids Play Days

The Fatherhood Project and the YWCA's communities for children fund proudly present 'Dads and Kids Play Days'. The Play Days start on Saturday morning 10am to 12noon, on December 15 at Knox Park in Murwillumbah; with more locations planned in the new year. They are aimed at providing fathers with an opportunity to connect with their children (up to 5 years old) in the presence of other fathers. The morning will be active, physical and fun or very casual: you choose. We intend to run the play days on market days so that the mothers can enjoy some market shopping, knowing that the dads and kids are having a great time. Join us on Saturday with your kids to unwind and relax. Feel free to contact Scott Longden on 0438 666 204 or via info@fatherhood.com.au and register your interest for the 2008 Dads and Kids Play Days in Mullumbimby.

Breast Cancer Support

The Byron Bay Breast Cancer Support Group is hosting our final meeting for 2007 on Wed Dec 19 from 12.30 til 2.30 pm at the Autumn Club in Marvel St. Byron Bay (next door to Cavanbah Preschool on the section of Marvel St. which runs between Massinger and Cowper Sts.) Our Special guest is Kate Thompson who will talk with us about lymphatic drainage. Kate is a qualified lymphatic drainage specialist who has also experienced breast cancer. Come and join us in the friendly relaxed atmosphere of the group and if you can,please bring a little something to share for a Christmas arvo tea.See you there! For more info please phone 6685 4748 or 6680 8893 or 0408 336 351.

Trees at Mullum Golf Club

A Tree Planting will be undertaken at Mullumbimby Golf Club on Friday December 14 from 8am to 11 am. This will be the second planting undertaken by the veteran men and is supported by Wilsons Creek Huonbrook Landcare group and Rainforest Rescue. The planting will be done on the western border and access is via Myocum Road. Everyone is welcome to attend, enquiries Steve on 6684 0203.

Carols at St Martin's

St. Martin's Anglican Church, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby will host Nine Lessons and Carols at 7.30pm on Tuesday December 18. Organist Warren Whitney. People of all denominations will be made most welcome.

Last Chance to see Gyuto Monks

The Gyuto Monks of Tibet are at the Buddha Bar this week, Dec 13 to 16 offering a full daily program over the 4 days, 10am to 4pm, plus evenings. The Khabarma ceremony has never been seen in Australia before and is a traditional end of year ritual to create the space to move on. It celebrates birth and renewal. In addition there will be meditation, art and childrens' workshops as well as evening talk sessions. This is the last chance to see this year's group of Gyuto Monks before they return to Dharamsala in India. All welcome, entry by donation. Ph 0412 124 678.

New Years Eve at Kohinur

Sparkle and Shine at Upper Main Arm Community Association's fundraising Kohinur Hall New Year's Eve Party. This is a wholly local affair, with live music by two exciting, popular 7 piece bands, The Utopians and Groove Foundation, and sets by DJ Phunk Phanatik. The Utopians are a horn oriented ska reggae band; Groove Foundation play guitar/keyboard based fun ska and dance funk. Tickets $20 at the door; children welcome; food and refreshments available. Support your local community and celebrate the New Year at beautiful Kohinur Hall. 8pm, Monday December 31, details from Susan Hanley, 6685 0442.

Suffolk Park Development

There will be a meeting of the Suffolk Park Progress Association on Thursday December 13 , at the Suffolk Park Community Hall at 7pm. The meeting is to discuss the DA for the development of the vacant land next to the BP service station. With only 5 days of submission period left, please come along to offer suggestions or air concerns. You can also see our new website at www.suffolkparkprogressassociation.org

U3A Brunswick Valley

On December 18 U3A Brunswick Valley present Paula and Veet: A Celebration of Drums and Drumming. Local drum makers and performers. We apologise but because of the limited space in the hall this meeting is restricted to members and intending members only. Enquiries to 6680 4365.

Dune Care Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's Dune care day is: Sunday 16 December, 9a.m to 12noon at Clarkes Beach. Meet near the Clarkes Beach BBQ. Join other Volunteers and support our beautiful environment, by planting in the sandunes at Clarkes Beach to Main Beach. From 12 to 1p.m, enjoy a delicious free BBQ, be in the draw and you may win one of four great prizes. All food and prizes provided by supportive local businesses. It's a great day at the beach, with good folk. Contact Udo 6680 9698 or Veda 6685 7991 or Teresa 6685 5293.

Toastmasters

Mullum Magic Toastmasters resumes on January 14 2008, meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm. Boost your confidence, express your ideas clearly, become confident speaking in public, all in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Call Megan for more details on 6680 4702.

Byron Mums and Bubs Group

Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm, $5, in the Buddha Bar. This week (Dec 13) is our last week before our Xmas break so please come and join us! We will regroup Thursday 7 Feb. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Hannah: 0410 621 101.

Cat/Dog Desexing

If you are the holder of a Centrelink pension or health care card and are struggling to afford the cost of having your pet desexed, the Animal Welfare League NSW may be able to help you. Please ring 6684 4070.

Beggars Banquet

The annual Beggars Banquet is on again! Railway Park Sat December 22, 11am to 10pm. Calling for volunteers: food prep/serving, set up, kids activities, pick up/delivery etc. Contact John or Marie 6680 9770 or come to weekly meetings Monday 5pm Youth Activity Centre, Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay.

Christingle

A special service for children called Christingle will be held on Christmas eve at 6.30pm at St Anselm's Anglican Church, Orana Road, Ocean Shores. (Not at St Martin's Mullumbimby, as in previous years.) All children and their families welcome. Please come and join in.

Fibre and Textile Artist's Party

There will be a party for fibre and textile artists at the Byron Backstrap Studio on Saturday December 15 from 10am to 10pm. Call 6680 2795 for more information.

Friends of Feros

The Friends of Feros meetings have finished for the year. Behind the scenes preparations go on for next year. The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 5 at 2pm. Please consider joining the Friends of Feros, men are invited too! Linen raffle winner: K Robson of Pottsville. Contact Barbara on 6685 3144..

Christmas Market

The next Byron Bay Community Market is a special Christmas market on Sunday December 16. Wild Marmalade will keep everyone entertained form 10am to 2pm and buskers will perform throughout the day. There will be plenty for the kids to do with candle making, face painting, tie dying plus a bouncing castle, merry go round and pony rides. Hundreds of craft stalls as well as fresh local produce and delicious food and drinks. Charities of the day: Byron Canoe and Amitayus Hospice. Sorry No Dogs. Enquiriesl 6680 9703.

Carols in the Carpark

A special community family celebration of Christmas Carols will be held in the carpark at St Anselm's Anglican Church, Orana Road, Ocean Shores on Sunday December 16. BBQ tea at 5pm, singing from 6pm. All welcome.

Community Carols Under the Stars

Community Carols take place at Mullumbimby Adventist School. Main Arm Road on Sunday December 16 at 7.30pm. It is a free event. Bring a picnic blanket or chair. All profits from drinks and glowstick sales to Amitayus Hospice.

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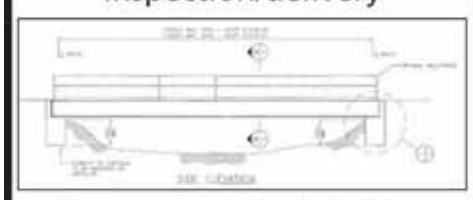

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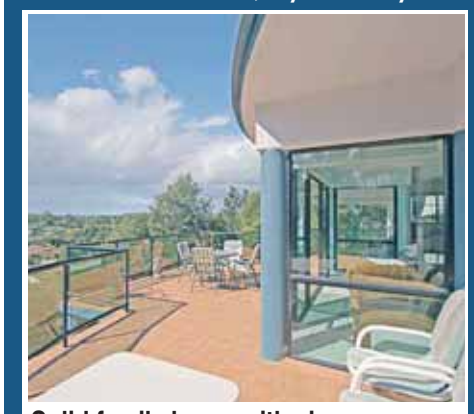

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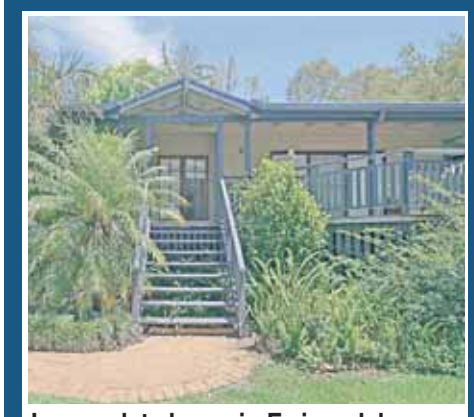

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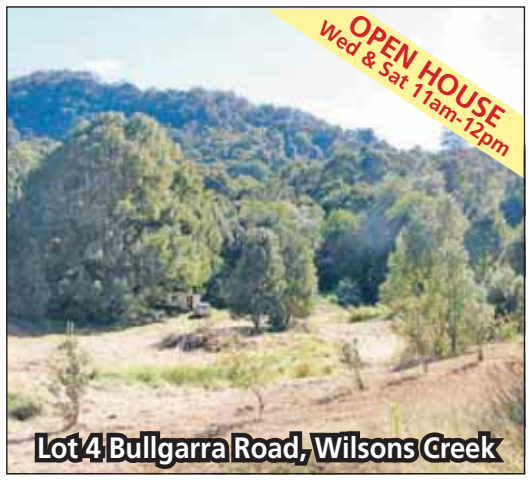

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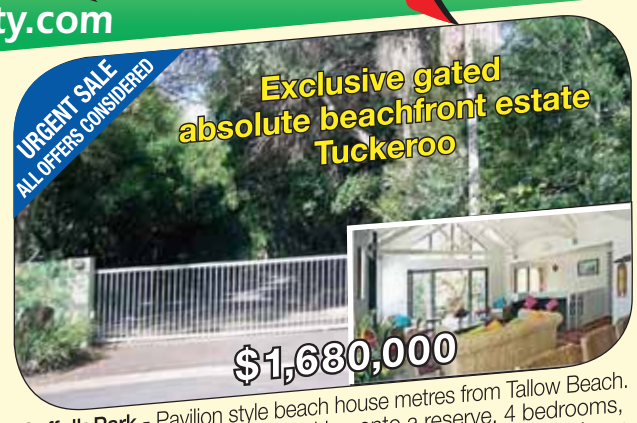
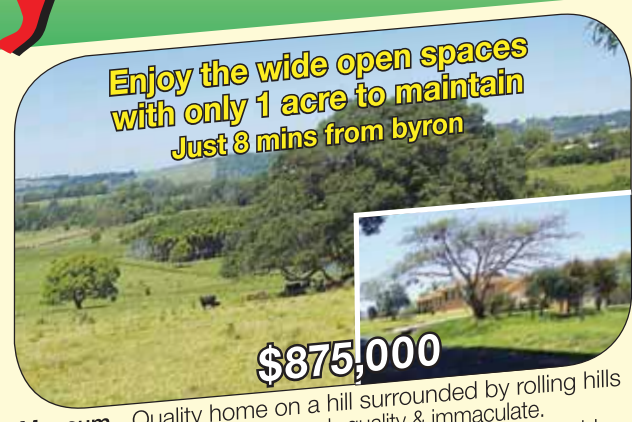


Suffolk Park - Pavilion style beach house metres from Tallow Beach. In an exclusive gated estate backing onto a reserve. 4 bedrooms, 3 bthrms, numerous private NE facing timber decks. VIP residence in a VIP estate. Great holiday let income or private retreat.



Myocum - Quality home on a hill surrounded by rolling hills A spaceful, graceful home, superb quality & immaculate. Numerous entertainment areas, sep. living areas, sep. double lock-up garage, sep. 67m² shed, 10,000 gal tank & bore.

Ocean Shores - Solar passive home sited in natural bushland high on the hill with expansive views over the tree tops. Multi level home plus two storey separate studio & workshop. Numerous fruit trees, sand filtered pond & private healing hut.

Fern Beach - 300m to pristine beach. Architect-designed, quality fittings, exclusive address. 6 bdrms, 3 bthrms plus parents' retreat. Entertainer's paradise, expansive indoor & outdoor areas. 15 mins to Byron & 30 mins to the airport.

Lilly Pilly / Byron Bay - A little out of the ordinary, private, 2 storey timber home backing onto reserve. 3 bdrms plus loft room, timber floors, open-plan living, secluded courtyard and decks, down a quiet lane way a short walk to the beach.

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5 Byron Street, Byron Bay **6680 9505**

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SPECTACULAR 5 ACRES

Discover this truly impressive new home and studio privately nestled on the ridge of Binna Burra. This superb north facing home offers fabulous open living, quality appliances and attention to detail, with 4 generous bedrooms, three main bathrooms and delightful undercover decking, together with an impressive separate studio.

You'll love the dramatic views, privacy and space to move. And in addition the property features a separate garage, carport and town water.

146 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra.
Contact Scott on 0412 296 872 or Sonia on 0409 033 250.

Quality Home Quality Value Bangalow

Discover this superbly designed 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garaged family home with exceptional attention to detail. You will love the 2 living areas flowing onto a spacious covered north facing outdoor deck overlooking a well designed, easy-care, landscaped yard.

The enormous master bedroom with integrated ensuite, delightfully appointed open plan kitchen and dining room together with well thought out floor coverings and lighting makes this home a must to view.

Now $595,000.
4 Gumtree Place, Bangalow.
Contact Scott on 0412 296 872 or Sonia on 0409 033 250.

Country Coastal Living

Follow the very private long driveway and discover this sensational 6 bedroom family home with rumpus and study, nestled in the Tintenbar valley with ½ km of beautiful creek frontage on 32 acres. You will love the entertaining options and three large living areas together with a 3 car garage, superb outdoor balcony with balinese hut and elevated views.

The high ceilings, indoor water feature and delightful kitchen all combine to create space and bring life to the interior. Featured landscaping, bamboo flooring, storage shed, fenced paddocks. 6 minutes to Lennox makes this property a must view.

Entrance off Pacific Highway,
500m south of Ross Lane.
For sale at $1,295,000.
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AUCTION – MUST SELL!

Thursday night 20 December, 2007 at 6.30pm held at Ex-Serviceman's Club Brunswick Heads

Lot 4 The Pocket Road, The Pocket

- Private picturesque acres with wide valley views
- Country lane location, minutes to the beaches & shops
- Old world Queenslander, 4 bedrooms and study
- Wide timber floors, high ceilings and north facing deck
- Botanical established 2 acres

For further information or to arrange an inspection please phone David on 0421 906 460

QUAINT STREET

- Brick and tile 3 bedroom home, master with ensuite.
- Light and airy throughout
- New carpet to the bedrooms.
- Tiled living, dining and new Kitchen.
- Larged covered patio area at the back of the property overlooking a waterway with abundant wild life(ducks lizards, etc), fully fenced yard.
- Single garage with storage space plus single carport.
- 3 minutes to shops and golden sandy beaches.

Call Peter on 0411 801 795 **$393,000**

THE GOOD LIFE

Just 5 mins from Bruns is this 2 storey home on a 6644sqm fenced property. Includes orchards of citrus, mangoes, bananas, coffee and macadamias. The home offers 4 bedrooms, ensuite, large kitchen, open plan living featuring soaring timber ceilings and all rooms access the full verandahs. A very large open room downstairs offering a big workshop, storage area, double garage and a 3rd shower and toilet.

Call David on 0421 906 460.
Inspect today. Asking $820,000

WORK FORCES A MOVE

3 Elma Place, Bayside, Brunswick Heads
Open For Inspection Saturday 1-1.30pm

The owners are looking for a sale before school starts in 2008. If you are looking for a quality house in Bayside Brunswick. With 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, spacious living featuring vaulted high ceilings, open plan design, a separate lounge, al fresco entertaining area, level fenced yard, double garage in a quiet cul-de-sac. Then take advantage of this great opportunity and enjoy the seaside village lifestyle.

Call Peter on 0411 801 795. **$545,000**

MULLUMBIMBY ACRES

- Master built home on 2 easy care acres.
- Constructed double brick home, (solid as a rock).
- 5 Large bedrooms all with built-ins.
- Master bedroom has own ensuite.
- Timber floors through out the living areas.
- Nice high ceilings.
- Triple lock up garage for all the toys.
- Huge dam for all your water needs.
- Great Northern views onto Mt Chincogan.

Call Peter on 0411 801 795.
Priced to sell @ $799,000

SHE'S A BEAUTY

The work's all been done and it's just time to have fun from this one. New roof, polished timber floors, freshly painted, 3 bedrooms, high ceilings, rear lane access, new studio/shed, landscaped gardens, quiet street, north facing deck and back yard. Only a short stroll to the shops, cafes, parks, beach and river. Grab your togs and a towel.

Call Peter on 0411 801 795. **$695,000**

BRUNSWICK'S GARDEN OF EDEN

26 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads
Open For Inspection Saturday 1-1.30pm

Forget the car, stroll to the beach, river, parks, Co-Op, boutique shops and the famous hotel. Relax and enjoy the low maintainence and peaceful setting the garden provides. The cottage has polished timber floors and is now a blank canvas awaiting your signature.

Call Peter on 0411 801 795.
Priced @ $590,000

INVESTMENT PACKAGE

- Solid 3 bedrooms home, 2 with built-ins
- Large bathroom, separate W.C.
- Combined kitchen/dining area, opens out to an undercover patio area, a great place to BBQ
- Solid galvanized carport
- Elevated flood free 999sqm level block

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Priced @ $389,000

PERFECT POSITION

- New 2 storey solar passive design modern living
- Tiled open plan living opens to north facing verandah and courtyard
- 3 bedrooms (main and 2nd open to covered balcony)
- 2 bathrooms + powder room, single remote garage
- Walk to shops, beach and golf/bowls club
- Currently rented at $350 per week

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Priced @ $385,000

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OPEN FOR INSPECTIONS

511 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek
Friday
11-11.45am
Contact Sharon on 0408 659 649

49 Corkwood Crescent, Baywood Chase
Saturday
2-2.45pm
Contact Peter on 0411 837 330

IDEAL FOR THE FAMILY

- Ideal Family Home
- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom
- Land Size 861sqm
- Elevated Possition
- Outdoor Entertaining Area
- Golf Coarse Access

$645,000

BANGALOW ROAD

- 5 Bed, 2 Bath Home
- Level 605sqm Allotment
- Fabulous Sunny Enclosed Verandah
- Separate Lounge and Large Dining Area
- Great Family Home Or Investment

Contact Jon on 0422 794 384

$600,000

CARLYLE STREET

- Excellent 4 Bed, 2 Bath Heritage Style Home
- Recently Renovated, Nth Facing
- Polished Timber Floors, High Ceilings
- Quality Fixtures/Fittings
- Fully Fenced, Generous Low Maint. Backyard
- In Town – Short Walk To Beach And Shops

$2,150,000

WELL WORTH A LOOK

- 2 Minutes Walk To Town
- Cul De Sac Location
- Like New 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom
- Torrens Title Duplex
- Live In Or Rent Out

$495,000

SMART FREE STANDING DUPLEX

- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom
- Single Lock Up Garage
- Quiet Sought After Location
- Close To Beach And Shopping Complex
- Great For Family Or Investor

$445,000

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

- Walk To Shops And Beach
- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom
- Excellent Tenants In Place
- Quiet Cul De Sac Street
- Cathedral Ceilings Over Main Living Area

$560,000

LAP OF LUXURY

- Elevated, Overlooks Town And Hinterland
- 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath Home
- Impressive Granite Gourmet Kitchen
- Home Office, Multimedia Room
- Expansive Outdoor Area, Landscaped Gardens
- Agent Declares Interest

$1,750,000

EARTH FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT

- Innovative Eco Design
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- 4 Shops, 8 Holiday Apartments
- 21 On-Site Car Parking Spaces
- 1012sqm Site
- Low Energy, Sustainable Design Elements

$2,980,000

BEACHSIDE SUFFOLK

- Gorgeous 2 Storey Timber Home
- Featuring 3 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms
- Open Plan Living Areas
- Beautiful Tropical Gardens
- Easy Walk Through To The Beach

$585,000

UNIT 5 'BOGARTS'

- 2 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Unit
- Open And Spacious Living Areas
- Fully Furnished
- Private Courtyard
- Sun Drenched Terrace
- Luxurious Finishes and Interior
- Agent Declares Interest

$ 1,095,000

RELAXED LIVING

- Cul-De-Sac Address
- Very Private, Priced To Sell
- 3 Light Filled Bedrooms
- Walking Distance To Town And Beach
- A Must To Inspect

$430,000

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

- 1 Bedroom, Fully Furnished Apartment
- Resort Like Facilities
- In-Ground Pool And BBQ Area
- Secure Under Cover Parking
- Easy Walk Into Town And Main Beach

$385,000

TANDYS LANE

- 49.62 Hectares Of Vacant Land
- 2 Building Entitlements
- Build Your Getaway Home
- Get Back To Basics
- 10 Minutes to Byron Bay

$1,350,000

TOO GOOD TO LAST

- Fantastic Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- Minutes To Beach And Town
- Private Tropical Oasis
- 2 Separate Living Areas
- Gourmet Kitchen

$770,000

NEW LISTING

AFFORDABLE LUXURY

- Stunning Stylish 2 Storey Villa
- 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, LUG
- Expansive Landscaped Tropical Gardens
- Fabulous Views From Most Rooms
- Al Fresco Dining In Secure Courtyard Garden
- Exceptional Returns - High Occupancy

Contact Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649

$587,500

AUCTION 6PM ONSITE THUR DEC 20TH

152 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park
OPEN FOR INSPECTION THU & SAT 11-11.30AM

PROPERTY INVESTORS SPECIAL

- 2 Bedroom Cottage
- Single Lock Up Garage
- 853sqm Level Block
- Solid Brick Structure
- Room For Improvement
- Great Location – Will Be Sold!

Under Instruction From The Public Trustee

Contact Neil Cameron 0419 274 798 or Glen Irwin 0418 604 080

AUCTION 6PM ONSITE THUR DEC 20TH

154 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park
OPEN FOR INSPECTION THU & SAT 11.30AM-12PM

MUST BE SOLD!

- Large 854sqm Block
- Good Location
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom
- Single Lock Up Garage
- Solid Structure

Contact Neil Cameron 0419 274 798 or Glen Irwin 0418 604 080

AUCTION 12PM ONSITE SAT FEB 9

178 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek
OPEN FOR INSPECTION SATURDAY 2.30-3PM

MAGNIFICENT BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTY

- 4 Bed+ Separate Self Contained Studio
- Federation Home With Polished Timber Floors And High Ceilings
- Wide Entertaining Decks And Theatre Room
- 12m Lap Pool, Spa And Sauna
- 15mins To Byron Bay

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▶▶▶ Taste Of Paradise

"Lothlorien" is situated in one of the most sought after locations in northern New South Wales. This 40 acre property boasts uninterrupted ocean views to Cape Byron Lighthouse and is within 5 kilometres of the heart of Byron Bay. This sea side acreage is complemented with an award winning architect designed home spread over 36.5 squares internally plus 17 squares of covered verandahs. The home features a gourmet kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus a self contained guest retreat. The Tasmanian oak parquetry floor leads you into the library and lounge/dining room that opens up with cathedral ceilings and exposed beams giving both depth and light. Includes spa room and 15m pool.
For further information please contact Liam Annesley on 0417 780 795.

L.J. HOOKER Byron Bay

▶▶▶ 'Breeze' At Brunswick Heads

'Breeze" Crn Booyun & Tweed Sts, Brunswick Heads. Inspect Sunday 1-3pm. These ten double story dwellings are located in downtown Brunswick Heads within an easy walk to the beach, river, local shops and the famous hotel. The houses have timber floors, large decks and are open plan designs with light filled balconies. A combination of modern materials have been used to bring an 'architectural feel' to the site. There are nine homes with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and one single bedroom, two bathroom home. Agent declares interest. Price from $590,000. For further information or to arrange an inspection today please contact Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 or Jon Luton on 0422 794 384. L.J Hooker Byron Bay on (02) 6685 7300.

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▶▶▶ Quality As New Town Residence

1 Nunyar Court, Ocean Shores. Spacious two storey floorplan with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and powder room also. Beautiful views to the ocean. Stylish internal fitout including polished timber floorboards. Perfectly oriented for the most comfortable climate. Big double lock up garage with internal access. Absolutely minimal care grounds. Quiet cul de sac but shopping centre and beautiful beach nearby. This type of property on the coast is rare as hens teeth and superb value.
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$446,500

▶▶▶ A Quiet Seaside Life

26 Nugget Street, Diggers Camp. Forget 'resort living' this is a return to the simplicity of quiet seaside life. A secret place between Coffs Harbour and Yamba with safe beaches, unafraid wildlife, whale watching and a tight-knit but relaxed community of only 40 homes. No high-rise, no shops, no crowds. An eco-friendly lifestyle with almost no carbon footprint. The 2-3 bedroom home is solar powered, tank watered and surrounded by National Park. Ocean views from almost every room. There hasn't been a comparable sale in this secret place for many years.
What's it worth to you…? *Offers sought.* Angus McKimm 0438 425 176.

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▶▶▶ Pure Magic At Wilsons Creek

This is a place where time stands still, where beauty is evident at every angle and the soul is soothed by the flowing waters of the crystal clear creek. In this setting there is a timber home with decks overlooking the creek. This is a divine totally inspiring space for peaceful tranquil living.
Priced at $560,000.
To view ring Bernadette Harris at Professionals Brunswick Heads on 0408 150 645.

Professionals Brunswick Heads

▶▶▶ Bay & Hinterland Views – Close To Town

This is an opportunity to create that special home, featuring panoramic views of the bay and surrounding hinterland while being in walking distance to town and the beautiful beaches and all that is on offer such as the cafes, restaurants, schools and shops. The 1022sqm block is elevated, gently sloping & north facing and has options for dual occupancy (STCA). Simply renovate or build that dream home in a fantastic location. This sought after position rarely comes onto the market, and when you are standing on the block you will see the possibilities. Reduced to $998,000. This is a must see property, to arrange an inspection please contact Peter Hollow at the Professionals Byron Bay on 0429 809 363 or 6685 6552.

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OPEN FOR INSPECTION

Byron Bay First National p59
- 1/4 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30-12pm.
- 4/2-6 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11am.
- 6/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30-1pm.

InRealEstate p59
- Lot 4 Bullgarra Road, Wilsons Creek. Wed & Sat 11am-12pm.

Scott Harvey Real Estate p60
- 146 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra. Sat 1-2pm.
- 4 Gumtree Place, Bangalow. Sat 11.30am-12pm.
- Entrance off Pacific Highway, 500m south of Ross Lane. Sat 10.30-11.15am.

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads p60
- 3 Elma Place, Bayside, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1-1.30pm.
- 26 Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1-1.30pm.

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p62
- 511 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Fri 11-11.45am.
- 49 Corkwood Crescent, Baywood Chase. Sat 2-2.45pm.
- 75 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay. Sun 12-12.30pm.

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p63
- 'Breeze" Cnr Booyun & Tweed Streets, Brunswick Heads. Sun 1-3pm.

Elders Byron Bay
- 8 McGregor Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.45pm.
- 96 Corkwood Crescent, Byron Hills. Sat 1-1.45pm.
- 5 Angus Place, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.45pm.

AUCTIONS

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p58
- 154 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. AUCTION 6pm onsite Thu Dec 20. Inspect 11.30am-12pm.
- 178 Friday Hut Rd, Possum Creek. AUCTION 12pm onsite Sat Feb 9th. Inspect Sat 2.30-3pm.
- 152 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. AUCTION 6pm onsite Thu Dec 20. Inspect Thu & Sat 11-11.30am.

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- 178 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. AUCTION 12pm onsite Sat Feb 9. Inspect Sat 2.30-3pm.

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads p60
- Lot 4 The Pocket Road, The Pocket. AUCTION 6.30pm at Ex-Serviceman's Club, Brunswick Heads Dec 20. Inspect 1-2pm.

Exclusive properties required for rental and sale. Phone: 02 66 857617

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Summer means many things – the flight of those little brown beetles giving off pheromones, the arrival of Santa, the birth of little baby Jesus, and the thundering of development applications into Council's in-tray. On offer this week is a huge residential development at Suffolk Park, Woolworths demolishing Warren Simmons's servo and building a new one, and the DA for The Buttery's rehab facility at Bangalow, to name a few. Get the details in our DA Watch at the end of the classies.

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If you're wondering what's happening with the surveys of locals undertaken by Byron Shire Council, the resident survey is complete, the business survey is due to be completed in two weeks. From there a report from the research company is expected to be submitted to Council by the end of January and then come to councillors at their February 28 meeting. The results will be publicly available when reported to Council.

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There is a happy ending to our story a couple of weeks back about young graphic design whiz Tane Richardson being desperately in need of a computer. The kind folk at Harvey Norman have donated the lot, much to Tane's and his mum's delight. Now that's the way to earn brownie points.

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And another happy ending: Sam used our classifieds section last week to propose to his girlfriend Kathryn – and she accepted! Sam and Kathryn live at Cremorne in Sydney, they were in Byron for few days for Kathryn's birthday and Sam decided to make it a double celebration. Ain't love grand?

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As you all know last week was Mullumbimby Hospital's Occupational Health and Safety Week. The theme of the week was 'Looking after our Mental Health', ie having fun. As well as beating around the bush with the Samba Blisstas, the OH&S committee danced Salsa with the Devine Dr Tim, sang, barbecued and gave the safety conscious Mary Hoving an award. Photo Jeff 'Dr, No!' Dawson

BayFM turns 20 and turns up the signal. BayFM's signal, down for three months, is beaming out at 3000 watts again. After an exasperating wait for parts and technicians, the day of the repairs last Monday was the very day that 20 years ago a bunch of Byron Shire people, at the instigation of Bob Komidar, got together at the old Byron Community Centre and decided to start a community radio station. So happy birthday, BayFM. Turn it on to 99.9 FM, and turn it *up*.

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For those who came along to the Bangalow Markets and couldn't find the Funny Face booth or missed out on coming altogether there is one last photo shoot. Face off on Monday December 17 between 5pm and 6pm at 35 Belongil Crescent. Jules Ober will be there to capture your geekiest gurn, and Mandy Nolan will fill your cup with a bit of bubbly!

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The companion animal's op-shop at Brunswick Heads needs a qualified volunteer electrician for a few hours each week to tag electric appliances. The group is raising money to build a dog shelter in Byron Shire and wants to keep recycling electricals. Contact Margaret Brown on 6685 1444 if you can help.

'WE'VE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME'

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- Spacious kitchen/ family room
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- Outlook to Water Lily Park
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- Approx 4 min drive to beach

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- Distinctive, full of character
- 3 bedroom, single bathroom
- Open plan, cathedral ceilings
- Polished timber floors throughout
- Broad deck with view to ocean
- Short walk to shopping centre
- Approx 2 min drive to surf

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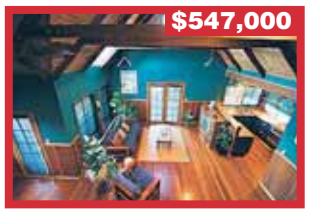

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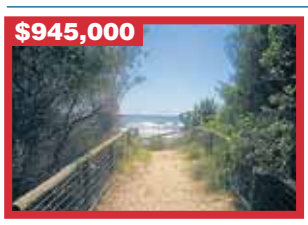
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